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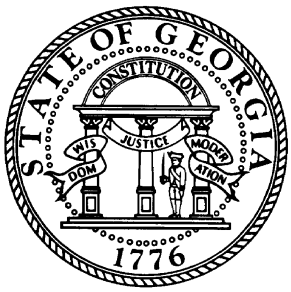

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Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Monday, January 12, 2026

First Legislative Day

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

The following communications were received:

State of Georgia
Office of the Governor
Atlanta 30334-0090

May 9, 2025

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

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

Dear Gentlemen:

Please be advised that I have identified language to disregard for the following sections in House Bill 68:

Non-Binding Information Language to Disregard:

1. Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 57, line 91.9.
2. Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 70, line 107.9.
3. Section 24, pertaining to the Department of Education, page 94, line 142.9.
4. Section 24, pertaining to the Department of Education, page 97, line 147.5.
5. Section 27, pertaining to the Office of the Governor, page 119, line 186.2.
6. Section 28, pertaining to the Department of Human Services, page 132, line 210.1.
7. Section 30, pertaining to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, page 144, line 228.6.
8. Section 41, pertaining to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, page 181, line 284.5.
9. Section 43, pertaining to the Secretary of State, page 204, line 327.2.

The messages for the previously referenced items are attached.

Sincerely,

/s/ Brian P. Kemp

BPK:rbw

Attachment

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

HB 68 - FY 2026 APPROPRIATIONS BILL

INTENT LANGUAGE CONSIDERED NON-BINDING

Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 57, line 91.9:
The General Assembly seeks to instruct the Department of Community Health to establish a grant program within the Department Administration (DCH) program for emergency generators pursuant to the passage of HB 262. HB 262 was not passed by the General Assembly during the 2025 Session and no funding was appropriated for this purpose. Therefore, the Department may disregard the language included in line 91.9.

Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 70, line 107.9:
The General Assembly seeks to instruct the Georgia Composite Medical Board to implement technology for the credentialing of licensed doctors and physician assistants pending passage of SB162. SB162 was not passed by the General Assembly during the 2025 Session and no funding was appropriated for this purpose. Therefore, the Department may disregard the language included in line 107.9.

Section 24, pertaining to the Department of Education, page 94, line 142.9:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $268,157 in state general funds to the Department of Education for camp-affiliated staff in the Agricultural Education program. These funds would be used for expenses related to existing administrative staff within the Future Farmers of America (FFA) Foundation. The additional state funding would be used to supplant existing foundation funds used to support these positions and would not result in expanded or enhanced services to students in agricultural education

programs across the state. As these funds would be used to supplant existing support for non-state employees rather than for expansion of student programming, the Department is directed to disregard the language included in line 142.9 and withhold spending the associated appropriation.

Section 24, pertaining to the Department of Education, page 97, line 147.5:
The General Assembly seeks to instruct the Department of Education to utilize existing funds within the Curriculum Development program to provide one Cambridge International program exam for students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch. The budget as passed does not include any additional funding necessary to implement this provision and could direct funds away from other currently authorized program activities. Therefore, the Depa1tment is directed to disregard the language included in line 147.5.

Section 27, pertaining to the Office of the Governor, page 119, line 186.2:
The General Assembly seeks to instruct the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency to establish the Georgia Resilience Office to plan and coordinate statewide resilience and disaster recovery. The agency already conducts planning and coordination of statewide resiliency and recovery efforts through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Flood Mitigation Assistance Program, and Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program. Therefore, as establishing a separate Georgia Resilience Office would be duplicative of current state efforts, the Agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 186.2.

Section 28, pertaining to the Department Human Services, page 132, line 210.1:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $89,937 in state general funds to the Department of Human Services for the Council on Aging for personnel. These funds would be used in part to transition a current part-time administrative assistant position to a full-time position. The Council has not seen an administrative workload increase over the prior fiscal year that would necessitate establishing additional full-time staff, nor would such a staffing increase directly result in expanded or enhanced services to the aging community. Therefore, the Department is directed to disregard the language included in line 210.1 and withhold spending the associated appropriation of $56,379.

Section 30, pertaining to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, page 144, line 228.6:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $33,558 in state general funds to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation for the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to increase funds for operational expenses. These funds would be used to provide salary increases for specific staff outside of a statewide cost-of-living adjustment for state employees. Targeted sala1y increases for staff should be aligned with identified workload or retention needs, which the Council has not identified. Therefore, the Council is directed to disregard the language in line 228.6 and withhold spending the associated appropriation.

Section 41, pertaining to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, page 181, line 284.5:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $450,000 in state general funds to the Agricultural Experiment Station program for five new positions dedicated to applied research for specifically listed commodity groups. As the University of Georgia already works closely with agricultural commodity groups in established indust1y research efforts, the University should have the flexibility to determine specific job titles and assignments for the additional positions based on the greatest needs and opportunities of the state's agricultural industry. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 284.5 and hire and assign positions to ensure maximum statewide benefit.

Section 43, pertaining to the Secretary of State, page 204, line 327.2:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $600,047 in state general funds to the Secreta1y of State for the State Elections Board program for operations. As the General Assembly specifically directs that the additional appropriated funds should be to address increased operational expenses, the Board should not utilize funds for new positions. Additional personnel should not be hired by the Board until the impact of positions added in the FY 2025 budget has been assessed and new funds are appropriated specifically for such purpose. Therefore, the Board is directed to utilize the funds included in line 327.2 for technology to support the Board's existing staff and operations.

State of Georgia
Office of the Governor
Atlanta 30334-0090

May 14, 2025

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

Dear Speaker Burns:

Attached are veto messages for legislation which passed the General Assembly during the 2025 Regular Session. I have vetoed House Bills 308, 380, 433, 532, and 846.

Article III, Section V, Paragraph XIII of the Georgia Constitution requires that I transmit these bills to you together with the reason for such vetoes. House Bills 308, 380, 433, 532, and 846, and the corresponding reasons for the vetoes are attached.

Sincerely,

/s/ Brian P. Kemp

BPK:rbw

Attachment

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

State of Georgia
Office of the Governor
Atlanta 30334-0090

May 14, 2025

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

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

Dear Lieutenant Governor Jones and Senator Kennedy:

Attached are veto messages for legislation which passed the General Assembly during the 2025 Regular Session. I have vetoed Senate Bills 46 and 238.

Article III, Section V, Paragraph XIII of the Georgia Constitution requires that I transmit these bills to you together with the reason for such vetoes. Senate Bills 46 and 238, and the corresponding reasons for the vetoes are attached.

Sincerely,

/s/ Brian P. Kemp

BPK:rbw

Attachment

cc: The Honorable Jon Burns, Speaker, Georgia House of Representatives
The Honorable Brad Raffensperger, Secretary of State
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GOVERNOR BRIAN P. KEMP
2025 SESSION OF THE GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY VETO MESSAGES AND SIGNING STATEMENT

VETO 1

House Bill 308 would, among other things, empower trial courts to order the installation of an "intelligent speed assistance device" when the registered owner of a vehicle used that vehicle to commit the offense of reckless stunt driving. While this provision is well-intentioned, as such devices could be a valuable tool for preventing street racers from becoming repeat offenders, the bill does not provide the necessary infrastructure to ensure this punishment would be consistently and effectively applied.

For the foregoing reasons, **I VETO HOUSE BILL 308.**

VETO 2

House Bill 380 would dissolve the Lower Chattahoochee Regional Airport Authority.

At the request of the sponsor, **I VETO HOUSE BILL 380.**

VETO 3

House Bill 433 would allow the Department of Human Services ("DHS") to access the full criminal history file maintained by the Georgia Criminal Information Center ("GCIC")—including cases resulting in acquittals, sealed files, dismissed charges, and arrests that never resulted in charges—of any prospective or existing employee or contractor of DHS, any prospective or existing foster parent, or any adult in the home of such foster parent. Separate statutes limit the information on which DHS can base any adverse employment or application decision to criminal convictions, nolo contendere pleas, and pending charges. *See, e.g.*, Code Section 49-2-14.1. These limitations protect such individuals from being adversely treated based on charges that were dropped or never brought. There may be some circumstances in which DHS's interest in protecting the vulnerable populations it cares for outweighs the privacy interest of the individuals on whom DHS conducts records checks. Because DHS could not take any action based

on this restricted information, however, this bill would only create unnecessary invasions of privacy and risks of litigation.

For the foregoing reasons, **I VETO HOUSE BILL 433.**

VETO 4

House Bill 532 would allow counties with 20,000 acres or more of unimproved land owned by the Department of Natural Resources, with such land constituting ten percent or more of the taxable real property in the county, to draw on multiple grant programs concurrently. Current law allows counties to access only one grant program, as each program independently compensates the affected counties for lost property tax revenue. The state's budget for fiscal year 2026 provides appropriations for the full value of lost property tax revenue for eligible counties without requiring any eligible county to draw on both programs. There is no reason, therefore, to allow duplicative grant payments to counties under both programs.

For the foregoing reasons, **I VETO HOUSE BILL 532.**

VETO 5

House Bill 846 would create a homestead exemption from Cherokee County ad valorem taxes in an amount dependent on revenue collected from a retail homestead option sales and use tax, contingent on the passage of legislation authorizing such a tax. Such legislation did not pass the General Assembly.

At the request of the sponsor, **I VETO HOUSE BILL 846.**

VETO 6

Senate Bill 46 would, among other things, require every state "department, agency, division, board, bureau, commission, authority, entity, or instrumentality" outside the University System of Georgia to designate a "lead agency service delivery official" who would report to a new "State of Georgia Government Service Delivery Lead" within the Georgia Technology Authority. The bill would also create annual reporting requirements. Such positions and requirements, even if fulfilled by existing employees, would undoubtedly create additional costs that the General Assembly failed to fund.

For the foregoing reasons, **I VETO SENATE BILL 46.**

VETO 7

Senate Bill 238 changes the composition of the Rockdale County Board of Commissioners from a county-wide elected chairperson and two commissioners to five commissioners elected on an at-large basis with the chairperson selected among the commission members. Rockdale County voters elected a new chairperson to serve their county commission for a four- year term on November 5, 2024. Senate Bill 238 would circumvent the will of the voters by cutting the chairperson's four-year term short and reassigning the chair to a newly created commission seat. Such a significant overhaul of the county's government structure deserves more thorough consideration by the Rockdale County government and the local delegation than is possible before this year's general election.

For the foregoing reasons, **I VETO SENATE BILL 238.**

SIGNING STATEMENT 1

Senate Bill 255 codifies the procedure by which committees of either chamber of the General Assembly issue subpoenas in furtherance of the General Assembly's inherent oversight function. Senate Bill 255 was vigorously debated throughout the legislative session. After careful analysis, I signed Senate Bill 255.

Senate Bill 255 neither creates nor limits the power of the General Assembly to issue subpoenas; it merely provides a procedure for the issuance and enforcement of such subpoenas. Other statutes already affirm the General Assembly's power to conduct investigations and compel testimony, and "[n]o law enacted by the General Assembly shall be construed to limit its powers." GA. CONST. ART. III, § 6, ¶ III. Even if Senate Bill 255 was not signed into law, the General Assembly's authority would remain unchanged. Senate Bill 255 provides needed clarity on the procedural elements of legislative subpoenas.

I caution the General Assembly, however, that the procedures set forth in Senate Bill 255 should be used judiciously and sparingly. The General Assembly has a well-earned reputation for putting the business of legislating—and the people of Georgia—first. Americans of all political leanings have lamented the ineffectiveness of the United States Congress, in no small part due to the abundance of politically motivated "investigations" which only generate sound bites and distract from important legislation. I sincerely hope that in the future, Georgians do not similarly lament the General Assembly.

House of Representatives

Coverdell Legislative Office Building
Room 607-G
Atlanta, GA 30334

August 3, 2025

The Honorable Brian P. Kemp
Governor of Georgia
206 Washington Street
111 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Governor Kemp,

Following consultation with the Secretary of State's office, I have decided to amend my retirement date from the Georgia House of Representatives to **September 5, 2025**, instead of the previously announced date of **August 4, 2025**. This adjustment is intended to align the resulting special election with the regularly scheduled Public Service Commission elections in November 2025, thereby reducing costs associated with holding a standalone election.

Thank you for your leadership and for the privilege of serving as part of Georgia's legislative body. I remain committed to supporting the continued progress of our state and those who will carry forward the vital work of building a better Georgia.

With sincere gratitude and respect,

/s/ Shelly Hutchinson
Rachelle "Shelly" Hutchinson
State Representative, Ga. HD 106

State of Georgia
Office of the Governor
Atlanta 30334-0090

August 4, 2025

The Honorable Rachelle "Shelly" Hutchinson
Representative, District 106
Georgia House of Representatives
2483 Heritage Village, Suite 16166
Snellville, Georgia 30078

Dear Representative Hutchinson:

Thank you for the service you have rendered as District 106 Representative in the Georgia House of Representatives. I appreciate you taking the time to apprise me of your resignation, effective September 5, 2025.

Your resignation as State Representative is hereby accepted, and I wish you all the best. Once again, thank you for your service to the State of Georgia.

Sincerely,

/s/ Brian P. Kemp

BPK:rbw

cc: The Honorable Brad Raffensperger, Secretary of State
The Honorable Jon Burns, Speaker, Georgia House of Representatives
Mr. William Reilly, Clerk of the Georgia House of Representatives

THE STATE OF GEORGIA
EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

House District 106 in the Georgia House of Representatives has become vacant due to the resignation of Representative Rachelle "Shelly" Hutchinson.

Therefore, pursuant to Ga. Const. Art. V, § II, ¶ VIII and Code Section 21-2-544, a writ of election is hereby issued to the Secretary of State for a special election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, to fill the District 106 seat in the Georgia House of Representatives.

This 8th day of September, 2025.

/s/ Brian P. Kemp
Governor

THE STATE OF GEORGIA
EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

House District 23 in the Georgia House of Representatives has become vacant due to the passing of Representative Mandi Ballinger.

Therefore, pursuant to Ga. Const. Art. V, § II, ¶ VIII and Code Section 21-2-544, a writ of election is hereby issued to the Secretary of State for a special election to be held on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, to fill the District 23 seat in the Georgia House of Representatives.

This 22nd day of October, 2025.

/s/ Brian P. Kemp
Governor

Georgia House of
Representatives
401 – J State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Governor Kemp,

Upon reflection of my employment responsibilities, I am resigning my position in the Georgia House of Representatives effective October 28, 2025.

Respectfully,

/s/ Marcus Wiedower
State Representative, District 121
Georgia House of Representatives

State of Georgia
Office of the Governor
Atlanta 30334-0090

October 28, 2025

The Honorable Marcus Wiedower
Representative, District 121
Georgia House of Representatives
401-J State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Representative Wiedower:

Thank you for the service you have rendered as Representative for District 121 in the Georgia House of Representatives. I appreciate you taking the time to apprise me of your resignation, effective October 28, 2025.

Your resignation as Representative for District 121 is hereby accepted, and I wish you all the best. Once again, thank you for your service to the State of Georgia.

Sincerely,

/s/ Brian P. Kemp

BPK:rbw

cc: The Honorable Jon Burns, Speaker of the House of Representatives
The Honorable Brad Raffensperger, Secretary of State
Mr. Bill Reilly, Clerk of the House of Representatives

THE STATE OF GEORGIA
EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

House District 121 in the Georgia House of Representatives has become vacant due to the resignation of Representative Marcus Wiedower.

Therefore, pursuant to Ga. Const. Art. V, § II, ¶ VIII and Code Section 21-2-544, a writ of election is hereby issued to the Secretary of State for a special election to be held on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, to fill the District 121 seat in the Georgia House of Representatives.

This 30th day of October, 2025.

/s/ Brian P. Kemp
Governor

House of Representatives
332 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

November 13, 2025

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

Dear Mr. Reilly,

Please see updated House Committee assignments following vacancies created by the passing of the late Representative Mandi Ballinger and the recent resignation of former Representative Marcus Wiedower.

Updated appointments are below:

Representative Beth Camp (R-Concord) is appointed to serve as Chair of the House Committee on Judiciary Juvenile.

Representative Lauren McDonald (R-Cumming) is appointed to serve as the Chair of the House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination.

Representative Martin Momtahan (R-Dallas) is appointed to serve as the Chair of the House Committee on Code Revision.

Representative Bill Yearta (R-Sylvester) is appointed to serve as the Chair of the House Subcommittee of Appropriations on General Government.

Representative Matthew Gambill (R-Cartersville) is appointed to serve as the Vice-Chair of the House Subcommittee of Appropriations on General Government.

Representative Kasey Carpenter (R-Dalton) is appointed to serve as the Vice-Chair of the House Committee on Appropriations.

Representative Trey Kelley (R-Cedartown) is appointed to serve as the Secretary of the House Committee on Rules.

Representative Chas Cannon (R-Moultrie) is appointed to the House Committee on Appropriations.

Representative Noel Williams (R-Cordele) is appointed to the House Committee on Appropriations.

Representative Rob Clifton (R-Evans) is appointed to the House Committee on Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight.

Representative Carter Barrett (R-Cumming) is appointed to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

Representative Kimberly New (R-Villa Rica) is appointed to the House Committee on Motor Vehicles.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jon Burns
Jon G. Burns
Speaker of the House

The State of Georgia
Office of Secretary of State

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

the attached page contains the results as shown on the consolidated returns from the 2025 Special Election for State House, District 106, held on the 4th day of November 2025; all as the same appear on file and record of this office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of my office, at the Capitol, in the City of Atlanta, this 21st day of November, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Five and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Ninth.

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

GEORGIA SECRETARY OF STATE
ELECTION REPORT
November 4, 2025 – Municipal General / Special Election (PSC)
Official Results
November 4, 2025

State Contest	County	Choice	Votes	Vote %
State House of Representatives – District 106	Gwinnett	Muhammad Akbar Ali (Dem)	2,613	32.10%

	Marqus A. Cole (Dem)	3,171	38.96%
	Jamie Parker (Rep)	2,355	28.93%
	Votes For Seat in County:	8,139	
Total:	Muhammad Akbar Ali (Dem)	2,613	32.10%
	Marqus A. Cole (Dem)	3,171	38.96%
	Jamie Parker (Rep)	2,355	28.93%
	Votes For Seat in County:	8,139	

The State of Georgia
Office of Secretary of State

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

the attached page contains the results as shown on the consolidated returns from the 2025 Special Election Runoff for State House, District 106, held on the 2nd day of December 2025; all as the same appear on file and record of this office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of my office, at the Capitol, in the City of Atlanta, this 15th day of December, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Five and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Ninth.

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

GEORGIA SECRETARY OF STATE
ELECTION REPORT
December 2, 2025 – Runoffs Official Results
December 2, 2025

State Contest	County	Choice	Votes	Vote %
State House of Representatives – District 106/Para Representante Estatal ante la Asamblea General, Distrito 106	Gwinnett	Muhammad Akbar Ali (Dem)	949	54.45%
		Marqus A. Cole (Dem)	794	45.55%
		Votes For Seat in County:	1,743	
	Total:	Muhammad Akbar Ali (Dem)	949	54.45%
		Marqus A. Cole (Dem)	794	45.55%
		Votes For Seat:	1,743	

The State of Georgia
Office of Secretary of State

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

the attached page contains the results as shown on the consolidated returns from the 2025 Special Election for State House, District 23, held on the 9th day of December 2025; all as the same appear on file and record of this office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of my office, at the Capitol, in the City of Atlanta, this 16th day of December, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Five and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Ninth.

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

GEORGIA SECRETARY OF STATE
ELECTION REPORT
December 9th, 2025 – Special Election State House 23 and 121
Official Results
December 9, 2025

State Contest	County	Choice	Votes	Vote %
State House of Representatives – District 23	Cherokee	Bill Fincher (Rep)	1,373	27.38%
		Brice Futch (Rep)	1,118	22.29%
		Ann Gazell (Rep)	608	12.12%
		Rajpal "Raj" Sagoo (Rep)	560	11.17%
		Scott Sanders (Dem)	1,340	26.72%
		William Ware (Rep)	16	0.32%
		Votes For Seat in County:	5,015	
	Total:	Bill Fincher (Rep)	1,373	27.38%
		Brice Futch (Rep)	1,118	22.29%
		Ann Gazell (Rep)	608	12.12%
		Rajpal "Raj" Sagoo (Rep)	560	11.17%
		Scott Sanders (Dem)	1,340	26.72%
		William Ware (Rep)	16	0.32%
		Votes For Seat:	5,015	

The State of Georgia
Office of Secretary of State

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

the attached page contains the results as shown on the consolidated returns from the 2025 Special Election for State House, District 121, held on the 9th day of December 2025; all as the same appear on file and record of this office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of my office, at the Capitol, in the City of Atlanta, this 16th day of December, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Five and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Ninth.

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

GEORGIA SECRETARY OF STATE
ELECTION REPORT
December 9th, 2025 – Special Election State House 23 and 121
Official Results
December 9, 2025

State Contest	County	Choice	Votes	Vote %
State House of Representatives – District 121	Clarke	Eric Gisler (Dem)	3,116	82.32%
		Mack "Dutch" Guest IV (Rep)	669	17.68%
		Votes For Seat in County:	3,785	
	Oconee	Eric Gisler (Dem)	2,758	35.52%
		Mack "Dutch" Guest IV (Rep)	5,007	64.48%
		Votes For Seat in County:	7,765	
	Total:	Eric Gisler (Dem)	5,874	50.86%
		Mack "Dutch" Guest IV (Rep)	5,676	49.14%
		Votes For Seat:	11,550	

OFFICIAL OATH OF GEORGIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE

HOUSE DISTRICT 106
GEORGIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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

SO HELP ME GOD.

LOYALTY OATH

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

SO HELP ME GOD.

/s/ Muhammad Akbar Ali
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Sworn to and subscribed before me,
this 18th day of December, 2025.
/s/ Tuwanda Rush Williams
Judge, Gwinnett Superior Court

House of Representatives

Coverdell Legislative Office Building, Room 507
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

December 30, 2025

The Honorable Brian P. Kemp
Governor of the State of Georgia
206 Washington Street SW
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Governor Kemp,

After 12 years of service as the State Representative for House District 94, I write to inform you that I will be retiring effective January 1, 2026. It has been a distinct honor to serve the people of Georgia and the constituents of the 94th House District.

I am proud of the work accomplished by the Georgia General Assembly when we came together to advance policies that strengthened our state and improved the lives of all Georgians. Serving in this capacity has truly been a labor of love, and one I will deeply miss.

I wish you and your family a happy and healthy New Year.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Karen L. Bennett
Karen Bennett

CC: The Honorable Jon Burns, Speaker of the House

William L. Reilly, Clerk of the House

State of Georgia
Office of the Governor
Atlanta 30334-0090

December 31, 2025

The Honorable Karen Bennett
Representative, District 94
Georgia House of Representatives
P.O. Box 517
Stone Mountain, Georgia 30086

Dear Representative Bennett:

Thank you for the service you have rendered as the State Representative for the 94th District in the Georgia House of Representatives. I appreciate you taking the time to apprise me of your resignation, effective January 1, 2026.

Your resignation as State Representative is hereby accepted, and I wish you all the best. Once again, thank you for your service to the State of Georgia.

Sincerely,

/s/ Brian P. Kemp

BPK:rbw

cc: The Honorable Brad Raffensperger, Secretary of State
The Honorable Jon Burns, Speaker, Georgia House of Representatives
Mr. William L. Reilly, Clerk of the Georgia House of Representatives

January 5, 2026

The Honorable Brian P. Kemp
Governor of Georgia
State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Governor Kemp,

Please accept this letter as formal notice of my resignation from the Georgia House of Representatives as the elected Representative for House District 130, effective **January 5, 2026**.

This decision follows careful consideration of my constitutional residency obligations under **Article III, Section II, Paragraph II of the Georgia Constitution**, after my primary residence sustained severe structural damage as a result of Hurricane Helene. As recovery efforts have continued, the rebuilding process has reached an impasse, creating uncertainty that makes it difficult to confidently maintain constitutional residency while continuing legislative service.

I am deeply grateful for your leadership during a period of significant challenge for Georgia, particularly in guiding the state through disaster recovery, economic resilience, and support for military families and veterans. It has been an honor to serve during your administration and to contribute, in my role, to advancing policies that strengthen our communities.

While my service in elected office concludes, my commitment to the people of Georgia remains steadfast. I will continue to support our state and its citizens in every appropriate capacity.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully,

Lynn Heffner
State Representative, House District 130

State of Georgia
Office of the Governor
Atlanta 30334-0090

January 5, 2026

The Honorable Lynn Heffner
Representative, District 130
Georgia House of Representatives
P.O. Box 5713
Augusta, Georgia 30916

Dear Representative Heffner:

Thank you for the service you have rendered as the District 130 Representative in the Georgia House of Representatives. I appreciate you taking the time to apprise me of your resignation, effective today, January 5, 2026.

Your resignation as State Representative is hereby accepted, and I wish you all the best. Once again, thank you for your service to the State of Georgia.

Sincerely,

/s/ Brian P. Kemp

BPK:rbw

cc: The Honorable Brad Raffensperger, Secretary of State
The Honorable Jon Burns, Speaker, Georgia House of Representatives
Mr. William Reilly, Clerk of the Georgia House of Representatives

OFFICIAL OATH OF GEORGIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE

HOUSE DISTRICT 121
GEORGIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

I do hereby solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of this State and of the United States and, on all questions and measures which may come before me, I will

so conduct myself as will, in my judgment, be most conducive to the interests and prosperity of this state.

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

SO HELP ME GOD.

LOYALTY OATH

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

SO HELP ME GOD.

/s/ Eric Gisler
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Sworn to and subscribed before me,
this 8th day of January, 2026.
/s/ Lisa Lott
Judge, Superior Court, Western Judicial Circuit

House of Representatives
332 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

January 8, 2026

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

Dear Mr. Reilly,

For the 2026 Legislative session Representative Houston Gaines will see the following changes to his Committee assignments.

Representative Gaines will be removed from the following committees:

- Public & Community Health
- Urban Affairs
- Government Affairs
- Creative Arts & Entertainment
- Ethics

Currently, two vacancies exist on the Transportation committee. Representative Gaines will be appointed to the Transportation committee to fill one of the two vacancies.

Therefore, Representative Gaines will serve on the below committees for the 2026 Legislative Session:

- Appropriations
- Ways & Means
- Transportation
- Insurance

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

/s/ Jon Burns
Jon G. Burns
Georgia's 75th Speaker of the House

The State of Georgia
Office of Secretary of State

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

the attached page contains the results as shown on the consolidated returns from the 2026 Special Election Runoff for State House, District 23, held on the 6th day of January 2026; all as the same appear on file and record of this office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of

my office, at the Capitol, in the City of Atlanta, this 9th day of January, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Six and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Fiftieth.

/s/ Brad Raffensperger

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

GEORGIA SECRETARY OF STATE
ELECTION REPORT
January 6, 2026 – HD 23 Special Election Runoff Official Results
January 6, 2026

State Contest	County	Choice	Votes	Vote %
State House of Representatives – District 23	Cherokee	Bill Fincher (Rep)	4,345	71.38%
		Scott Sanders (Dem)	1,742	28.62%
		Votes For Seat in County:	6,087	
	Total:	Bill Fincher (Rep)	4,345	71.38%
		Scott Sanders (Dem)	1,742	28.62%
		Votes For Seat:	6,087	

OFFICIAL OATH OF GEORGIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE

HOUSE DISTRICT 23
GEORGIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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

SO HELP ME GOD.

LOYALTY OATH

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

SO HELP ME GOD.

/s/ Bill Fincher
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Sworn to and subscribed before me,
this 10th day of January, 2026.
/s/ A. Dee Morris
Judge, State Court, Cherokee County

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

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

Cheokas	Greene	Lumsden	Rice	Williamson
Clark, D	Griffin	Lupton	Richardson	Willis
Clark, J	Gullett	Martin	Ridley, Jas	Yearta
Clifton	Gunter	Martinez	Ridley, Jor	Burns, Speaker

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

Representatives Crowe of the 118th and Holly of the 116th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

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

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

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

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

The Journal was confirmed.

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

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

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

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

Representative Kelley of the 16th asked unanimous consent that the following Resolution of the House be withdrawn:

HR 949. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Chastain of the 7th, Kelley of the 16th, Richardson of the 125th, Cameron of the 1st and others:

A RESOLUTION commending President Donald Trump and Elon Musk on the creation of the Department of Government Efficiency; and for other purposes.

It was so ordered.

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

HB 932. By Representatives Sainz of the 180th, Ballard of the 147th, Bonner of the 73rd, Newton of the 127th, DeLoach of the 167th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-7-40.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax credits for business enterprises in less developed areas, so as to provide for certain military zones that qualify for designation as less developed areas during a limited period of time; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

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

HB 897
HB 898
HB 899
HB 900
HB 901
HB 902
HB 903
HB 904
HB 905
HB 906
HB 907
HB 908
HB 909
HB 910
HB 911
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HB 921
HB 922
HB 923
HB 924
HB 925
HB 926
HB 927
HB 928
HB 929
HB 930
HB 931
HR 905
HR 947
HR 948
HR 950
HR 951
HR 952

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 995. By Representative Efstration of the 104th

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

A RESOLUTION

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

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

HR 996. By Representative Efstration of the 104th

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

A RESOLUTION

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

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

HR 997. By Representative Efstration of the 104th

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

A RESOLUTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that His Excellency, Governor Brian Kemp, is hereby invited to address a joint session of the House of Representatives and the Senate at 11:00 A.M., Thursday, January 15, 2026, in the hall of the House of Representatives.

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

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

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

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

The following Resolution of the House was read:

HR 998. By Representative Efstration of the 104th

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

A RESOLUTION

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

PART I

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that, except as otherwise provided by this resolution or by subsequent resolution of the General Assembly, meetings of the 2026 regular session of the General Assembly during the period of Monday, January 12, 2026, through Thursday, April 2, 2026, shall be held in accordance with the following schedule:

Monday, January 12	convene for legislative day 1
Tuesday, January 13	convene for legislative day 2
Wednesday, January 14	convene for legislative day 3

Thursday, January 15 ..... convene for legislative day 4
Friday, January 16 ..... convene for legislative day 5

Monday, January 26 ..... convene for legislative day 6
Tuesday, January 27 ..... convene for legislative day 7
Wednesday, January 28 ..... convene for legislative day 8
Thursday, January 29 ..... convene for legislative day 9

Monday, February 2 ..... convene for legislative day 10
Tuesday, February 3 ..... convene for legislative day 11
Wednesday, February 4 ..... convene for legislative day 12
Thursday, February 5 ..... convene for legislative day 13
Friday, February 6 ..... convene for legislative day 14

Monday, February 9 ..... convene for legislative day 15
Tuesday, February 10 ..... convene for legislative day 16
Wednesday, February 11 ..... convene for legislative day 17
Thursday, February 12 ..... convene for legislative day 18

Tuesday, February 17 ..... convene for legislative day 19
Wednesday, February 18 ..... convene for legislative day 20
Thursday, February 19 ..... convene for legislative day 21
Friday, February 20 ..... convene for legislative day 22

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

Monday, March 2 ..... committee work day
Tuesday, March 3 ..... convene for legislative day 26
Wednesday, March 4 ..... convene for legislative day 27
Thursday, March 5 ..... committee work day
Friday, March 6 ..... (Crossover) convene for legislative day 28

Monday, March 9 ..... convene for legislative day 29
Tuesday, March 10 ..... convene for legislative day 30
Wednesday, March 11 ..... committee work day
Thursday, March 12 ..... convene for legislative day 31

Monday, March 16 ..... convene for legislative day 32
Tuesday, March 17 ..... committee work day
Wednesday, March 18 ..... convene for legislative day 33
Thursday, March 19 ..... convene for legislative day 34
Friday, March 20 ..... convene for legislative day 35

Monday, March 23 ..... convene for legislative day 36
Tuesday, March 24 ..... committee work day
Wednesday, March 25 ..... convene for legislative day 37
Thursday, March 26 ..... committee work day
Friday, March 27 ..... convene for legislative day 38

Tuesday, March 31..... convene for legislative day 39
Thursday, April 2.....(Sine Die) convene for legislative day 40

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

PART II

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

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

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

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

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

N Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	N McClain	Y Sampson
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Henderson	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Ali	Y Crowe	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hilton	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Au	N Davis	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
N Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holcomb	N Miller	N Scott
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	N Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Hong	N Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Beckles	N Draper	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bell	N Drenner	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
N Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Cannon, C	N Frye	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Carpenter	E Gambill	Y LaHood	Y Reese	N Westbrook
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Y Burns, Speaker

On the adoption of the Resolution, the ayes were 150, nays 27.

The Resolution was adopted.

Representative Efstration of the 104th asked unanimous consent that HR 998 be immediately transmitted to the Senate.

It was so ordered.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1002. By Representatives Jones of the 143rd, Herring of the 145th, McQueen of the 61st, McClain of the 109th and Berry of the 56th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life, legacy, and service of Dr. Tammi Lamar-Blackwood; and for other purposes.

HR 1003. By Representatives Jones of the 143rd, Herring of the 145th, McQueen of the 61st, McClain of the 109th and Berry of the 56th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Ms. Earnestine Denise Wilson; and for other purposes.

HR 1004. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Jones of the 47th, Martin of the 49th, Silcox of the 53rd, Ballard of the 147th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Claire Ann Bartlett; and for other purposes.

HR 1005. By Representatives Burnough of the 77th, Scott of the 76th, Flournoy of the 74th and Bell of the 75th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Deetra Poindexter upon being named The Georgia Association of Conservation Districts' 2025 Supervisor of the Year; and for other purposes.

HR 1006. By Representatives Barnes of the 86th, Drenner of the 85th, Lupton of the 83rd, Tran of the 80th and Cannon of the 58th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Mr. Louis Boos; and for other purposes.

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

SR 557. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Anavitarte of the 31st and Jones II of the 22nd:

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

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

SB 214. By Senators Burns of the 23rd, Williams of the 25th, Moore of the 53rd, Harbin of the 16th, Gooch of the 51st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to authorize electors to cast physical absentee on-request ballots as an alternative to using other authorized means of casting in-person votes; to provide procedures for form, collection, and tabulation of such ballots; to revise reporting provisions to reference such ballots; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Mr. Speaker:

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

HR 996. By Representative Efstration of the 104th:

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

The President has appointed as a Committee of Notification/Escort the following Senators: Walker III of the 20th, Harbison of the 15th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Jones II of the 22nd, Echols of the 49th, and Hatchett of the 50th.

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

HR 997. By Representative Efstration of the 104th:

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

The President has appointed as a Committee of Notification/Escort the following Senators: Walker III of the 20th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Jones II of the 22nd, Harbison of the 15th, Robertson of the 29th, Jackson of the 41st, Echols of the 49th, Hatchett of the 50th, Cowsert of the 46th, and Ginn of the 47th

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

HR 998. By Representative Efstration of the 104th:

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

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

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

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Second Legislative Day

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

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

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

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

Representatives Cummings of the 39th, Jenkins of the 136th, Roberts of the 52nd, Sampson of the 153rd, Thomas of the 21st, and Werkheiser of the 157th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Dr. Jimmy Elder, First Baptist Church of Columbus, Columbus, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

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

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

The Journal was confirmed.

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

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5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

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

HB 933. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Dunahoo of the 31st, Cox of the 28th, Clark of the 100th, Dubnik of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Lake Lanier Islands Development Authority, so as to provide that property held by the authority and that leaseholds and other interest in such property granted by the authority are public property held for public purposes for the benefit of the people of this state; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 934. By Representatives Williams of the 148th, Efstration of the 104th, Williamson of the 112th, Jones of the 47th and Burchett of the 176th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 7, 10, and 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to banking and finance, commerce and trade, and public officers and employees, respectively, so as to transfer the regulation of securities and commodities from the Secretary of State to the Department of Banking and Finance; to provide for an advisory board; to provide for conformity; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Banks & Banking.

HB 935. By Representatives Cannon of the 172nd and Taylor of the 173rd:

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

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 936. By Representative Cannon of the 172nd:

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

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 937. By Representatives Ford of the 170th and O'Steen of the 169th:

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

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 938. By Representatives Ford of the 170th and O'Steen of the 169th:

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

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 939. By Representatives Ford of the 170th and O'Steen of the 169th:

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

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 940. By Representatives Ford of the 170th and O'Steen of the 169th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating and establishing the State Court of Tift County, approved March 30, 1971 (Ga. L. 1971, p. 2468), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 5, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 4575), and an Act approved May 3, 2016 (Ga. L. 2016, p. 3999), so as to provide for the compensation of the judge of such court; to provide for the compensation of the solicitor-general of such court; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 941. By Representative Ford of the 170th:

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

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 942. By Representatives Burnough of the 77th, Bell of the 75th, Flournoy of the 74th and Scott of the 76th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-41 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property exempt from ad valorem taxation, so as to limit an exemption from ad valorem taxation for public property owned by a political subdivision outside of its territorial limits that is developed by grading or other improvements to the extent of at least 25 percent of the total land area and has facilities actively used for a public or governmental purpose; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 943. By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Hawkins of the 27th, Cooper of the 45th, Franklin of the 160th and Schofield of the 63rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to programs and protection for children and youth, so as to establish a pilot program relating to the provision of screenings, clinical evaluations, training, services, and resources for autism spectrum disorder to children in foster care; to provide for definitions; to provide for the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services to develop and implement such pilot program; to provide for a final report and recommendations; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Juvenile.

HB 944. By Representatives McDonald III of the 26th, Crowe of the 118th, Hitchens of the 161st and Lumsden of the 12th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to safe operations of motor carriers, commercial motor vehicles, and drivers and safe transportation of hazardous materials, so as to update the reference date to federal regulations regarding the safe operation of motor carriers and commercial motor vehicles; to revise a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

HB 945. By Representatives Williamson of the 112th, Williams of the 148th and Chastain of the 7th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to banking and finance, so as to provide for holds on accounts of eligible adults for suspected financial exploitation; to provide for procedures for placing and lifting such holds; to no longer require independent credit reports to be obtained from a consumer reporting agency as defined in the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act; to provide for procedures for cease and desist orders for unregistered persons providing litigation finance; to provide for judicial hearings to review department decisions regarding litigation finance; to provide for registrant disclosures; to provide for definitions; to make conforming changes; to provide for construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Banks & Banking.

HB 946. By Representatives Clifton of the 131st, Rhodes of the 124th, Ridley of the 6th, Kelley of the 16th, Cannon of the 172nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to game and fish, so as to authorize hunting and trapping of feral hogs under certain circumstances; to repeal provisions relating to wildlife control permits for feral hogs; to authorize location of feral hogs with unmanned aircraft systems; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 947. By Representatives Momtahan of the 17th, Cannon of the 172nd, Tarvin of the 2nd, Jones of the 25th, Kelley of the 16th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions of public assistance, so as to prohibit the purchase of certain food and beverage items with federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs.

HB 948. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Crowe of the 118th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Powell of the 33rd and Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 14 of Title 44 and Chapter 4 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mortgages, conveyances to secure debt, and liens and tax sales, respectively, so as to provide for debtors in foreclosures to receive certain information and forms in a notice of foreclosure; to provide for tax sale notices to comply with foreclosure notice requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 949. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, O'Steen of the 169th, Cannon of the 172nd, Dickey of the 134th, Ford of the 170th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding aviation, so as to prohibit the launch or intentional landing of unmanned aircraft systems from or on agricultural land; to provide for penalties; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation.

HR 999. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, Jasperse of the 11th, Hatchett of the 155th, Fincher of the 23rd, Barrett of the 24th and others:

A RESOLUTION urging all Georgia citizens, cities, and counties to remember and honor the sacredness of America's 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 2026; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1000. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Williams of the 148th, Dickey of the 134th, Williams of the 168th, Buckner of the 137th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to eliminate the ad valorem tax assessment of certain timber at sale or harvest; to require state appropriations to each county, municipality, or school district affected by such tax elimination; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HR 1001. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Sanchez of the 42nd, Romman of the 97th, Holly of the 116th, McQueen of the 61st and others:

A RESOLUTION expressing support for the ethical investment of all state funds and public resources; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1007. By Representatives Jones of the 25th, Oliver of the 84th, Schofield of the 63rd, Dempsey of the 13th, O'Steen of the 169th and others:

A RESOLUTION acknowledging the effectiveness of arts for health initiatives in improving mental health outcomes; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1008. By Representatives Smith of the 70th, Dickey of the 134th, Corbett of the 174th, Townsend of the 179th, Smith of the 138th and others:

A RESOLUTION to ratify amendments to a certain comprehensive state-wide water management plan; to provide for force and effect; to provide for construction; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources & Environment.

By unanimous consent, the following Bill of the House was read the second time:

HB 932

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

SB 214. By Senators Burns of the 23rd, Williams of the 25th, Moore of the 53rd, Harbin of the 16th, Gooch of the 51st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to authorize electors to cast physical absentee on-request ballots as an alternative to using other authorized means of casting in-person votes; to provide procedures for form, collection, and tabulation of such ballots; to

revise reporting provisions to reference such ballots; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

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

Representatives Burnough of the 77th et al., Mathiak of the 82nd et al., and Hong of the 103rd et al.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1010. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Williams of the 168th, Barnes of the 86th and McClain of the 109th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Rustin/Lorde Community Breakfast; and for other purposes.

HR 1011. By Representatives Davis of the 87th, Burnough of the 77th, Jackson of the 165th, Jones of the 60th, McQueen of the 61st and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., for 113 Years of Service and Recognizing January 13, 2026, as Founders Day; and for other purposes.

HR 1012. By Representatives Evans of the 57th, Sanchez of the 42nd, Au of the 50th, Roberts of the 52nd and Clark of the 108th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending The Susan Jolley Foundation, the Georgia Cancer Control Consortium (a program of the Georgia Department of Public Health), and Cancer Pathways for their exemplary contributions to cervical cancer education and awareness in Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 1013. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Dickey of the 134th, Hawkins of the 27th, Dubnik of the 29th, Meeks of the 178th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Abit Massey; and for other purposes.

The Speaker Pro Tem assumed the Chair.

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

Representatives Lewis-Ward of the 115th et al., Crawford of the 89th et al., Hugley of the 141st, Schofield of the 63rd, Cameron of the 1st, and Mitchell of the 88th.

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

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

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

Third Legislative Day

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

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

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

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

Representatives Adesanya of the 43rd, Neal of the 79th, Sanchez of the 42nd, Sharper of the 177th, Wilkerson of the 38th, and Williams of the 168th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

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

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

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

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

The Journal was confirmed.

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

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

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5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

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

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

HB 950. By Representatives Kahaian of the 81st, Dunahoo of the 31st, Kelley of the 16th and Gullett of the 19th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-771 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to immunization of students, so as to require schools and child care facilities to provide information regarding immunization requirements and exemptions from such requirements to parents and guardians; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 951. By Representatives Clark of the 100th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Silcox of the 53rd, Kelley of the 16th, Schofield of the 63rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance generally, so as to require health benefit plans, policies, or contracts executed by the state to cover medically necessary orthotic devices and prosthetic devices and their materials and components; to revise a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HB 952. By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Parrish of the 158th and Burns of the 159th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Bulloch County and provide for its powers and duties, approved May 11, 2009 (Ga. L. 2009, p. 4409), so as to increase the size of the board to five members; to revise procedures for the appointment of such board members; to provide for interim terms; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 953. By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Parrish of the 158th and Burns of the 159th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the City of Statesboro Public Facilities; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 954. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Gisler of the 121st, Jones of the 25th, Sharper of the 177th, Gilliard of the 162nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to issuance, expiration, and renewal of licenses, so as to provide for the placement of a notation of a nonapparent physical or mental disability upon a driver's license; to provide for the removal of such notation upon request; to prohibit the disclosure of information relating to the request for such notation; to provide for a short title;

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

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

HB 955. By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Jones of the 47th, Hilton of the 48th, Evans of the 57th, Donatucci of the 105th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and observances, so as to designate April of each year as Georgia Native Plant Month; to amend Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other state symbols, so as to change the state floral emblem to the sweetbay magnolia; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HB 956. By Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Smith of the 70th and Cannon of the 172nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 12-8-27.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Solid Waste Trust Fund, so as to authorize use of funds for implementation of the provisions of a solid waste management program in this state; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources & Environment.

HB 957. By Representatives Clifton of the 131st, Corbett of the 174th, Persinger of the 119th, Camp of the 135th, New of the 40th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to provide for the operation of miniature on-road vehicles on certain highways; to require posting of notice of such prohibition upon highways; to revise and provide for a definition; to amend Code Section 48-5-473 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to returns for taxation and application for and issuance of license plates upon payment of taxes due, so as to provide for payment of ad valorem taxes upon such vehicles; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

HB 958. By Representatives Au of the 50th, Stephens of the 164th, Greene of the 154th, Hawkins of the 27th and Buckner of the 137th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to taxes on tobacco and vaping products, so as to require vapor product manufacturers to disclose ingredients in consumable vapor products distributed, sold, or offered for sale in this state; to provide definitions; to provide for publication; to provide for exemptions; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 959. By Representatives Au of the 50th, Stephens of the 164th, Greene of the 154th, Hawkins of the 27th and Buckner of the 137th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to taxes on tobacco and vaping products, so as to prohibit the sale of any flavored consumable vaping product; to provide definitions; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HR 1009. By Representatives Cannon of the 172nd and Ford of the 170th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mr. John L. Williams and dedicating an interchange in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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

HB 933	HB 934
HB 935	HB 936
HB 937	HB 938
HB 939	HB 940
HB 941	HB 942
HB 943	HB 944
HB 945	HB 946
HB 947	HB 948
HB 949	HR 999

HR 1000
HR 1001
HR 1007
HR 1008
SB 214

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has agreed to the House substitute to the following bill of the Senate:

SB 204. By Senators Moore of the 53rd, Rhett of the 33rd, Parent of the 44th, James of the 28th and Rahman of the 5th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 17-7-70.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to trial upon accusations in certain felony and misdemeanor cases and trial upon plea of guilty or nolo contendere, so as to allow for offenses that are not serious violent felonies, sexual felonies, or other certain offenses to be charged by accusation of the district attorney; to provide for definitions; to provide for conditions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

Representative Hilton of the 48th.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1014. By Representatives Williams of the 168th, DeLoach of the 167th and Hugley of the 141st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Bishop Dr. Eddie Lee Stevens; and for other purposes.

HR 1015. By Representatives Greene of the 154th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Camp of the 135th, Hawkins of the 27th and Townsend of the 179th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Seminole County Youth Poll Worker Initiative; and for other purposes.

HR 1016. By Representatives Greene of the 154th, Camp of the 135th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Hawkins of the 27th and Townsend of the 179th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the executive director, staff, and members of the Golden Triangle Resource Conservation and Development Council; and for other purposes.

HR 1017. By Representatives Alexander of the 66th, Baker of the 64th and New of the 40th:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Clara Dawson Jackson; and for other purposes.

HR 1018. By Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Ridley of the 6th, Dickey of the 134th, Rhodes of the 124th, Burchett of the 176th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Charlton County Chief Ranger Roger Todd of the Georgia Forestry Commission as the recipient of the 2025 Director's Award and for his outstanding service to the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 1019. By Representatives Burnough of the 77th, Bell of the 75th, Neal of the 79th, Scott of the 76th, Douglas of the 78th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Anthony W. Smith; and for other purposes.

HR 1020. By Representative Jasperse of the 11th:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Lucille McMullen; and for other purposes.

HR 1021. By Representative Jasperse of the 11th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing January 26, 2026, as Georgia Association of Broadcasters Day; and for other purposes.

HR 1022. By Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, O'Steen of the 169th, Hagan of the 156th, Dickey of the 134th and Mathis of the 133rd:

A RESOLUTION commending the 2025-2026 4-H leadership teams and award recipients and recognizing February 26, 2026, as 4-H day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

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

Representatives McClain of the 109th, Moore of the 91st, Adeyina of the 110th, Dickey of the 134th, Bell of the 75th et al., and Efstration of the 104th.

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

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

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Thursday, January 15, 2026

Fourth Legislative Day

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

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

Adesanya	Cooper	Gunter	Martin	Ridley, Jor
Adeyina	Corbett	Hagan	Martinez	Roberts
Alexander	Cox	Hatchett	Mathiak	Romman
Ali	Crawford	Hawkins	Mathis	Sainz
Anderson	Crowe	Henderson	McClain	Sampson
Au	Cummings	Herring	McCollum	Schofield
Baker	Davis	Hilton	McDonald	Scoggins
Ballard	Dawson	Hitchens	McQueen	Scott
Barnes	DeLoach	Holcomb	Meeks	Seabaugh
Barton	Dempsey	Holland	Mitchell	E Silcox
Bazemore	Dickey	Hong	Momtahan	Smith, L
Beckles	Donatucci	Horner	Moore	Smith, M
E Bell	Douglas	Howard, J	Myles	Smith, TP
Berry	Drenner	Howard, K	New	Smith, V
Blackmon	Dubnik	Huddleston	Newton	Stephens
Bonner	Dunahoo	Hugley	Okoye	Stinson
Buckner	Efstration	Jackson, D	Olaleye	Tarvin
Burchett	Ehrhart	Jackson, M	Oliver	Taylor, D
Burnough	Erwin	Jasperse	O'Steen	Taylor, R
Byrd	Evans	Jenkins	Panitch	Thomas
Cameron	Fincher	Jones, A	Paris	Townsend
Camp	Fleming	Jones, J	Park	Tran
Campbell, J	Flournoy	Jones, S	Parrish	Wade
Campbell, L	Ford	Jones, T	Parsons	Washburn
Cannon, C	Franklin	Kahaian	Persinger	Werkheiser
Cannon, P	Gaines	Kelley	Powell	Westbrook
Carpenter	Gambill	Kendrick	Prince	Williams, A
Carson	Gilliard	LaHood	Reese	Williams, MF
Chastain	Gisler	Leverett	Reeves	Williams, N
Cheokas	Glaize	Lewis-Ward	Rhodes	Williamson
Clark, D	Greene	Lim	Rice	Willis
Clark, J	Griffin	Lumsden	Richardson	Yearta
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The following members were off the floor of the House when the roll was called:

Representatives Barrett of the 24th, Carter of the 93rd, Frye of the 122nd, Holly of the 116th, Jackson of the 165th, Miller of the 62nd, Petrea of the 166th, Sanchez of the 42nd, Santos of the 117th, Sharper of the 177th, and Wilkerson of the 38th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Pastor Stephen Dervan, Oakhill Church, Williamson, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

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

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

The Journal was confirmed.

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

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

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

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

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

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

HB 960. By Representatives Clark of the 108th, Efstration of the 104th, Reeves of the 99th, Park of the 107th, Adeyina of the 110th and others:

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

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 961. By Representatives Powell of the 33rd, Evans of the 57th, Jasperse of the 11th, Oliver of the 84th, Cooper of the 45th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 20E of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Surprise Billing Consumer Protection Act," so as to provide for insurance coverage for certain out-of-network ambulance transportation service; to provide for the minimum allowable reimbursement rate for such service; to provide for maximum amounts on copayments, coinsurance, or deductibles for such service; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

HB 962. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Barrett of the 24th, Jones of the 47th, Williamson of the 112th, Blackmon of the 146th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-3-634 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to savings trust accounts, availability, and terms and provisions relative to the Georgia Higher Education Savings Plan, so as to provide that the Board of Directors of the Georgia Higher Education Savings Plan shall determine the maximum contribution limit for savings trust accounts; to amend Code Section 48-7-27, relating to computation of taxable net income, so as to modify an exemption from taxable net income for contributions to certain education savings plans; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 963. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Anderson of the 10th, Fleming of the 114th, Carson of the 46th and Blackmon of the 146th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to government transparency and campaign finance, so as to prohibit foreign nationals from contributing to or participating in any campaign to bring about the approval or rejection by the voters of any proposed question which appears on the ballot; to provide for definitions; to require certifications by certain campaign committees as to compliance with such prohibition; to prohibit the disclosure of certain protected donor information; to provide for a penalty; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 964. By Representatives Cannon of the 172nd, Chastain of the 7th, McDonald III of the 26th, Williams of the 168th, Lumsden of the 12th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to exempt from the state and local title ad valorem tax fee certain motor vehicles used in the provision of fire protection services for local governments; to exempt from sales and use taxes sales of tangible personal property used in the provision of fire protection services for local governments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 965. By Representatives Kahaian of the 81st, Byrd of the 20th, Gaines of the 120th, Fincher of the 23rd and Cox of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 33 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health records, so as to provide for copies of certain patient records to parents or legal guardians of unemancipated minors; to provide for parent or legal guardian access to such records in a patient portal; to provide a definition; to provide for exceptions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 966. By Representatives Westbrook of the 163rd, Jackson of the 165th, Gilliard of the 162nd and Stephens of the 164th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Garden City, approved April 17, 1973 (Ga. L. 1973, p. 3581), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 6, 2024 (Ga. L. 2024, p. 4332), so as to provide for the mayor to fill any vacancy in the office of mayor pro tempore; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 967. By Representatives Ridley of the 22nd, Ridley of the 6th, Horner of the 3rd, Fleming of the 114th, Chastain of the 7th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6A of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, so as to establish a grant program to provide financial assistance to

law enforcement agencies to equip certain motor vehicles with bullet-resistant features; to provide a definition; to establish criteria and procedures for such grants; to require reporting from grant recipients; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 968. By Representatives Townsend of the 179th, Stephens of the 164th, Williams of the 148th, Smith of the 18th, Corbett of the 174th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to controlled substances, so as to provide that mitragynine and hydroxymitragynine (7-OH) are Schedule I controlled substances; to repeal provisions relating to the regulation of kratom; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 969. By Representatives Townsend of the 179th, Hawkins of the 27th, Greene of the 154th, Panitch of the 51st, Herring of the 145th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia State Employees Post-employment Health Benefit Fund, so as to provide for certain fund beneficiaries to not be disqualified from the provision of postretirement health benefits under the Georgia State Employees Post-employment Health Benefit Fund; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

HB 970. By Representatives Townsend of the 179th, Washburn of the 144th, O'Steen of the 169th, Rice of the 139th, Hagan of the 156th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other educational programs relative to the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to expand which healthcare professionals may conduct preparticipation physical examinations; to provide for the period of validity for such examinations; to require healthcare professionals to include a cardiovascular prescreening as part of such examinations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HB 971. By Representatives Townsend of the 179th, Jones of the 25th, DeLoach of the 167th, Smith of the 70th, Horner of the 3rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other education programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for home study students and private school students to enroll in college and career academies located in certain RESA service areas and adjacent local school systems; to revise what courses are available to such students; to revise a definition; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 972. By Representatives Berry of the 56th, Olaleye of the 59th, Rice of the 139th, Herring of the 145th, Hagan of the 156th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to require public school governing bodies to provide written notice to parents and guardians of students in grades four through eight at least twice each school year stating whether such student has attained grade level reading proficiency; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 973. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act making and providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, known as the "General Appropriations Act," Act No. 73, approved May 9, 2025, so as to make, provide, and change certain appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

HB 974. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027; to make and provide such appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

HB 975. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act making and providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, known as the "General Appropriations Act," Act No. 73, approved May 9, 2025, so as to make, provide, and change certain appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

HB 976. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act making and providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, known as the "General Appropriations Act," Act No. 73, approved May 9, 2025, so as to make, provide, and change certain appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments,

boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

HB 977. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027; to make and provide such appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

HB 978. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027; to make and provide such appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

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

HB 950
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HR 1009

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

Representatives Flournoy of the 74th et al., Lim of the 98th, Willis of the 55th et al., Santos of the 117th et al., and Hagan of the 156th et al.

The House stood at ease.

The Speaker called the House to order.

The hour of convening the Joint Session pursuant to HR 997 having arrived, the Senate appeared upon the floor of the House, and the Joint Session, convened for the purpose of hearing an address from the Governor, was called to order by the Speaker of the House, Jon Burns.

The Resolution calling for the Joint Session was read.

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

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

As we begin a new year, there are many reasons to be optimistic about the future of our state and its people. State taxes on hardworking Georgians are low and going lower, our rainy day fund is at a record high, our schools are fully funded, our infrastructure is receiving historic investments, and our state law enforcement and educators are paid more today than they were seven years ago.

Our communities are safer; unemployment is low; more new, private sector jobs are being created every day; and businesses around the country and the world know Georgia is the place to be.

Our ports are busy and growing, our kids have some of the finest technical colleges and universities in the country to choose from, and our economy is diverse and built to last.

Innovation, opportunity, hard work, and a fair shot at the American Dream have a home in the great State of Georgia.

There is no question the state of our state is stronger, more prosperous, and safer today than it was in January of 2019. But I want to be clear. This success -- this "good news" -- isn't guaranteed. It doesn't happen by default or accident. There's more work to be done and more wood to chop to make sure Georgia continues to be the best place to live, work, and raise a family for generations to come.

I believe that starts with continuing to address hardworking Georgians' concerns over the persistently high cost of living and everyday necessities. Since 2021, working together with this General Assembly, we have provided one-time tax relief to the tune of over 3.2 billion dollars, property tax relief of nearly 1 billion, over 2.2 billion in motor fuel tax suspensions, and permanent income tax savings of nearly 3.4 billion.

That's almost 9.7 billion dollars that have helped hardworking Georgians fight through the record high inflation forced upon all of us by the previous administration in D.C. and a Congress that couldn't put down the nation's credit card.

These are historic investments in families, recent college graduates looking to start a career, seniors on fixed incomes, and single parents just trying to make ends meet. But these investments were possible because we rejected the idea that just because government takes in more money it should turn right around and spend more of your money to grow more government.

California may think that way, New York may think that way, but in Georgia we do things differently. We keep your tax burden low, we budget conservatively and responsibly and ensure state government is efficient with the dollars you trust us with. And at the end of the day, if we have more than we need, we give it back to the people who actually earned it.

As Marty, the girls, and I travel all across our state we hear from Georgians from all walks of life, hardworking people trying to put food on the table for themselves and their families. And the reality is that too many of our citizens are still struggling to make ends meet and everyday costs are still too high.

Groceries, rent, insurance, clothes for the kids -- it all adds up to more than it used to. That's why my budget proposal will include a fourth, one-time, 1-billion-dollar tax rebate this year that will return or save the average filer 250 dollars and a married

couple up to 500 dollars. With this rebate, my administration and this General Assembly will have returned over 7.5 billion dollars in surplus revenue to the taxpayers of our state over the last four years!

But we also know that one-time relief is a short-term solution that recognizes the state has collected more of your tax dollars than it needs to fund our priorities and save for whatever the future may bring. We must continue doing everything in our power to allow the hardworking men and women of our state to keep more of their hard-earned money in their pocket in the years to come. Because as I've said before: that's your money -- not the government's.

That's why my administration will also be proposing a further 20-basis point reduction in our state's personal and corporate income tax rate, bringing it to just 4.99 percent! This will be a fulfillment of my promise to the people of Georgia during my re-election campaign to lower our state income tax rate under five percent, and with the General Assembly's passage and my signature it will come a full three years ahead of schedule! This tax cut doesn't promise to pay for itself years down the road or create future budget holes with today's one-time money. Our plan fulfills my promise to the voters of this state in a responsible way. And most importantly, this plan puts ALL the hardworking people of our state first.

The reason we've been able to do this -- and three years ahead of schedule -- is because of our fiscal discipline. It's also worth noting a few other important accomplishments from the last few years that may not make headlines or please those who constantly advocate for bigger government.

Even with the rebate and tax cuts that my office will be proposing this legislative session, our state's rainy-day fund and strategic reserves will stand at over 10 billion dollars. Those reserves are four times higher than any administration will leave behind in our history -- and enough to run state government for three months.

But I also want to provide a word of caution for the future: it is not a question of if hard times will hit our state again. It is simply a question of when.

When Governors Perdue and Deal were fighting alongside members of the General Assembly to pull our state through the Great Recession, billions more in state reserves would have been a critical lifeline as Georgia families, our state, and our country were experiencing incredible economic hardship.

But as good leaders do, both governors made tough choices in tough times to make sure our state weathered the storm. And they both -- along with members of this legislature who served with them -- deserve our thanks and gratitude for their leadership.

Fast forward to today and Georgia stands in a historic position to confidently face whatever the future may bring. Showing fiscal restraint in continuing to build on these reserves instead of spending it all in the future may not be popular or easy. But the Georgia of today that has been built over the last twenty-five years does not stand on sticks made of "easy," or "politically convenient."

The Georgia of today stands on a firm foundation – a foundation built on the character of our people, the resolve of leaders both past and present, and by the Grace of our Creator. So, when the storms of tomorrow come, it is my hope that we will share in a commitment to keeping the state we all love on that firm foundation.

Our state reserves are just one area that we have made historic strides in to set Georgia up for future success and prosperity. From the 2024 budget through the proposed Amended 2026 budget, 4.1 billion dollars in capital projects have been funded through cash instead of debt. This strategic investment will save Georgia taxpayers -- and future state appropriators - 3.3 billion dollars in interest payments over the next 20 years.

The cash-funding of capital projects we began in fiscal year 2024 has allowed us to reduce outstanding debt by over 20 percent in just three years and the ratio of our state's debt service to revenues is just 3 percent, the lowest since the state began issuing debt bonds in the 1970s.

These savings were all made while implementing historic tax cuts, returning billions to taxpayers, and investing over 6 billion dollars in water, sewer, and transportation projects across the state.

Refusing to grow government, budgeting conservatively, and paying off debt aren't flashy. They don't get you on cable news, make you famous on social media, or fit on a bumper sticker, and that might be why Washington is so allergic to them.

But I learned a long time ago building houses that it's better to be a work horse than a show horse. Because work horses deliver results ahead of schedule, under budget, and do right by the customer, and that's exactly what we've done together for the people of our state.

Another key investment this General Assembly and my administration has made is in our state workforce. During my administration, we have reduced our state employee turnover rate by over 25 percent, all while keeping the size of our full-time state workforce at 2019 levels. We've invested in a vital workforce, saved taxpayer dollars in training and equipping new employees, and utilized innovation and technology to better deliver state services.

Our state employees have done incredible work in unprecedented times and are one of the driving forces behind Georgia's success. That's why today, I'm proposing a one-time 2,000-dollar pay supplement for all state employees -- including our educators and state public safety officers.

This is just another reminder -- on top of the pay raises and supplements we have provided in years past -- that their hard work does not go unnoticed and that we are truly thankful.

Let's all give them a hand!

These important investments, tax cuts, rebates, and record state reserves would not be possible without the drive and hard work of millions of Georgians who get up every day and do the best they can to provide for themselves and their families. They go to work chasing the American Dream, hoping to earn an honest living, and leave their kids and grandkids better off than they had it.

That's the American Spirit and the spirit of what it means to be a Georgian.

When I launched my campaign for governor, it was about promising those hardworking Georgians that I would fight for them every day, whether they voted for me or not, regardless of their neighborhood or zip code.

Republican or Democrat or something in between, my goal was to make a positive difference in their lives.

As a small business owner and a construction guy, I believe so much good can come out of an honest day's work at a job that pays a good wage. And I believe in what that job can do for not only that employee, but also their family and their community.

That's why my administration, from day one, has prioritized economic development, job creation, and bringing investment to all four corners of our state. Over the last seven years, Georgia has seen over 219,700 new jobs and more than 118 billion dollars in investment from projects worked by the state economic development team. 64 percent of those jobs and 75 percent of those investment dollars are going to communities outside the metro-Atlanta region.

Since 2019, we've welcomed the three largest economic development projects in state history and continued Georgia's streak as the number one state for business for an unprecedented 12 years in a row. But here in the best state for business, we don't just welcome big companies, we also champion small businesses that have a big impact on communities.

A great example is La Regina -- an Italian food production company with a facility in Alma, Georgia, that employs 110 hardworking men and women. That facility also happens to be a former bakery that went out of business years ago.

To that community of less than 4,000 people, the loss of an employer like that can be devastating. But because we prioritized economic development in rural Georgia, La Regina came in and revitalized that facility and created 110 jobs that are making a real and lasting difference, with more on the way.

The impact of this small business extends far beyond Alma's borders. In addition to moving plenty of goods through the Port of Savannah, La Regina also purchases local produce from over 100 Georgia farmers, including more than 40,000 pounds of onions per week!

With touchpoints throughout that region of our state that one small employer produced a record 25 million jars of pasta sauce last year, alone.

When Marty and I went to southern Italy in 2024, we visited the headquarters of this family-owned and operated business. We talked to the men and women who have preserved their family's recipes for over 100 years, and we saw how similar their values were to the very family-owned farms and businesses here in Georgia that La Regina supports.

That company -- a full ocean away from our state -- has the same values that we do: family, community, and a strong belief in a hard day's work.

Today we're joined by two La Regina company leaders who represent how small-town Georgia and international markets truly connect, all to the benefit of our workers. In the gallery is Emidio Rinaldi, Chief Operating Officer of La Regina who moved his entire family to Georgia. He is joined by Jerry Lady, the plant manager and employee number one for La Regina's Georgia facility. He was also the former bakery manager for the company that closed down.

Will both of you stand and let us recognize you?

Whether the size of the Hyundai Metaplant or the La Regina food processing center, each project, facility, job, or investment represents a generational opportunity for a Georgia family and their community. And one of the biggest reasons these job creators of all sizes choose Georgia is our highly-skilled and reliable workforce.

Over these last seven years, we've put more money toward education and workforce training programs than ever before in our state's history. In fact, as of this current fiscal

year, we have not only fully funded QBE seven times but added an additional 368 million dollars to programs and initiatives that directly prepare workers for good jobs. We've also set new precedents when it comes to school safety, starting with the first year of my administration. We began with three campus security grants totaling over 184.5 million dollars and then added 109 million dollars into the base budget so every school system can plan for how best to keep our classrooms -- and the children in them -- safe.

We will again fulfill that commitment in this year's budget, bringing the total amount we have allocated to school safety during my time in office to over 511 million dollars! I want to take a moment to also congratulate and thank the members of this body -- both past and present -- who joined my administration in achieving something that not many people thought possible when I was sworn in as governor 7 years ago. In fact, when I pledged in 2018 to raise teacher pay by 5,000 dollars, I remember a former opponent of mine that claimed I was making "false promises" to educators across our state.

Well, in a way, the media and the doubters were right. We didn't raise teacher pay by 5,000 dollars – we raised it by 9,500 dollars!

This historic investment in our educators increased the starting salary for a Georgia teacher by almost 28 percent. You don't have to get an A in Math to know that's an impressive jump. Let's take a moment to thank all the hardworking Georgians who lead our classrooms, pour into our students, and help make our state a better place.

In addition to K-12, we have also made historic investments in our postsecondary education institutions and programs while reducing costs for students and families. Over the last several years, we have worked together to return the HOPE Scholarship to 100 percent of its promise, all while the Board of Regents has held tuition costs in check across the system so greater opportunity in Georgia can remain affordable.

Contrast that with other states that have again and again raised the cost of higher education, all while inflation reached 40-year highs under the prior administration. The University of California system, for instance, raised tuition by roughly 19 percent between 2019 and the current academic year. But here in Georgia, tuition has increased by just five percent in that same period, and your partnership in eliminating the special institutional fee helped us lessen the impact of those increases on hardworking families and students.

In fact, data from the National Center for Education Statistics shows that Georgia is one of the top states in the country for four-year public university affordability!

And while we've kept the cost of higher education in check and college within reach of Georgia families, we've also invested more in postsecondary education than ever before. We're now putting 2 billion additional dollars toward higher education in Georgia than when I first took office.

That includes 40.7 million dollars in this year's budget proposals, alone, for healthcare education facilities and medical workforce training programs. And since I first took office, we've spent over 26 million dollars for medical residency slots in our state, adding 897 positions for a grand total of 2,523 residency slots as of this fiscal year.

This year, my budget proposal adds another 2.1 million dollars to further this upward trend in such a critical workforce need.

Along with these unprecedented investments, Georgia is truly the national leader in merit-based aid for higher education between the HOPE Scholarship and Grant programs. But in this era of high prices and new challenges for those graduating from high school, we also recognize the advantage need-based financial assistance can give to those who would not otherwise be able to access higher education.

Like their peers who have the means to attend college, these students have great dreams for rewarding careers and impactful lives. But they do not always have hope that those dreams can become reality.

Dreams without the benefit of hope remain dreams deferred, perhaps for entire generations.

How much richer would their lives and those of their families be if they could attain the type of education that leads to a high-paying job with great benefits? And how much would communities across our state benefit from these young people getting a degree that opens a door or starts a rewarding career?

I believe we owe it to every child to ensure they start out on a level playing field, no matter their zip code. Therefore, my Amended budget proposal invests 325 million dollars in the University System of Georgia's DREAMS Scholarship program -- the first need-based scholarship of its kind in Georgia history!

In future years this one-time endowment will create opportunities for generational economic advancement for thousands of students, and down the road it will allow them to complete college and begin meaningful careers without the burden of crippling debt. The DREAMS Scholarship will build on the incredible, unmatched legacy of the HOPE Scholarship and leave no stone unturned when it comes to student achievement in our state. From now on, throughout the country Americans will know that HOPE and DREAMS are alive and well in Georgia!

This unprecedented initiative will also complement the Georgia MATCH program we launched in 2023. In just the first two years of MATCH, we've seen a 5.9 percent rise in USG enrollment and a 7.1 percent increase in TCSG enrollment. Meanwhile, other states around the country have seen decreases in public university enrollment and seventeen states are still well below pre-pandemic levels.

Not only is Georgia's workforce strong and growing, we'll continue to outpace our competitors for at least another generation in this regard. When you consider all of these measures together, it is clear to see that our commitment to those just beginning their careers in Georgia is unwavering.

But so, too, is our commitment to those preparing to finish careers of valued service to the people of our state -- men and women who face danger on a regular basis to protect our communities.

Marty, the girls, and I feel the weight and value of their service and daily sacrifices on a very real and personal level. We have seen firsthand the uncommon bravery they embody, and we have mourned with their families when their service has come to a tragic end. We have been reminded countless times of just how exceptional they are for answering the call to serve when law enforcement are under siege more than ever before.

That is why today I am proposing an enhanced retirement plan for state law enforcement officers. Under this new model, the state would provide a higher match to the 401(k) savings accounts of eligible public safety officers' through a steeper contribution schedule.

Not only will the state's match increase at a higher rate, we will also raise the maximum percentage cap from 9 percent under the current plan to 15. By year ten of an officer's service to the state -- three full years before they would reach the contribution cap under the current plan -- they will have already attained the new maximum match of 15 percent.

When you contrast that to the current system, we are effectively doubling the state's contribution for state law enforcement.

I believe this is well deserved, given the dangers they face in today's world, but this new model will also help us better recruit and retain brave and capable public safety officers and will put Georgia's law enforcement retirement plan well ahead of other states.

Those who are P.O.S.T. certified, who run toward danger, who help shield even the people who try to vilify them deserve a safe and assured retirement, and we're going to give it to them!

Our commitment to law enforcement in Georgia is matched only by our unrelenting determination to go after those who operate in the evil industry of human trafficking. Thanks to the tireless efforts of the best first lady in the country and the members of the GRACE Commission who are champions in this fight, you have overwhelmingly passed ten pieces of legislation that make Georgia a safe haven for victims and a hostile place for traffickers.

Those measures include the launch of the Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit within Attorney General Chris Carr's Office. Since its creation in 2019, that Unit has secured more than 70 convictions and rescued and assisted over 200 children!

With your help in the legislature, we have also expanded this Unit with two new regional offices through funding in the Amended 2025 and 2026 budgets. I know that our first lady would want me to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your continued support in this fight over the years, whether through legislation or budgetary actions.

While we have made incredible strides in this area, and while Georgia is now the undisputed national leader in anti-human trafficking policy, the fight is not over.

That is why my team will introduce an eleventh bill in the coming days that will further protect children, expose abusers, and save lives by preventing the silence imposed on far too many victims. Modeled after Trey's Law passed in other states, it will be just the latest reminder that no child should be a victim of such evil acts.

As a mother of three beautiful daughters, as someone who spent time as an assistant Pre-K teacher and a middle school substitute teacher, as an unwavering supporter of those in our state's foster care system, and as a first lady who never fails to have a smile and a hug for the children she meets throughout Georgia, Marty has truly been the perfect person to lead this cause to make sure Georgia's sons and daughters are safe.

Her GRACE under fire, along with the work of those who have been in the trenches on this issue for decades, created a turning point in this state when it comes to identifying and stopping this crime that affects every county and hides in plain sight. Though our work here is now in its final year, the impact of her anti-human trafficking efforts -- and that of so many others in this room and beyond -- will be felt for whole generations. Will you join me in thanking her and all those who have fought this good fight?

Just as we have made historic progress in fighting human trafficking, we've also made monumental strides in going after violent gangs. If you'll recall just a few short years ago, members of the Atlanta media didn't think our state faced a gang problem.

They weren't listening to the sheriffs and prosecutors who were witnessing firsthand the rise of gang-related violent crime in their local community. But the members of this body and my administration were.

In 2019, my office worked with many of you to stand up and fund the Anti-Gang Taskforce within the GBI and then later the Gang Prosecution Unit within the Attorney General's office.

Since then, the GBI has investigated over 1,800 gang-related cases and arrested close to 2,500 offenders with a gang affiliation. They have also seized over 95 million dollars in drugs and other illegal items associated with those crimes. That's 95 million dollars' worth of illegal substances and dangerous weapons that are not in our schools… on our streets… or threatening our neighborhoods.

Complementing the GBI's good work, the Attorney General's Gang Prosecution Unit has also investigated and prosecuted cases in 19 counties, securing over 120 convictions across the state. We're also taking the fight to gang members and other dangerous criminals on the very streets where they operate through the Crime Suppression Unit, now in its fifth year.

With the combined resources and personnel of multiple state public safety agencies partnering with local law enforcement, the CSU has found and arrested 1,340 wanted persons, helped to take dangerous drugs off our streets by arresting 557 traffickers and carriers, recovered 1,179 stolen vehicles, and apprehended 49 murder suspects.

Here's a news flash to those who try to demonize law enforcement: this is what happens when you let them simply do their jobs!

Please join me in thanking the men and women of these units for their dedication to keeping our families and communities safe!

As you all know, this is my final time speaking to you in a State of the State address as your governor. Some of you may be more happy about that than others.

Please know that it has been an incredible honor for Marty, the girls, and me to serve as your First Family. We've done this together every step of the way, and I'd like to take a moment and ask if you'd join me in again recognizing Marty and the girls for their service over the last seven years.

I'd also like to thank my mom, my sister, and her family who are also here today!

Today, I've talked a lot about past accomplishments and some very important issues that I believe we must address in our final legislative session serving together.

Don't be fooled, there's more work to be done over the next 37 legislative days. And for those who may think I'm a lame duck, well, I still have a big red pen!

But seriously, as I was thinking about what to say to my last captive legislative audience, I was reminded of an old hymn, written in 1924 called "Little Is Much When God Is In It."

The first and second verse say the following:

"In the harvest field now ripened
There is a work for all to do
Hark, the Master's voice is calling
To the harvest, calling you.
Does the place you're called to labor
Seem so small and little known?
Well, it is great if God is in it
And He will not forsake His own."

In God's Word, we have so many examples of little acts of faith reaping more than one could imagine, often done by people of lesser means or lower standing in society but filled with God's power and guided by His design.

My family's service to this state will be a small footnote in the history books. Your service under this Gold Dome will likely be the same.

When compared to the heroes of our faith or the everyday actions of so many heroes across our state, our service pales in comparison. Our goal as elected leaders was to do the best we could for the people who sent us here to serve in this building. We worked together to make their communities safer, their dreams more achievable, their lives more prosperous, and their futures a little brighter.

When I put my hand on the Bible that Marty was holding in January of 2019, I didn't know what choices would face us. I didn't know what challenges would come. While the last seven years have seemed so big in our lives -- the many decisions and the outcomes -- the truth is that the budgets, new laws, pandemics, elections, legislative debates, political arguments, at the end of the day, they are small.

They're small when compared to the plan of the Master Builder, our Creator.

But my hope, my prayer, is that God would be in those small things of our service together. Because I believe He can take what we helped build for the people of our state and make it great.

The last verse and chorus of that hymn I mentioned says this:

"And when the conflict here has ended…
And our race on Earth is run
He will say, "If you've been faithful
Welcome home, My child, well done."
Little is much when God is in it
Labor not for wealth or fame
There's a crown, and you can win it
If you go in Jesus' name."

Let's go finish the race.

Like Nehemiah said, let's finish the "great work" we started.

Thank you, may God bless you, and may God continue to bless the great State of Georgia!

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the Joint Session of the General Assembly be now dissolved and the motion prevailed.

The Speaker of the House, Jon Burns, announced the Joint Session dissolved.

The Speaker called the House to order.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1024. By Representative Jones of the 60th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Gladys Nunnally; and for other purposes.

HR 1025. By Representative Carson of the 46th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Janice Dikilato; and for other purposes.

HR 1026. By Representatives Carter of the 93rd, Bazemore of the 69th, Crawford of the 89th, Hugley of the 141st and Mitchell of the 88th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending The dReam Center Church of Atlanta on the occasion of its 20th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 1027. By Representatives Cheokas of the 151st, Cooper of the 45th and Dempsey of the 13th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Ronald "Ron" F. Wakefield for his outstanding public service with the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities; and for other purposes.

HR 1028. By Representatives Carter of the 93rd, Bazemore of the 69th, Scott of the 76th and Hugley of the 141st:

A RESOLUTION commending and recognizing Dr. Foluso A. Fakorede by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

HR 1029. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Williams of the 168th, Evans of the 57th, Wilkerson of the 38th, Buckner of the 137th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Danah Craft on her outstanding public service as the executive director of Feeding Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 1030. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th, Camp of the 135th, Cannon of the 172nd, Tran of the 80th, Roberts of the 52nd and others:

A RESOLUTION commemorating 250 years of friendship between the United Kingdom and the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 1031. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Dempsey of the 13th, Taylor of the 173rd and Fleming of the 114th:

A RESOLUTION commending Children's Healthcare of Atlanta's facility dogs and their Canines For Kids Program; and for other purposes.

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

Representatives Berry of the 56th et al., Scott of the 76th, Dunahoo of the 31st et al., Mitchell of the 88th, and Williams of the 168th.

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

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

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Friday, January 16, 2026

Fifth Legislative Day

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

The following communication was received:

House of Representatives

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

January 16th, 2026

Dear Mr. Reilly,

Please record my attendance as "yes" for yesterday, January 15, 2026. Please accept this as confirmation of my presence so that my attendance may be recorded accordingly.

Cordially,

/s/ Yasmin Neal
State Rep. Yasmin Neal
Ga House of Representatives
Clayton County
District 79

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

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Alexander	Crowe	Hatchett	Mathiak	Sampson
Ali	E Cummings	Hawkins	Mathis	Schofield
Anderson	Davis	E Henderson	McClain	Scoggins
Au	Dawson	Herring	McCollum	Scott
Baker	DeLoach	Hilton	McDonald	Seabaugh
Ballard	Dickey	Hitchens	E Meeks	Sharper
Barnes	E Donatucci	Holcomb	Mitchell	E Silcox
Barrett	Douglas	Holland	Momtahan	Smith, L
Barton	Draper	Hong	Moore	Smith, M
Bazemore	Drenner	Horner	New	Smith, TP
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Berry	Dunahoo	Howard, K	Okoye	Stephens

Bonner	Efstration	Huddleston	Oliver	Stinson
Buckner	Ehrhart	Jackson, D	O'Steen	Tarvin
Burchett	Erwin	Jackson, M	Panitch	Taylor, D
Burnough	Evans	Jasperse	Park	Taylor, R
Byrd	Fincher	Jenkins	Parrish	Thomas
Cameron	Fleming	Jones, A	Parsons	Townsend
E Camp	Flournoy	Jones, J	Persinger	Tran
Campbell, J	Ford	Jones, S	Petrea	Wade
Campbell, L	Franklin	Jones, T	Powell	Washburn
Cannon, C	Frye	Kahaian	Prince	Werkheiser
Carpenter	E Gaines	Kelley	Reese	Westbrook
Carter	Gambill	Kendrick	Reeves	Wilkerson
Cheokas	Gilliard	LaHood	Rhodes	Williams, A
Clark, D	Gisler	Leverett	Rice	Williams, MF
Clark, J	Glaize	Lewis-Ward	Richardson	E Williams, N
Clifton	Greene	Lim	Ridley, Jas	Williamson
Cooper	Griffin	Lumsden	Ridley, Jor	Yearta
Corbett	Gullett	Lupton	Roberts	Burns, Speaker
Cox	Gunter	Martin		

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

Representatives Adesanya of the 43rd, Bell of the 75th, Blackmon of the 146th, Chastain of the 7th, Dempsey of the 13th, Holly of the 116th, Hugley of the 141st, McQueen of the 61st, Miller of the 62nd, Neal of the 79th, Romman of the 97th, Sanchez of the 42nd, and Willis of the 55th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Major Paul C. Elliott, U.S. Army (Retired), Senior Pastor, First Methodist Church of Douglas, Douglas, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

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

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

The Journal was confirmed.

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

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

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

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

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

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

HB 979. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Smith of the 18th, Ballard of the 147th, Hong of the 103rd and Holcomb of the 101st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 50-2-27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the retrocession of jurisdiction over lands owned by the United States, so as to provide for procedures for the retrocession of jurisdiction in certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 980. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th, Roberts of the 52nd, Tran of the 80th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 12 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commissions and other agencies, so as to create the Georgia-Ireland Trade Commission; to provide for members and purpose of the commission; to provide for annual reporting; to create a fund for commission expenses; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Tourism.

HB 981. By Representatives Powell of the 33rd, Ehrhart of the 36th, O'Steen of the 169th, Jackson of the 128th, Jones of the 47th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to physicians, assistants, and others, so

as to expand certain advanced practice registered nurse and physician assistant prescriptive authorizations; to provide for a definition; to increase certain prescriptive authorizations from five-day to 30 day supplies; to remove certain prohibitions on writing prescriptions for minors; to provide for certain prescriptive authorization to order stimulants; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 982. By Representatives Camp of the 135th and Dickey of the 134th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Barnesville, approved March 11, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 3865), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 12, 2005 (Ga. L. 2005, p. 3510), so as to change the description of the election districts for the city council; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 983. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th, Cannon of the 172nd, Meeks of the 178th and Burchett of the 176th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to forest resources, so as to clarify that prescribed burning for silviculture purposes is exempt from certain burning notice and permit requirements; to revise requirements for prescribed burning; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources & Environment.

HB 984. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Gullett of the 19th, Burchett of the 176th, Townsend of the 179th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes against the person, so as to provide for a court order to locate an alleged victim of child or elder abuse; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 985. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Hitchens of the 161st, Werkheiser of the 157th, Mathis of the 133rd, Donatucci of the 105th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Georgia veterans cemeteries, so as to revise the terms of eligibility for persons to be buried in Georgia veterans cemeteries; to provide for a definition; to require an affidavit in certain circumstances; to provide for applicability; to provide for fees; to provide for the Veterans Service Board to have certain discretion; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative findings; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Defense & Veterans Affairs.

HB 986. By Representatives Jones of the 25th, Hilton of the 48th, Huddleston of the 72nd, Townsend of the 179th and Barrett of the 24th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2A of Article 13 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to electric personal assistive mobility devices and personal delivery devices, so as to revise operation procedures and restrictions for personal delivery devices; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation.

HB 987. By Representatives Jones of the 25th, Thomas of the 21st, Anderson of the 10th, Cameron of the 1st and Barrett of the 24th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employment security, so as to provide for portable benefit plans and portable benefit accounts for independent contractors; to provide for definitions; to provide for voluntary contributions; to provide for independent contractors to opt in to withholdings; to provide for independent contractors to opt out at any time; to exclude voluntary contributions from establishing the classification of employer or employment; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Industry and Labor.

HB 988. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Jones of the 47th, Hagan of the 156th, Ballard of the 147th, New of the 40th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the state employees' health insurance plan and post-employment health benefit fund, so as to require the state health benefit plan to cover hormone replacement therapy for biological women experiencing perimenopause and menopause when such therapy is ordered or prescribed by a licensed physician; to provide for definitions; to allow for deductibles, coinsurance and copayment provisions, and utilization review; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HB 989. By Representatives Wilkerson of the 38th, McQueen of the 61st, Adesanya of the 43rd, Williams of the 37th, Ridley of the 22nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local boards of education, so as to provide for public comment periods during meetings of local boards of education; to provide for public broadcasts of such meetings and public comment periods; to require local boards of education to record or broadcast public comment periods in the same manner and to the same extent as the remainder of the public portions of meetings; to provide for notice; to provide for limitations; to provide for agenda; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 990. By Representatives Sainz of the 180th, Hitchens of the 161st, Crowe of the 118th, Hong of the 103rd, Donatucci of the 105th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to the Department of Public Safety, so as to provide for the creation of a program to assist former handlers and adopters of retired law enforcement dogs with veterinary care costs; to provide for the selection of a charitable organization to administer and manage said program; to provide for the disbursement of funds for qualifying veterinary care for retired law enforcement dogs; to provide limitations on the amount of funds disbursed; to provide authorization for the selected charitable organization to use certain funds to pay administrative expenses; to provide for definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 991. By Representatives Jones of the 25th, Davis of the 87th, Anderson of the 10th, Townsend of the 179th and Barrett of the 24th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to labor and industrial relations, so as to provide for an exception to the definition of employment for certain services performed by certain healthcare technology platform contractors utilizing a healthcare technology platform company's application or platform to facilitate such services; to provide for conditions; to require healthcare technology platform companies to maintain certain insurance coverage; to provide for definitions; to revise the definition of employee with regard to workers' compensation; to exclude certain healthcare technology platform contractors from workers' compensation requirements; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Industry and Labor.

HB 992. By Representatives Wilkerson of the 38th, Buckner of the 137th, Holcomb of the 101st, Adesanya of the 43rd, Williams of the 168th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding parks, historic areas, memorials, and recreation, so as to provide for free admission to state parks on certain public and legal holidays; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 993. By Representatives Barnes of the 86th, McQueen of the 61st, Drenner of the 85th, Taylor of the 92nd, Lupton of the 83rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 15 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to miscellaneous provisions under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to require that public schools schedule a lunch period for each class that includes not less than 30 consecutive minutes of seated time beginning from the time that a majority of the class has been seated after receiving their meals; to require local boards of education or other public school governing bodies to establish certain policies; to require the State Board of Education to promulgate rules and regulations; to authorize the State Board of Education to provide grants; to provide a

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

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 994. By Representatives Cheokas of the 151st, Dunahoo of the 31st, Cannon of the 172nd, McDonald III of the 26th, Lumsden of the 12th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-11-30 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to riot, so as to provide for a felony penalty; to amend Code Section 17-6-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to when offenses bailable, procedure, schedule of bails, and appeal bonds, so as to include the offense of riot; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 995. By Representatives Barnes of the 86th, Crawford of the 89th, Berry of the 56th, McQueen of the 61st, Holly of the 116th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student health in elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for the establishment of and purpose for the Vape-Free Schools Grant Program; to provide for the allocation of grant awards under such program; to require public schools with grades nine through 12 to acquire and install vaping detectors and include vaping policy provisions in the student code of conduct; to provide for contingent effectiveness and automatic repeal; to provide for definitions; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 996. By Representatives Berry of the 56th, Dawson of the 65th, Barnes of the 86th, Schofield of the 63rd and O'Steen of the 169th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Agriculture, so as to require annual reporting by such department regarding food deserts in this state; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs.

HB 997. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Burchett of the 176th, Crowe of the 118th, Mathis of the 133rd, O'Steen of the 169th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penal institutions, so as to limit the time that Department of Community Supervision can hold certain inmates in a county facility; to increase the amount of reimbursement paid to counties by the Department of Corrections and the State Board of Pardons and Paroles for housing inmates; to provide revised time periods for when such reimbursement begins and ends; to prohibit certain inmates from serving sentences in a county facility following conviction, revocation of probation, or revocation of parole; to provide for exceptions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 998. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Camp of the 135th, Powell of the 33rd, Jasperse of the 11th, Williams of the 168th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 5 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to telecommunications and competition development, so as to authorize certain Tier 2 local exchange companies to elect to become subject to rate of return regulation; to repeal a limitation on the period of time certain distributions can be made from the Universal Access Fund; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications.

HB 999. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Oliver of the 84th, Evans of the 57th, Gunter of the 8th, New of the 40th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 10 of Title 15 the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fees and costs of magistrate courts, so as to revise provisions related to magistrate courts collecting sums and fees authorized by law; to amend an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to magistrate courts, so as to provide for nonpartisan election of magistrates, approved May 14, 2025 (Ga. L. 2025, p. 780), so as to correct a scrivener's error in the automatic repealer in said Act related to a constitutional amendment for the nonpartisan election of judges of the probate court; to provide legislative intent; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HR 1023. By Representatives Jones of the 25th, Ridley of the 6th, Dubnik of the 29th, Bonner of the 73rd and O'Steen of the 169th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that every parent has a fundamental right to direct the upbringing, education, care, and control of their children; to provide for related matters; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

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Representative Smith of the 70th District, Chairman of the Committee on Natural Resources and Environment, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HR 1008 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Smith of the 70th
Chairman

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

Representatives Frye of the 122nd et al. and Bazemore of the 69th et al.

Pursuant to HR 1013, the House honored the life and memory of Abit Massey.

Representative Ford of the 170th moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the Committee on Regulated Industries and recommitted to the Committee on Motor Vehicles:

HB 590. By Representatives Ford of the 170th, Burchett of the 176th, Corbett of the 174th, McDonald III of the 26th, Wiedower of the 121st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, so as to provide for the regulation of trailer manufacturers; to establish the State Board of Trailer Manufacturers; to provide for membership, meetings, and duties of such board; to provide for the issuance of licenses to manufacture trailers within this state; to provide for application and licensing requirements; to require maintenance of certain records; to provide for inspections; to authorize the suspension and revocation of such licenses; to provide for the power to enjoin unlawful activity; to provide for a penalty; to provide for punishment; to provide for timing for compliance; to provide for legislative purpose; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

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

Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Panitch of the 51st et al., and McDonald III of the 26th.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1034. By Representatives Corbett of the 174th and Burchett of the 176th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Reba Highsmith Crews; and for other purposes.

HR 1035. By Representatives Sharper of the 177th and Bell of the 75th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and legacy of Naomie Delva; and for other purposes.

HR 1036. By Representative Jackson of the 128th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and legacy of Keith B. Winslow; and for other purposes.

HR 1037. By Representatives Carter of the 93rd, Glaize of the 67th, Williams of the 168th, Howard of the 129th and Bazemore of the 69th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Elizabeth Lloyd Smith; and for other purposes.

HR 1038. By Representatives Lupton of the 83rd and Roberts of the 52nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing HealthMPowers for 25 years of service and leadership in advancing youth health; and for other purposes.

HR 1039. By Representatives Flournoy of the 74th, Douglas of the 78th, Burnough of the 77th and Scott of the 76th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Lovejoy High School Varsity Game Day Cheerleaders for winning the 2025 GHSA 5A Game Day State Cheerleading Championship Competition; and for other purposes.

HR 1040. By Representatives Flournoy of the 74th, Holly of the 116th, Douglas of the 78th, Santos of the 117th, Kahaian of the 81st and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring Echo Park Speedway; and for other purposes.

HR 1041. By Representatives Byrd of the 20th, Fincher of the 23rd, Jasperse of the 11th, Ridley of the 22nd and Scoggins of the 14th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Rick Roberts on his outstanding public service as the Mayor of Ball Ground; and for other purposes.

HR 1042. By Representative Hugley of the 141st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Langston Funeral Home of Buena Vista, Georgia, on the occasion of more than 60 years of dedicated service to the community; and for other purposes

HR 1043. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Hawkins of the 27th, Greene of the 154th and Martinez of the 111th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 5, 2026, as Dental Hygienists Appreciation Day; and for other purposes.

HR 1044. By Representative Jackson of the 128th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Teresa LaBarham Mitchell; and for other purposes.

HR 1045. By Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Reese of the 140th and Kendrick of the 95th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating Carolyn Wright upon her induction into the Chattahoochee Valley Sports Hall of Fame; and for other purposes.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House do now adjourn until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Monday, January 26, 2026, and the motion prevailed.

Pursuant to the adjournment Resolution previously adopted by the House and Senate, the Speaker announced the House adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Monday, January 26, 2026.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Monday, January 26, 2026

Sixth Legislative Day

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

The following communications were received:

THE STATE OF GEORGIA
EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

House District 94 in the Georgia House of Representatives has become vacant due to the resignation of Representative Karen Bennett.

Therefore, pursuant to Ga. Const. Art. V, § II, ¶ VIII and Code Section 21-2-544, a writ of election is hereby issued to the Secretary of State for a special election to be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, to fill the District 94 seat in the Georgia House of Representatives.

This 16th day of January, 2026.

/s/ Brian P. Kemp
Governor

THE STATE OF GEORGIA
EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

House District 130 in the Georgia House of Representatives has become vacant due to the resignation of Representative Lynn Heffner.

Therefore, pursuant to Ga. Const. Art. V, § II, ¶ VIII and Code Section 21-2-544, a writ of election is hereby issued to the Secretary of State for a special election to be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, to fill the District 130 seat in the Georgia House of Representatives.

This 16th day of January, 2026.

/s/ Brian P. Kemp
Governor

THE STATE OF GEORGIA
EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Whereas: On December 2, 2025, Representative Sharon Henderson of House District 113 in the Georgia House of Representatives was indicted on two counts of Theft of Government Funds and ten counts of Making False Statements; and

Whereas: A certified copy of the indictment was transmitted to the Governor pursuant to Ga. Const. Art. II, § III, ¶ I (b) and received on December 18, 2025; and

Whereas: On January 8, 2026, Executive Order 01.08.26.01 was issued appointing members to a review commission to determine whether the above-mentioned indictment relates to and adversely affects the administration of duties by Representative Henderson such that the rights and interests of the public are adversely affected thereby; and

Whereas: The review commission submitted its report on January 22, 2026; and

Whereas: In its report, the review commission found that the above-mentioned indictment does relate to and adversely affect the administration of duties by Representative Henderson such that the rights and interests of the public are adversely affected thereby and recommended that Representative Henderson be suspended from office pursuant to Ga. Const. Art. II, § III, ¶ I (b).

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO GA. CONST. ART. II, § III, ¶ I (B), AND THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

Ordered: That Representative Henderson is hereby suspended from office immediately and without further action pending the final disposition

of the case or until the expiration of her term of office, whichever occurs first.

This 22nd day of January 2026.

/s/ Brian P. Kemp
Governor

House of Representatives
332 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

January 22, 2026

Mr. William "Bill" Reilly
Clerk of the House
309 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Mr. Reilly,

Representative Bill Fincher will serve on the below committees for the remainder of the 2026 Legislative Session:

- Judiciary Juvenile
- Judiciary Non-Civil
- Transportation

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

/s/ Jon Burns
Jon G. Burns
Georgia's 75th Speaker of the House

Cc: Amy Bottoms, Fiscal Officer
Representative Beth Camp, Chairman
Representative Tyler Paul Smith, Chairman
Representative Rick Jasperse, Chairman
Legislative Counsel
House Media Services

House of Representatives
332 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

January 23, 2026

Mr. William "Bill" Reilly
Clerk of the House
309 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Mr. Reilly,

Representative Akbar Ali will serve on the below committees for the remainder of the 2026 Legislative Session:

- Creative Arts & Entertainment
- Economic Development
- Urban Affairs

To maintain the required make-up of each committee, Representative Saira Draper will be removed from Urban Affairs to allow for the appointment of Representative Ali.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

/s/ Jon Burns
Jon G. Burns
Georgia's 75th Speaker of the House

Cc: Amy Bottoms, Fiscal Officer
Representative Kasey Carpenter, Chairman
Representative Ron Stephens, Chairman
Representative Brian Prince, Chairman
Legislative Counsel
House Media Services

House of Representatives
332 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

January 23, 2026

Mr. William "Bill" Reilly
Clerk of the House
309 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Mr. Reilly,

Representative Eric Gisler will serve on the below committees for the remainder of the 2026 Legislative Session:

- Defense & Veterans Affairs
- Health
- Intragovernmental Coordination

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

/s/ Jon Burns
Jon G. Burns
Georgia's 75th Speaker of the House

Cc: Amy Bottoms, Fiscal Officer
Representative Josh Bonner, Chairman
Representative Lee Hawkins, Chairman
Representative Lauren McDonald III, Chairman
Legislative Counsel
House Media Services

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332 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

January 23, 2026

Mr. William "Bill" Reilly
Clerk of the House
309 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Mr. Reilly,

The current vacancy on the Agriculture & Consumer Affairs Committee will be filled by Representative Tangie Herring for the remainder of the 2026 Legislative Session.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

/s/ Jon Burns
Jon G. Burns
Georgia's 75th Speaker of the House

Cc: Amy Bottoms, Fiscal Officer
Representative Robert Dickey, Chairman
Representative Tangie Herring
Legislative Counsel
House Media Services

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Atlanta, Georgia 30334

January 23, 2026

Mr. William "Bill" Reilly
Clerk of the House
309 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Mr. Reilly,

The current vacancy on the Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications Committee will be filled by Representative Robert Dawson for the remainder of the 2026 Legislative Session.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

/s/ Jon Burns
Jon G. Burns
Georgia's 75th Speaker of the House

Cc: Amy Bottoms, Fiscal Officer
Representative Don Parsons, Chairman
Representative Robert Dawson
Legislative Counsel
House Media Services

House of Representatives
332 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

January 23, 2026

Mr. William "Bill" Reilly
Clerk of the House
309 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Mr. Reilly,

The current vacancy on the Appropriations Committee, created by Former Representative Karen Bennet's Resignation, will be filled by Representative Michelle Au for the remainder of the 2026 Legislative Session.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

/s/ Jon Burns
Jon G. Burns
Georgia's 75th Speaker of the House

Cc: Amy Bottoms, Fiscal Officer
Representative Matt Hatchett, Chairman
Representative Michelle Au
Legislative Counsel
House Media Services

House of Representatives
Coverdell Legislative Office Building
Room 604-B
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Date: January 23, 2026
To: Clerk of the House

309 State Capitol Building
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Due to unforeseen circumstances Representative Myles was unable to be in attendance on the date of Friday, January 16, 2026. Any form of consideration would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your assistance!

/s/ L.C. Myles
Representative L.C. Myles
Georgia House District 126

Prayer was offered by Representative Gary Richardson, District 125, Evans, Georgia.

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

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

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

Seventh Legislative Day

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

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

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

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

Representatives Adesanya of the 43rd, Dempsey of the 13th, Moore of the 91st, Neal of the 79th, and Williams of the 37th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Father Charles Byrd, Mary Our Queen Catholic Church, Peachtree Corners, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

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

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

The Journals were confirmed.

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

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

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

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

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

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

HB 1000. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Wade of the 9th, Seabaugh of the 34th, Hong of the 103rd, Blackmon of the 146th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to provide for a one-time tax credit for individual taxpayers who filed income tax returns for the 2024 and 2025 taxable years; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1001. By Representatives Wade of the 9th, Gambill of the 15th, Seabaugh of the 34th, Hong of the 103rd, Blackmon of the 146th and others:

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

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1002. By Representatives Camp of the 135th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to transfer Medicaid coverage for foster children from managed care to fee-for-service; to provide for definitions; to provide for submission of state plan amendments if necessary; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HB 1003. By Representatives Wilkerson of the 38th, Lupton of the 83rd, Panitch of the 51st, Kendrick of the 95th, Campbell of the 35th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 45-7-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual salaries of certain state officials and cost-of-living adjustments, so as to revise provisions related to daily expense accounts of members of the General Assembly; to provide members of the General Assembly with an additional security expense allowance; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight.

HB 1004. By Representatives Wilkerson of the 38th, Campbell of the 35th, Panitch of the 51st, Kendrick of the 95th, Romman of the 97th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the security guard division of the Department of Public Safety, so as to authorize the commissioner of public

safety to provide security guards to the majority and minority leaders of the Senate and House of Representatives and their families or any member of the General Assembly who is subject to a creditable threat to his or her safety or security in the same manner as currently provided for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Speaker of the House of Representatives; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 1005. By Representative Wilkerson of the 38th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Austell, approved March 28, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 4902), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 4, 1991 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 4498) and an Act approved April 5, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 4503), so as to provide for a city manager; to revise the powers and duties of city council committees, the mayor, and department directors to reflect the establishment of a city manager; to provide for the appointment, removal, and powers of the city manager and city council; to provide for an acting city manager; to prohibit mayor and council interference with the administration of the city departments; to revise provisions related to the hiring and removal of department directors; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1006. By Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Williams of the 168th and Kendrick of the 95th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Public Health, so as to require the inclusion of an opioid antagonist in first aid kits maintained at certain establishments; to provide for definitions; to authorize individuals to possess opioid antagonists on certain premises; to authorize trained personnel to administer opioid antagonists; to provide for immunity; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative findings; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 1007. By Representatives Berry of the 56th, Frye of the 122nd, Ridley of the 22nd, Sanchez of the 42nd, Bell of the 75th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to landlord and tenant, so as to provide residential tenants with the right to complete repairs required by the landlord and offset rental installments by the reasonable cost of such repairs under certain circumstances; to provide residential tenants with the right to terminate a rental agreement under certain circumstances; to provide for definitions; to provide a short title; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1008. By Representatives Williamson of the 112th, Wilkerson of the 38th and Jones of the 47th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding the General Assembly, so as to provide that approved allowances paid to members of the General Assembly residing within 50 miles of the state capitol shall be paid through the legislative payroll system; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight.

HB 1009. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Jones of the 47th, Donatucci of the 105th, Reeves of the 99th, Silcox of the 53rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to require local school systems and public schools to enact policies and procedures for use of personal electronic devices at school and school sponsored events by students in grades nine through twelve; to revise provisions relative to permissible student use of personal electronic devices; to revise a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 1010. By Representative Lim of the 98th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 10, Title 14, and Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commerce and trade, corporations, partnerships, and associations, and revenue and taxation, respectively, so as to provide for annual reports of the value of securities sold

or offered to be sold; to provide for fees; to provide for the joint and several liability of controlling private funds for the liabilities of target firms acquired by such controlling private funds; to eliminate a certain income tax deduction; to provide for taxation of capital gains on sales of property in qualified opportunity zones; to provide for sales tax for computer software; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1011. By Representatives Gilliard of the 162nd, Jackson of the 128th and Glaize of the 67th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to law enforcement officers and agencies, so as to require the adoption of written policies for conducting vehicular pursuits by law enforcement officers in residential areas; to require the establishment of pursuit review committees; to provide for duties and authority of such committees; to provide for annual reporting; to provide for training; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 1012. By Representatives Romman of the 97th, Ridley of the 22nd, Oliver of the 84th, Frye of the 122nd and Sanchez of the 42nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions of local government, so as to prohibit the construction or development of new data centers for a specified time; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for an exception; to provide for a definition; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 1013. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Sharper of the 177th, Carpenter of the 4th, Huddleston of the 72nd, McQueen of the 61st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other state symbols, so as to designate lemon pepper as the official Georgia state chicken wing flavor; to

provide for legislative findings and declarations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HB 1014. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Ridley of the 22nd, Barnes of the 86th, Hagan of the 156th and Sharper of the 177th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student health, so as to prohibit private and public primary and secondary schools from serving or selling, or allowing a third party to serve or sell, food or beverages that contain certain synthetic dyes; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to adulteration and misbranding of food, so as to prohibit the addition of specific ingredients in food and the selling any food under an invented name when it does not contain some ingredient suggested by such name or contains only an inconsiderable quantity; to provide for definitions; to provide for an exception; to provide for effective dates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HR 1032. By Representatives Jones of the 60th, McClain of the 109th, Glaize of the 67th and Oliver of the 84th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Raising the Minimum Wage in Georgia; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Industry and Labor.

HR 1033. By Representatives Draper of the 90th, Gisler of the 121st, Willis of the 55th, Miller of the 62nd, Roberts of the 52nd and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that changes to apportionment and districts of the General Assembly and Congress shall only be made in the first odd-numbered year subsequent to each United States decennial census; to provide that additional changes shall only be made when necessary to comply with a court order; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Reapportionment and Redistricting.

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

HB 979	HB 980
HB 981	HB 982
HB 983	HB 984
HB 985	HB 986
HB 987	HB 988
HB 989	HB 990
HB 991	HB 992
HB 993	HB 994
HB 995	HB 996
HB 997	HB 998
HB 999	HR 1023

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

Representatives Burns of the 159th, Dickey of the 134th, Reeves of the 99th et al., Panitch of the 51st et al., and Newton of the 127th et al.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1055. By Representatives New of the 40th, Burns of the 159th, Alexander of the 66th, Smith of the 138th, Parsons of the 44th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Representative Bill Hembree; and for other purposes.

HR 1056. By Representative Au of the 50th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing January 25-31, 2026, as Physician Anesthesiologists Week in Georgia at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1057. By Representatives Reese of the 140th, Hugley of the 141st, Rice of the 139th, Smith of the 138th and Buckner of the 137th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Reverend Dr. David L. Stallion Sr. and First Lady Tammy Stallion of Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church upon ten years of service; and for other purposes.

HR 1058. By Representatives Washburn of the 144th, Dickey of the 134th, Griffin of the 149th, Paris of the 142nd, Herring of the 145th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Vine Ingle Junior Boys All-Star Team; and for other purposes.

HR 1059. By Representatives Dubnik of the 29th, Dempsey of the 13th and Schofield of the 63rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring Reach Out and Read Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1060. By Representatives Panitch of the 51st, Cooper of the 45th, Efstration of the 104th, Tran of the 80th, Cox of the 28th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring International Holocaust Remembrance Day on January 27, 2026; and for other purposes.

HR 1061. By Representatives McDonald III of the 26th, Chastain of the 7th, McCollum of the 30th, Powell of the 33rd, Scoggins of the 14th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring and commending the firefighters of Georgia and recognizing February 3, 2026, as Firefighters Recognition Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1062. By Representatives Ali of the 106th, Tran of the 80th, Draper of the 90th, Lim of the 98th, Romman of the 97th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life, legacy, and professional contributions of Anne Isenhower and commemorating the memory of her son, Max Podowitz; and for other purposes.

HR 1063. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Blackmon of the 146th, Lumsden of the 12th, Barton of the 5th and Hitchens of the 161st:

A RESOLUTION commending and honoring the life and dedicated service of Chief Gordon Henderson; and for other purposes.

HR 1064. By Representatives Herring of the 145th, Jones of the 143rd, Taylor of the 173rd, Cooper of the 45th and Roberts of the 52nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Keisha Reneé Callins; and for other purposes.

HR 1065. By Representatives Crowe of the 118th, McDonald III of the 26th, New of the 40th, Cannon of the 172nd, Clifton of the 131st and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 11, 2026, as Police Chiefs and Heads of Law Enforcement Agencies Recognition Day at the Capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1066. By Representatives Alexander of the 66th and New of the 40th:

A RESOLUTION honoring Senior Chief Earnest C. Washington upon his retirement from the Department of Veterans Affairs and prior decades-long service to the United States Navy; and for other purposes.

HR 1067. By Representatives Douglas of the 78th, Miller of the 62nd, Kendrick of the 95th, Hugley of the 141st, Alexander of the 66th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing January and August 2026 as Neurotherapy Month; and for other purposes.

HR 1068. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th and Martinez of the 111th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Shen Yun Performing Arts; and for other purposes.

HR 1069. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Clark of the 108th, Efstration of the 104th, Hong of the 103rd and Martinez of the 111th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing January 27, 2026, as Gwinnett Chamber Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1070. By Representatives Alexander of the 66th and New of the 40th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Alicia Bonner; and for other purposes.

HR 1071. By Representative Carter of the 93rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Twiggy L. Harris, MD; and for other purposes.

HR 1072. By Representative Carter of the 93rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Ebony Porter-Ike; and for other purposes.

HR 1073. By Representative Jackson of the 128th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Shirley Diamond; and for other purposes.

HR 1074. By Representative Jackson of the 128th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Toni Redd; and for other purposes.

HR 1075. By Representatives McQueen of the 61st and Cannon of the 58th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Spelman Day at the Georgia State Capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1076. By Representatives Burchett of the 176th and Williamson of the 112th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Clayton Homes Waycross; and for other purposes.

HR 1077. By Representatives McDonald III of the 26th, Cox of the 28th, Jasperse of the 11th, Jones of the 25th and Barrett of the 24th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Steve Miller; and for other purposes.

HR 1078. By Representative Jones of the 60th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Reverend John G. Byrdsell on the occasion of his 5th pastoral anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 1079. By Representatives Smith of the 70th, Dempsey of the 13th, Greene of the 154th, Taylor of the 173rd and Jones of the 47th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1080. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Hagan of the 156th, Buckner of the 137th, Ballard of the 147th and Wade of the 9th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing January 29, 2026, as Strolling Thunder Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1081. By Representatives Dickey of the 134th, Howard of the 71st, Campbell of the 171st, Huddleston of the 72nd, Corbett of the 174th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 10, 2026, as Georgia Farm Bureau Federation Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1082. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, McDonald III of the 26th, Jones of the 25th, Clark of the 100th, Barrett of the 24th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Lambert High School Boys Lacrosse Team for winning the 2025 GHSA Division III Boys Lacrosse State Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 1083. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, McDonald III of the 26th, Jones of the 25th, Clark of the 100th, Barrett of the 24th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Lambert High School Boys Tennis Team for winning the 2025 Georgia High School Association Class 6A State Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 1084. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, Barrett of the 24th, Jasperse of the 11th, McDonald III of the 26th, Jones of the 25th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the West Forsyth High School Girls Lacrosse Team for winning the 2025 Georgia High School Association Division 3 State Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 1085. By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, Burchett of the 176th, Cooper of the 45th, Ridley of the 22nd and Gullett of the 19th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the 25th anniversary of the Captain John Collins Chapter, Georgia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution; and for other purposes.

HR 1086. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, Barrett of the 24th, Jasperse of the 11th, McDonald III of the 26th, Jones of the 25th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the West Forsyth High School Girls Tennis Team for winning the 2025 Georgia High School Association Class 6A State Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 1087. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, Barrett of the 24th, Jasperse of the 11th, McDonald III of the 26th, Jones of the 25th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the West Forsyth High School Esports Rocket League Team for winning the 2025 Georgia High School Association 4A-6A State Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 1088. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, Barrett of the 24th, Jasperse of the 11th, McDonald III of the 26th, Jones of the 25th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the West Forsyth High School Boys Cross Country Team for winning the 2025 Georgia High School Association Class 6A State Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 1089. By Representative Smith of the 18th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Major Craig Dodson; and for other purposes.

HR 1090. By Representatives Beckles of the 96th, Okoye of the 102nd, Mitchell of the 88th, Clark of the 108th, Ali of the 106th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending John Davis upon 32 years of dedicated service to the City of Norcross and the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 1091. By Representatives Hong of the 103rd, Reeves of the 99th, Donatucci of the 105th, Park of the 107th and Efstration of the 104th:

A RESOLUTION commending The Atlanta Korean American Business Women's Association; and for other purposes.

HR 1092. By Representative Burchett of the 176th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Georgia Business Aviation Association; and for other purposes.

HR 1093. By Representatives Hong of the 103rd, Reeves of the 99th, Donatucci of the 105th, Park of the 107th and Hilton of the 48th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending The Korean-American School of Atlanta; and for other purposes.

HR 1094. By Representatives Beckles of the 96th, Okoye of the 102nd, Mitchell of the 88th, Clark of the 108th, Ali of the 106th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the grand opening of Golf VX Duluth in Gwinnett County on January 24, 2026; and for other purposes.

HR 1095. By Representatives Wade of the 9th, Gambill of the 15th, Dubnik of the 29th, Chastain of the 7th, Clifton of the 131st and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the 2026 Don Cargill STEM Scholar Award Recipients and commending the Georgia Youth Science and Technology Center; and for other purposes.

HR 1096. By Representatives Reese of the 140th, Mitchell of the 88th, Jackson of the 68th, Prince of the 132nd and Herring of the 145th:

A RESOLUTION commending Jack and Jill of America, Inc.; and for other purposes.

HR 1097. By Representatives Reese of the 140th, Olaleye of the 59th, Howard of the 129th, Sharper of the 177th and Crawford of the 89th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing November 3, 2025, as Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. Day; and for other purposes.

HR 1098. By Representatives Glaize of the 67th, Rice of the 139th, Erwin of the 32nd, Dubnik of the 29th, Wade of the 9th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Big Brothers Big Sisters agencies across Georgia and commending their work in supporting students and families across the state of Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 1099. By Representatives Beckles of the 96th, Okoye of the 102nd, Mitchell of the 88th, Clark of the 108th, Ali of the 106th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing William "Marvin" Rutledge's 30 years of service to the city of Norcross in the state of Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 1100. By Representative Smith of the 18th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Carroll County Superior Courts; and for other purposes.

HR 1101. By Representatives Smith of the 70th, Jenkins of the 136th, Bonner of the 73rd, Dawson of the 65th and Glaize of the 67th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Sprayberry's Bar-B-Q upon the occasion of its 100th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 1102. By Representative Smith of the 18th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Taylor Griffin; and for other purposes.

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

Representatives Smith of the 138th, Jenkins of the 136th et al., Anderson of the 10th, Berry of the 56th et al., Ali of the 106th et al., Paris of the 142nd, Erwin of the 32nd, and Crowe of the 118th.

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

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

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

Eighth Legislative Day

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

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

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

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

Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Barnes of the 86th, Clark of the 100th, Crawford of the 89th, Crowe of the 118th, Holly of the 116th, Jenkins of the 136th, Neal of the 79th, Seabaugh of the 34th, Tran of the 80th, Williams of the 37th, and Willis of the 55th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

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

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

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

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

The Journal was confirmed.

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

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

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

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

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

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

HB 1015. By Representative Werkheiser of the 157th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 10 of Chapter 9 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Self-insurers Guaranty Trust Fund regarding workers' compensation, so as to revise certain funded levels of such fund; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Industry and Labor.

HB 1016. By Representatives Kendrick of the 95th and Flournoy of the 74th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 10 of Title 15, Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 16, and Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to magistrate courts, criminal trespass and damage to property, and proceedings against intruders, respectively, so as to expand existing remedies regarding the unauthorized possession of real property; to require that any person subject to removal or arrest for the unauthorized possession of real property be given 30 calendar days to present a counteraffidavit prior to any such removal or arrest; to provide for legislative findings and intent; to provide for definitions; to make conforming changes; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1017. By Representatives Kendrick of the 95th, Evans of the 57th and Clark of the 108th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 44 and Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of specialized land transactions and ad valorem taxation of property, respectively, so as to prohibit certain business enterprises from purchasing or acquiring an interest in a single-family residential property; to provide for construction; to provide for the assessment of real property purchased or acquired by certain business enterprises at 100 percent of its fair market value; to provide for penalties; to provide for certification of ownership; to provide for forms and applications; to provide for definitions; to provide for effective dates and automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1018. By Representatives Kendrick of the 95th, Wilkerson of the 38th, Evans of the 57th, Frye of the 122nd, Lewis-Ward of the 115th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from sales and use taxes, so as to exempt sales of clothing and school related supplies from sales and use taxation during the month of August each year; to amend Code Section 48-9-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to levy of excise tax, rates, exemptions, and prohibition on tax by political subdivisions, so as to

exempt all sales of motor fuel from excise taxation during the month of August each year; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1019. By Representatives Barnes of the 86th, Glaize of the 67th, Alexander of the 66th, Hugley of the 141st, Clark of the 108th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to landlord and tenant, so as to provide for rent increase limits for certain senior citizens; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1020. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Efstration of the 104th, Gunter of the 8th, Kelley of the 16th, Smith of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 23 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Judicial Retirement System, so as to provide for the payment of monthly retirement benefits for creditable service as a district attorney at the age of 65 years; to provide for calculation of benefits for individuals who first become members after the effective date of this Act; to provide for calculation of survivors benefits; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

HB 1021. By Representatives McDonald III of the 26th, Leverett of the 123rd, Gullett of the 19th, Oliver of the 84th, Evans of the 57th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-21A-5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to retention of funds by authority, remittance to general fund of state treasury, and accumulation of interest, so as to increase the amount of funds the authority is authorized to retain for administrative costs; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1022. By Representatives McDonald III of the 26th, Corbett of the 174th, Hitchens of the 161st, Lumsden of the 12th, Crowe of the 118th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to prohibit electric tinting; to provide for penalties; to prohibit the use of digital license plates; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

HB 1023. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Burns of the 159th, Erwin of the 32nd, Hatchett of the 155th, Persinger of the 119th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 27 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to loitering at or disrupting schools, so as to require local boards of education and other public school governing bodies to utilize weapon detection systems to aid in the prevention of any individual attempting to unlawfully possess or carry a weapon in certain school buildings; to provide for exceptions; to authorize the use of funding; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 1024. By Representatives Hong of the 103rd, Reeves of the 99th and Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 44-13-100 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions for purposes of bankruptcy and intestate insolvent estates, so as to revise the exemption for a debtor's aggregate interest in real property or personal property that the debtor or a dependent of the debtor uses as a residence, in a cooperative that owns property that the debtor or a dependent of the debtor uses as a residence, or in a burial plot; to provide for such exemption for the primary residence of spouses; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1025. By Representatives Davis of the 87th, Schofield of the 63rd and Scott of the 76th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to child in need of services, so as to provide for funding for the child in need of services (CHINS) program, subject to appropriations; to provide for legislative findings and intent; to provide for definitions; to designate the Department of Education as the oversight agency for the fund; to establish a CHINS Support Fund and regional coordination system; to provide for the allocation of resources for services and supports; to provide for rules, regulations, and procedures; to provide for implementation; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Juvenile.

HB 1026. By Representatives Sharper of the 177th, Corbett of the 174th, LaHood of the 175th and Burchett of the 176th:

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

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1027. By Representatives Anderson of the 10th, Yearta of the 152nd, Williamson of the 112th, Williams of the 148th, Gambill of the 15th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapters 1 and 30 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties only and general provisions applicable to municipal corporations only, respectively, so as to authorize certain long-term contracts for the sale of electric power; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 1028. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Efstration of the 104th, Gunter of the 8th, Kelley of the 16th, Smith of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding prosecuting attorneys, so as to modify provisions regarding the compensation received by district attorneys; to amend Code Section 45-7-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual salaries of certain state officials and cost-of-living adjustments, so as to revise provisions relating

to calculating and setting the salaries of district attorneys; to amend Chapter 3 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to laws and statutes, so as to suspend the operation of local laws or local ordinances or resolutions that use a district attorney's salary for the calculation of the salary or compensation of other officers, officials, or employees; to provide a short title; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1029. By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Ridley of the 22nd, Jones of the 47th, Jasperse of the 11th, Parsons of the 44th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Holly Springs in the County of Cherokee, approved March 18, 1980 (Ga. L. 1980, p. 3281), as amended, so as to revise the boundaries of the city; to provide that the city council shall be composed of four instead of five members; to provide new city council district boundaries; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of the current councilmembers; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1030. By Representatives Donatucci of the 105th, Erwin of the 32nd, Jones of the 47th, Dubnik of the 29th, Hilton of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to enact the "Math Matters Act"; to require the State Board of Education to adopt content standards for middle and high school advanced math courses; to require local education agencies to establish advance math courses in middle school and high school; to require the Professional Standards Commission to ensure students completing teacher certification programs have the knowledge and skills to teach math including the four strands of mathematical proficiency; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 1031. By Representatives Holly of the 116th, McQueen of the 61st, Bell of the 75th, Barnes of the 86th, Baker of the 64th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to landlord and tenant in general, so as to provide for limitations on increasing rent on residential properties; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1032. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Schofield of the 63rd, Davis of the 87th and Burnough of the 77th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for early enrollment for students who have completed pre-kindergarten or kindergarten at a private school but who do not meet the age requirements for enrollment in kindergarten or first grade; to require the State Board of Education to establish guidelines for early enrollment and to develop a model early enrollment policy; to require local boards of education to adopt an early enrollment policy; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 1033. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th, Schofield of the 63rd and Burnough of the 77th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance generally, so as to provide for coverage for diagnostic testing and treatment for Alzheimer's disease and Alzheimer's related dementias; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

HB 1034. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Schofield of the 63rd and Davis of the 87th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to financial institutions, so as to require that financial institutions provide customers the ability to place emergency holds on suspected fraudulent transactions; to amend Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the

Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to selling and other trade practices; to amend Chapter 9 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to forgery and fraudulent practices; to amend Chapter 15 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to victim compensation; to amend Chapter 15 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to the attorney general, so as to require that the Attorney General create public awareness and training initiatives regarding certain financial crimes; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Banks & Banking.

HB 1035. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th, Schofield of the 63rd, Greene of the 154th, Taylor of the 92nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 36, 44, 46, and 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government, property, public utilities and public transportation, and revenue and taxation, respectively, so as to prohibit local governments from adding unpaid service charges to the ad valorem tax roll for purposes of tax execution or tax sale of an owner occupied dwelling; to provide for civil remedies and penalties; to make conforming changes; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1036. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Schofield of the 63rd, Davis of the 87th, Taylor of the 92nd, Baker of the 64th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of specialized land transactions, so as to establish a binding referendum process allowing homeowners residing in communities governed by property owners' or homeowners' associations to vote on the continuation or dissolution of such associations; to provide for definitions; to provide for the legal effects of dissolution; to require transparency, nonretaliation, and consumer protections; to provide for the transition of essential shared infrastructure; to provide for enforcement and remedies; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for severability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1037. By Representatives Cummings of the 39th, Adesanya of the 43rd, Parsons of the 44th, Campbell of the 35th and Seabaugh of the 34th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Cobb County, approved March 26, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 3211), as amended, so as to change the compensation of judges of the State Court of Cobb County; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1038. By Representatives Griffin of the 149th, Hugley of the 141st, Miller of the 62nd, Davis of the 87th, Berry of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to provide for the repeal of Article 2 of Chapter 2B, the "Georgia Promise Scholarship Act"; to provide for the holding of an advisory referendum election to determine whether the qualified electors of the State of Georgia desire the repeal of the "Georgia Promise Scholarship Act"; to provide for legislative control and review with respect to providing for the appropriation and use of state funds for education to be used for qualified education expenses; to provide for related matters; to provide for severability; to provide for effective dates and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 1039. By Representatives Davis of the 87th, Scott of the 76th and Schofield of the 63rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 34 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the OneGeorgia Authority, so as to create the Georgia Corrective Investment and Pilot Expansion Fund and the Joint Legislative Oversight Commission on Georgia United Investment; to provide for state investment in impoverished communities across this state; to provide for criteria and limitations for disbursements from such fund; to create the Small Business Access and Resiliency Program; to provide for annual accounting; to provide for annual reporting; to provide for members and purpose of the commission; to provide for meetings and hearings; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Tourism.

HB 1040. By Representatives Au of the 50th, Buckner of the 137th, Greene of the 154th, Barnes of the 86th and Bazemore of the 69th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 12A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to smoke-free air, so as to prohibit smoking within a 25 foot radius of any state and local government buildings or enclosed public places; to prohibit smoking in certain previously exempt enclosed workplaces; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 1041. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th and Schofield of the 63rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to the juvenile code, so as to provide for the expedition of child custody and visitation modification hearings in certain circumstances; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for a definition; to provide for notice; to amend Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to domestic relations, so as to provide that denial of a court ordered visitation or parenting time may result in modification of custody or parenting time, suspension or reduction of child support, or other sanctions; to provide for definitions; to establish procedures and protections for enforcement; to provide for related matters; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Juvenile.

HB 1042. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Gunter of the 8th, Smith of the 18th, Evans of the 57th, Crawford of the 89th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 9, 15, and 23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to civil practice, courts, and equity, respectively, so as to provide for certain purchasers at judicial sales to submit a credit bid; to provide for the removal of the restriction on personally identifiable information after the death of a protected person; to provide penalties; to provide for the qualification of special masters in certain quiet title actions; to provide for definitions; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1043. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Schofield of the 63rd, Davis of the 87th, Bazemore of the 69th, Alexander of the 66th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to kidnapping, false imprisonment and related offenses, so as to create a unified, trauma informed state-wide system regarding youth trafficking; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to establish a state-wide care coordination office; to provide for training in hospitals, schools, the Division of Family and Children Services, law enforcement, and local governments; to provide for reporting requirements; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Juvenile.

HB 1044. By Representatives Roberts of the 52nd, Park of the 107th, Crawford of the 89th, Miller of the 62nd, Evans of the 57th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding torts, so as to provide for remedies for deprivation of constitutional rights of state citizens by civil immigration enforcement officers; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1045. By Representatives Herring of the 145th, Rice of the 139th, Hugley of the 141st, Olaleye of the 59th, Ballard of the 147th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student health in elementary and secondary education, so as to enact the "You Are Not Alone Awareness Act"; to require public schools that issue student identification badges to include certain information about the 9-8-8 crisis response hotline on such badges; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 1046. By Representatives Frye of the 122nd, Roberts of the 52nd, Gisler of the 121st, Sanchez of the 42nd, Bell of the 75th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to corporations, partnerships, and associations, so as to restrict the powers of business corporations, nonprofit corporations, partnerships, limited partnerships, and limited liability companies to only the powers the General Assembly expressly grants; to prohibit business corporations, nonprofit corporations, partnerships, limited partnerships, and limited liability companies from engaging in ballot issue activity and election activity; to provide for civil enforcement and enforcement by the Attorney General; to provide for equitable remedies; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1047. By Representatives Washburn of the 144th, Dickey of the 134th, Carpenter of the 4th, Prince of the 132nd, Frye of the 122nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to water and sewer projects and costs tax, so as to revise the definition of the term "municipality"; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1048. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Efstration of the 104th, Jones of the 47th, Donatucci of the 105th, Reeves of the 99th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to require the State Board of Education to adopt criteria for assessment and placement of students who are eligible for initial public school enrollment in first grade; to provide for parents and guardians of such students to elect for their children to be enrolled in kindergarten rather than first grade; to require the State Board of Education to adopt a model policy; to require local boards of education and other public school governing bodies to adopt placement and promotion policies; to provide for implementation; to provide for construction; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 1049. By Representatives Frye of the 122nd, Evans of the 57th, Gisler of the 121st, Sanchez of the 42nd, Bell of the 75th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding torts, so as to limit criminal penalties and civil damages of donors and gleaners that donate food and organizations that accept food; to provide for construction; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1050. By Representatives Frye of the 122nd, Evans of the 57th, Roberts of the 52nd, Gisler of the 121st, Sanchez of the 42nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 35-1-17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state and local law enforcement actions relating to immigration laws, authority, immunity, and penalty, so as to provide for the protection of student data from immigration officials under certain circumstances; to mandate the designation of a school administrator in each school district to be responsible for and adequately prepared for interactions with immigration enforcement personnel; to restrict the access to student records, with the exception of medical emergencies, unless a valid judicial warrant, order, or parental consent has been provided; to provide for legislative intent; to provide a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 1051. By Representatives Berry of the 56th, Glaize of the 67th, Bell of the 75th, Holly of the 116th and Schofield of the 63rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 27 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to loitering at or disrupting schools, so as to require collaborative written agreements for local school systems that assign or employ law enforcement officers in schools; to prohibit law enforcement officers from engaging in school disciplinary matters unless such matter involves criminal conduct or an immediate threat to the safety of a person or the school; to require local boards of education for such local school systems to establish policies for student complaints against law enforcement officers; to provide dates of implementation; to provide for

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

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 1052. By Representatives Berry of the 56th, Ali of the 106th, Evans of the 57th, Sanchez of the 42nd, Lupton of the 83rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Student Finance Authority, so as to establish a financial aid program to provide grants to eligible students to assist with off-campus housing expenses; to provide definitions; to provide for a maximum award amount; to provide for applications; to provide for rules, regulations, and procedures; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HB 1053. By Representatives Lim of the 98th, Romman of the 97th, Sanchez of the 42nd, Wilkerson of the 38th, Lupton of the 83rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 35 of the O.C.G.A., relating to law enforcement officers and agencies, so as to repeal provisions relating to local law enforcement involvement with immigration and cooperation with federal authorities; to amend Title 17 of the O.C.G.A., relating to criminal procedure, so as to repeal provisions relating to the verification of immigration status; to amend Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government, so as to repeal provisions relating to immigration sanctuary policies; to amend Title 42 of the O.C.G.A., relating to penal institutions, so as to repeal provisions relating to reports regarding foreign-born inmates in custody, compliance with immigration detainer notices, and reporting requirements; to amend Title 45 of the O.C.G.A., relating to public officers and employees; to amend Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to state government, so as to make confirming changes; laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 1054. By Representatives Moore of the 91st, McQueen of the 61st, Cannon of the 58th and Bell of the 75th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to health, so as to provide that persons doing business in this state shall not expose

individuals to chemicals known to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity without first giving clear and reasonable warning nor discharge such chemicals into drinking water; to provide for the content and manner of the giving of such warnings; to provide for exceptions; to provide that the Governor shall publish lists of such chemicals; to authorize the Attorney General and, under specified conditions, district attorneys and other persons to seek injunctions and civil penalties; to provide for the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Fund and its purposes and funding; to provide for related matters; to provide a contingent effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HR 1046. By Representatives Kendrick of the 95th and Flournoy of the 74th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that any property owner in a condominium, property owners' development, or similar common interest ownership structure shall have standing to bring an action to challenge the unauthorized possession of other property located within the same condominium, property owners' development, or other common ownership interest structure; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HR 1047. By Representatives Kendrick of the 95th, Evans of the 57th and Clark of the 108th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Georgia so as to set the rate of the ad valorem tax assessment of a single-family residential property to 100 percent of its fair market value when such property is owned by a business enterprise with an interest in at least 100 single-family residential properties within this state which are used primarily for the purpose of generating rental income; to provide for the subclassification of business enterprise property for ad valorem taxation purposes; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HR 1048. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th and McClain of the 109th:

A RESOLUTION urging the introduction, consideration, and adoption of the Georgia Bereaved Parents and Family Support Act of 2026 to provide job-

protected bereavement leave for parents who experience the death of a child; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Industry and Labor.

HR 1049. By Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Griffin of the 149th, Berry of the 56th, Park of the 107th and Jones of the 143rd:

A RESOLUTION designating the Wednesday of the last week in October of each year as "Fentanyl and Opioid Awareness Day" in Georgia; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1050. By Representatives Greene of the 154th, Dunahoo of the 31st, Beckles of the 96th, Buckner of the 137th and Flournoy of the 74th:

A RESOLUTION authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned property in Clayton County; authorizing the lease of certain state owned property in Dawson County; authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned property in DeKalb County; authorizing the lease of certain state owned property in Troup County; to provide an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State Properties.

HR 1051. By Representatives Greene of the 154th, Dunahoo of the 31st, Beckles of the 96th, Buckner of the 137th and Flournoy of the 74th:

A RESOLUTION authorizing the granting of non-exclusive easements for the construction, operation and maintenance of facilities, utilities, roads, and ingress and egress in, on, over, under, upon, across, or through property owned by the State of Georgia in Baldwin, Bartow, Bulloch, Camden, Catoosa, Chattooga, Clayton, Colquitt, DeKalb, Emanuel, Glynn, Habersham, Hall, Laurens, McDuffie, Morgan, Oconee, Paulding, Peach, Talbot, Tift, and Walton Counties, Georgia and Hamilton County, Tennessee; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State Properties.

HR 1052. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Fleming of the 114th, Panitch of the 51st and Reeves of the 99th:

A RESOLUTION expressing support for the designation of a State Prader-Willi Syndrome Awareness Day to raise awareness of and promote research on the disorder; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1053. By Representatives Clark of the 100th and Martinez of the 111th:

A RESOLUTION to urge the appropriate state and local authorities to consider renaming Sawnee Mountain located in Forsyth County, Georgia, as Trump Mountain to recognize the historic significance of President Donald J. Trump's leadership and legacy and to commemorate the Trump Town Hall held in Forsyth County during the 2024 presidential campaign; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination.

HR 1054. By Representatives Berry of the 56th, Hugley of the 141st, Park of the 107th, Miller of the 62nd, Mitchell of the 88th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on the Effects of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (H.R. 1); and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

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

HB 1000
HB 1001
HB 1002
HB 1003
HB 1004
HB 1005
HB 1006
HB 1007
HB 1008
HB 1009
HB 1010
HB 1011
HB 1012
HB 1013
HB 1014
HR 1032
HR 1033

Representative Bonner of the 73rd District, Chairman of the Committee on Defense and Veterans Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Defense and Veterans Affairs has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 110 Do Pass
HB 985 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Bonner of the 73rd
Chairman

Representative Parsons of the 44th District, Chairman of the Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Telecommunications, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Telecommunications has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 998 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parsons of the 44th
Chairman

Representative Gunter of the 8th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 557 Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 960 Do Pass
HR 251 Do Pass
HB 676 Do Pass
HB 999 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Gunter of the 8th
Chairman

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

SB 407. By Senators Dickerson of the 21st, Albers of the 56th and Kirkpatrick of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a homestead exemption from Cherokee County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes, through tax year 2031, in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for related matters; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 896. By Representatives Clark of the 100th, Dubnik of the 29th, Hawkins of the 27th, Cox of the 28th, Hong of the 103rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of Hall County to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

SB 407. By Senators Dickerson of the 21st, Albers of the 56th and Kirkpatrick of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a homestead exemption from Cherokee County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes, through tax year 2031, in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for related matters; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with

constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

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

Representatives Herring of the 145th, Douglas of the 78th, Clark of the 108th et al., Au of the 50th et al., Gilliard of the 162nd et al., Schofield of the 63rd et al., Washburn of the 144th et al., Mathiak of the 82nd, Erwin of the 32nd et al., and Burchett of the 176th.

The following Bill of the House was taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 443. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Rhodes of the 124th, DeLoach of the 167th, Stephens of the 164th, Franklin of the 160th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 27-2-23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to license, permit, tag, and stamp fees, so as to provide for fees for reef and migratory fish endorsements; to provide for recreational and commercial fishing; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to standards, labeling, and adulteration of food, so as to repeal Article 18, relating to raw dairy; to repeal related provisions; to amend Code Section 27-2-23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to license, permit, tag, and stamp fees, so as to provide for fees for reef and migratory fish endorsements; to provide for recreational and commercial fishing; to provide for retention of certain fees; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 2 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to standards, labeling, and adulteration of food, is amended by repealing Article 18, relating to raw dairy,

and any references to such article and to "raw milk" as regulated by such article in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

SECTION 2.

Code Section 27-2-23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to license, permit, tag, and stamp fees, is amended by adding new subparagraphs to paragraph (4), revising paragraph (11), and adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(K) Resident reef/migratory fish endorsement	Annual	10.00
(L) Nonresident reef/migratory fish endorsement	Annual	20.00"

"(11) For wildlife that may be legally taken by recreational or commercial fishing gear as authorized in this title or by board rule, the board may designate which species of wildlife or species grouping of wildlife require a recreational or commercial fishing species endorsement for a fee shown in subparagraphs (K) and (L) of paragraph (4) or subparagraphs (C) and (D) of paragraph (6) of this Code section in addition to the required recreational or commercial fishing license. Each species or group of species so designated shall require a separate recreational or commercial fishing species endorsement."

"(12.1) Any fees collected pursuant to subparagraphs (K) and (L) of paragraph (4) of this Code section shall be retained by the department pursuant to Code Section 45-12-92.1."

SECTION 3.

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

The following amendment was read and adopted:

Representative Petrea of the 166th offers the following amendment:

Amend HB 443 by replacing lines 1 through 3 with the following:
To amend Code Section 27-2-23 of the Official Code of Georgia

By deleting lines 10 through 14.

By replacing line 29 with:
endorsement. Each person who holds an endorsement pursuant to the provisions of this Code section shall report such information as required by the department at such times and in such manner as the board provides by rule or regulation."

By replacing "**SECTION 3.**" *with* "**SECTION 2.**" *on line 32.*

Representative Petrea of the 166th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute, as amended by the House, to HB 443.

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

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Y Ballard
Y Barnes
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Y Beckles
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Y Clark, D
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Y Cox
Y Crawford
Y Crowe
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Y Davis
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Y DeLoach
Y Dempsey
Y Dickey
Y Donatucci
Y Douglas
Y Draper
Y Drenner
Y Dubnik
Y Dunahoo
Y Efstration
Y Ehrhart
Y Erwin
Y Evans
Y Fincher
Y Fleming
Y Flournoy
Y Ford
Y Franklin
Y Frye
Y Gaines
Y Gambill
Y Gilliard
Y Gisler
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Y Greene
Y Griffin
Y Gullett
Y Gunter
Y Hagan
Y Hatchett
Y Hawkins
Y Herring
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Y Holland
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Y Howard, J
Y Howard, K
Y Huddleston
Y Hugley
Y Jackson, D
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Y Meeks
Y Miller
Y Mitchell
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Y Persinger
Y Petrea
Y Powell
Y Prince
Y Reese
Y Reeves
Y Rhodes
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Y Roberts
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Y Sainz
Y Sampson
Y Sanchez
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Y Schofield
Y Scoggins
Y Scott
Y Seabaugh
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Y Stephens
Y Stinson
Y Tarvin
Y Taylor, D
Y Taylor, R
Y Thomas
Y Townsend
Y Tran
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VACANT 130
Y Wade
Y Washburn
Y Werkheiser
Y Westbrook
Y Wilkerson
Y Williams, A
Y Williams, MF
Y Williams, N
Y Williamson
Y Willis
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Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 165, nays 2.

The motion prevailed.

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

Representatives Sharper of the 177th, Bell of the 75th, Park of the 107th et al., Camp of the 135th et al., Ali of the 106th et al., Lim of the 98th et al., Schofield of the 63rd et al.,

Hugley of the 141st, Townsend of the 179th et al., Taylor of the 92nd, and Dempsey of the 13th et al.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1115. By Representative Glaize of the 67th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Myrtle Lavonne Johnson Odom; and for other purposes.

HR 1116. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th, Donatucci of the 105th, Cameron of the 1st and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring all cancer patients, survivors, and their families as well as recognizing February 4, 2026, and Cancer Action Day; and for other purposes.

HR 1117. By Representatives Santos of the 117th and Kahaian of the 81st:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Steve Dale Golden; and for other purposes.

HR 1118. By Representatives Buckner of the 137th, Hugley of the 141st, Rice of the 139th, Smith of the 138th and Reese of the 140th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Charles "Chuck" Leonard Mashburn; and for other purposes.

HR 1119. By Representatives Clark of the 100th, Reeves of the 99th, Hilton of the 48th, Hong of the 103rd and Donatucci of the 105th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Joshua Gerard Cardiello; and for other purposes.

HR 1120. By Representatives Herring of the 145th, Washburn of the 144th, Flournoy of the 74th, Jones of the 143rd, Paris of the 142nd and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the efforts of YKK AP America Inc. for their significant contributions to economic development, manufacturing innovation, and community partnerships in Middle Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 1121. By Representatives Clark of the 100th, Reeves of the 99th, Hilton of the 48th, Hong of the 103rd and Donatucci of the 105th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Jacob Allen Cardiello; and for other purposes.

HR 1122. By Representatives Jackson of the 68th, Schofield of the 63rd, Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th and Mitchell of the 88th:

A RESOLUTION memorializing the victims of the Thiokol Chemical Corporation explosion of 1971; and for other purposes.

HR 1123. By Representatives Oliver of the 84th, Powell of the 33rd, Campbell of the 35th, Buckner of the 137th, Leverett of the 123rd and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the marriage and family therapists of Georgia and recognizing February 11, 2026, as Marriage and Family Therapy Day at the Capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1124. By Representatives Kahaian of the 81st, Stinson of the 150th, Martinez of the 111th, Reeves of the 99th, Griffin of the 149th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 17, 2026, as Blood Plasma Donation Awareness Day in Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 1125. By Representatives Beckles of the 96th, Ford of the 170th, Hugley of the 141st, Efstration of the 104th, Gisler of the 121st and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and honoring the life, service, and legacy of Mayor Waymond Smith of Alapaha, Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 1126. By Representative Cannon of the 58th:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Ron Zirpoli; and for other purposes.

HR 1127. By Representatives Herring of the 145th, Jones of the 143rd, Paris of the 142nd, Washburn of the 144th and Griffin of the 149th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Middle Georgia State University School of Aviation for its excellence in aerospace education, its record-breaking growth, and its vital role in fueling the aviation workforce of Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 1128. By Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Okoye of the 102nd, Clark of the 108th, Beckles of the 96th and Ali of the 106th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Chestnut Grove Baptist Church on the occasion of its 175th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 1129. By Representatives Herring of the 145th, Jones of the 143rd, Paris of the 142nd, Washburn of the 144th, Reeves of the 99th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Penny L. Elkins, Ph.D.; and for other purposes.

HR 1130. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th and Scoggins of the 14th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the Good Neighbor Homeless Shelter upon 30 years of dedicated service; and for other purposes.

HR 1131. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Erwin of the 32nd, Persinger of the 119th, Clifton of the 131st, Fleming of the 114th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Mike Dunham on his outstanding career with the Associated General Contractors of Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 1132. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Erwin of the 32nd, Dubnik of the 29th, Persinger of the 119th, Scoggins of the 14th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February as Career and Technical Education Month and February 4, 2026, as Georgia Career and Technical Student Organizations Day at the State Capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1133. By Representatives Glaize of the 67th, McDonald III of the 26th, Efstration of the 104th, Dempsey of the 13th, Paris of the 142nd and others:

A RESOLUTION celebrating the 250th anniversary of the United States Postal Service and reaffirming support for its continued public service to the American people; and for other purposes.

HR 1134. By Representatives Mitchell of the 88th, Davis of the 87th, Holcomb of the 101st, Drenner of the 85th and Barnes of the 86th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the City of Tucker upon its 10th anniversary and recognizing May 2, 2026, as Tucker Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1135. By Representatives Mitchell of the 88th, Davis of the 87th, Holcomb of the 101st, Drenner of the 85th and Barnes of the 86th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and honoring the City of Tucker, Georgia, on the occasion of its 10th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 1136. By Representatives Erwin of the 32nd, Gambill of the 15th, Ballard of the 147th, Wade of the 9th, Donatucci of the 105th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Ms. Shantelle Grant on the occasion of her selection as the 2025 Georgia Public Library Employee of the Year; and for other purposes.

HR 1137. By Representatives Cummings of the 39th, Parsons of the 44th, Williams of the 37th, Adesanya of the 43rd, Campbell of the 35th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating Sonic Edge of Pebblebrook High School for winning the 2025 International Championship of High School A Cappella; and for other purposes.

HR 1138. By Representatives Davis of the 87th, Scott of the 76th, Schofield of the 63rd, Burnough of the 77th, Taylor of the 92nd and others:

A RESOLUTION celebrating the first HOA, COA, and POA Day at the capitol and recognizing the importance of civic engagement with homeowners across Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 1139. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Scott of the 76th and Davis of the 87th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 4, 2026, as City of Hapeville Day at the Georgia State Capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1140. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th, Lewis-Ward of the 115th, Erwin of the 32nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 19, 2026, as Lupus Advocacy Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1141. By Representative Corbett of the 174th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 10, 2026, as Dyslexia Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1142. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Jackson of the 68th, Hugley of the 141st and Mitchell of the 88th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing January 29, 2026, as Doula Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1143. By Representative Mitchell of the 88th:

A RESOLUTION celebrating the continued observance of March 5 as Small Business Day and designating March 5, 2026, as Corporate and Entrepreneurial Women in Leadership Day at the Georgia State Capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1144. By Representative Mitchell of the 88th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 19, 2026, as Girls Empowerment Day, GlobalHer Justice Day, and the World Day of Social Justice; and for other purposes.

HR 1145. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Lupton of the 83rd, Kelley of the 16th, Williamson of the 112th, Bonner of the 73rd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Taiwan for its relations with the United States and the state of Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 1146. By Representatives Carter of the 93rd, Hugley of the 141st, Jones of the 143rd, Okoye of the 102nd, Beckles of the 96th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending The BoykinZ; and for other purposes

HR 1147. By Representatives Okoye of the 102nd, McClain of the 109th, Beckles of the 96th, Adeyina of the 110th and Ali of the 106th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Mrs. Lena B. Williams; and for other purposes.

HR 1148. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th, Jackson of the 68th and Cameron of the 1st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Association of Nutrition and Foodservice Professionals; and for other purposes.

HR 1149. By Representatives Greene of the 154th, Sampson of the 153rd, Cheokas of the 151st, Yearta of the 152nd and Gullett of the 19th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 11, 2026, as Albany-Dougherty County Day at the capitol, commending the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce, and inviting community partners and leadership to be recognized by the Georgia House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

HR 1150. By Representatives Martinez of the 111th, Chastain of the 7th, Clifton of the 131st, Sainz of the 180th, Clark of the 100th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the members of the Georgia Black Republican Council; and for other purposes.

HR 1151. By Representatives Martinez of the 111th, Chastain of the 7th, Clifton of the 131st, Sainz of the 180th, Clark of the 100th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 4, 2026, as Hispanic Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1152. By Representatives Mitchell of the 88th and McClain of the 109th:

A RESOLUTION celebrating the second year of recognition of Trinity International University of Ambassadors Corp. (FL), the TIUA School of Business, the Trinity International Chaplaincy Institute, and Trinity Girls Network Corp.; and establishing the TIUA International Day of Education in alignment with the International Day of Education; and for other purposes.

HR 1153. By Representatives Mitchell of the 88th and McClain of the 109th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing June 7, 2026, as TIUA School of Business Entrepreneur Day; and for other purposes.

HR 1154. By Representatives Williams of the 168th and DeLoach of the 167th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Geneva Wilkins Jones; and for other purposes.

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

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

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Thursday, January 29, 2026

Ninth Legislative Day

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

The following communication was received:

House of Representatives
Coverdell Legislative Office Building
Room #409 C
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

January 29, 2026

Dear Mr. Reilly,

I need to share my intended agree vote for HB 443 on Jan. 28, 2026 as I was off the House floor and missed the vote.

Thank you,

Representative Lydia Glaize

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

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Alexander	Crawford	Hatchett	McClain	Sampson
Ali	Crowe	Hawkins	McCollum	Sanchez
Anderson	Cummings	Herring	McDonald	Santos
Au	Davis	Hilton	McQueen	Schofield
Baker	Dawson	Hitchens	Meeks	Scoggins
Ballard	DeLoach	Holcomb	Mitchell	Scott
Barnes	Dickey	Holland	Momtahan	Seabaugh
Barrett	Donatucci	Holly	Moore	Sharper
Barton	Douglas	Hong	Myles	E Silcox
Bazemore	Draper	Horner	New	Smith, L
Beckles	Drenner	Howard, J	E Newton	Smith, M
Bell	Dubnik	Howard, K	Okoye	Smith, TP
Berry	Dunahoo	Huddleston	Olaleye	Smith, V
Blackmon	Efstration	Hugley	Oliver	Stephens
Bonner	Ehrhart	Jackson, D	O'Steen	Stinson
Buckner	Erwin	Jackson, M	Panitch	Tarvin

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

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

Representatives Burchett of the 176th, Dempsey of the 13th, Lim of the 98th, Lupton of the 83rd, Miller of the 62nd, Neal of the 79th, Paris of the 142nd, and Washburn of the 144th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Elder Claude Harris, Jr., New Life Worship Center, Augusta, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

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

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

The Journal was confirmed.

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

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

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

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

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

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

HB 1055. By Representatives Holly of the 116th, Mitchell of the 88th, Cummings of the 39th, Jones of the 143rd and Myles of the 126th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to landlord and tenant, so as to prohibit certain entities from owning 25 or more single-family homes; to provide for the filing of certain information with the Secretary of State; to provide for inspections; to provide for civil actions by the Attorney General to enforce the provisions; to provide for private rights of action; to provide for damages and remedies; to provide for equitable and injunctive relief; to provide for joinder; to provide for joint and several liability; to provide for construction; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative purpose; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1056. By Representatives Townsend of the 179th, Erwin of the 32nd, Glaize of the 67th, Donatucci of the 105th, Stephens of the 164th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student health in elementary and secondary education, so as to replace the term "auto-injectable epinephrine" with "epinephrine" and to consolidate provisions relating to epinephrine and schools; to revise a definition; to make conforming changes; to amend Chapter 4 of Title 26 and Chapter 1 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pharmacists and pharmacies and general provisions relative to health, respectively, so as to replace the term "auto-injectable epinephrine" with "epinephrine" and make conforming changes; to revise a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 1057. By Representatives Kendrick of the 95th, Efstration of the 104th, Park of the 107th, Reeves of the 99th, Hong of the 103rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to continue and re-create the State Court of Gwinnett County, approved March 23, 1977 (Ga. L. 1977, p. 3331), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 2, 2022 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 6031), so as to provide for an eighth judge for the State Court of Gwinnett County beginning January 1, 2027; to provide for a ninth judge for said court beginning January 1, 2028; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1058. By Representatives Buckner of the 137th, Smith of the 138th, Camp of the 135th, Rice of the 139th, Hagan of the 156th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 27 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to group life insurance, so as to authorize tax-exempt organizations to be beneficiaries of employee group life insurance policies; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

HB 1059. By Representatives Jackson of the 68th, Schofield of the 63rd, Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th and Mitchell of the 88th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding public utilities and public transportation, so as to enact the "Data Center Impact Assessment and Development Moratorium Act of 2026"; to prohibit the construction or development of new data centers for a specified time; to establish the Data Center Impact Assessment Commission; to provide for membership, terms, meetings, and compensation of such committee; to provide an effective date; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation.

HB 1060. By Representatives Jackson of the 68th, Scott of the 76th, Schofield of the 63rd and Davis of the 87th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to crimes and offenses, so as to limit the lawful authority of law enforcement officers in certain situations; to amend Title 17 of the O.C.G.A., relating to criminal procedure, so as to restrict the use of deadly force by law enforcement officers; to provide for a definition; to amend Title 35 of the O.C.G.A., relating to law enforcement officers and agencies, so as to prohibit law enforcement officers from wearing face coverings during routine operations; to amend Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to require law enforcement to comply with Code Section 35-1-25 when signaling for a vehicle to stop; to provide for a short title; to provide legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 1061. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Burchett of the 176th, Reeves of the 99th, Gunter of the 8th, Santos of the 117th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Juvenile Code, so as to enact the "Mandi Ballinger Act"; to provide for an implementation committee; to provide for the powers, composition, and appointment of such committee; to change the jurisdiction of the juvenile court to include certain children who are 17 years of age; to amend Titles 15, 16, 17, 27, 37, 42, and 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, crimes and offenses, criminal procedure, game and fish, mental health, penal institutions, and social services, respectively, so as to make conforming cross-references; to provide for effective dates and automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Juvenile.

HB 1062. By Representatives Rice of the 139th, Hilton of the 48th, Cheokas of the 151st, Ballard of the 147th, Glaize of the 67th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the State School Superintendent, so as to require the Department of Education to publish relevant and applicable federal guidance documents and related information; to provide for definitions; to provide for construction; to require annual notice from the State School Superintendent to designated committees and offices of the General Assembly and the Office of Planning and Budget; to authorize the State Board of Education to adopt rules; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 1063. By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Burns of the 159th, Cannon of the 172nd, Donatucci of the 105th, Hilton of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to generation and distribution of electricity generally, so as to require electric utilities to protect residential and retail electricity customers from costs associated with data center construction and operation; to require certain contract terms and conditions; to provide for an applicability date; to provide for enforcement; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications.

HB 1064. By Representatives Rice of the 139th, Gambill of the 15th, Martin of the 49th, Barrett of the 24th, Townsend of the 179th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to revise provisions relating to standardized college admissions tests, to include the Classic Learning Test (CLT) among tests such as the SAT and ACT; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HB 1065. By Representatives Smith of the 138th, Rice of the 139th, Buckner of the 137th, Huddleston of the 72nd and Jenkins of the 136th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of West Point ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of $100,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 65 years of age or older and whose income does not exceed $50,000.00; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1066. By Representatives Wade of the 9th, Powell of the 33rd, Mathiak of the 82nd, Smith of the 18th, Bonner of the 73rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 41 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding nuisances, so as to provide immunity from public and private nuisance claims; to provide for immunity for nuisance claims based on changed conditions; to permit nuisance claims for changed conditions relating to changes in the historical operating schedule; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 1067. By Representatives Smith of the 138th, Huddleston of the 72nd, Jenkins of the 136th, Buckner of the 137th and Rice of the 139th:

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

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1068. By Representatives Davis of the 87th, Schofield of the 63rd and Scott of the 76th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapters 1 and 4 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding the General Assembly and legislative services, respectively, so as to provide for additional office expense funding; to provide for additional funding for constituent services for members of the General Assembly; to provide for the creation, staffing, funding, duties, and procedures for the Office of Constituent Services; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings and intent; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight.

HB 1069. By Representatives Dunahoo of the 31st, Carpenter of the 4th, Smith of the 18th, Horner of the 3rd, Scoggins of the 14th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to vital records, so as to require the Department of Public Health to publish and maintain statistical reports relating to induced terminations of pregnancy notwithstanding requirements on the department for physician confidentiality; to provide for exceptions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1070. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th, Jasperse of the 11th, Tarvin of the 2nd, Greene of the 154th and Cox of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income tax imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits, so as to increase and extend an income tax credit for expenditures on the maintenance of railroad track owned or leased by Class III railroads; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1071. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, McClain of the 109th, Davis of the 87th, Scott of the 76th, Holly of the 116th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Labor, so as to provide for protections for employees from occupational heat exposure; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Industry and Labor.

HB 1072. By Representatives Townsend of the 179th, Stephens of the 164th, Smith of the 70th, Buckner of the 137th, Franklin of the 160th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 12-2-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Environmental Protection Division, Environmental Advisory Council, duties of council and its members and director, appeal procedures generally, permit applications, and inspections, so

as to authorize the director of the Environmental Protection Division to investigate and consider out-of-state regulatory history when processing applications for certain permits; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources & Environment.

HB 1073. By Representatives Carter of the 93rd, Hugley of the 141st, McClain of the 109th, Douglas of the 78th, Powell of the 33rd and others:

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

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

HB 1074. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Park of the 107th, Hong of the 103rd, Clark of the 100th, Efstration of the 104th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Suwanee ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes for residents of that city; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1075. By Representatives Chastain of the 7th, Gunter of the 8th, Smith of the 18th, Hagan of the 156th, Camp of the 135th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sexual offenses, so as to modify the penalty for offenders previously convicted of the offense of trafficking of persons for labor or sexual servitude; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 1076. By Representatives Ehrhart of the 36th, Burchett of the 176th, Crowe of the 118th, Sainz of the 180th and Smith of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to obstruction of public administration and related offenses, so as to create the felony offense of obstruction of a law enforcement officer with a motor vehicle; to provide for punishment; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 1077. By Representatives Williams of the 148th, Corbett of the 174th, Cannon of the 172nd, Smith of the 18th, Buckner of the 137th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from sales and use taxes, so as to extend the sunset date applicable to the exemption for sales of tickets, fees, and charges of admission to certain museums and fine arts performances or exhibitions at nonprofit facilities; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1078. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Tarvin of the 2nd, Horner of the 3rd, Barrett of the 24th, Powell of the 33rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 13 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to the "Georgia Administrative Procedure Act," so as to provide for periodic review and automatic sunset of agency rules; to provide for notice to agencies subject to review; to require that agencies review and report upon rules and regulatory requirements in preparation for review; to provide for forms and reporting procedures; to provide for public hearings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 1079. By Representatives Jones of the 143rd, Hilton of the 48th, Stephens of the 164th, Washburn of the 144th, Herring of the 145th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-7-29.8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax credits for the rehabilitation of historic structures, so as to revise expiration and transferability; to provide for reversion and reporting; to provide for construction; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1080. By Representatives Neal of the 79th, Crowe of the 118th, Hitchens of the 161st and Cheokas of the 151st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6A of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, so as to create the Georgia Public Safety Support Fund to provide support to certain law enforcement agencies and courts; to provide for purposes and authority of the fund; to provide for sources of funding; to create a board of trustees; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide legislative findings and declarations; to provide for related matters; to provide for severability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 1081. By Representatives Neal of the 79th, Jones of the 25th, Oliver of the 84th and Dempsey of the 13th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 30 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to protection of disabled adults and elder persons, so as to provide for adults with cognitive decline to be considered disabled adults; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Human Relations & Aging.

HB 1082. By Representatives Martinez of the 111th, Kahaian of the 81st, Chastain of the 7th, Donatucci of the 105th, Clark of the 100th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and observances, so as to designate November 7 of each year as "Victims of Communism Day"; to provide for observances; to require certain public school students to receive related instruction; to provide legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1103. By Representatives Holly of the 116th, Moore of the 91st, Mitchell of the 88th, Jones of the 143rd, Cummings of the 39th and others:

A RESOLUTION encouraging state and local governments to assist with reducing Wall Street landlord ownership of residential properties to help this state flourish; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1104. By Representatives Washburn of the 144th, Dickey of the 134th, Rhodes of the 124th, Corbett of the 174th, Frye of the 122nd and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that the governing authority of any county or consolidated government shall be authorized to impose a sales and use tax in such county or consolidated government for the purpose of providing property tax relief in such county or consolidated government; to provide for conditions and limitations; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HR 1105. By Representatives Jackson of the 68th, Schofield of the 63rd, Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th and Mitchell of the 88th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Georgia so as to provide for the creation of the Georgia Independent Redistricting Commission; to provide for definitions; to provide for the manner of selection of members; to provide for its composition; to provide for qualifications and compensation; to provide for its duties and responsibilities; to provide for restricting criteria; to provide for the manner of challenges; to provide certain remedies; to limit the role of the General Assembly; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Reapportionment and Redistricting.

HR 1106. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Davis of the 87th, Scott of the 76th, Mitchell of the 88th and Clark of the 108th:

A RESOLUTION urging state-wide support for passage of the "Audiology Practice Modernization Act," to modernize the scope of the practice of audiology; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1107. By Representative Mitchell of the 88th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and supporting the Family Restoration and Re-Entry Program as a comprehensive framework for restoring families and communities; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1108. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th and Schofield of the 63rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the urgent need to equip Georgia's students with the skills of critical media consumption to limit political polarization, strengthen civic reasoning, and reduce susceptibility to misinformation; encouraging the State Board of Education and the Georgia Department of Education to adopt and implement standards and professional learning supports for grades 9-12; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1109. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Schofield of the 63rd and Davis of the 87th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the urgent need for sentencing alternatives and treatment programs for Georgians with serious mental illness; commending the General Assembly for advancing the "Mental Health Sentencing and Treatment Alternatives Act"; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1110. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th and Schofield of the 63rd:

A RESOLUTION urging the General Assembly to support the enactment of legislation to establish and maintain a comprehensive electronic inpatient psychiatric bed registry in Georgia as provided in the proposed bill described herein; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1111. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th and Schofield of the 63rd:

A RESOLUTION encouraging bipartisan support for and the promotion of critical media consumption and literacy education in Georgia's public high schools as a tool to reduce political polarization and strengthen both civic and civil discourse; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1112. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th and Schofield of the 63rd:

A RESOLUTION urging statewide support for the "Georgia Menstrual Equity Act of 2026," an act promoting equitable access to menstrual products to reduce period poverty, improve public health, and support student success; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1113. By Representatives Barrett of the 24th, Efstration of the 104th, Gaines of the 120th, Tarvin of the 2nd, Cannon of the 172nd and others:

A RESOLUTION urging the Congress of the United States to recognize chronic federal deficit spending as a root cause of inflation and long-term economic instability; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1114. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Burns of the 159th, Efstration of the 104th, Hatchett of the 155th, Cannon of the 172nd and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to remove the cap on benefits granted pursuant to the Homeowner's Incentive Adjustment clause; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

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

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Representative Rhodes of the 124th District, Chairman of the Committee on Game, Fish and Parks, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Game, Fish and Parks has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 946 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Rhodes of the 124th
Chairman

Representative Anderson of the 10th District, Chairman of the Committee on Governmental Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Governmental Affairs has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 140 Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 903 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Anderson of the 10th
Chairman

Representative Hawkins of the 27th District, Chairman of the Committee on Health, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 522 Do Pass
SB 195 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Hawkins of the 27th
Chairman

Representative Werkheiser of the 157th District, Chairman of the Committee on Industry and Labor, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Industry and Labor has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 987 Do Pass
HB 991 Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1015 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Werkheiser of the 157th
Chairman

Representative Crowe of the 118th District, Chairman of the Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 295	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 350	Do Pass
SB 29	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Crowe of the 118th
Chairman

Representative Hagan of the 156th District, Chairman of the Committee on Rural Development, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 659	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Hagan of the 156th
Chairman

Representative Cheokas of the 151st District, Chairman of the Committee on Small Business Development, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 704 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Cheokas of the 151st
Chairman

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

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2026

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 9th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

HR 1008 State-wide water management plan; ratify amendments (NR&E-Smith-70th)

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

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has disagreed to the House substitute to the following bill of the Senate:

SB 9. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Still of the 48th, Esteves of the 35th, Rahman of the 5th, Cowsert of the 46th and others:

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

The Senate has agreed to the House substitute to the following bill of the Senate:

SB 148. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th and Rahman of the 5th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 11 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public school property and facilities, so as to provide for an outdoor learning spaces pilot program; to provide for a pilot program evaluation and report; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

Representatives Cannon of the 58th et al., Dempsey of the 13th, Cheokas of the 151st et al., and McQueen of the 61st et al.

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

HR 1008. By Representatives Smith of the 70th, Dickey of the 134th, Corbett of the 174th, Townsend of the 179th and Smith of the 138th:

A RESOLUTION to ratify amendments to a certain comprehensive state-wide water management plan; to provide for force and effect; to provide for construction; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

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Y Yearta
Burns, Speaker

On the adoption of the Resolution, the ayes were 168, nays 0.

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

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

Representatives Beckles of the 96th et al., Evans of the 57th et al., Ali of the 106th et al., Jasperse of the 11th, Draper of the 90th et al., Anderson of the 10th, Gisler of the 121st, Glaize of the 67th, and Prince of the 132nd.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1158. By Representatives Carter of the 93rd, Jones of the 143rd, Herring of the 145th, Flournoy of the 74th, Beckles of the 96th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Eboni Hall; and for other purposes.

HR 1159. By Representative Yearta of the 152nd:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Worth County High School football team for winning the 2025 GHSA Class A Division 1 State Football Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 1160. By Representative Draper of the 90th:

A RESOLUTION commemorating Imam Abdul-Hamed's ten years of leadership and acknowledging the Masjid's more than six decades of service to the people of Atlanta and the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 1161. By Representative Draper of the 90th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 5, 2026, as Latino Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1162. By Representative Jackson of the 165th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing His Excellency Victor Emmanuel Smith, Ambassador of the Republic of Ghana to the United States of America; and for other purposes.

HR 1163. By Representatives Buckner of the 137th, Hugley of the 141st, Reese of the 140th, Burnough of the 77th, Taylor of the 92nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 3, 2026, as Girl Scout Day at the state capitol and commending Girl Scouts as a national leader in providing the best leadership development experience in the world to American girls; and for other purposes.

HR 1164. By Representatives Jenkins of the 136th, Ballard of the 147th and Blackmon of the 146th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Roberta Ravold Barr; and for other purposes.

HR 1165. By Representatives Kendrick of the 95th, Hugley of the 141st, Jones of the 143rd and Willis of the 55th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 2, 2026, as Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Day at the State Capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1166. By Representatives Carter of the 93rd, Paris of the 142nd, Beckles of the 96th, Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Friday, February 6, 2026, as National Wear Red Day; and for other purposes.

HR 1167. By Representatives Carter of the 93rd, Berry of the 56th, Beckles of the 96th, Paris of the 142nd and Holly of the 116th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Yolanda Vanessa Kendrick McColumn upon her retirement; and for other purposes.

HR 1168. By Representatives Carter of the 93rd, Paris of the 142nd, Beckles of the 96th, Berry of the 56th and Holly of the 116th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Evelyn Sermons upon her retirement; and for other purposes.

HR 1169. By Representatives Burns of the 159th and Hitchens of the 161st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Effingham County Chamber of Commerce, the Effingham County Industrial Development Authority, and their partners in conjunction with Effingham Day at the Capitol for exceptional leadership, collaboration, and economic impact in Effingham County; and for other purposes.

HR 1170. By Representatives Crawford of the 89th, Griffin of the 149th, Sampson of the 153rd, Reese of the 140th and Willis of the 55th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 10, 2026, as Omega Day at the Georgia State Capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1171. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Greene of the 154th, Jones of the 47th, Parrish of the 158th, Hugley of the 141st and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the Georgia Aquarium on its 20th Anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 1172. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Hong of the 103rd, Efstration of the 104th, Clark of the 108th, Donatucci of the 105th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 10, 2026, as Dr. Indran B. Indrakrishnan Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1173. By Representatives Jones of the 47th, Erwin of the 32nd, Rice of the 139th, Ballard of the 147th, Hilton of the 48th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 18, 2026, as Early Childhood Education Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1174. By Representatives Jones of the 47th and Martin of the 49th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Audrey Kittila, Miss Georgia 2025; and for other purposes.

HR 1175. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, O'Steen of the 169th, Hawkins of the 27th, Efstration of the 104th and Cooper of the 45th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 7-14, 2026, as Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1176. By Representatives O'Steen of the 169th, Dickey of the 134th, Meeks of the 178th, Corbett of the 174th and Huddleston of the 72nd:

A RESOLUTION commending the Georgia FFA Association and recognizing February 24, 2026, as FFA Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House do now adjourn until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Monday, February 2, 2026, and the motion prevailed.

Pursuant to the adjournment Resolution previously adopted by the House and Senate, the Speaker announced the House adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Monday, February 2, 2026.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Monday, February 2, 2026

Tenth Legislative Day

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

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

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

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

Representatives Carson of the 46th, Jasperse of the 11th, Reese of the 140th, Washburn of the 144th, and Willis of the 55th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Reverend Lon Harden, Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, Guyton, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

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

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

The Journal was confirmed.

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

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

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

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

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

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

HB 1083. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd and Powell of the 33rd:

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

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1084. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd and Powell of the 33rd:

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

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1085. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Burns of the 159th, Cannon of the 172nd, Burchett of the 176th, Buckner of the 137th and others:

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

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1086. By Representatives Chastain of the 7th, McDonald III of the 26th, Cannon of the 172nd, McCollum of the 30th, Jasperse of the 11th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of fire and other hazards to persons and property generally, so as to require notice to be posted upon certain buildings of the use of light-frame truss-type construction; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for enforcement; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

HB 1087. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Hitchens of the 161st, O'Steen of the 169th, Prince of the 132nd, Donatucci of the 105th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, so as to prohibit

counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental entities from charging disabled veterans certain fees related to residential improvements to be made to accommodate such veteran's disability status; to provide a definition; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Defense & Veterans Affairs.

HB 1088. By Representatives Mathiak of the 82nd, Reeves of the 99th, Jones of the 143rd, Greene of the 154th and Evans of the 57th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 9 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to chiropractors, so as to replace the term "chiropractor" with "chiropractic physician"; to amend Title 14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to corporations, partnerships, and associations, so as to provide for professional corporations jointly owned by chiropractic physicians and physicians; to amend Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public officers and employees, so as to provide for conforming changes in terminology; to amend various titles of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, so as to provide for conforming changes in terminology; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HB 1089. By Representatives Mathiak of the 82nd, Clark of the 100th, Hagan of the 156th, Byrd of the 20th and Kahaian of the 81st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 13 of Title 16 and Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to controlled substances and pharmacists and pharmacies, respectively, so as to provide for ivermectin as an over-the-counter medication in this state; to remove ivermectin from the definition of, exceptions to, and exemptions from dangerous drugs; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HB 1090. By Representative Corbett of the 174th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act revising, superseding, and consolidating the laws creating and governing the Board of Commissioners of Echols County, approved February 3, 1953 (Ga. L. 1953, Jan.-Feb. Sess., p.

2054), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 11, 2022 (Ga. L. 2022, p.5446), so as to provide that all of the county commissioners shall be elected from the county at large; to repeal the commission district plan; to provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1091. By Representative Corbett of the 174th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a nonbinding advisory referendum for the purpose of ascertaining whether the electors of Brantley County support a perimeter highway bypass around Waycross; to provide for legislative purposes and findings; to provide for a referendum; to provide for mandatory execution of election and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1092. By Representatives Yearta of the 152nd, Greene of the 154th, Cheokas of the 151st and Sampson of the 153rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create the Chehaw Park Authority, approved April 11, 1979 (Ga. L. 1979, p. 4515), as amended, particularly by an Act approved July 29, 2020 (Ga. L. 2020, p. 4056), so as to extend the existence of the authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1093. By Representatives Burchett of the 176th and Corbett of the 174th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a nonbinding advisory referendum for the purpose of ascertaining whether the electors of Ware County support a perimeter highway bypass around Waycross; to provide for legislative purposes and findings; to provide for a referendum; to provide for mandatory execution of election and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1094. By Representatives Davis of the 87th, Scott of the 76th and Schofield of the 63rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to revise provisions for the calculation and distribution of funds by the State Board of Education to local units of administration for student transportation programs; to provide for priorities for such grants; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 1095. By Representatives Powell of the 33rd, Tarvin of the 2nd, Ridley of the 6th and Jasperse of the 11th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of fireworks, so as to establish permanent consumer fireworks sales facilities; to establish temporary consumer fireworks sales facilities; to increase the number of temporary consumer retail fireworks sales facilities a distributor may operate; to provide for definitions; to revise penalties for violations of such chapter; to amend Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, so as to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

HB 1096. By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, Hatchett of the 155th, Sharper of the 177th, O'Steen of the 169th and Cooper of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to the Department of Public Health, so as to provide that if certain employees of a county board of health become employees of such department such employees will retain accrued annual and sick leave; to authorize rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 1097. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Dempsey of the 13th, Hilton of the 48th, Cameron of the 1st and Sainz of the 180th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mental health, so as to provide for criminal background, license status, and registry checks for owners, applicants, and employees of certain mental health facilities; to provide for the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities to submit fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Georgia Crime Information Center for the purpose of background checks to find disqualifying records; to provide for maintenance of personnel files; to provide for procedures relating to applicants or employees with ineligible determinations; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 1098. By Representatives Davis of the 87th, Scott of the 76th and Schofield of the 63rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 34 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the OneGeorgia Authority, so as to create the Georgia Investment Act Pilot Fund and the Joint Legislative Oversight Commission on Georgia United Investment; to provide for definitions; to provide for state investment in underdeveloped communities across this state; to provide for criteria and limitations for disbursements from such fund; to provide for annual accounting; to provide for annual reporting; to provide for members and purpose of the commission; to provide for meetings and hearings; to provide for quorum; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Tourism.

HB 1099. By Representatives Flournoy of the 74th, Reese of the 140th, Howard of the 129th, Adeyina of the 110th and Dawson of the 65th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to educational programs in elementary and secondary education, so as to enact the "Blind Persons' Braille Literacy Rights and Education Act"; to provide definitions; to require an evaluation of a blind or visually impaired student to determine such student's need for Braille instruction; to require Braille instruction in the Individualized Education Program of a blind or visually impaired student as

appropriate; to provide additional requirements for the Individualized Education Program of a blind or visually impaired student; to provide requirements for textbook publishers relating to electronic materials; to provide license requirements relating to Braille for certain teachers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 1100. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Frye of the 122nd, Berry of the 56th, Jones of the 60th, Stinson of the 150th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sales and use taxes, so as to provide for a new special purpose local option sales tax dedicated to healthcare purposes; to provide for definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for impact on other taxes; to provide for accountability and the withholding of funds by the state; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1101. By Representatives Clark of the 100th, Kahaian of the 81st, Dunahoo of the 31st, Fleming of the 114th and Reeves of the 99th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to provide for a state-wide homestead tax exemption from ad valorem taxes for a portion of the value of the homestead for certain senior residents; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1102. By Representatives Clark of the 100th, Greene of the 154th, Reeves of the 99th, Bonner of the 73rd, Hilton of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to miscellaneous local administrative provisions regarding ad valorem taxation of property, so as to prohibit the levy and sale of properties owned by certain senior citizens for

failure to pay ad valorem taxes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1103. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Gilliard of the 162nd, Holly of the 116th, Jackson of the 128th, Frye of the 122nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 3 of Chapter 6 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state highway system, so as to provide for the establishment of and purpose for the Happy Highways Grant Program; to provide for the allocation of grant awards under such program; to provide for grant criteria and application process; to authorize the erection of up to two murals along the state highway system within each county; to authorize any signs containing such murals to be erected within 660 feet of the nearest edge of the right of way; to provide a definition; to provide for contingent effectiveness and automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HB 1104. By Representatives Townsend of the 179th, Glaize of the 67th, Stephens of the 164th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Au of the 50th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 31-9-6.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to required disclosures and consent for certain procedures, exceptions, and rules and regulations, so as to prohibit certain examinations on an unconscious patient or a patient undergoing anesthesia without prior informed consent or authorization; to provide that informed consent shall be deemed valid consent for all medical personnel under certain conditions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HB 1105. By Representatives Washburn of the 144th, Dunahoo of the 31st, Scoggins of the 14th, Reeves of the 99th, Donatucci of the 105th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax exemptions, so as to provide an exemption from ad valorem taxation for education purposes of homesteads of qualified individuals who are 65 years of age or older; to specify certain terms, conditions, and procedures relating thereto; to provide

for applicability; to provide that falsifying information with regard to such exemption shall be unlawful; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to provide for a referendum; to provide for effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1106. By Representatives Berry of the 56th, Miller of the 62nd, Park of the 107th, Barnes of the 86th, Drenner of the 85th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Community Health, so as to establish and provide a purpose for the Nursing Home Supplemental Fund; to provide for definitions; to provide for oversight and administration of the fund; to provide for eligibility criteria, terms, and conditions; to provide for an application process; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for reporting; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Human Relations & Aging.

HB 1107. By Representatives Rice of the 139th, Jones of the 47th, Erwin of the 32nd, Townsend of the 179th, Hilton of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 10 of Article 17 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professional standards, so as to require the Professional Standards Commission to develop and report annual performance measures that evaluate the performance of each educator preparation provider (EPP) in the state; to provide for minimum contents of EPP performance measures; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 1108. By Representatives Byrd of the 20th, Kahaian of the 81st and Fincher of the 23rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to revise provisions related to the state-wide uniform system of voting

equipment; to transfer responsibility for the certification and selection of such system from the Secretary of State to the State Election Board; to provide that such system shall use hand marked and hand counted paper ballots; to provide for the use of ballot marking devices by voters precluded from using hand marked ballots; to provide for the use of the same equipment in municipal elections; to make conforming changes to provisions related to scanning absentee ballots; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 1109. By Representatives Byrd of the 20th, Kahaian of the 81st, Dunahoo of the 31st and Barrett of the 24th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 21-2-417 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to presentation of proper identification to poll workers, swearing of statement when unable to produce, use of provisional ballots, and penalty for false swearing, so as to provide that certain driver's licenses and identification cards shall not be proper identification for presentation to a poll worker; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to issuance, expiration, and renewal of licenses, so as to require the term "BEARER NOT A U.S. CITIZEN - NOT VOTER ID" to be included on certain licenses, permits, and special identification cards; to require that certain license, permit, or special identification card numbers be appended with the prefix "NC" to reflect that such cards are held by noncitizens; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 1110. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Reeves of the 99th, Lumsden of the 12th, Newton of the 127th, Smith of the 138th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits for income taxes, so as to create a tax credit for certain employers that offer individual coverage health reimbursement arrangements to employees; to provide for terms, conditions, and limitations; to provide for preapproval; to provide for aggregate annual limits; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for definitions; to provide for a sunset; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1111. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Williams of the 148th, Rhodes of the 124th and Gunter of the 8th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sales and use taxes, so as to provide for a new special purpose local option sales tax dedicated to certain healthcare purposes; to provide for definitions; to provide for authorization of tax and applicability; to provide for local authorization and referenda; to prohibit taxation of products ordered and delivered outside of jurisdiction; to prohibit taxation of certain construction materials; to provide for records and reports; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for impact on other taxes; to provide for infeasibility; to provide for modification of certain healthcare purposes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1112. By Representatives Barrett of the 24th, Martin of the 49th, Cox of the 28th, Blackmon of the 146th, Smith of the 138th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to selling and other trade practices, so as to provide for rounding of total price of the sale of goods or services when using legal tender; to provide for tax exemptions; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Banks & Banking.

HB 1113. By Representatives Barrett of the 24th, Martin of the 49th, Jasperse of the 11th and Cox of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 47-22-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions regarding the Georgia Defined Contribution Plan, so as to exclude part-time students from membership in the plan; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

HB 1114. By Representatives Yearta of the 152nd, Dubnik of the 29th, Erwin of the 32nd, Wade of the 9th and Paris of the 142nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to competencies and core curriculum under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to allow for students in ninth and tenth grade to complete the high school graduation financial literacy course requirement; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 1115. By Representatives McCollum of the 30th, Burchett of the 176th, Fleming of the 114th, Stephens of the 164th and Efstration of the 104th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of specialized land transactions, so as to prohibit institutional investors and other enterprises from obtaining, owning, or possessing an interest in more than 2,000 single-family residences; to provide a private cause of action against a residential home poacher that obtains, owns, or possesses an interest in more than 2,000 single-family residences; to provide an effective date; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 1116. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Burns of the 159th, Efstration of the 104th, Hatchett of the 155th, Cannon of the 172nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapters 5 and 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of property and sales and use taxes, respectively, so as to provide for the acceptance of tax digests in the event of a publication error made by a newspaper; to amend Part 4 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to financing under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to exclude amounts attributable to certain exemptions from ad valorem taxation from the equalized adjusted school property tax digest for the purpose of calculating the local five mill share and equalization grants; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 81 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government budgets and audits; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HR 1155. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Davis of the 87th, Scott of the 76th, Sanchez of the 42nd and Mathiak of the 82nd:

A RESOLUTION urging state-wide support for passage of the "Georgia PAD Screening and Amputation Prevention Act," to establish state agency programs and healthcare coverage requirements to prevent or reduce amputations due to peripheral artery disease; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1156. By Representatives Baker of the 64th, Davis of the 87th, Dempsey of the 13th, Scott of the 76th, Stinson of the 150th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing January as National Birth Defects Prevention Month; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1157. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Stephens of the 164th, Seabaugh of the 34th, Cannon of the 172nd and Dickey of the 134th:

A RESOLUTION reaffirming support of the United States national motto; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

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

HB 1055	HB 1056
HB 1057	HB 1058
HB 1059	HB 1060
HB 1061	HB 1062
HB 1063	HB 1064
HB 1065	HB 1066
HB 1067	HB 1068
HB 1069	HB 1070
HB 1071	HB 1072
HB 1073	HB 1074
HB 1075	HB 1076
HB 1077	HB 1078
HB 1079	HB 1080
HB 1081	HB 1082

HR 1103	HR 1104
HR 1105	HR 1106
HR 1107	HR 1108
HR 1109	HR 1110
HR 1111	HR 1112
HR 1113	HR 1114

Representative Williams of the 148th District, Chairman of the Committee on Banks and Banking, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 945 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Williams of the 148th
Chairman

Representative Stephens of the 164th District, Chairman of the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 980 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Stephens of the 164th
Chairman

Representative McDonald of the 26th District, Chairman of the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 1029 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ McDonald of the 26th
Chairman

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

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 10th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

HB 557	Northeastern Judicial Circuit; superior courts; provide for a sixth judge (Substitute)(Judy-Hawkins-27th)
HB 659	Health; rural assistance; expand medical education funding and the service cancelable loan program to include optometrists (RDev-Greene-154th)
HB 960	Gwinnett Judicial Circuit; superior courts; provide twelfth judge (Judy-Clark-108th)

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

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

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

HB 1029. By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Ridley of the 22nd, Jones of the 47th, Jasperse of the 11th, Parsons of the 44th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Holly Springs in the County of Cherokee, approved March 18, 1980 (Ga. L. 1980, p. 3281), as amended, so as to revise the boundaries of the city; to provide that the city council shall be composed of four instead of five members; to provide new city council district boundaries; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of the current councilmembers; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	E Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	E Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	E Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	E Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 161, nays 0.

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

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

SR 645. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Robertson of the 29th, Jones II of the 22nd, Brass of the 6th and others:

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

The following Resolution of the Senate was read and adopted:

SR 645. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Robertson of the 29th, Jones II of the 22nd, Brass of the 6th and others:

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

Representative Efstration of the 104th asked unanimous consent that SR 645 be immediately transmitted to the Senate.

It was so ordered.

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

Representatives Barnes of the 86th, Beckles of the 96th et al., Cummings of the 39th et al., Hatchett of the 155th, Bell of the 75th, Willis of the 55th et al., and Carter of the 93rd et al.

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

HB 557. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Cox of the 28th, Clark of the 100th, Dunahoo of the 31st, McCollum of the 30th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the number of judges of superior courts, so as to provide for a sixth judge of the superior courts of the Northeastern Judicial Circuit; to provide for the appointment of such additional judge by the Governor; to provide for an additional court reporter for such circuit; to authorize the governing authority of the counties comprising the Northeastern Judicial Circuit to provide facilities, office space, supplies, equipment, and personnel for such judges; to declare inherent authority; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the number of judges of superior courts, so as to provide for a sixth judge of the superior courts of the Northeastern Judicial Circuit; to provide for the appointment of such additional judge by the Governor; to provide for the election of successors to the judge initially appointed; to prescribe the powers of such judge; to prescribe the compensation, salary, and expense allowance of such judge to be paid by the State of Georgia and the counties comprising said circuit; to authorize the judges of such circuit to divide and allocate the work and duties thereof; to provide for the manner of impaneling jurors; to provide for an additional court reporter for such circuit; to authorize the governing authority of the counties comprising the Northeastern Judicial Circuit to provide facilities, office space, supplies, equipment, and personnel for such judges; to declare inherent authority; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 15-6-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the number of judges of superior courts, is amended by revising paragraph (26) as follows:

"(26) Northeastern Circuit.....~~5~~ 6"

SECTION 2.

One additional judge of the superior courts is added to the Northeastern Judicial Circuit, thereby increasing to six the number of judges of said circuit.

SECTION 3.

Said additional judge shall be appointed by the Governor for a term beginning January 1, 2027, and continuing through December 31, 2028, and until his or her successor is elected and qualified. His or her successor shall be elected in the manner provided by law for the election of judges of the superior courts of this state at the nonpartisan judicial election in 2028 for a term of four years beginning on January 1, 2029, and until his or her successor is elected and qualified. Future successors shall be elected at the nonpartisan judicial election every four years thereafter for terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualified. The newly elected and qualified judge shall take office on the first day of January following the date of the election.

SECTION 4.

The additional judge of the superior courts of the Northeastern Judicial Circuit shall have and may exercise all powers, duties, dignities, jurisdiction, privileges, and immunities of the present judges of the superior courts of this state. Any judge of the Northeastern Judicial Circuit may preside over any cause, whether in their own or in other circuits, and perform any official act as judge thereof, including sitting on appellate courts as provided by law.

SECTION 5.

The qualifications of such additional judge and his or her successors shall be the same as are now provided by law for all other superior court judges, and his or her compensation, salary, and expense allowance from the State of Georgia and from the counties comprising the Northeastern Judicial Circuit shall be the same as are now provided by law for the other superior court judges of such circuit. The provisions, if any, enacted for the supplementation by the counties of such circuit of the salary of the judges of the superior courts of the Northeastern Judicial Circuit shall also be applicable to the additional judge provided for by this Act.

SECTION 6.

All writs and processes in the superior courts of the Northeastern Judicial Circuit shall be returnable to the terms of such superior courts as they are now fixed and provided by law, or as they may hereafter be fixed or determined by law, and all terms of such courts shall be held in the same manner as though there were but one judge, it being the intent and purpose of this Act to provide six judges equal in jurisdiction and authority to attend and perform the functions, powers, and duties of the judges of such superior courts and to direct and conduct all hearings and trials in such courts.

SECTION 7.

Upon and after qualification of the additional judge of the superior courts of the Northeastern Judicial Circuit, the judges of such circuit may adopt, promulgate, amend, and enforce such rules of practice and procedure in consonance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia as they deem suitable and proper for the effective transaction of the business of the court; and, in transacting the business of the court and in performing their duties and responsibilities, they shall share, divide, and allocate the work and duties to be performed by each. In the event of a disagreement among the judges in respect hereof, the decision of a majority shall control, or, in the absence of a majority, the decision of the chief judge shall be controlling. The judges of the superior courts of the Northeastern Judicial Circuit shall have and are clothed with full power, authority, and discretion to determine from time to time and term to term the manner of calling the dockets, fixing the calendars, and order of business in such courts. They may assign to one such judge the hearing of trials by jury for a term and the hearing of all other matters not requiring a trial by jury to the other judges, and they may rotate such order of business at the next term. They may conduct trials by jury at the same time in the same county or otherwise within such circuit, or they may hear chambers business and motion business at the same time at any place within such circuit. They may provide in all respects for holding the superior courts of such circuit so as to facilitate the hearing and determination of all the business of such courts at any time pending and ready for trial or hearing. In all such matters relating to the fixing, arranging for, and disposing of the business of such courts and making appointments as authorized by law where the judges thereof cannot agree or shall differ, the opinion or order of the chief judge as provided for in this Act shall control.

SECTION 8.

The drawing and impaneling of all jurors, whether grand, petit, or special, may be conducted by any of the judges of the superior courts of such circuit; and they, or any one such judge, shall have full power and authority to draw and impanel jurors for service in such courts so as to have jurors for the trial of cases before any such judges separately or before each of them at the same time.

SECTION 9.

The judges of the superior courts of the Northeastern Judicial Circuit shall be authorized and empowered to appoint an additional court reporter for such circuit, whose compensation shall be as now or hereafter provided by law.

SECTION 10.

All writs, processes, orders, subpoenas, and any other official paper issuing out of the superior courts of the Northeastern Judicial Circuit may bear teste in the name of any judge of the Northeastern Judicial Circuit and, when issued by and in the name of any judge of such circuit, shall be fully valid and may be heard and determined before the same or any other judge of such circuit. Any judge of such circuit may preside over any case therein and perform any official act as judge thereof.

SECTION 11.

Upon request of any judge of the circuit, the governing authorities of the counties comprising the Northeastern Judicial Circuit shall be authorized to furnish the judges of such circuit with suitable courtrooms and facilities, office space, telephones, furniture, office equipment, supplies, and such personnel as may be considered necessary by the court to the proper functioning of the court. All of the expenditures authorized in this Act are declared to be an expense of the court and payable out of the county treasury as such.

SECTION 12.

Except as expressly stated, nothing in this Act shall be construed to alter or repeal any provision of any local Act relating to the Northeastern Judicial Circuit. Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to limit or restrict the inherent powers, duties, and responsibilities of superior court judges provided by the Constitution and statutes of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 13.

This Act shall become effective for the purposes of appointing the additional judge upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval, and for all other purposes on January 1, 2027.

SECTION 14.

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

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

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

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

Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 169, nays 0.

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

HB 960. By Representatives Clark of the 108th, Efstration of the 104th, Reeves of the 99th, Park of the 107th, Adeyina of the 110th and others:

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

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

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

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	E Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
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Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	E Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	E Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
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Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	N Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 169, nays 1.

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

House of Representatives
Coverdell Legislative Office Building
Room 511B
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

February 2, 2026

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to inform you that I was unable to vote on HB 960 due to a malfunction with my machine. My intended vote was "Yes."

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Segun Adeyina
Ga House of Representatives
District 110

HB 659. By Representatives Greene of the 154th, Taylor of the 173rd, Hawkins of the 27th, Jasperse of the 11th and Hagan of the 156th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 34 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical professionals for rural assistance, so as to expand medical education funding and the service cancelable loan program to include optometrists; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	E Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	E Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	E Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	E Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
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Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 168, nays 2.

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

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

Representatives Dickey of the 134th et al., Tran of the 80th, Burnough of the 77th et al., Bell of the 75th, Buckner of the 137th, Smith of the 70th, Ali of the 106th, Hagan of the 156th et al., Ballard of the 147th et al., and Griffin of the 149th.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1179. By Representatives Momtahan of the 17th, Camp of the 135th, Washburn of the 144th, Gullett of the 19th, Crowe of the 118th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Community Associations Institute-Georgia Chapter; and for other purposes.

HR 1180. By Representative O'Steen of the 169th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 7-14, 2026, as congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week; and for other purposes.

HR 1181. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Hitchens of the 161st, Jones of the 47th, Lumsden of the 12th and Cannon of the 172nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Georgia State Society National Society Children of the American Revolution in celebration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United State of America; and for other purposes.

HR 1182. By Representatives Beckles of the 96th, Carter of the 93rd, Adeyina of the 110th, Ali of the 106th, Hilton of the 48th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating The Harvest Tabernacle Church upon its 25th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 1183. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Neal of the 79th, Douglas of the 78th, Burnough of the 77th, Flournoy of the 74th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the Clayton County Chamber of Commerce and recognizing February 5, 2026, as Clayton Chamber Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes

HR 1184. By Representatives Ali of the 106th, Adeyina of the 110th, Beckles of the 96th, Holly of the 116th, Bazemore of the 69th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the Jamaica/Caribbean Diaspora for their extraordinary humanitarian response and valiant efforts to provide disaster relief to residents of Jamaica following the landfall of Hurricane Melissa on October 28, 2025; and for other purposes.

HR 1185. By Representatives Panitch of the 51st, Cooper of the 45th, Hilton of the 48th, McDonald III of the 26th and Barrett of the 24th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing January 26, 2026, as Day of Democracy; and for other purposes.

HR 1186. By Representatives Burchett of the 176th, Ridley of the 6th, Hatchett of the 155th, Cox of the 28th, Reeves of the 99th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Andruw Jones upon his induction to the National Baseball Hall of Fame; and for other purposes.

HR 1187. By Representatives Burchett of the 176th and Corbett of the 174th:

A RESOLUTION Recognizing and commending Community Supervision Officer Traci Whitaker, the Department of Community Supervision 2025 Officer of the Year; and for other purposes.

HR 1188. By Representatives Newton of the 127th, Hawkins of the 27th, Cooper of the 45th, Parrish of the 158th and Au of the 50th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 4, 2026, as Physician's Day at the state capitol and saluting the physicians of Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 1189. By Representatives Willis of the 55th, Hugley of the 141st and Miller of the 62nd:

A RESOLUTION commending The Links, Incorporated, and recognizing February 2, 2026, as the Georgia Links Day at the capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1190. By Representatives Reese of the 140th, Hugley of the 141st, Willis of the 55th, Crawford of the 89th and Olaleye of the 59th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the 117th Founders Day of the NAACP; and for other purposes.

HR 1191. By Representatives Flournoy of the 74th, Kahaian of the 81st, Holly of the 116th, Douglas of the 78th and Santos of the 117th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Richard Storer; and for other purposes.

HR 1192. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th, Berry of the 56th and McDonald III of the 26th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 5, 2026, as YouthBuild Day at the capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1193. By Representatives Gullett of the 19th, Seabaugh of the 34th and Wilkerson of the 38th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Reflections of Trinity; and for other purposes.

HR 1194. By Representatives Park of the 107th, Drenner of the 85th, Cannon of the 58th, Barnes of the 86th and Lim of the 98th:

A RESOLUTION commending Lara S. Martin, MA, MPH, for her exceptional service and leadership in advancing global health, humanitarian response, and human rights; and for other purposes.

HR 1195. By Representatives Davis of the 87th, Burnough of the 77th, Jackson of the 165th, Cummings of the 39th and McQueen of the 61st:

A RESOLUTION commending Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. for its 113 years of service and recognizing February 23, 2026, as Delta Day at the state Capital; and for other purposes.

HR 1196. By Representatives Ford of the 170th, O'Steen of the 169th, Dickey of the 134th, Meeks of the 178th and Huddleston of the 72nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Don Koehler on his outstanding public service as an Executive Director of the Georgia Peanut Commission; and for other purposes.

HR 1197. By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, Wilkerson of the 38th, Parsons of the 44th, Cooper of the 45th, Ridley of the 22nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Gas South upon its 20th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 1198. By Representatives Glaize of the 67th, McQueen of the 61st, Jackson of the 68th and Dawson of the 65th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Mother Essie Lee Harden High; and for other purposes.

HR 1199. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Stephens of the 164th, Seabaugh of the 34th, Taylor of the 173rd and Parrish of the 158th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Georgia Association of Community Care Providers; and for other purposes.

Representative Cannon of the 172nd moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the Committee on Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications and recommitted to the Special Committee on Resource Management:

HB 1063. By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Burns of the 159th, Cannon of the 172nd, Donatucci of the 105th, Hilton of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to generation and distribution of electricity generally, so as to require electric utilities to protect residential and retail electricity customers from costs associated with data center construction and operation; to require certain contract terms and conditions; to provide for an applicability date; to provide for enforcement; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

113	Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Adesanya	Corbett	Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
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Y Barrett	Y Dickey	E Horner	Y Myles	Smith, L
Y Barton	Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
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Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Stephens
N Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Olaleye	Y Stinson
Blackmon	E Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Oliver	Tarvin
Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	E Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Jenkins	Y Paris	E Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Parrish	Tran
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Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Carter	N Gisler	Y Lim	Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
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On the motion, the ayes were 123, nays 10.

The motion prevailed.

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

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

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

Eleventh Legislative Day

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

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

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

Due to a mechanical malfunction, Representative Rhodes of the 124th was not recorded on the attendance roll call. He wished to be recorded as present.

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

Representatives Barnes of the 86th, Crawford of the 89th, Frye of the 122nd, Gilliard of the 162nd, Holly of the 116th, Lim of the 98th, Sanchez of the 42nd, Santos of the 117th, Seabaugh of the 34th, Westbrook of the 163rd, and Williams of the 37th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Pastor Don Davis, Oak Grove Church of Christ, Rincon, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

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

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

The Journal was confirmed.

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

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

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

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

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

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

HB 1117. By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Smith of the 18th, Stephens of the 164th, Cheokas of the 151st, Gambill of the 15th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapters 6 and 34 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to unfair trade practices and

motor vehicle accident reparations, respectively, so as to provide for claims processing for repairs under motor vehicle liability insurance policies; to provide for unfair claims settlement practices; to provide for the selection of a repair facility; to provide for payment for repairs; to provide for certain disclosures and notifications; to provide for original equipment manufacturer repair procedures; to provide for supplemental estimates; to provide for timely claims processing; to provide for written explanations; to provide for definitions; to provide for private causes of action; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

HB 1118. By Representatives Donatucci of the 105th, Jones of the 47th, Cooper of the 45th, Cheokas of the 151st, Greene of the 154th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 20 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to personnel administration, so as to provide 80 hours of maternal birth leave; to provide for definitions; to provide rules; to provide for penalties; to provide notice; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 1119. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Bonner of the 73rd, Stephens of the 164th, Gullett of the 19th and Yearta of the 152nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 9 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to workers' compensation, so as to provide for pharmacy care guidelines and pharmacy management networks under workers' compensation; to provide limitations for providers prescribing certain medications; to provide for limitations for providers dispensing certain medications; to provide for reimbursement; to provide for pharmacy management networks; to provide for notice; to provide for any willing dispensing provider to join a network; to provide for registration; to provide for a registration fee; to provide for requirements; to provide for exemption; to provide for definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HB 1120. By Representative Gunter of the 8th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for an advisory referendum for the purpose of ascertaining whether the electors of Union County desire the governing authority of that county to be changed from a sole commissioner to a five-member board of commissioners; to provide for mandatory execution of election and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative purposes and findings; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1121. By Representatives Williams of the 148th, Hagan of the 156th and Stinson of the 150th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to terms of superior court, so as to change certain terms of court in the Cordele Judicial Circuit; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1122. By Representatives Douglas of the 78th, Newton of the 127th, Hugley of the 141st, Hawkins of the 27th and Howard of the 129th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions regarding insurance generally; to amend Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations; to amend Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the O.C.G.A., relating to employees' insurance and benefits plans; to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the O.C.G.A. to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

HB 1123. By Representatives Jones of the 47th, Erwin of the 32nd, Hilton of the 48th, Ballard of the 147th, Donatucci of the 105th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to require

certain schools that offer after-school programs to make such programs available to pre-kindergarten students on the same basis as the school's other students; to provide for limited waivers of such requirement; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 1124. By Representatives Panitch of the 51st, Evans of the 57th, Barrett of the 24th and Tran of the 80th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to state government, so as to require certain agencies to consider the definition of hinduphobia provided for in this Act to apply to laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin; to authorize fact finders in certain criminal cases to consider hinduphobia when determining whether a defendant intentionally selected any victim or group of victims or any property as the object of the offense; to provide for limitations and construction; to provide for definitions; to provide for nonseverability; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1125. By Representatives Neal of the 79th and Carpenter of the 4th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-7-40.26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Entertainment Industry Investment Act," so as to add independent filmmakers to the list of entities eligible to claim tax credits for qualified production activities; to provide a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1126. By Representatives Neal of the 79th and Carpenter of the 4th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits regarding income tax, so as to create an income tax credit for certain expenditures by a production company related to certain state certified productions; to provide for rules and regulations and an application

process related to such income tax credit; to provide for certain conditions, procedures, and limitations; to provide for definitions; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1127. By Representatives Crawford of the 89th, Westbrook of the 163rd, Oliver of the 84th, Holcomb of the 101st, Willis of the 55th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to possession of dangerous weapons, so as to provide for the offense of unlawful possession of parts of a machine gun; to provide for punishment; to provide for an exemption; to revise and provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 1128. By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, Gambill of the 15th, Wade of the 9th, Werkheiser of the 157th, Bonner of the 73rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 34-9-26 of the O.C.G.A., relating to required notice regarding injured peace officers, so as to provide that the State Board of Workers' Compensation shall provide for notice of eligibility for compensation to an injured employee to his or her legal guardian; to amend Code Section 35-1-24 of the O.C.G.A., relating to peace officers eligible for indemnification or disability compensation and notifications, so as to provide that law enforcement agencies shall provide notice of eligibility for compensation to an injured employee to his or her legal guardian; to amend Part 1 of Article 5 of Chapter 9 of Title 45 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the Georgia State Indemnification Fund, so as to provide for an application window for eligible individuals incapacitated by organic brain damage sustained in the line of duty on or before July 1, 2024; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 1129. By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, Gambill of the 15th, Wade of the 9th, Efstration of the 104th, Hong of the 103rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 36-88-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criteria for enterprise zone, so as to provide for designation of enterprise zones; to provide that enterprise zones shall not qualify for exemption from state sales and use tax; to provide for an exception; to provide for collection and assessment of fees; to provide for the use of the principal of revenue bonds; to limit the number of enterprise zones in urban redevelopment areas; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 1130. By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, Gambill of the 15th, Rice of the 139th, DeLoach of the 167th, Burchett of the 176th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to government transparency and campaign finance, so as to specify the time period for a candidate's or campaign committee treasurer's failure to comply with requests for inspection of accounts; provide for penalties for failure to comply with such requests; to provide that certain expenses related to security equipment and services constitute expenses of a campaign; to provide a definition; to provide for the leasing of security equipment; to provide for additional reporting requirements for such expenses; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 1131. By Representatives Hong of the 103rd, Smith of the 18th, Sainz of the 180th, Reeves of the 99th and Scoggins of the 14th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 4 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to warrants for arrest, so as to provide for personal service of process for notice of a warrant application hearing; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 1132. By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Stephens of the 164th, Evans of the 57th, Jones of the 25th, Crowe of the 118th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to state sales and use tax, so as to exempt from state and local sales and use taxation materials used in construction, renovation, and rehabilitation of affordable housing by purely public charities; to provide for requirements; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1133. By Representatives Dickey of the 134th, Corbett of the 174th, Camp of the 135th and Smith of the 70th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 23 of Title 50, Code Section 36-91-100, and Code Section 48-8-200 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority, definitions regarding bidding for government works projects, and definitions regarding water and sewer projects and costs tax, respectively, so as to authorize the authority to finance and perform certain duties in connection with projects related to facilitating solar installations on closed landfills; to provide for limited liability; to provide for definitions; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for contingent effectiveness upon appropriation of funds; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 1134. By Representatives New of the 40th, Corbett of the 174th, Mathis of the 133rd, Powell of the 33rd and Smith of the 138th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 5 of Article 8 of Chapter 14 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pawnbrokers, factors, bailees, acceptors, and depositories, so as to revise notice requirements for repossessors of motor vehicles; to provide for requirements for determining the completion of a repossession of a motor vehicle; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

HB 1135. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th, Cannon of the 172nd, Townsend of the 179th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2A of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student scholarship organizations, so

as to provide for the State of Georgia to participate in the federal tax credit program for contributions of individuals to scholarship granting organizations; to prohibit state agencies from promulgating rules or regulations; to make conforming changes; to amend Code Section 48-7-29.16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax credits for contributions to student scholarship organizations, so as to make a conforming change; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1136. By Representatives Glaize of the 67th, Rice of the 139th, Franklin of the 160th, Mitchell of the 88th, Williams of the 168th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 12A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Smoke-free Air Act of 2005," so as to prohibit smoking and disposing of smoking products within a 25 foot radius of playgrounds and sandboxes; to prohibit smoking within 250 feet of a youth sports event; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 1137. By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Jasperse of the 11th, Evans of the 57th, Willis of the 55th, Tran of the 80th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act known as the "Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority Act of 1965," approved March 10, 1965 (Ga. L. 1965, p. 2243), as amended, so as to extend the sunset for authority of local governing bodies to collect a 1 percent retail sales and use tax; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HB 1138. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Jones of the 47th, Ballard of the 147th, Rice of the 139th, Reeves of the 99th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the O.C.G.A., relating to practice of pharmacy, so as to authorize pharmacists in certain circumstances to dispense self-administered hormonal contraceptives or administer injectable hormonal contraceptives; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions regarding

insurance generally, so as to provide minimum amounts of certain contraceptives that shall be provided by insurers; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the Georgia Composite Medical Board, so as to waive civil liability, criminal culpability, and professional discipline under certain circumstances; to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the O.C.G.A., relating to medical assistance generally; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HB 1139. By Representatives Camp of the 135th and Mathiak of the 82nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Spalding County Water and Sewerage Facilities Authority, approved April 13, 1982 (Ga. L. 1982, p. 4987), as amended, so as to rename the authority; to revise the membership and compensation of the authority; to provide for powers; to provide for enforcement; to provide for executions for rates and charges; to provide for definitions; to revise a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1140. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th and Williams of the 148th:

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

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1141. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Jenkins of the 136th, Rice of the 139th and Panitch of the 51st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-11-131.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to right to obtain an independent medical evaluation or pediatric specialty consultation, so as to provide for the availability of medical records to a parent or legal guardian when a child is taken into medical custody; to provide for a penalty; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Juvenile.

HB 1142. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th, Hong of the 103rd, Jones of the 47th, Donatucci of the 105th, Reeves of the 99th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 15 and 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts and domestic relations, respectively, so as to require certain agreements for certain offenses to be eligible for a Pretrial Intervention and Diversion Program; provide for the creation of a registry of recidivist domestic violence offenders; to provide for the maintenance of such registry; to provide for clerks of court to provide certain information to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation; to provide for the registration of recidivist domestic violence offenders; to provide for the assessment of fees on recidivist domestic violence offenders; to provide for the removal of recidivist domestic violence offenders after a period of time; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 1143. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Buckner of the 137th, Hugley of the 141st, Davis of the 87th and Scott of the 76th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding health, so as to provide for safer menstrual products in this state; to provide for definitions; to prohibit restricted substances in menstrual products; to provide for the Department of Public Health to identify restricted substances, establish allowable trace thresholds, and provide for a phased compliance schedule; to require ingredient labeling on packages or boxes; to require third-party testing of ingredients; to provide for public disclosure of such testing results; to provide for a civil penalty; to require the Department of Public Health to establish a public education campaign; to provide for periodic review; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 1144. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Hugley of the 141st, Buckner of the 137th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Davis of the 87th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sales and use taxes, so as to eliminate

the state sales and use tax on menstrual hygiene products on certain weekends; to provide for definitions; to provide for the state revenue commissioner to designate such tax-free weekends; to provide for the Department of Revenue to publish dates of such tax-free weekends; to exclude local sales and use taxes; to provide for compliance by retailers; to provide for regulations, forms, and instructions; to provide for public awareness campaigns; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1145. By Representatives Paris of the 142nd, Oliver of the 84th, Holcomb of the 101st, Frye of the 122nd, Leverett of the 123rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax exemptions, so as to provide for a state-wide homestead exemption for certain public service employees from ad valorem taxes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1146. By Representatives Olaleye of the 59th, Hugley of the 141st, Townsend of the 179th, Westbrook of the 163rd, Herring of the 145th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 1A of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to early care and learning, so as to establish a pilot program to expand Georgia's Pre-K Program to three-year-old children; to provide for annual reporting; to provide for legislative intent relating to funding for such program; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to provide a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 1147. By Representatives Olaleye of the 59th, Glaize of the 67th, Townsend of the 179th, Wilkerson of the 38th, Howard of the 129th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 1A of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to early care and learning, so as to establish a grant program to supplement the reimbursement rates paid by the Department of Early Care and Learning to providers participating in the Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) program; to provide requirements for such grants; to provide definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for contingent effectiveness upon appropriation of funds; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

HB 1148. By Representatives Cannon of the 172nd, Dickey of the 134th, Corbett of the 174th, Rhodes of the 124th, Meeks of the 178th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income tax imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits, so as to revise tax credits for donation of real property for conservation purposes; to revise required filings; to repeal provisions regarding the State Properties Commission; to revise the aggregate amount of tax credits allowed; to extend the date for acceptance of new applications; to repeal penalty provisions; to repeal a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1149. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Jones of the 47th, Hawkins of the 27th, Gisler of the 121st, Hagan of the 156th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia, relating to insurance generally, so as to require certain health insurers to offer a preenrollment option for anticipated newly born or adopted children; to provide for definitions; to provide for the provision of routine well baby care in certain circumstances; to provide for documentation; to provide for notification; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

HB 1150. By Representatives Powell of the 33rd, Jones of the 47th, O'Steen of the 169th and Donatucci of the 105th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to physicians, assistants, and others, so as to expand certain advanced practice registered nurse and physician assistant prescriptive authorizations; to provide for a definition; to provide for certain limitations; to remove certain prohibitions on writing prescriptions for minors; to provide for certain prescriptive authorization to order stimulants; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HB 1151. By Representatives Park of the 107th, Hugley of the 141st, Miller of the 62nd, Gisler of the 121st, Herring of the 145th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to provide for the expansion of Medicaid; to provide for definitions; to provide for appropriations; to authorize the Department of Community Health to submit a waiver request for a state plan amendment for the expansion of Medicaid; to provide for reporting; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative notification and approval; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 1152. By Representatives Park of the 107th, Hugley of the 141st, Miller of the 62nd, Gisler of the 121st, Herring of the 145th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-7-27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to computation of taxable net income, so as to provide for an income tax deduction for certain health insurance premium payments by individuals; to provide for income based caps; to provide a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1153. By Representatives Oliver of the 84th, Holcomb of the 101st, Frye of the 122nd, Ali of the 106th, Williams of the 37th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits, so as to provide a tax credit for newly constructed

residences built by a residential contractor or builder that are sold to taxpayers earning no more than 80 percent of the area median income; to provide for application and approval; to provide for rules, regulations, and forms; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1154. By Representatives Clark of the 100th, Smith of the 18th, Gullett of the 19th, Powell of the 33rd, McCollum of the 30th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 17-10-30 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to procedure for imposition of death penalty generally, so as to include the offense of trafficking of persons for labor or sexual servitude; to provide for related matters; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 1155. By Representatives Ford of the 170th and O'Steen of the 169th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a board of commissioners for Tift County, approved August 9, 1917 (Ga. L. 1917, p. 396), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 28, 1985 (Ga. L. 1985, p. 4875), so as to revise purchasing provisions; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1156. By Representatives Richardson of the 125th, Newton of the 127th, Leverett of the 123rd, Clifton of the 131st, Smith of the 138th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government so as to authorize the establishment of local homeowner's incentive adjustment grant programs; to amend Article 7 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to miscellaneous local administrative provisions, so as to authorize the establishment of local homeowner's incentive adjustment grant funds; to provide for a contingent effective date and automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1157. By Representatives Evans of the 57th, McClain of the 109th, Tran of the 80th, Glaize of the 67th, Kendrick of the 95th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to minimum wage law, so as to repeal certain provisions relating to the preemption of wage and employment benefit mandates adopted by a local government entity; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Industry and Labor.

HB 1158. By Representatives Horner of the 3rd, Cox of the 28th, Efstration of the 104th, Fleming of the 114th, Campbell of the 171st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding state government, so as to provide that the state government shall refer to the western bank of the Jordan River as Judea and Samaria; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 1159. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Seabaugh of the 34th, Wade of the 9th, Blackmon of the 146th, Williamson of the 112th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to income taxes, so as to exempt from taxation all income received by individuals, corporations, and partnerships under the Farmer Bridge Assistance Program of the United States Department of Agriculture; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1160. By Representatives Crawford of the 89th, Smith of the 18th, Evans of the 57th, Hong of the 103rd, Kelley of the 16th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 3 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tolling of limitations, so as to

provide for the surviving relatives in wrongful death actions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1161. By Representatives Lim of the 98th, Clark of the 108th, Santos of the 117th, Hong of the 103rd, Reeves of the 99th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to provide for proper operation of a motor vehicle upon approach by an authorized emergency vehicle or by a law enforcement vehicle for purposes of a traffic stop; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 1162. By Representatives Holly of the 116th, Santos of the 117th, Sanchez of the 42nd, Lupton of the 83rd and Neal of the 79th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 16 of Chapter 2 and Article 11 of Chapter 11 of Title 14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to records and reports relative to business corporations and miscellaneous provisions relative to limited liability companies, respectively, so as to require corporations and limited liability companies and their subsidiaries to provide certain information to the Secretary of State if they own a certain number of multifamily residences; to require the Secretary of State to publish such information on the Georgia Corporations Division website; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HR 1177. By Representatives Glaize of the 67th, Rice of the 139th, Mitchell of the 88th, Williams of the 168th, Buckner of the 137th and others:

A RESOLUTION urging pedestrians in Georgia to wear bright or reflective clothing at night to improve their visibility to drivers resulting in a reduction of pedestrian deaths across this state; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1178. By Representatives Richardson of the 125th, Newton of the 127th, Leverett of the 123rd, Clifton of the 131st, Smith of the 138th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to remove the cap on benefits granted pursuant to the Homeowner's Incentive Adjustment clause; to authorize the General Assembly to provide by general law for local grant and adjustment programs; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HR 1200. By Representatives Gisler of the 121st, Draper of the 90th, Roberts of the 52nd, Tran of the 80th, Olaleye of the 59th and others:

A RESOLUTION urging the Georgia Secretary of State to continue to protect private and protected information contained in Georgia's voter registration list from an unwarranted request from the United States Department of Justice to produce unredacted copies of such voter registration list; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

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

HB 1083
HB 1084
HB 1085
HB 1086
HB 1087
HB 1088
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HB 1113
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HR 1155
HR 1156
HR 1157

Representative Hawkins of the 27th District, Chairman of the Committee on Health, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 629 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Hawkins of the 27th
Chairman

Representative Corbett of the 174th District, Chairman of the Committee on Motor Vehicles, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Motor Vehicles has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 204	Do Pass	HB 944	Do Pass
HB 957	Do Pass	HB 1022	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Corbett of the 174th
Chairman

Representative Powell of the 33rd District, Chairman of the Committee on Regulated Industries, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 632 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Powell of the 33rd
Chairman

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

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 03, 2026

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 11th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

HB 350 Domestic relations; safe places for newborns; revise provisions (PS&HS-Cameron-1st)
HB 946 Game and fish; authorize hunting and trapping of feral hogs under certain circumstances (GF&P-Clifton-131st)
HB 999 Magistrate courts; collecting sums and fees authorized by law; revise provisions (Judy-Leverett-123rd)

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

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

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

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 13 of Chapter 2 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to food service establishments, so as to require notification of the country of origin of seafood items; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

Representatives Williams of the 168th, McDonald III of the 26th et al., Dempsey of the 13th et al., Beckles of the 96th et al., Hitchens of the 161st, Buckner of the 137th et al., Mitchell of the 88th et al., Blackmon of the 146th et al., Dubnik of the 29th et al., Santos of the 117th et al., Petrea of the 166th, and Carson of the 46th et al.

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

HB 350. By Representatives Cameron of the 1st, Crowe of the 118th, Camp of the 135th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Washburn of the 144th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to domestic relations, so as to revise provisions relating to safe places for newborns; to authorize ambulance services to accept physical custody of a newborn; to authorize the placement of newborn safety devices; to provide for definitions; to provide for limited liability; to provide for transport of newborns to nearest medical facility; to provide for specifications for newborn safety devices; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	E Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	E Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	E Smith, M

Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	E Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	E Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
E Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 168, nays 0.

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

HB 946. By Representatives Clifton of the 131st, Rhodes of the 124th, Ridley of the 6th, Kelley of the 16th, Cannon of the 172nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to game and fish, so as to authorize hunting and trapping of feral hogs under certain circumstances; to repeal provisions relating to wildlife control permits for feral hogs; to authorize location of feral hogs with unmanned aircraft systems; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	E Meeks	Y Scoggins

Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Dawson	Y Holland	Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	N Moore	E Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	E Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	E Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
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Y Camp	Y Flournoy	E Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
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On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 163, nays 1.

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

House of Representatives
Coverdell Legislative Office Building,
Room 511C
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

February 3, 2026

Clerk of the House

Representative Robert Dawson

Re: Vote Statement for HB 946

Please let the journal reflect that on this day, I was present in the House anteroom during the roll call for **HB 946.** Had I been at my desk, I would have voted in the **affirmative.** I

request that his statement be printed in the House Journal to clarify my position on this legislation.

Respectfully,

/s/ Robert Dawson
Representative Robert Dawson

HB 999. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Oliver of the 84th, Evans of the 57th, Gunter of the 8th, New of the 40th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 10 of Title 15 the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fees and costs of magistrate courts, so as to revise provisions related to magistrate courts collecting sums and fees authorized by law; to amend an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to magistrate courts, so as to provide for nonpartisan election of magistrates, approved May 14, 2025 (Ga. L. 2025, p. 780), so as to correct a scrivener's error in the automatic repealer in said Act related to a constitutional amendment for the nonpartisan election of judges of the probate court; to provide legislative intent; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	E Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	E Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	N Moore	E Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	E Smith, M
Y Bazemore	E Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	E Smith, TP
Y Beckles	E Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend

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Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
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Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
E Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	E Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 160, nays 4.

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

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

Representatives Prince of the 132nd et al., Williams of the 168th, Ali of the 106th, Ford of the 170th et al., and Okoye of the 102nd.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1206. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Bonner of the 73rd, Newton of the 127th, Jones of the 143rd, Ballard of the 147th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the work of Georgia's aerospace and defense industry and recognizing February 3, 2026, as Georgia Aerospace and Defense Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1207. By Representatives Smith of the 138th, Rice of the 139th, Ridley of the 6th, Williams of the 148th and Corbett of the 174th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life, service, and accomplishments of Zade Kenimer; and for other purposes.

HR 1208. By Representative Jackson of the 128th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the 1966 Perry High School basketball team on the 60th anniversary of winning the Class A State Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 1209. By Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Dawson of the 65th, Reese of the 140th, Smith of the 41st and Cummings of the 39th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Reignite the Flame - A Couples Experience, sponsored and hosted by Professor Michael Uadiale and Dr. Enojare Tina (Noja) Uvwo-Uadiale; and for other purposes.

HR 1210. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Williams of the 148th, Gullett of the 19th, Williamson of the 112th, Douglas of the 78th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and honoring Cindy Connelly for her distinguished service to the Credit Union Movement, her advocacy leadership at the Georgia Credit Union Affiliates, and her decades of impact on federal, state, and local policy for credit unions; and for other purposes.

HR 1211. By Representatives Moore of the 91st, Carter of the 93rd, Kendrick of the 95th and Davis of the 87th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Councilwoman Alecia Washington on her outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

HR 1212. By Representatives Moore of the 91st, Carter of the 93rd, Kendrick of the 95th and Davis of the 87th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Councilwoman Tara Graves on her outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

HR 1213. By Representatives Moore of the 91st, Carter of the 93rd, Kendrick of the 95th and Davis of the 87th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Councilwoman Karmesha Washington Smith on her outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

HR 1214. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th and Burnough of the 77th:

A RESOLUTION Recognizing WXIA Atlanta for outstanding public service in honor of Georgia Severe Weather Preparation Week; and for other purposes.

HR 1215. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Davis of the 87th, Scott of the 76th and Burnough of the 77th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the WSB-TV Meteorology Team for outstanding public service in honor of Georgia Severe Weather Preparation Week; and for other purposes.

HR 1216. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th and Burnough of the 77th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing The Youth Civic Advisory Board; and for other purposes.

HR 1217. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Davis of the 87th, Scott of the 76th and Burnough of the 77th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing CBS Atlanta (WUPA-TV) for outstanding public service in honor of Georgia Severe Weather Preparation Week; and for other purposes.

HR 1218. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Davis of the 87th, Scott of the 76th and Burnough of the 77th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Atlanta News First/WANF for outstanding public service in honor of Georgia Severe Weather Preparation Week; and for other purposes.

HR 1219. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th and Burnough of the 77th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing FOX 5 Atlanta for outstanding public service in honor of Georgia Severe Weather Preparation Week; and for other purposes.

HR 1220. By Representatives Jackson of the 165th, Stephens of the 164th, Gilliard of the 162nd, Westbrook of the 163rd and Hitchens of the 161st:

A RESOLUTION commending Otis J. Brock, Jr., for a life of love, service, and extraordinary accomplishments; and for other purposes.

HR 1221. By Representatives Huddleston of the 72nd, Smith of the 70th, Bonner of the 73rd, Jenkins of the 136th, Glaize of the 67th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the Coweta Cattlemen Association of Coweta County; and for other purposes.

HR 1222. By Representatives Smith of the 70th, Bonner of the 73rd, Jenkins of the 136th, Glaize of the 67th and Dawson of the 65th:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating the Newnan Kiwanis Club upon its 100th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 1223. By Representatives Smith of the 70th, Jenkins of the 136th, Bonner of the 73rd, Dawson of the 65th and Glaize of the 67th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Newnan Junior Service League upon its 100th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 1224. By Representatives Glaize of the 67th, Buckner of the 137th, Dubnik of the 29th and Efstration of the 104th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing National School Counseling Week at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1225. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Davis of the 87th, Scott of the 76th and Burnough of the 77th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 2026 as Chronic Kidney Disease Awareness Month in Georgia in order to raise awareness of the need for research, screening programs, and access to care for individuals who suffer from chronic kidney disease; and for other purposes.

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

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

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Wednesday, February 4, 2026

Twelfth Legislative Day

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

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

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

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

Representatives Adesanya of the 43rd, Baker of the 64th, Barnes of the 86th, Bell of the 75th, Cannon of the 58th, Carson of the 46th, Carter of the 93rd, Clark of the 100th, Clark of the 108th, Dempsey of the 13th, Dunahoo of the 31st, Flournoy of the 74th, Hilton of the 48th, Jackson of the 68th, Lewis-Ward of the 115th, Lim of the 98th, Miller of the 62nd, Moore of the 91st, Myles of the 126th, Neal of the 79th, Romman of the 97th,

Sampson of the 153rd, Santos of the 117th, Sharper of the 177th, Stinson of the 150th, Washburn of the 144th, Wilkerson of the 38th, and Williams of the 37th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Reverend George Wilcox Brown, III, All Saints Episcopal Church, Thomasville, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

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

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

The Journal was confirmed.

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

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

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

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

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

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

HB 1163. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Hawkins of the 27th, Newton of the 127th, Hatchett of the 155th, Au of the 50th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 13 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to recovery in medical malpractice actions, so as to provide for an exemption in medical malpractice actions for the primary residences of health care providers; to provide for exceptions; to

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

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1164. By Representatives Wade of the 9th, Hatchett of the 155th, Jones of the 47th, Erwin of the 32nd, Gambill of the 15th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to require the State Board of Education to appoint an audit committee; to provide for minimum responsibilities of such committee; to amend Chapter 6 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Audits and Accounts, so as to revise provisions for financial audits of local school systems by and on behalf of the Department of Audits and Accounts; to provide for such audits of state charter schools; to require the Department of Audits and Accounts to develop and implement a program of progressive monitoring, supports, and interventions to local school systems and state charter schools; to provide for investigations of local school systems and state charter schools by the state auditor; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 1165. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Cameron of the 1st, Davis of the 87th, Schofield of the 63rd and Taylor of the 92nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Department of Community Affairs, so as to require such department to compile a list of state owned real property that may be used for community gardens; to provide for the establishment and maintenance of community gardens in certain municipalities; to provide requirements for such community gardens; to provide for funding of such community gardens by the municipality; to authorize the lease or other availability of state owned real property for use as community gardens; to provide for construction; to require cooperation from state agencies; to provide for definitions; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State Planning & Community Affairs.

HB 1166. By Representatives Herring of the 145th, Oliver of the 84th, Frye of the 122nd, Washburn of the 144th, Roberts of the 52nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 66 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to zoning procedures as pertaining to counties and municipal corporations, so as to provide that zoning decisions shall not affect or be required for certain residential dwellings of 400 square feet or fewer; to provide for construction; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 1167. By Representatives Dawson of the 65th, Hawkins of the 27th, Greene of the 154th, Kelley of the 16th, Glaize of the 67th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 1 and Article 1 of Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and observances and general provisions relative to the Department of Public Health, respectively, so as to designate the second week in March of each year as "Sleep Health Awareness Week" in Georgia; to encourage the Department of Public Health to integrate sleep hygiene education; to provide for the Department of Public Health to voluntarily exchange information regarding sleep hygiene education; to provide for legislative findings and declarations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HB 1168. By Representative Huddleston of the 72nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Heard County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of the total assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 70 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1169. By Representatives Camp of the 135th and Mathiak of the 82nd:

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

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1170. By Representatives Camp of the 135th and Mathiak of the 82nd:

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

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1171. By Representatives Frye of the 122nd, Oliver of the 84th, Williams of the 37th, Gilliard of the 162nd, Glaize of the 67th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding landlord and tenant, so as to establish minimum habitability standards consistent with recognized housing standards; to prohibit waivers of such standards; to provide for enforcement and clarification of existing landlord duties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1172. By Representatives Camp of the 135th and Mathiak of the 82nd:

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

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1173. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, McClain of the 109th, Davis of the 87th and Schofield of the 63rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 20, 34, and 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, labor and industrial relations, and public officers and employees, respectively, so as to provide for limited bereavement leave and limited extended compassionate leave for certain employees under certain conditions; to provide for definitions; to prohibit certain employer actions; to provide for a cause of action and remedy; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Industry and Labor.

HB 1174. By Representatives Draper of the 90th, Park of the 107th, Roberts of the 52nd, Crawford of the 89th and Oliver of the 84th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding labor and industrial relations, so as to provide retraining and other support for displaced federal employees; to provide for a definition; to provide for coordination between the Georgia Department of Labor and the Technical College System of Georgia and the University System of Georgia; to amend Chapter 2 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to eligibility and qualifications for office, so as to provide for the modification of certain hiring procedures for certain displaced federal employees; to provide for reporting; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Industry and Labor.

HB 1175. By Representative Neal of the 79th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to theft, so as to provide for the offense of theft by shoplifting of essential items; to provide for penalty and for prosecution by citation; to provide for punishment; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 1176. By Representatives Cannon of the 172nd, Huddleston of the 72nd, Rhodes of the 124th, Dickey of the 134th and Stephens of the 164th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to exempt from sales and use taxes the sale of any tangible personal property used or consumed in connection with the generation, transmission, distribution, sale, or furnishing of electricity; to provide for a start date for such exemption; to provide a definition; to provide for exceptions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1177. By Representatives Williams of the 168th, Oliver of the 84th, Frye of the 122nd, Stephens of the 164th, DeLoach of the 167th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 62 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to development authorities, so as to provide that certain affordable housing uses of property qualify as projects that may be undertaken by development authorities; to provide for legislative findings and declarations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 1178. By Representatives Horner of the 3rd, Tarvin of the 2nd, Persinger of the 119th, Scoggins of the 14th, Ridley of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding financial affairs, so as to establish the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight Committee of the House of Representatives; to provide for appointment; to provide for duties, functions, and powers; to provide for reporting and summaries; to provide for member allowances; to provide for audits; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight.

HB 1179. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Greene of the 154th, Townsend of the 179th, Bonner of the 73rd, Gambill of the 15th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 13 of Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to excise tax on rooms, lodgings, and accommodations, so as to remove the local government tax revenue threshold as it relates to the applicability of procedures for changing the designation of a private sector nonprofit organization engaged to promote tourism, conventions, and trade

shows for such jurisdiction; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1180. By Representatives Crowe of the 118th, Camp of the 135th, Reeves of the 99th, Washburn of the 144th and Paris of the 142nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 26 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Housing and Finance Authority, so as to eliminate the outstanding bond limit; to provide for a statement on bonds regarding the full faith and credit of the State; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HR 1201. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th and Schofield of the 63rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Ambassador Davisha L. Johnson as a Goodwill Ambassador for county and municipal economic diplomacy; supporting exploratory international engagement with the Republic of Liberia; and encouraging state and municipal coordination in advancement of trade, tourism, and foreign direct investment in agriculture; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1202. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th and Schofield of the 63rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing National Immunization Week 2026 and expressing support for the goals of the Georgia Universal Vaccine Access Act; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1203. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th and Schofield of the 63rd:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that the General Assembly may by general law provide a trust fund for the purpose of providing no-cost access to certain vaccines for children 18

years of age or younger and seniors 60 years of age or older and make all provisions regarding such fund; to provide that the General Assembly may provide for a source of funding specifically designated for such fund, and that such fund shall not be subject to the lapsing provisions of the Constitution; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HR 1204. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Newton of the 127th, Cooper of the 45th, Jasperse of the 11th and Hugley of the 141st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the burden of lung cancer in the United States and the State of Georgia; supporting prevention, early detection, and timely intervention to improve patient outcomes; addressing disparities in care; and encouraging expanding access to Georgians to cutting-edge technology to support lung cancer prevention, early detection, and timely intervention; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1205. By Representatives Berry of the 56th, Cannon of the 58th, Bell of the 75th, Hugley of the 141st, Williams of the 168th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Honorable "Able" Mable Thomas and dedicating an intersection in her honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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

HB 1117	HB 1118
HB 1119	HB 1120
HB 1121	HB 1122
HB 1123	HB 1124
HB 1125	HB 1126
HB 1127	HB 1128
HB 1129	HB 1130
HB 1131	HB 1132
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HB 1162
HR 1177
HR 1178
HR 1200

Representative Hatchett of the 155th District, Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 973 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Hatchett of the 155th
Chairman

Representative Cooper of the 45th District, Chairman of the Committee on Public and Community Health, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Public and Community Health has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 657 Do Pass
HB 717 Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 162 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Cooper of the 45th
Chairman

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

SB 382. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Albers of the 56th, Walker III of the 20th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Hatchett of the 50th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to make the state-wide base year homestead exemption mandatory for all political subdivisions; to repeal a related tax bill requirement; to make conforming changes; to amend Article 2B of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special district option sales and use tax, so as to remove a condition precedent to the call for a referendum for such tax; to provide for effective dates and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 420. By Senators Echols of the 49th, Anderson of the 24th, Gooch of the 51st, Anavitarte of the 31st, Still of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 27-2-23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to license, permit, tag, and stamp fees, so as to provide for fees for reef and migratory fish endorsements; to amend Code Section 12-2-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Environmental Protection Division, appeal procedures generally, permit applications, and inspections, Code Section 27-1-39 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to rules and regulations used to establish criminal violations, and Code Section 52-7-26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penalty, respectively, so as to revise effective dates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

SB 382. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Albers of the 56th, Walker III of the 20th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Hatchett of the 50th and others:

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Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

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A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 27-2-23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to license, permit, tag, and stamp fees, so as to provide for fees for reef and migratory fish endorsements; to amend Code Section 12-2-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Environmental Protection Division, appeal procedures generally, permit applications, and inspections, Code Section 27-1-39 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to rules and regulations used to establish criminal violations, and Code Section 52-7-26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penalty, respectively, so as to revise effective dates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

Representatives Jackson of the 68th, Gullett of the 19th et al., Ford of the 170th et al., Au of the 50th et al., Martinez of the 111th et al., Cooper of the 45th, Schofield of the 63rd et al., Glaize of the 67th et al., Burchett of the 176th et al., Camp of the 135th et al., Williams of the 148th et al., Petrea of the 166th et al., and Bell of the 75th et al.

The Speaker called the House to order.

The hour of convening the Joint Session pursuant to SR 645 having arrived, the Senate appeared upon the floor of the House and the Joint Session, convened for the purpose of

hearing an address from the Honorable Nels S.D. Peterson, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, was called to order by the President of the Senate, Lieutenant Governor Burt Jones.

The Resolution calling for the Joint Session was read.

The Honorable Nels S.D. Peterson appeared upon the floor of the House and addressed the Joint Session.

Senator Walker of the 20th moved that the Joint Session of the General Assembly be now dissolved, and the motion prevailed.

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

The Speaker called the House to order.

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

HB 704. By Representatives Cheokas of the 151st, Jones of the 25th, Dubnik of the 29th, Dickey of the 134th, Blackmon of the 146th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 50-6-25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to maintenance of statistics on architectural and engineering firms doing business with the state and ineligibility of firms, so as to replace the requirement that the state auditor produce certain monthly reports with the requirement that he or she produce annual reports; to provide for the removal of certain requirements; to amend Code Sections 42-2-14 and 50-22-7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to power of Governor to declare state of emergency with regard to jail and prison overcrowding and exemptions from requirements and construction with Code Section 50-6-25, respectively, so as to provide for cross-references; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1226. By Representative Stephens of the 164th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Sandra A. Collins; and for other purposes.

HR 1227. By Representative Stephens of the 164th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Gasper Lazzara; and for other purposes.

HR 1228. By Representative Stephens of the 164th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Christopher M. Lazzara; and for other purposes.

HR 1229. By Representative Stephens of the 164th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Georgia School of Orthodontics on the occasion of its 10th anniversary and inviting its leadership to be recognized by the Georgia House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

HR 1230. By Representative Stephens of the 164th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Georgia School of Orthodontics; and for other purposes.

HR 1231. By Representative Jones of the 60th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing The Trenches Global Impact Center; and for other purposes.

HR 1232. By Representative Jones of the 60th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the historic Booker T. Washington High School Class of 1976 on the occasion of their 50th reunion celebration; and for other purposes.

HR 1233. By Representative Leverett of the 123rd:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Debra Leigh Leverett Garing on the grand occasion of her 71st birthday; and for other purposes.

HR 1234. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Hilton of the 48th, Seabaugh of the 34th, Dempsey of the 13th, Scoggins of the 14th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 17, 2026, as Profound Autism Day; and for other purposes.

HR 1235. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Hatchett of the 155th, Reeves of the 99th, Burchett of the 176th and O'Steen of the 169th:

A RESOLUTION commending Georgia Community Service Boards and recognizing February 5, 2026, as Community Service Boards' Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1236. By Representatives Gullett of the 19th, Douglas of the 78th, New of the 40th, Mathis of the 133rd, Momtahan of the 17th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Georgia E-Commerce Auto Dealers Association; and for other purposes.

HR 1237. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Cannon of the 172nd, Rice of the 139th, Sainz of the 180th and Ballard of the 147th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 11, 2026, as National Guard Day at the capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1238. By Representatives Clark of the 108th, Park of the 107th, Jones of the 47th, Flournoy of the 74th, Bell of the 75th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Public Policy Club at Georgia State University for its commitment to civic engagement, public service, and policy education; and for other purposes.

HR 1239. By Representatives Clark of the 100th, Werkheiser of the 157th, Smith of the 138th, Hitchens of the 161st, Seabaugh of the 34th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and congratulating SkillsUSA Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 1240. By Representatives Au of the 50th, Tran of the 80th, Hong of the 103rd and Park of the 107th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending The Georgia Asian Pacific American Bar Association; and for other purposes.

HR 1241. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Jones of the 47th, Hilton of the 48th, Jones of the 25th and Crowe of the 118th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Alpharetta Public Safety Director John Robison as Georgia's 2025 Outstanding Police Chief of the Year; and for other purposes.

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

Representatives Jackson of the 68th and Ali of the 106th.

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

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

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Thursday, February 5, 2026

Thirteenth Legislative Day

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

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

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

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

Representatives Adesanya of the 43rd, Barnes of the 86th, Cannon of the 58th, Lim of the 98th, Lupton of the 83rd, Moore of the 91st, Neal of the 79th, Santos of the 117th, and Washburn of the 144th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Pastor Kevin Bloye, West Ridge Church, Dallas, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

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

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

The Journal was confirmed.

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

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

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

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

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

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

HB 1181. By Representatives Ballard of the 147th, Corbett of the 174th, Sainz of the 180th, New of the 40th and Ehrhart of the 36th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to certificates of title for motor vehicles, so as to require an application for certificate of title to contain or be accompanied by the last certificate of title issued by another state when such application refers to a vehicle last previously registered in another state and the applicant is receiving such vehicle upon inheritance, devise, or bequest; to amend Code Section 40-3-34 of the O.C.G.A., relating to transfer of vehicle by operation of law,

termination of interest, and joint interest with right of survivorship; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

HB 1182. By Representatives Rhodes of the 124th, Leverett of the 123rd, Ridley of the 6th, Williams of the 148th and Corbett of the 174th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to soil amendments, so as to provide for additional prohibited acts; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs.

HB 1183. By Representatives Sainz of the 180th, Bonner of the 73rd, Ballard of the 147th, Rice of the 139th, Burchett of the 176th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits for state income tax, so as to exempt from state income tax income received as personal compensation for full-time duty in the active military service of the United States; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1184. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Thomas of the 21st, Cannon of the 172nd and Ballard of the 147th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state militia generally, so as to treat retired officers the same as warrant officers and enlisted persons for purposes of transferring members of the organized militia to the state retired list at the same grade as such members earned during their military service; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Defense & Veterans Affairs.

HB 1185. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Gambill of the 15th, Wade of the 9th, Seabaugh of the 34th, Gunter of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 14 and 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to corporations, partnerships, and associations and courts, respectively, so as to provide for certain shareholder claims to be brought before the Georgia State-wide Business Court; to permit a corporation's bylaws or articles of incorporation to require certain claims to be heard by the Georgia State-wide Business Court; to provide for removal of certain claims to the Georgia State-wide Business Court; to provide for attorney's fees and costs; to exempt payment of attorney's fees and costs in certain situations; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1186. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Gilliard of the 162nd, Hitchens of the 161st, Westbrook of the 163rd and Jackson of the 165th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act creating the Garden City Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority, approved May 17, 2004 (Ga. L. 2004, p. 3983); to provide for the assets and liabilities thereof; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1187. By Representatives Hong of the 103rd, Gambill of the 15th, Seabaugh of the 34th, Wade of the 9th, Gunter of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 8 of Chapter 11 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to provisional and final remedies and special proceedings, so as to prohibit as contrary to the public policy of this state any contract or agreement that has the purpose or effect of concealing the details relating to a claim of childhood sexual abuse; to provide for the confidentiality of identifying information of victims of childhood sexual abuse; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1188. By Representatives Sanchez of the 42nd, Washburn of the 144th, Frye of the 122nd, Olaleye of the 59th, Oliver of the 84th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Fair

Business Practices Act of 1975," so as to encourage transparency and fairness with respect to rent pricing for residential properties; to prohibit landlords from failing to disclose the total rental price of any residential property and charging hidden fees for any residential property; to provide for definitions; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1189. By Representatives Moore of the 91st, Panitch of the 51st, Bell of the 75th, Baker of the 64th and Sanchez of the 42nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sexual offenses, so as to prohibit the prosecution of the offense of sodomy regarding consenting adults in accordance with Powell v. The State, 270 Ga. 327 (1998); to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 1190. By Representatives Sanchez of the 42nd, Berry of the 56th, McQueen of the 61st, Westbrook of the 163rd, Cameron of the 1st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for the qualification and selection of students to advise the State Board of Education and local boards of education; to provide for the Georgia Teacher of the Year to be invited to advise the State Board of Education; to provide for a definition; to provide for compensation; to provide for restrictions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for construction; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 1191. By Representatives O'Steen of the 169th, Bonner of the 73rd, Hitchens of the 161st, Corbett of the 174th, Cannon of the 172nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prestige license plates and special plates for certain persons and vehicles, so as to provide for additional military medal awards eligible for special veteran license plates; to provide for

a specialty license plate for United States Navy submarine service members; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

HB 1192. By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, Efstration of the 104th, Hugley of the 141st, Hatchett of the 155th, Stephens of the 164th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public assistance, so as to provide for certain accounting practices by the Department of Human Services and the Department of Community Health; to provide for funds for specific purposes; to provide for annual review; to provide for annual reports; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HB 1193. By Representatives Erwin of the 32nd, Burns of the 159th, Hatchett of the 155th, Dubnik of the 29th, Jones of the 47th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to education, so as to promote and advance state-wide literacy and reading education efforts; to substantially revise the "Georgia Early Literacy and Dyslexia Act"; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 1194. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Efstration of the 104th, Williamson of the 112th and Lumsden of the 12th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 33-1-24 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance requirements for transportation network companies and their drivers, so as to clarify periods of time for transportation network company services; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

HB 1195. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Mathiak of the 82nd, Gullett of the 19th, Camp of the 135th and Cooper of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 50 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to telemedicine by veterinarians and veterinary technicians, so as to revise provisions relating to the practice and provision of veterinary teletriage and veterinary telemedicine; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs.

HB 1196. By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Miller of the 62nd, Hong of the 103rd, LaHood of the 175th, Fleming of the 114th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-7-21.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal trespass involving a wild animal, so as to provide for the offense of criminal trespass involving a wild animal; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

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

HB 1163
HB 1164
HB 1165
HB 1166
HB 1167
HB 1168
HB 1169
HB 1170
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HB 1177
HB 1178
HB 1179
HB 1180
HR 1201
HR 1202
HR 1203
HR 1204
HR 1205
SB 382
SB 420

Representative Williams of the 148th District, Chairman of the Committee on Banks and Banking, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 934 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Williams of the 148th
Chairman

Representative Anderson of the 10th District, Chairman of the Committee on Governmental Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Governmental Affairs has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 1027 Do Pass
HB 1066 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Anderson of the 10th
Chairman

Representative Werkheiser of the 157th District, Chairman of the Committee on Industry and Labor, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 574 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Werkheiser of the 157th
Chairman

Representative Smith of the 70th District, Chairman of the Committee on Natural Resources and Environment, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Natural Resources and Environment has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 956 Do Pass
HB 983 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Smith of the 70th
Chairman

Representative Jones of the 25th District, Chairman of the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 986 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Jones of the 25th
Chairman

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

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 05, 2026

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 13th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

HB 985 Veterans affairs; revise terms of eligibility for persons to be buried in Georgia veteran cemeteries (D&VA-Bonner-73rd)

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

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

Pursuant to HR 1186, the House recognized and commended Andruw Jones upon his induction to the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

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

Representatives Barnes of the 86th, Hugley of the 141st et al., Cooper of the 45th, Wade of the 9th, Carter of the 93rd et al., Crowe of the 118th et al., Romman of the 97th et al., Franklin of the 160th et al., Newton of the 127th et al., Dempsey of the 13th et al., Schofield of the 63rd et al., Camp of the 135th et al., Seabaugh of the 34th et al., Draper of the 90th et al., Scott of the 76th et al., Carpenter of the 4th et al., Dickey of the 134th et al., Bell of the 75th et al., Mathiak of the 82nd et al., Ballard of the 147th et al., Bazemore of the 69th et al., and Werkheiser of the 157th et al.

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

HB 985. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Hitchens of the 161st, Werkheiser of the 157th, Mathis of the 133rd, Donatucci of the 105th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Georgia veterans cemeteries, so as to revise the terms of eligibility for persons to be buried in Georgia veterans cemeteries; to provide for a definition; to require an affidavit in certain circumstances; to provide for applicability; to provide for fees; to provide for the Veterans Service Board to have certain discretion; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative findings; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez

Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	E Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	E Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 173, nays 0.

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

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

HOUSE SUPPLEMENTAL RULES CALENDAR
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 05, 2026

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 13th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Open Rule

HB 973 Supplemental appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026 (Substitute)(App-Burns-159th)

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

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

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

HB 973. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act making and providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, known as the "General Appropriations Act," Act No. 73, approved May 9, 2025, so as to make, provide, and change certain appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read:

House Committee Substitute
A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend an Act making and providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, known as the "General Appropriations Act," Act No. 73, approved May 9, 2025, so as to make, provide, and change certain appropriations for the operation of the State government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I

An Act making and providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, known as the "General Appropriations Act," Act No. 73, approved May 9, 2025, is amended by striking everything following the Part I designation up to but not including the Part II designation and by substituting in lieu thereof the following:

The sums of money hereinafter provided are appropriated for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, as prescribed hereinafter for such fiscal year:

Total Funds	**$79,850,743,076**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$24,191,871,354**
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds (CFDA 93.596)	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant (CFDA 93.575)	$345,896,595
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.958)	$14,163,709
Community Service Block Grant (CFDA 93.569)	$11,785,851
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$1,499,466,641
Foster Care Title IV-E (CFDA 93.658)	$98,196,429
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (CFDA 93.568)	$75,051,873
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.994)	$17,292,191
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$12,963,319,830
Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Block Grant (CFDA 93.959)	$47,852,222
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.991)	$4,937,680
Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667)	$61,282,373
State Children's Insurance Program (CFDA 93.767)	$516,471,052
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$2,644,189
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$435,633,209
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$8,005,128,490
Federal Recovery Funds	**$12,007,384**
Federal Recovery Funds Not Specifically Identified	$12,007,384
Other Funds	**$7,588,520,610**
Agency Funds	$4,862,261,158
Indigent Care Trust Fund - Public Hospital Authorities	$139,386,524
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,119,822,515
Records Center Storage Fee	$912,482
Research Funds	$1,466,137,931
State Funds	**$42,268,170,020**
Ambulance Provider Fees	$11,458,192
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$2,010,871
Fireworks Trust Funds	$2,674,971
Georgia Agricultural Trust Fund	$2,225,567
Georgia Transit Trust Funds	$38,005,357
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$11,771,491
Hospital Provider Payment	$511,173,678
Lottery Funds	$1,692,302,672
Motor Fuel Funds	$2,548,131,410
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$131,092,562
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$134,209
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$9,838,299
State Children's Trust Funds	$1,222,837
State General Funds	$36,900,842,454

Tobacco Settlement Funds	$148,630,971
Transportation Trust Funds	$238,271,141
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$16,389,873
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$1,993,465
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$5,790,173,708**
Health Insurance Payments	$5,142,505,397
Medicaid Services Payments - Other Agencies	$280,857,262
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$147,760,018
Self Insurance Trust Fund Payments	$219,051,031

Section 1: Georgia Senate

Total Funds	**$18,090,468**
State Funds	**$18,090,468**
State General Funds	$18,090,468

1.1. Lieutenant Governor's Office

Total Funds	$2,346,940
State Funds	$2,346,940
State General Funds	$2,346,940

1.2. Secretary of the Senate's Office

Total Funds	$1,553,243
State Funds	$1,553,243
State General Funds	$1,553,243

1.3. Senate

Total Funds	$14,190,285
State Funds	$14,190,285
State General Funds	$14,190,285

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$14,115,285	$14,115,285
Increase funds for projected expenditures in contracts.	$75,000	$75,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$14,190,285	$14,190,285

Section 2: Georgia House of Representatives

Total Funds	**$27,336,339**
State Funds	**$27,336,339**
State General Funds	$27,336,339

2.1. House of Representatives

Total Funds	$27,336,339
State Funds	$27,336,339
State General Funds	$27,336,339

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$26,664,595	$26,664,595

Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$213,147	$213,147
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($91,403)	($91,403)
Increase funds for legislative operations.	$550,000	$550,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$27,336,339	$27,336,339

Section 3: Georgia General Assembly Joint Offices

Total Funds	**$23,959,833**
State Funds	**$23,959,833**
State General Funds	$23,959,833

3.1. Ancillary Activities

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services for the legislative branch of government.

Total Funds	$16,013,672
State Funds	$16,013,672
State General Funds	$16,013,672

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$15,476,476	$15,476,476
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$61,558	$61,558
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($24,362)	($24,362)
Increase funds for security services.	$500,000	$500,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$16,013,672	$16,013,672

3.2. Legislative Fiscal Office

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to act as the bookkeeper-comptroller for the legislative branch of government and maintain an account of legislative expenditures and commitments.

Total Funds	$1,448,941
State Funds	$1,448,941
State General Funds	$1,448,941

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,400,401	$1,400,401
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$74,294	$74,294
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($25,754)	($25,754)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,448,941	$1,448,941

3.3. Office of Legislative Counsel

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide bill-drafting services, advice and counsel for members of the General Assembly.

Total Funds	$6,497,220
State Funds	$6,497,220
State General Funds	$6,497,220

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$6,487,234	$6,487,234
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$14,858	$14,858
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($4,872)	($4,872)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$6,497,220	$6,497,220

Section 4: Audits and Accounts, Department of

Total Funds	**$48,576,077**
Other Funds	**$60,000**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$60,000
State Funds	**$48,516,077**
State General Funds	$48,516,077

4.1. Audit and Assurance Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide audit and assurance services for State Agencies, Authorities, Commissions, Bureaus, and higher education systems to facilitate Auditor's reports for the State of Georgia Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, the State of Georgia Single Audit Report, and the State of Georgia Budgetary Compliance Report; to conduct audits of public school systems in Georgia; to conduct performance audits; to perform special examinations at the request of the General Assembly; to conduct reviews of audits reports conducted by other independent auditors of local governments and non-profit organizations contracting with the State; and to provide state financial information online to promote transparency in government.

Total Funds	$39,974,269
Other Funds	$60,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$60,000
State Funds	$39,914,269
State General Funds	$39,914,269

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$39,356,229	$39,416,229
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($151,111)	($151,111)
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$472,869	$472,869
Increase funds for continued investment in subscription-based data analytics and AI technologies to innovate and improve the productivity in support of audit work and results.	$236,282	$236,282
Utilize existing funds to fill vacancies and assume responsibility for public school system audits over a three-year period.*(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$39,914,269	$39,974,269

4.2. Departmental Administration (DOAA)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all Department programs.

Total Funds	$3,280,863
State Funds	$3,280,863
State General Funds	$3,280,863

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,255,621	$3,255,621
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$34,942	$34,942
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($9,700)	($9,700)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,280,863	$3,280,863

4.3. Legislative Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to analyze proposed legislation affecting state retirement systems for fiscal impact and review actuarial investigations and to prepare fiscal notes upon request on other legislation having a significant impact on state revenues and/or expenditures.

Total Funds	$2,243,000
State Funds	$2,243,000
State General Funds	$2,243,000

4.4. Statewide Equalized Adjusted Property Tax Digest

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to establish an equalized adjusted property tax digest for each county and for the State as a whole for use in allocating state funds for public school systems; to provide the Revenue Commissioner statistical data regarding county Tax Assessor compliance with requirements for both uniformity of assessment and level of assessment; and to establish the appropriate level of assessment for centrally assessed public utility companies.

Total Funds	$3,077,945
State Funds	$3,077,945
State General Funds	$3,077,945

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,050,682	$3,050,682
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$39,051	$39,051
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($11,788)	($11,788)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,077,945	$3,077,945

Section 5: Appeals, Court of

Total Funds	**$28,223,742**
Other Funds	**$150,000**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$150,000
State Funds	**$28,073,742**
State General Funds	$28,073,742

5.1. Court of Appeals

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for this court to review and exercise appellate and certiorari jurisdiction pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Georgia, Art. VI, Section V, Para. III, in all cases not reserved to the Supreme Court of Georgia or conferred on other courts by law.

Total Funds	$28,223,742
Other Funds	$150,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$150,000

State Funds	$28,073,742
State General Funds	$28,073,742

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$27,677,694	$27,827,694
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$195,923	$195,923
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($99,375)	($99,375)
Increase funds for commute funds required for a new judge appointed January 1, 2025.	$40,000	$40,000
Increase funds for FY 2026 contract costs associated with shared director of Judicial Protection Services.	$62,500	$62,500
Increase funds for ongoing licensing and maintenance costs associated with moving the court's technology platform to a cloud-based solution.	$197,000	$197,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$28,073,742	$28,223,742

Section 6: Judicial Council

Total Funds	**$31,184,805**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$1,627,367**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,627,367
Other Funds	**$2,839,320**
Agency Funds	$1,440,415
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,398,905
State Funds	**$26,718,118**
State General Funds	$26,718,118

6.1. Council of Accountability Court Judges

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.

Total Funds	$1,423,883
State Funds	$1,423,883
State General Funds	$1,423,883

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,325,892	$1,325,892
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$17,226	$17,226
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($2,933)	($2,933)
Reduce funds for personal services based on the actual start date of new positions.	($66,302)	($66,302)
Increase funds for a one-time payment for accountability court case management system (CMS) integration.	$150,000	$150,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,423,883	$1,423,883

6.2. Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to oversee the state's court-connected alternative dispute resolution (ADR) services by promoting the establishment of new ADR court programs, providing support to existing programs, establishing and enforcing qualifications and ethical standards, registering ADR professionals and volunteers, providing training, administering statewide grants, and collecting statistical data to monitor program effectiveness.

Total Funds	$490,785
Other Funds	$487,212
Agency Funds	$487,212
State Funds	$3,573
State General Funds	$3,573

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$0	$487,212
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$4,306	$4,306
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($733)	($733)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,573	$490,785

6.3. Institute of Continuing Judicial Education

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide basic training and continuing education for Superior Court Judges, Juvenile Court Judges, State Court Judges, Probate Court Judges, Magistrate Court Judges, Municipal Court Judges, Superior Court Clerks, Juvenile Court Clerks, Municipal Court Clerks, and other court personnel.

Total Funds	$1,797,799
Other Funds	$953,203
Agency Funds	$953,203
State Funds	$844,596
State General Funds	$844,596

6.4. Judicial Council

Purpose: The purpose of the appropriation is to support the Administrative Office of the Courts; to provide administrative support for the councils of the Magistrate Court Judges, the Municipal Court Judges, the Probate Court Judges, the State Court Judges, and the Georgia Council of Court Administrators; to operate the Child Support E-Filing system, the Child Support Guidelines Commission, and the Commission on Interpreters; and to support the Committee on Justice for Children.

Total Funds	$21,590,964
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,627,367
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,627,367
Other Funds	$1,388,905
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,388,905
State Funds	$18,574,692
State General Funds	$18,574,692

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$18,476,799	$21,493,071
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$150,703	$150,703

Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($25,660)	($25,660)
Reduce funds for personal services based on the actual start date of a new position.	($27,150)	($27,150)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$18,574,692	$21,590,964

6.5. Judicial Qualifications Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate complaints filed against a judicial officer, impose and recommend disciplinary sanctions against any judicial officer, and when necessary, file formal charges against that officer and provide a formal trial or hearing. The purpose of this appropriation is also to produce formal and informal advisory opinions; provide training and guidance to judicial candidates regarding the Code of Judicial Conduct; and investigate allegations of unethical campaign practices.

Total Funds	$1,555,600
State Funds	$1,555,600
State General Funds	$1,555,600

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,593,094	$1,593,094
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$15,072	$15,072
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($2,566)	($2,566)
Reduce unutilized funds for legal fees.	($50,000)	($50,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,555,600	$1,555,600

6.6. Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to carry out the duties associated with investigative and hearing panels on the conduct of district attorneys and solicitors general, as well as funding administrative personnel and operations.

Total Funds	$1,132,147
State Funds	$1,132,147
State General Funds	$1,132,147

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,125,000	$1,125,000
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$8,614	$8,614
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($1,467)	($1,467)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,132,147	$1,132,147

6.7. Resource Center

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide direct representation to death penalty sentenced inmates and to recruit and assist private attorneys to represent plaintiffs in habeas corpus proceedings.

Total Funds	$900,000
State Funds	$900,000
State General Funds	$900,000

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

6.8. Georgia State-wide Business Court

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support a state-wide business court in matters of resolving commercial dispute and litigation.

Total Funds	$2,020,067
Other Funds	$10,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$10,000
State Funds	$2,010,067
State General Funds	$2,010,067

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,997,160	$2,007,160
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$12,920	$12,920
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($2,200)	($2,200)
Increase funds for one-time costs for annual leave payouts.*(H:No)*	$0	$0
Increase funds to align salaries per O.C.G.A. 15-5A-11.	$2,187	$2,187
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,010,067	$2,020,067

6.10. Georgia Tax Court

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support a tax court with state-wide jurisdiction over challenges and appeals of tax matters involving the Georgia Department of Revenue.

Total Funds	$273,560
State Funds	$273,560
State General Funds	$273,560

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$0	$0
Provide funds for personal services for the Tax Court Judge effective April 1, 2026 per HB 392 (2025 Session).*(G:Yes)*	$91,560	$91,560
Provide funds for operations.	$22,000	$22,000
Provide funds for contracts.	$60,000	$60,000
Provide funds for start-up costs.	$100,000	$100,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$273,560	$273,560

Section 7: Juvenile Courts

Total Funds	**$10,245,921**
Other Funds	**$67,486**
Agency Funds	$67,486
State Funds	**$10,178,435**
State General Funds	$10,178,435

7.1. Council of Juvenile Court Judges

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for the Council of Juvenile Court Judges to represent all the juvenile judges in Georgia. Jurisdiction in cases involving children includes delinquencies, status offenses, and deprivation.

Total Funds	$2,106,628

Other Funds	$67,486
Agency Funds	$67,486
State Funds	$2,039,142
State General Funds	$2,039,142

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,026,916	$2,094,402
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$17,224	$17,224
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($4,998)	($4,998)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,039,142	$2,106,628

7.2. Grants to Counties for Juvenile Court Judges

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for payment of state funds to circuits to pay for juvenile court judges salaries.

Total Funds	$8,139,293
State Funds	$8,139,293
State General Funds	$8,139,293

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$7,783,729	$7,783,729
Increase funds to reflect an increase in the Judicial Retirement System employer contribution rate due to the passage of HB 85 (2025 Session).	$355,564	$355,564
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,139,293	$8,139,293

Section 8: Prosecuting Attorneys

Total Funds	**$134,541,966**
State Funds	**$132,302,163**
State General Funds	$132,302,163
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$2,239,803**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$2,239,803

8.1. Conflict Case

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist District Attorneys in the execution of their duties when a District Attorney is disqualified from interest or relationship to engage in a prosecution per OCGA 15-18-5.

Total Funds	$1,710,934
State Funds	$1,710,934
State General Funds	$1,710,934

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,700,282	$1,700,282
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$15,071	$15,071
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($4,419)	($4,419)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,710,934	$1,710,934

8.2. Council of Superior Court Clerks

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist superior court clerks throughout the state in the execution of their duties and to promote and assist in the training of superior court clerks.

Total Funds	$190,721
State Funds	$190,721
State General Funds	$190,721

8.3. District Attorneys

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for the District Attorney to represent the State of Georgia in the trial and appeal of criminal cases in the Superior Court for the judicial circuit and delinquency cases in the juvenile courts per Ga. Const., Art. VI, Sec. VIII. Para I and OCGA 15-18.

Total Funds	$121,769,405
State Funds	$119,529,602
State General Funds	$119,529,602
Intra-State Government Transfers	$2,239,803
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$2,239,803

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$118,315,041	$120,554,844
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$1,679,340	$1,679,340
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($464,779)	($464,779)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$119,529,602	$121,769,405

8.4. Prosecuting Attorney's Council

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist Georgia's District Attorneys and State Court Solicitors.

Total Funds	$10,870,906
State Funds	$10,870,906
State General Funds	$10,870,906

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$10,799,384	$10,799,384
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$101,191	$101,191
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($29,669)	($29,669)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$10,870,906	$10,870,906

Section 9: Superior Courts

Total Funds	**$103,173,033**
Other Funds	**$82,750**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$82,750
State Funds	**$103,090,283**
State General Funds	$103,090,283

9.1. Council of Superior Court Judges

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for the operations of the Council of Superior Court Judges and is to further the improvement of the Superior Court in the administration of justice through leadership, training, policy development and budgetary and fiscal administration.

Total Funds	$2,021,827
Other Funds	$55,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$55,000
State Funds	$1,966,827
State General Funds	$1,966,827

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,950,532	$2,005,532
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$23,683	$23,683
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($7,388)	($7,388)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,966,827	$2,021,827

9.2. Judicial Administrative Districts

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regional administrative support to the judges of the superior court. This support includes managing budgets, policy, procedure, and providing a liaison between local and state courts.

Total Funds	$3,529,462
Other Funds	$12,750
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$12,750
State Funds	$3,516,712
State General Funds	$3,516,712

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,487,043	$3,499,793
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$43,060	$43,060
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($13,391)	($13,391)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,516,712	$3,529,462

9.3. Superior Court Judges

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enable Georgia's Superior Courts to be the general jurisdiction trial court and exercise exclusive, constitutional authority over felony cases, divorce, equity and cases regarding title to land, provided that law clerks over the fifty provided by law are to be allocated back to the circuits by caseload ranks.

Total Funds	$97,621,744
Other Funds	$15,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$15,000
State Funds	$97,606,744
State General Funds	$97,606,744

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$97,990,472	$98,005,472

Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$598,534	$598,534
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($374,965)	($374,965)
Provide funds for six months of the new salary structure pursuant to HB 85 (2025 Session) for the Alapaha Circuit new judgeship effective January 1, 2026, created in HB 55 (2025 Session).	$42,482	$42,482
Provide funds for six months of the new salary structure pursuant to HB 85 (2025 Session) for the Augusta Circuit new judgeship effective January 1, 2026, created in SB 145 (2025 Session).	$42,482	$42,482
Provide funds for six months of the new salary structure pursuant to HB 85 (2025 Session) for the Douglas Circuit new judgeship effective January 1, 2026 created, in SB 88 (2025 Session).	$42,482	$42,482
Reduce the initial equipment set-up funds for the first six months of funding added for the Houston Circuit new judgeship created in HB 960 (2024 Session).	($15,125)	($15,125)
Reduce the initial equipment set-up funds for the first six months of funding added for the Tifton Circuit new judgeship created in HB 906 (2024 Session).	($15,125)	($15,125)
Reduce funds to reflect superior court judges who have not opted in to the new salary structure.	($704,493)	($704,493)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$97,606,744	$97,621,744

Section 10: Supreme Court

Total Funds	**$21,608,325**
Other Funds	**$1,859,823**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,859,823
State Funds	**$19,748,502**
State General Funds	$19,748,502

10.1. Supreme Court of Georgia

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Supreme Court of Georgia which exercises exclusive appellate jurisdiction in all cases involving: the construction of a treaty, the Constitution of the State of Georgia or of the United States, the constitutionality of a law, ordinance, or constitutional provision that has been drawn in question, and all cases of election contest per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. II. The purpose of this appropriation is also to support the Supreme Court of Georgia in its exercise of jurisdiction in cases per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. III and its administration of the Bar Exam and oversight of the Office of Reporter of Decisions.

Total Funds	$21,608,325
Other Funds	$1,859,823
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,859,823
State Funds	$19,748,502
State General Funds	$19,748,502

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$19,622,337	$21,482,160
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$167,934	$167,934
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($67,168)	($67,168)

Increase funds for the Georgia State Patrol (DPS) Trooper agreement with the Supreme Court.	$25,399	$25,399
Amount appropriated in this Act	$19,748,502	$21,608,325

Section 11: Accounting Office, State

Total Funds	**$45,844,670**
Other Funds	**$592,280**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$592,280
State Funds	**$19,258,505**
State General Funds	$19,258,505
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$25,993,885**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$25,993,885

11.1. Administration (SAO)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

Total Funds	$1,295,132
State Funds	$381,760
State General Funds	$381,760
Intra-State Government Transfers	$913,372
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$913,372

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$371,853	$1,285,225
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$10,765	$10,765
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($858)	($858)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$381,760	$1,295,132

11.2. Financial Systems

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to operate, support, monitor, and improve the State's enterprise financial accounting, payroll, and human capital management systems.

Total Funds	$33,806,784
State Funds	$10,379,589
State General Funds	$10,379,589
Intra-State Government Transfers	$23,427,195
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$23,427,195

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$0	$23,427,195
Provide one-time funds to continue Teamworks ERP support for the Georgia Department of Transportation due to the extension of the agency's GA@WORK implementation timeline.	$10,379,589	$10,379,589
Amount appropriated in this Act	$10,379,589	$33,806,784

11.3. Shared Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support client agencies in processing payroll and other financial transactions and to implement and support the Statewide Travel Consolidation Program.

Total Funds	$2,860,136
Other Funds	$592,280
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$592,280
State Funds	$996,350
State General Funds	$996,350
Intra-State Government Transfers	$1,271,506
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$1,271,506

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$967,930	$2,831,716
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$32,295	$32,295
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($3,875)	($3,875)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$996,350	$2,860,136

11.4. Statewide Accounting and Reporting

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide financial reporting, accounting policy, business process improvement, and compliance with state and federal fiscal reporting requirements.

Total Funds	$3,316,839
State Funds	$2,935,027
State General Funds	$2,935,027
Intra-State Government Transfers	$381,812
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$381,812

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,885,818	$3,267,630
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$60,284	$60,284
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($11,075)	($11,075)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,935,027	$3,316,839

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

11.5. Georgia State Board of Accountancy

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public financial, fiscal, and economic interests by licensing certified public accountants and public accountancy firms; regulating public accountancy practices; and investigating complaints and taking appropriate legal and disciplinary actions when warranted.

Total Funds	$1,233,018
State Funds	$1,233,018
State General Funds	$1,233,018

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$902,213	$902,213
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$10,765	$10,765
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($2,960)	($2,960)

Increase funds for licensure database migration and operational expenses.	$323,000	$323,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,233,018	$1,233,018

11.6. State Ethics Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the integrity of the democratic process and ensure compliance by candidates, public officials, non-candidate campaign committees, lobbyists and vendors with Georgia's Campaign and Financial Disclosure requirements.

Total Funds	$3,332,761
State Funds	$3,332,761
State General Funds	$3,332,761

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,306,312	$3,306,312
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$36,601	$36,601
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($10,152)	($10,152)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,332,761	$3,332,761

Section 12: Administrative Services, Department of

Total Funds	**$354,477,157**
Other Funds	**$54,399,972**
Agency Funds	$39,296,607
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$15,103,365
State Funds	**$66,653,566**
State General Funds	$66,653,566
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$233,423,619**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$14,372,588
Self Insurance Trust Fund Payments	$219,051,031

The Department is authorized to assess state agencies the equivalent of .176% of salaries for the cost of departmental operations and may roll forward any unexpended prior years Merit System Assessment balance to be expended in the current fiscal year.

12.1. Certificate of Need Appeal Panel

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to review decisions made by the Department of Community Health on Certificate of Need applications.

Total Funds	$39,506
State Funds	$39,506
State General Funds	$39,506

12.2. Departmental Administration (DOAS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

Total Funds	$9,736,473
Other Funds	$8,805,905
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$8,805,905
State Funds	$930,568
State General Funds	$930,568

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$810,000	$9,615,905
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$120,568	$120,568
Amount appropriated in this Act	$930,568	$9,736,473

12.3. Fleet Management

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and manage a fuel card program for state and local governments, to implement the Motor Vehicle Contract Maintenance program to provide repairs, roadside assistance, and maintenance for state and local government fleets, and to establish a motor pool for traveling state employees.

Total Funds	$1,720,078
Other Funds	$1,707,160
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,707,160
State Funds	$12,918
State General Funds	$12,918

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$0	$1,707,160
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$12,918	$12,918
Amount appropriated in this Act	$12,918	$1,720,078

12.4. Human Resources Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide centralized services for statewide human resources in support of state agencies, the State Personnel Board, and employees; develop human resource policies, create job descriptions and classification, develop fair and consistent compensation practices, and administer the employee benefits program.

Total Funds	$14,435,025
State Funds	$62,437
State General Funds	$62,437
Intra-State Government Transfers	$14,372,588
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$14,372,588

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$0	$14,372,588
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$62,437	$62,437
Amount appropriated in this Act	$62,437	$14,435,025

12.5. Risk Management

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer a liability insurance program to protect state government and employees from work-related claims, to provide indemnification funds for public officers and public school personnel in case of disability or death, to identify and control risks and hazards to minimize loss, to insure state-owned buildings and property against damage or destruction, to partner with the Department of Labor in administering unemployment claims, and to administer the Workers Compensation Program.

Total Funds	$223,520,537
Other Funds	$2,323,752
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$2,323,752

State Funds	$2,145,754
State General Funds	$2,145,754
Intra-State Government Transfers	$219,051,031
Self Insurance Trust Fund Payments	$219,051,031

12.6. State Purchasing

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to publicize government contract opportunities on the Georgia Procurement Registry; to maintain a comprehensive listing of all agency contracts; to manage bids, Requests For Proposals, and Requests For Quotes; to provide and oversee Purchasing Cards; to conduct reverse auctions for non-construction goods and services valued above $100,000; to leverage the state's purchasing power in obtaining contracts; to train vendors seeking contract opportunities; and to certify small and/or minority business vendors.

Total Funds	$21,671,215
Other Funds	$21,671,215
Agency Funds	$21,671,215

12.7. Surplus Property

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce cost through maximization of the useful life of state-owned equipment and redistribution of property to state and local governments, qualifying non-profits, and to the public through auction.

Total Funds	$2,288,078
Other Funds	$2,266,548
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$2,266,548
State Funds	$21,530
State General Funds	$21,530

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$0	$2,266,548
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$21,530	$21,530
Amount appropriated in this Act	$21,530	$2,288,078

12.8. Wrongful Conviction and Incarceration Compensation Trust Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for the Wrongful Conviction and Incarceration Compensation Trust Fund and to support the Office of State Administrative Hearings' administrative responsibilities related to such claims for compensation pursuant to Chapter 22 of Title 17.

Total Funds	$5,000,000
State Funds	$5,000,000
State General Funds	$5,000,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$0	$0
Provide funds to establish the Wrongful Conviction and Incarceration Compensation Trust Fund under the State Treasury pursuant to SB 244 (2025 Session).	$4,800,000	$4,800,000
Provide funds for the Office of State Administrative Hearings for hearings and adjudication of claims pursuant to SB 244 (2025 Session).	$200,000	$200,000

Change the name of the Compensation Per General Assembly Resolutions program to the Wrongful Conviction and Incarceration Compensation Trust Fund program to reflect the passage of SB 244 (2025 Session).*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Reflect new program purpose statement.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$5,000,000	$5,000,000

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

12.9. Georgia Tax Tribunal

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent trial court with jurisdiction over appeals of tax matters involving the Georgia Department of Revenue.

Total Funds	$650,742
State Funds	$650,742
State General Funds	$650,742

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$582,689	$582,689
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$6,459	$6,459
Increase funds for annual leave payouts due to the elimination of the Georgia Tax Tribunal pursuant to HB 1267 (2024 Session).	$61,594	$61,594
Amount appropriated in this Act	$650,742	$650,742

12.10. Office of State Administrative Hearings

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent forum for the impartial and timely resolution of disputes between the public and state agencies.

Total Funds	$6,832,359
Other Funds	$4,042,248
Agency Funds	$4,042,248
State Funds	$2,790,111
State General Funds	$2,790,111

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,745,174	$6,787,422
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$58,131	$58,131
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($13,194)	($13,194)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,790,111	$6,832,359

12.11. Office of the State Treasurer

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to set cash management policies for state agencies; assist agencies with bank services and accounts; monitor agency deposits and disbursement patterns; to invest funds for state and local entities; to track warrants, fund agency allotments, and pay state debt service; and to manage state revenue collections; and to manage the Path2College 529 Plan.

Total Funds	$13,583,144
Other Funds	$13,583,144
Agency Funds	$13,583,144

12.12. Payments to Georgia Technology Authority

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to set the direction for the state's use of technology and promote efficient, secure, and cost-effective delivery of information technology services.

Total Funds	$55,000,000
State Funds	$55,000,000
State General Funds	$55,000,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$15,000,000	$15,000,000
Increase funds to continue the statewide enhancement and standardization of cybersecurity services for executive branch agencies.	$5,000,000	$5,000,000
Increase funds pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-25-7.1 for the Department of Community Health Integrated Eligibility System (IES) modernization.	$35,000,000	$35,000,000
Utilize existing funds ($7,930,340) relating to interest revenue accrued in the Technology Empowerment Fund for the ERP modernization timeline extension and additional components of the State Ethics Commission e-filing software project due to the passage of HB 199 (2025 Session).*(G:Yes)(H:Yes; Utilize existing funds ($8,635,340) relating to interest revenue accrued in the Technology Empowerment Fund for the ERP modernization timeline extension, additional components of the State Ethics Commission e-filing software project due to the passage of HB 199 (2025 Session), and to implement call center technology enhancements at the Department of Labor.)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$55,000,000	$55,000,000

Section 13: Agriculture, Department of

Total Funds	**$87,926,261**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$8,601,145**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$8,601,145
Other Funds	**$2,775,701**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$2,775,701
State Funds	**$76,349,415**
Georgia Agricultural Trust Fund	$2,225,567
State General Funds	$74,123,848
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$200,000**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$200,000

13.1. Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide payment to the Board of Regents for diagnostic laboratory testing, for veterinary consultation and assistance, for disease surveillance, and for outreach to veterinarians, animal industries, and pet owners within the State of Georgia.

Total Funds	$4,311,042
State Funds	$4,311,042
State General Funds	$4,311,042

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$4,175,403	$4,175,403

Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$135,639	$135,639
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,311,042	$4,311,042

13.2. Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a central information and research hub for rural leadership training and best practices.

Total Funds	$2,395,138
State Funds	$2,395,138
State General Funds	$2,395,138

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,392,985	$2,392,985
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$2,153	$2,153
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,395,138	$2,395,138

13.3. Consumer Protection

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for public health and safety by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the cultivation, processing, and production of livestock, meat, poultry, and other food products; by inspecting establishments that sell food for offsite consumption, food warehouses, wholesale and mobile meat and seafood vendors, dairy farms, and food banks; by certifying organic products, shellfish, and bottled water; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the companion animal, bird, and equine industries (including reports of abuse by private owners); by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the plant and apiary industries, including performing phytosanitary inspections; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the pesticide and wood treatment industries; and by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating animal feed, pet food, and grains. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure accurate commercial transactions by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating weights and measures and fuel sales.

Total Funds	$52,067,452
Federal Funds and Grants	$7,751,145
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$7,751,145
Other Funds	$1,920,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,920,000
State Funds	$42,396,307
State General Funds	$42,396,307

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$38,803,395	$48,474,540
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$876,271	$876,271
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($133,954)	($133,954)
Increase funds for personnel to reflect increased retention of Consumer Protection Division positions.	$1,052,444	$1,052,444
Increase funds for new licensing and inspection software for the Food Safety Division.	$234,000	$234,000
Increase funds for prior year cost-of-living adjustments for which the agency did not receive increased federal reimbursement and to reflect formula correction for prior year cost-of-living adjustment.	$1,109,151	$1,109,151
Provide funds for inspection software upgrades for the Animal Health Division.	$250,000	$250,000

Provide funds for inspection software upgrades for the Plant Protection Division.	$100,000	$100,000
Provide funds for inspection software upgrades for the Structural Pest Division.	$105,000	$105,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$42,396,307	$52,067,452

13.4. Departmental Administration (DOA)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

Total Funds	$10,141,921
Federal Funds and Grants	$850,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$850,000
State Funds	$9,091,921
State General Funds	$9,091,921
Intra-State Government Transfers	$200,000
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$200,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$8,264,713	$9,314,713
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$122,721	$122,721
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($32,786)	($32,786)
Increase funds to reflect formula correction for prior year cost-of-living adjustment.	$37,273	$37,273
Provide funds for laptop replacement.	$450,000	$450,000
Increase funds for one-time agricultural improvements.	$250,000	$250,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,091,921	$10,141,921

13.5. Marketing and Promotion

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to manage the state's farmers markets, to promote Georgia's agricultural products domestically and internationally, to administer relevant certification marks, to provide poultry and livestock commodity data, to administer surety bonds, to provide information to the public, and to publish the Market Bulletin.

Total Funds	$10,054,141
Other Funds	$855,701
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$855,701
State Funds	$9,198,440
Georgia Agricultural Trust Fund	$2,225,567
State General Funds	$6,972,873

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$8,453,282	$9,308,983
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$75,355	$75,355
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($14,428)	($14,428)
Increase funds to reflect formula correction for prior year cost-of-living adjustment.	$24,231	$24,231

Increase funds for the continuation of the Georgia Grown Wood Product Program collaboration between the Georgia Department of Agriculture and the Georgia Forestry Commission.	$660,000	$660,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,198,440	$10,054,141

13.6. Poultry Veterinary Diagnostic Labs

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to pay for operation of the Poultry Diagnostic Veterinary Labs, which conduct disease diagnoses and monitoring.

Total Funds	$3,342,708
State Funds	$3,342,708
State General Funds	$3,342,708

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,049,057	$3,049,057
Increase funds for new lab information and management software.	$293,651	$293,651
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,342,708	$3,342,708

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

13.7. Payments to Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce the rates charged by the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority for youth and livestock events.

Total Funds	$2,042,458
State Funds	$2,042,458
State General Funds	$2,042,458

13.8. State Soil and Water Conservation Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect, conserve, and improve the soil and water resources of the State of Georgia by administering the use of state and federal resources to inspect, maintain, and provide assistance to owners of USDA flood control structures in order to comply with the state Safe Dams Act and to provide planning and research assistance to landowners and local governments on water management, erosion, and sedimentation control.

Total Funds	$3,571,401
State Funds	$3,571,401
State General Funds	$3,571,401

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,425,347	$3,425,347
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$68,896	$68,896
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($11,405)	($11,405)
Provide funds for a plan reviewer position effective April 1, 2026.	$31,443	$31,443
Provide funds for retention of plan reviewers.	$57,120	$57,120
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,571,401	$3,571,401

Section 14: Banking and Finance, Department of

Total Funds	**$15,939,740**
State Funds	**$15,939,740**

State General Funds	$15,939,740

14.1. Departmental Administration (DBF)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

Total Funds	$3,222,407
State Funds	$3,222,407
State General Funds	$3,222,407

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,942,778	$2,942,778
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$32,295	$32,295
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($11,105)	($11,105)
Provide funds for new data backup solution to protect against data loss.	$169,439	$169,439
Provide funds for business automation software to enhance agency efficiency.	$89,000	$89,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,222,407	$3,222,407

14.2. Financial Institution Supervision

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to examine and regulate depository financial institutions, state-chartered banks, trust companies, credit unions, bank holding companies, and international banking organizations; to track performance of financial service providers operating in Georgia, to monitor industry trends, respond to negative trends, and establish operating guidelines; and to collaborate with law enforcement, federal regulators, and other regulatory agencies on examination findings.

Total Funds	$9,155,091
State Funds	$9,155,091
State General Funds	$9,155,091

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$8,949,097	$8,949,097
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$109,803	$109,803
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($29,652)	($29,652)
Increase funds for two examiners specializing in Merchant Acquirer Limited Purpose Banks to meet increased workload due to new charters.	$125,843	$125,843
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,155,091	$9,155,091

14.3. Non-Depository Financial Institution Supervision

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect consumers from unfair, deceptive, or fraudulent money service businesses and residential mortgage and installment loan lending practices, protect consumers by licensing, regulating, and enforcing applicable laws and regulations, and provide efficient and flexible application, registration, and notification procedures for non-depository financial institutions.

Total Funds	$3,562,242
State Funds	$3,562,242
State General Funds	$3,562,242

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,522,391	$3,522,391
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$51,672	$51,672
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($11,821)	($11,821)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,562,242	$3,562,242

Section 15: Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Department of

Total Funds	**$2,412,485,052**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$653,583,618**
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.958)	$14,163,709
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$440,688,213
Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Block Grant (CFDA 93.959)	$47,482,075
Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667)	$40,481,142
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$12,096,720
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$98,671,759
Other Funds	**$25,546,962**
Agency Funds	$23,512,036
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$2,034,926
State Funds	**$1,730,559,762**
State General Funds	$1,720,304,624
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$10,255,138
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$2,794,710**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$2,794,710

15.1. Adult Addictive Diseases Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a continuum of programs, services and supports for adults who abuse alcohol and other drugs, have a chemical dependency and who need assistance for compulsive gambling.

Total Funds	$102,305,567
Federal Funds and Grants	$44,254,231
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$50,000
Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Block Grant (CFDA 93.959)	$29,607,511
Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667)	$2,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$12,096,720
Other Funds	$434,903
Agency Funds	$434,903
State Funds	$57,241,433
State General Funds	$57,241,433
Intra-State Government Transfers	$375,000
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$375,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$57,353,550	$102,274,765
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$34,448	$34,448
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($3,646)	($3,646)

Replace state general funds with other funds for the expansion of Hepatitis C screening services at core behavioral health provider sites.	($142,919)	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$57,241,433	$102,305,567

15.2. Adult Developmental Disabilities Respite Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for respite services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Total Funds	$2,100,000
State Funds	$2,100,000
State General Funds	$2,100,000

15.3. Adult Developmental Disabilities Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote independence of adults with significant developmental disabilities through institutional care, community support and respite, job readiness, training, and a crisis and access line.

Total Funds	$1,075,929,530
Federal Funds and Grants	$496,724,949
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$377,303,445
Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667)	$37,981,142
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$81,440,362
Other Funds	$22,860,000
Agency Funds	$22,860,000
State Funds	$556,344,581
State General Funds	$546,089,443
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$10,255,138

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$555,798,655	$1,075,383,604
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$1,431,745	$1,431,745
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($1,385,819)	($1,385,819)
Provide one-time funds for behavioral health provider rate study.	$500,000	$500,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$556,344,581	$1,075,929,530

15.4. Adult Forensic Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide psychological evaluations of defendants, mental health screening and evaluations, inpatient mental health treatment, competency remediation, forensic evaluation services, and supportive housing for forensic consumers.

Total Funds	$157,603,516
Other Funds	$191,500
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$191,500
State Funds	$157,412,016
State General Funds	$157,412,016

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$154,822,624	$155,014,124
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$2,674,026	$2,674,026

Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($328,384)	($328,384)
Restore funds for jail-based competency restoration in Cobb County Jail.	$243,750	$243,750
Amount appropriated in this Act	$157,412,016	$157,603,516

15.5. Adult Mental Health Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to facilitate rehabilitation and recovery for adults with mental illnesses.

Total Funds	$735,519,004
Federal Funds and Grants	$59,639,192
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.958)	$6,726,178
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$49,850,659
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,062,355
Other Funds	$390,095
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$390,095
State Funds	$675,489,717
State General Funds	$675,489,717

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$662,732,874	$722,762,161
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$14,224,871	$14,224,871
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($1,468,028)	($1,468,028)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$675,489,717	$735,519,004

15.6. Child and Adolescent Addictive Diseases Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services to children and adolescents for the safe withdrawal from abused substances and promote a transition to productive living.

Total Funds	$11,260,706
Federal Funds and Grants	$7,928,149
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$50,000
Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Block Grant (CFDA 93.959)	$7,878,149
State Funds	$3,332,557
State General Funds	$3,332,557

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,330,959	$11,259,108
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$2,153	$2,153
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($555)	($555)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,332,557	$11,260,706

15.7. Child and Adolescent Developmental Disabilities

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, residential, support, and education services to promote independence for children and adolescents with developmental disabilities.

Total Funds	$20,736,416
Federal Funds and Grants	$3,285,496

Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$3,285,496
State Funds	$17,450,920
State General Funds	$17,450,920

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$17,390,174	$20,675,670
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$71,049	$71,049
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($10,303)	($10,303)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$17,450,920	$20,736,416

15.8. Child and Adolescent Forensic Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment and residential services to children and adolescents clients referred by Georgia's criminal justice or corrections system.

Total Funds	$7,342,951
State Funds	$7,342,951
State General Funds	$7,342,951

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$7,308,144	$7,308,144
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$58,131	$58,131
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($23,324)	($23,324)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$7,342,951	$7,342,951

15.9. Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to children and adolescents with mental illness.

Total Funds	$69,328,576
Federal Funds and Grants	$11,057,531
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.958)	$7,437,531
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$870,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,750,000
Other Funds	$195,000
Agency Funds	$195,000
State Funds	$58,076,045
State General Funds	$58,076,045

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$58,027,803	$69,280,334
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$58,131	$58,131
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($9,889)	($9,889)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$58,076,045	$69,328,576

15.10. Departmental Administration (DBHDD)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all mental health, developmental disabilities and addictive diseases programs of the department.

Total Funds	$40,901,489
Federal Funds and Grants	$9,278,613
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$9,278,613
Other Funds	$22,133
Agency Funds	$22,133
State Funds	$31,600,743
State General Funds	$31,600,743

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$30,989,579	$40,290,325
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$725,561	$725,561
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($114,397)	($114,397)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$31,600,743	$40,901,489

15.11. Direct Care Support Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to operate five state-owned and operated hospitals.

Total Funds	$163,238,497
Other Funds	$1,453,331
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,453,331
State Funds	$159,365,456
State General Funds	$159,365,456
Intra-State Government Transfers	$2,419,710
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$2,419,710

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$157,576,528	$161,449,569
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$2,221,896	$2,221,896
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($432,968)	($432,968)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$159,365,456	$163,238,497

15.12. Substance Abuse Prevention

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the health and well-being of children, youth, families and communities through preventing the use and/or abuse of alcohol, tobacco and drugs.

Total Funds	$19,790,093
Federal Funds and Grants	$19,396,415
Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Block Grant (CFDA 93.959)	$9,996,415
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$9,400,000
State Funds	$393,678
State General Funds	$393,678

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$359,230	$19,755,645
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$34,448	$34,448
Amount appropriated in this Act	$393,678	$19,790,093

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

15.13. Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote quality services and support for people with developmental disabilities and their families.

Total Funds	$2,866,323
Federal Funds and Grants	$2,019,042
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,019,042
State Funds	$847,281
State General Funds	$847,281

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$826,598	$2,845,640
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$21,530	$21,530
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($847)	($847)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$847,281	$2,866,323

15.14. Sexual Offender Risk Review Board

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect Georgia's children by identifying convicted sexual offenders that present the greatest risk of sexually reoffending.

Total Funds	$3,562,384
State Funds	$3,562,384
State General Funds	$3,562,384

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,527,396	$3,527,396
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$45,213	$45,213
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($10,225)	($10,225)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,562,384	$3,562,384

Section 16: Community Affairs, Department of

Total Funds	**$447,476,107**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$222,364,117**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$222,364,117
Other Funds	**$27,673,160**
Agency Funds	$2,700
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$27,670,460
State Funds	**$197,438,830**

State General Funds	$197,438,830

16.1. Accountable Housing Initiative – Special Project

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Accountable Housing Initiative.

Total Funds	$1,943,923
Other Funds	$192,383
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$192,383
State Funds	$1,751,540
State General Funds	$1,751,540

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,750,000	$1,942,383
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$2,153	$2,153
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($613)	($613)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,751,540	$1,943,923

16.2. Building Construction

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain up-to-date minimum building construction standards for all new structures built in the state; to inspect factory built (modular) buildings to ensure Georgia's minimum construction codes are met; to review proposed enhancements to local government construction codes; and to provide professional training to building inspectors and builders on Georgia's construction codes.

Total Funds	$804,256
Other Funds	$481,451
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$481,451
State Funds	$322,805
State General Funds	$322,805

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$315,409	$796,860
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$8,612	$8,612
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($1,216)	($1,216)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$322,805	$804,256

16.3. Community Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is promote volunteerism and community and economic development among local governments, development authorities, and private entities; to promote access to department programs through a statewide network which provides technical and financial assistance for community, economic, and housing developments; to assist Georgia cities, small towns, and neighborhoods in the development of their core commercial areas; to administer federal grant and loan programs; and to provide technical assistance and establish standards, procedures, and reviews for comprehensive plans submitted by local governments.

Total Funds	$69,769,899
Federal Funds and Grants	$58,810,708
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$58,810,708
Other Funds	$2,235,623

Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$2,235,623
State Funds	$8,723,568
State General Funds	$8,723,568

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$8,592,936	$69,639,267
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$155,016	$155,016
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($24,384)	($24,384)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,723,568	$69,769,899

16.4. Departmental Administration (DCA)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

Total Funds	$13,059,621
Federal Funds and Grants	$5,283,371
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$5,283,371
Other Funds	$5,791,626
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$5,791,626
State Funds	$1,984,624
State General Funds	$1,984,624

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,813,085	$12,888,082
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$174,393	$174,393
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($2,854)	($2,854)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,984,624	$13,059,621

16.5. Historic Preservation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide technical assistance to communities for historic preservation efforts; to administer federal and state grants for historic preservation; and to function as Georgia's State Historic Preservation Office.

Total Funds	$8,187,639
Federal Funds and Grants	$5,979,876
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$5,979,876
Other Funds	$400,397
Agency Funds	$2,700
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$397,697
State Funds	$1,807,366
State General Funds	$1,807,366

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,755,694	$8,135,967
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$51,672	$51,672
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,807,366	$8,187,639

16.6. Housing Initiatives

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the affordable housing supply and promote home ownership for low- and moderate- income individuals through housing grants, construction financing, mortgage and down payment assistance programs, and the administration of federal and state tax credits; to administer low-interest loans and provide tenant-based assistance to low-income households allowing them to rent safe, decent, and sanitary dwelling units in the private rental market; and to fund the State Housing Trust Fund, provide grants for services to the homeless, and provide for other special housing initiatives.

Total Funds	$231,145,644
Federal Funds and Grants	$152,290,162
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$152,290,162
Other Funds	$17,816,247
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$17,816,247
State Funds	$61,039,235
State General Funds	$61,039,235

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$10,328,745	$180,435,154
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$710,490	$710,490
Provide one-time funds for the State Housing Trust Fund to address homelessness through matching funds to local governments and nonprofit organizations.	$50,000,000	$50,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$61,039,235	$231,145,644

16.7. State Economic Development Programs

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and loans to local governments and businesses and to leverage private investment in order to attract and promote economic development and job creation.

Total Funds	$11,352,977
Other Funds	$609,912
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$609,912
State Funds	$10,743,065
State General Funds	$10,743,065

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$10,728,595	$11,338,507
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$17,224	$17,224
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($2,754)	($2,754)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$10,743,065	$11,352,977

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

16.8. Payments to Georgia Environmental Finance Authority

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for water, wastewater, solid waste, energy, and land conservation projects.

Total Funds	$86,753,495
State Funds	$86,753,495
State General Funds	$86,753,495

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,753,495	$1,753,495
Provide funds to establish a state financing and assistance program for natural gas infrastructure improvements pursuant to SB 13 (2025 Session).	$35,000,000	$35,000,000
Increase funds for rural infrastructure for economic development.	$50,000,000	$50,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$86,753,495	$86,753,495

16.9. Payments to OneGeorgia Authority

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for the OneGeorgia Authority.

Total Funds	$24,458,653
Other Funds	$145,521
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$145,521
State Funds	$24,313,132
State General Funds	$24,313,132

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$20,460,340	$20,605,861
Reduce funds for grants to engage nonprofits in Hurricane Helene recovery efforts and recognize funds in the Georgia Forestry Commission and Department of Agriculture to support initiatives recommended by the Governor's Timber Task Force to address challenges facing Georgia's timber and forest products industry.	($11,147,208)	($11,147,208)
Increase funds for rural site development.	$15,000,000	$15,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$24,313,132	$24,458,653

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Total Funds	**$24,957,191,447**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$12,837,957,777**
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$12,305,870,252
State Children's Insurance Program (CFDA 93.767)	$516,471,052
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$15,616,473
Other Funds	**$1,027,963,032**
Agency Funds	$739,992,596
Indigent Care Trust Fund - Public Hospital Authorities	$139,386,524
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$148,583,912
State Funds	**$5,667,907,979**
Ambulance Provider Fees	$11,458,192
Hospital Provider Payment	$511,173,678
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$131,092,562
State General Funds	$4,890,121,196
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$124,062,351
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$5,423,362,659**
Health Insurance Payments	$5,142,505,397
Medicaid Services Payments - Other Agencies	$280,857,262

17.1. Departmental Administration (DCH)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.

Total Funds	$485,557,484
Federal Funds and Grants	$361,461,531
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$331,355,697
State Children's Insurance Program (CFDA 93.767)	$29,454,740
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$651,094
Other Funds	$4,284,769
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$4,284,769
State Funds	$98,499,599
State General Funds	$98,499,599
Intra-State Government Transfers	$21,311,585
Health Insurance Payments	$21,311,585

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$95,091,814	$482,133,654
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$1,029,134	$1,029,134
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($107,926)	($107,926)
Reduce funds for personal services based on the actual start date of new positions.	($18,772)	($18,772)
Increase funds for a $3,000 salary enhancement for Katie Beckett Medicaid caseworkers for parity with Department of Human Services Medicaid caseworkers.	$5,349	$21,394
The department shall submit a 1915(i) waiver to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to provide a comprehensive suite of services as benefits to members enrolled in the Therapeutic Care Model program.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Increase funds to support spinal injury services.	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$98,499,599	$485,557,484

17.2. Georgia Board of Dentistry

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified applicants as dentists and dental hygienists, regulating the practice of dentistry, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary action when warranted.

Total Funds	$1,197,454
State Funds	$1,197,454
State General Funds	$1,197,454

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,274,815	$1,274,815
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$15,071	$15,071
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($3,162)	($3,162)
Reduce funds for personal services based on the actual start date of new positions.	($122,059)	($122,059)
Increase funds for one vehicle and protective equipment for an additional criminal investigator for which funding is appropriated in FY 2027.	$32,789	$32,789
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,197,454	$1,197,454

17.3. Georgia State Board of Pharmacy

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified pharmacists and pharmacies, regulating the practice of pharmacy, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary actions when warranted.

Total Funds	$1,051,105
State Funds	$1,051,105
State General Funds	$1,051,105

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,128,029	$1,128,029
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$15,071	$15,071
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($2,897)	($2,897)
Reduce funds for personal services based on the actual start date of new positions.	($89,098)	($89,098)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,051,105	$1,051,105

17.4. Health Care Access and Improvement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and other support services for programs that seek to improve health access and outcomes in rural and underserved areas of Georgia through the State Office of Rural Health, the various commissions of the Office of Health Improvement, and the Office of Health Information Technology and Transparency.

Total Funds	$27,016,689
Federal Funds and Grants	$172,588
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$172,588
State Funds	$26,844,101
State General Funds	$26,844,101

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$20,819,637	$20,992,225
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$21,530	$21,530
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($2,317)	($2,317)
Increase funds to establish a grant program to support the creation of new rural medical and dental clinics.	$4,800,000	$4,800,000
Provide one-time funds for hospital infrastructure and emergency power.	$800,000	$800,000
Provide one-time funds for two portable training ultrasound machines.	$155,251	$155,251
Increase funds for rural colorectal screenings.	$250,000	$250,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$26,844,101	$27,016,689

17.5. Healthcare Facility Regulation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to inspect and license long term care and health care facilities.

Total Funds	$39,557,297
Federal Funds and Grants	$12,005,577
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$12,005,577
Other Funds	$100,000
Agency Funds	$100,000
State Funds	$27,451,720

State General Funds	$27,451,720

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$27,054,557	$39,160,134
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$484,425	$484,425
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($87,262)	($87,262)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$27,451,720	$39,557,297

17.6. Indigent Care Trust Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support rural and other healthcare providers, primarily hospitals that serve medically indigent Georgians.

Total Funds	$1,010,856,696
Federal Funds and Grants	$671,388,987
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$671,388,987
Other Funds	$286,585,667
Agency Funds	$3,200,000
Indigent Care Trust Fund - Public Hospital Authorities	$139,386,524
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$143,999,143
State Funds	$52,882,042
State General Funds	$52,882,042

17.7. Medicaid- Aged Blind and Disabled

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health care access primarily to elderly and disabled individuals. There is also hereby appropriated to the Department of Community Health a specific sum of money equal to all the provider fees paid to the Indigent Care Trust Fund created pursuant to Article 6A of chapter 8 of Title 31. The sum of money is appropriated for payments for nursing homes pursuant to Article 6A.

Total Funds	$9,429,667,722
Federal Funds and Grants	$5,970,089,388
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$5,967,302,174
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,787,214
Other Funds	$97,574,403
Agency Funds	$97,574,403
State Funds	$3,094,715,299
Ambulance Provider Fees	$11,458,192
Hospital Provider Payment	$52,039,473
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$131,092,562
State General Funds	$2,893,933,266
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,191,806
Intra-State Government Transfers	$267,288,632
Medicaid Services Payments - Other Agencies	$267,288,632

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,844,180,261	$8,697,555,150
Increase funds for growth in Medicaid based on projected utilization.	$226,981,080	$673,734,283
Increase funds for the hold harmless provision in Medicare Part B premiums.	$26,344,701	$78,197,390
Increase funds for the Medicare Part D Clawback payment.	$3,213,974	$3,213,974

Reduce funds for high-cost drugs based on projected utilization.	($11,624,428)	($34,504,090)
Reduce funds for Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) savings from FY 2026 provider rate enhancements.	($26,467)	($75,163)
Replace $4,783,831 in state general funds with hospital provider fees.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Replace $27,902,969 in nursing home provider fees with state general funds.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for ambulance provider fees based on projected revenue.	$2,646,178	$2,646,178
Increase funds for supplemental quality incentive payments at skilled nursing facilities.	$3,000,000	$8,900,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,094,715,299	$9,429,667,722

17.8. Medicaid- Low-Income Medicaid

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide healthcare access primarily to low-income individuals.

Total Funds	$8,210,371,701
Federal Funds and Grants	$5,461,049,955
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$5,327,950,435
State Children's Insurance Program (CFDA 93.767)	$133,099,520
Other Funds	$639,118,193
Agency Funds	$639,118,193
State Funds	$2,096,786,706
Hospital Provider Payment	$459,134,205
State General Funds	$1,519,781,956
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$117,870,545
Intra-State Government Transfers	$13,416,847
Medicaid Services Payments - Other Agencies	$13,416,847

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,246,744,451	$8,655,479,189
Reduce funds for Medicaid based on projected utilization.	($149,927,920)	($445,022,024)
Reduce funds for FMAP savings from FY 2026 provider rate enhancements.	($29,825)	($85,464)
Replace $42,206,820 in state general funds with hospital provider fees.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,096,786,706	$8,210,371,701

17.9. PeachCare

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health insurance coverage for qualified low-income Georgia children.

Total Funds	$468,947,313
Federal Funds and Grants	$353,916,792
State Children's Insurance Program (CFDA 93.767)	$353,916,792
State Funds	$114,878,738
State General Funds	$114,878,738
Intra-State Government Transfers	$151,783
Medicaid Services Payments - Other Agencies	$151,783

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$122,733,823	$502,235,943

Reduce funds for Medicaid based on projected utilization.	($7,849,459)	($33,288,630)
Reduce funds for FMAP savings from FY 2026 provider rate enhancements.	($5,626)	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$114,878,738	$468,947,313

17.10. State Health Benefit Plan

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a healthcare benefit for teachers and state employees that is competitive with other commercial benefit plans in quality of care and access to providers; and to provide for the efficient management of provider fees and utilization rates.

Total Funds	$5,127,205,733
State Funds	$6,011,921
State General Funds	$6,011,921
Intra-State Government Transfers	$5,121,193,812
Health Insurance Payments	$5,121,193,812

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

17.11. Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Board Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all agency programs.

Total Funds	$2,000,379
State Funds	$2,000,379
State General Funds	$2,000,379

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,986,170	$1,986,170
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$19,377	$19,377
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($5,168)	($5,168)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,000,379	$2,000,379

17.12. Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Graduate Medical Education

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to address the physician workforce needs of Georgia communities through the support and development of medical education programs.

Total Funds	$63,285,911
Federal Funds and Grants	$7,872,959
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$7,872,959
State Funds	$55,412,952
State General Funds	$55,412,952

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$43,283,730	$51,156,689
Redirect existing funds ($734,438) for grants for graduate medical education programs based on the use of Medicaid Reimbursements for new residency slots pending approval of a State Plan Amendment to fund the Rural Surgery Initiative and child and adolescent psychiatry slots at Augusta University.*(G:Yes)(H:No)*	$0	$0
Reduce funds due to delayed approval of a State Plan Amendment.	($6,844,122)	($6,844,122)
Provide funds for the Rural Surgery Initiative and child and adolescent psychiatry slots at Augusta University.	$1,166,776	$1,166,776

Provide one-time funds for the expansion of graduate medical education programs in South Georgia.	$17,806,568	$17,806,568
Amount appropriated in this Act	$55,412,952	$63,285,911

17.13. Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Mercer School of Medicine Grant

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Mercer University School of Medicine to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.

Total Funds	$34,576,801
State Funds	$34,576,801
State General Funds	$34,576,801

17.14. Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Morehouse School of Medicine Grant

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Morehouse School of Medicine and affiliated hospitals to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.

Total Funds	$33,429,696
State Funds	$33,429,696
State General Funds	$33,429,696

17.15. Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Healthcare Practitioner Loan Repayment

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of physicians in rural areas of the state and to provide a program of aid to promising medical students.

Total Funds	$6,215,000
State Funds	$6,215,000
State General Funds	$6,215,000

17.16. Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Healthcare Education Programs

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of health practitioners through a public/private partnership with medical and nursing schools in Georgia.

Total Funds	$7,295,783
State Funds	$7,295,783
State General Funds	$7,295,783

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$7,195,783	$7,195,783
Change program name from Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Undergraduate Medical Education to Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Healthcare Education Programs to include nursing education.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Provide funds to promote rural residency programs.	$100,000	$100,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$7,295,783	$7,295,783

17.17. Georgia Composite Medical Board

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to license qualified applicants as physicians, physician's assistants, respiratory care professionals, perfusionists, acupuncturists, orthotists, prosthetists, and auricular (ear) detoxification specialists. Also, investigate complaints and discipline those who violate the Medical Practice Act or other laws governing the professional behavior of the Board licensees.

Total Funds	$5,628,881
Other Funds	$300,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$300,000

State Funds	$5,328,881
State General Funds	$5,328,881

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$5,278,810	$5,578,810
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$88,273	$88,273
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($17,865)	($17,865)
Reduce funds for personal services based on the actual start date of new positions.	($20,337)	($20,337)
Utilize funds appropriated in HB 68 (2025 Session) for a paralegal.*(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$5,328,881	$5,628,881

17.18. Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the general public by providing an enforcement presence to oversee all laws and regulations pertaining to controlled substances and dangerous drugs.

Total Funds	$3,329,802
State Funds	$3,329,802
State General Funds	$3,329,802

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,304,145	$3,304,145
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$38,754	$38,754
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($13,097)	($13,097)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,329,802	$3,329,802

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Total Funds	**$237,631,088**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$636,008**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$636,008
Other Funds	**$227,478**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$227,478
State Funds	**$235,866,373**
State General Funds	$235,866,373
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$901,229**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$901,229

18.1. Departmental Administration (DCS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.

Total Funds	$11,242,487
Other Funds	$1,200
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,200
State Funds	$11,241,287
State General Funds	$11,241,287

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$11,138,823	$11,140,023
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$144,251	$144,251
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($41,787)	($41,787)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$11,241,287	$11,242,487

18.2. Field Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve Georgia citizens through effective and efficient offender supervision in communities, while providing opportunities for successful outcomes.

Total Funds	$219,608,505
Federal Funds and Grants	$447,884
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$447,884
Other Funds	$116,278
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$116,278
State Funds	$218,194,343
State General Funds	$218,194,343
Intra-State Government Transfers	$850,000
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$850,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$215,373,753	$216,787,915
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$3,741,914	$3,741,914
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($820,539)	($820,539)
Reduce funds for personal services based on the actual start date of new positions.	($100,785)	($100,785)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$218,194,343	$219,608,505

18.3. Governor's Office of Transition, Support, and Reentry

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a collaboration of governmental and non-governmental stakeholders to develop and execute a systematic reentry plan for Georgia offenders and ensure the delivery of services to reduce recidivism and support the success of returning citizens.

Total Funds	$4,647,817
State Funds	$4,647,817
State General Funds	$4,647,817

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$4,592,794	$4,592,794
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$68,896	$68,896
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($13,873)	($13,873)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,647,817	$4,647,817

18.4. Misdemeanor Probation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of all governmental and private misdemeanor providers through inspection and investigation.

Total Funds	$1,028,400
State Funds	$1,028,400
State General Funds	$1,028,400

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,017,668	$1,017,668
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$15,071	$15,071
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($4,339)	($4,339)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,028,400	$1,028,400

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

18.5. Georgia Commission on Family Violence

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the study and evaluation of needs and services relating to family violence in Georgia, develop models for community task forces on family violence, provide training and continuing education on the dynamics of family violence, and develop standards to be used in the certification and regulation of Family Violence Intervention Programs.

Total Funds	$1,103,879
Federal Funds and Grants	$188,124
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$188,124
Other Funds	$110,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$110,000
State Funds	$754,526
State General Funds	$754,526
Intra-State Government Transfers	$51,229
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$51,229

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$739,174	$1,088,527
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$17,224	$17,224
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($1,872)	($1,872)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$754,526	$1,103,879

Section 19: Corrections, Department of

Total Funds	**$1,806,475,232**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$809,589**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$809,589
Other Funds	**$15,960,082**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$15,960,082
State Funds	**$1,789,705,561**
State General Funds	$1,789,705,561

19.1. Departmental Administration (DOC)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by providing an effective and efficient department that administers a balanced correctional system.

Total Funds	$42,305,387
Other Funds	$372,424
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$372,424
State Funds	$41,932,963
State General Funds	$41,932,963

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$41,565,500	$41,937,924
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$499,496	$499,496
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($132,033)	($132,033)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$41,932,963	$42,305,387

19.2. Detention Centers

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, vocational training, work details, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for probationers who require more security or supervision than provided by regular community supervision.

Total Funds	$78,985,184
Other Funds	$1,374,456
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,374,456
State Funds	$77,610,728
State General Funds	$77,610,728

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$76,423,479	$77,797,935
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$1,466,193	$1,466,193
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($278,944)	($278,944)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$77,610,728	$78,985,184

19.3. Food and Farm Operations

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to manage timber, raise crops and livestock, and produce dairy items used in preparing meals for offenders.

Total Funds	$35,670,975
Other Funds	$568,986
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$568,986
State Funds	$35,101,989
State General Funds	$35,101,989

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$30,349,192	$30,918,178
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$36,601	$36,601

Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($6,591)	($6,591)
Provide funds for food services at four modular correctional units.	$182,375	$182,375
Provide funds for food services across state facilities contracted with Georgia Correctional Industries due to rising food costs.	$2,445,250	$2,445,250
Provide funds for the purchase of meat during processing equipment upgrades.	$1,079,200	$1,079,200
Provide funds for food and farm equipment and software upgrades.	$1,015,962	$1,015,962
Amount appropriated in this Act	$35,101,989	$35,670,975

19.4. Health

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the required constitutional level of physical, dental, and mental health care to all inmates of the state correctional system.

Total Funds	$410,585,625
Federal Funds and Grants	$573,812
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$573,812
Other Funds	$305,972
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$305,972
State Funds	$409,705,841
State General Funds	$409,705,841

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$376,598,234	$377,478,018
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$53,825	$53,825
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($16,702)	($16,702)
Increase funds for the physical health contract for a per diem increase ($10,946,108), outside-the-wire care ($15,000,000), and to reflect the opening of additional beds ($12,923,790).*(H:Increase funds for the physical health contract for a per diem increase and additional beds ($16,903,986) and outside-the-wire care ($15,000,000).)*	$31,903,986	$31,903,986
Increase funds for the dental health contract to increase staffing ratios.	$374,587	$374,587
Increase funds for the mental health contract to increase staffing ratios.	$479,411	$479,411
Utilize prior year funds ($20,402,982) for physical health risk share obligations.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for residential substance abuse treatment centers effective April 1, 2026.	$312,500	$312,500
Amount appropriated in this Act	$409,705,841	$410,585,625

19.5. Offender Management

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and operate the following agency-wide support services to ensure public safety: canine units, the County Correctional Institutions program, Correctional Emergency Response Teams, inmate classification, inmate diagnostics, the jail coordination unit, the release and agreements unit, and tactical squads.

Total Funds	$66,574,676
State Funds	$66,574,676
State General Funds	$66,574,676

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$58,596,973	$58,596,973
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$129,180	$129,180
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($19,399)	($19,399)
Increase funds for jail subsidy payments to local jails for housing Department of Corrections inmates.	$6,242,030	$6,242,030
Increase funds for maintenance and support of the inmate assignment decision support system.	$125,892	$125,892
Provide funds for rural local county jail reimbursement where more than 20% of jail capacity utilization is occupied by detainees unable to make bail on contraband or drone-related charges.	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$66,574,676	$66,574,676

19.6. Private Prisons

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to contract with private companies to provide cost effective prison facilities that ensure public safety.

Total Funds	$173,541,185
State Funds	$173,541,185
State General Funds	$173,541,185

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$172,485,527	$172,485,527
Increase funds for Jenkins Correctional Institution and Riverbend Correctional Institution to fully utilize available beds at correct tier rate added in HB 68 (2025 Session).	$1,055,658	$1,055,658
Amount appropriated in this Act	$173,541,185	$173,541,185

19.7. State Prisons

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, religious support, vocational training, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for violent and/or repeat offenders, or nonviolent offenders who have exhausted all other forms of punishment in a secure, well-supervised setting; to assist in the reentry of these offenders back into society; and to provide fire services and work details to the Department, state agencies, and local communities.

Total Funds	$947,196,220
Federal Funds and Grants	$235,777
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$235,777
Other Funds	$13,118,591
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$13,118,591
State Funds	$933,841,852
State General Funds	$933,841,852

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$888,604,327	$901,958,695
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$12,050,341	$12,050,341
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($2,364,652)	($2,364,652)

Increase funds for additional correctional officer positions to improve staff-to-offender ratios based on improved retention.	$9,737,406	$9,737,406
Provide funds for start-up costs for six canine handlers.	$964,650	$964,650
Provide funds for a pilot program at Autry State Prison to provide for peer-led programming.*(H:No)*	$0	$0
Provide funds for start-up costs for three security threat group regional coordinators.	$137,802	$137,802
Provide funds for required staff needed to meet accreditation requirements to operate a high school diploma program.	$93,672	$93,672
Increase funds for managed access and drone detection systems to prevent contraband in facilities.	$13,387,475	$13,387,475
Provide funds for the purchase of public safety supplies and equipment.*(H:Provide funds for the purchase of public safety supplies, opioid reversal medication, and equipment.)*	$2,484,443	$2,484,443
Increase funds for additional programming at Metro Reentry Facility.	$93,179	$93,179
Provide funds for operations at five modular correctional units.	$880,104	$880,104
Increase funds for operations at Lee Arrendale State Prison.	$3,879,259	$3,879,259
Increase funds for rent at the Arnall North Basic Correctional Officer Training Building.*(H:Increase funds for rent at the Arnall North Basic Correctional Officer Training Building ($168,000), the Book Repository ($17,136), and a warden residency in Metro Atlanta ($34,100).)*	$219,236	$219,236
Increase funds for offender call monitoring contract due to an increase in usage.	$764,220	$764,220
Increase funds for data intelligence maintenance and integration costs.	$1,900,000	$1,900,000
Increase funds for contracted food services due to rising food and labor costs.	$284,398	$284,398
Increase funds for central repair funds for capital projects.	$725,992	$725,992
Amount appropriated in this Act	$933,841,852	$947,196,220

19.8. Transition Centers

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide "work release," allowing inmates to obtain and maintain a paying job in the community, while still receiving housing, academic education, counseling, and substance abuse treatment in a structured center.

Total Funds	$51,615,980
Other Funds	$219,653
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$219,653
State Funds	$51,396,327
State General Funds	$51,396,327

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$50,675,045	$50,894,698
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$828,905	$828,905
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($154,820)	($154,820)
Increase funds for rent at the LaGrange and Clayton Transition Centers.	$47,197	$47,197
Amount appropriated in this Act	$51,396,327	$51,615,980

Section 20: Defense, Department of

Total Funds	**$112,447,722**

Federal Funds and Grants	**$77,025,266**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$77,025,266
Other Funds	**$22,339,739**
Agency Funds	$2,330,569
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$20,009,170
State Funds	**$13,082,717**
State General Funds	$13,082,717

20.1. Departmental Administration (DOD)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration to the organized militia in the State of Georgia.

Total Funds	$2,454,516
Federal Funds and Grants	$982,494
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$982,494
State Funds	$1,472,022
State General Funds	$1,472,022

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,438,364	$2,420,858
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$38,754	$38,754
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($5,096)	($5,096)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,472,022	$2,454,516

20.2. Military Readiness

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and maintain facilities for the training of Army National Guard, Air National Guard, and State Defense Force personnel, and to provide an organized militia that can be activated and deployed at the direction of the President or Governor for a man-made crisis or natural disaster.

Total Funds	$93,362,162
Federal Funds and Grants	$63,495,500
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$63,495,500
Other Funds	$22,335,861
Agency Funds	$2,330,569
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$20,005,292
State Funds	$7,530,801
State General Funds	$7,530,801

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$6,146,980	$91,978,341
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$531,791	$531,791
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($11,782)	($11,782)
Increase funds for increased operating costs.	$863,812	$863,812
Amount appropriated in this Act	$7,530,801	$93,362,162

20.3. Youth Educational Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational and vocational opportunities to at-risk youth through Youth Challenge Academies and Starbase programs.

Total Funds	$16,631,044
Federal Funds and Grants	$12,547,272
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$12,547,272
Other Funds	$3,878
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$3,878
State Funds	$4,079,894
State General Funds	$4,079,894

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$4,881,057	$17,432,207
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$249,748	$249,748
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($11,968)	($11,968)
Reduce state funds match to reflect a loss of federal funding from lower graduation targets.	($1,038,943)	($1,038,943)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,079,894	$16,631,044

Section 21: Driver Services, Department of

Total Funds	**$95,724,863**
Other Funds	**$2,844,121**
Agency Funds	$2,844,121
State Funds	**$92,880,742**
State General Funds	$92,880,742

21.1. Departmental Administration (DDS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for administration of license issuance, motor vehicle registration, and commercial truck compliance.

Total Funds	$11,587,472
Other Funds	$500,857
Agency Funds	$500,857
State Funds	$11,086,615
State General Funds	$11,086,615

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$10,851,981	$11,352,838
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$114,109	$114,109
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($29,475)	($29,475)
Increase funds to comply with federal CDL mandates regarding national registry notifications.	$150,000	$150,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$11,086,615	$11,587,472

21.2. License Issuance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to issue and renew drivers' licenses, maintain driver records, operate Customer Service Centers, provide online access to services, provide motorcycle safety instruction, produce driver manuals, and investigate driver's license fraud.

Total Funds	$82,593,916
Other Funds	$1,827,835
Agency Funds	$1,827,835
State Funds	$80,766,081
State General Funds	$80,766,081

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$74,559,504	$76,387,339
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$1,746,083	$1,746,083
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($243,080)	($243,080)
Increase funds for armed guard services for new and higher-traffic locations.	$150,426	$150,426
Increase funds for GTA security services and additional staffing infrastructure.	$185,437	$185,437
Utilize existing funds ($635,437) previously appropriated for Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) fees and increase funds to meet an increase in card production volume.	$1,337,959	$1,337,959
Increase funds for maintenance and support of the Driver Record and Integrated Vehicle Enterprise System (DRIVES) for cloud migration.	$428,499	$428,499
Increase funds for personal services due to decreased turnover.	$2,461,388	$2,461,388
Increase funds for rent at the Conyers, Fayetteville, Marietta, Kennesaw, Lawrenceville, Macon, Decatur, Locust Grove, and Toccoa Customer Service Centers.	$139,865	$139,865
Amount appropriated in this Act	$80,766,081	$82,593,916

21.3. Regulatory Compliance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate driver safety and education programs for both novice, problem drivers, and commercial drivers by approving driver education curricula and auditing third-party driver education providers for compliance with state laws and regulations; to certify ignition interlock device providers; and to monitor the status of all commercial driver license convictions.

Total Funds	$1,543,475
Other Funds	$515,429
Agency Funds	$515,429
State Funds	$1,028,046
State General Funds	$1,028,046

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,003,957	$1,519,386
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$27,989	$27,989
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($3,900)	($3,900)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,028,046	$1,543,475

Section 22: Early Care and Learning, Bright from the Start: Department of

Total Funds	**$1,266,923,477**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$607,659,885**
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds (CFDA 93.596)	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant (CFDA 93.575)	$344,735,865
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$170,175,000
Other Funds	**$50,000**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$50,000
State Funds	**$659,213,592**
Lottery Funds	$580,415,326
State General Funds	$78,798,266

22.1. Child Care Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate, license, and train child care providers; to support the infant and toddler and afterschool networks; and to provide inclusion services for children with disabilities.

Total Funds	$458,895,643
Federal Funds and Grants	$380,291,147
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds (CFDA 93.596)	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant (CFDA 93.575)	$287,542,127
State Funds	$78,604,496
State General Funds	$78,604,496

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$77,355,059	$457,646,206
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$1,255,199	$1,255,199
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($5,762)	($5,762)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$78,604,496	$458,895,643

22.2. Nutrition Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that USDA-compliant meals are served to eligible children and adults in day care settings and to eligible youth during the summer.

Total Funds	$170,127,027
Federal Funds and Grants	$170,000,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$170,000,000
State Funds	$127,027
State General Funds	$127,027

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$0	$170,000,000
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$127,027	$127,027
Amount appropriated in this Act	$127,027	$170,127,027

22.3. Pre-Kindergarten Program

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding, training, technical assistance, and oversight of Pre-Kindergarten programs operated by public and private providers throughout the state and to improve the quality of early learning and increase school readiness for Georgia's four-year-olds.

Total Funds	$580,590,326
Federal Funds and Grants	$175,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$175,000
State Funds	$580,415,326
Lottery Funds	$580,415,326

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$563,040,616	$563,215,616
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$150,710	$150,710
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 for formula-earned teachers and assistant teachers.	$17,224,000	$17,224,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$580,415,326	$580,590,326

22.4. Quality Initiatives

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to implement innovative strategies and programs that focus on improving the quality of and access to early education, child care, and nutrition for Georgia's children and families.

Total Funds	$57,310,481
Federal Funds and Grants	$57,193,738
Child Care & Development Block Grant (CFDA 93.575)	$57,193,738
Other Funds	$50,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$50,000
State Funds	$66,743
State General Funds	$66,743

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$0	$57,243,738
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$66,743	$66,743
Amount appropriated in this Act	$66,743	$57,310,481

Section 23: Economic Development, Department of

Total Funds	**$53,191,286**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$926,190**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$926,190
State Funds	**$52,265,096**
State General Funds	$52,265,096

23.1. Departmental Administration (DEcD)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to influence, affect, and enhance economic development in Georgia and provide information to people and companies to promote the state.

Total Funds	$9,015,104
State Funds	$9,015,104
State General Funds	$9,015,104

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$5,883,113	$5,883,113
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$49,519	$49,519
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($17,528)	($17,528)
Increase funds to promote Georgia tourism, update agency marketing materials, and enhance recruiting efforts.	$3,000,000	$3,000,000
Increase funds for entrepreneurial support for small businesses.	$100,000	$100,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,015,104	$9,015,104

23.2. Film, Video, and Music

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to increase industry awareness of Georgia business opportunities, financial incentives, infrastructure resources, and natural resources in order to attract film, video, music, and electronic gaming industry projects and businesses to the state.

Total Funds	$1,176,913
State Funds	$1,176,913
State General Funds	$1,176,913

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,168,059	$1,168,059
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$12,918	$12,918
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($4,064)	($4,064)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,176,913	$1,176,913

23.3. Georgia Council for the Arts

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for Council operations and maintain the Georgia State Art Collection and Capitol Galleries.

Total Funds	$623,459
State Funds	$623,459
State General Funds	$623,459

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$610,794	$610,794
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$15,071	$15,071
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($2,406)	($2,406)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$623,459	$623,459

23.4. Georgia Council for the Arts - Special Project

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to increase arts participation and support throughout the state with grants for non-profit arts and cultural organizations through Partner Grants, Project Grants, Education Grants and the 'Grassroots' arts program.

Total Funds	$1,886,006
Federal Funds and Grants	$659,400
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$659,400
State Funds	$1,226,606

State General Funds $1,226,606

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$976,356	$1,635,756
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.*(H:No; Reflect in Georgia Council for the Arts Program.)*	$0	$0
Provide one-time increase for community art grants.	$250,250	$250,250
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,226,606	$1,886,006

23.5. Global Commerce

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote Georgia as a state that is appealing to businesses along with being competitive in the international trade market; recruit, retain, and expand businesses in Georgia through a network of statewide and regional project managers, foreign and domestic marketing, and participation in Georgia Allies; and help develop international markets for Georgia products and attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing international technical and educational assistance to businesses.

Total Funds $11,362,375

State Funds $11,362,375

State General Funds $11,362,375

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$11,298,921	$11,298,921
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$92,579	$92,579
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($29,125)	($29,125)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$11,362,375	$11,362,375

23.6. Innovation and Technology

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to market and promote strategic industries to existing and potential Georgia businesses.

Total Funds $2,778,968

State Funds $2,778,968

State General Funds $2,778,968

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,758,197	$2,758,197
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$27,989	$27,989
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($7,218)	($7,218)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,778,968	$2,778,968

23.7. International Relations and Trade

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to develop international markets for Georgia products and to attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a

network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing technical and educational assistance to businesses.

Total Funds	$3,162,093
Federal Funds and Grants	$266,790
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$266,790
State Funds	$2,895,303
State General Funds	$2,895,303

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,879,577	$3,146,367
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$21,530	$21,530
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($5,804)	($5,804)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,895,303	$3,162,093

23.8. Rural Development

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote rural economic development opportunities and to recruit, retain and expand businesses in rural communities.

Total Funds	$0

23.9. Small and Minority Business Development

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist entrepreneurs and small and minority businesses by providing technical assistance on planning, advocacy, business needs, and identifying potential markets and suppliers; and to provide assistance to local communities in growing small businesses.

Total Funds	$1,091,676
State Funds	$1,091,676
State General Funds	$1,091,676

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,080,487	$1,080,487
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$15,071	$15,071
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($3,882)	($3,882)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,091,676	$1,091,676

23.10. Tourism

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide information to visitors about tourism opportunities throughout the state, operate and maintain state welcome centers, fund the Georgia Historical Society and Georgia Humanities Council, and work with communities to develop and market tourism products in order to attract more tourism to the state.

Total Funds	$22,094,692
State Funds	$22,094,692
State General Funds	$22,094,692

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$11,760,500	$11,760,500

Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$103,344	$103,344
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($19,402)	($19,402)
Increase funds to Georgia Humanities to support America250 Anniversary initiatives.	$250,250	$250,250
Increase funds for the Georgia World Congress Center Authority for infrastructure and security costs related to the 2028 Super Bowl.	$10,000,000	$10,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$22,094,692	$22,094,692

Section 24: Education, Department of

Total Funds	**$16,669,982,528**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$2,457,954,507**
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.994)	$112,501
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,457,842,006
Other Funds	**$47,783,992**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$47,783,992
State Funds	**$14,164,244,029**
State General Funds	$14,164,244,029

The formula calculation for Quality Basic Education funding assumes a base unit cost of $3,243.93. In addition, all local school system allotments for Quality Basic Education shall be made in accordance with funds appropriated by this Act.

24.1. Agricultural Education

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems with developing and funding agricultural education programs, and to provide afterschool and summer educational and leadership opportunities for students.

Total Funds	$17,955,754
Federal Funds and Grants	$461,806
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$461,806
Other Funds	$1,305,500
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,305,500
State Funds	$16,188,448
State General Funds	$16,188,448

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$16,262,584	$18,029,890
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$25,836	$25,836
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($4,280)	($4,280)
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 for area teachers and young farmers.	$172,465	$172,465
Eliminate funds for camp-affiliated staff. (See HB 68 intent language considered nonbinding by the Governor.)	($268,157)	($268,157)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$16,188,448	$17,955,754

24.2. Business and Finance Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for business, finance, facilities, and pupil transportation.

Total Funds	$34,533,496
Federal Funds and Grants	$3,100,020
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,100,020
Other Funds	$21,851,693
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$21,851,693
State Funds	$9,581,783
State General Funds	$9,581,783

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$8,323,145	$33,274,858
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$139,945	$139,945
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($31,307)	($31,307)
Increase funds for facilities.	$1,150,000	$1,150,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,581,783	$34,533,496

24.3. Central Office

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the State Board of Education, Departmental programs, and local school systems.

Total Funds	$60,224,365
Federal Funds and Grants	$54,207,947
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$54,207,947
Other Funds	$537,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$537,000
State Funds	$5,479,418
State General Funds	$5,479,418

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$5,243,123	$59,988,070
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$249,748	$249,748
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($13,453)	($13,453)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$5,479,418	$60,224,365

24.4. Charter Schools

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize charter systems and completion schools, and to provide funds for competitive grants for planning, implementation, facilities, and operations of charter systems and locally authorized charter schools.

Total Funds	$8,212,628
State Funds	$8,212,628
State General Funds	$8,212,628

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$7,711,471	$7,711,471
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$2,153	$2,153

Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($996)	($996)
Eliminate grant funds to reflect the count of eligible locally-authorized charter schools based on school opening dates.	($500,000)	($500,000)
Increase one-time funds for a completion schools planning grant for Southern Rivers Completion High School to support the opening of up to six locations.	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,212,628	$8,212,628

24.5. Communities in Schools

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support Performance Learning Centers and maintain a network of local affiliate organizations across the state, and to partner with other state and national organizations to support student success in school and beyond.

Total Funds	$1,940,100
State Funds	$1,940,100
State General Funds	$1,940,100

24.6. Curriculum Development

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to develop a statewide, standards-based curriculum to guide instruction and assessment, and to provide training and instructional resources to teachers for implementing this curriculum.

Total Funds	$20,860,745
Federal Funds and Grants	$7,513,979
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$7,513,979
Other Funds	$50,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$50,000
State Funds	$13,296,766
State General Funds	$13,296,766

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$11,836,755	$19,400,734
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$94,732	$94,732
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($16,082)	($16,082)
Increase funds for college preparatory exams based on increased utilization.	$1,381,361	$1,381,361
Amount appropriated in this Act	$13,296,766	$20,860,745

24.7. Federal Programs

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate federally funded programs and allocate federal funds to school systems.

Total Funds	$1,280,315,963
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,280,135,111
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,280,135,111
State Funds	$180,852
State General Funds	$180,852

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$0	$1,280,135,111

Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$180,852	$180,852
Amount appropriated in this Act	$180,852	$1,280,315,963

24.8. Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS), which provides services, education, and resources for students ages three to twenty-one with autism or severe emotional behavioral problems and their families.

Total Funds	$56,928,973
Federal Funds and Grants	$7,160,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$7,160,000
State Funds	$49,768,973
State General Funds	$49,768,973

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$47,692,687	$54,852,687
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$2,153	$2,153
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($760)	($760)
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 for formula-earned certified educators and administrative staff.	$2,074,893	$2,074,893
Amount appropriated in this Act	$49,768,973	$56,928,973

24.9. Georgia Virtual School

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the accessibility and breadth of course offerings so that Georgia students can recover credits, access supplementary resources, enhance their studies, or earn additional credits in a manner not involving on-site interaction with a teacher.

Total Funds	$12,517,197
Other Funds	$9,319,806
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$9,319,806
State Funds	$3,197,391
State General Funds	$3,197,391

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,079,735	$12,399,541
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$131,333	$131,333
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($13,677)	($13,677)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,197,391	$12,517,197

24.10. Information Technology Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to manage enterprise technology for the department, provide internet access to local school systems, support data collection and reporting needs, and support technology programs that assist local school systems.

Total Funds	$24,451,872
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,676,565
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,676,565
State Funds	$22,775,307

State General Funds $22,775,307

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$22,683,485	$24,360,050
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$142,098	$142,098
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($50,276)	($50,276)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$22,775,307	$24,451,872

24.11. Literacy Coach Initiative

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for RESA-based literacy coaches to support the Georgia Council on Literacy's literacy coaching initiative.

Total Funds $18,480,000
State Funds $18,480,000
State General Funds $18,480,000

24.12. Non Quality Basic Education Formula Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund specific initiatives including: children in residential education facilities and sparsity grants.

Total Funds $55,491,012
State Funds $55,491,012
State General Funds $55,491,012

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$35,385,807	$35,385,807
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$2,153	$2,153
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($528)	($528)
Reduce formula funds to reflect a data correction for Residential Treatment Facilities.	($35,200)	($35,200)
Increase funds for sparsity to reflect accurate count of eligible schools.	$557,245	$557,245
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 for custodians.	$19,581,535	$19,581,535
Amount appropriated in this Act	$55,491,012	$55,491,012

24.13. Nutrition

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide leadership, training, technical assistance, and resources, so local program personnel can deliver meals that support nutritional well-being and performance at school and comply with federal standards.

Total Funds $1,096,906,282
Federal Funds and Grants $1,028,297,007
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified $1,028,297,007
Other Funds $184,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified $184,000
State Funds $68,425,275
State General Funds $68,425,275

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$39,680,252	$1,068,161,259
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$133,486	$133,486
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($1,833)	($1,833)
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 for nutrition workers.	$28,613,370	$28,613,370
Amount appropriated in this Act	$68,425,275	$1,096,906,282

24.14. Preschool Disabilities Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide early educational services to three- and four-year-old students with disabilities so that they enter school better prepared to succeed.

Total Funds	$63,569,700
State Funds	$63,569,700
State General Funds	$63,569,700

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$61,471,592	$61,471,592
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 for formula-earned certified educators.	$2,098,108	$2,098,108
Amount appropriated in this Act	$63,569,700	$63,569,700

24.15. Pupil Transportation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems in their efforts to provide safe and efficient transportation for students to and from school and school related activities.

Total Funds	$388,453,272
State Funds	$388,453,272
State General Funds	$388,453,272

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$364,145,902	$364,145,902
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 for bus drivers.	$24,307,370	$24,307,370
Amount appropriated in this Act	$388,453,272	$388,453,272

24.16. Quality Basic Education Equalization

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide additional financial assistance to local school systems ranking below the statewide average of per pupil tax wealth as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-165.

Total Funds	$909,708,064
State Funds	$909,708,064
State General Funds	$909,708,064

24.17. Quality Basic Education Local Five Mill Share

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to recognize the required local portion of the Quality Basic Education program as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-164.

Total Funds	($2,870,081,842)
State Funds	($2,870,081,842)
State General Funds	($2,870,081,842)

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	($2,868,165,769)	($2,868,165,769)
Adjust funds for the Local Five Mill Share for four new State Commission Charter Schools.	($1,916,073)	($1,916,073)
Amount appropriated in this Act	($2,870,081,842)	($2,870,081,842)

24.18. Quality Basic Education Program

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide formula funds to school systems based on full time equivalent students for the instruction of students in grades K-12 as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-161.

Total Funds	$15,074,929,161
State Funds	$15,074,929,161
State General Funds	$15,074,929,161

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$14,693,944,090	$14,693,944,090
Increase funds for a midterm adjustment based on enrollment growth.	$43,876,076	$43,876,076
Increase formula funds for the State Commission Charter School supplement for a total supplement of $292,144,723.	$27,091,920	$27,091,920
Increase funds for the Special Needs Scholarship based on enrollment growth.	$16,084,424	$16,084,424
Increase formula funds for a midterm adjustment to the charter system grant.	$57,601	$57,601
Increase formula funds for a midterm adjustment to the local charter school grant.	$58,834	$58,834
Increase formula funds for a midterm adjustment to the State Commission Charter School supplement for training and experience.	$3,858,206	$3,858,206
Increase formula funds for the Completion Special Schools supplement.	$1,716,013	$1,716,013
Increase funds for the employer share of TRS for non-certified school management positions pursuant to O.C.G.A. 47-3-63.	$1,400,000	$1,400,000
Increase funds to reflect corrected data for certified SHBP enrollee count.	$248,820	$248,820
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 for formula-earned certified educators and administrative staff.	$286,593,177	$286,593,177
Amount appropriated in this Act	$15,074,929,161	$15,074,929,161

24.19. Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia's sixteen Regional Education Service Agencies with funds to assist local school systems with improving the effectiveness of their educational programs by providing curriculum consultation, skill enhancement, professional development, technology training, and other shared services.

Total Funds	$16,888,440
State Funds	$16,888,440
State General Funds	$16,888,440

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$16,497,495	$16,497,495
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$2,153	$2,153

Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($776)	($776)
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 for formula-earned certified educators and administrative staff.	$389,568	$389,568
Amount appropriated in this Act	$16,888,440	$16,888,440

24.20. School Improvement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide research, technical assistance, resources, teacher professional learning, and leadership training for low-performing schools and local educational agencies to help them design and implement school improvement strategies to improve graduation rates and overall student achievement.

Total Funds	$16,029,483
Federal Funds and Grants	$5,025,627
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$5,025,627
State Funds	$11,003,856
State General Funds	$11,003,856

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$10,894,216	$15,919,843
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$144,251	$144,251
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($34,611)	($34,611)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$11,003,856	$16,029,483

24.21. School Nurse

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for school nurses who provide health procedures for students at school.

Total Funds	$46,147,875
State Funds	$46,147,875
State General Funds	$46,147,875

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$42,993,857	$42,993,857
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 for school nurses.	$3,154,018	$3,154,018
Amount appropriated in this Act	$46,147,875	$46,147,875

24.22. School Security Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to local school systems to support school security needs and to provide for student mental health support.

Total Funds	$110,413,780
State Funds	$110,413,780
State General Funds	$110,413,780

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$116,018,875	$116,018,875
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$2,153	$2,153

Reduce funds based on projected expenditures for student advocacy specialist grants.	($6,157,248)	($6,157,248)
Increase one-time funds for an emergency response system pilot program.	$550,000	$550,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$110,413,780	$110,413,780

24.23. State Charter School Commission Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to focus on the development and support of charter schools in order to better meet the growing and diverse needs of students in this state and to further ensure that state and local charter schools of the highest academic quality are approved and supported throughout the state in an efficient manner.

Total Funds	$9,609,007
Other Funds	$8,952,839
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$8,952,839
State Funds	$656,168
State General Funds	$656,168

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$618,351	$9,571,190
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$38,754	$38,754
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($937)	($937)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$656,168	$9,609,007

24.24. State Schools

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare sensory-impaired and multi-disabled students to become productive citizens by providing a learning environment addressing their academic, vocational, and social development.

Total Funds	$41,815,225
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,146,556
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.994)	$112,501
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,034,055
Other Funds	$1,111,904
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,111,904
State Funds	$39,556,765
State General Funds	$39,556,765

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$39,091,861	$41,350,321
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$585,616	$585,616
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($120,712)	($120,712)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$39,556,765	$41,815,225

24.25. Student Support Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for additional school-based social workers above what is earned in the Quality Basic Education formula and for grants to providers of out-of-school care.

Total Funds	$53,170,357
State Funds	$53,170,357

State General Funds $53,170,357

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$49,741,982	$49,741,982
Increase funds for mental health support grants to reflect accurate count of middle and high schools.	$1,300,000	$1,300,000
Increase funds to fully fund grants for social work services.	$1,378,375	$1,378,375
Provide one-time funds for grants to districts to pilot programs that assist in maximizing reimbursement for mental health services.	$750,000	$750,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$53,170,357	$53,170,357

24.26. Technology/Career Education

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to equip students with academic, vocational, technical, and leadership skills and to extend learning opportunities beyond the traditional school day and year.

Total Funds $81,925,569
Federal Funds and Grants $51,180,613
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified $51,180,613
Other Funds $4,471,250
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified $4,471,250
State Funds $26,273,706
State General Funds $26,273,706

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$26,167,196	$81,819,059
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$64,590	$64,590
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($8,080)	($8,080)
Provide one-time funds for youth leadership programming.	$50,000	$50,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$26,273,706	$81,925,569

24.27. Testing

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the statewide student assessment program and provide related testing instruments and training to local schools.

Total Funds $37,134,104
Federal Funds and Grants $18,049,276
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified $18,049,276
State Funds $19,084,828
State General Funds $19,084,828

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$19,048,403	$37,097,679
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$51,672	$51,672
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($15,247)	($15,247)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$19,084,828	$37,134,104

24.28. Tuition for Multiple Disability Students

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to partially reimburse school systems for private residential placements when the school system is unable to provide an appropriate program for a multi-disabled student.

Total Funds	$1,451,946
State Funds	$1,451,946
State General Funds	$1,451,946

Section 25: Employees' Retirement System of Georgia

Total Funds	**$165,028,896**
Other Funds	**$37,418,742**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$37,418,742
State Funds	**$127,610,154**
State General Funds	$127,610,154

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution rate for the Employees' Retirement System shall not exceed 29.15% for New Plan employees and 24.4% for Old Plan employees. For the GSEPS employees, the employer contribution rate shall not exceed 25.51% for the pension portion of the benefit and 9.0% in employer match contributions for the 401(k) portion of the benefit. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution for Public School Employees' Retirement System shall not exceed $997.99 per member for State Fiscal Year 2026.

25.1. Deferred Compensation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide excellent service to participants in the deferred compensation program for all employees of the state, giving them an effective supplement for their retirement planning.

Total Funds	$5,290,536
Other Funds	$5,290,536
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$5,290,536

25.2. Georgia Military Pension Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirement allowances and other benefits for members of the Georgia National Guard.

Total Funds	$2,780,754
State Funds	$2,780,754
State General Funds	$2,780,754

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,781,444	$2,781,444
Reduce funds for the actuarially-determined employer contribution in accordance with the most recent actuarial report.	($690)	($690)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,780,754	$2,780,754

25.3. Public School Employees Retirement System

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to account for the receipt of retirement contributions, ensure sound investing of system funds, and provide timely and accurate payment of retirement benefits.

Total Funds	$38,069,000
State Funds	$38,069,000
State General Funds	$38,069,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$40,895,000	$40,895,000
Reduce funds for the actuarially-determined employer contribution in accordance with the most recent actuarial report.	($2,826,000)	($2,826,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$38,069,000	$38,069,000

25.4. System Administration (ERS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to collect employee and employer contributions, invest the accumulated funds, and disburse retirement benefits to members and beneficiaries.

Total Funds	$118,888,606
Other Funds	$32,128,206
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$32,128,206
State Funds	$86,760,400
State General Funds	$86,760,400

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$36,760,400	$68,888,606
Provide funds to strategically invest in increasing the funded ratio in order to improve long-term financial viability of the pension system and support state retirees.	$50,000,000	$50,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$86,760,400	$118,888,606

Section 26: Forestry Commission, State

Total Funds	**$83,217,598**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$6,986,349**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$6,986,349
Other Funds	**$9,427,187**
Agency Funds	$428,645
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$8,998,542
State Funds	**$66,754,062**
State General Funds	$66,754,062
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$50,000**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$50,000

26.1. Commission Administration (SFC)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer workforce needs, handle purchasing, accounts receivable and payable, meet information technology needs, and provide oversight that emphasizes customer values and process innovation.

Total Funds	$8,110,440
Federal Funds and Grants	$123,800
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$123,800
Other Funds	$507,780
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$507,780
State Funds	$7,478,860
State General Funds	$7,478,860

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$7,171,601	$7,803,181

Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$77,508	$77,508
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($18,794)	($18,794)
Increase funds for grants to counties with more than 20,000 acres of state-owned land pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-14-1.	$148,545	$148,545
Increase funds to support leadership programming for agriculture, forestry, and veterinary medicine professionals.	$100,000	$100,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$7,478,860	$8,110,440

26.2. Forest Management

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure the stewardship of forest lands; to collect and analyze state forestry inventory data; to administer federal forestry cost share assistance programs; to study forest health and invasive species control issues; to manage state-owned forests; to educate private forest landowners and timber harvesters about best management practices; to assist communities with management of forested greenspace; to promote and obtain conservation easements; to manage Georgia's Carbon Registry; to promote retention, investment, and/or expansion of new emerging and existing forest and forest biomass industries, and, during extreme fire danger, to provide logistical, overhead, and direct fire suppression assistance to the Forest Protection program.

Total Funds	$20,499,044
Federal Funds and Grants	$3,682,151
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,682,151
Other Funds	$1,089,732
Agency Funds	$428,645
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$661,087
State Funds	$15,677,161
State General Funds	$15,677,161
Intra-State Government Transfers	$50,000
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$50,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$4,682,080	$9,503,963
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$174,393	$174,393
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($19,312)	($19,312)
Transfer funds for a duplicative county grant to the Forest Protection program to offset increased fire suppression costs.	($60,000)	($60,000)
Increase funds for the Georgia Forestry Innovation Initiative in partnership with Georgia Tech to support the timber industry's expansion into emerging markets through research, product testing, and private partnerships.	$10,900,000	$10,900,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$15,677,161	$20,499,044

26.3. Forest Protection

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an aggressive and efficient response and suppression of forest fires in the unincorporated areas of the State; to mitigate hazardous forest fuels; to issue burn permits, to provide statewide education in the prevention of wildfires; to perform wildfire arson investigations; to promote community wildland fire planning and protection through cooperative agreements with fire departments; to train and certify firefighters in wildland firefighting; to provide assistance and support to rural fire departments including selling wildland fire engines and tankers; and to support the Forest Management program during periods of low fire danger.

Total Funds	$52,412,696

Federal Funds and Grants	$3,046,681
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,046,681
Other Funds	$6,756,312
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$6,756,312
State Funds	$42,609,703
State General Funds	$42,609,703

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$41,181,198	$50,984,191
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$878,424	$878,424
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($149,212)	($149,212)
Increase funds for the operation of a new helicopter purchased in FY 2025.	$107,000	$107,000
Transfer funds from the Forest Management program and utilize existing funds ($1,010,738) to offset increased fire suppression costs resulting from increased maintenance costs and workload. (Total Funds: $1,070,738)	$60,000	$60,000
Provide funds for on-call pay effective April 1, 2026.	$532,293	$532,293
Amount appropriated in this Act	$42,609,703	$52,412,696

26.4. Special Project - Forest Protection

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for overtime pay earned by firefighters while awaiting reimbursements from the federal government or other states.

Total Funds	$975,420
State Funds	$975,420
State General Funds	$975,420

26.5. Tree Seedling Nursery

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to produce an adequate quantity of high quality forest tree seedlings for sale at reasonable cost to Georgia landowners.

Total Funds	$1,219,998
Federal Funds and Grants	$133,717
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$133,717
Other Funds	$1,073,363
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,073,363
State Funds	$12,918
State General Funds	$12,918

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$0	$1,207,080
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$12,918	$12,918
Amount appropriated in this Act	$12,918	$1,219,998

Section 27: Governor, Office of the

Total Funds	**$125,117,324**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$31,454,912**
Child Care & Development Block Grant (CFDA 93.575)	$1,160,730
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$30,294,182

Other Funds	**$817,856**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$817,856
State Funds	**$92,844,556**
State General Funds	$92,844,556

The Mansion allowance shall be $60,000.

27.1. Governor's Office

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide numerous duties including, but not limited to: granting commissions, appointments and vacancies, maintaining order, and temporary transfer of institutions between departments or agencies. The Mansion allowance per O.C.G.A. 45-7-4 shall be $60,000.

Total Funds	$6,903,249
State Funds	$6,903,249
State General Funds	$6,903,249

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$6,901,111	$6,901,111
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$60,284	$60,284
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($58,146)	($58,146)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$6,903,249	$6,903,249

27.2. Governor's Emergency Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide emergency funds to draw on when disasters create extraordinary demands on government.

Total Funds	$14,562,041
State Funds	$14,562,041
State General Funds	$14,562,041

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$11,062,041	$11,062,041
Increase funds to meet projected need.	$3,500,000	$3,500,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$14,562,041	$14,562,041

27.3. Governor's Office of Planning and Budget

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to improve state government operations and services by leading and assisting in the evaluation, development, and implementation of budgets, plans, programs, and policies.

Total Funds	$9,125,159
State Funds	$9,125,159
State General Funds	$9,125,159

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$9,053,931	$9,053,931
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$96,885	$96,885
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($25,657)	($25,657)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,125,159	$9,125,159

27.4. Georgia Data Analytic Center

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to consolidate data and analytics from across state government to provide transparency and accountability to lawmakers, agencies, researchers, and the public.

Total Funds	$2,004,547
State Funds	$2,004,547
State General Funds	$2,004,547

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,999,667	$1,999,667
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$8,612	$8,612
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($3,732)	($3,732)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,004,547	$2,004,547

27.5. Office of Health Strategy and Coordination

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to share healthcare information and coordinate policy between state agencies, healthcare providers, and the public; coordinate the state's healthcare system; and develop innovative approaches for lowering costs while improving access to quality healthcare.

Total Funds	$1,493,728
State Funds	$1,493,728
State General Funds	$1,493,728

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,991,567	$1,991,567
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$4,306	$4,306
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($1,895)	($1,895)
Reduce funds.	($500,250)	($500,250)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,493,728	$1,493,728

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

27.6. Office of the Child Advocate

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide independent oversight of persons, organizations, and agencies responsible for the protection and well-being of children.

Total Funds	$1,489,615
State Funds	$1,489,615
State General Funds	$1,489,615

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,475,882	$1,475,882
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$19,377	$19,377
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($5,644)	($5,644)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,489,615	$1,489,615

27.7. Georgia Commission on Equal Opportunity

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the Georgia Fair Employment Practices Act of 1978, as amended, and the Fair Housing Act, which makes it unlawful to discriminate against any individual.

Total Funds	$1,872,779
Federal Funds and Grants	$441,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$441,000
State Funds	$1,431,779
State General Funds	$1,431,779

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,400,557	$1,841,557
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$36,601	$36,601
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($5,379)	($5,379)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,431,779	$1,872,779

27.8. Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a disaster, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery program by coordinating federal, state, and other resources and supporting local governments to respond to major disasters and emergency events, and to coordinate state resources for the preparation and prevention of threats and acts of terrorism and to serve as the State's point of contact for the federal Department of Homeland Security.

Total Funds	$53,005,567
Federal Funds and Grants	$29,703,182
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$29,703,182
Other Funds	$807,856
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$807,856
State Funds	$22,494,529
State General Funds	$22,494,529

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$5,004,456	$35,515,494
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$333,715	$333,715
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($18,970)	($18,970)
Increase funds to meet federal matching requirements for emergency preparedness.	$5,701,661	$5,701,661
Transfer funds from the Department of Public Safety to the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency for the protection of communities through the Nonprofit Security Grant Program.	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Utilize existing funds ($5,000,000) and increase funds to facilitate the transition to Next Generation 911 emergency services.	$9,973,667	$9,973,667
Increase funds for emergency services.	$500,000	$500,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$22,494,529	$53,005,567

27.9. Office of the State Inspector General

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to foster and promote accountability and integrity in state government by investigating and preventing fraud, waste, and abuse.

Total Funds	$1,848,694
State Funds	$1,848,694
State General Funds	$1,848,694

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,829,910	$1,829,910
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$25,836	$25,836
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($7,052)	($7,052)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,848,694	$1,848,694

27.10. Georgia Professional Standards Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to direct the preparation of, certify, recognize, and recruit Georgia educators, and to enforce standards regarding educator professional preparation, performance, and ethics.

Total Funds	$10,347,330
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,310,730
Child Care & Development Block Grant (CFDA 93.575)	$1,160,730
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$150,000
Other Funds	$10,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$10,000
State Funds	$9,026,600
State General Funds	$9,026,600

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$8,952,136	$10,272,866
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$157,169	$157,169
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($32,930)	($32,930)
Reduce funds for personal services based on the actual start date of new positions.	($49,775)	($49,775)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,026,600	$10,347,330

27.11. Governor's Office of Student Achievement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support educational accountability, evaluation, and reporting efforts, establishment of standards on state assessments, the preparation and release of the state's education report card and scoreboard, and education research to inform policy and budget efforts.

Total Funds	$13,365,357
State Funds	$13,365,357
State General Funds	$13,365,357

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$4,352,825	$4,352,825
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$30,142	$30,142
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($17,610)	($17,610)

Provide funds for start-up costs and implementation of new responsibilities to support Top State for Talent initiatives including a Career Navigator system.	$9,000,000	$9,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$13,365,357	$13,365,357

27.12. Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's Honors Program

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide gifted high school students a summer program of challenging and enriching educational opportunities not usually available during the regular school year.

Total Funds	$1,663,865
State Funds	$1,663,865
State General Funds	$1,663,865

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,658,765	$1,658,765
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$6,459	$6,459
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($1,359)	($1,359)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,663,865	$1,663,865

27.13. Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's School Leadership Academy

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide high-quality, selective, statewide leadership preparation and support designed to develop high-capacity school leaders across Georgia.

Total Funds	$2,185,233
State Funds	$2,185,233
State General Funds	$2,185,233

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,615,233	$2,615,233
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$15,071	$15,071
Reduce funds for personal services to recognize three unfilled positions.*(H:Reduce funds to reflect elimination of the Governor's School Leadership Academy effective April 1, 2026.)*	($445,071)	($445,071)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,185,233	$2,185,233

27.14. Governor’s Office of Student Achievement: Literacy Initiative Coordination

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for personnel and operations for the Georgia Council on Literacy and support the implementation of effective literacy methods, including competency-based research and training, literacy coach coordination, universal reading screeners for K through 3, and digital curriculum for Pre-K through 5.

Total Funds	$5,250,160
State Funds	$5,250,160
State General Funds	$5,250,160

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$5,275,173	$5,275,173
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$4,306	$4,306

Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($739)	($739)
Reduce funds to reflect dyslexia screener savings.	($282,688)	($282,688)
Reduce funds for personal services to recognize one unfilled position.	($46,142)	($46,142)
Provide one-time funds for America250 literacy initiatives.	$300,250	$300,250
Amount appropriated in this Act	$5,250,160	$5,250,160

Section 28: Human Services, Department of

Total Funds	**$2,657,188,700**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$1,440,508,910**
Community Service Block Grant (CFDA 93.569)	$11,785,851
Foster Care Title IV-E (CFDA 93.658)	$97,677,314
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (CFDA 93.568)	$75,051,873
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$216,761,365
Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667)	$20,801,231
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$2,644,189
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$402,866,078
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$612,921,009
Other Funds	**$27,556,219**
Agency Funds	$3,400,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$24,156,219
State Funds	**$1,188,568,665**
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$134,209
State Children's Trust Funds	$1,222,837
State General Funds	$1,187,211,619
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$554,906**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$554,906

All Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefit payments are calculated utilizing a factor of 66.0% of the standards of need; such payments shall be made from the date of certification and not from the date of application; and the following maximum benefits and maximum standards of need shall apply:
For an assistance group of one, the standard of need is $235, and the maximum monthly amount is $155.
For an assistance group of two, the standard of need is $356, and the maximum monthly amount is $235.
For an assistance group of three, the standard of need is $424, and the maximum monthly amount is $280.
For an assistance group of four, the standard of need is $500, and the maximum monthly amount is $330.
For an assistance group of five, the standard of need is $573, and the maximum monthly amount is $378.
For an assistance group of six, the standard of need is $621, and the maximum monthly amount is $410.
For an assistance group of seven, the standard of need is $672, and the maximum monthly amount is $444.
For an assistance group of eight, the standard of need is $713, and the maximum monthly amount is $470.
For an assistance group of nine, the standard of need is $751, and the maximum monthly amount is $496.
For an assistance group of ten, the standard of need is $804, and the maximum monthly amount is $530.
For an assistance group of eleven, the standard of need is $860, and the maximum monthly amount is $568.
Provided, the Department of Human Services is authorized to make supplemental payments on these maximum monthly amounts up to the amount that is equal to the minimum hourly wage for clients who are enrolled in subsidized work experience and subsidized employment.

28.1. Adoptions Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support and facilitate the safe permanent placement of children by prescreening families and providing support and financial services after adoption.

Total Funds	$127,196,386
Federal Funds and Grants	$81,791,478
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$9,121,401
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$72,670,077

State Funds	$45,404,908
State General Funds	$45,404,908

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$45,396,313	$127,187,791
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$105,497	$105,497
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($96,902)	($96,902)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$45,404,908	$127,196,386

28.2. Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote child abuse and neglect prevention programs and support child victims of abuse.

Total Funds	$11,817,820
Federal Funds and Grants	$7,556,577
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$2,966,090
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$4,590,487
State Funds	$4,261,243
State Children's Trust Funds	$1,222,837
State General Funds	$3,038,406

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$4,277,622	$11,834,199
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$25,836	$25,836
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($42,215)	($42,215)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,261,243	$11,817,820

28.3. Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention - Special Project

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to.....

Total Funds	$15,000,000
State Funds	$15,000,000
State General Funds	$15,000,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$0	$0
Provide funds for an integrated child welfare reporting system.	$15,000,000	$15,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$15,000,000	$15,000,000

28.4. Child Support Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to encourage and enforce the parental responsibility of paying financial support.

Total Funds	$160,767,574
Federal Funds and Grants	$117,706,106
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$117,706,106
Other Funds	$3,400,000

Agency Funds	$3,400,000
State Funds	$39,265,708
State General Funds	$39,265,708
Intra-State Government Transfers	$395,760
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$395,760

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$34,390,191	$150,952,903
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$2,336,005	$2,336,005
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($94,412)	($94,412)
Increase funds to maintain software applications on the Georgia Technology Authority mainframe.	$2,633,924	$7,573,078
Amount appropriated in this Act	$39,265,708	$160,767,574

28.5. Child Welfare Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate allegations of child abuse, abandonment, and neglect, and to provide services to protect the child and strengthen the family.

Total Funds	$550,393,023
Federal Funds and Grants	$296,862,325
Foster Care Title IV-E (CFDA 93.658)	$46,855,776
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$580,858
Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667)	$3,665,164
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$2,644,189
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$209,104,473
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$34,011,865
State Funds	$253,371,552
State General Funds	$253,371,552
Intra-State Government Transfers	$159,146
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$159,146

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$246,970,227	$543,991,698
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$6,886,371	$6,886,371
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($806,546)	($806,546)
Transfer funds for community action teams to deter child welfare involvement from Out-of-Home Care to Child Welfare Services to align budgets with expenditures.	$371,500	$371,500
Reduce funds for technology platform for community service referral to reflect projected expenditures.	($50,000)	($50,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$253,371,552	$550,393,023

28.6. Community Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services and activities through local agencies to assist low-income Georgians with employment, education, nutrition, and housing services.

Total Funds	$11,527,897
Federal Funds and Grants	$11,527,897

Community Service Block Grant (CFDA 93.569)	$11,527,897

28.7. Departmental Administration (DHS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration and support for the Divisions and Operating Office in meeting the needs of the people of Georgia.

Total Funds	$126,778,498
Federal Funds and Grants	$50,198,966
Community Service Block Grant (CFDA 93.569)	$165,047
Foster Care Title IV-E (CFDA 93.658)	$6,380,087
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (CFDA 93.568)	$344,280
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$6,532,450
Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667)	$25,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$4,841,607
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$31,910,495
Other Funds	$13,602,976
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$13,602,976
State Funds	$62,976,556
State General Funds	$62,976,556

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$62,135,630	$125,937,572
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$1,095,877	$1,095,877
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($254,951)	($254,951)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$62,976,556	$126,778,498

28.8. Elder Abuse Investigations and Prevention

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to prevent disabled adults and elder persons from abuse, exploitation and neglect, and investigate situations where it might have occurred.

Total Funds	$39,066,075
Federal Funds and Grants	$7,689,877
Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667)	$4,970,060
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,719,817
State Funds	$31,376,198
State General Funds	$31,376,198

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$30,886,034	$38,575,911
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$632,982	$632,982
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($142,818)	($142,818)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$31,376,198	$39,066,075

28.9. Elder Community Living Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgians who need nursing home level of care the option of remaining in their own communities.

Total Funds	$113,127,149
Federal Funds and Grants	$58,947,806

Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$250,000
Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667)	$12,141,007
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$46,556,799
Other Funds	$250,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$250,000
State Funds	$53,929,343
State General Funds	$53,929,343

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$53,817,460	$113,015,266
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$120,568	$120,568
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($8,685)	($8,685)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$53,929,343	$113,127,149

28.10. Energy Assistance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist low-income households in meeting their immediate home energy needs.

Total Funds	$72,852,525
Federal Funds and Grants	$72,852,525
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (CFDA 93.568)	$72,852,525

28.11. Federal Eligibility Benefit Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to verify eligibility and provide support services for Medicaid, Food Stamp, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

Total Funds	$514,512,068
Federal Funds and Grants	$336,220,011
Community Service Block Grant (CFDA 93.569)	$92,907
Foster Care Title IV-E (CFDA 93.658)	$7,222,080
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (CFDA 93.568)	$1,855,068
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$208,061,092
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$15,861,324
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$103,127,540
State Funds	$178,292,057
State General Funds	$178,292,057

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$162,674,638	$485,914,880
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$9,719,718	$9,719,718
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($310,073)	($310,073)
Increase funds for Gateway system modifications to reduce the SNAP payment error rate and ensure federal compliance.	$6,207,774	$19,187,543
Amount appropriated in this Act	$178,292,057	$514,512,068

28.12. Out-of-Home Care

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide safe and appropriate temporary homes for children removed from their families due to neglect, abuse, or abandonment.

Total Funds	$582,996,248
Federal Funds and Grants	$132,228,731
Foster Care Title IV-E (CFDA 93.658)	$36,705,547
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$95,376,053
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$147,131
State Funds	$450,767,517
State General Funds	$450,767,517

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$368,397,670	$495,008,181
Increase funds for utilization growth and increased costs of care.*(H:Yes; Increase funds for utilization growth and increased costs of care prioritizing reunification services, assessments, and specialized services for high-acuity youth.)*	$82,741,347	$88,359,567
Transfer funds for community action teams to deter child welfare involvement from Out-of-Home Care to Child Welfare Services to align budgets with expenditures.	($371,500)	($371,500)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$450,767,517	$582,996,248

28.13. Out-of-Home Care - Special Project

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide preventative and wrap-around services for children and youth in Out-of-Home care.

Total Funds	$1,599,601
State Funds	$1,599,601
State General Funds	$1,599,601

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$0	$0
Restore the cancelation of state office contracts for supportive services ($1,349,601) and implement funds to place foster youth closer to their biological families as directed in the FY 2026 budget ($250,000).	$1,599,601	$1,599,601
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,599,601	$1,599,601

28.14. Out-of-School Care Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the provision of out-of-school services and draw down TANF maintenance of effort funds.

Total Funds	$15,500,000
Federal Funds and Grants	$15,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$15,500,000

28.15. Refugee Assistance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide employment, health screening, medical, cash, and social services assistance to refugees.

Total Funds	$20,174,463
Federal Funds and Grants	$20,174,463
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$20,174,463

28.16. Residential Child Care Licensing

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health and safety of children who receive full-time care outside of their homes by licensing, monitoring, and inspecting residential care providers.

Total Funds	$3,125,241
Federal Funds and Grants	$513,824
Foster Care Title IV-E (CFDA 93.658)	$513,824
State Funds	$2,611,417
State General Funds	$2,611,417

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,569,435	$3,083,259
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$58,131	$58,131
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($16,149)	($16,149)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,611,417	$3,125,241

28.17. Support for Needy Families - Basic Assistance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide cash assistance to needy families in compliance with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

Total Funds	$36,523,008
Federal Funds and Grants	$36,453,008
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$36,453,008
State Funds	$70,000
State General Funds	$70,000

28.18. Support for Needy Families - Work Assistance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist needy Georgian families in achieving self-sufficiency by obtaining and keeping employment as well as complying with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

Total Funds	$20,477,236
Federal Funds and Grants	$20,377,236
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$13,642,122
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$6,735,114
State Funds	$100,000
State General Funds	$100,000

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

28.19. Council On Aging

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist older individuals, at-risk adults, persons with disabilities, their families and caregivers in achieving safe, healthy, independent and self-reliant lives.

Total Funds	$414,907
State Funds	$414,907
State General Funds	$414,907

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$466,562	$466,562
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$6,459	$6,459
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($1,735)	($1,735)

Reduce funds for personal services. (See HB 68 (2025 Session) intent language considered nonbinding by the Governor.)	($56,379)	($56,379)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$414,907	$414,907

28.20. Family Connection

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a statewide network of county collaboratives that work to improve conditions for children and families.

Total Funds	$11,701,160
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,336,965
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$1,336,965
State Funds	$10,364,195
State General Funds	$10,364,195

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$10,359,889	$11,696,854
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$4,306	$4,306
Amount appropriated in this Act	$10,364,195	$11,701,160

28.21. Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Business Enterprise Program

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people who are blind in becoming successful contributors to the state's economy.

Total Funds	$3,134,785
Federal Funds and Grants	$2,779,295
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,779,295
State Funds	$355,490
State General Funds	$355,490

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$335,520	$3,114,815
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$21,530	$21,530
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($1,560)	($1,560)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$355,490	$3,134,785

28.22. Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Departmental Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to help people with disabilities to become fully productive members of society by achieving independence and meaningful employment.

Total Funds	$12,848,426
Federal Funds and Grants	$8,866,476
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$8,866,476
Other Funds	$284,597
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$284,597
State Funds	$3,697,353
State General Funds	$3,697,353

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,587,333	$12,738,406
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$150,710	$150,710
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($40,690)	($40,690)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,697,353	$12,848,426

28.23. Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Disability Adjudication Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to efficiently process applications for federal disability programs so that eligible Georgia citizens can obtain support.

Total Funds	$64,972,843
Federal Funds and Grants	$64,972,843
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$64,972,843

28.24. Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Georgia Industries for the Blind

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to employ people who are blind in manufacturing and packaging facilities in Bainbridge and Griffin.

Total Funds	$4,888,266
Other Funds	$4,810,758
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$4,810,758
State Funds	$77,508
State General Funds	$77,508

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$0	$4,810,758
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$77,508	$77,508
Amount appropriated in this Act	$77,508	$4,888,266

28.25. Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Vocational Rehabilitation Program

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people with disabilities so that they may go to work.

Total Funds	$127,437,452
Federal Funds and Grants	$95,952,501
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$95,952,501
Other Funds	$5,207,888
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$5,207,888
State Funds	$26,277,063
State General Funds	$26,277,063

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$25,147,327	$126,307,716
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$1,115,254	$1,115,254
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($110,518)	($110,518)
Increase funds to supply new and used durable medical equipment and assistive technology.	$125,000	$125,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$26,277,063	$127,437,452

28.26. Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds to the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission for the purposes of providing care, rehabilitative services, residential housing, health services, and social services to sexually exploited children.

Total Funds	$8,356,049
State Funds	$8,356,049
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$134,209
State General Funds	$8,221,840

Section 29: Insurance, Office of the Commissioner of

Total Funds	**$1,408,513,906**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$1,016,575,819**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,016,575,819
Other Funds	**$246,523,292**
Agency Funds	$22,116,174
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$224,407,118
State Funds	**$144,847,190**
State General Funds	$144,847,190
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$567,605**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$567,605

29.1. Departmental Administration (COI)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to be responsible for protecting the rights of Georgia citizens in insurance and maintain a fire-safe environment.

Total Funds	$2,643,829
Other Funds	$2,643,829
Agency Funds	$2,594,229
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$49,600

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,594,229	$2,643,829
Replace all state funds with other funds in recognition of increased appointment fees generated by the Insurance Regulation program.	($2,594,229)	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$2,643,829

29.2. Enforcement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide legal advice and to initiate legal proceedings with regard to enforcement of specific provisions of state law relating to insurance, fire safety, and fraud.

Total Funds	$582,923
Other Funds	$582,923
Agency Funds	$582,923

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$582,923	$582,923
Replace all state funds with other funds in recognition of increased appointment fees generated by the Insurance Regulation program.	($582,923)	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$582,923

29.3. Fire Safety

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote fire safety awareness through education and training, and to protect the public from fire and limit the loss of life and property by setting the minimum fire safety standards in the state, enforcing and regulating fire safety rules for public buildings and manufactured housing, and regulating the storage, transportation, and handling of hazardous materials, and elevators, boilers and carnivals.

Total Funds	$21,500,476
Federal Funds and Grants	$742,458
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$742,458
Other Funds	$4,390,389
Agency Funds	$3,982,139
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$408,250
State Funds	$16,367,629
State General Funds	$16,367,629

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$16,129,615	$21,262,462
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$284,196	$284,196
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($46,182)	($46,182)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$16,367,629	$21,500,476

29.4. Insurance Regulation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that licensed insurance entities maintain solvency and conform to state law by conducting financial and market examinations, investigating policyholder complaints, monitoring for compliance with state laws and regulations, reviewing and approving premium rates, and disseminating information to the public and the insurance industry about the state's insurance laws and regulations.

Total Funds	$14,956,883
Other Funds	$14,956,883
Agency Funds	$14,956,883

29.5. Reinsurance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide affordable healthcare insurance premiums and to operate a healthcare exchange for individuals to review and enroll in healthcare insurance.

Total Funds	$1,360,769,384
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,015,833,361
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,015,833,361
Other Funds	$223,949,268
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$223,949,268
State Funds	$120,986,755
State General Funds	$120,986,755

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$145,875,196	$1,385,657,825
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$111,956	$111,956
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($397)	($397)

Reduce funds based on projected expenditures.	($25,000,000)	($25,000,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$120,986,755	$1,360,769,384

29.6. Special Fraud

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to identify and take appropriate action to deter insurance fraud.

Total Funds	$8,060,411
State Funds	$7,492,806
State General Funds	$7,492,806
Intra-State Government Transfers	$567,605
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$567,605

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$7,424,165	$7,991,770
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$88,273	$88,273
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($19,632)	($19,632)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$7,492,806	$8,060,411

Section 30: Investigation, Georgia Bureau of

Total Funds	**$358,189,064**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$57,272,157**
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.991)	$369,946
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$329,017
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$56,573,194
Other Funds	**$33,030,206**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$33,030,206
State Funds	**$267,886,701**
State General Funds	$267,886,701

30.1. Bureau Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the highest quality investigative, scientific, information services, and resources for the purpose of maintaining law and order and protecting life and property.

Total Funds	$10,973,751
Federal Funds and Grants	$12,600
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$12,600
Other Funds	$353,303
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$353,303
State Funds	$10,607,848
State General Funds	$10,607,848

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$10,541,503	$10,907,406
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$92,579	$92,579

Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($26,234)	($26,234)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$10,607,848	$10,973,751

30.2. Criminal Justice Information Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the State of Georgia with essential information and identification services through the operation of the Automated Fingerprint Identification System, Criminal History System, Criminal Justice Information Services network, Protective Order Registry, Sexual Violent Offender Registry, and the Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

Total Funds	$19,282,099
Other Funds	$11,500,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$11,500,000
State Funds	$7,782,099
State General Funds	$7,782,099

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$7,596,576	$19,096,576
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$217,453	$217,453
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($31,930)	($31,930)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$7,782,099	$19,282,099

30.3. Forensic Scientific Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forensic analysis and testimony in the areas of chemistry (drug identification), firearms, digital imaging, forensic biology (serology/DNA), latent prints, pathology, questioned documents, photography, toxicology, implied consent, and trace evidence in support of the criminal justice system; to provide medical examiner (autopsy) services; and to analyze and enter samples into national databases such as AFIS, CODIS, and NIBIN.

Total Funds	$71,506,788
Federal Funds and Grants	$2,229,366
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,229,366
Other Funds	$5,856
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$5,856
State Funds	$69,271,566
State General Funds	$69,271,566

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$68,288,507	$70,523,729
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$800,916	$800,916
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($226,868)	($226,868)
Increase funds to replace software that allows for connectivity to federal DNA database.	$618,170	$618,170
Reduce funds for personal services based on the actual start date of new positions.	($209,159)	($209,159)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$69,271,566	$71,506,788

30.4. Regional Investigative Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to identify, collect, preserve, and process evidence located during crime scene investigations, and to assist in the investigation, identification, arrest and prosecution of individuals. The purpose of this appropriation is also to coordinate and operate the following specialized units: bingo unit, anti-terrorist team, forensic art, bomb disposal unit, high technology investigations unit, communications center, regional drug enforcement, and polygraph examinations.

Total Funds	$85,212,111
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,812,153
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,812,153
Other Funds	$1,885,738
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,885,738
State Funds	$81,514,220
State General Funds	$81,514,220

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$80,706,986	$84,404,877
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$988,227	$988,227
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($272,199)	($272,199)
Increase funds to annualize three human trafficking positions.	$294,420	$294,420
Reduce funds for personal services based on the actual start date of new positions.	($203,214)	($203,214)
Eliminate funds for one-time connectivity to the statewide gang case management system.*(H:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$81,514,220	$85,212,111

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

30.5. Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and coordinate criminal justice efforts throughout Georgia, help create safe and secure communities, and award grants.

Total Funds	$93,052,349
Federal Funds and Grants	$53,218,038
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.991)	$369,946
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$329,017
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$52,519,075
Other Funds	$19,285,309
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$19,285,309
State Funds	$20,549,002
State General Funds	$20,549,002

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$19,866,465	$92,369,812
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$279,890	$279,890
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($29,548)	($29,548)
Reduce funds for operations. (HB 68 intent language considered non-binding by the Governor.)	($33,558)	($33,558)

Utilize existing funds ($133,867) from rental savings for grant system connectivity.*(G:Yes)(H:Utilize existing funds ($133,867) from rental savings and increase funds for grant system connectivity. (Total: $435,330).)*	$301,463	$301,463
Reduce funds for personal services based on the actual start date of new positions.	($20,951)	($20,951)
Provide funds for eight Child Advocacy Centers and 19 satellite office locations that meet minimum standards to provide specialized services not currently state funded effective April 1, 2026.	$185,241	$185,241
Amount appropriated in this Act	$20,549,002	$93,052,349

30.6. Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Council of Accountability Court Judges

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.

Total Funds $38,664,390
State Funds $38,664,390
State General Funds $38,664,390

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$38,674,273	$38,674,273
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$21,530	$21,530
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($6,244)	($6,244)
Reduce funds for personal services based on the actual start date of new positions.	($25,169)	($25,169)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$38,664,390	$38,664,390

30.7. Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Family Violence

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide certified domestic violence shelters and sexual assault centers with funds so as to provide the necessary services to primary and secondary victims of domestic violence and sexual assault statewide.

Total Funds $39,497,576
State Funds $39,497,576
State General Funds $39,497,576

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$34,973,074	$34,973,074
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($498)	($498)
Provide one-time funds to domestic violence shelters and sexual assault centers for operational and facility needs.	$4,525,000	$4,525,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$39,497,576	$39,497,576

Section 31: Juvenile Justice, Department of

Total Funds $410,400,239
Federal Funds and Grants $7,090,662

Foster Care Title IV-E (CFDA 93.658)	$519,115
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$6,571,547
Other Funds	**$528,891**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$528,891
State Funds	**$402,780,686**
State General Funds	$402,780,686

31.1. Community Service

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public, hold youth accountable for their actions, assist youth in becoming law-abiding citizens and transition youth from secure detention, and provide the following alternative detention options: non-secure detention shelters, housebound detention, emergency shelters, a short-term stay in a residential placement, tracking services, wraparound services, electronic monitoring, or detention in an alternative program. Additionally, Community Supervision supervises youth directly in the community according to their risk and need levels, provides transitional and treatment services to those youth either directly or by brokering or making appropriate referrals for services, and provides agency-wide services, including intake, court services, and case management.

Total Funds	$107,506,850
Federal Funds and Grants	$663,141
Foster Care Title IV-E (CFDA 93.658)	$519,115
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$144,026
Other Funds	$281,298
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$281,298
State Funds	$106,562,411
State General Funds	$106,562,411

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$105,394,014	$106,338,453
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$1,440,357	$1,440,357
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($271,960)	($271,960)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$106,562,411	$107,506,850

31.2. Departmental Administration (DJJ)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by holding youthful offenders accountable for their actions through the delivery of effective services in appropriate settings.

Total Funds	$28,859,600
State Funds	$28,859,600
State General Funds	$28,859,600

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$28,597,656	$28,597,656
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$355,245	$355,245
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($93,301)	($93,301)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$28,859,600	$28,859,600

31.3. Secure Commitment (YDCs)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions, and provide secure care and supervision of youth including academic, recreational, vocational, medical, mental health, counseling, and religious services for those youth committed to the Department's custody, or convicted of an offense under Senate Bill 440.

Total Funds	$106,059,191
Federal Funds and Grants	$3,220,618
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,220,618
Other Funds	$247,593
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$247,593
State Funds	$102,590,980
State General Funds	$102,590,980

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$101,188,032	$104,656,243
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$1,681,493	$1,681,493
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($278,545)	($278,545)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$102,590,980	$106,059,191

31.4. Secure Detention (RYDCs)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions and, provide temporary, secure care, and supervision of youth who are charged with crimes or who have been found guilty of crimes and are awaiting disposition of their cases by juvenile courts or awaiting placement in one of the Department's treatment programs or facilities, or sentenced to the Short Term Program.

Total Funds	$167,974,598
Federal Funds and Grants	$3,206,903
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,206,903
State Funds	$164,767,695
State General Funds	$164,767,695

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$160,049,615	$163,256,518
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$2,611,589	$2,611,589
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($438,315)	($438,315)
Increase funds for personal services due to decreased turnover.	$2,544,806	$2,544,806
Amount appropriated in this Act	$164,767,695	$167,974,598

Section 32: Labor, Department of

Total Funds	**$99,405,766**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$75,340,557**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$75,340,557
Other Funds	**$11,896,123**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$11,896,123
State Funds	**$12,169,086**

State General Funds	$12,169,086

32.1. Departmental Administration (DOL)

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to provide administrative support for the Labor Market Information and Unemployment Insurance programs.

Total Funds	$31,956,375
Federal Funds and Grants	$20,539,169
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$20,539,169
Other Funds	$7,347,618
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$7,347,618
State Funds	$4,069,588
State General Funds	$4,069,588

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,101,946	$29,988,733
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$271,278	$271,278
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($6,109)	($6,109)
Increase funds for rent at the Athens and Thomasville career centers while working with the State Properties Commission to fill vacancies.	$611,691	$611,691
Increase funds to replace aging laptops by utilizing Georgia Technology Authority's end user computing service.	$1,090,782	$1,090,782
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,069,588	$31,956,375

32.2. Labor Market Information

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to collect, analyze, and publish a wide array of information about the state's labor market.

Total Funds	$2,166,989
Federal Funds and Grants	$2,121,776
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,121,776
State Funds	$45,213
State General Funds	$45,213

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$0	$2,121,776
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$45,213	$45,213
Amount appropriated in this Act	$45,213	$2,166,989

32.3. Unemployment Insurance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance Georgia's economic strength by collecting unemployment insurance taxes from Georgia's employers and distributing unemployment benefits to eligible claimants.

Total Funds	$65,282,402
Federal Funds and Grants	$52,679,612
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$52,679,612
Other Funds	$4,548,505
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$4,548,505
State Funds	$8,054,285

State General Funds $8,054,285

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$6,828,244	$64,056,361
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$1,246,587	$1,246,587
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($20,546)	($20,546)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,054,285	$65,282,402

Section 33: Law, Department of

Total Funds	**$133,809,267**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$3,633,332**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,633,332
Other Funds	**$80,173,040**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$80,173,040
State Funds	**$50,002,895**
State General Funds	$50,002,895

There is hereby appropriated to the Department of Law the sum of $625,000 of the moneys collected in accordance with O.C.G.A. Title 10, Chapter 1, Article 28. The sum of money is appropriated for use by the Department of Law for consumer protection for all the purposes for which such moneys may be appropriated pursuant to Article 28.

33.1. Department of Law

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the attorney and legal advisor for all state agencies, departments, authorities, and the Governor; to provide binding opinions on legal questions concerning the state of Georgia and its agencies; and to prepare all contracts and agreements regarding any matter in which the State of Georgia is involved.

Total Funds	$128,413,146
Other Funds	$80,173,040
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$80,173,040
State Funds	$48,240,106
State General Funds	$48,240,106

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$47,802,872	$127,975,912
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$673,889	$673,889
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($192,931)	($192,931)
Reduce funds for personal services based on the actual start date of new positions.	($43,724)	($43,724)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$48,240,106	$128,413,146

33.2. Medicaid Fraud Control Unit

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the center for the identification, arrest, and prosecution of providers of health services and patients who defraud the Medicaid Program.

Total Funds	$5,396,121
Federal Funds and Grants	$3,633,332

Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,633,332
State Funds	$1,762,789
State General Funds	$1,762,789

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,693,029	$5,326,361
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$90,426	$90,426
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($20,666)	($20,666)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,762,789	$5,396,121

Section 34: Natural Resources, Department of

Total Funds	**$382,148,052**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$70,919,242**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$70,919,242
Other Funds	**$101,815,729**
Agency Funds	$27,907,835
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$73,907,894
State Funds	**$209,413,081**
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$11,771,491
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$9,838,299
State General Funds	$185,809,826
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$1,993,465

Provided, that to the extent State Parks and Historic Sites receipts are realized in excess of the amount of such funds contemplated in this Act, the Office of Planning and Budget is authorized to use up to 50 percent of the excess receipts to supplant State funds and the balance may be amended into the budget of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites Division for the most critical needs of the Division. This provision shall not apply to revenues collected from a state park's parking pass implemented by the Department.

34.1. Coastal Resources

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to preserve the natural, environmental, historic, archaeological, and recreational resources of the state's coastal zone by balancing economic development with resource preservation and improvement by assessing and restoring coastal wetlands, by regulating development within the coastal zone, by promulgating and enforcing rules and regulations to protect the coastal wetlands, by monitoring the population status of commercially and recreationally fished species and developing fishery management plans, by providing fishing education, and by constructing and maintaining artificial reefs.

Total Funds	$11,757,063
Federal Funds and Grants	$5,096,144
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$5,096,144
Other Funds	$107,925
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$107,925
State Funds	$6,552,994
State General Funds	$6,552,994

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$4,672,283	$9,876,352
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$142,098	$142,098

Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($11,387)	($11,387)
Increase funds to replace Coastal Resources Database to streamline permitting application processing.	$500,000	$500,000
Increase funds for Tybee Island North Beach dune emergency stabilization.	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Increase funds to establish a new center to promote the conservation, preservation, and protection of the Altamaha River and Coastal Georgia.	$250,000	$250,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$6,552,994	$11,757,063

34.2. Departmental Administration (DNR)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

Total Funds	$13,630,324
State Funds	$13,630,324
State General Funds	$13,630,324

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$13,515,482	$13,515,482
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$155,016	$155,016
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($40,174)	($40,174)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$13,630,324	$13,630,324

34.3. Environmental Protection

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the quality of Georgia's air by controlling, monitoring and regulating pollution from large, small, mobile, and area sources (including pollution from motor vehicle emissions) by performing ambient air monitoring, and by participating in the Clean Air Campaign; to protect Georgia's land by permitting, managing, and planning for solid waste facilities, by implementing waste reduction strategies, by administering the Solid Waste Trust Fund and the Underground Storage Tank program, by cleaning up scrap tire piles, and by permitting and regulating surface mining operations; to protect Georgia and its citizens from hazardous materials by investigating and remediating hazardous sites, and by utilizing the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund to manage the state's hazardous sites inventory, to oversee site cleanup and brownfield remediation, to remediate abandoned sites, to respond to environmental emergencies, and to monitor and regulate the hazardous materials industry in Georgia. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure the quality and quantity of Georgia's water supplies by managing floodplains, by ensuring the safety of dams, by monitoring, regulating, and certifying water quality, and by regulating the amount of water used.

Total Funds	$128,272,445
Federal Funds and Grants	$29,887,490
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$29,887,490
Other Funds	$60,823,953
Agency Funds	$27,907,835
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$32,916,118
State Funds	$37,561,002
State General Funds	$37,561,002

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$35,087,578	$125,799,021
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$1,567,384	$1,567,384

Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($93,960)	($93,960)
Provide one-time funds to support air emissions program operations to allow preservation of existing revenue to delay a fiscal shortfall.	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$37,561,002	$128,272,445

34.4. Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding through grant and loan opportunities for land conservation, parks, trails, and outdoor recreation.

Total Funds	$23,012,109
State Funds	$23,012,109
State General Funds	$23,012,109

34.5. Hazardous Waste Trust Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund investigations and cleanup of abandoned landfills and other hazardous sites, to meet cost-sharing requirements for Superfund sites identified by the US Environmental Protection Agency, to fund related operations and oversight positions within the Environmental Protection Division, and to reimburse local governments for landfill remediation.

Total Funds	$11,771,491
State Funds	$11,771,491
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$11,771,491

34.6. Law Enforcement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce all state and federal laws and departmental regulations relative to protecting Georgia's wildlife, natural, archeological, and cultural resources, DNR properties, boating safety, and litter and waste laws; to teach hunter and boater education classes; and to assist other law enforcement agencies upon request in providing public safety for the citizens and visitors of Georgia.

Total Funds	$37,447,381
Federal Funds and Grants	$2,751,293
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,751,293
Other Funds	$3,657
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$3,657
State Funds	$34,692,431
State General Funds	$34,692,431

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$34,310,618	$37,065,568
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$505,955	$505,955
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($124,142)	($124,142)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$34,692,431	$37,447,381

34.7. Parks Recreation and Historic Sites

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to manage, operate, market, and maintain the state's golf courses, parks, lodges, conference centers, and historic sites.

Total Funds	$68,370,273
Federal Funds and Grants	$3,204,029
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,204,029
Other Funds	$32,391,791

Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$32,391,791
State Funds	$32,774,453
State General Funds	$32,774,453

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$23,457,853	$59,053,673
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$686,807	$686,807
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($31,457)	($31,457)
Increase funds for erosion control at Crooked River State Park, contingent on the award of a Hazard Mitigation Grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.	$1,250,000	$1,250,000
Increase funds for financial and operational review and planning for Stone Mountain Memorial Association.	$500,000	$500,000
Increase funds for recreational activities.	$5,811,250	$5,811,250
Increase funds for Fort Yargo dock replacement.	$100,000	$100,000
Increase funds for the Vince Dooley Battlefield Fund pursuant to HB 454 (2025 Session).	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$32,774,453	$68,370,273

34.8. Solid Waste Trust Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the administration of the scrap tire management activity; to enable emergency, preventative, and corrective actions at solid waste disposal facilities; to assist local governments with the development of solid waste management plans; and to promote statewide recycling and waste reduction programs.

Total Funds	$9,838,299
State Funds	$9,838,299
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$9,838,299

34.9. Wildlife Resources

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate hunting, fishing, and the operation of watercraft in Georgia; to provide hunter and boating education; to protect non-game and endangered wildlife; to promulgate statewide hunting, fishing, trapping, and coastal commercial fishing regulations; to operate the state's archery and shooting ranges; to license hunters and anglers; and to register boats.

Total Funds	$78,048,667
Federal Funds and Grants	$29,980,286
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$29,980,286
Other Funds	$8,488,403
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$8,488,403
State Funds	$39,579,978
State General Funds	$37,586,513
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$1,993,465

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$25,439,288	$63,907,977
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$884,883	$884,883
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($76,276)	($76,276)

Provide funds for a road paving project on Sapelo Island.	$5,000,000	$5,000,000
Provide funds for land acquisitions to expand wildlife management areas statewide.*(H:Provide funds to expand, improve, and update wildlife management areas statewide.)*	$8,182,083	$8,182,083
Increase funds to mitigate the spread of invasive plant species in southwest Georgia.	$150,000	$150,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$39,579,978	$78,048,667

Section 35: Pardons and Paroles, State Board of

Total Funds	**$21,705,866**
State Funds	**$21,705,866**
State General Funds	$21,705,866

35.1. Board Administration (SBPP)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.

Total Funds	$2,425,084
State Funds	$2,425,084
State General Funds	$2,425,084

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,405,193	$2,405,193
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$27,989	$27,989
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($8,098)	($8,098)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,425,084	$2,425,084

35.2. Clemency Decisions

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Board in exercising its constitutional authority over executive clemency. This includes setting tentative parole dates for offenders in the correctional system and all aspects of parole status of offenders in the community including warrants, violations, commutations, and revocations. The Board coordinates all interstate compact release matters regarding the acceptance and placement of parolees into and from the State of Georgia and administers the pardon process by reviewing all applications and granting or denying these applications based on specific criteria.

Total Funds	$18,537,886
State Funds	$18,537,886
State General Funds	$18,537,886

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$18,272,571	$18,272,571
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$338,021	$338,021
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($72,706)	($72,706)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$18,537,886	$18,537,886

35.3. Victim Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide notification to victims of changes in offender status or placement, conduct outreach and information gathering from victims during clemency proceedings, host

victims visitors' days, and act as a liaison for victims to the state corrections, community supervision, and pardons and paroles systems.

Total Funds	$742,896
State Funds	$742,896
State General Funds	$742,896

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$730,035	$730,035
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$15,071	$15,071
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($2,210)	($2,210)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$742,896	$742,896

Section 36: State Properties Commission

Total Funds	**$2,600,000**
Other Funds	**$2,600,000**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$2,600,000

36.1. State Properties Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain long-term plans for state buildings and land; to compile an accessible database of state-owned and leased real property with information about utilization, demand management, and space standards; and to negotiate better rates in the leasing market and property acquisitions and dispositions.

Total Funds	$2,600,000
Other Funds	$2,600,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$2,600,000

Section 37: Public Defender Council, Georgia

Total Funds	**$131,254,063**
Other Funds	**$44,840,000**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$44,840,000
State Funds	**$86,414,063**
State General Funds	$86,414,063

37.1. Public Defender Council

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Office of the Georgia Capital Defender, Office of the Mental Health Advocate, Central Office, and the administration of the Conflict Division.

Total Funds	$11,363,284
Other Funds	$1,840,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,840,000
State Funds	$9,523,284
State General Funds	$9,523,284

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$9,424,496	$11,264,496
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$135,639	$135,639

Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($36,851)	($36,851)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,523,284	$11,363,284

37.2. Public Defenders

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assure that adequate and effective legal representation is provided, independently of political considerations or private interests, to indigent persons who are entitled to representation under this chapter; provided that staffing for circuits are based on O.C.G.A. 17-12; including providing representation to clients in cases where the Capital Defender or a circuit public defender has a conflict of interest.

Total Funds	$119,890,779
Other Funds	$43,000,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$43,000,000
State Funds	$76,890,779
State General Funds	$76,890,779

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$73,513,361	$116,513,361
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$1,582,455	$1,582,455
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($279,083)	($279,083)
Increase funds to offset the loss of 'American Rescue Plan Act' (ARPA) funds to continue representation in large, multi-defendant cases.*(H:No)*	$0	$0
Increase funds to align assistant public defender salaries to assistant district attorney salaries at the Prosecuting Attorneys Council effective April 1, 2026.	$2,074,046	$2,074,046
Amount appropriated in this Act	$76,890,779	$119,890,779

Section 38: Public Health, Department of

Total Funds	**$949,952,450**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$482,967,325**
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.994)	$17,179,690
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.991)	$4,567,734
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$20,341,394
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$440,878,507
Other Funds	**$20,101,843**
Agency Funds	$750,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$19,351,843
State Funds	**$445,412,048**
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$2,010,871
State General Funds	$413,131,605
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$13,879,699
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$16,389,873
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$1,471,234**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$1,471,234

38.1. Adolescent and Adult Health Promotion

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote the health and well-being of Georgians. Activities include preventing teenage pregnancies, tobacco use prevention, cancer screening and prevention, and family planning services.

Total Funds	$57,135,945
Federal Funds and Grants	$30,989,391
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.994)	$78,075
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$20,341,394
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$10,569,922
Other Funds	$695,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$695,000
State Funds	$25,451,554
State General Funds	$18,554,980
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,896,574

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$25,194,276	$56,878,667
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$118,415	$118,415
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($11,137)	($11,137)
Provide funds for charitable dental care.	$150,000	$150,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$25,451,554	$57,135,945

38.2. Adult Essential Health Treatment Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide treatment and services to low-income Georgians with cancer, and Georgians at risk of stroke or heart attacks.

Total Funds	$7,685,502
Federal Funds and Grants	$957,168
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.991)	$957,168
State Funds	$6,728,334
State General Funds	($2,895)
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,731,229

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$6,716,158	$7,673,326
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$15,071	$15,071
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($2,895)	($2,895)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$6,728,334	$7,685,502

38.3. Departmental Administration (DPH)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.

Total Funds	$38,741,743
Federal Funds and Grants	$5,814,613
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.991)	$1,208,613
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$4,606,000
Other Funds	$230,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$230,000

State Funds	$32,697,130
State General Funds	$32,565,335
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$131,795

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$32,249,062	$38,293,675
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$589,922	$589,922
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($141,854)	($141,854)
The department is directed to develop a strategy to promote awareness and prevention measures for colorectal and prostate cancer and report findings to the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committee, the House Budget and Research Office, the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office, and the Office of Planning and Budget by September 1, 2026.*(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$32,697,130	$38,741,743

38.4. Emergency Preparedness/Trauma System Improvement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare for natural disasters, bioterrorism, and other emergencies, as well as improving the capacity of the state's trauma system.

Total Funds	$42,353,859
Federal Funds and Grants	$35,111,108
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.994)	$724,300
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$34,386,808
Other Funds	$460,141
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$460,141
State Funds	$6,782,610
State General Funds	$6,782,610

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$6,548,028	$42,119,277
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$249,748	$249,748
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($15,166)	($15,166)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$6,782,610	$42,353,859

38.5. Epidemiology

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor, investigate, and respond to disease, injury, and other events of public health concern.

Total Funds	$24,070,354
Federal Funds and Grants	$15,459,874
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$15,459,874
State Funds	$8,610,480
State General Funds	$8,490,379
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$120,101

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$8,364,236	$23,824,110

Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$258,360	$258,360
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($12,116)	($12,116)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,610,480	$24,070,354

38.6. Immunization

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide immunization, consultation, training, assessment, vaccines, and technical assistance.

Total Funds	$26,243,290
Federal Funds and Grants	$11,000,391
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$11,000,391
Other Funds	$12,649,702
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$12,649,702
State Funds	$2,593,197
State General Funds	$2,593,197

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,499,795	$26,149,888
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$96,885	$96,885
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($3,483)	($3,483)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,593,197	$26,243,290

38.7. Infant and Child Essential Health Treatment Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to avoid unnecessary health problems in later life by providing comprehensive health services to infants and children.

Total Funds	$74,902,886
Federal Funds and Grants	$38,374,024
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.994)	$10,818,769
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.991)	$675,828
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$26,879,427
Other Funds	$1,217,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,217,000
State Funds	$35,311,862
State General Funds	$35,311,862

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$35,235,681	$74,826,705
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$83,967	$83,967
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($7,786)	($7,786)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$35,311,862	$74,902,886

38.8. Infant and Child Health Promotion

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote health and nutrition for infants and children.

Total Funds	$231,467,937

Federal Funds and Grants	$214,597,390
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.994)	$5,558,546
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.991)	$546,125
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$208,492,719
State Funds	$16,870,547
State General Funds	$16,870,547

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$16,630,765	$231,228,155
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$243,289	$243,289
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($3,507)	($3,507)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$16,870,547	$231,467,937

38.9. Infectious Disease Control

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure quality prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, and other infectious diseases.

Total Funds	$147,506,535
Federal Funds and Grants	$100,912,495
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$100,912,495
State Funds	$46,594,040
State General Funds	$46,594,040

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$46,149,968	$147,062,463
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$465,048	$465,048
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($20,976)	($20,976)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$46,594,040	$147,506,535

38.10. Inspections and Environmental Hazard Control

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to detect and prevent environmental hazards, as well as providing inspection and enforcement of health regulations for food service establishments, sewage management facilities, and swimming pools.

Total Funds	$14,569,244
Federal Funds and Grants	$4,606,558
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.991)	$1,180,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,426,558
Other Funds	$750,000
Agency Funds	$750,000
State Funds	$9,212,686
State General Funds	$9,212,686

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$9,088,599	$14,445,157
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$146,404	$146,404

Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($22,317)	($22,317)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,212,686	$14,569,244

38.11. Public Health Formula Grants to Counties

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide general grant-in-aid to county boards of health delivering local public health services.

Total Funds	$245,219,407
Federal Funds and Grants	$25,000,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$25,000,000
Other Funds	$1,800,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,800,000
State Funds	$218,419,407
State General Funds	$218,419,407

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$210,308,336	$237,108,336
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$9,010,305	$9,010,305
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($899,234)	($899,234)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$218,419,407	$245,219,407

38.12. Vital Records

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to register, enter, archive and provide to the public in a timely manner vital records and associated documents.

Total Funds	$7,482,232
Other Funds	$2,300,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$2,300,000
State Funds	$5,182,232
State General Funds	$5,182,232

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$5,080,867	$7,380,867
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$118,415	$118,415
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($17,050)	($17,050)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$5,182,232	$7,482,232

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

38.13. Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide disbursements from the Trust Fund to offset the costs of care and rehabilitative services to citizens of the state who have survived brain or spinal cord injuries.

Total Funds	$2,155,184
Federal Funds and Grants	$144,313
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$144,313
State Funds	$2,010,871
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$2,010,871

38.14. Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to establish, maintain, and administer a trauma center network, to coordinate the best use of existing trauma facilities and to direct patients to the best available facility for treatment of traumatic injury and participate in the accountability mechanism for the entire Georgia trauma system, primarily overseeing the flow of funds for system improvement.

Total Funds	$30,418,332
State Funds	$28,947,098
State General Funds	$12,557,225
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$16,389,873
Intra-State Government Transfers	$1,471,234
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$1,471,234

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$28,940,946	$30,412,180
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$10,765	$10,765
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($4,613)	($4,613)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$28,947,098	$30,418,332

Section 39: Public Safety, Department of

Total Funds	**$321,372,497**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$34,695,566**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$34,695,566
Other Funds	**$13,093,402**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$13,093,402
State Funds	**$260,804,683**
State General Funds	$260,804,683
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$12,778,846**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$12,778,846

39.1. Aviation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide aerial support for search and rescue missions and search and apprehension missions in criminal pursuits within the State of Georgia; to provide transport flights to conduct state business, for emergency medical transport, and to support local and federal agencies in public safety efforts with aerial surveillance and observation.

Total Funds	$5,223,849
State Funds	$5,223,849
State General Funds	$5,223,849

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$5,200,659	$5,200,659
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$43,060	$43,060
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($13,518)	($13,518)
Reduce funds for personal services based on the actual start date of new positions.	($6,352)	($6,352)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$5,223,849	$5,223,849

39.2. Capitol Police Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect life and property in the Capitol Square area, enforce traffic regulations around the Capitol, monitor entrances of state buildings, screen packages and personal items of individuals entering state facilities, and provide general security for elected officials, government employees, and visitors to the Capitol.

Total Funds	$9,612,660
Intra-State Government Transfers	$9,612,660
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$9,612,660

39.3. Commercial Vehicle Enforcement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide inspection, regulation, and enforcement for size, weight, and safety standards as well as traffic and criminal laws for commercial motor carriers, limousines, nonconsensual tow trucks, household goods movers, all buses, and large passenger vehicles as well as providing High Occupancy Vehicle and High Occupancy Toll lane use restriction enforcement.

Total Funds	$46,239,571
Federal Funds and Grants	$11,348,744
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$11,348,744
Other Funds	$10,761,804
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$10,761,804
State Funds	$23,758,100
State General Funds	$23,758,100
Intra-State Government Transfers	$370,923
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$370,923

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$23,175,493	$45,656,964
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$635,135	$635,135
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($52,528)	($52,528)
Change program name from Motor Carrier Compliance to Commercial Vehicle Enforcement pursuant to HB 116 (2025 Session).*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$23,758,100	$46,239,571

39.4. Departmental Administration (DPS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department and administratively attached agencies.

Total Funds	$10,680,915
Other Funds	$3,510
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$3,510
State Funds	$10,677,405
State General Funds	$10,677,405

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$10,560,862	$10,564,372
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$152,863	$152,863
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($36,320)	($36,320)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$10,677,405	$10,680,915

39.5. Field Offices and Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide enforcement for traffic and criminal laws through the Department of Public Safety's Uniform Division, and support a variety of specialized teams and offices, which include the Motorcycle Unit, Criminal Interdiction Unit, the Crisis Negotiations Team, the Special Projects Adjutant Office, Headquarters Adjutant Office, Special Investigations Office, the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Unit, and the Training Unit.

Total Funds	$166,568,616
Federal Funds and Grants	$2,494,501
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,494,501
Other Funds	$673,900
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$673,900
State Funds	$163,024,429
State General Funds	$163,024,429
Intra-State Government Transfers	$375,786
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$375,786

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$161,998,462	$165,542,649
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$2,415,666	$2,415,666
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($569,699)	($569,699)
Transfer funds from the Department of Public Safety to the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency for the protection of communities through the Nonprofit Security Grant Program.	($1,000,000)	($1,000,000)
Provide funds for ballistic helmet radio patches.	$180,000	$180,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$163,024,429	$166,568,616

39.6. Law Enforcement Training

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide training of State Troopers through Georgia State Patrol trooper schools.

Total Funds	$9,806,864
State Funds	$9,806,864
State General Funds	$9,806,864

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$9,772,892	$9,772,892
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$64,590	$64,590
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($30,618)	($30,618)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,806,864	$9,806,864

39.7. Office of Public Safety Officer Support

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide peer counselors and critical incident support services to requesting local and state public entities that employ public safety officers.

Total Funds	$2,127,298
State Funds	$2,127,298
State General Funds	$2,127,298

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,101,414	$2,101,414
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$34,448	$34,448
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($8,564)	($8,564)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,127,298	$2,127,298

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

39.8. Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide professionally trained, competent, and ethical firefighters with the proper equipment and facilities to ensure a fire-safe environment for Georgia citizens, and establish professional standards for fire service training including consulting, testing, and certification of Georgia firefighters.

Total Funds	$1,935,463
State Funds	$1,935,463
State General Funds	$1,935,463

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,854,276	$1,854,276
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$27,989	$27,989
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($6,802)	($6,802)
Increase funds for start-up costs for one safety and compliance specialist.	$60,000	$60,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,935,463	$1,935,463

39.9. Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to set standards for the law enforcement community; ensure adequate training at the highest level for all of Georgia's law enforcement officers and public safety professionals; and, certify individuals when all requirements are met. Investigate officers and public safety professionals when an allegation of unethical and/or illegal conduct is made, and sanction these individuals by disciplining officers and public safety professionals when necessary.

Total Funds	$6,421,947
State Funds	$6,421,947
State General Funds	$6,421,947

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$6,322,125	$6,322,125
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$88,273	$88,273
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($22,218)	($22,218)
Increase funds for rent at the Peace Officer Standards and Training Council Headquarters.	$9,180	$9,180
Provide funds for a content management service.	$24,587	$24,587
Amount appropriated in this Act	$6,421,947	$6,421,947

39.10. Georgia Public Safety Training Center

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to develop, deliver, and facilitate training that results in professional and competent public safety services for the people of Georgia.

Total Funds	$37,919,133
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,061,179
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,061,179
Other Funds	$1,492,086
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,492,086
State Funds	$33,437,201
State General Funds	$33,437,201
Intra-State Government Transfers	$1,928,667
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$1,928,667

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$30,741,590	$35,223,522
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$501,649	$501,649
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($100,966)	($100,966)
Provide funds for the new Metro Academy in Austell effective November 3, 2025.	$582,527	$582,527
Increase funds for rent at the Tifton Academy.	$25,931	$25,931
Increase funds for rent at the Columbus Academy.	$14,025	$14,025
Increase funds for rent at the Rome Academy.	$22,445	$22,445
Provide funds for simulated firearms training.	$900,000	$900,000
Increase funds for hearing protection equipment grants for law enforcement officers.	$750,000	$750,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$33,437,201	$37,919,133

39.11. Office of Highway Safety

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to educate the public on highway safety issues, and facilitate the implementation of programs to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities on Georgia roadways.

Total Funds	$21,380,863
Federal Funds and Grants	$19,791,142
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$19,791,142
Other Funds	$162,102
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$162,102
State Funds	$936,809
State General Funds	$936,809
Intra-State Government Transfers	$490,810
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$490,810

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$892,229	$21,336,283
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$47,366	$47,366
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($2,786)	($2,786)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$936,809	$21,380,863

39.12. Office of Highway Safety: Georgia Driver's Education Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide driver's education grant scholarships for Georgia drivers ages 15-17 to help satisfy driver's education requirements and reduce motor vehicle crashes in Georgia.

Total Funds	$3,455,318
State Funds	$3,455,318
State General Funds	$3,455,318

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,452,310	$3,452,310
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$4,306	$4,306
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($1,298)	($1,298)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,455,318	$3,455,318

Section 40: Public Service Commission

Total Funds	**$14,596,175**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$1,231,100**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,231,100
State Funds	**$13,365,075**
State General Funds	$13,365,075

40.1. Commission Administration (PSC)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist the Commissioners and staff in achieving the agency's goals.

Total Funds	$2,035,916
State Funds	$2,035,916
State General Funds	$2,035,916

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,020,221	$2,020,221
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$23,683	$23,683
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($7,988)	($7,988)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,035,916	$2,035,916

40.2. Facility Protection

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce state and federal regulations pertaining to buried utility facility infrastructure and to promote safety through training and inspections.

Total Funds	$3,176,974
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,231,100
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,231,100
State Funds	$1,945,874
State General Funds	$1,945,874

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,914,149	$3,145,249
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$47,366	$47,366
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($8,069)	($8,069)
Reduce funds to reflect savings based on the start date of a new pipeline safety inspector.	($7,572)	($7,572)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,945,874	$3,176,974

40.3. Utilities Regulation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor the rates and service standards of electric, natural gas, and telecommunications companies, approve supply plans for electric and natural gas companies, monitor utility system and telecommunications network planning, arbitrate complaints among competitors, provide consumer protection and education, and certify competitive natural gas and telecommunications providers.

Total Funds	$9,383,285
State Funds	$9,383,285
State General Funds	$9,383,285

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$9,245,843	$9,245,843
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$105,497	$105,497
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($36,055)	($36,055)
Provide funds for one engineer effective April 1, 2026.	$36,125	$36,125
Provide funds for one financial analyst effective April 1, 2026.	$31,875	$31,875
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,383,285	$9,383,285

Section 41: Regents, University System of Georgia Board of

Total Funds	**$11,225,240,060**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$2,204,301,725**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,204,301,725
Other Funds	**$5,014,832,925**
Agency Funds	$3,547,782,512
Records Center Storage Fee	$912,482
Research Funds	$1,466,137,931
State Funds	**$4,006,105,410**
State General Funds	$4,006,105,410

41.1. Agricultural Experiment Station

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to improve production, processing, new product development, food safety, storage, and marketing to increase profitability and global competitiveness of Georgia's agribusiness.

Total Funds	$141,458,484
Federal Funds and Grants	$46,453,199
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$46,453,199
Other Funds	$38,020,201
Agency Funds	$11,885,005

Research Funds	$26,135,196
State Funds	$56,985,084
State General Funds	$56,985,084

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$55,392,661	$139,866,061
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$1,272,423	$1,272,423
Reduce funds for personal services based on the actual start date of new positions.	($180,000)	($180,000)
Provide one-time funds for operational and equipment needs to support blueberry breeder research.	$500,000	$500,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$56,985,084	$141,458,484

41.2. Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories Contract

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide diagnostic services, disease research, and educational outreach for veterinarians and animal owners to ensure the safety of Georgia's food supply and the health of Georgia's production, equine, and companion animals.

Total Funds	$9,620,403
Federal Funds and Grants	$991,572
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$991,572
Other Funds	$8,628,831
Agency Funds	$7,995,403
Research Funds	$633,428

41.3. Cooperative Extension Service

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide training, educational programs, and outreach to Georgians in agricultural, horticultural, food, and family and consumer sciences, and to manage the 4-H youth program for the state.

Total Funds	$94,557,512
Federal Funds and Grants	$11,140,781
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$11,140,781
Other Funds	$29,713,277
Agency Funds	$18,179,403
Research Funds	$11,533,874
State Funds	$53,703,454
State General Funds	$53,703,454

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$52,136,614	$92,990,672
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$1,679,340	$1,679,340
Reduce funds for personal services based on the actual start date of new positions.	($112,500)	($112,500)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$53,703,454	$94,557,512

41.4. Enterprise Innovation Institute

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to advise Georgia manufacturers, entrepreneurs, and government officials on best business practices and technology-driven economic development, and to provide the state share to federal incentive and assistance programs for entrepreneurs and innovative businesses.

Total Funds	$32,068,113
Federal Funds and Grants	$12,500,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$12,500,000
Other Funds	$6,100,000
Agency Funds	$6,100,000
State Funds	$13,468,113
State General Funds	$13,468,113

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$13,089,185	$31,689,185
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$378,928	$378,928
Amount appropriated in this Act	$13,468,113	$32,068,113

41.5. Forestry Cooperative Extension

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for faculty to support instruction and outreach about conservation and sustainable management of forests and other natural resources.

Total Funds	$3,260,963
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,003,095
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,003,095
Other Funds	$1,089,486
Agency Funds	$330,000
Research Funds	$759,486
State Funds	$1,168,382
State General Funds	$1,168,382

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,131,781	$3,224,362
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$36,601	$36,601
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,168,382	$3,260,963

41.6. Forestry Research

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct research about economically and environmentally sound forest resources management and to assist non-industrial forest landowners and natural resources professionals in complying with state and federal regulations.

Total Funds	$20,560,417
Federal Funds and Grants	$5,328,944
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$5,328,944
Other Funds	$11,780,836
Agency Funds	$2,359,780
Research Funds	$9,421,056
State Funds	$3,450,637
State General Funds	$3,450,637

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,302,080	$20,411,860

Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$148,557	$148,557
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,450,637	$20,560,417

41.7. Georgia Archives

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain the state's archives; document and interpret the history of the Georgia State Capitol building; and assist State Agencies with adequately documenting their activities, administering their records management programs, scheduling their records, and transferring their non-current records to the State Records Center.

Total Funds	$5,795,308
Other Funds	$1,176,115
Agency Funds	$263,633
Records Center Storage Fee	$912,482
State Funds	$4,619,193
State General Funds	$4,619,193

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$4,567,521	$5,743,636
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$51,672	$51,672
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,619,193	$5,795,308

41.8. Georgia Cyber Innovation and Training Center

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance cybersecurity technology for private and public industries through unique education, training, research, and practical applications.

Total Funds	$4,261,845
Federal Funds and Grants	$199,458
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$199,458
Other Funds	$1,999,550
Agency Funds	$1,999,550
State Funds	$2,062,837
State General Funds	$2,062,837

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,013,318	$4,212,326
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$49,519	$49,519
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,062,837	$4,261,845

41.9. Georgia Research Alliance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to expand research and commercialization capacity in public and private universities in Georgia to launch new companies and create jobs.

Total Funds	$5,138,976
State Funds	$5,138,976
State General Funds	$5,138,976

41.10. Georgia Tech Research Institute

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding to laboratories and research centers affiliated with the Georgia Institute of Technology whose scientific, engineering, industrial, or policy research promotes economic development, health, and safety in Georgia.

Total Funds	$1,057,738,921
Federal Funds and Grants	$665,160,311
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$665,160,311
Other Funds	$379,613,855
Research Funds	$379,613,855
State Funds	$12,964,755
State General Funds	$12,964,755

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$7,534,889	$1,052,309,055
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$5,429,866	$5,429,866
Amount appropriated in this Act	$12,964,755	$1,057,738,921

41.11. Marine Institute

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support research on coastal processes involving the unique ecosystems of the Georgia coastline and to provide access and facilities for graduate and undergraduate classes to conduct field research on the Georgia coast.

Total Funds	$1,666,722
Other Funds	$461,183
Agency Funds	$161,183
Research Funds	$300,000
State Funds	$1,205,539
State General Funds	$1,205,539

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,177,550	$1,638,733
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$27,989	$27,989
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,205,539	$1,666,722

41.12. Marine Resources Extension Center

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund outreach, education, and research to enhance coastal environmental and economic sustainability.

Total Funds	$5,077,137
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,278,001
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,278,001
Other Funds	$1,921,999
Agency Funds	$800,000
Research Funds	$1,121,999
State Funds	$1,877,137
State General Funds	$1,877,137

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,806,088	$5,006,088
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$71,049	$71,049
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,877,137	$5,077,137

41.13. Medical College of Georgia Hospital and Clinics

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support graduate medical education at the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University and provide patient care, including ambulatory, trauma, cancer, neonatal intensive, and emergency and express care.

Total Funds	$37,528,820
State Funds	$37,528,820
State General Funds	$37,528,820

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$37,328,820	$37,328,820
Increase funds to expand the current partnership with Clark Atlanta University for prostate cancer research.	$200,000	$200,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$37,528,820	$37,528,820

41.14. Public Libraries

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to award grants from the Public Library Fund, promote literacy, and provide library services that facilitate access to information for all Georgians regardless of geographic location or special needs.

Total Funds	$57,014,474
Federal Funds and Grants	$4,082,311
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$4,082,311
State Funds	$52,932,163
State General Funds	$52,932,163

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$52,671,821	$56,754,132
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$114,109	$114,109
Increase funds for the Public Information Network for Electronic Services (PINES) program to offset the rising cost burden of providing increased access to library resources to residents throughout the state.	$146,233	$146,233
Amount appropriated in this Act	$52,932,163	$57,014,474

41.15. Public Service/Special Funding Initiatives

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund leadership, service, and education initiatives that require funding beyond what is provided by formula.

Total Funds	$35,982,624
State Funds	$35,982,624
State General Funds	$35,982,624

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$35,567,095	$35,567,095
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$415,529	$415,529
Amount appropriated in this Act	$35,982,624	$35,982,624

41.16. Regents Central Office

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to institutions of the University System of Georgia and to fund membership in the Southern Regional Education Board.

Total Funds	$311,839,405
Other Funds	$320,000
Agency Funds	$320,000
State Funds	$311,519,405
State General Funds	$311,519,405

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$11,385,591	$11,705,591
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$81,814	$81,814
Provide state match for endowment ($300,000,000) and scholarship funds ($25,000,000) for the needs-based DREAMS Scholarship program.*(H:Provide state match for endowment for the needs-based DREAMS Scholarship program.)*	$300,000,000	$300,000,000
Reduce funds based on delayed implementation of alternative college admissions tests.	($15,000)	($15,000)
Provide funds to support GALILEO access.	$67,000	$67,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$311,519,405	$311,839,405

41.17. Skidaway Institute of Oceanography

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund research and educational programs regarding marine and ocean science and aquatic environments.

Total Funds	$10,390,869
Federal Funds and Grants	$3,811,440
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,811,440
Other Funds	$3,061,472
Agency Funds	$2,122,292
Research Funds	$939,180
State Funds	$3,517,957
State General Funds	$3,517,957

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,423,225	$10,296,137
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$94,732	$94,732
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,517,957	$10,390,869

41.18. Teaching

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds to the Board of Regents for annual allocations to University System of Georgia institutions for student instruction and to establish and operate other initiatives that promote, support, or extend student learning.

Total Funds	$9,323,036,196
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,451,294,435
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,451,294,435
Other Funds	$4,494,754,298
Agency Funds	$3,461,266,263
Research Funds	$1,033,488,035
State Funds	$3,376,987,463
State General Funds	$3,376,987,463

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,282,472,916	$9,228,521,649
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$94,514,547	$94,514,547
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,376,987,463	$9,323,036,196

41.19. Veterinary Medicine Experiment Station

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and conduct research at the University of Georgia on animal disease problems of present and potential concern to Georgia's livestock and poultry industries and to provide training and education in disease research, surveillance, and intervention.

Total Funds	$8,674,012
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,058,178
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,058,178
Other Funds	$2,191,822
Research Funds	$2,191,822
State Funds	$5,424,012
State General Funds	$5,424,012

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$5,346,504	$8,596,504
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$77,508	$77,508
Amount appropriated in this Act	$5,424,012	$8,674,012

41.20. Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide clinical instruction for veterinary medicine students, support research that enhances the health and welfare of production and companion animals in Georgia, and address the shortage of veterinarians in Georgia and the nation.

Total Funds	$35,057,287
Other Funds	$34,000,000
Agency Funds	$34,000,000
State Funds	$1,057,287
State General Funds	$1,057,287

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$600,851	$34,600,851
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$456,436	$456,436
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,057,287	$35,057,287

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

41.21. Payments to Georgia Commission on the Holocaust

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to teach the lessons of the Holocaust to present and future generations of Georgians in order to create an awareness of the enormity of the crimes of prejudice and inhumanity.

Total Funds	$632,058
State Funds	$632,058

State General Funds $632,058

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$627,460	$627,460
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$6,459	$6,459
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($1,861)	($1,861)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$632,058	$632,058

41.22. Payments to Georgia Military College Junior Military College

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for Georgia Military College's Junior Military College and pooled expenses.

Total Funds $3,939,264
State Funds $3,939,264
State General Funds $3,939,264

41.23. Payments to Georgia Military College Preparatory School

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide quality basic education funding for grades kindergarten through twelve at Georgia Military College's Preparatory School.

Total Funds $6,457,184
State Funds $6,457,184
State General Funds $6,457,184

41.24. Payments to Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to create, produce, and distribute high quality programs and services that educate, inform, and entertain audiences, and enrich the quality of their lives.

Total Funds $13,483,066
State Funds $13,483,066
State General Funds $13,483,066

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$13,271,993	$13,271,993
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$247,595	$247,595
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($36,522)	($36,522)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$13,483,066	$13,483,066

Section 42: Revenue, Department of

Total Funds **$267,426,184**
Federal Funds and Grants **$1,058,059**
Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Block Grant (CFDA 93.959) $370,147
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified $687,912
Other Funds **$2,247,671**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified $2,247,671
State Funds **$264,120,454**
Fireworks Trust Funds $2,674,971
State General Funds $261,011,700

Tobacco Settlement Funds	$433,783

42.1. Departmental Administration (DOR)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer and enforce the tax laws of the State of Georgia and provide general support services to the operating programs of the Department of Revenue.

Total Funds	$14,469,110
State Funds	$14,469,110
State General Funds	$14,469,110

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$14,348,537	$14,348,537
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$165,781	$165,781
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($45,208)	($45,208)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$14,469,110	$14,469,110

42.2. Forestland Protection Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide reimbursement for forestland conservation use property and qualified timberland property to counties, municipalities, and school districts.

Total Funds	$33,985,895
State Funds	$33,985,895
State General Funds	$33,985,895

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$33,989,695	$33,989,695
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($3,800)	($3,800)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$33,985,895	$33,985,895

42.3. Homeowner Tax Relief Grants (HTRG)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide homeowner tax relief grants to counties and local school districts, the eligible assessed value of each qualified homestead in the state shall be $18,000 for the taxable year beginning January 1, 2026 and is separate and distinct from the homestead exemption of $2,000 in O.C.G.A. 48-5-44.

Total Funds	$0

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$0	$0
Utilize undesignated state surplus for the Homeowner Tax Relief Grant (HTRG) program to allow for the maximum exemption on the assessed home value as authorized in the Georgia Constitution Article VII, Section IIA for each qualifying homestead for the tax year beginning January 1, 2026. (Undesignated State Surplus Funds: $850,000,000)*(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$0

42.4. Industry Regulation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of the distribution, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages and tobacco products.

Total Funds	$10,898,705
Federal Funds and Grants	$370,147
Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Block Grant (CFDA 93.959)	$370,147
Other Funds	$485,887
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$485,887
State Funds	$10,042,671
State General Funds	$9,608,888
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$433,783

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$9,921,056	$10,777,090
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$152,863	$152,863
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($31,248)	($31,248)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$10,042,671	$10,898,705

42.5. Local Government Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local tax officials with the administration of state tax laws and administer the unclaimed property unit.

Total Funds	$25,066,644
Other Funds	$420,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$420,000
State Funds	$24,646,644
Fireworks Trust Funds	$2,674,971
State General Funds	$21,971,673

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$24,537,013	$24,957,013
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$122,721	$122,721
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($13,090)	($13,090)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$24,646,644	$25,066,644

42.6. Local Tax Officials Retirement and FICA

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide state retirement benefits and employer share of FICA to local tax officials.

Total Funds	$9,169,007
State Funds	$9,169,007
State General Funds	$9,169,007

42.7. Motor Vehicle Registration and Titling

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to establish motor vehicle ownership by maintaining title and registration records and validate rebuilt vehicles for road-worthiness for new title issuance.

Total Funds	$52,963,684
State Funds	$52,963,684
State General Funds	$52,963,684

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$46,275,032	$46,275,032
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$236,830	$236,830
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($48,178)	($48,178)
Provide funds for a software upgrade to the Driver Record and Integrated Vehicle Enterprise System (DRIVES).	$6,500,000	$6,500,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$52,963,684	$52,963,684

42.8. Office of Special Investigations

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate fraudulent taxpayer and criminal activities involving department efforts; and conduct checkpoints in areas where reports indicate the use of dyed fuels in on-road vehicles.

Total Funds	$6,450,305
Federal Funds and Grants	$416,081
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$416,081
State Funds	$6,034,224
State General Funds	$6,034,224

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$5,984,179	$6,400,260
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$62,437	$62,437
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($12,392)	($12,392)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$6,034,224	$6,450,305

42.9. Tax Compliance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to audit tax accounts, ensure compliance, and collect on delinquent accounts.

Total Funds	$81,381,173
Other Funds	$1,341,784
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,341,784
State Funds	$80,039,389
State General Funds	$80,039,389

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$66,839,660	$68,181,444
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$882,730	$882,730
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($183,001)	($183,001)
Provide funds for a software upgrade to the Integrated Tax System (ITS).	$12,500,000	$12,500,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$80,039,389	$81,381,173

42.10. Tax Policy

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct all administrative appeals of tax assessments; draft regulations for taxes collected by the department; support the State Board of Equalization; and draft letter rulings and provide research and analysis related to all tax law and policy inquiries.

Total Funds	$4,906,070
State Funds	$4,906,070
State General Funds	$4,906,070

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$4,866,429	$4,866,429
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$55,978	$55,978
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($16,337)	($16,337)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,906,070	$4,906,070

42.11. Taxpayer Services

Purpose: The purpose of the appropriation is to ensure that all tax payments are processed in accordance with the law; that all returns are reviewed and taxpayer information is recorded accurately; to provide assistance to customer inquiries about the administration of individual income tax, sales and use tax, withholding tax, corporate tax, motor fuel and motor carrier taxes, and all registration functions.

Total Funds	$28,135,591
Federal Funds and Grants	$271,831
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$271,831
State Funds	$27,863,760
State General Funds	$27,863,760

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$27,532,578	$27,804,409
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$409,070	$409,070
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($77,888)	($77,888)
Utilize $1,170,000,000 in prior year undesignated state surplus to provide a one-time additional refund for tax year 2025 of $250 for single filers, $375 for head of household filers, and $500 for married filing jointly.*(G:Yes)(H:No; Utilize undesignated state surplus to provide one-time property tax relief for homeowners and permanent relief through the passage of HR 1114 (2026 Session).)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$27,863,760	$28,135,591

Section 43: Secretary of State

Total Funds	**$76,435,336**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$98,227**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$98,227
Other Funds	**$18,655,500**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$18,655,500
State Funds	**$57,681,609**
State General Funds	$57,681,609

43.1. Corporations

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to accept and review filings made pursuant to statutes; to issue certifications of records on file; and to provide general information to the public on all filed entities.

Total Funds	$15,073,202
Other Funds	$15,000,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$15,000,000
State Funds	$73,202
State General Funds	$73,202

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$0	$15,000,000
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$73,202	$73,202
Amount appropriated in this Act	$73,202	$15,073,202

43.2. Elections

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer all duties imposed upon the Secretary of State by providing all required filing and public information services, performing all certification and commissioning duties required by law, and assisting candidates, local governments, and citizens in interpreting and complying with all election, voter registration, and financial disclosure laws.

Total Funds	$30,299,109
Federal Funds and Grants	$98,227
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$98,227
Other Funds	$50,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$50,000
State Funds	$30,150,882
State General Funds	$30,150,882

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$8,297,307	$8,445,534
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$68,896	$68,896
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($15,321)	($15,321)
Provide funds to utilize text-based ballot scanning technology for vote tabulation for compliance with SB 189 (2024 Session).	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
Provide funds for a hand recount of ballots in statewide elections in the 2026 election cycle.	$5,000,000	$5,000,000
Provide funds for grants to county election offices.	$15,000,000	$15,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$30,150,882	$30,299,109

43.3. Investigations

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the laws and regulations related to professional licenses, elections, and securities; to investigate complaints; and to conduct inspections of applicants and existing license holders.

Total Funds	$4,431,834
State Funds	$4,431,834
State General Funds	$4,431,834

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$4,373,179	$4,373,179
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$77,508	$77,508
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($18,853)	($18,853)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,431,834	$4,431,834

43.4. Office Administration (SOS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the Office of Secretary of State and its attached agencies.

Total Funds	$3,534,079
Other Funds	$5,500
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$5,500
State Funds	$3,528,579
State General Funds	$3,528,579

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,476,378	$3,481,878
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$62,437	$62,437
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($10,236)	($10,236)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,528,579	$3,534,079

43.5. Professional Licensing Boards

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public health and welfare by supporting all operations of Boards which license professions.

Total Funds	$13,341,262
Other Funds	$2,500,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$2,500,000
State Funds	$10,841,262
State General Funds	$10,841,262

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$10,628,027	$13,128,027
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$247,595	$247,595
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($34,360)	($34,360)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$10,841,262	$13,341,262

43.6. Securities

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the administration and enforcement of the Georgia Securities Act, the Georgia Charitable Solicitations Act, and the Georgia Cemetery Act. Functions under each act include registration, examination, investigation, and administrative enforcement actions.

Total Funds	$2,204,039
Other Funds	$1,000,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,000,000
State Funds	$1,204,039

State General Funds $1,204,039

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,179,844	$2,179,844
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$27,989	$27,989
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($3,794)	($3,794)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,204,039	$2,204,039

43.7. Special Project - Office Administration (SOS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide start-up funds for the Victim Centered Address Confidentiality Program pursuant to SB 324 (2024 Session).

Total Funds $250,000
State Funds $250,000
State General Funds $250,000

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

43.8. Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide access to low THC oil for registered Georgia patients by regulating the production, transport, and sale of low THC oil; to develop a network of low THC oil; and to study the use, efficacy, and best practices of low THC oil use in Georgia.

Total Funds $1,819,375
State Funds $1,819,375
State General Funds $1,819,375

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,806,873	$1,806,873
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$17,224	$17,224
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($4,722)	($4,722)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,819,375	$1,819,375

43.9. Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Board

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for professional engineers and land surveyors.

Total Funds $1,373,563
State Funds $1,373,563
State General Funds $1,373,563

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,361,143	$1,361,143
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$17,224	$17,224
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($4,804)	($4,804)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,373,563	$1,373,563

43.10. Real Estate Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for real estate brokers and salespersons, and provide administrative support to the Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board in their administration of the Real Estate Appraisal Act.

Total Funds	$3,259,115
Other Funds	$100,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$100,000
State Funds	$3,159,115
State General Funds	$3,159,115

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,133,354	$3,233,354
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$34,448	$34,448
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($8,687)	($8,687)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,159,115	$3,259,115

43.11. State Elections Board

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for the promulgation and enforcement of rules and regulations related to elections and the investigation of any violations thereof.

Total Funds	$849,758
State Funds	$849,758
State General Funds	$849,758

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,389,283	$1,389,283
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$6,459	$6,459
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($1,984)	($1,984)
Reduce funds to align budget with projected expenditures.	($544,000)	($544,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$849,758	$849,758

Section 44: Student Finance Commission, Georgia

Total Funds	**$1,340,624,647**
Other Funds	**$5,197,899**
Agency Funds	$582,608
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$4,615,291
State Funds	**$1,335,426,748**
Lottery Funds	$1,111,887,346
State General Funds	$223,539,402

44.1. College Completion Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to provide needs-based financial aid to eligible students to complete remaining credential credit requirements.

Total Funds	$10,000,000
State Funds	$10,000,000
Lottery Funds	$10,000,000

44.2. Commission Administration (GSFC)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide scholarships that reward students with financial assistance in degree, diploma, and certificate programs at eligible Georgia public and private colleges and universities, and public technical colleges.

Total Funds	$11,501,912
Other Funds	$158,200
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$158,200
State Funds	$11,343,712
Lottery Funds	$11,343,712

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$11,098,270	$11,256,470
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$245,442	$245,442
Amount appropriated in this Act	$11,343,712	$11,501,912

44.3. Dual Enrollment

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to allow students to pursue postsecondary study at approved public and private postsecondary institutions, while receiving dual high school and college credit for courses successfully completed.

Total Funds	$127,178,812
State Funds	$127,178,812
State General Funds	$127,178,812

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$108,732,275	$108,732,275
Increase funds to meet projected need.	$18,446,537	$18,446,537
Amount appropriated in this Act	$127,178,812	$127,178,812

44.4. Engineer Scholarship

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forgivable loans to Georgia residents who are engineering students at Mercer University (Macon campus) and retain those students as engineers in the State.

Total Funds	$1,100,000
State Funds	$1,100,000
State General Funds	$1,100,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,260,000	$1,260,000
Decrease funds to meet projected need.	($160,000)	($160,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,100,000	$1,100,000

44.5. Georgia Military College Scholarship

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend Georgia Military College, thereby strengthening Georgia's National Guard with their membership.

Total Funds	$1,522,568
State Funds	$1,522,568
State General Funds	$1,522,568

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,082,916	$1,082,916
Increase funds to meet projected need to provide three scholars per congressional district.	$439,652	$439,652
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,522,568	$1,522,568

44.6. HERO Scholarship

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to members of the Georgia National Guard and U.S. Military Reservists who served in combat zones and the spouses and children of such members.

Total Funds $0

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$280,000	$280,000
Reduce funds and utilize reserves to meet the projected need.	($280,000)	($280,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$0

44.7. HOPE Grant

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to students seeking a diploma or certificate at a public postsecondary institution.

Total Funds $93,789,605
State Funds $93,789,605
Lottery Funds $93,789,605

44.8. HOPE High School Equivalency Exam

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to encourage Georgia's High School Equivalency Exam recipients to pursue education beyond the high school level at an eligible postsecondary institution located in Georgia.

Total Funds $500,000
State Funds $500,000
Lottery Funds $500,000

44.9. HOPE Scholarships - Private Schools

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible private postsecondary institution.

Total Funds $89,166,251
State Funds $89,166,251
Lottery Funds $89,166,251

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$88,239,188	$88,239,188
Increase funds to meet projected need.	$927,063	$927,063
Amount appropriated in this Act	$89,166,251	$89,166,251

44.10. HOPE Scholarships - Public Schools

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible public postsecondary institution.

Total Funds $907,087,778

State Funds	$907,087,778
Lottery Funds	$907,087,778

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$895,819,276	$895,819,276
Increase funds to meet projected need.	$11,268,502	$11,268,502
Amount appropriated in this Act	$907,087,778	$907,087,778

44.11. Inclusive Postsecondary Education (IPSE) Grant

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to provide financial aid to students with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are currently enrolled in the Georgia Inclusive Postsecondary Education program at a postsecondary institution in this state.

Total Funds	$1,600,000
State Funds	$1,600,000
State General Funds	$1,600,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
Reduce funds and utilize reserves to meet the projected need.	($1,000,000)	($1,000,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,600,000	$1,600,000

44.12. North Georgia Military Scholarship Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend the University of North Georgia, thereby strengthening Georgia's Army National Guard with their membership.

Total Funds	$3,592,555
State Funds	$3,592,555
State General Funds	$3,592,555

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,037,740	$3,037,740
Increase funds to meet projected need to provide three scholars per congressional district.	$554,815	$554,815
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,592,555	$3,592,555

44.13. North Georgia ROTC Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia residents with non-repayable financial assistance to attend the University of North Georgia and to participate in the Reserve Officers Training Corps program.

Total Funds	$1,113,750
State Funds	$1,113,750
State General Funds	$1,113,750

44.14. Promise Scholarship

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to provide scholarships to eligible students to attend private elementary and secondary schools in accordance with the Promise Scholarship Act.

Total Funds	$55,054,689
State Funds	$55,054,689
State General Funds	$55,054,689

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$141,016,057	$141,016,057
Decrease funds to meet projected need based on eligible applications for the 2025-2026 academic year.	($85,961,368)	($85,961,368)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$55,054,689	$55,054,689

44.15. Public Service Memorial Grant

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance through the Public Safety Memorial Grant and the Public School Employee Memorial Grant.

Total Funds $0

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$540,000	$540,000
Reduce funds and utilize reserves to meet projected need.	($540,000)	($540,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$0

44.16. REACH Georgia Scholarship

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide needs-based scholarships to selected students participating in the REACH Georgia mentorship and scholarship program, which encourages and supports academically promising middle and high school students in their educational pursuits.

Total Funds $6,370,000
State Funds $6,370,000
State General Funds $6,370,000

44.17. Service Cancelable Loans

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide service cancelable loans as authorized in statute including programs for large animal veterinarians and Georgia National Guard members.

Total Funds $4,958,830
Other Funds $3,178,830
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified $3,178,830
State Funds $1,780,000
State General Funds $1,780,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$5,120,000	$8,298,830
Reduce funds and utilize reserves to meet the projected need for the Peace Officers Loan Repayment Program.	($3,200,000)	($3,200,000)
Reduce funds and utilize reserves to meet the projected need for the Georgia Medical Examiner Loan Repayment Program.	($140,000)	($140,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,780,000	$4,958,830

44.18. Tuition Equalization Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the private segment of higher education in Georgia by providing non-repayable grant aid to Georgia residents who attend eligible private postsecondary institutions.

Total Funds $24,435,328
Other Funds $1,278,261
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified $1,278,261

State Funds	$23,157,067
State General Funds	$23,157,067

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$23,157,067	$24,435,328
Utilize existing funds ($1,885,174) to meet projected need.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$23,157,067	$24,435,328

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

44.19. Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize private postsecondary schools in Georgia; provide transcripts for students who attended schools that closed; and resolve complaints.

Total Funds	$1,652,569
Other Funds	$582,608
Agency Funds	$582,608
State Funds	$1,069,961
State General Funds	$1,069,961

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,055,070	$1,637,678
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$19,377	$19,377
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($4,486)	($4,486)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,069,961	$1,652,569

Section 45: Teachers Retirement System

Total Funds	**$62,118,673**
Other Funds	**$62,092,673**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$62,092,673
State Funds	**$26,000**
State General Funds	$26,000

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution rate for the Teachers' Retirement System shall not exceed 21.91% for State Fiscal Year 2026.

45.1. Local/Floor COLA

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirees from local retirement systems a minimum allowance upon retirement (Floor) and a post-retirement benefit adjustment (COLA) whenever such adjustment is granted to teachers who retired under TRS.

Total Funds	$26,000
State Funds	$26,000
State General Funds	$26,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$62,000	$62,000

Reduce funds to reflect the declining population of teachers who qualify for benefits.	($36,000)	($36,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$26,000	$26,000

45.2. System Administration (TRS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, including paying retiree benefits, investing retirement funds, accounting for the status and contributions of active and inactive members, counseling members, and processing refunds.

Total Funds	$62,092,673
Other Funds	$62,092,673
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$62,092,673

Section 46: Technical College System of Georgia

Total Funds	**$1,331,413,495**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$252,624,151**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$252,624,151
Other Funds	**$442,636,642**
Agency Funds	$427,817,713
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$14,818,929
State Funds	**$550,317,490**
State General Funds	$550,317,490
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$85,835,212**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$85,835,212

46.1. Adult Education

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to develop Georgia's workforce by providing adult learners in Georgia with basic reading, writing, computation, speaking, listening, and technology skills; to provide secondary instruction to adults without a high school diploma; and to provide oversight of high school equivalency preparation, testing, and the processing of diplomas and transcripts.

Total Funds	$58,133,779
Federal Funds and Grants	$33,233,713
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$33,233,713
Other Funds	$5,295,696
Agency Funds	$5,295,696
State Funds	$19,469,370
State General Funds	$19,469,370
Intra-State Government Transfers	$135,000
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$135,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$19,088,372	$57,752,781
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$424,141	$424,141
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($43,143)	($43,143)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$19,469,370	$58,133,779

46.2. Departmental Administration (TCSG)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide statewide administrative services to support the state workforce development efforts undertaken by the department through its associated programs and institutions.

Total Funds	$8,348,005
State Funds	$8,348,005
State General Funds	$8,348,005

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$8,623,596	$8,623,596
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$109,803	$109,803
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($385,394)	($385,394)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,348,005	$8,348,005

46.3. Economic Development and Customized Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide customized services for existing businesses in the state.

Total Funds	$50,371,647
Federal Funds and Grants	$14,416,366
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$14,416,366
Other Funds	$29,599,575
Agency Funds	$29,599,575
State Funds	$3,556,717
State General Funds	$3,556,717
Intra-State Government Transfers	$2,798,989
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$2,798,989

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,375,358	$50,190,288
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$238,983	$238,983
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($57,624)	($57,624)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,556,717	$50,371,647

46.4. Quick Start

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote job creation and retention by developing and delivering customized workforce training for Georgia businesses during start-up, expansion, or when they make capital investments in new technology, processes, or product lines in order to remain competitive in the global marketplace.

Total Funds	$24,471,254
Other Funds	$3,879
Agency Funds	$3,879
State Funds	$21,139,195
State General Funds	$21,139,195
Intra-State Government Transfers	$3,328,180
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$3,328,180

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$21,552,619	$24,884,678

Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$150,710	$150,710
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($564,134)	($564,134)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$21,139,195	$24,471,254

46.5. Technical Education

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for workforce development through certificate, diploma, and degree programs in technical education and continuing education programs for adult learners, and to encourage both youth and adult learners to acquire postsecondary education or training to increase their competitiveness in the workplace.

Total Funds	$1,012,284,707
Federal Funds and Grants	$68,938,560
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$68,938,560
Other Funds	$407,643,166
Agency Funds	$392,918,563
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$14,724,603
State Funds	$456,129,938
State General Funds	$456,129,938
Intra-State Government Transfers	$79,573,043
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$79,573,043

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$444,181,110	$1,000,335,879
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$12,500,318	$12,500,318
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($551,490)	($551,490)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$456,129,938	$1,012,284,707

46.6. Technical Education: High-Cost Programs - Special Project

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to bridge the funding gap between formula earnings and instructional delivery for the high-cost program areas of Aviation, Commercial Truck Driving, and Nursing.

Total Funds	$31,711,098
State Funds	$31,711,098
State General Funds	$31,711,098

46.7. Workforce Development

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to improve the job training and marketability of Georgia's workforce and assist employers and job seekers with job matching services to promote economic growth and development.

Total Funds	$146,093,005
Federal Funds and Grants	$136,035,512
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$136,035,512
Other Funds	$94,326
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$94,326
State Funds	$9,963,167
State General Funds	$9,963,167

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$9,770,675	$145,900,513
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$574,851	$574,851
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($157,359)	($157,359)
Eliminate funds for one unfilled workforce development position.	($225,000)	($225,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,963,167	$146,093,005

Section 47: Transportation, Department of

Total Funds	**$6,834,005,156**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$1,611,757,546**
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$1,499,466,641
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$112,290,905
Other Funds	**$175,979,549**
Agency Funds	$19,098,513
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$156,881,036
State Funds	**$5,046,268,061**
Georgia Transit Trust Funds	$38,005,357
Motor Fuel Funds	$2,447,693,457
State General Funds	$2,322,298,106
Transportation Trust Funds	$238,271,141

It is the intent of this General Assembly that the following provisions apply:
a.) In order to meet the requirements for projects on the Interstate System, the Office of Planning and Budget is hereby authorized and directed to give advanced budgetary authorization for letting and execution of Interstate Highway Contracts not to exceed the amount of Motor Fuel Tax Revenues actually paid into the Office of the State Treasurer, attached agency of the Department of Administrative Services.
b.) Programs financed by Motor Fuel Tax Funds may be adjusted for additional appropriation or balances brought forward from previous years with prior approval by the Office of Planning and Budget.
c.) The Fiscal Officers of the State are hereby directed as of July 1st of each fiscal year to determine the collection of Motor Fuel Tax in the immediately preceding year less refunds, rebates and collection costs and enter this amount as being the appropriation payable in lieu of the Motor Fuel Tax Funds appropriated in this Bill, in the event such collections, less refunds, rebates and collection costs, exceed such Motor Fuel Tax Appropriation.
d.) Functions financed with General Fund appropriations shall be accounted for separately and shall be in addition to appropriations of Motor Fuel Tax revenues required under Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI, Subsection (b) of the State Constitution.
e.) Bus rental income may be retained to operate, maintain and upgrade department-owned buses.

47.1. Airport Aid

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Airports.

Total Funds	$91,520,436
Federal Funds and Grants	$46,509,284
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$46,509,284
Other Funds	$6,233
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$6,233
State Funds	$45,004,919
State General Funds	$45,004,919

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$30,000,000	$76,515,517
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$6,459	$6,459
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($1,540)	($1,540)
Increase funds for Airport Aid.	$15,000,000	$15,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$45,004,919	$91,520,436

47.2. Capital Construction Projects

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for Capital Outlay road construction and enhancement projects on local and state road systems.

Total Funds	$2,503,665,543
Federal Funds and Grants	$930,452,699
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$930,452,699
Other Funds	$122,300,430
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$122,300,430
State Funds	$1,450,912,414
Motor Fuel Funds	$1,025,176,679
State General Funds	$285,000,000
Transportation Trust Funds	$140,735,735

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,128,927,865	$2,181,680,994
Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for increased project capacity.	$36,984,549	$36,984,549
Provide state general funds for SR 316 interchange conversions.	$200,000,000	$200,000,000
Provide state general funds for the rehabilitation and replacement of rural bridges.	$85,000,000	$85,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,450,912,414	$2,503,665,543

47.3. Capital Maintenance Projects

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay for maintenance projects.

Total Funds	$586,696,217
Federal Funds and Grants	$281,600,000
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$281,600,000
Other Funds	$350,574
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$350,574
State Funds	$304,745,643
Motor Fuel Funds	$260,588,167
Transportation Trust Funds	$44,157,476

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$304,745,643	$586,696,217
Provide state general funds for the rehabilitation and replacement of rural bridges.*(H:No; Reflect funding for the rehabilitation and replacement of rural bridges in the Capital Construction Projects program.)*	$0	$0

Utilize undesignated state surplus for resurfacing needs. (Undesignated State Surplus Funds: $100,000,000)*(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$304,745,643	$586,696,217

47.4. Data Collection, Compliance, and Reporting

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to collect and disseminate crash, accident, road, and traffic data in accordance with state and federal law in order to provide current and accurate information for planning and public awareness needs.

Total Funds	$12,276,091
Federal Funds and Grants	$9,043,897
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$9,043,897
State Funds	$3,232,194
Motor Fuel Funds	$3,180,059
State General Funds	$52,135

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,180,059	$12,223,956
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$60,284	$60,284
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($8,149)	($8,149)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,232,194	$12,276,091

47.5. Departmental Administration (DOT)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to plan, construct, maintain, and improve the state's roads and bridges and to provide planning and financial support for other modes of transportation such as mass transit, airports, railroads and waterways.

Total Funds	$104,814,500
Federal Funds and Grants	$10,839,823
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$10,839,823
Other Funds	$398,970
Agency Funds	$398,970
State Funds	$93,575,707
Motor Fuel Funds	$93,103,898
State General Funds	$471,809

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$93,103,898	$104,342,691
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$856,894	$856,894
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($385,085)	($385,085)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$93,575,707	$104,814,500

47.6. Local Maintenance and Improvement Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for Capital Outlay grants to local governments for road and bridge resurfacing projects through the State Funded Construction - Local Road Assistance Program.

Total Funds	$254,813,142
State Funds	$254,813,142
Motor Fuel Funds	$254,813,142

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$247,644,281	$247,644,281
Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for local maintenance improvement grants to the statutorily-required level of 10% of projected motor fuel excise tax revenue.	$7,168,861	$7,168,861
Amount appropriated in this Act	$254,813,142	$254,813,142

47.7. Local Road Assistance Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide technical and financial assistance to local governments for construction, maintenance, and resurfacing of local roads and bridges.

Total Funds	$317,502,378
Federal Funds and Grants	$51,655,917
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$51,655,917
Other Funds	$6,000,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$6,000,000
State Funds	$259,846,461
Motor Fuel Funds	$4,346,461
State General Funds	$255,500,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$9,846,461	$67,502,378
Increase funds for additional support of local transportation infrastructure projects.	$250,000,000	$250,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$259,846,461	$317,502,378

47.8. Planning

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to develop the state transportation improvement program and the state-wide strategic transportation plan, and coordinate transportation policies, planning, and programs related to design, construction, maintenance, operations, and financing of transportation.

Total Funds	$27,735,873
Federal Funds and Grants	$22,772,795
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$22,772,795
State Funds	$4,963,078
Motor Fuel Funds	$2,907,406
State General Funds	$55,672
Transportation Trust Funds	$2,000,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$4,907,406	$27,680,201
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$66,743	$66,743

Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($11,071)	($11,071)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,963,078	$27,735,873

47.9. Ports and Waterways

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development, and maintenance of Georgia's Ports and Waterways.

Total Funds	$1,400,951
State Funds	$1,400,951
State General Funds	$1,400,951

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,398,641	$1,398,641
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$4,306	$4,306
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($1,996)	($1,996)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,400,951	$1,400,951

47.10. Program Delivery Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and expand the state's transportation infrastructure by planning for and selecting road and bridge projects, acquiring rights-of-way, completing engineering and project impact analyses, procuring and monitoring construction contracts, and certifying completed projects.

Total Funds	$199,281,726
Federal Funds and Grants	$53,642,990
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$53,642,990
Other Funds	$1,098,619
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,098,619
State Funds	$144,540,117
Motor Fuel Funds	$142,904,450
State General Funds	$1,635,667

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$142,904,450	$197,646,059
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$2,538,387	$2,538,387
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($902,720)	($902,720)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$144,540,117	$199,281,726

47.11. Rail

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development, and maintenance of Georgia's Rail.

Total Funds	$13,546,337
Federal Funds and Grants	$616,315
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$616,315
Other Funds	$88,239
Agency Funds	$88,239
State Funds	$12,841,783

State General Funds	$12,508,912
Transportation Trust Funds	$332,871

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$8,252,142	$8,956,696
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$15,071	$15,071
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($3,301)	($3,301)
Redirect Transportation Trust Funds from the Transit program to match Federal Funds for the State Safety Oversight program of MARTA.	$332,871	$332,871
Increase funds for repairs, replacements, and upgrades to state-owned shortline rail.	$4,245,000	$4,245,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$12,841,783	$13,546,337

47.12. Routine Maintenance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and adequately maintained state transportation system by inspecting roads and bridges, cataloguing road and bridge conditions and maintenance needs, and providing routine maintenance for state road and bridges. The purpose of this appropriation is also to maintain landscaping on road easements and rights-of-way through planting, litter control, vegetation removal, and grants to local governments, to provide for emergency operations on state routes, and to maintain state rest areas and welcome centers.

Total Funds	$620,137,567
Federal Funds and Grants	$11,577,366
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$11,577,366
Other Funds	$19,500,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$19,500,000
State Funds	$589,060,201
Motor Fuel Funds	$584,721,906
State General Funds	$4,338,295

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$562,829,445	$593,906,811
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$4,338,295	$4,338,295
Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for increased maintenance costs.	$21,892,461	$21,892,461
Amount appropriated in this Act	$589,060,201	$620,137,567

47.13. Traffic Management and Control

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and efficient transportation system statewide by conducting traffic engineering studies for traffic safety planning, permitting for activity on or adjacent to state roads, providing motorist assistance and traffic information through the Highway Emergency Response Operators (HERO) program and Intelligent Transportation System, and conducting inspections, repairs, and installations of traffic signals.

Total Funds	$181,695,689
Federal Funds and Grants	$79,677,354
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$79,527,354

Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$150,000
Other Funds	$25,534,484
Agency Funds	$18,611,304
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$6,923,180
State Funds	$76,483,851
Motor Fuel Funds	$75,951,289
State General Funds	$532,562

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$69,181,749	$174,393,587
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$727,714	$727,714
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($195,152)	($195,152)
Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for increased contract and traffic signal equipment costs.	$6,769,540	$6,769,540
Amount appropriated in this Act	$76,483,851	$181,695,689

47.14. Transit

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development, and maintenance of Georgia's Transit.

Total Funds	$117,752,832
Federal Funds and Grants	$65,015,306
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$65,015,306
Other Funds	$702,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$702,000
State Funds	$52,035,526
Georgia Transit Trust Funds	$38,005,357
State General Funds	$49,519
Transportation Trust Funds	$13,980,650

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$52,318,878	$118,036,184
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$49,519	$49,519
Redirect Transportation Trust Funds to the Rail program to match Federal Funds for the State Safety Oversight program of MARTA.	($332,871)	($332,871)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$52,035,526	$117,752,832

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

47.15. Payments to Atlanta- Region Transit Link (ATL) Authority

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative funds for the Atlanta-Region Transit Link (ATL) Authority.

Total Funds	$9,210,331
State Funds	$9,210,331
Transportation Trust Funds	$9,210,331

47.16. Payments to State Road and Tollway Authority

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund debt service payments and other finance instruments and for operations of the State Road and Tollway Authority and the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority.

Total Funds	$1,791,955,543
Federal Funds and Grants	$48,353,800
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$48,353,800
State Funds	$1,743,601,743
State General Funds	$1,715,747,665
Transportation Trust Funds	$27,854,078

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$27,854,078	$76,207,878
Provide state general funds for the extension and bi-directional expansion of I-75 express lanes in Clayton and Henry counties.	$1,715,747,665	$1,715,747,665
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,743,601,743	$1,791,955,543

Section 48: Veterans Service, Department of

Total Funds	**$65,770,897**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$24,210,246**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$24,210,246
Other Funds	**$3,465,491**
Agency Funds	$2,890,628
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$574,863
State Funds	**$38,095,160**
State General Funds	$38,095,160

48.1. Departmental Administration (DVS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate, manage, and supervise all aspects of department operations to include financial, public information, personnel, accounting, purchasing, supply, mail, records management, and information technology.

Total Funds	$4,267,748
State Funds	$4,267,748
State General Funds	$4,267,748

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$4,241,773	$4,241,773
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$34,448	$34,448
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($8,473)	($8,473)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,267,748	$4,267,748

48.2. Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the interment of eligible Georgia Veterans who served faithfully and honorably in the military service of our country.

Total Funds	$2,404,298
Federal Funds and Grants	$327,896
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$327,896

State Funds	$2,076,402
State General Funds	$2,076,402

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,051,037	$1,378,933
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$30,142	$30,142
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($4,777)	($4,777)
Transfer funds from the Georgia War Veterans Nursing Homes program due to the delayed implementation of 40 new beds to the Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery program for the upfront design costs of a new cemetery in Augusta with complete federal reimbursement for design and construction.*(H:No)*	$0	$0
Provide funds to create a new veterans cemetery in Augusta, Richmond County pursuant to HR 77 (2021 Session).	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,076,402	$2,404,298

48.3. Georgia War Veterans Nursing Homes

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide skilled nursing care to aged and infirmed Georgia war veterans.

Total Funds	$44,769,586
Federal Funds and Grants	$23,128,424
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$23,128,424
Other Funds	$3,465,491
Agency Funds	$2,890,628
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$574,863
State Funds	$18,175,671
State General Funds	$18,175,671

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$18,114,399	$44,708,314
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$421,988	$421,988
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($716)	($716)
Redirect funds from the Georgia War Veterans Nursing Homes program due to the delayed implementation of 40 new beds to the Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery program for the upfront design costs of a new cemetery in Augusta with complete federal reimbursement for design and construction.*(H:No)*	$0	$0
Recognize savings from delay in opening of new beds.	($360,000)	($360,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$18,175,671	$44,769,586

48.4. Veterans Benefits

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to serve Georgia's veterans, their dependents, and survivors in all matters pertaining to veterans' benefits by informing the veterans and their families about veterans' benefits, and directly assisting and advising them in securing the benefits to which they are entitled.

Total Funds	$14,329,265
Federal Funds and Grants	$753,926

Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$753,926
State Funds	$13,575,339
State General Funds	$13,575,339

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$9,737,326	$10,491,252
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$260,513	$260,513
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($37,098)	($37,098)
Provide funds for technology platform for community service referral.	$2,614,598	$2,614,598
Increase funds to provide evidence-based rehabilitation services for military veterans and service members with traumatic brain injuries and mental health concerns.	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$13,575,339	$14,329,265

Section 49: Workers' Compensation, State Board of

Total Funds	**$22,271,988**
Other Funds	**$373,832**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$373,832
State Funds	**$21,898,156**
State General Funds	$21,898,156

49.1. Administer the Workers' Compensation Laws

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide exclusive remedy for resolution of disputes in the Georgia Workers' Compensation law.

Total Funds	$15,568,464
Other Funds	$308,353
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$308,353
State Funds	$15,260,111
State General Funds	$15,260,111

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$15,120,939	$15,429,292
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$198,076	$198,076
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($58,904)	($58,904)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$15,260,111	$15,568,464

49.2. Board Administration (SBWC)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide superior access to the Georgia Workers' Compensation program for injured workers and employers in a manner that is sensitive, responsive, and effective.

Total Funds	$6,703,524
Other Funds	$65,479
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$65,479
State Funds	$6,638,045
State General Funds	$6,638,045

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$6,609,841	$6,675,320
Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$43,060	$43,060
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.	($14,856)	($14,856)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$6,638,045	$6,703,524

Section 50: Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission

Total Funds	**$1,297,145,045**
State Funds	**$1,297,145,045**
State General Funds	$1,297,145,045

50.1. Capital Projects Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to finance capital projects, including facilities, property, and equipment for state entities and to provide funds for the defeasance of outstanding general obligation debt.

Total Funds	$1,297,145,045
State Funds	$1,297,145,045
State General Funds	$1,297,145,045

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$715,736,336	$715,736,336
Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Provide for additional major rehabilitation and renovation projects, statewide.	$40,000,000	$40,000,000
Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Design and construct the Daniel Guggenheim School of Aerospace Engineering building, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Fulton County.*(H:Design the Daniel Guggenheim School of Aerospace Engineering building, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Fulton County. Reflect funding for construction in FY 2027.)*	$15,300,000	$15,300,000
Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Design the School of Nursing at the University of Georgia, Athens, Clarke County.	$5,600,000	$5,600,000
Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Equip the School of Medicine, University of Georgia, Athens, Clarke County.	$11,430,000	$11,430,000
Technical College System of Georgia: Provide for additional major rehabilitation and renovation projects, statewide.	$48,000,000	$48,000,000
Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Department of: Provide funds for a 40-bed forensic restoration facility at East Central Regional Hospital, Augusta, Richmond County.	$20,740,730	$20,740,730
Community Supervision, Department of: Replace 75 vehicles, statewide.*(H:Replace 60 vehicles, statewide.)*	$3,600,000	$3,600,000
Corrections, Department of: Design and construction to replace locking controls, statewide.	$84,596,895	$84,596,895
Corrections, Department of: Design and construct fire alarm replacement, perimeter security and lighting, thermal cameras, and CCTV, statewide.	$84,661,607	$84,661,607
Corrections, Department of: Design for Walker State Prison Kitchen renovation, Rock Spring, Walker County.	$921,000	$921,000
Corrections, Department of: Replace six buses and three vans, statewide.	$2,980,000	$2,980,000

Corrections, Department of: Replace and outfit 252 vehicles, statewide.*(H:Replace and outfit 200 vehicles, statewide.)*	$9,275,000	$9,275,000
Corrections, Department of: Purchase a warden house at Emanuel Women's Facility, Swainsboro, Emanuel County.	$285,000	$285,000
Corrections, Department of: Purchase food and farm equipment, statewide.	$2,944,923	$2,944,923
Defense, Department of: Design and construction of a readiness center, Monroe, Walton County.	$28,000,000	$28,000,000
Defense, Department of: Site improvements and renovations for a readiness center, Forest Park, Clayton County.	$4,000,000	$4,000,000
Investigations, Georgia Bureau of: Additional design and construction of the Region 10 Investigative Office and Crime Scene Garage, Conyers, Rockdale County.	$55,000,000	$55,000,000
Investigations, Georgia Bureau of: Replace and outfit 40 vehicles, statewide.	$2,520,000	$2,520,000
Investigations, Georgia Bureau of: Provide funds for equipment, installation and training associated with a new statewide public safety radio network to achieve statewide interoperability.	$4,285,000	$4,285,000
Juvenile Justice, Department of: Replace Muscogee YDC CCTV system, Columbus, Muscogee County.	$600,000	$600,000
Juvenile Justice, Department of: Facility repairs and sustainment, statewide.	$2,833,800	$2,833,800
Public Safety, Department of: Replace and outfit 215 vehicles, statewide.*(H:Replace and outfit 175 vehicles, statewide.)*	$13,025,000	$13,025,000
Public Safety, Department of: Design, construct, and equip a new K-9 training facility at the Department of Public Safety Headquarters, Atlanta, Fulton County.	$15,000,000	$15,000,000
Peace Officer Standards and Training Council: Replace three vehicles, Austell, Cobb County.	$105,000	$105,000
Public Safety Training Center: Repair the wastewater treatment plant, Forsyth, Monroe County.	$4,587,000	$4,587,000
Public Safety Training Center: Repair the Precision Immobilization Technique (PIT) maneuver training areas, Forsyth, Monroe County.	$750,000	$750,000
Public Safety Training Center: Provide funds for equipment, installation, and training associated with a new statewide public safety radio network to achieve statewide interoperability.	$124,000	$124,000
Driver Services, Department of: Replace timeclock and ticketing equipment for Customer Service Centers, statewide.	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Driver Services, Department of: Purchase facility hardening equipment to improve security in Customer Service Centers, statewide.	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Driver Services, Department of: Replace and repair counters in Customer Service Centers, statewide.	$430,000	$430,000
Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority: Replace HVAC units, Perry, Houston County.	$2,487,926	$2,487,926
Savannah-Georgia Convention Center Authority: Riverwalk repairs at the Savannah Convention Center, Savannah, Chatham County.	$5,000,000	$5,000,000
Forestry Commission, State: Design and construct a mass timber county unit, Madison, Morgan County.	$2,636,180	$2,636,180
Forestry Commission, State: Replace open cab tractors with environmental cabs, statewide.	$10,000,000	$10,000,000
Natural Resources, Department of: Infrastructure improvements and renovations for the North Georgia Mountain Authority at Unicoi State Park, Helen, White County.	$1,750,000	$1,750,000
Natural Resources, Department of: Replace one helicopter for search and rescue operations, statewide.	$10,400,000	$10,400,000

Natural Resources, Department of: Provide funds for facility improvements and renovations at fish hatcheries, statewide.	$3,000,000	$3,000,000
Natural Resources, Department of: Replacement of gangways, statewide.	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Stone Mountain Memorial Association: Design and rehabilitation of the dam at Stone Mountain Park, Stone Mountain, Dekalb County.	$610,440	$610,440
Stone Mountain Memorial Association: Provide funds for monument maintenance needs, Stone Mountain, Dekalb County.	$2,000,000	$2,000,000
Georgia World Congress Center Authority: Provide funds for phase one of electrical system equipment replacement, Atlanta, Fulton County.	$12,000,000	$12,000,000
Natural Resources, Department of: Redirect $15,000,000 of FY 2025 funds authorized for land acquisition at Paulding and Dawson Forests to be used for land acquisition at Pine Log Mountain, White, Bartow County.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Remove unutilized project funds.	($3,500,000)	($3,500,000)
Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Design, construct, and equip the retrofit of the 301 Building to establish the College of Optometry, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Bulloch County.	$29,800,000	$29,800,000
Department of Corrections: Utilize undesignated state surplus to construct a new 480-bed private prison facility to meet need for additional bed capacity. (Undesignated State Surplus Funds: $220,000,000)*(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Design, construct, and equip the Arts and Sciences Renovation, Georgia College and State University, Milledgeville, Baldwin County.	$5,000,000	$5,000,000
Investigations, Georgia Bureau of: Design, construct, and equip the renovation of the Medical Examiner's Office in Augusta, Richmond County.	$2,729,208	$2,729,208
Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Department of: Begin design and construction of new Georgia Regional Hospital - Atlanta to address mental health and forensic bed capacity.	$27,000,000	$27,000,000
Public Safety, Department of: Design, construct, and equip Post 19 to reflect enhanced mission and increased construction costs, Swainsboro, Emanuel County.	$2,700,000	$2,700,000
Public Safety, Department of: Design, construct, and equip a new state patrol facility for Waycross Post 22, Waycross, Ware County.	$2,700,000	$2,700,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,297,145,045	$1,297,145,045

Section 51: Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund

Total Funds	**$1,053,134,593**
Federal Recovery Funds	**$12,007,384**
Federal Recovery Funds Not Specifically Identified	$12,007,384
State Funds	**$1,041,127,209**
Motor Fuel Funds	$100,437,953
State General Funds	$940,689,256

51.1. GO Bonds Issued

Total Funds	$1,053,134,593
Federal Recovery Funds	$12,007,384
Federal Recovery Funds Not Specifically Identified	$12,007,384
State Funds	$1,041,127,209
Motor Fuel Funds	$100,437,953
State General Funds	$940,689,256

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,067,094,690	$1,079,102,074
Increase funds for debt service.	$25,159,322	$25,159,322
Reduce motor fuel funds for debt service and transfer savings to the Department of Transportation.	($1,126,803)	($1,126,803)
Utilize $3,743,080 in remaining proceeds from a Fiscal Year 2023 20-year bond issued for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for rehabilitation of the Lake Trahlyta Dam at Vogel State Park to complete prioritized dam repairs at Vogel State Park, Little Ocmulgee State Park, or other DNR maintained dams.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Reduce funds and utilize Capital Projects Fund interest income.	($50,000,000)	($50,000,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,041,127,209	$1,053,134,593

51.2. GO Bonds New
Total Funds $0

Section 52: General Obligation Bonds Repealed, Revised, or Reinstated

Reserved.

Section 53: Salary Adjustments

The appropriations to budget units made above include funds for, and have the added purpose of, the following salary increases and adjustments, administered in conformity with the applicable compensation and performance management plans as provided by law:

1) To provide for a one-time pay supplement of $2,000 for active, fulltime, benefit-eligible employees of the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branches, except those positions referenced in O.C.G.A. § 45-7-3, employed by the state as of July 1, 2025.

2.) In lieu of other numbered items,

(a) to provide for a $2,000 salary supplement to the State Salary Schedule of the State Board of Education through a one-time payment of $2,000 in addition to the state base salary. This proposed $2,000 salary supplement is in addition to the salary increases awarded to certificated personnel through normal progression on the teacher salary schedule for the State Board of Education. This Item includes as well, and without limitation, teachers and administrators in state agencies whose salaries, by the authority of addenda to the Statewide Salary Plan, are determined from the State Salary Schedule of the State Board of Education.

(b) to provide for a $2,000 one-time salary supplement to local school systems for part-time employees, to include QBE-funded instructional staff, school support staff, school custodians, school administration, and central administration;

(c) to provide for a $2,000 one-time salary supplement to all local nutrition workers and for a $2,000 one-time salary supplement for local school bus drivers.

3.) In lieu of other numbered items, to provide for a one-time pay supplement of $2,000 for active, full-time, benefit-eligible faculty and non-academic personnel of the University System of Georgia Board of Regents employed by the state as of July 1, 2025.

4.) In lieu of other numbered items, to provide for a one-time pay supplement of $2,000 for public librarians funded through the Public Libraries appropriation stated above and administered by the Board of Regents employed by the state as of July 1, 2025.

5.) In lieu of other numbered items, to provide for a one-time pay supplement of $2,000 for active, full-time, benefit-eligible faculty and support personnel within the Technical College System of Georgia employed by the state as of July 1, 2025.

6.) In lieu of other numbered items, to provide for a salary increase for Katie Beckett Medicaid caseworkers for the Georgia Department of Community Health. The amount for this Item is calculated according to an effective date of April 1, 2026.

Section 54: Refunds

In addition to all other appropriations, there is hereby appropriated, as needed, a specific sum of money equal to each refund authorized by law, which is required to make refunds of taxes and other monies collected in error, farmer gasoline tax refunds, and any other refunds specifically authorized by law.

Section 55: Leases

In accordance with the requirements of Article IX, Section III, Paragraph I(a) of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, as amended, there is hereby appropriated payable to each department, agency, or institution of the State sums sufficient to satisfy the payments required to be made in each year under existing lease contracts between any department, agency, or institution of the State and any authority created and activated at the time of the effective date of the aforesaid constitutional provision, as amended, or appropriated for the State Fiscal Year addressed within this Act. If for any reason any of the sums herein provided under any other provision of this Act are insufficient to make the required payments in full, then there shall be taken from other funds appropriated to the department, agency, or institution involved an amount sufficient to satisfy such deficiency in full, and the lease payment shall constitute a first charge on all such appropriations.

Section 56: Budgetary Control and Interpretation

The appropriations of State Funds in this Act shall consist of the amount stated for each line at the most specific level of detail associated with the statement of Program Name and Program Purpose, including text and change items within a box.

The appropriations of Federal Funds and of Other Funds in this Act shall consist of the amount stated at the broadest or summary level of detail associated with the statement of Program Name and Program Purpose, and the more specific levels of detail shall be for information only. In the preceding sentence, "Federal Funds" means any federal funding source, whether specifically identified or not specifically identified; "Other Funds" means all other fund sources except State Funds and Federal Funds, including in Other Funds without limitation all Intra-State Government Transfers. Regardless of placement on the page, both the broadest or summary level of detail and the more specific detail of appropriations of Intra-State Government Transfers shall be deemed more specific levels of detail of Other Funds, and the broadest or summary amount shall be deemed added to the broadest or summary amount of the appropriation of Other Funds for the program.

Within this Act, Program Names appear as underlined captions, and Program Purpose appears immediately below as italicized text. The most specific level of detail for authorizations for general obligation debt in Section 51 shall be the authorizing paragraphs.

Section 57: Flex

Notwithstanding any other statement of purpose, the purpose of each appropriation of federal funds or other funds shall be the stated purpose or any other lawful purpose consistent with the fund source and the general law powers of the budget unit.

In the preceding sentence, "Federal Funds" means any federal funding source, whether specifically identified or not specifically identified; "Other Funds" means all other fund sources except State Funds or Federal Funds, including without limitation Intra-State Government Transfers. This paragraph shall not permit an agency to include within its flex the appropriations for an agency attached to it for administrative purposes.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid," "Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled," and "PeachCare" programs of the Department of Community Health, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 10 percent (10%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the three programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "Capital Construction Projects," "Capital Maintenance Projects," and "Local Road Assistance Administration" programs of the Department of Transportation, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 10 percent (10%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the three programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "Airport Aid," "Ports and Waterways," and "Rail" programs of the Department of Transportation, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 20 percent (20%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the three programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "HOPE Grant," "HOPE High School Equivalency Exam," "HOPE Scholarships – Private Schools," and "HOPE Scholarships – Public Schools" programs of the Georgia Student Finance Commission, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 10 percent (10%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the four programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

PART II

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

PART III

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

The Speaker resolved the House into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering the Committee substitute to HB 973, designating Representative Efstration of the 104th as Chairman thereof.

The Speaker called the House to order.

The Committee of the Whole arose and through its Chairman reported HB 973 back to the House with the recommendation that the same Do Pass, by the Appropriations Committee substitute.

The Committee substitute was adopted.

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

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

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	E Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	E Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N

Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 167, nays 5.

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

Representative Hatchett of the 155th asked unanimous consent that HB 973 be immediately transmitted to the Senate.

It was so ordered.

Representative Parrish of the 158th asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that a Bill of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee.

The motion prevailed.

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

HB 1215. By Representatives Parrish of the 158th, Jackson of the 128th, Hagan of the 156th and Prince of the 132nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the number of judges of superior courts, so as to provide for a third judge of the superior courts of the Middle Judicial Circuit; to provide for the appointment and term of such additional judge by the Governor; to authorize the governing authority of the counties comprising the Middle Judicial Circuit to provide facilities, office space, supplies, equipment, and personnel for such judges; to declare inherent authority; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Representative Carpenter of the 4th moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the Committee on Health and recommitted to the Committee on Industry and Labor:

HB 1119. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Bonner of the 73rd, Stephens of the 164th, Gullett of the 19th and Yearta of the 152nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 9 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to workers' compensation, so as to provide for pharmacy care guidelines and pharmacy management networks under workers' compensation; to provide limitations for providers prescribing certain medications; to provide for limitations for providers dispensing certain medications; to provide for reimbursement; to provide for pharmacy management networks; to provide for notice; to provide for any willing dispensing provider to join a network; to provide for registration; to provide for a registration fee; to provide for requirements; to provide for exemption; to provide for definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

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

Representatives Sainz of the 180th, McClain of the 109th, Holly of the 116th, Ali of the 106th, Moore of the 91st et al., Reese of the 140th et al., and Smith of the 18th.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1247. By Representatives Jasperse of the 11th and Chastain of the 7th:

A RESOLUTION honoring Officer Brantley Worley; and for other purposes.

HR 1248. By Representatives Berry of the 56th, Bell of the 75th, Carter of the 93rd, Cannon of the 58th and Holly of the 116th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the work of Lifting Our Voices, Inc., and recognizing February 28, 2026, as LOV Day; and for other purposes.

HR 1249. By Representatives Berry of the 56th, Bell of the 75th, Carter of the 93rd, Cannon of the 58th and Holly of the 116th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the work and leadership of Noah McQueen; and for other purposes.

HR 1250. By Representatives Reese of the 140th, Hugley of the 141st, Rice of the 139th, Buckner of the 137th and Smith of the 138th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating Chief Stone Mathis and Columbus Police Department for being named the Georgia Chapter of the FBI National Academy Associates' Phyllis Goodwin Agency of the Year; and for other purposes.

HR 1251. By Representatives Crawford of the 89th, Willis of the 55th, Jackson of the 165th, Mitchell of the 88th, Miller of the 62nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Junior League Movement on the occasion of its 125th anniversary and honoring its enduring legacy of developing women leaders and strengthening communities through volunteer service, civic engagement, and advocacy; and for other purposes.

HR 1252. By Representative Mathiak of the 82nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 5, 2026, as Cancer Prevention Day at the capitol and commending the collaborative efforts of Georgia's cancer prevention, screening, and advocacy partners; and for other purposes.

HR 1253. By Representatives Douglas of the 78th, Crowe of the 118th, Washburn of the 144th, Paris of the 142nd and Camp of the 135th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Brianne Drake; and for other purposes.

HR 1254. By Representatives Tran of the 80th, Roberts of the 52nd, Lupton of the 83rd, Hilton of the 48th and Panitch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Tartan Trot; and for other purposes.

HR 1255. By Representative Ford of the 170th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Frank and Solomon Nixon Funeral Home on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 1256. By Representatives Herring of the 145th, Paris of the 142nd, Jones of the 143rd, Washburn of the 144th and Griffin of the 149th:

A RESOLUTION commending the efforts of Communities In Schools of Central Georgia for their significant contributions to improving student attendance, student achievement, dropout prevention, and community partnerships in Central Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 1257. By Representatives Parrish of the 158th, Burns of the 159th, Burchett of the 176th, Cannon of the 172nd, Corbett of the 174th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating Herbert Hodges, the 2025 Georgia Tree Farmer of the Year; and for other purposes.

HR 1258. By Representatives Baker of the 64th, McQueen of the 61st, Alexander of the 66th, New of the 40th and Berry of the 56th:

A RESOLUTION commending Dr. Latoya Thomas, the Douglas County School System 2025-2026 Teacher of the Year; and for other purposes.

HR 1259. By Representatives Herring of the 145th, Crowe of the 118th, Washburn of the 144th, Dickey of the 134th and Camp of the 135th:

A RESOLUTION commending the efforts of the Forsyth-Monroe County Chamber of Commerce for its significant contributions to economic development, community leadership, and the cultivation of local talent through the Leadership Monroe program; and for other purposes.

HR 1260. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Kelley of the 16th, Cooper of the 45th, Schofield of the 63rd and Newton of the 127th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Impiricus; and for other purposes.

HR 1261. By Representatives Buckner of the 137th, Oliver of the 84th and Williams of the 37th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing 2026 as the Year of the Georgia Birding Trail; and for other purposes.

HR 1262. By Representative Jasperse of the 11th:

A RESOLUTION commending Amanda Abbott, Pickens County 2025-2026 Teacher of the Year; and for other purposes.

HR 1263. By Representative Buckner of the 137th:

A RESOLUTION commending the George Walton & James Oglethorpe Chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution's 2025-2026 Good Citizens; and for other purposes.

HR 1264. By Representatives New of the 40th, Alexander of the 66th and Baker of the 64th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Joanne Celeste Landrigan Gardner; and for other purposes.

HR 1265. By Representatives Burnough of the 77th, Bell of the 75th, Scott of the 76th, Flournoy of the 74th and McQueen of the 61st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Gloria Duncan on her outstanding public service with Clayton County Public Schools; and for other purposes.

HR 1266. By Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Burnough of the 77th, Campbell of the 35th, Miller of the 62nd, Taylor of the 92nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the League of Women Voters of Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 1267. By Representatives New of the 40th, Crowe of the 118th, Powell of the 33rd, Hitchens of the 161st, Richardson of the 125th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the Emergency Management Association of Georgia and recognizing February 26, 2026, as Emergency Management Association Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1268. By Representatives Reese of the 140th, Hugley of the 141st, Rice of the 139th, Buckner of the 137th and Smith of the 138th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Reverend Corey J. Neal on the occasion of his 18th pastoral anniversary; and for other purposes.

Representative Scoggins of the 14th District, Chairman of the Committee on Special Rules, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HR 999	Do Pass
HR 1049	Do Pass
HR 1177	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Scoggins of the 14th
Chairman

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

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

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Friday, February 6, 2026

Fourteenth Legislative Day

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

The following communication was received:

House of Representatives
Coverdell Legislative Office Building
Room 604-B
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Date: February 6, 2026
To: Clerk of the House

309 State Capitol Building
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Bill Reilly,

On the date of Thursday, February 5, 2026, I, Representative L.C. Myles, was unable to vote on House Bill 973. I would like to express that, I would have voted in favor of House Bill 973. Thank you for your consideration.

/s/ L.C. Myles
Representative L.C. Myles
Georgia House District 126

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

Adeyina	Corbett	Gullett	Martin	Romman
Alexander	Cox	E Gunter	Martinez	Sainz
Ali	Crawford	Hagan	Mathiak	Sampson
Anderson	Crowe	Hatchett	Mathis	Sanchez
Baker	Cummings	Hawkins	McClain	Scoggins
Ballard	Davis	Herring	McCollum	Scott
Barnes	Dawson	Hilton	McDonald	Seabaugh
Barrett	DeLoach	Hitchens	E Meeks	Sharper
Barton	Dempsey	Holcomb	Miller	E Silcox
Bazemore	Dickey	Holland	Momtahan	Smith, L
Beckles	Donatucci	Hong	Myles	Smith, M
Bell	Douglas	Horner	New	Smith, TP

Berry	Draper	Howard, J	Newton	Smith, V
Blackmon	Drenner	Howard, K	Okoye	Stephens
Bonner	Dubnik	Huddleston	Olaleye	Stinson
Buckner	Dunahoo	Hugley	O'Steen	Tarvin
Burchett	Efstration	Jackson, D	Panitch	Taylor, D
Burnough	Erwin	Jackson, E	Park	Taylor, R
Byrd	Evans	Jackson, M	Parrish	Thomas
Cameron	Fincher	Jasperse	Parsons	Townsend
Camp	Fleming	Jones, A	Persinger	Tran
Campbell, J	Flournoy	Jones, J	E Petrea	Wade
Campbell, L	Ford	Jones, S	Powell	Washburn
Cannon, C	Franklin	Jones, T	Prince	Werkheiser
Cannon, P	Frye	Kahaian	Reese	Westbrook
Carpenter	Gaines	Kelley	Reeves	Wilkerson
Chastain	Gambill	Kendrick	Rhodes	Williams, A
Cheokas	Gilliard	LaHood	Rice	Williams, N
Clark, D	Gisler	Leverett	Richardson	Williamson
Clark, J	Glaize	Lewis-Ward	Ridley, Jas	Willis
Clifton	Greene	Lumsden	Ridley, Jor	Yearta
Cooper	Griffin	Lupton	Roberts	Burns, Speaker

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

Representatives Au of the 50th, Carter of the 93rd, Ehrhart of the 36th, Holly of the 116th, Jenkins of the 136th, Lim of the 98th, Mitchell of the 88th, Moore of the 91st, Neal of the 79th, Oliver of the 84th, Paris of the 142nd, Santos of the 117th, Schofield of the 63rd, and Williams of the 37th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Brother Tyree James "Toby" Powers, Truth Baptist Church, Bremen, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

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

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

The Journal was confirmed.

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

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

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

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

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

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

HB 1197. By Representatives Powell of the 33rd, Jasperse of the 11th, Wilkerson of the 38th, Oliver of the 84th, Carpenter of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 27 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Lottery for Education Act," so as to authorize certain billiards and darts tournaments and the prizes therefor; to provide for definitions; to provide for the promulgation of certain rules and regulations; to provide that progressive discipline shall be used to sanction violations; to require the Georgia Lottery Corporation to provide certain data; to provide that appeals from the decision of a hearing officer of the corporation shall be to the Metro Atlanta Business Case Division of the Superior Court of Fulton County; to provide for the resolution of certain disputes between master licensees and location owners or location operators; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

HB 1198. By Representatives Gullett of the 19th and Lumsden of the 12th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 23 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to agents, agencies, subagents, counselors, and adjusters relative to insurance licensing, so as to provide for a limited license to offer or sell portable electronics and consumer goods insurance; to revise definitions; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

HB 1199. By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Blackmon of the 146th, Kelley of the 16th and Williamson of the 112th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-1-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions regarding revenue and taxation, so as to revise the definition of the terms "Internal Revenue Code" and "Internal Revenue Code of 1986" to incorporate certain provisions of the federal law into Georgia law; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1200. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th, Hitchens of the 161st, Gilliard of the 162nd and Westbrook of the 163rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for a base year assessed value homestead exemption from Chatham County and City of Savannah School District ad valorem taxes for educational purposes, approved April 12, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 4215), as amended, so as to prevent any increases in the adjusted base year assessed value of properties above the value set in tax year 2025; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1201. By Representatives Gullett of the 19th and Lumsden of the 12th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 25-2-40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to smoke detectors required in new dwellings and dwelling units and exceptions, so as to provide for compliance with safety standards for smoke detectors; to provide for staggered compliance; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs.

HB 1202. By Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Mathis of the 133rd and Smith of the 138th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 35-6A-17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Georgia Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Advisory Board, membership, and termination, so as to correct a scrivener's error in a cross-reference; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

HB 1203. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th, Hitchens of the 161st, Gilliard of the 162nd and Westbrook of the 163rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from Chatham County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead, approved May 9, 2025 (Ga. L. 2025, p. 3649), so as to provide that any homeowner receiving the homestead exemption provided for in Ga. L. 1999, p. 4215, as amended, shall automatically receive the exemption provided for in this Act; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1204. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Greene of the 154th, McClain of the 109th, Townsend of the 179th and Davis of the 87th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 34-1-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prohibition of age discrimination in employment, so as to change the age of individuals protected by such prohibition; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Industry and Labor.

HB 1205. By Representative Dickey of the 134th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Yatesville; to provide for incorporation, boundaries, and powers of the city; to provide for the exercise of powers and limitations on powers; to provide for severability; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1206. By Representatives Jones of the 25th, Dubnik of the 29th, Erwin of the 32nd, Jones of the 47th and Townsend of the 179th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 19 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to instructional materials and content relative to elementary and secondary education, so as to require local boards of education and other public school governing bodies to consider the total cost of ownership and related factors when purchasing school technology devices; to provide for reports; to provide definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 1207. By Representatives Reese of the 140th, Lupton of the 83rd, Campbell of the 35th, Jones of the 60th and Olaleye of the 59th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to domestic relations, so as to provide for the creation of a registry of recidivist domestic violence offenders; to provide for the maintenance of and access to such registry; to provide for clerks of court to provide information to the Georgia Crime Information Center; to provide for the registration of recidivist domestic violence offenders; to provide for the assessment of fees on recidivist domestic violence offenders; to provide for the removal of such offenders from the registry; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for immunity; to provide for definitions; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 1208. By Representatives Gunter of the 8th, Burchett of the 176th, Leverett of the 123rd, Smith of the 18th, Kelley of the 16th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 11 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to depositions and discovery, so as to require depositions in this state to be taken before certified court reporters; to repeal requirements that depositions in this state shall be recorded by stenographic means; to provide an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1209. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Blackmon of the 146th, Petrea of the 166th, Gilliard of the 162nd and Gaines of the 120th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions relative to state sales and use taxes, so as to provide for a sales and use tax exemption for purchases of tangible property and construction materials used for or in the construction and furnishing of certain buildings; to provide for limitations on the amount of credits to be issued; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1210. By Representatives Kahaian of the 81st, Byrd of the 20th, Dunahoo of the 31st, Washburn of the 144th and Bonner of the 73rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions relative to dependency proceedings, so as to provide for protections for children who adopt an identity that differs from their sex; to provide for definitions; to amend Chapter 15 of Title 19 of the O.C.G.A., relating to child abuse, so as to provide for protections for children who adopt an identity that differs from their sex; to provide for definitions; to amend Title 49 of the O.C.G.A., relating to social services, so as to provide for the right to exercise religious beliefs or other strongly held beliefs of certain caregivers; to provide for certification; to amend Chapter 1 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions relative to state government, so as to provide limitations for state employees and contractors regarding a parent-child relationship; to provide for related matters; to provide for severability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Juvenile.

HB 1211. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Hawkins of the 27th, Newton of the 127th, Gullett of the 19th, Gambill of the 15th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 33-24-56.3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to colorectal cancer screening and testing, so as to provide for guidelines and recommendations for colorectal cancer screening, examinations, and laboratory tests; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HB 1212. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Carpenter of the 4th, Barton of the 5th, Cannon of the 172nd, LaHood of the 175th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 13 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to specific, business, and occupation taxes, so as to impose an excise tax upon certain proceeds of judgments and settlements intended for the abatement, removal, and remediation of PFAS contamination of land but unused for that purpose; to provide for exceptions; to provide for notice of receipt of damages, filing of returns and payment, and credits; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for notice of excise tax and tax credit to putative PFAS tortfeasors; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1213. By Representatives Cummings of the 39th, McQueen of the 61st, Sanchez of the 42nd, Smith of the 41st, Ridley of the 22nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the City of Mableton, Georgia, to exercise all redevelopment and other powers provided for under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Georgia Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide for effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1214. By Representatives O'Steen of the 169th, Burchett of the 176th, Williams of the 148th, Kelley of the 16th, Corbett of the 174th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sales and use taxes, so as to provide for a new special purpose local option sales tax dedicated to certain healthcare purposes; to provide for definitions; to provide for authorization of tax and applicability; to provide for accountability and the withholding of funds by the state; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1216. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Greene of the 154th, Carpenter of the 4th, Dempsey of the 13th, Jones of the 143rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 13 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to excise tax on rooms, lodgings, and accommodations, so as to require that any excise tax on rooms, lodgings, and accommodations be remitted to the Department of Revenue for disbursement; to provide for the submission of contracts and memoranda of understanding to facilitate such disbursement; to provide for an itemized list of approved expenditures accompanying each disbursement; to provide for rules, regulations, and forms; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1217. By Representatives Berry of the 56th, Cannon of the 58th, Jackson of the 165th, Westbrook of the 163rd and Willis of the 55th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 31 and Chapter 7 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health and the Department of Economic Development, respectively, so as to require the positioning of lifeguards on public beaches during certain periods; to authorize the Department of Economic Development to develop and implement a pilot program to encourage high school students to become lifeguards; to provide for definitions; to provide for reporting; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Tourism.

HB 1218. By Representatives Flournoy of the 74th, Hilton of the 48th, Neal of the 79th, Olaleye of the 59th and Berry of the 56th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to revise the "Dexter Mosely Act" to allow for virtual school students from qualifying virtual schools to participate in specified extracurricular and interscholastic activities under the sponsorship, direction, and control of the student's resident public school or resident public school system; to provide for requirements of such virtual school student participation; to provide for virtual school qualifications; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to

provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 1219. By Representatives Lewis-Ward of the 115th, Powell of the 33rd, Hugley of the 141st, Greene of the 154th, Mitchell of the 88th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 3 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property owners' associations, so as to require new property owners' associations to be subject to the Georgia Property Owners' Association Act; to require property owners' associations to vote on whether to be subject to such acts, respectively; to provide for termination of property owners' associations; to provide for procedures for a vote to terminate a property owners' association; to provide for court approval of termination plans; to provide for procedures to terminate a property owners' association; to provide for a termination trustee; to provide for powers and duties; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

HB 1220. By Representatives Ballard of the 147th, Efstration of the 104th, Hilton of the 48th, Jones of the 47th and Donatucci of the 105th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2A of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student scholarship organizations, so as to revise provisions for student eligibility and maximum scholarship amounts; to provide for military students and students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), Section 504 Plans, or other designated disabilities; to provide for such designation; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 1221. By Representatives Draper of the 90th, Oliver of the 84th, Evans of the 57th, Gunter of the 8th and Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 3 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property owners' associations, so as to provide for written notice of certain sums; to provide for a reasonable time to pay outstanding sums; to provide for an itemized list of attorney's fees

claimed; to provide for an order finding reasonableness; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1222. By Representatives Lewis-Ward of the 115th, Powell of the 33rd, Hugley of the 141st, Washburn of the 144th, Mitchell of the 88th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of specialized land transactions, so as to provide for the issuance of statements of accounts; to provide for information required in and the manner of requesting and providing such statements; to provide for the effect of failure to furnish such statements as required; to amend Code Section 44-14-15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fee for a future conveyance and limited circumstances relative to property, so as to provide for a cross-reference; to provide for related matters; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

HB 1223. By Representatives Gullett of the 19th, Crowe of the 118th, Momtahan of the 17th, O'Steen of the 169th, Herring of the 145th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 50-18-72, relating to when public disclosure not required, so as to provide for an exemption from disclosing audio and video recordings captured by law enforcement when such recordings depict a person's death; to provide for exceptions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1224. By Representatives Barrett of the 24th, Efstration of the 104th, Gaines of the 120th, Holcomb of the 101st, Camp of the 135th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 12 of Title 13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to automatic renewal provisions, so as to reduce the applicable period for termination of certain automatic renewal provisions; to provide to consumers an option of having the service contract terminate after its specified period; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs.

HB 1225. By Representatives Barrett of the 24th, Efstration of the 104th, Gaines of the 120th, Holcomb of the 101st, Camp of the 135th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 12 of Title 13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to automatic renewal provisions, so as to provide to certain consumers a pro rata refund relative to a canceled service contract in the event of a price increase; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs.

HB 1226. By Representatives Clark of the 100th, Smith of the 18th, Ridley of the 22nd, Powell of the 33rd, Bonner of the 73rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to justification and excuse in defenses to criminal prosecutions, so as to revise standards of justification for use of force in defense of self or others; to provide for a rebuttable presumption; to provide for timing for claims of immunity from prosecution based upon justification; to provide for standards of proof; to amend Code Section 51-11-9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to no duty to retreat and immunity in certain instances of threat or use of force, so as to extend immunity from civil liability in justified use of force cases to legal representatives and heirs of the person against whom force was used; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 1227. By Representatives Gullett of the 19th, Fleming of the 114th, Momtahan of the 17th, Sainz of the 180th, Thomas of the 21st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to revise the information sought from persons registering to vote who indicate that they were previously registered to vote in another state, county, or municipality; to provide that comparable notices received from other states related to persons previously registered to vote in Georgia may be used to cancel such persons' voter registration in this state; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 1228. By Representatives McCollum of the 30th, Oliver of the 84th, Olaleye of the 59th, Panitch of the 51st, Gullett of the 19th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to provide for the assessment of real property purchased or acquired by certain business enterprises at 100 percent of its fair market value; to require that proceeds from taxation of such property be used to reduce the ad valorem tax bill on homesteads in the same tax jurisdiction as such property; to provide for penalties; to provide for certification of ownership; to provide for forms and applications; to provide for definitions; to provide for contingent effectiveness and automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1229. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Carpenter of the 4th, Washburn of the 144th, DeLoach of the 167th, McDonald III of the 26th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alcoholic beverages, so as to authorize a local governing authority to allow certain museums within its jurisdiction to sell alcoholic beverages at the same times on Sundays as other retailers; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

HR 1242. By Representatives Glaize of the 67th, Carter of the 93rd, Griffin of the 149th, Paris of the 142nd and Jackson of the 165th:

A RESOLUTION supporting the revision of the Quality Basic Education and Full-Time Equivalent funding formulas; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HR 1243. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Burns of the 159th, Hugley of the 141st, Crowe of the 118th, Camp of the 135th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize creation of the Georgia Next Generation 9-1-1 Fund; to provide for

submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HR 1244. By Representatives McCollum of the 30th, Oliver of the 84th, Olaleye of the 59th, Panitch of the 51st, Gullett of the 19th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Georgia so as to provide that any business enterprise, including, but not limited to, private equity, having an interest in 1,000 or more single-family residential properties within this state used primarily for purposes of generating rental income shall be subject to an ad valorem tax assessment of 100 percent; to provide for related matters; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HR 1245. By Representatives Ford of the 170th, Dickey of the 134th, Campbell of the 171st, O'Steen of the 169th, Cannon of the 172nd and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the Georgia peanut industry and recognizing March 2026 as Georgia Peanut Month at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1246. By Representatives Baker of the 64th, Barnes of the 86th, Douglas of the 78th, McCollum of the 30th and Ali of the 106th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing of February as National Canned Food Month in the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

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

HB 1181	HB 1182
HB 1183	HB 1184
HB 1185	HB 1186
HB 1187	HB 1188
HB 1189	HB 1190
HB 1191	HB 1192

HB 1193
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HB 1215

Representative Erwin of the 32nd District, Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Education has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 383	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 907	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 971	Do Pass	HB 1009	Do Pass
HB 1023	Do Pass, by Substitute		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Erwin of the 32nd
Chairman

Representative McDonald of the 26th District, Chairman of the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 877	Do Pass	HB 936	Do Pass
HB 937	Do Pass	HB 938	Do Pass
HB 939	Do Pass	HB 940	Do Pass
HB 941	Do Pass	HB 952	Do Pass
HB 953	Do Pass	HB 982	Do Pass
HB 1026	Do Pass	HB 1037	Do Pass
HB 1057	Do Pass	HB 1074	Do Pass
HB 1093	Do Pass	SB 316	Do Pass
SB 317	Do Pass	SB 348	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ McDonald of the 26th
Chairman

Representative Gunter of the 8th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 545	Do Pass	HB 948	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 979	Do Pass	HB 1121	Do Pass
HB 1215	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Gunter of the 8th
Chairman

Representative Smith of the 18th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 57	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Smith of the 18th
Chairman

Representative Greene of the 154th District, Chairman of the Committee on State Properties, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on State Properties has had under consideration the following Resolutions of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HR 1050	Do Pass
HR 1051	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Greene of the 154th
Chairman

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

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 06, 2026

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 14th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

HB 629 Education; remove requirement of having a licensed physician in automated external defibrillator programs (Substitute)(Hth-Hawkins-27th)
HB 945 Banking and finance; holds on accounts of eligible adults for suspected financial exploitation; provide (Substitute)(B&B-Williamson-112th)
HB 980 Georgia-Ireland Trade Commission; create (ED&T-Bonner-73rd)

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

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

Representative McDonald III of the 26th moved that the following Bill of the Senate be withdrawn from the Local Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local:

SB 348. By Senator Lucas of the 26th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a Board of County Commissioners of Hancock County, approved October 5, 1885 (Ga. L. 1884-85, p. 435), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 6, 2013 (Ga. L. 2013, p. 4328), so as to change the description of the commissioner districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for the continuation in

office of current members; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

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

HB 877. By Representatives Jackson of the 68th, Bazemore of the 69th, Bonner of the 73rd and Mathiak of the 82nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Fayetteville; to provide for incorporation, boundaries, and powers of the city; to provide for the exercise of powers and limitations on powers; to provide for a governing authority of such city and the powers, duties, authority, prohibitions, elections, terms, removal from office, method of filling vacancies, compensation, expenses, and qualifications; to provide for franchises, service charges, and assessments; to provide for bonded and other indebtedness; to provide for accounting and budgeting; to provide for contracting and purchasing; to provide for sale of city property; to provide for bonds for officials; to provide for pending matters; to provide for definitions and construction; to provide for severability; to provide for related matters; to repeal specific Acts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 936. By Representative Cannon of the 172nd:

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

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

HB 937. By Representatives Ford of the 170th and O'Steen of the 169th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Magistrate Court of Berrien County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such

technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 938. By Representatives Ford of the 170th and O'Steen of the 169th:

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

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

HB 939. By Representatives Ford of the 170th and O'Steen of the 169th:

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

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

HB 940. By Representatives Ford of the 170th and O'Steen of the 169th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating and establishing the State Court of Tift County, approved March 30, 1971 (Ga. L. 1971, p. 2468), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 5, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 4575), and an Act approved May 3, 2016 (Ga. L. 2016, p. 3999), so as to provide for the compensation of the judge of such court; to provide for the compensation of the solicitor-general of such court; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 941. By Representatives Ford of the 170th and O'Steen of the 169th:

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

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

HB 952. By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Parrish of the 158th and Burns of the 159th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Bulloch County and provide for its powers and duties, approved May 11, 2009 (Ga. L. 2009, p. 4409), so as to increase the size of the board to five members; to revise procedures for the appointment of such board members; to provide for interim terms; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 953. By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Parrish of the 158th and Burns of the 159th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the City of Statesboro Public Facilities; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 982. By Representatives Camp of the 135th and Dickey of the 134th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Barnesville, approved March 11, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 3865), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 12, 2005 (Ga. L. 2005, p. 3510), so as to change the description of the election districts for the city council; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 1026. By Representatives Sharper of the 177th, Corbett of the 174th, LaHood of the 175th and Burchett of the 176th:

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

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

HB 1037. By Representatives Cummings of the 39th, Adesanya of the 43rd, Parsons of the 44th, Campbell of the 35th, Seabaugh of the 34th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Cobb County, approved March 26, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 3211), as amended, so as to change the compensation of judges of the State Court of Cobb County; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 1057. By Representatives Kendrick of the 95th, Efstration of the 104th, Park of the 107th, Reeves of the 99th, Hong of the 103rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to continue and re-create the State Court of Gwinnett County, approved March 23, 1977 (Ga. L. 1977, p. 3331), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 2, 2022 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 6031), so as to provide for an eighth judge for the State Court of Gwinnett County beginning January 1, 2027; to provide for a ninth judge for said court beginning January 1, 2028; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 1074. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Park of the 107th, Hong of the 103rd, Clark of the 100th, Efstration of the 104th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Suwanee ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes for residents of that city; to

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

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

HB 1093. By Representatives Burchett of the 176th and Corbett of the 174th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a nonbinding advisory referendum for the purpose of ascertaining whether the electors of Ware County support a perimeter highway bypass around Waycross; to provide for legislative purposes and findings; to provide for a referendum; to provide for mandatory execution of election and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

SB 316. By Senator Goodman of the 8th:

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

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

SB 317. By Senator Goodman of the 8th:

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

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

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

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

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	E Meeks	Y Scoggins
Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	E Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	E Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	E Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bills, the ayes were 165, nays 0.

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

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

SB 239. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Robertson of the 29th, Harbin of the 16th, Mallow of the 2nd and Williams of the 25th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to funeral directors and establishments, embalmers, and crematories, so as to remove the requirement that funeral directors be licensed embalmers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 403. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Walker III of the 20th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Parent of the 44th, Albers of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 12 of Title 44 of the O.C.G.A., relating to disposition of unclaimed property, so as to provide for exceptions to when property is presumed abandoned; to provide for abandonment and liquidation of virtual currency; to authorize delay of publication of notice on the "Georgia Unclaimed Property List" under certain circumstances; to provide for methods of payment of claims; to waive the requirement of a probate court order for claims of heirs under certain circumstances; to provide for circumstances under which a claim is void; to provide for definitions; to amend Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to revenue and taxation, so as to waive confidentiality of certain tax records; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 414. By Representatives Jones of the 25th, DeLoach of the 167th, Gunter of the 8th, Scoggins of the 14th and Holcomb of the 101st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to government transparency and campaign finance, so as to revise the definition of "person" to include certain nonresidents of the state; to provide the State Ethics Commission with supplementary investigatory powers related to persons, documents, or information located outside of the state; to revise venue provisions to address out-of-state persons; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

SB 239. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Robertson of the 29th, Harbin of the 16th, Mallow of the 2nd and Williams of the 25th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to funeral directors and establishments, embalmers, and crematories, so as to remove the requirement that funeral directors be licensed embalmers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

SB 403. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Walker III of the 20th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Parent of the 44th, Albers of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 12 of Title 44 of the O.C.G.A., relating to disposition of unclaimed property, so as to provide for exceptions to when property is presumed abandoned; to provide for abandonment and liquidation of virtual currency; to authorize delay of publication of notice on the "Georgia Unclaimed Property List" under certain circumstances; to provide for methods of payment of claims; to waive the requirement of a probate court order for claims of heirs under certain circumstances; to provide for circumstances under which a claim is void; to provide for definitions; to amend Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to revenue and taxation, so as to waive confidentiality of certain tax records; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

Representatives Glaize of the 67th et al., Carter of the 93rd et al., Clark of the 108th et al., Anderson of the 10th et al., and Cheokas of the 151st et al.

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

HB 945. By Representatives Williamson of the 112th, Williams of the 148th and Chastain of the 7th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to banking and finance, so as to provide for holds on accounts of eligible adults for suspected financial exploitation; to provide for

procedures for placing and lifting such holds; to no longer require independent credit reports to be obtained from a consumer reporting agency as defined in the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act; to provide for procedures for cease and desist orders for unregistered persons providing litigation finance; to provide for judicial hearings to review department decisions regarding litigation finance; to provide for registrant disclosures; to provide for definitions; to make conforming changes; to provide for construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Titles 7 and 30 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to banking and finance and handicapped persons, respectively, so as to provide for holds on accounts of eligible adults for suspected financial exploitation; to provide for procedures for placing and lifting such holds; to provide for notice to the account holder or trusted contact of the hold; to provide for the shortening or extension of a hold; to provide for training to place holds; to require financial institutions to retain records of holds; to provide for administrative, criminal, and civil immunity; to prohibit entities not registered as a merchant acquirer limited purpose bank from identifying as such; to provide for the applicability of certain chapters relative to certain entities; to provide for procedures to notify the department of mergers; to provide for department objections to mergers; to no longer require independent credit reports to be obtained from a consumer reporting agency as defined in the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act; to provide for regulation of virtual currency kiosk owners and operators; to require virtual currency kiosk operators to provide disclosures to customers; to provide procedures for refunds of virtual currency transactions; to provide for fees; to provide for daily transaction limits; to provide for a department created formula for bona fide discount points; to provide for licensing exemptions for certain financial institutions whose deposits are federally insured; to provide for procedures for merchant acquirer limited purpose banks to amend their articles; to provide for department investigations related to litigation finance applicants; to provide for renewal of litigation finance registration; to provide for procedures for cease and desist orders for unregistered persons providing litigation finance; to provide for judicial hearings to review department decisions regarding litigation finance; to provide for registrant disclosures; to provide for access to certain records of a disabled adult or elder person; to provide for definitions; to make conforming changes; to provide for construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to banking and finance, is amended in Article 1 of Chapter 1, relating to Department of Banking and Finance and financial institutions generally, by revising paragraph (21) of Code Section 7-1-4, relating to definitions, and adding new paragraphs to read as follows:

"(17.1) 'Disabled adult' means a natural person 18 years of age or older who:

(A) Is mentally or physically incapacitated as defined in Code Section 16-5-100;

(B) Has Alzheimer's disease as defined in Code Section 16-5-100; or

(C) Has dementia as defined in Code Section 16-5-100.

(17.2) 'Elderly adult' means a natural person 65 years of age or older.

(17.3) 'Eligible adult' means a disabled adult or an elderly adult."

"(20.1) 'Financial exploitation' means the wrongful or unauthorized taking, withholding, appropriation, or use of money, assets, or property of an eligible adult; or any act or omission by a person, including through the use of a power of attorney, guardianship, or conservatorship of an eligible adult, with the intent to:

(A) Obtain control over an eligible adult's money, assets, or property through deception, intimidation, or undue influence to deprive the eligible adult of the ownership, use, benefit, or possession of such money, assets, or property; or

(B) Divert the eligible adult's money, assets, or property to deprive the eligible adult of the ownership, use, benefit, or possession of such money, assets, or property.

(21) 'Financial institution' means:

(A) A bank;

(B) A trust company;

(C) Reserved;

(D) A credit union;

(E) A corporation licensed to engage in the business of money transmission in this state on April 1, 1975, or so licensed pursuant to Article 4 of this chapter;

(F) Business development corporations existing on April 1, 1975, pursuant to the former 'Georgia Business Development Corporation Act of 1972,' approved April 3, 1972 (Ga. L. 1972, p. 798), or organized pursuant to Article 6 of this chapter;

(G) ~~An international bank agency doing business in this state on April 1, 1975, or pursuant to the former 'International Bank Agency Act,' approved April 6, 1972 (Ga. L. 1972, p. 1140), or authorized to do business in this state pursuant to Article 5 of this chapter~~ Reserved;

(H) In addition, as the context requires, a national bank, savings and loan association, or federal credit union for the purpose of the following provisions:

(i) Code Section 7-1-2, relating to findings of the General Assembly;

(ii) Code Section 7-1-8, relating to ~~supplementary principles of law~~ applicability of common law;

(iii) Code Section 7-1-37, relating to ~~restrictions on officials and personnel~~ prohibited transactions for department officials and personnel;

(iv) Code Section 7-1-70, relating to disclosure of information;

(v) Code Section 7-1-90, relating to judicial review of department actions;

(vi) Code Sections 7-1-111 and 7-1-112, relating to emergency closings and business restrictions, respectively;

(vii) Paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of Code Section 7-1-394, relating to criteria to be considered in approving new banks;

(viii) Code Section 7-1-840, relating to criminal prosecutions; and

(ix) Code Section 7-1-841, relating to application of Title 16 provisions;

(I) A bank holding company as defined in Code Section 7-1-605 for the purposes of Code Sections 7-1-61, 7-1-71, and 7-1-91;

(J) Banks chartered by states other than Georgia for the purposes of paragraph (10) of Code Section 7-1-261, relating to agency relationships;

(K) Federal credit unions for the purposes of Part 6 of Article 2 of this chapter, relating to deposits, safe-deposit agreements, and money received for transmission, and Article 8 of this chapter, relating to multiple-party accounts; and

(L) Banks and credit unions chartered by states other than Georgia, national banks, federal credit unions, and federal savings and loan associations for the purposes of Part 15 of this article and paragraph (1) of Code Section 7-1-650, provided that such institutions have federal deposit insurance."

"(41)(A) 'Trusted contact' means a natural person 18 years of age or older who the account owner has expressly identified and recorded in a financial institution's books and records as the person who may be contacted about either the account or the account owner to:

(i) Address possible financial exploitation or to confirm the specifics of the account owner's current contact information or health status;

(ii) Determine the identity of any conservator, executor, trustee, or individual or entity granted power of attorney over the account holder; or

(iii) Address any other concern reasonably related to the administration of the account.

(B) Such term may include a joint account owner or an individual or entity who has been granted a power of attorney."

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended in said article by adding a new part to read as follows:

"Part 15

7-1-239.11.

(a) A financial institution may permit any customer or member of the financial institution who is an eligible adult to designate, upon each account owned wholly or partially by such eligible adult, at least one trusted contact in addition to a co-owner, beneficiary, or fiduciary on the account.

(b) For each such designation, the eligible adult shall provide the trusted contact's name, mailing address, and any other contact information that the financial institution may use to contact the trusted contact.

(c) A financial institution may permit a customer or member to designate such trusted contact prior to the customer or member becoming an eligible adult but may not contact such trusted contact until the customer or member becomes an eligible adult.
(d) The financial institution shall maintain such trusted contact in a record associated with each account to which the designation applies.
(e) A financial institution may establish reasonable procedures to confirm the identity of the trusted contact.
(f) A financial institution shall not require a person designated as a trusted contact to consent as a precondition of being recorded as a trusted contact on any account.
(g) Absent a requirement in the account agreement to the contrary, when contacting a trusted contact pursuant to this part, the financial institution may choose to only disclose the fact that financial exploitation is suspected.

7-1-239.12.
(a) If a financial institution has reasonable cause to suspect that a transaction may involve, facilitate, result in, or contribute to financial exploitation, the financial institution may but is not required to place a hold on the execution of a financial transaction on an account:
(1) Of an eligible adult;
(2) On which the eligible adult is a beneficiary; or
(3) Of a person suspected of perpetrating the financial exploitation.
(b) A financial institution may place a hold on the execution of a financial transaction as described in subsection (a) of this Code section if the Department of Human Services or a law enforcement agency provides information to the financial institution demonstrating reasonable cause to suspect that a transaction may involve, facilitate, result in, or contribute to financial exploitation.

7-1-239.13.
A financial institution that places a hold on an account pursuant to Code Section 7-1-239.12 shall:
(1) Notify in writing all parties authorized to transact business on the account and any trusted contact on the account no later than three business days after the date the hold is placed, unless the financial institution reasonably believes that these persons have engaged in, are engaging in, have attempted to engage in, or will attempt to engage in the suspected financial exploitation of the eligible adult. Such notice may be provided electronically and shall include any reason for a delay; and
(2) Initiate a review of the facts and circumstances that caused the financial institution to suspect financial exploitation.

7-1-239.14.
(a) Any hold placed on any account pursuant to this part expires on the fifteenth business day after the date the hold was placed.

(b) The financial institution may extend the hold for up to an additional 15 business days if the financial institution's review of the available facts or circumstances continues to support the reasonable belief that a transaction may involve, facilitate, result in, or contribute to financial exploitation.
(c) The length of such hold may be shortened or extended at any time by any court of competent jurisdiction.
(d) Nothing in this Code section prevents a financial institution from terminating a hold after communication with parties authorized to transact business on the account or trusted contacts or after the review of available facts and circumstances.

7-1-239.15.
Before placing a hold in accordance with this part, a financial institution shall:
(1) Develop training policies or programs reasonably designed to educate employees who perform or approve transactions on issues pertaining to financial exploitation;
(2) Conduct such training policies or programs for employees and maintain a written record of all such training; and
(3) Develop, maintain, and enforce written procedures regarding the manner in which suspected financial exploitation is reviewed internally.

7-1-239.16.
(a) A financial institution shall create and maintain a record of all holds placed pursuant to this part.
(b) For each hold, such records shall include the:
(1) Account holder's information;
(2) Date the hold was first placed;
(3) Facts and circumstances that caused the employee to suspect financial exploitation; and
(4) Resolution of the hold.

7-1-239.17.
(a) Absent a reasonable belief of financial exploitation, this part does not otherwise alter a financial institution's obligations to all parties authorized to transact business on an account.
(b) When a financial institution exercises its discretion to place a hold on a transaction pursuant to this part, the payment order for the transaction shall not be deemed as received until the financial institution has removed the hold and the transaction has been submitted for processing.

7-1-239.18.
(a) A financial institution acting in good faith and exercising reasonable care to comply with this part is immune from any administrative, criminal, or civil liability that might otherwise arise from the financial institution's action, inaction, delay in a disbursement,

hold, or other transaction in accordance with this part. This immunity from liability extends to the officers, directors, and employees of the financial institution.

(b) Absent the financial institution's employees having actual knowledge of financial exploitation and acting with malicious purpose, the financial institution and its officers, directors, and employees are immune from administrative, criminal, and civil liability for failure to exercise its discretion to place a hold under this part.

(c) This Code section does not alter, extend, supersede, or diminish any immunity otherwise granted to financial institutions.

7-1-239.19.

This part does not create new rights or impose new obligations or new duties on a financial institution under other applicable law."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended in Article 2 of Chapter 1, relating to banks and trust companies, by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (c) of Code Section 7-1-243, relating to restrictions on banking and trust nomenclature, and adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(a.2) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this Code section, no person or corporation, except a merchant acquirer limited purpose bank as defined in Code Section 7-9-2, shall use the term 'MALPB' or any other similar term indicating that the business done is that of a merchant acquirer limited purpose bank on any sign at its place of business or elsewhere, or on any of its letterheads, blank checks, blank notes, receipts, certificates, circulars, advertisements, or any other written or printed matter."

"(1) Prevent the use of the ~~words~~ terms 'banks,' 'banker,' 'banking,' 'banker's,' 'trust,' 'MALPB,' or any similar ~~word~~ term in a context clearly not purporting to refer to a banking or a trust business or to a business primarily engaged in merchant acquiring activities as defined in Code Section 7-9-2, the lending of money, underwriting or sale of securities, acting as a financial planner, financial service provider, investment or trust adviser, or acting as a loan broker;"

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended in said article by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"7-1-390.2.

(a) To the extent the provisions of Chapter 2 of Title 14 are consistent with and not in conflict with the other provisions of this chapter and the rules and regulations of the department, such provisions shall apply to banks and trust companies chartered by the department pursuant to this chapter and not organized as limited liability companies.

(b) To the extent the provisions of Chapter 11 of Title 14 are consistent with and not in conflict with the other provisions of this chapter and the rules and regulations of the department, such provisions shall apply to banks and trust companies chartered by the department pursuant to this chapter and organized as limited liability companies."

SECTION 5.

Said title is further amended in said article by revising subsections (b) and (c) of Code Section 7-1-534, relating to approval or disapproval by department and resulting bank or trust company not chartered by department, as follows:

"(b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this Code section, within ~~Within~~ 90 days after receipt of the articles of merger, share exchange, or consolidation, the notice ~~of merger or share exchange,~~ merger, share exchange, or consolidation, and the filings required by Code Section 7-1-533, or within an additional period of not more than 30 days after an amendment to the application is received within the initial 90 day period, the department shall, in its discretion, approve or disapprove the articles on the basis of its investigation and the criteria set forth in subsection (a) of this Code section. Except as provided in Code Section 7-1-535, the department shall give the Secretary of State written notice of its approval with a copy of the articles of merger, share exchange, or consolidation and a copy of the notice of ~~merger or share exchange~~ merger, share exchange, or consolidation attached. The department shall also give the parties to the plan written notice of its decision and, in the event of disapproval, a statement in general of the reasons for its decision. The decision of the department shall be conclusive, except that it may be subject to judicial review as provided in Code Section 7-1-90.

(c)~~(1)~~ If a merger or consolidation would result in a bank or trust company that would not be chartered by the department, prior to the consummation of the merger or consolidation, the bank or trust company shall~~:~~ notify the department upon filing an application with the appropriate federal or state financial regulator. The notification requirements of this subsection shall be satisfied by furnishing the department with a copy of the application or applications filed with the applicable bank supervisory agencies seeking approval for the proposed transaction and such other information as the department requests. The parties to such transaction shall also file with the department a certificate of approval of the acquisition by the appropriate supervisory agencies prior to consummation of the transaction. The department may, for good cause shown, object to the transaction by letter to the proposed resulting bank or trust company, the Georgia bank or trust company, and to the appropriate federal or state financial regulator before consummation of the transaction. In the event of such objection, the acquisition cannot be consummated without the parties obtaining the approval of the department. Unless the department has objected to the transaction, the department shall forward to the Secretary of State written confirmation that the requirements of this subsection have been satisfied.

~~(A) Notify the department of the proposed merger or consolidation;~~

~~(B) Provide such evidence of the adoption of the plan of merger or consolidation as the department may request;~~

~~(C) Notify the department of any abandonment or disapproval of the plan of merger or consolidation; and~~

~~(D) File with the department and the Secretary of State a certificate of the approval of the merger or consolidation by the appropriate regulator.~~

~~(2) Upon receipt of written confirmation from the department that the requirements of this subsection have been satisfied, each party to the merger or consolidation, except the resulting bank or trust company, shall cease to exist as a separate entity, as provided in subsection (c) of Code Section 7-1-536, and its articles shall automatically terminate.~~"

SECTION 6.

Said title is further amended in Article 3 of Chapter 1, relating to credit unions, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"7-1-632.1.

To the extent the provisions of Chapter 3 of Title 14 are consistent with and not in conflict with the other provisions of this chapter and the rules and regulations of the department, such provisions shall apply to credit unions chartered by the department pursuant to this chapter."

SECTION 7.

Said title is further amended in Article 4 of Chapter 1, relating to money transmission, by designating Code Sections 7-1-680 through 7-1-698 as Part 1.

SECTION 8.

Said title is further amended in said article by revising subparagraph (A) of paragraph (14) of Code Section 7-1-680, relating to definitions regarding money transmission, as follows:

"(A) Receiving money or monetary value for transmission or transmitting money or monetary value within the United States or to locations abroad by any and all means, including, but not limited to:

(i) An order;

(ii) A wire;

(iii) A facsimile; ~~and~~

(iv) An electronic transfer; and

(v) A virtual currency kiosk as defined in Code Section 7-1-699;"

SECTION 9.

Said title is further amended in said article by revising subparagraph (f)(1)(B) of Code Section 7-1-689, relating to record keeping, investigation and examination requirements and powers, and limitations on civil liability, as follows:

"(B) Personal history and experience information, including, but not limited to, independent credit reports ~~obtained from a consumer reporting agency described in the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. Section 1681a~~;"

SECTION 10.

Said title is further amended in said article by repealing and reserving Code Section 7-1-698, relating to continuing effectiveness of existing licenses.

SECTION 11.

Said title is further amended in said article by adding a new part to read as follows:

"Part 2

7-1-699.

As used in this part, the term:

(1) 'Existing customer' means a consumer who:

(A) Is engaging in a virtual currency transaction at a virtual currency kiosk in this state; and

(B) Has been registered as a customer of such operator for more than 72 hours.

(2) 'New customer' means a consumer who:

(A) Is engaging in a virtual currency transaction at a virtual currency kiosk in this state; and

(B) Has been registered as a customer of such operator for less than 72 hours.

(3) 'New customer time period' means the first 72 hours after a consumer becomes a new customer of a virtual currency kiosk.

(4)(A) 'Operator' means a person who performs money transmission through a virtual kiosk by:

(i) Facilitating the exchange of fiat currency for virtual currency, virtual currency for fiat currency, or virtual currency for other virtual currency; or

(ii) Directly or indirectly transmitting virtual currency

(B) An operator may:

(i) Be an owner; or

(ii) Enter into a contract with the owner to perform money transmission or initiate money transmission at the location of the virtual currency kiosk.

(5) 'Owner' means a person who owns a virtual currency kiosk.

(6) 'Virtual currency address' means an alphanumeric identifier representing a destination for a transfer of virtual currency that is associated with a virtual currency wallet.

(7) 'Virtual currency kiosk' means an electronic terminal acting as a mechanical agent of the operator to enable the operator to:

(A) Facilitate the exchange of fiat currency for virtual currency, virtual currency for fiat currency, or virtual currency for other virtual currency; or

(B) Directly or indirectly transmit virtual currency.

(8) 'Virtual currency wallet' means a software application or other mechanism providing a means for holding, storing, and transferring virtual currency.

7-1-699.1.

(a) The operator shall, in establishing a relationship with a customer and prior to initiating an initial virtual currency transaction at a virtual currency kiosk for, or on behalf of or with, the customer, disclose in clear, conspicuous, and legible writing in the English

language and if applicable, in the language selected by the customer at the beginning of the relationship or transaction, the following:

(1) A disclosure, which shall be acknowledged by the customer, provided separately from the disclosures provided pursuant to paragraphs (2) through (7) of this subsection, written prominently and in bold type stating the following: 'WARNING: LOSSES DUE TO FRAUDULENT OR ACCIDENTAL TRANSACTIONS MAY NOT BE RECOVERABLE AND TRANSACTIONS IN VIRTUAL CURRENCY ARE IRREVERSIBLE.';

(2) Virtual currency is not backed or insured by the government, and accounts and value balances are not subject to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, National Credit Union Administration, or Securities Investor Protection Corporation protections;

(3) Some virtual currency transactions shall be deemed complete when recorded on a public ledger, which may not be the date or time when the customer initiated the virtual currency transaction;

(4) The value of virtual currency may be derived from the continued willingness of market participants to exchange fiat currency for virtual currency, which may result in the permanent and total loss of the value of a particular currency if the market for that virtual currency disappears;

(5) The volatility and unpredictability of the price of virtual currency relative to fiat currency may result in a significant loss over a short period of time;

(6) Any bond maintained by the operator for the benefit of the customers of such operator may not be sufficient to cover all losses incurred by such customers;

(7) Virtual currency transactions are irreversible and are frequently used by persons seeking to defraud customers, including, but not limited to, a person impersonating a customer's loved ones, threatening jail time, stating that a customer's identity has been stolen, insisting that a customer withdraw money from the customer's bank account and purchase cryptocurrency, alleging a customer's personal computer has been hacked, or perpetuating or conducting a romance scam; and

(8) Such other disclosures the department requires by rule.

(b) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to prohibit operators from providing additional disclosures to customers.

7-1-699.2.

The operator shall, when opening an account for a new customer and prior to initiating an initial virtual currency transaction at a virtual currency kiosk for, on behalf of, or with such customer, disclose in clear, conspicuous, and legible writing in the English language, and, if applicable, in the language selected by the customer at the beginning of the relationship or transaction, using not less than 24 point sans-serif font, all relevant terms and conditions associated with the products, services, and activities of the operator and virtual currency generally, including, but not limited to, the following:

(1) The customer's liability for unauthorized virtual currency transactions;

(2) The customer's right to stop payment of a preauthorized virtual currency transaction and the procedure used to initiate a stop-payment order, if applicable;

(3) Under what circumstances the operator will, absent a court or government order, disclose information concerning the customer's account to third parties;
(4) The requirement that the operator communicate to the customer what customer information might be disclosed to third parties;
(5) The customer's right to receive a receipt for a virtual currency transaction at the time of the transaction; and
(6) Upon any change in the rules or policies of the operator, the customer's right to consent to such changed rules or policies prior to performing any transaction after such change.

7-1-699.3.
The operator shall, prior to each virtual currency transaction initiated at a virtual currency kiosk for, on behalf of, or with a customer, disclose to such customer in clear, conspicuous, and legible writing in the English language, and, if applicable, in the language selected by the customer at the beginning of the relationship or transaction, using not less than 24 point sans-serif font, the terms and conditions of the virtual currency transaction, including, but not limited to, the following:
(1) The amount of the transaction;
(2) Any fees, expenses, and charges borne by the customer, including, but not limited to, any applicable exchange rates;
(3) The type and nature of the virtual currency transaction;
(4) A warning that, once executed, the virtual currency transaction is irreversible, if applicable;
(5) A daily virtual currency transaction limit in accordance with this part; and
(6) The difference in the sale price of the virtual currency compared with the current market price.

7-1-699.4.
The operator shall ensure that if the information contained in the disclosures required by Code Sections 7-1-699.1 and 7-1-699.2 changes, any existing customer initiating a virtual currency transaction after the date of any change to the disclosure information shall be provided with the updated disclosure information and acknowledge the same prior to completing such virtual currency transaction.

7-1-699.5.
The operator shall ensure that each customer acknowledges the receipt of all disclosures required under this part. Acknowledgment of such disclosures shall not impact the rights of the customer, including, but not limited to, the ability to obtain a refund from an operator.

7-1-699.6.

(a) The operator shall, upon completion of any virtual currency transaction initiated at a virtual currency kiosk, provide the customer with a receipt containing the following information:

(1) The name of and contact information for the operator, including, but not limited to, the operator's business address and a customer service telephone number established by the operator to answer questions and register complaints;

(2) The name of and contact information for the owner, including, but not limited to, the owner's business address and a telephone number if the virtual currency kiosk is owned by a person other than the operator;

(3) The name of the customer;

(4) The type, value, date, and precise time of such virtual currency transaction and each virtual currency address;

(5) The amount of such virtual currency transaction expressed in United States currency;

(6) The full unique transaction hash or identification number;

(7) The public virtual currency address of the customer;

(8) The unique identifier;

(9) Any fee charged, including, but not limited to, any fee charged directly or indirectly by the operator, the owner, or a third party involved in the virtual currency transaction;

(10) The exchange rate, if applicable;

(11) Any tax collected by the operator for the virtual currency transaction;

(12) A statement of the liability of the operator for nondelivery or delayed delivery;

(13) A statement of the refund policy of the operator;

(14) The email address of the department and a statement disclosing that the operator's customers may contact the department with questions or complaints about the operator's virtual currency kiosk services; and

(15) Any additional information the department may require.

(b) The receipt required by subsection (a) of this Code section:

(1) Shall be provided in retainable form in the English language and, if applicable, the language selected by the customer at the beginning of the relationship or virtual currency transaction; and

(2) May be provided electronically if the customer requests or agrees to receive an electronic receipt.

7-1-699.7.

The total amount of any fee, commission, spread, or other charges related to a transaction initiated at a virtual currency kiosk shall not exceed 18 percent of the amount of the fiat currency exchanged or transmitted.

7-1-699.8.

(a) There is established an aggregated maximum daily transaction limit of $2,500.00 for each new customer for transactions initiated at a virtual currency kiosk.

(b) There is established an aggregated maximum daily transaction limit of $10,000.00 for each existing customer for transactions initiated at a virtual currency kiosk.

7-1-699.9.

(a) An operator shall issue a refund to:

(1) A new customer for the full amount of all transactions initiated at a virtual currency kiosk within the new customer time period upon request of the new customer. In order to receive a refund under this paragraph, a new customer shall:

(A) Have been defrauded, fraudulently induced, or otherwise deceived to engage in the virtual currency transactions; and

(B) Contact the operator and a government or law enforcement agency to inform them of the complained of activity within five days of the last transaction to occur during the new customer time period.

(2) A new or existing customer for the full amount of fees initiated at a virtual currency kiosk if the customer has been defrauded, fraudulently induced, or otherwise deceived to engage in the virtual currency transactions.

(b) If the conditions of paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a) of this Code section have been satisfied, the operator shall issue such refund to the customer within 72 hours of the request.

7-1-699.10.

Each operator shall:

(1) Obtain a copy or scan of a government issued identification card that identifies each customer of such operator;

(2) Maintain restrictions that prevent more than one customer of such operator from using the same virtual currency wallet;

(3) Be able to prevent designated virtual currency wallets from being used at any virtual currency kiosk owned or operated by such operator;

(4) Regularly use an established third party that specializes in performing blockchain analyses to preemptively perform such analyses to identify and prevent high risk or sanctioned virtual currency wallets from being used by customers at virtual currency kiosks operated by such operator;

(5) Define in the operator's policies and procedures a risk based method of monitoring customers of such operator on a post-transaction basis;

(6)(A) Offer during the hours of operation of the virtual currency kiosks timely live customer support by telephone from a telephone number prominently displayed at or on such virtual currency kiosks. During such communication, which shall be recorded and maintained by the operator for not less than five years, the operator shall:

(i) Positively identify the customer;

(ii) Reconfirm any attestations made by the customer at a virtual currency kiosk operated by the operator;

(iii) Discuss the transaction; and

(iv) Discuss types of fraudulent schemes relating to virtual currency;

(B) Such customer support shall also be available for law enforcement to contact the operator;

(7) Designate and employ a chief compliance officer who shall:

(A) Be qualified to coordinate and monitor a compliance program to ensure compliance with this part and all other applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations;

(B) Be employed on a full-time basis by such operator; and

(C) Not own more than 20 percent of the virtual currency kiosk operator that employs the chief compliance officer;

(8) Use covered employees to fulfill the operator's compliance responsibilities under federal and state laws, rules, and regulations; and

(9) Report to the department the locations of each of the operator's virtual currency kiosks in this state in a form prescribed by the department. Such report shall include, but shall not be limited to, the:

(A) Address of the location of the virtual currency kiosk;

(B) Name of the business as displayed at the location of the virtual currency kiosk;

(C) Name of the business that signed the lease or other contract with the virtual currency kiosk for the subject location; and

(D) Owner of the virtual currency kiosk at such location, if not owned by the operator.

7-1-699.11.

Nothing in this part shall be construed to waive, change, or otherwise modify other requirements imposed on operators of virtual currency kiosks throughout this title."

SECTION 12.

Said title is further amended in Article 4A of Chapter 1, relating to cashing of payment instruments, by revising subparagraph (f)(1)(B) of Code Section 7-1-706, relating to record keeping, investigation and examination requirements and powers, and limitation on civil liability, as follows:

"(B) Personal history and experience information, including, but not limited to, independent credit reports ~~obtained from a consumer reporting agency described in the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. Section 1681a~~; and"

SECTION 13.

Said title is further amended in Article 13 of Chapter 1, relating to licensing of mortgage lenders and mortgage brokers, by revising paragraph (5.3) of Code Section 7-1-1000, relating to definitions, as follows:

"(5.3) 'Covered servicer' means a mortgage lender with a servicing portfolio of 2,000 or more residential mortgage loans serviced or subserviced for others ~~loans~~ as reported in the mortgage lender's aggregate Mortgage Call Report data as of the most recent calendar year end, excluding whole loans owned, reverse mortgages that are serviced or subserviced for others, and loans being interim serviced prior to sale."

SECTION 14.

Said title is further amended in said article by revising subparagraph (k)(2)(A) of Code Section 7-1-1004, relating to investigation of applicant, requirements for applicant, and denial and revocation of license, as follows:

"(A) An independent credit report ~~obtained from a consumer reporting agency described in section 603(p) of the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. Section 1681a(p)~~; and"

SECTION 15.

Said title is further amended in said article by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (c) of Code Section 7-1-1008, relating to prohibited acquisitions of shares without prior approval, as follows:

"(1) The acquisition of an interest in a licensee directly or indirectly, including an acquisition by merger or consolidation by or with a person licensed as a mortgage lender or mortgage broker by this article or a person exempt as a mortgage lender or mortgage broker from this article under Code Section 7-1-1001;"

SECTION 16.

Said title is further amended in said article by revising paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (b) of Code Section 7-1-1011, relating to annual fees, as follows:

"(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'collecting agent' means the person listed as the secured party on a security deed or other loan document that establishes a lien on the residential ~~real~~ property taken as collateral at the time of the closing of the mortgage loan transaction.

(2) There shall be imposed on the closing of every mortgage loan subject to regulation under this article which, as defined in Code Section 7-1-1000, includes all mortgage loans made on residential property, whether or not closed by a mortgage broker or mortgage lender licensee, a fee of $10.00. The fee shall be paid by the borrower to the collecting agent at the time of closing of the mortgage loan transaction. The collecting agent shall remit the fee to the department at the time and in the manner specified by regulation of the department. Revenue collected by the department pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited in the general fund of the state."

SECTION 17.

Said title is further amended in Article 14 of Chapter 1, relating to foreign banking institutions, by revising Code Section 7-1-1132, relating to location and authority of offices and relocation, as follows:

"7-1-1132.

A Georgia state representative office may engage in the activities authorized by this article at each location registered with the department as a representative office. A Georgia state representative office may change its location in this state by filing a notification with the department containing the street address and mailing address of the new location no less than 30 days in advance of relocation. The department may require

an application for such relocation if the notification raises ~~supervisor~~ supervisory concerns. All relocations shall include a notice to customers posted in a conspicuous place of the affected location as well as on the bank's website at least 30 days before relocating."

SECTION 18.

Said title is further amended in Article 1 of Chapter 3, relating to general provisions regarding installment loans, by revising paragraphs (1), (2), (3), and (6) of subsection (b) of Code Section 7-3-4, relating to licensing requirement and exemptions, as follows:

"(1) Any state or federally chartered bank, trust company, credit union, savings and loan association, savings bank, or industrial bank, provided that each such bank, trust company, credit union, savings and loan association, savings bank, or industrial bank has deposits that are federally insured ~~Businesses chartered or licensed under the authority of any law of this state or of the United States as banks, trust companies, savings and loan associations, savings banks, or credit unions or to the transactions of such businesses~~;

(2) ~~Banks or credit unions chartered under the authority of any state which have deposits that are federally insured or to the transactions of such businesses~~ A wholly owned subsidiary of a state or federally chartered bank, trust company, credit union, savings and loan association, savings bank, or industrial bank, provided that each such bank, trust company, credit union, savings and loan association, savings bank, or industrial bank has deposits that are federally insured;

(3) Pawnbrokers, as defined in Code Section 44-12-130~~, or to the transactions of pawnbrokers~~;"

"(6) Any agency, division, or instrumentality of the federal government of the United States of America; the government of the State of Georgia or the government of any other state; or any county or municipal government in the State of Georgia~~; and the transactions of all such governmental entities~~;"

SECTION 19.

Said title is further amended in Article 5 of Chapter 3, relating to regulation by the department, by revising subparagraph (d)(2)(B) of Code Section 7-3-40, relating to investigations and examinations, payment of fees, and cooperation by licensee, as follows:

"(B) Personal history and experience information, including, but not limited to, independent credit reports ~~obtained from a consumer reporting agency described in the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. Section 1681a~~; and"

SECTION 20.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 6A, the "Georgia Fair Lending Act," by revising paragraph (4) of Code Section 7-6A-2, relating to definitions, as follows:

"(4) 'Bona fide discount points' means loan discount points knowingly paid by the borrower for the express purpose of reducing, and which in fact do result in a bona fide reduction of, the interest rate applicable to the home loan; provided, however, that the

undiscounted interest rate for the home loan does not exceed by more than one percentage point the average prime offer rate as defined in 12 C.F.R. 1026.35 that applies to a comparable transaction, as published by the United States Consumer Financial Protection Bureau as of the last date the discounted interest rate for the transaction is set before consummation or such other formula adopted or referenced by the department pursuant to regulation."

SECTION 21.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 9, relating to Georgia merchant acquirer limited purpose bank, by revising Code Section 7-9-3, relating to chartering of merchant acquirer limited purpose banks and regulation limited, as follows:

"7-9-3.

(a) A corporation that performs merchant acquiring activities or settlement activities in this state may elect to obtain a charter from the department. Those corporations chartered by the department shall be subject to the provisions of this chapter and any rules and regulations adopted by the department for purposes of regulating chartered merchant acquirer limited purpose banks. The department shall have no authority to regulate a corporation performing merchant acquiring activities or settlement activities that has not been chartered by the department.

(b) To the extent the provisions of Chapter 2 of Title 14 are consistent with and not in conflict with the other provisions of this chapter and the rules and regulations of the department, such provisions shall apply to corporations chartered by the department pursuant to this chapter and not organized as limited liability companies.

(c) To the extent the provisions of Chapter 11 of Title 14 are consistent with and not in conflict with the other provisions of this chapter and the rules and regulations of the department, such provisions shall apply to corporations chartered by the department pursuant to this chapter and organized as limited liability companies."

SECTION 22.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"7-9-10.1.

(a) A merchant acquirer limited purpose bank may, in the manner provided in this Code section, amend its articles at any time in order to make any change which would be authorized for inclusion in original articles under this chapter, including without limitation an amendment to:

(1) Adopt a new name permitted to be used under this chapter;

(2) Renew the term for which it is to exist or to provide for perpetual duration;

(3) Change, add to, or diminish the statement of its purpose or purposes;

(4) Increase or diminish the aggregate number of shares which it has authority to issue or to reclassify the shares by changing the number, par value, designations, preferences, redemption provisions, or relative, participating, optional, or other special rights of the

shares or the qualifications, limitations, or restrictions of such rights, either with or without an increase or decrease in the number of shares;

(5) Restate the articles in their entirety; or

(6) Change its main office location to a new location.

(b) Articles restated in their entirety shall state the street address and county of the current, instead of the original, main office of the merchant acquirer limited purpose bank.

(c) Articles need not be amended for the addition or change of a registered agent or the change of a registered office. The merchant acquirer limited purpose bank shall, however, notify in writing the department and the Secretary of State of such changes.

(d) The articles of amendment shall be filed with the department together with the fee required by Code Section 7-1-862. The filing of articles of amendment shall constitute an application for a certificate of amendment. If the articles of amendment involve a change in the name of a merchant acquirer limited purpose bank, it shall reserve the proposed new name under the procedures of Code Section 7-1-131.

(e) Upon receipt of the articles of amendment, the department shall conduct such investigation as it may deem necessary to determine:

(1) That the articles of amendment and supporting items satisfy the requirements of this chapter;

(2) Where the amendment would grant new powers or status to a merchant acquirer limited purpose bank, that the criteria for granting such powers or status as an original matter have been satisfied;

(3) Where the amendment decreases the capital stock of the institution, that the remaining capital stock will be adequate to support its anticipated business;

(4) Where the amendment provides for a change to a new location, that the criteria for establishing a new office at the new location have been satisfied; and

(5) That the interests of the shareholders and the public will not be impaired by the amendment.

(f) Within 60 days after the receipt of the articles of amendment the department shall approve or disapprove the articles of amendment on the basis of its investigation and criteria set forth in subsection (e) of this Code section. If the department approves the articles of amendment, it shall deliver its written approval to the Secretary of State with a copy of the amendment attached and notify the merchant acquirer limited purpose bank of its action. If the department disapproves the articles of amendment, it shall give written notice to the merchant acquirer limited purpose bank and furnish it a statement generally setting out the unfavorable factors influencing the department's decision. The decision of the department shall be conclusive, except that it may be subject to judicial review as provided in Code Section 7-1-90.

(g) If all fees and charges required by law have been paid and, in the case of a change of name, if the proposed new name of the merchant acquirer limited purpose bank continues to be reserved or is available on the records of the Secretary of State, upon the receipt by the Secretary of State of the written approval of the department, the Secretary of State shall immediately issue to the merchant acquirer limited purpose bank a certificate of

amendment and shall retain a copy thereof along with the approved articles of amendment and the written approval of the department.

(h) As of the issuance of the certificate of amendment by the Secretary of State, each amendment shall become effective and the articles shall be deemed to be amended accordingly.

(i) The certificate of amendment shall be conclusive evidence of the performance of all conditions required by this chapter for amendment of articles, except as against the state.

(j) No amendment shall affect any existing cause of action in favor of or against the merchant acquirer limited purpose bank, any pending action in which the merchant acquirer limited purpose bank is a party or existing rights of persons other than shareholders. If the amendment changes the name of the merchant acquirer limited purpose bank, no action by or against the institution shall be abated for that reason."

SECTION 23.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 10, relating to litigation financing, by revising Code Section 7-10-1, relating to definitions, and adding new paragraphs to read as follows:

"7-10-1.

As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) 'Affiliate' or 'affiliated' means a person that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with another person.

(2) 'Commissioner' means the commissioner of banking and finance.

(3) 'Consumer' means any individual who resides, is present, or is domiciled in this state or who is or has standing to become a plaintiff, claimant, or complainant in a civil action, administrative proceeding, legal claim, or other legal proceeding or in pursuit of any claim or cause of action in this state.

(4) 'Department' means the Department of Banking and Finance.

(5) 'Entity' means any domestic or foreign corporation, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company, trust, fund, plan, or any other business, enterprise, association, or organization of any kind or nature.

(6) 'Financial institution' means:

(A) A state or federally chartered bank whose deposits are federally insured;

(B) A trust company;

(C) A state or federal savings and loan association whose deposits are federally insured;

(D) A state or federally chartered credit union whose deposits are federally insured;

(E) A foreign bank branch or foreign bank agency authorized to do business in this state pursuant to Article 14 of Chapter 1 of Title 7; or

(F) A bank holding company.

(7) 'Foreign person' means an individual or an entity that is not:

(A) A citizen of the United States;

(B) An alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States;

(C) An unincorporated association with a majority of members who are citizens of the United States or aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States; or

(D) A corporation that is incorporated in the United States.

~~(7)~~(8) 'Foreign principal' means:

(A) The government or a government official of any country other than the United States;

(B) A political subdivision or political party of a country other than the United States; or

(C) A partnership, association, corporation, organization, or other combination of persons organized under the laws of or having its principal place of business in a country other than the United States whose shares or other ownership interest is owned by the government or a government official of a country other than the United States or is owned by a political subdivision or political party of a country other than the United States.

~~(8)~~(9) 'Legal representative' means any attorney, group of attorneys, or law firm duly licensed and authorized to practice law and to represent a consumer in a civil action, administrative proceeding, legal claim, or other legal proceeding seeking to recover damages in this state.

~~(9)~~(10) 'Litigation financier' means any person engaged in or formed, created, or established for the purpose of engaging in any kind of business or economic activity that involves providing litigation financing in exchange for consideration of any kind.

~~(10)~~(11)(A) ~~'Litigation financing agreement' or 'litigation financing'~~ 'Litigation financing' or 'litigation financing agreement' means an agreement in which a litigation financier agrees to provide financing to a consumer or entity that is or has standing to become a party to a civil action, administrative proceeding, legal claim, or other legal proceeding seeking to recover monetary damages, or to counsel for such consumer or entity, in exchange for a right to receive payment, which right is contingent in any respect on the outcome of such action, claim, or proceedings by settlement, judgment, or otherwise, or on the outcome of any matter within a portfolio that includes such action, claim, or proceedings and involves the same legal representative or affiliated representative.

(B) Such term shall not include:

(i) An agreement wherein a legal representative consents to provide legal services on a contingency fee basis or to advance his or her client's legal costs, and where such services or costs are provided by the legal representative in accordance with the Georgia Rules of Professional Conduct maintained and enforced by the State Bar of Georgia;

(ii) A preexisting contractual obligation to indemnify or defend a party to a civil action, administrative proceeding, legal claim, or other legal proceeding seeking to recover monetary damages, or any other legal proceeding;

(iii) Any obligation of a health insurer to pay any sums for healthcare for an injured person under the terms of a health insurance plan or agreement;

(iv) Any obligation to repay a financial institution~~, as such term is defined in Code Section 10-5A-1,~~ for loans made directly to a party to a civil action, administrative proceeding, legal claim, or other legal proceeding seeking to recover monetary damages, or such party's legal representative, provided that such repayment of such loan is not contingent upon the outcome of such action, claim, or proceedings, or on the outcome of any matter within a portfolio that includes such action, claim, or proceedings, and involves the same legal representative or affiliated legal representative;

(v) Funding provided to a nonprofit organization that is funded by private donations, represents one or more clients on a ~~pro bono~~ pro bono, no-cost basis, and seeks only injunctive relief on behalf of its clients; provided, however, that the provisions of this division shall not be construed to prohibit or otherwise affect any award of costs or attorney's fees to such nonprofit organization seeking only injunctive relief on behalf of a client that such nonprofit organization represents on a ~~pro bono~~ pro bono, no-cost basis, or to such client; or

(vi) Banks, institutional investors, and persons that provide financing to a litigation financier but do not engage in the business of litigation financing; provided, however, that this exclusion shall not apply to banks, institutional investors, and persons affiliated with a litigation financier.

~~(11)~~(12) 'Litigation financing contract' or 'contract' means a written contract memorializing the terms and conditions of a litigation financing agreement.

(12.1) 'Nationwide Multistate Licensing System and Registry' means a licensing system developed and maintained by the Conference of State Bank Supervisors and the American Association of Residential Mortgage Regulators for the licensing and registration of certain persons engaged in nondepository activities.

(13) 'Person' means an individual or entity.

~~(12)~~(14) 'Sovereign wealth fund' means an investment fund owned or controlled by a foreign principal or an agent of such foreign principal.

(15) 'Unique identifier' means a number or other identifier assigned by protocols established by the Nationwide Multistate Licensing System and Registry."

SECTION 24.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by redesignating subsections (f), (g), and (h) of Code Section 7-10-2, relating to registration requirements and regulation by department, as subsections (g), (i), and (j), respectively, and by adding new subsections to read as follows:

"(f) The department shall conduct an investigation of every applicant for registration to determine if all conditions for registration set forth in this chapter and the rules and regulations of the department have been satisfied."

"(h) Except as specifically provided in this chapter, all registrations issued pursuant to this chapter shall expire on December 31 of each year and each application for renewal shall be made annually on or before December 1 of each year. A registration may be renewed by the filing of an application substantially conforming to the requirements of

subsection (c) or (d) of this Code section and Code Section 7-10-2.1 as specifically modified in the department's rules and regulations. An annual registration fee established by rule or regulation of the department to defray the cost of supervision shall be paid with each renewal application and shall not be refunded or prorated."

SECTION 25.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"7-10-2.1.

(a) Each applicant for registration under this chapter shall:

(1) Submit an application in writing, which is made under oath and in such form as the department may prescribe;

(2) Furnish to the Nationwide Multistate Licensing System and Registry the following information:

(A) The legal name and principal office address of the person applying for the registration;

(B) The name, residence, and business address of each director, officer, partner, or owner; and

(C) The location where its initial registered office will be located in this state, if any; and

(3) Submit such other data, financial statements, and pertinent information as the department may require with respect to the applicant, a director, officer, partner, or owner.

(b) The application for registration shall be filed together with:

(1) A fee established by the department through rule or regulation which shall not be refundable;

(2) Items required by other provisions of this chapter including, but limited to, Code Sections 7-10-2 and 7-10-3; and

(3) Other information as may be required by the department.

(c) The department shall enact rules and regulations regarding the time frame by which all persons shall submit an application for registration through the Nationwide Multistate Licensing System and Registry."

SECTION 26.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by redesignating subsections (a) through (d) of Code Section 7-10-3, relating to denial of registration and procedures, as subsections (c) through (f), respectively, by revising the introductory language of subsection (c), and by adding new subsections to read as follows:

"(a) For the purposes of this Code section, the term 'conviction data' means a record of finding, verdict, or plea of guilty or plea of nolo contendere with regard to any crime, regardless of whether an appeal of the conviction has been sought.

(b) The department shall be authorized to obtain conviction data with respect to any applicant or registrant and any person who is a director, officer, partner, or owner of any

applicant or registrant. Criminal history record checks may be requested by the department through the Georgia Crime Information Center and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The department shall have the authority to receive the results of such checks. In connection with an application under this chapter, the department may use the Nationwide Multistate Licensing System and Registry as a channeling agent for the submission of fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and any governmental agency or entity authorized to receive such information for a state, national, and international criminal history background check and the receipt of such checks by the department. Fees required for a criminal history record check by the Georgia Crime Information Center or the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall be paid by the applicant or registrant.

(c) The department may deny a registration to act as a litigation financier or deny a registered litigation financier's amended registration pursuant to subsection ~~(f)~~(g) of Code Section 7-10-2 if the department finds that:"

SECTION 27.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"7-10-3.1.

(a) The department may issue an order requiring a person to cease and desist immediately from unauthorized activities whenever it shall appear to the department that a person not registered under this chapter is engaging in or has engaged in activities requiring registration under this chapter. Such cease and desist order shall be final 30 days from the date of issuance and there shall be no opportunity for an administrative hearing. If the proper registration or evidence of exemption is obtained within the 30 day period, the cease and desist order shall be rescinded by the department.

(b) The cease and desist order shall be in writing, sent by registered or certified mail or statutory overnight delivery, and addressed to the person's business address and, if the person is an individual, to the individual's personal address. Any cease and desist order sent to a person at its business address and, if an individual, his or her personal address that is returned to the department as refused or unclaimed shall be deemed received and lawfully served.

(c) Whenever a person fails to comply with the terms of a final order or decision of the department issued pursuant to this chapter, the department may, through the attorney general and upon three days' notice to such person, petition the principal court for an order directing such person to obey the order of the department within the period of time as shall be fixed by the court. Upon the filing of such petition, the court shall allow a motion to show cause why it should not be granted. After a hearing on the merits or after failure of such person to appear when ordered, the court shall grant the petition of the department upon a finding that the order of the department was properly issued.

(d) Any person who violates the terms of any final order or decision pursuant to this chapter shall be liable for a civil penalty not to exceed $1,000.00. Each day the violation continues shall constitute a separate offense. In determining the amount of the penalty,

the department shall take into account the appropriateness of the penalty relative to the size of the financial resources of such person, the good faith efforts of such person to comply with the order, the gravity of the violation, the history of previous violations by such person, and other factors or circumstances that have contributed to the violation. The department may at its discretion compromise, modify, or refund any penalty which is subject to imposition or has been imposed pursuant to this Code section. Any person assessed as provided in this subsection shall have the right to request a hearing into the matter within ten days after the notification of the assessment has been served, otherwise the penalty shall be final except as to judicial review as provided in Code Section 7-1-90.

(e) Judicial review of any final order or decision of the department entered pursuant to this chapter shall be available solely in the superior court of the county of domicile of the department.

(f) In addition to any other administrative penalties authorized by this chapter, the department may prescribe administrative fines for violations of this chapter and any rules and regulations promulgated by the department pursuant to this chapter."

SECTION 28.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by adding a new subsection to Code Section 7-10-6, relating to contract requirements, disclosures, and representation by counsel, to read as follows:

"(g) In addition to any applicable disclosure requirements, a litigation financing agreement shall clearly display the registrant's name, unique identifier, and business address."

SECTION 29.

Said title is amended in said chapter by revising Code Section 7-10-10, relating to use of nation-wide multistate licensing system and registry, as follows:

"7-10-10.

(a) The department is authorized to:

(1) Participate in the ~~nation-wide multistate licensing system and registry~~ Nationwide Multistate Licensing System and Registry in order to facilitate the sharing of information and standardization of the registration processes for litigation financiers by electronic or other means;

(2) Enter into operating agreements, information sharing agreements, interstate cooperative agreements, and other contracts necessary for the department's participation in the ~~nation-wide multistate licensing system and registry~~ Nationwide Multistate Licensing System and Registry;

(3) Request that the ~~nation-wide multistate licensing system and registry~~ Nationwide Multistate Licensing System and Registry adopt an appropriate privacy, data security, and security breach notification policy that is in full compliance with existing state and federal law;

(4) Disclose or cause to be disclosed without liability via the ~~nation-wide multistate licensing system and registry~~ Nationwide Multistate Licensing System and Registry registration information, including, but not limited to, violations of this chapter and enforcement actions;

(5) Establish and adopt, by rule or regulation, requirements for participation by registrants in the ~~nation-wide multistate licensing system and registry~~ Nationwide Multistate Licensing System and Registry upon the department's determination that each new or amended requirement is consistent with both the public interest and the purposes of this chapter; and

(6) Pay all fees received from applicants and registrants related to registrations to the Office of the State Treasurer; provided, however, that the department may net such fees to recover the cost of participation in the ~~nation-wide multistate licensing system and registry~~ Nationwide Multistate Licensing System and Registry.

(b) Irrespective of its participation in the ~~nation-wide multistate licensing system and registry~~ Nationwide Multistate Licensing System and Registry, the department retains full and exclusive authority over determinations whether to grant registrations to litigation financiers under this chapter. Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to reduce this authority.

(c) Applicants and registrants shall be required to pay any charges associated with their utilization of the ~~nation-wide multistate licensing system and registry~~ Nationwide Multistate Licensing System and Registry."

SECTION 30.

Title 30 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to handicapped persons, is amended in Chapter 5, relating to protection of disabled adults and elder persons, by revising paragraphs (3) and (4) of subsection (b) of Code Section 30-5-7, relating to confidentiality of public records, reasonable access, and redaction in certain circumstances, and by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(3) Agencies participating in joint investigations at the request of and with the department, or conducting separate investigations of abuse, neglect, or exploitation within an agency's scope of authority, unless such records are wholly owned by the federal government; ~~and~~

(4) Coroners or medical examiners in suspicious death investigations; and

(5) A financial institution, as defined in Code Section 7-1-4, that has a reasonable belief that a financial transaction initiated with such financial institution may involve, facilitate, result in, or contribute to the financial exploitation of a disabled adult or elder person. Such financial institution shall have reasonable access only to such records as necessary to inform its decision to place a hold on an account pursuant to Code Section 7-1-239.12."

SECTION 31.

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

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

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

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	E Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
N Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	E Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	E Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	E Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	E Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	E Gunter	Y Mathiak	E Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 161, nays 5.

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

HB 980. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th, Roberts of the 52nd, Tran of the 80th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 12 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commissions and other agencies, so as to create the Georgia-Ireland Trade Commission; to provide for members and purpose of the commission; to provide for annual reporting; to create a fund for commission expenses; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	E Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	E Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	E Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	E Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
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Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	E Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 166, nays 2.

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

HB 629. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Cooper of the 45th, Newton of the 127th, Greene of the 154th and Mathiak of the 82nd:

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

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student health, so as to remove the requirement of having a licensed physician in automated external defibrillator programs; to provide instruction and procedures related to bleeding control kits; to provide a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for contingent effectiveness upon appropriation of funds; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student health, is amended by revising Code Section 20-2-775, relating to automated external defibrillators required in high schools, requirements, and funding, as follows:

"20-2-775.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Automated external defibrillator' means a defibrillator which:

(A) Is capable of cardiac rhythm analysis;

(B) Will charge and be capable of being activated to deliver a countershock after electrically detecting the presence of certain cardiac dysrhythmias; and

(C) Is capable of continuously recording cardiac dysrhythmia at the scene with a mechanism for transfer and storage or for printing for review subsequent to use.

(2) 'Bleeding control kit' means a kit used to stop or slow bleeding in emergencies that is approved by the American College of Surgeons and may be obtained through the Georgia Trauma Commission Bleeding Control Kit Program.

~~(2)~~(3) 'Emergency action plan' means the plan established pursuant to ~~paragraph (5)~~ paragraph (7) of subsection (c) of this Code section to provide for an emergency response to ~~a~~ any person in cardiac arrest or experiencing severe bleeding.

~~(3)~~(4) 'Internal response team' means the team of school personnel established pursuant to ~~paragraph (7)~~ paragraph (9) of subsection (c) of this Code section responsible for oversight of an emergency response to ~~a~~ any person in cardiac arrest or experiencing severe bleeding and implementation of the emergency action plan.

~~(4)~~(5) 'School' means a public school in this state which provides K-12 education.

(b) No later than July 1, 2025, each school in this state shall have at least one functional automated external defibrillator on site at such school at all times and easily accessible during all school hours and during any school related function, including athletic practices, athletic competitions, and other occasions where students and others will be present, for use during emergencies.

(c) Each school shall:

(1) Ensure that each member of the internal response team and any other expected users of the automated external defibrillator receive American Heart Association or American Red Cross training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillator use or complete an equivalent nationally recognized course;

(2) Ensure that each member of the internal response team and any other expected users of the bleeding control kit utilize an instructional or training program established by the American College of Surgeons for stopping bleeding and the use of a bleeding control kit;

~~(2)~~(3) Notify the appropriate emergency medical services system of the existence and location of each automated external defibrillator prior to ~~said~~ such automated external defibrillator being placed in use;

(4) Notify the appropriate emergency medical services system of the existence and location of each bleeding control kit prior to such bleeding control kit being placed in use;

~~(3)~~(5) Ensure that the automated external defibrillator is maintained and tested according to the manufacturer's operational guidelines;

~~(4) Ensure that there is involvement of a licensed physician or other person authorized by the Georgia Composite Medical Board in the site's automated external defibrillator program to ensure compliance with requirements for training, notification, and maintenance;~~

(6) Ensure that the bleeding control kit is maintained and replenished after use;

~~(5)~~(7) Establish a written emergency action plan that adheres to nationally recognized standards and that establishes specific steps to take during ~~a cardiac emergency~~ emergencies in a school setting which involve either cardiac arrest or severe bleeding. Such plan shall be designed to:

(A) Provide ~~provide~~ for an effective system for communication between members of the internal response team and other school officials, ensuring that the internal response team or other designated personnel activate the emergency medical services system as soon as reasonably possible after any person renders emergency care or

treatment to a person in cardiac arrest by using an automated external defibrillator and ~~report any clinical use of the automated external defibrillator to the licensed physician or other person authorized by the Georgia Composite Medical Board who is supervising the program, and~~ ensuring that emergency medical services personnel are led directly to the exact location of the person in cardiac arrest; and

(B) Provide for an effective system for communication between members of the internal response team and other school officials, ensuring that the internal response team or other designated personnel activate the emergency medical services system as soon as reasonably possible after any person renders emergency care or treatment to a person experiencing severe bleeding by using a bleeding control kit and ensuring that emergency medical services personnel are led directly to the exact location of the person experiencing severe bleeding;

~~(6)~~(8) Beginning in the 2025-2026 school year and each school year thereafter, conduct a minimum of two emergency action plan practice drills per school year, with at least one per semester. One such practice drill may be a tabletop drill to walk through a hypothetical scenario and the courses of action a school will need to take before, during, and after ~~a~~ any cardiac emergency or severe bleeding emergency. The emergency action plan practice drills shall include various locations on school grounds and responses to different hypothetical situations;

~~(7)~~(9) Establish a designated internal response team composed of:

(A) At least five school staff members;

(B) One or more designated team leads trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillator use, and bleeding control kits, and responsible for oversight of an emergency response;

(C) One or more designated cardiopulmonary resuscitation leads trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, ~~and~~ automated external defibrillator use, and bleeding control kits;

(D) One or more designated automated external defibrillator leads who shall be responsible for knowing the location of automated external defibrillators, retrieving automated external defibrillators, and maintenance of automated external defibrillators and who shall also be responsible for knowing the location of bleeding control kits, retrieving bleeding control kits, and maintenance of bleeding control kits; and

(E) One or more designated communication leads responsible for activating the emergency medical services system, facilitating directions to ~~the~~ any person in cardiac arrest or experiencing severe bleeding for emergency medical services personnel upon arrival at the school, and coordinating communications with the designated team lead or leads; and

~~(8)~~(10) Apprise all school personnel of the location of automated external defibrillators, bleeding control kits, and the members of the internal response team.

(d) Subject to appropriations by the General Assembly, the Department of Education shall provide funds to local school systems to assist in the purchase of automated external defibrillators pursuant to this Code section.

(e) The department and local systems shall consult as necessary with the Georgia Trauma Commission Bleeding Control Kit Program and Regional Trauma Advisory Committee coordinators to obtain bleeding control kits and training to meet the requirements of this Code section.

~~(e)~~(f) The department and local school systems shall use diligent efforts to identify private sources of funding or donation of funding and equipment for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillator use to meet the requirements of this Code section."

SECTION 2.

(a) This Act shall become effective only if funds are specifically appropriated for purposes of this Act in an appropriations Act enacted by the General Assembly.

(b) If funds are so appropriated, then this Act shall become effective on the later of:

(1) The date on which such appropriations Act becomes effective; or

(2) The beginning date of the fiscal year for which such appropriations are made.

SECTION 3.

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

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

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

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
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Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	E Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
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Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	E Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
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Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	E Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 168, nays 0.

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

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

Representatives Ali of the 106th, Jackson of the 165th et al., and Stinson of the 150th et al.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1272. By Representatives Cannon of the 172nd and Ford of the 170th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Schley Louis Perry, Jr.; and for other purposes.

HR 1273. By Representatives Park of the 107th, Jackson of the 128th, Williams of the 168th, Jackson of the 68th, Howard of the 129th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of George and Sally Lauderdale; and for other purposes.

HR 1274. By Representative Taylor of the 92nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Aduke Aremu; and for other purposes.

HR 1275. By Representatives Crawford of the 89th, Mitchell of the 88th, Miller of the 62nd and Kendrick of the 95th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Dr. Thomas L. Coleman; and for other purposes.

HR 1276. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Barrett of the 24th, Carpenter of the 4th, Blackmon of the 146th, Gambill of the 15th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the 2025 Technical College System of Georgia awards winners; and for other purposes.

HR 1277. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Neal of the 79th, Bonner of the 73rd, Kelley of the 16th, Paris of the 142nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the 52nd anniversary of the Consulate-General of Japan in Atlanta; and for other purposes.

HR 1278. By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, Cooper of the 45th, Gullett of the 19th, Parsons of the 44th, Ehrhart of the 36th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and congratulating Annabelle Tidmore, Miss Cobb County's Teen 2026; and for other purposes.

HR 1279. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th and Scoggins of the 14th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Cartersville Middle School competition cheerleading team for winning the 2025 GHSA Class 4A State Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 1280. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th and Scoggins of the 14th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Cartersville High School competition cheerleading team for winning the 2025 GHSA Class 4A State Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 1281. By Representatives Hong of the 103rd, Reeves of the 99th, Hilton of the 48th, Jones of the 47th, Rice of the 139th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Roots and Routes Indo-US Chamber of Commerce; and for other purposes.

HR 1282. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, Burns of the 159th, Hatchett of the 155th, Tarvin of the 2nd, Greene of the 154th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the Georgia Building Authority team for excellence in the restoration of the Georgia State Capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1283. By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, Cooper of the 45th, Gullett of the 19th, Parsons of the 44th, Ehrhart of the 36th and others:

A RESOLUTION Recognizing and congratulating Dominique Verville, Miss Cobb County 2026; and for other purposes.

HR 1284. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Kelley of the 16th, Tarvin of the 2nd, Ridley of the 6th and Hawkins of the 27th:

A RESOLUTION honoring and commending Spectrum News Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 1285. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Hong of the 103rd, Carpenter of the 4th, Donatucci of the 105th, Cheokas of the 151st and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 9-13, 2026, as Georgia Donor Week at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1286. By Representatives Huddleston of the 72nd, Howard of the 71st, Smith of the 18th, Smith of the 70th, New of the 40th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the University of West Georgia cheerleading team; and for other purposes.

Representative Thomas of the 21st District, Chairman of the Special Committee on Resource Management, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 1063 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Thomas of the 21st
Chairman

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House do now adjourn until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Monday, February 9, 2026, and the motion prevailed.

Pursuant to the adjournment Resolution previously adopted by the House and Senate, the Speaker announced the House adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Monday, February 9, 2026.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Monday, February 9, 2026

Fifteenth Legislative Day

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

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

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

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

Representatives Bell of the 75th, Byrd of the 20th, Cannon of the 58th, Carson of the 46th, Crowe of the 118th, Dempsey of the 13th, Frye of the 122nd, Gaines of the 120th, Holland of the 54th, Howard of the 129th, Jasperse of the 11th, Lim of the 98th, McQueen of the 61st, Mitchell of the 88th, Myles of the 126th, Neal of the 79th, Newton of the 127th,

Romman of the 97th, Sanchez of the 42nd, Santos of the 117th, Sharper of the 177th, Tran of the 80th, and Williams of the 37th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

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

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

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

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

The Journal was confirmed.

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

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

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

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

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

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

HB 1230. By Representatives Jones of the 25th, Thomas of the 21st, Crowe of the 118th, Hitchens of the 161st and Lumsden of the 12th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding aviation, so as to prohibit the operation of unmanned aircraft systems over a place of incarceration; to provide for a definition; to provide for exceptions; to require posting of signs warning of such prohibition; to provide for violations and

penalties; to declare such systems contraband; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation.

HB 1231. By Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Momtahan of the 17th, Parsons of the 44th, Greene of the 154th and Wilkerson of the 38th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 2 of Part 6 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to conditions of employment, so as to provide that teachers shall not be required to supervise students during their duty-free lunch period or planning period except in cases of extreme emergency; to require that teachers who supervise students during their duty-free lunch period or planning period are compensated in cases other than an extreme emergency; to provide that requirements related to duty-free lunch periods and planning periods for teachers shall not be subject to waiver; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 1232. By Representatives Cheokas of the 151st, Erwin of the 32nd, Dubnik of the 29th, Ballard of the 147th, Hilton of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 2 of Part 1 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to compulsory attendance, so as to provide that certain students be excused from school for participating in certain officially sanctioned visits to the state capitol; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 1233. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Crowe of the 118th, Clifton of the 131st, Frye of the 122nd and Washburn of the 144th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 71 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to development impact fees, so as to authorize local governments to waive development impact fees for certain projects related to the development of affordable or workforce housing without increasing other impact fees to offset such lost funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 1234. By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, McDonald III of the 26th, Mathis of the 133rd, Santos of the 117th and Stinson of the 150th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 19 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the State Employees' Assurance Department, so as to provide for the assignment of certain group term life insurance benefits to pay for funeral services of a deceased individual who was a member of the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia, Georgia Legislative Retirement System, or Georgia Judicial Retirement System; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

HB 1235. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Momtahan of the 17th, Reeves of the 99th, Gullett of the 19th, Herring of the 145th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to government transparency and campaign finance, so as to provide that candidates, campaign committees, independent committees, and leadership committees that receive more than 50 percent of their funding from non-Georgia persons shall provide certain notices on their campaign advertisements; to provide for definitions; to provide that candidates and campaign committees shall provide certain disclosures on their websites with regard to the percentages of out-of-state and in-state funding received by the candidate or campaign committee; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 1236. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Newton of the 127th, Hatchett of the 155th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Douglas of the 78th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 33-46-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to requirements for certification, utilization of nationally recognized accreditation standards, and website identifying nationally recognized accreditation entities, so as to provide that, in cases where a private review agent or utilization review entity is questioning the medical necessity of a healthcare service, a final determination on medical necessity must be agreed to by a clinical peer licensed in this state; to provide

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

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HB 1237. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Tran of the 80th, Davis of the 87th, Carter of the 93rd, Bazemore of the 69th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to waste management, so as to enact the "Pollution Prevention and Producer Responsibility Act of 2026"; to provide for definitions; to provide for the creation of a Producer Responsibility Advisory Board; to provide for the development and publication and distribution of recyclable covered materials lists and approved recycling processes; to provide for the development and publication and distribution of compostable covered materials lists; to provide for a reuse financial assistance program; to provide for the reduction of toxins in covered materials; to provide for certain reports; to provide for enforcement; to provide for rule making; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources & Environment.

HB 1238. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Hawkins of the 27th, Cameron of the 1st, Crawford of the 89th and Cooper of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to direct the Department of Community Health to submit a waiver request to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to authorize the qualification of certain caregivers for Medicaid reimbursement for the provision of respite care and related services; to provide for implementation upon approval; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Human Relations & Aging.

HB 1239. By Representatives Berry of the 56th, Wilkerson of the 38th, Ali of the 106th, Clark of the 108th and Lupton of the 83rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 2 of Part 1 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to compulsory attendance relative to elementary and secondary school students, so as to require the local governing body for each school system and public

school to adopt a policy providing that students shall be granted not less than two excused absences per school year for attending or participating in a civic or political event; to require the State Board of Education to develop a model policy; to provide a definition; to provide a short title; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 1240. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Cox of the 28th, Kelley of the 16th, Hilton of the 48th and Cannon of the 172nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to redevelopment powers, so as to provide that the total ad valorem tax digest limitation upon creating new tax allocation districts shall also apply to the renewal of existing tax allocation districts; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1241. By Representatives Crawford of the 89th and Oliver of the 84th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Decatur, approved April 13, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001, p. 4351), as amended, so as to revise provisions regarding the city commission and the public school system; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1242. By Representatives Byrd of the 20th, Kahaian of the 81st, Horner of the 3rd, Mathiak of the 82nd and Ridley of the 22nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 12 of Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to control of hazardous conditions, preventable diseases, and metabolic disorders, so as to repeal the authority of the Department of Public Health and all county boards of health to require persons to submit to vaccinations against or other measures to prevent contagious or infectious diseases; to provide for related matters; to provide a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 1243. By Representatives Holcomb of the 101st, Jones of the 25th, Barrett of the 24th and Miller of the 62nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state printing and documents, so as to provide bona fide researchers with legal means to access criminal justice data and records; to provide for legislative findings and declarations; to provide for definitions; to require that the Attorney General provide guidance to criminal justice agencies in the sharing of criminal justice data, records, and information with bona fide researchers; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1244. By Representatives Ali of the 106th, Ballard of the 147th, Glaize of the 67th, Greene of the 154th and Carter of the 93rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-218 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to duty-free lunch period and planning period required, exemption for extenuating circumstances, and funding, so as to provide that said Code section shall not be subject to waiver; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HR 1269. By Representatives Glaize of the 67th, Barrett of the 24th, Frye of the 122nd, Erwin of the 32nd, Prince of the 132nd and others:

A RESOLUTION urging the Georgia Department of Education to provide informational support to school districts to encourage testing school pipes and fixtures for lead, to utilize federal funding to pay for such testing, and to remedy any problems found as a result of such testing; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1270. By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, Hawkins of the 27th, Franklin of the 160th, Stephens of the 164th, Rice of the 139th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing May 2026 as Save Your Tooth Month; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1271. By Representatives Cannon of the 172nd and Ford of the 170th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mr. William Brown Lovett and dedicating an interchange in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

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

HB 1197
HB 1198
HB 1199
HB 1200
HB 1201
HB 1202
HB 1203
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HB 1228
HB 1229
HR 1242
HR 1243
HR 1244
HR 1245
HR 1246
SB 239
SB 403

Representative Smith of the 18th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 74 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Smith of the 18th
Chairman

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

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 09, 2026

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 15th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

HB 632	Professions and businesses; clarify certain veterans' eligibility for exemption with regard to payment of occupation taxes, administrative fees, and regulatory fees (RegI-Bonner-73rd)
HB 657	Mental health; qualifications of recovery community organizations for substance use; provide (P&CH-Hagan-156th)
HB 676	Property; fine for any frivolous mechanic lien filed; provide (Judy-Clifton-131st)
HB 957	Motor vehicles; operation of miniature on-road vehicles on certain highways; provide (MotV-Clifton-131st)
HB 1215	Middle Judicial Circuit; superior courts; provide for a third judge (Judy-Parrish-158th)
SB 162	Georgia Composite Medical Board; implement an automated credentialing system for healthcare providers in this state; provide (Substitute) (P&CH-Cooper-45th) Hufstetler-52nd

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

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

SB 383. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Albers of the 56th, Hatchett of the 50th, Robertson of the 29th, Jackson of the 41st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 15 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to child abuse, so as to modify the review to be performed by local child fatality review committees; to add members to such committees; to provide for required attendance for training; to clarify the scope of child deaths subject to review; to modify deadlines and requirements for reports relating to child deaths; to modify the procedures of the coroner or medical examiner and the review committee in identifying child deaths that meet the statutory criteria for review by the review committee; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 402. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Dixon of the 45th, Walker III of the 20th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to programs and protection for children and youth, so as to establish a pilot program relating to the provision of screenings, clinical evaluations, training, services, and resources for autism spectrum disorder to children in foster care; to provide for definitions; to provide for the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services to develop and implement such pilot program; to provide for a final report and recommendations; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 431. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Hatchett of the 50th, Payne of the 54th, Gooch of the 51st and Parent of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-670 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to disclosures and information required for permanent enrollment in a grade higher than third, provisional enrollment, and transfer of education records, so as to require the enrollment of foster care students within two school days of a request for enrollment by such student's parent or legal custodian; to provide for reporting noncompliance and for

corrective action plans; to revise provisions relative to provisional enrollment; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

SR 622. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Hatchett of the 50th, Parent of the 44th, Payne of the 54th, Brass of the 6th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Joint Study Committee on Evaluating Escalating Costs in Georgia's Foster Care System; and for other purposes.

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

SB 383. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Albers of the 56th, Hatchett of the 50th, Robertson of the 29th, Jackson of the 41st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 15 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to child abuse, so as to modify the review to be performed by local child fatality review committees; to add members to such committees; to provide for required attendance for training; to clarify the scope of child deaths subject to review; to modify deadlines and requirements for reports relating to child deaths; to modify the procedures of the coroner or medical examiner and the review committee in identifying child deaths that meet the statutory criteria for review by the review committee; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Juvenile.

SB 402. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Dixon of the 45th, Walker III of the 20th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to programs and protection for children and youth, so as to establish a pilot program relating to the provision of screenings, clinical evaluations, training, services, and resources for autism spectrum disorder to children in foster care; to provide for definitions; to provide for the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services to develop and implement such pilot program; to provide for a final report and recommendations; to provide for rules and regulations; to

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

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Juvenile.

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A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-670 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to disclosures and information required for permanent enrollment in a grade higher than third, provisional enrollment, and transfer of education records, so as to require the enrollment of foster care students within two school days of a request for enrollment by such student's parent or legal custodian; to provide for reporting noncompliance and for corrective action plans; to revise provisions relative to provisional enrollment; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

SR 622. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Hatchett of the 50th, Parent of the 44th, Payne of the 54th, Brass of the 6th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Joint Study Committee on Evaluating Escalating Costs in Georgia's Foster Care System; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Juvenile.

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

Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Corbett of the 174th et al., Carter of the 93rd et al., Bazemore of the 69th et al., Jackson of the 68th et al., Roberts of the 52nd et al., Griffin of the 149th, Crawford of the 89th et al., Reese of the 140th et al., Mathis of the 133rd, Hong of the 103rd et al., Martinez of the 111th et al., Crowe of the 118th, Williamson of the 112th et al., Meeks of the 178th et al., and Santos of the 117th et al.

Pursuant to HR 1137, the House congratulated Sonic Edge of Pebblebrook High School for winning the 2025 International Championship of High School A Cappella.

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

HB 1215. By Representatives Parrish of the 158th, Jackson of the 128th, Hagan of the 156th and Prince of the 132nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the number of judges of superior courts, so as to provide for a third judge of the superior courts of the Middle Judicial Circuit; to provide for the appointment and term of such additional judge by the Governor; to authorize the governing authority of the counties comprising the Middle Judicial Circuit to provide facilities, office space, supplies, equipment, and personnel for such judges; to declare inherent authority; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
E Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	E Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Blackmon	E Dunahoo	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N

Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 166, nays 0.

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

HB 957. By Representatives Clifton of the 131st, Corbett of the 174th, Persinger of the 119th, Camp of the 135th, New of the 40th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to provide for the operation of miniature on-road vehicles on certain highways; to require posting of notice of such prohibition upon highways; to revise and provide for a definition; to amend Code Section 48-5-473 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to returns for taxation and application for and issuance of license plates upon payment of taxes due, so as to provide for payment of ad valorem taxes upon such vehicles; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	E Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
E Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
N Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	E Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Blackmon	E Dunahoo	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran

Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
N Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 162, nays 5.

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

HB 676. By Representatives Clifton of the 131st, Gunter of the 8th, Reeves of the 99th, Wiedower of the 121st, Persinger of the 119th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 8 of Chapter 14 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mechanics and materialmen relative to liens, so as to provide for a fine for any frivolous mechanic lien filed; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

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

Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 165, nays 0.

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

HB 657. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th, Dempsey of the 13th, Cameron of the 1st, Buckner of the 137th, Willis of the 55th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mental health, so as to provide for the qualifications of recovery community organizations for substance use; to provide for definitions; to provide for the certification of peer specialists; to provide for the approval of certification training bodies; to designate one state-wide recovery community organization; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	E Silcox

Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Blackmon	E Dunahoo	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 167, nays 2.

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

HB 632. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Jenkins of the 136th, Blackmon of the 146th, Holcomb of the 101st, Williams of the 168th and others:

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

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

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

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	E Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Blackmon	E Dunahoo	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 169, nays 0.

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

SB 162. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Watson of the 1st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Tillery of the 19th and Walker III of the 20th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Georgia Composite Medical Board, so as to provide for the board to implement an automated credentialing system for healthcare providers in this state; to provide for requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Georgia Composite Medical Board, so as to provide for the board to implement an automated licensing system for certain healthcare providers in this state; to provide for guidelines; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative declarations and intent; to provide for contingent effectiveness and automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.
This Act shall be known and may be cited as "The Paul Brock Act."

SECTION 2.
The Georgia Composite Medical Board has recently implemented a new data management system used in the licensing of healthcare providers. It is the intent of the General Assembly that this new system be further modified to allow healthcare providers to input credentialing information specific to their facility with the outcome being that, once credentialed and licensed in Georgia, the healthcare provider would be available to all healthcare facilities without the need for additional credentialing.

SECTION 3.
Article 1 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Georgia Composite Medical Board, is amended in Code Section 43-34-6, relating to board as an independent agency, executive director, meetings and hearings, licenses, certificates, and permits, investigations, venue, credit to veterans, and annual report, by adding new subsections to read as follows:

"(k) No later than January 1, 2027, the board shall modify its data management software system to streamline and automate the licensing process for physicians, physician assistants, and anesthesiologist assistants. No later than January 1, 2027, such system shall be fully operational for other healthcare providers licensed by the board.

(l) The system provided for in subsection (k) of this Code section may:

(1) Organize, verify, and store the licenses of healthcare providers, allowing for a single verification process that results in authorization state wide, provided that a healthcare facility, licensee, or applicant inputs the credentialing information and agrees to such authorization;

(2) If available, be customizable so that a healthcare facility can add requirements to meet such facility's rules, regulations, or bylaws;

(3) Allow any healthcare facility to accept the information for licensing as acceptance for credentialing and any healthcare provider to add additional requirements for credentialing in their facility;
(4) Allow for administrative approval of licenses by the board to provide for physicians, physician assistants, and anesthesiologist assistants to be available for employment immediately upon meeting all requirements; and
(5) Perform any other functions the board deems necessary to improve licensing processes under this chapter."

SECTION 4.

This Act shall become effective only if funds are specifically appropriated for the purposes of such Act in an appropriations Act enacted by the General Assembly and shall stand repealed by operation of law on December 31, 2030, if no such funding becomes available before such date.

SECTION 5.

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

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

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

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
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Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
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Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	E Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Blackmon	E Dunahoo	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
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Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 167, nays 0.

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

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

Representatives Camp of the 135th, Ali of the 106th, Mathiak of the 82nd et al., Powell of the 33rd et al., and Cannon of the 58th.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1287. By Representative O'Steen of the 169th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending T.E. Moye, Jr.; and for other purposes.

HR 1288. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Blackmon of the 146th, Efstration of the 104th, Carpenter of the 4th and Barrett of the 24th:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Dr. Ekaterina Mirzakulova; and for other purposes.

HR 1289. By Representatives Rice of the 139th, Smith of the 138th, Reese of the 140th, Buckner of the 137th and Hugley of the 141st:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Brian Daniel Waters; and for other purposes.

HR 1290. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Newton of the 127th, Efstration of the 104th, Carpenter of the 4th and Barrett of the 24th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Ms. Stacey Mabray; and for other purposes.

HR 1291. By Representatives Buckner of the 137th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Camp of the 135th, Dempsey of the 13th, Smith of the 70th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Eden Pethel; and for other purposes.

HR 1292. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Dempsey of the 13th, Efstration of the 104th, Carpenter of the 4th and Barrett of the 24th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Ms. Noelia Sargento; and for other purposes.

HR 1293. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Hagan of the 156th, Efstration of the 104th, Carpenter of the 4th and Barrett of the 24th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Jason Colbert; and for other purposes.

HR 1294. By Representatives Jackson of the 68th, Reese of the 140th, Mitchell of the 88th, Willis of the 55th and Prince of the 132nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 19, 2026, Alpha Day at the Capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1295. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Fleming of the 114th, Paris of the 142nd and Martinez of the 111th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the first full week in May as Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week 2026; and for other purposes.

HR 1296. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Fleming of the 114th, Paris of the 142nd, Martinez of the 111th and Cox of the 28th:

A RESOLUTION commending Georgia's trauma professionals, the Georgia Trauma Commission, and the Georgia Trauma Foundation and recognizing February 24, 2026, as Trauma Awareness Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1297. By Representatives Santos of the 117th, Holly of the 116th, Lewis-Ward of the 115th, Kahaian of the 81st, Douglas of the 78th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the City of McDonough, Georgia, upon the first annual McDonough Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

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

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

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

Sixteenth Legislative Day

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

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

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

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

Representatives Clark of the 100th, Donatucci of the 105th, Draper of the 90th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Evans of the 57th, Frye of the 122nd, Jackson of the 165th, Jasperse of the 11th, Lim of the 98th, Oliver of the 84th, Ridley of the 22nd, Santos of the 117th, and Williams of the 37th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Reverend Leighton Cooley, Roberta Evangelical Church, Roberta, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

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

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

The Journal was confirmed.

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

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

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

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

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

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

HB 1245. By Representatives Cameron of the 1st and Tarvin of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the election of the members of the Board of Education of Walker County, approved March 8, 1968 (Ga. L. 1968, p. 2235), as amended, so as to provide that future members of the board shall be elected by the voters of the respective education districts instead of by voters of the entire school system; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1246. By Representative Anderson of the 10th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Clayton; to provide for reincorporation, boundaries, and powers of the city; to provide for the examples of powers; to provide for bonded and other indebtedness; to provide for accounting and budgeting; to provide for contracting and purchasing; to provide for sale of city property; to provide for bonds for officers; to provide for prior ordinances, current employees, and pending matters; to provide for penalties; to provide for definitions and construction; to provide for charter reviews; to provide for severability; to provide for related matters; to repeal specific Acts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1247. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Powell of the 33rd, Tarvin of the 2nd, Horner of the 3rd, Donatucci of the 105th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions, so as to prohibit courts and administrative officers from deferring to agency interpretations of laws and regulations; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 1248. By Representatives Jackson of the 68th, Bell of the 75th, Mitchell of the 88th, Clark of the 108th and Park of the 107th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, so as to provide for the regulation, licensure, taxation, and use of cannabis; to authorize counties and municipal corporations to adopt certain ordinances; to amend Code Section 36-1-20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ordinances for governing and policing of unincorporated areas of county, so as to authorize counties to adopt ordinances governing and punishing the possession of two ounces or less of marijuana; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 1249. By Representative Santos of the 117th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 19A of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to American history recognition and significant documents, so as to require public elementary and secondary schools in this state to display the Bill of Rights in multiple locations; to provide for specifications for such displays; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 1250. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Hawkins of the 27th, Taylor of the 173rd, Dempsey of the 13th, Petrea of the 166th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions concerning the Department of Public Health, so as to require certain hospitals to offer perinatal bereavement care counseling options and any available perinatal bereavement devices; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for contingent effectiveness upon appropriation of funds; to provide for a repealer clause; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 1251. By Representatives Davis of the 87th, Scott of the 76th, Schofield of the 63rd, Ali of the 106th and Taylor of the 92nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of specialized land transactions, so as to provide for community associations to disclose documents to unit owners upon request; to provide for community associations to maintain certain records; to provide for the creation of an online database; to provide for annual reports; to provide for a civil action; to provide for attorney's fees; to provide for penalties; to provide for definitions; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 1252. By Representatives Olaleye of the 59th, Oliver of the 84th, Frye of the 122nd, Hagan of the 156th, McCollum of the 30th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to conveyances, so as to prohibit certain entities from acquiring an interest in a single-family residence in certain circumstances; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1253. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Jones of the 47th, Dickey of the 134th, Williams of the 148th, Hilton of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 31B of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to charter school capital finance, so as to establish the Georgia Charter School Facilities Authority for the purpose of enabling charter schools to obtain revolving loan funds and other public financing assistance for purposes of constructing, renovating, and rehabilitating educational facilities for such schools; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 17 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission Act," so as to provide for the issuance of general obligation bonds by the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission to provide for educational facilities for charter schools; to provide for and revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 1254. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Hatchett of the 155th, Wade of the 9th, Prince of the 132nd, Seabaugh of the 34th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend various titles of the O.C.G.A., so as to move the regulation of various professions from individual boards to the Secretary of State; to amend Chapter 14 of Title 10 of the O.C.G.A., relating to cemetery and funeral services; to amend Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to professions and businesses; to amend Code Section 53-2-27 of the O.C.G.A., relating to DNA testing; to amend Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to professions and businesses; to amend Title 43 and Code Section 12-8-107 of the O.C.G.A., relating to professions and businesses; to amend Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to professions and businesses; to amend Code Section 43-10A-5 of the O.C.G.A., relating to powers and duties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

HB 1255. By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Hong of the 103rd, Leverett of the 123rd and Panitch of the 51st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 17 and Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Title 24 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure and subpoenas and notice to produce, respectively, so as to modify provisions relating to motions and discovery in criminal cases; to modernize discovery processes; to revise provisions relating to service of subpoenas; to amend Code Section 35-3-151 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to responsibilities of the Division of Forensic Sciences, so to correct a cross-reference; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 1256. By Representatives Berry of the 56th, Herring of the 145th, McQueen of the 61st, Park of the 107th, Burnough of the 77th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Student Finance Authority, so as to provide for student loan repayment for public school teachers who graduated from an eligible postsecondary educational institution in Georgia and who have taught for at least five years in a public school in this state; to provide for definitions; to provide for eligibility; to provide for student loan repayment agreements and conditions; to provide for maximum student loan repayment amounts; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for an appropriations contingency; to provide for related matters; to provide a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HB 1257. By Representatives Rice of the 139th, Hilton of the 48th, Donatucci of the 105th and Ballard of the 147th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to revise provisions for incentive grants for local boards of education to approve charter school petitions; to revise provisions for the Office of Charter School Compliance; to revise provisions relative to charter petitions by existing charter schools; to revise provisions relative to state charter school records; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 1258. By Representatives Reese of the 140th, Hugley of the 141st, Rice of the 139th, Buckner of the 137th and Smith of the 138th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act establishing the State Court of Muscogee County, approved December 20, 1884 (Ga. L. 1884-85, p. 455), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 19, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 4423), so as to provide an additional judge; to provide for the election of the initial additional judge; to provide for terms of office of said additional judge and successors to such judge; to provide for the powers and privileges of said additional judge; to provide for the compensation and expenses of said additional judge; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1259. By Representatives Dubnik of the 29th, Erwin of the 32nd, Hatchett of the 155th and Jones of the 25th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 4 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to financing relative to the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to prohibit virtual instruction to out-of-system students if the local school system has a College and Career Ready Performance Index below the state average; to require an agreement between local school systems to allow for an out-of-system student to attend a virtual school; to require out-of-system students to not be counted toward equalization funds received by a local school system; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 1260. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th, Burchett of the 176th, Chastain of the 7th, Campbell of the 171st, O'Steen of the 169th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government, so as to provide for cessation of payment of salary, compensation, and expenses to members of county and municipal governing authorities who fail to certify completion of mandatory training; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 1261. By Representatives Huddleston of the 72nd, Dickey of the 134th, Williamson of the 112th, Frye of the 122nd, Cannon of the 172nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax exemptions, so as to provide for level 1 freeport exemptions for certain goods in inventory for electric utilities; to provide for application for such exemptions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

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

HB 1230	HB 1231
HB 1232	HB 1233
HB 1234	HB 1235
HB 1236	HB 1237
HB 1238	HB 1239
HB 1240	HB 1241
HB 1242	HB 1243
HB 1244	HR 1269
HR 1270	HR 1271
SB 383	SB 402
SB 431	SR 622

Representative Hawkins of the 27th District, Chairman of the Committee on Health, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 662	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 810	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 970	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Hawkins of the 27th
Chairman

Representative Gunter of the 8th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 211	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 1024	Do Pass
HB 1042	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 1187	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Gunter of the 8th
Chairman

Representative Camp of the 135th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, Juvenile, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 256	Do Pass, by Substitute

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

Representative Corbett of the 174th District, Chairman of the Committee on Motor Vehicles, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Motor Vehicles has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 585	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 1073	Do Pass
HB 1181	Do Pass	HB 1202	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Corbett of the 174th
Chairman

Representative Powell of the 33rd District, Chairman of the Committee on Regulated Industries, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Regulated Industries has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 504	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1086	Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 220	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Powell of the 33rd
Chairman

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

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 16th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

HB 944	Motor vehicles; federal regulations regarding safe operation of commercial motor carriers and commercial vehicles; update reference date (MotV-McDonald III-26th)
HB 1015	Self-insurers Guaranty Trust Fund; revise certain funded levels (I&L-Werkheiser-157th)
HR 1050	Property; lease or conveyance of certain state owned property; authorize (SProp-Greene-154th)

HR 1051 Property; granting of non-exclusive easements of certain state owned property; authorize (SProp-Greene-154th)

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

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has agreed to the House substitute as amended by the Senate to the following bill of the Senate:

SB 170. By Senators Jackson of the 41st, Robertson of the 29th, Summers of the 13th and Halpern of the 39th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 12 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commissions and other agencies, so as to create the Georgia Interagency Council for the Homeless; to provide for the purpose, membership, and duties of such council; to provide for reporting of activities; to provide for compensation; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

SB 146. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Hatchett of the 50th, Robertson of the 29th, Albers of the 56th, Mallow of the 2nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 31, 36, and 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, local government, and property, respectively, so as to provide regulations and protections of cemeteries and burial grounds; to revise procedures concerning the issuance of permits for the disinterment and reinterment of human remains; to provide definitions; to provide statutory construction; to conform cross-references; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 150. By Senators Hickman of the 4th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Payne of the 54th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 47 of the O.C.G.A., relating to retirement allowances, disability benefits, and spouses' benefits, so as to extend the program to permit public school systems to employ certain beneficiaries of the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia as classroom teachers in a full-time capacity to June 30, 2034; to reduce the number of years worked by a beneficiary to 25 before being eligible to be hired under this Code section; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 411. By Senators Still of the 48th, Watson of the 1st and Kirkpatrick of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, so as to provide for dry needling to be performed by certain licensed professionals; to provide for definitions; to restrict certain representations and advertisements related to the performance of dry needling; to provide for education and training requirements for occupational therapists to perform dry needling; to provide for disciplinary action; to provide for training requirements for acupuncturists; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

SB 146. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Hatchett of the 50th, Robertson of the 29th, Albers of the 56th, Mallow of the 2nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 31, 36, and 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, local government, and property, respectively, so as to provide regulations and protections of cemeteries and burial grounds; to revise procedures concerning the issuance of permits for the disinterment and reinterment of human remains; to provide definitions; to provide statutory construction; to conform cross-references; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

SB 150. By Senators Hickman of the 4th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Payne of the 54th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 47 of the O.C.G.A., relating to retirement allowances, disability benefits, and spouses' benefits, so as to extend the program to permit public school systems to employ certain beneficiaries of the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia as classroom teachers in a full-time capacity to June 30, 2034; to reduce the number of years worked by a beneficiary to 25 before being eligible to be hired under this Code section; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

SB 411. By Senators Still of the 48th, Watson of the 1st and Kirkpatrick of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, so as to provide for dry needling to be performed by certain licensed professionals; to provide for definitions; to restrict certain representations and advertisements related to the performance of dry needling; to provide for education and training requirements for occupational therapists to perform dry needling; to provide for disciplinary action; to provide for training requirements for acupuncturists; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

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

Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Carter of the 93rd, Corbett of the 174th et al., Burchett of the 176th et al., Ford of the 170th, Griffin of the 149th et al., Blackmon of the 146th et al., Bonner of the 73rd et al., Mathiak of the 82nd et al., Parrish of the 158th, Scott of the 76th et al., Crowe of the 118th et al., Smith of the 18th, Kahaian of the 81st et al., LaHood of the 175th, Reese of the 140th et al., and Bazemore of the 69th et al.

Pursuant to HR 1081, the House recognized February 10, 2026, as Georgia Farm Bureau Federation Day at the state capitol.

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

HB 1066. By Representatives Wade of the 9th, Powell of the 33rd, Mathiak of the 82nd, Smith of the 18th, Bonner of the 73rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 41 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding nuisances, so as to provide immunity from public and private nuisance claims; to provide for immunity for nuisance claims based on changed conditions; to permit nuisance claims for changed conditions relating to changes in the historical operating schedule; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HR 1050. By Representatives Greene of the 154th, Dunahoo of the 31st, Beckles of the 96th, Buckner of the 137th and Flournoy of the 74th:

A RESOLUTION authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned property in Clayton County; authorizing the lease of certain state owned property in Dawson County; authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned property in DeKalb County; authorizing the lease of certain state owned property in Troup County; to provide an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

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

Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
E Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Carson	Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the adoption of the Resolution, the ayes were 165, nays 0.

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

HR 1051. By Representatives Greene of the 154th, Dunahoo of the 31st, Beckles of the 96th, Buckner of the 137th and Flournoy of the 74th:

A RESOLUTION authorizing the granting of non-exclusive easements for the construction, operation and maintenance of facilities, utilities, roads, and ingress and egress in, on, over, under, upon, across, or through property owned by the State of Georgia in Baldwin, Bartow, Bulloch, Camden, Catoosa, Chattooga, Clayton, Colquitt, DeKalb, Emanuel, Glynn, Habersham, Hall, Laurens, McDuffie, Morgan, Oconee, Paulding, Peach, Talbot, Tift, and Walton Counties, Georgia and Hamilton County, Tennessee; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper

Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	E Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
E Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the adoption of the Resolution, the ayes were 166, nays 0.

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

HB 944. By Representatives McDonald III of the 26th, Crowe of the 118th, Hitchens of the 161st and Lumsden of the 12th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to safe operations of motor carriers, commercial motor vehicles, and drivers and safe transportation of hazardous materials, so as to update the reference date to federal regulations regarding the safe operation of motor carriers and commercial motor vehicles; to revise a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	N Sampson

Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	N Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	E Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
E Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	N Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	E Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 162, nays 4.

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

HB 1015. By Representative Werkheiser of the 157th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 10 of Chapter 9 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Self-insurers Guaranty Trust Fund regarding workers' compensation, so as to revise certain funded levels of such fund; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	N McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	E Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
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Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
E Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
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Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
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Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
E Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 165, nays 3.

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

Representative Lumsden of the 12th moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the Committee on Insurance and recommitted to the Committee on Governmental Affairs:

HB 868. By Representatives Lumsden of the 12th, Scoggins of the 14th, Kelley of the 16th, Gunter of the 8th, Taylor of the 173rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state employees' health insurance plan, so as to provide for certain retiring county officers and

the spouses and dependents of such officers to be included in certain county health plans; to provide for definitions; to provide for the payment of premiums; to provide for a formula to ensure savings are preserved; to provide for contracting with the Association County Commissioners of Georgia; to provide for reasonable fees; to provide for termination and reinstatement; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Douglas of the 78th moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the Committee on Insurance and recommitted to the Committee on Health:

HB 1122. By Representatives Douglas of the 78th, Newton of the 127th, Hugley of the 141st, Hawkins of the 27th and Howard of the 129th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions regarding insurance generally; to amend Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations; to amend Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the O.C.G.A., relating to employees' insurance and benefits plans; to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the O.C.G.A. to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

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

Representatives Jones of the 143rd et al., Ali of the 106th, Townsend of the 179th et al., Hagan of the 156th, Jackson of the 165th et al., and Holly of the 116th.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1301. By Representative Hatchett of the 155th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Angela Watkins, recipient of the Leadership Excellence Award; and for other purposes.

HR 1302. By Representative Hatchett of the 155th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Jennifer Yansom, recipient of the EDWCM Support Staff of the Year award; and for other purposes.

HR 1303. By Representative Hatchett of the 155th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Kyle Fisette, recipient of the New Administrator of The Year award; and for other purposes.

HR 1304. By Representatives Campbell of the 35th, Cummings of the 39th, Jones of the 60th, Evans of the 57th, Hugley of the 141st and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 24, 2026, as ERA day in the state of Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 1305. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Barnes of the 86th, Drenner of the 85th and Park of the 107th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Dr. James Matthew Garrett; and for other purposes.

HR 1306. By Representative Prince of the 132nd:

A RESOLUTION honoring Lula Raines of Augusta, Georgia, as she reaches the grand milestone of her 90th birthday; and for other purposes.

HR 1307. By Representative Hatchett of the 155th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Susan Frischer, recipient of the EDWCM Social Service Case Manager of the Year award; and for other purposes.

HR 1308. By Representative Hatchett of the 155th:

A RESOLUTION Recognizing and commending Lisa Ann Miner, recipient of the Assisted Living Administrator of The Year award; and for other purposes.

HR 1309. By Representative Hatchett of the 155th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Rachel Eggleston, recipient of the Administrator of the Year award; and for other purposes.

HR 1310. By Representative Hatchett of the 155th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Richard Capps, recipient of the Emergency Preparedness Champion award; and for other purposes

HR 1311. By Representative Hatchett of the 155th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Stephanie Milledge, recipient of the EDWCM Nurse Case Manager of the Year award; and for other purposes.

HR 1312. By Representative Hatchett of the 155th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Brad Adams, recipient of the Engineering and Environmental Services Champion award; and for other purposes.

HR 1313. By Representatives Smith of the 138th, Huddleston of the 72nd, Buckner of the 137th and Jenkins of the 136th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 11, 2026, as Kia Day at the state capitol and commending Kia's vehicle manufacturing and impact to the state; and for other purposes.

HR 1314. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, McDonald III of the 26th, Jones of the 25th, Clark of the 100th, Barrett of the 24th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Lambert High School Girls Golf Program for its sustained excellence, championship record, and contributions to high school athletics; and for other purposes.

HR 1315. By Representatives Cannon of the 172nd, Corbett of the 174th, Rhodes of the 124th, Petrea of the 166th and Howard of the 71st:

A RESOLUTION honoring the accomplishments of Georgia Wildlife Federation; and for other purposes.

HR 1316. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, McDonald III of the 26th, Jones of the 25th, Clark of the 100th, Barrett of the 24th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Athena Yoo, 2024 GHSA Class 7A Girls Golf Individual State Champion; and for other purposes.

HR 1317. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, McDonald III of the 26th, Jones of the 25th, Clark of the 100th, Barrett of the 24th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Lambert High School girls golf team for winning the 2025 Georgia High School Association Class 6A Girls Golf State Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 1318. By Representatives Erwin of the 32nd, Townsend of the 179th, Corbett of the 174th, Persinger of the 119th and Gambill of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Professional Association of Georgia Educators (PAGE) and recognizing PAGE Day on Capitol Hill; and for other purposes.

HR 1319. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, McDonald III of the 26th, Jones of the 25th, Clark of the 100th, Barrett of the 24th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Grace Lee upon winning the spring 2025 Girls Golf Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 1320. By Representatives Panitch of the 51st, Holcomb of the 101st, Cox of the 28th, Miller of the 62nd, Roberts of the 52nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Honorable Judge Stacey K. Hydrick for her distinguished judicial service; and for other purposes.

HR 1321. By Representatives Holland of the 54th, Moore of the 91st, Lupton of the 83rd, Drenner of the 85th and Roberts of the 52nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and its Georgia chapter for leadership in suicide prevention; and for other purposes.

HR 1322. By Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Kendrick of the 95th, Ali of the 106th, Beckles of the 96th, Carter of the 93rd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Snellville Youth Council; and for other purposes.

HR 1323. By Representatives Hong of the 103rd, Jenkins of the 136th and Howard of the 71st:

A RESOLUTION commending the benefits and contributions of purebred dogs to the State of Georgia and recognizing May 1, 2026, as Georgia Purebred Dog Day; and for other purposes.

HR 1324. By Representatives Willis of the 55th, Schofield of the 63rd and Crawford of the 89th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and honoring Older Atlantans Day at the capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1325. By Representatives Roberts of the 52nd, Draper of the 90th, Lupton of the 83rd, Au of the 50th, Tran of the 80th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 12, 2026, as New Americans Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1326. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Frye of the 122nd and Rhodes of the 124th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Family and Consumer Sciences; and for other purposes.

HR 1327. By Representatives Burnough of the 77th, Bell of the 75th, Flournoy of the 74th, Scott of the 76th and Howard of the 129th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Liberty Ministries Family Worship on the occasion of its 25th anniversary; and for other purposes.

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

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

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

Seventeenth Legislative Day

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

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

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

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

Representatives Barrett of the 24th, Blackmon of the 146th, Clark of the 100th, Clark of the 108th, Draper of the 90th, Frye of the 122nd, Holly of the 116th, Jasperse of the

11th, Lim of the 98th, McQueen of the 61st, Romman of the 97th, Thomas of the 21st, and Williams of the 37th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by CPT Patrick Day, Alpharetta, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

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

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

The Journal was confirmed.

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

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

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

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

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

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

HB 1262. By Representatives Lumsden of the 12th, Reeves of the 99th, Taylor of the 173rd, Gambill of the 15th, Williamson of the 112th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, so as to increase the amount of monetary penalties the Commissioner of Insurance is authorized to impose for violations of the Georgia Insurance Code relative to mental health parity, general enforcement authority, surprise billing, and prepaid legal services plans; to

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

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

HB 1263. By Representatives Lumsden of the 12th, Reeves of the 99th, Taylor of the 173rd, Gambill of the 15th and Williamson of the 112th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fees and taxes regarding insurance, so as to provide for a claim for a refund of certain fees and taxes relative to insurance premiums to be made within three years of payment to the Commissioner; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

HB 1264. By Representatives Bazemore of the 69th, Buckner of the 137th, McQueen of the 61st, Hugley of the 141st and Cannon of the 58th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to provide for a pilot program to provide coverage under the Medicaid program for doula care for pregnant Medicaid recipients; to provide for reimbursement; to provide for doula qualifications; to provide for a report; to provide for termination of the pilot project and automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for contingent effectiveness upon appropriation of funds; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 1265. By Representatives McDonald III of the 26th, Smith of the 18th, Crowe of the 118th, Hitchens of the 161st, Kelley of the 16th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 15 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to serious traffic offenses, so as to create an offense for fleeing or attempting to elude a pursuing vehicle or law enforcement officer performing duties on behalf of the Capitol Police Division, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division, or Uniform Division of the Department of Public Safety; to provide for penalties based on the distance a person fled or otherwise attempted to elude a pursuing vehicle or law enforcement officer performing duties on behalf of the Department of Public

Safety; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 1266. By Representatives Ridley of the 6th, Rhodes of the 124th and Meeks of the 178th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 52 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding registration, operation, and sale of watercraft, so as to repeal a provision relative to the use of certain motors on vessels being operated on the Ogeechee River; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 1267. By Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Ridley of the 6th, Powell of the 33rd and Mathis of the 133rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to increase penalties for certain offenses relative to license plates, revalidation decals, temporary operating permits, certificates of registration, certificates of title, and alteration of odometers; to authorize certain penalties by the Department of Revenue for violations of provisions required of licensed used motor vehicle dealers; to amend Chapter 47 of Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to used motor vehicles and used motor vehicle parts dealers, so as to revise powers and membership of the board; to provide for and revise definitions; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

HB 1268. By Representatives Burchett of the 176th, Leverett of the 123rd, Efstration of the 104th and Evans of the 57th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, so as to revise, modernize, correct errors or omissions in, and reenact the statutory portion of said Code, as amended, in furtherance of the work of the Code Revision Commission; to repeal portions of said Code, or Acts in amendment thereof, which have become obsolete, have been declared to be unconstitutional, or have been preempted or superseded by subsequent laws; to codify principles of law derived from decisions of the state Supreme Court;

to provide for other matters relating to revision, reenactment, and publication of said Code; to provide for effect in event of conflicts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Code Revision.

HB 1269. By Representatives Wade of the 9th, Dubnik of the 29th, Jones of the 25th, Paris of the 142nd, Fleming of the 114th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to competencies and core curriculum under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for content standards for digital literacy instruction; to require students in kindergarten through twelfth grade to receive grade level appropriate instruction in digital literacy; to require the Department of Education to develop and publish model programs; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 1270. By Representatives Hitchens of the 161st, Crowe of the 118th, McDonald III of the 26th, Lumsden of the 12th and Werkheiser of the 157th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to searches with warrants, so as to provide for the installation and use of mobile tracking devices by law enforcement; to provide a procedure for obtaining court authorization for such installation and use; to provide for the scope of such installation and use; to provide for legal standards; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 1271. By Representatives Erwin of the 32nd, Townsend of the 179th, Wade of the 9th, Corbett of the 174th, Persinger of the 119th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-720 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to inspection of students' records by parents or legal custodians, so as to revise the definition of the term "education record" to correct a cross-reference; to expand provisions for the inspection and review of student education records by parents and legal custodians; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 1272. By Representatives Jones of the 25th, Hilton of the 48th, Douglas of the 78th, Williamson of the 112th, Mitchell of the 88th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to banking and finance, so as to provide for use of certain terms in the advertisement and place of business of licensed payment stablecoin issuers; to provide for licensing of payment stablecoin issuers; to provide for third-party examination or investigation; to provide for payment of certain fees and costs of examination and investigation; to provide for suspension or revocation of a license and procedures therefor; to provide for cease and desist orders; to provide for removal of certain officers and members; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative purpose and intent; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Banks & Banking.

HB 1273. By Representatives O'Steen of the 169th, Greene of the 154th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Powell of the 33rd and Taylor of the 173rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to physician assistants, so as to authorize physician assistants to receive certain delegated authorities from podiatric physicians; to provide for definitions; to amend Chapter 35 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to podiatry practice, so as to authorize podiatric physicians to delegate certain authorities to physician assistants; to provide for definitions; to provide for supervising and alternate supervising podiatric physicians; to provide for job descriptions; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HR 1298. By Representatives Ridley of the 22nd, Byrd of the 20th, Thomas of the 21st, Parsons of the 44th, Jasperse of the 11th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Ms. Cara Jaden Atkins and dedicating an interchange in her memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 1299. By Representatives Wade of the 9th, Tarvin of the 2nd, Efstration of the 104th, Gaines of the 120th and Clark of the 100th:

A RESOLUTION expressing support for dissolving the United States Department of Education and restoring educational authority to the states; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1300. By Representatives Ford of the 170th, Cannon of the 172nd, Hatchett of the 155th, Jones of the 47th, Greene of the 154th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Honorable Penny Houston and dedicating a roundabout in her honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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

HB 1245	HB 1246
HB 1247	HB 1248
HB 1249	HB 1250
HB 1251	HB 1252
HB 1253	HB 1254
HB 1255	HB 1256
HB 1257	HB 1258
HB 1259	HB 1260
HB 1261	SB 146
SB 150	SB 411

Representative Dickey of the 134th District, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 1182 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Dickey of the 134th
Chairman

Representative Cooper of the 45th District, Chairman of the Committee on Public and Community Health, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Public and Community Health has had under consideration the following Bills and Resolution of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 1096	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1118	Do Pass, by Substitute
HR 713	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Cooper of the 45th
Chairman

Representative Scoggins of the 14th District, Chairman of the Committee on Special Rules, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Special Rules has had under consideration the following Bill and Resolutions of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 620	Do Pass, by Substitute	HR 463	Do Pass
HR 1007	Do Pass	HR 1113	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Scoggins of the 14th
Chairman

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

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2026

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 17th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

HB 57	Crimes and offenses; incest; include step-grandparent and step-grandchild relationship (JudyNC-Cameron-1st)
HB 383	Georgia High School NIL Protection Act; enact (Substitute)(Ed-Cox-28th)
HB 903	Georgia Administrative Procedure Act shall apply to all executive branch agencies; provide (GAff-Powell-33rd)
HB 907	Completion Special Schools Act; certain local school systems to either be a party to a collaborative operating agreement with a completion special school or provide certain education programs and services; require (Substitute)(Ed-Jones-47th)(Rules Committee Substitute LC 49 2636S)
HB 986	Motor vehicles; personal delivery devices; revise operation procedures and restrictions (T&II-Jones-25th)
HR 251	Local government; probate judges shall be elected in nonpartisan elections; provide - CA (Judy-New-40th)

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

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

SB 384. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Goodman of the 8th, Burns of the 23rd, Echols of the 49th, Williams of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 12 and Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicle emission inspection and maintenance and motor vehicles and traffic, respectively, so as to provide for an optional five-year motor vehicle registration

and revalidation for certain motor vehicles; to revise and provide for definitions; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 435. By Senators Goodman of the 8th, Watson of the 11th, Anderson of the 24th, Sims of the 12th, Summers of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, so as to rename the Georgia Development Authority as the Georgia Agricultural Development Authority; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has agreed to the House amendment to the Senate substitute as amended by the Senate to the following bill of the House:

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

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

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

SB 384. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Goodman of the 8th, Burns of the 23rd, Echols of the 49th, Williams of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 12 and Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicle emission inspection and maintenance and motor vehicles and traffic, respectively, so as to provide for an optional five-year motor vehicle registration and revalidation for certain motor vehicles; to revise and provide for definitions; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

SB 435. By Senators Goodman of the 8th, Watson of the 11th, Anderson of the 24th, Sims of the 12th, Summers of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, so as to rename the Georgia Development Authority as the Georgia Agricultural Development Authority; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs.

Pursuant to HR 1237, the House recognized February 11, 2026, as National Guard Day at the capitol.

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

Representatives Ali of the 106th, Greene of the 154th et al., Carter of the 93rd et al., Taylor of the 92nd, Yearta of the 152nd et al., Herring of the 145th et al., Smith of the 138th et al., O'Steen of the 169th et al., Santos of the 117th et al., Meeks of the 178th, Lim of the 98th, Lupton of the 83rd et al., Willis of the 55th et al., Baker of the 64th et al., Scoggins of the 14th et al., Corbett of the 174th et al., Burchett of the 176th et al., Crowe of the 118th et al., Howard of the 129th et al., Williams of the 148th, Martin of the 49th et al., Gaines of the 120th, Cheokas of the 151st, Donatucci of the 105th et al., Jackson of the 128th et al., and Jackson of the 165th et al.

By order of the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the House were withdrawn from the General Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary:

HB 211. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Ridley of the 6th, Tarvin of the 2nd, Barton of the 5th and Cameron of the 1st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to torts, so as to provide for immunity from certain lawsuits related to certain chemicals; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1024. By Representatives Hong of the 103rd, Reeves of the 99th and Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 44-13-100 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions for purposes of bankruptcy and intestate insolvent estates, so as to revise the exemption for a debtor's aggregate interest in real property or personal property that the debtor or a dependent of the debtor uses as a residence, in a cooperative that owns property that the debtor or a dependent of the debtor uses as a residence, or in a burial plot; to provide for such exemption for the primary residence of spouses; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 986. By Representatives Jones of the 25th, Hilton of the 48th, Huddleston of the 72nd, Townsend of the 179th and Barrett of the 24th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2A of Article 13 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to electric personal assistive mobility devices and personal delivery devices, so as to revise operation procedures and restrictions for personal delivery devices; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
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Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
E Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 164, nays 3.

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

HB 907. By Representatives Jones of the 47th, Burns of the 159th, Dubnik of the 29th, Jasperse of the 11th, Erwin of the 32nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 31C of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Completion Special Schools Act," so as to require certain local school systems to either be a party to a collaborative operating agreement with a completion special school or provide certain education programs and services to students in grades nine through 12; to require local school systems to provide to completion special schools the contact information for students who stop attending or withdraw from the local school system, subject to conditions and exceptions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and withdrawn:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 31C of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Completion Special Schools Act," so as to require certain local school systems to either be a party to a collaborative operating agreement with a completion special school or provide certain education programs and services to students in grades nine through 12; to require completion special schools to provide certain information to resident school systems twice each year and for the resident school systems to provide such information to students in grades nine through 12 and their parents and guardians; to provide for direct registration of program students in completion special schools by parents and guardians; to require completion special schools and resident school systems to coordinate enrollment

of program students; to revise provisions by which completion special schools may operate one or more programs outside the attendance zone assigned to such completion special school; to provide for transition period; to require local school systems to provide to completion special schools the contact information for students who stop attending or withdraw from the local school system, subject to conditions and exceptions; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 31C of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Completion Special Schools Act," is amended by revising Code Section 20-2-2096.3, relating to requirements of completion special schools, student enrollment, and waivers or variances, as follows:

"20-2-2096.3.

(a) Each completion special school shall be a public school and shall:

(1) Provide education programs and services to students in grades nine through 12, including, but not limited to:

(A) Nontraditional education programs and services for students who are eligible to attend a traditional public school but are more likely to succeed in a nontraditional setting such as that provided in such completion special school;

(B) Dropout prevention and academic intervention programs;

(C) Programs for high school credit recovery; and

(D) Opportunities for students to schedule classes on weekdays, evenings, and weekends;

(2) Operate under the supervision and direction of a governing board as provided for in Code Section 20-2-2096.4;

(3) Be treated as a single local education agency for administrative purposes, including data reporting, student enrollment counting procedures, student achievement reporting, funding allocations, and related purposes as defined by the state board and consistent with department rules and regulations; and

(4) Be the subject of a school report card prepared and distributed by the Office of Student Achievement as provided in Code Section 20-14-34.

(b) Only enrollment eligible students shall be enrolled in a completion special school.

(c)(1) Students in grades nine through 12 who are enrolled in a school in their resident school system shall be permitted to attend one or more classes in a completion special school's credit recovery, dropout prevention, or academic intervention program ~~on a part-time basis~~ as program students, subject to the following conditions:

~~(1)~~(A) The completion special school has available classroom space;

~~(2)~~(B) Such student shall not be included in the count provided for in Code Section 20-2-161 of the completion special school;

~~(3)~~(C) Such student remains enrolled in his or her resident school system; and

~~(4)~~(D) Such student's resident school system is party to a current collaborative operating agreement with such completion special school which shall include, but shall not be limited to, provisions for the following:

~~(A)~~(i) Funding to be provided by the resident school system to the completion special school for program students who attend such school as provided in this subsection, which funding shall be no less than what is required in subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-2096.6;

~~(B)~~(ii) The number and qualifications of student liaisons to be employed by the resident school system to provide academic support and monitoring for program students who attend such school as provided in this subsection and the relevant terms and conditions for how such liaisons will provide such support and monitoring; ~~and~~

(iii)(I) By June 1 and December 1 each year, the completion special school shall provide the resident school system with an updated description of programs available for program students and detailed instructions and guidance for the registration of students in grades nine through 12 to attend one or more classes at such completion special school's credit recovery, dropout prevention, or academic intervention program as a program student.

(II) Within seven calendar days of receiving the information provided for in subdivision (I) of this division, the resident school system shall post such information in a prominent location frequented by students at each high school in the resident school system and shall electronically provide such information to all students in grades nine through 12 and their parents or guardians; and

~~(C)~~(iv) Such other requirements as may be established by the state board consistent with this article.

(2) The parent or guardian of a student in grades nine through 12 who is enrolled or eligible to be enrolled in a school in his or her resident school system shall be permitted to register such student directly with a completion special school to attend one or more classes at such completion special school's credit recovery, dropout prevention, or academic intervention program as a program student, subject to the provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection; provided, however, that, if such student is not currently enrolled in a school in his or her resident school system, the completion special school and the resident school system shall work in coordination and without delay to enroll such student in the resident school system.

(d) The state board shall be authorized to approve a request by a completion special school for a waiver or variance of specifically identified state rules, regulations, policies, and procedures or provisions of this chapter. The goal for each waiver and variance shall be improvement of student performance. The state board shall not be authorized to waive or approve variances on any federal, state, and local rules, regulations, court orders, and statutes relating to civil rights; insurance; the protection of the physical health and safety of school students, employees, and visitors; conflicting interest transactions; the prevention of unlawful conduct; any laws relating to unlawful conduct in or near a public school; the early intervention program provided for in Code Section 20-2-153; any

reporting requirements pursuant to Code Section 20-2-320 or Chapter 14 of this title; the requirements of Code Section 20-2-210; the requirements of Code Section 20-2-211.1; or the requirements in subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-327. A local school system that has received a waiver or variance shall remain subject to the provisions of Part 3 of Article 2 of Chapter 14 of this title, the requirement that it shall not charge tuition or fees to its students except as may be authorized for local boards by Code Section 20-2-133, and shall remain open to enrollment in the same manner as before the waiver request."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-2096.7, relating to attendance zones, payments, and use of funds, as follows:

"(b)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, only one completion special school may operate in each attendance zone provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section.

(2)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) or (C) of this paragraph, ~~upon being established as a completion special school, if such school is currently operating~~ if an existing completion special school operates one or more programs outside the attendance zone assigned to such school by the state board then the state board shall be authorized to permit such school to continue to operate such program or programs until ~~the earlier of June 30, 2028, or~~ the establishment of a new completion special school that is assigned to the attendance zone where such program or programs are operating and, in such cases, the state board shall provide for a reasonable transition period for students of the existing completion special school.

(B) The state board shall be authorized to permit one or more completion special schools to operate one or more programs outside the attendance zone assigned to such school; provided, however, that such permitted program exclusively provides education programs and services for students in grades nine through 12 to individuals who are attending a United States Department of Defense Youth Challenge Academy or who are in the custody of a correctional facility, detention facility, jail, prison, or other lawful place of confinement; and provided, further, that the state board shall be authorized to designate which completion special school is authorized to provide such program or programs.

(C) The state board shall be authorized to permit an enrollment eligible student to attend a completion special school outside of his or her attendance zone, provided that such student resides in a county that is contiguous to but outside of the attendance zone of such school; and provided, further, that such school is located closer to such student's residence than the completion special school with the attendance zone where such student's residence is located."

SECTION 3.

Said article is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-2096.9.

(a) Each local school system with all or part of its territory within the attendance zone of one or more operating completion special schools shall:

(1) Be a party to a collaborative operating agreement with at least one such operating completion special school; or

(2) Provide education programs and services to students in grades nine through 12, including, but not limited to:

(A) Dropout prevention and academic intervention programs;

(B) Programs for high school credit recovery; and

(C) Opportunities for students to schedule classes on weekdays, evenings, and weekends.

(b)(1) Each local school system with all or part of its territory within the attendance zone of one or more operating completion special schools shall provide to each such operating completion special school the full name and last known address and telephone number for each student in grades nine through 12 who:

(A) Does not attend the public school in which he or she is enrolled for a period of ten consecutive school days; or

(B) Withdraws from school pursuant to Code Section 20-2-690.1.

(2) The information required in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be provided by each such local school system to each such operating completion special school no later than ten school days after either condition provided for in subparagraph (A) or (B) of paragraph (1) of this subsection is met.

(3) Paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection shall not apply to any student:

(A) Who has successfully completed all requirements for a high school diploma or a state approved high school equivalency (HSE) diploma; or

(B) Whose parent or guardian has provided such local school system within the preceding 45 school days a notice of intent to enroll such student in another local school system."

SECTION 4.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 5.

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

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

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AN ACT

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either be a party to a collaborative operating agreement with a completion special school or provide certain education programs and services to students in grades nine through 12; to require completion special schools to provide certain information to resident school systems twice each year and for the resident school systems to provide such information to students in grades nine through 12 and their parents and guardians; to provide for direct registration of program students in completion special schools by parents and guardians; to require completion special schools and resident school systems to coordinate enrollment of program students; to revise provisions by which completion special schools may operate one or more programs outside the attendance zone assigned to such completion special school; to provide for transition period; to require local school systems to provide to completion special schools the contact information for students who stop attending or withdraw from the local school system, subject to conditions and exceptions; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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(2) Operate under the supervision and direction of a governing board as provided for in Code Section 20-2-2096.4;

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SECTION 4.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 5.

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

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

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

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	E Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
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Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
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Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
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Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
E Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 170, nays 0.

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

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 519	Do Pass	HB 880	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 964	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 1001	Do Pass
HB 1070	Do Pass	HB 1077	Do Pass
HB 1199	Do Pass	HR 1000	Do Pass, by Substitute

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

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

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

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

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

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

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	E Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
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Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson

Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
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Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
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Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
E Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 168, nays 0.

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

The following Bill of the House was taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

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

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 13 of Chapter 2 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to food service establishments, so as to require notification of the country of origin of seafood items; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 13 of Chapter 2 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to food service establishments, so as to require notification of foreign imported shrimp; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 13 of Chapter 2 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to food service establishments, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"26-2-378.1.

All food service establishments in this state that serve foreign imported shrimp shall conspicuously display on their menus a disclosure by each menu item containing shrimp stating 'FOREIGN IMPORTED,' or on placards visible to the public 'FOREIGN IMPORTED SHRIMP.' This Code section shall not apply to a food service establishment operated by a state agency, as such term is defined in Code Section 48-8-14."

SECTION 2.

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

Representative Petrea of the 166th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 117.

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

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	E Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	N Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
N Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
N Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	E Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Richardson	Y Williams, N

Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
E Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 159, nays 8.

The motion prevailed.

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

HB 383. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, Rhodes of the 124th, Cannon of the 172nd, McClain of the 109th and Erwin of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 20 and 39 of the O.C.G.A., relating to education and minors, respectively, so as to provide for high school student athletes and prospective student athletes to receive name, image, or likeness compensation; to provide for the automatic expiration of contracts that provide name, image, and likeness compensation to student athletes after the student athlete graduates or is no longer enrolled; to provide for application to certain athletic associations; to allow for professional representation of student athletes and prospective student athletes; to provide for required written notice to high school student athletes; to provide for definitions; to provide for construction; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Titles 20 and 39 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education and minors, respectively, so as to provide for high school student athletes and prospective student athletes to receive name, image, or likeness compensation; to provide for the automatic expiration of contracts that provide name, image, and likeness compensation to student athletes after the student athlete graduates or is no longer enrolled; to provide for application to certain athletic associations; to allow for professional representation of student athletes and prospective student athletes; to provide for required written notice to high school student athletes; to provide for definitions; to provide for construction; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Georgia High School NIL Protection Act."

SECTION 2.

Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended in Chapter 2, relating to elementary and secondary education, by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 32A

20-2-2105.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Athletic association' means any association of schools or any other similar organization which acts as an organizing, sanctioning, scheduling, or rule-making body for interscholastic athletic activities in which public high schools in this state participate.

(2) 'Compensation' means anything of value and shall include, but shall not be limited to, a promise, performance, or forbearance provided by a promisor in exchange for his, her, or its promise.

(3) 'High school' means a public or private school in this state that enrolls students in any of grades nine through 12.

(4) 'Interscholastic athletic activity' means interscholastic athletic events, competitions, scrimmages, exhibitions, practices, and training sessions.

(5) 'NIL compensation' means compensation received for the use of a person's name, image, or likeness.

(6) 'Parent' means a person who has legal authority to act on behalf of a minor child as a natural or adoptive parent or as a legal guardian.

(7) 'Participating school' means a public or private high school in this state that is a member of an athletic association or participates in interscholastic athletic activities which are conducted under the authority or rules of an athletic association.

(8) 'Postsecondary educational institution' shall have the same meaning as "eligible postsecondary institution" as set forth in Code Section 20-3-519.

(9) 'Student athlete' means a student enrolled in a participating school who participates in or is eligible to participate in any interscholastic athletic activity which is conducted under the authority or rules of an athletic association. Such term shall include home study students who participate in such interscholastic athletic activities as provided in Code Section 20-2-319.6 and eighth grade students who participate in or are eligible to participate in such interscholastic athletic activities on behalf of a participating school.

20-2-2105.1.
Nothing in this article shall be construed to abrogate, impair, or limit the authority of the courts of this state or any department or agency of this state to enforce any provision of federal or state law.

20-2-2105.2.
For purposes of this article, a scholarship from the participating school in which a student athlete is enrolled that provides such student athlete with all or part of the cost of enrollment and attendance at such participating school is not NIL compensation.

20-2-2105.3.
(a) Subject to the provisions of Code Sections 39-2-18 through 39-2-21, and except as prohibited in this article, a student athlete shall be permitted to receive NIL compensation.
(b) No current or prospective student athlete shall be provided or shall receive NIL compensation in exchange, in whole or in part, for attending, participating, or performing at a particular participating school or a postsecondary educational institution.
(c) No participating school or entity whose purpose includes supporting or benefiting such participating school or its interscholastic athletic activities or related programs or any officer, director, employee, or agent of such participating school or entity shall provide a current or prospective student athlete with NIL compensation.
(d) No student athlete who receives NIL compensation pursuant to this article shall:
(1) Wear a school based team jersey or otherwise display a school's name, mascot, logo, or any other school identifying marks when engaging in any conduct or activity in exchange for receiving NIL compensation;
(2) Make any reference to a participating school or an athletic association when engaging in any conduct or activity in exchange for receiving NIL compensation; or
(3)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, endorse or promote any good or service of any party that provides NIL compensation to such student athlete or of any third-party partner of a party that provides NIL compensation to such student athlete during any interscholastic athletic activity, including, but not limited to:
(i) Wearing apparel of such party or third-party partner;
(ii) Displaying a logo or brand of such party or third-party partner; and
(iii) Displaying an insignia or identifying mark of such party or third-party partner.
(B) The prohibitions provided for in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall not apply to tryouts, practices, or training sessions.
(e) No student athlete shall receive NIL compensation for any conduct or activity that reasonably can be perceived as endorsing or promoting:
(1) Alcohol products;
(2) Tobacco products, including, but not limited to, smokeless tobacco products;
(3) Vapor products;
(4) Cannabis products;

(5) Controlled substances;
(6) Prescription pharmaceuticals;
(7) Casinos and gambling, including sports betting, the lottery, and betting in connection with video games, online games, and mobile devices;
(8) Adult entertainment or pornographic products and services;
(9) Any product or service, including, but not limited to, online services and products, that are restricted for people under the age of 18 years; or
(10) Weapons, firearms, and ammunition.

20-2-2105.4.
Each participating school in this state shall advise each student athlete in writing at the beginning of the season of each interscholastic athletic activity of the provisions of this article, Article 13 of Chapter 3 of this title, and Code Sections 39-2-18 through 39-2-21 and shall provide each student athlete with information concerning the effect of receiving money or other things of value on the student athlete's future eligibility to participate in intercollegiate athletics.

20-2-2105.5.
The provisions of this article shall not apply to intramural athletic programs or events at such participating schools.

20-2-2105.6.
(a) No contract that provides for NIL compensation to a student athlete shall survive after the earlier of:
(1) Ten calendar days after the date upon which such student athlete graduates from a participating school; or
(2) Thirty calendar days after the date upon which such student athlete's enrollment in a participating school terminates for any reason provided for by Georgia law; the policies, rules, or regulations of the State Board of Education; or the policies, rules, or regulations of a nonpublic participating school, including, but not limited to, withdrawal, nonattendance, dropping out, nonresidency in the participating school's attendance zone, nonresidency in this state, enrollment in a school that is not a participating school, and expulsion.
(b) No contract that provides for NIL compensation to a student athlete shall include any provision that does not comply with the provisions of subsection (a) of this Code section, and any such provision shall be void and unenforceable.

20-2-2105.7.
(a) No athletic association shall prevent a student athlete from or penalize a student athlete for receiving NIL compensation as provided for in this article.
(b) No athletic association shall prevent a participating school from participating in interscholastic athletic activities, or otherwise penalize a participating school as a result

of a student athlete of such participating school receiving NIL compensation as provided for in this article.

(c) No public school which receives funding under Article 6 of this chapter shall participate in, sponsor, or provide coaching staff for interscholastic athletic activities which are conducted under the authority of, conducted under the rules of, or scheduled by any athletic association unless the charter, bylaws, or other governing documents of such athletic association comply with this article.

20-2-2105.8.

(a) No participating school or athletic association shall prevent a student athlete from obtaining professional representation in relation to contracts or legal matters, including, but not limited to, representation provided by athlete agents who are certified as provided for under Chapter 4A of Title 43 and legal representation provided by attorneys who are licensed to practice law in this state.

(b) Athlete agents representing student athletes shall comply with the federal Sports Agent Responsibility and Trust Act, established in 15 U.S.C. Section 7801, et seq., in their relationships with student athletes."

SECTION 3.

Title 39 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to minors, is amended in Chapter 2, relating to regulation of employment of minors, by revising Code Section 39-2-18, relating to applicability of provisions of chapter to minors employed as actors or performers, as follows:

"39-2-18.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter to the contrary, and provided that the written consent of the Commissioner of Labor must be first obtained, nothing in this chapter shall apply to any minor employed or compensated:

(1) As ~~as~~ an actor or performer in motion pictures or theatrical productions, in radio or television productions, or in any other performance, concert, or entertainment;~~, or to any minor employed in~~

(2) For the making of phonographic records; ~~or as~~

(3) As an advertising or photographic model; or

(4) For the use of such minor's name, image, or likeness ~~provided that the written consent of the Commissioner of Labor must be first obtained,~~.

(b) Before the Commissioner of Labor shall give his or her written consent, as provided in subsection (a) of this Code section, he or she shall investigate and determine that:

(1) The ~~That the~~ environment in which the work is to be performed is proper for the minor;

(2) The terms and ~~That the~~ conditions of employment or compensation are not detrimental to the health of the minor;

(3) The ~~That the~~ minor's education will not be neglected or hampered by his or her participation in any of the activities referred to in subsection (a) of this Code section; and

(4) Neither ~~That~~ the minor nor his or her name, image, or likeness will ~~not~~ be used for pornographic purposes or for any purpose prohibited by subsection (e) of Code Section 20-2-2105.3."

SECTION 4.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval and shall apply to all contracts entered into or renewed on or after such date.

SECTION 5.

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

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

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

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	E Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N

Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
E Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 171, nays 0.

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

HB 903. By Representatives Powell of the 33rd, Werkheiser of the 157th, Tarvin of the 2nd, Jasperse of the 11th and McDonald III of the 26th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 13 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding administrative procedure, so as to provide that the "Georgia Administrative Procedure Act" shall apply to all executive branch agencies; to provide for certain exceptions; to revise a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	N Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	E Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	N Wade

Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	N Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
E Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 168, nays 3.

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

The following Bill of the House was taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 414. By Representatives Jones of the 25th, DeLoach of the 167th, Gunter of the 8th, Scoggins of the 14th and Holcomb of the 101st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to government transparency and campaign finance, so as to revise the definition of "person" to include certain nonresidents of the state; to provide the State Ethics Commission with supplementary investigatory powers related to persons, documents, or information located outside of the state; to revise venue provisions to address out-of-state persons; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to government transparency and campaign finance, so as to revise the definition of "person" to include certain nonresidents of the state; to provide time periods for responding to civil actions brought by the Attorney General pursuant to this chapter; to provide for award of default judgments in such actions; to provide time periods for hearings on such actions; to provide the State Ethics Commission with supplementary investigatory powers related to persons, documents, or information located outside of the state; to revise venue provisions to address out-of-state persons; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to government transparency and campaign finance, is amended in Code Section 21-5-3, relating to definitions, by revising paragraph (19) as follows:

"(19) 'Person' means an individual, partnership, committee, association, corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, trust, professional corporation, or other business entity ~~recognized in the State of Georgia~~, labor organization, or any other organization or group of persons, and shall include a 'nonresident' as that term is defined in Code Section 9-10-90 who commits an act or omission or transacts business within the state which if performed by a resident of this state would be subject to this chapter."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 21-5-6, relating to powers and duties of the State Ethics Commission, by revising paragraph (14) of subsection (b) and adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(14) To issue orders, after the completion of appropriate proceedings, directing compliance with this chapter or prohibiting the actual or threatened commission of any conduct constituting a violation. Such order may include a provision requiring the violator:

(A) To cease and desist from committing further violations;

(B) To make public complete statements, in corrected form, containing the information required by this chapter;

(C)(i) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of Code Section 21-5-7.1, to pay a civil penalty not to exceed $1,000.00 for each violation contained in any report required by this chapter or for each failure to comply with any other provision of this chapter or of any rule or regulation promulgated under this chapter; provided, however, that a civil penalty not to exceed $10,000.00 may be imposed for a second occurrence of a violation of the same provision and a civil penalty not to exceed $25,000.00 may be imposed for each third or subsequent occurrence of a violation of the same provision. In imposing a penalty or late filing fee under this chapter, the commission may waive or suspend such penalty or fee if the imposition of such penalty or fee would impose an undue hardship on the person required to pay such penalty or fee. The commission may also waive or suspend a penalty or fee in the case of failure to file or late filing of a report if there are no items to be included in the report. For the purposes of the penalties imposed by this division, the same error, act, omission, or inaccurate entry shall be considered a single violation if the error, act, omission, or inaccurate entry appears multiple times on the same report or causes further errors, omissions, or inaccurate entries in that report or in any future reports or further violations in that report or in any future reports.

(ii) A civil penalty shall not be assessed except after notice and hearing as provided by Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The amount of any civil penalty finally assessed shall be recoverable by a civil action brought in the name of the commission. All moneys recovered pursuant to this Code section shall be deposited in the state treasury.

(iii) The Attorney General of this state shall, upon complaint by the commission, or may, upon the Attorney General's own initiative if after examination of the complaint and evidence the Attorney General believes a violation has occurred, bring an action in the superior court in the name of the commission for a temporary restraining order or other injunctive relief or for civil penalties for a violation of any provision of this chapter or any rule or regulation duly issued by the commission.

(iv) Any action brought by the Attorney General to enforce civil penalties for a violation of the provisions of this chapter or of any rule or regulation duly issued by the commission or any order issued by the commission ordering compliance or to cease and desist from further violations shall be brought in the superior court of the county of the residence of the party against whom relief is sought. Service of process shall lie in any jurisdiction within the state. In such actions, the superior court inquiry shall be limited to whether notice was given by the commission to the violator in compliance with the Constitution and the rules of procedure of Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' Upon satisfaction that notice was given and a hearing was held pursuant to Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' the superior court shall enforce the orders of the commission and the civil penalties assessed under this chapter and the superior court shall not make independent inquiry as to whether the violations have occurred. Notwithstanding any provision of Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' to the contrary, in any such action if the party against whom relief is sought has not filed a response within 30 days of being served with process in such action, a default judgement shall be entered against the party against whom relief is sought. If the party against whom relief is sought files a response in such action within 30 days of being served with process in such action, the superior court shall fix a place and time for a hearing on the merits of such action which shall occur no later than 30 days after the date the party against whom relief is sought filed its response. Such court may fix additional hearings at such other times and places as are necessary to decide the action.

(v) In any action brought by the Attorney General to enforce any of the provisions of this chapter or of any rule or regulation issued by the commission, the judgment, if in favor of the commission, shall provide that the defendant pay to the commission the costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by the commission in the prosecution of such action.

The commission shall make all such orders that were issued after January 9, 2006, publicly available for review and shall post these and all future orders on the commission's website, and the commission shall make all advisory orders that were issued prior to January 9, 2006, publicly available for review and shall post these orders

on the commission's website. Such orders shall serve as precedent for all future orders and opinions of the commission;"

"(c)(1) Supplemental to any investigatory or enforcement powers provided to the commission in this chapter, if a matter or person that the commission seeks to obtain documentation or information from is located outside the state, the commission may request the person with such documentation or information to make such documentation or information available to the commission or the commission representative to examine at the location where such person, documentation, or information is located.

(2) In the event that a person refuses to comply with a request made pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection, the commission may petition that such person be ordered by the superior court to provide the documentation or information sought by the commission. The court shall not order such compliance unless the commission has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the court that the documentation or information under request is pertinent or necessary to further the investigation or enforcement action authorized by this chapter."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 21-5-8, relating to venue, as follows:

"21-5-8.

Venue for prosecution of civil violations of this chapter or for any other action by or on behalf of the commission shall be in the county of the residence of the candidate or public officer at the time of the alleged violation or action, unless the person is not a Georgia resident, in which case venue is in Fulton County."

SECTION 4.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 5.

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

Representative Jones of the 25th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 414.

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

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins

Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	E Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
E Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 169, nays 0.

The motion prevailed.

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

HR 251. By Representatives New of the 40th, Efstration of the 104th, Burchett of the 176th, Smith of the 18th, Scoggins of the 14th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that all probate judges shall be elected in nonpartisan elections; to provide for related matters; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

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

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

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	N Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Hatchett	N McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	N Scott
N Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
N Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	E Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	E Horner	N Myles	Y Smith, L
N Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	N Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	N Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	N Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	N Jasperse	Y Panitch	N Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
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Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
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Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	N Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
E Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the adoption of the Resolution, the ayes were 147, nays 20.

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

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

Representative Taylor of the 173rd.

The Speaker Pro Tem assumed the Chair.

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

Representatives Jackson of the 128th et al., Smith of the 18th, Ali of the 106th, Williams of the 168th et al., Moore of the 91st, and Berry of the 56th.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1328. By Representatives Jones of the 143rd, Paris of the 142nd, Herring of the 145th, Griffin of the 149th and Reese of the 140th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and legacy of Ron Shipman; and for other purposes.

HR 1329. By Representatives Beckles of the 96th, Mitchell of the 88th, Okoye of the 102nd, Reeves of the 99th, Efstration of the 104th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Rickey O'Neal Newton of Norcross, Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 1330. By Representative Jones of the 60th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life, service, and historic legacy of John Raymond Terry, retired Superintendent of Talbot County and the first African American Chief Probate Judge of Talbot County, Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 1331. By Representatives Moore of the 91st, Bell of the 75th, Jones of the 143rd, Myles of the 126th and Griffin of the 149th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Sam R. Mayhan; and for other purposes.

HR 1332. By Representatives Glaize of the 67th, Williams of the 168th, DeLoach of the 167th, Paris of the 142nd and Willis of the 55th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Edna Branch Jackson; and for other purposes.

HR 1333. By Representatives Paris of the 142nd, Herring of the 145th, Jones of the 143rd, Griffin of the 149th and Stinson of the 150th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 2026 as American Heart Month in Macon-Bibb County; and for other purposes.

HR 1334. By Representatives Clark of the 100th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Lumsden of the 12th, Kelley of the 16th, Schofield of the 63rd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 10, 2026, as Georgia Limb Loss and Limb Difference Awareness Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1335. By Representatives Lupton of the 83rd, Oliver of the 84th, Holcomb of the 101st, Kendrick of the 95th, Tran of the 80th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Brian Goldstone; and for other purposes.

HR 1336. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th, Gisler of the 121st, Cameron of the 1st and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Severe Weather Preparedness Week and commending the Meteorologists in the public and private sectors alike for their exceptional service to the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 1337. By Representatives Beckles of the 96th, McClain of the 109th, Ali of the 106th, Clark of the 108th, Okoye of the 102nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Baldwin Elementary School on the occasion of its 10th anniversary and honoring the living legend, Beauty Baldwin, for whom the school is named; and for other purposes.

HR 1338. By Representatives Beckles of the 96th, Adeyina of the 110th, McClain of the 109th, Clark of the 108th, Mitchell of the 88th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Consulate General of India in Atlanta for their recognition and celebration of Black History Month; and for other purposes.

HR 1339. By Representatives Kendrick of the 95th, Carter of the 93rd, Mitchell of the 88th, Clark of the 108th, Okoye of the 102nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Gwinnett African American Caucus; and for other purposes.

HR 1340. By Representatives Bazemore of the 69th, Adeyina of the 110th, Okoye of the 102nd and Olaleye of the 59th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Stephen Adébánji Akintóye; and for other purposes.

HR 1341. By Representatives Berry of the 56th, Holly of the 116th and Bell of the 75th:

A RESOLUTION commending F. DuBois Bowman on his inauguration as the 13th President of Morehouse College and recognizing February 11, 2026, as F. DuBois Bowman Day; and for other purposes.

HR 1342. By Representatives Berry of the 56th and Willis of the 55th:

A RESOLUTION commending Reverend Herman "Skip" Mason on his investiture as the 12th President of the Interdenominational Theological Center and recognizing March 3, 2026, as Reverend Herman "Skip" Mason Day; and for other purposes.

HR 1343. By Representatives Berry of the 56th, Bell of the 75th, Holly of the 116th, Romman of the 97th and Evans of the 57th:

A RESOLUTION commending the work of Swipe Out Hunger and recognizing February 11, 2026, as Swipe Out Hunger Day at the capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1344. By Representatives Tran of the 80th, Hong of the 103rd, Au of the 50th, Lim of the 98th and Byrd of the 20th:

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

HR 1345. By Representatives Santos of the 117th and Gunter of the 8th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Nicole Boynton; and for other purposes.

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

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

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Thursday, February 12, 2026

Eighteenth Legislative Day

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

The following communications were received:

House of Representatives
Coverdell Legislative Office Building
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

February 12, 2026

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

Re: Request for Correction of Recorded Vote – House Resolution 251

Dear Mr. Reilly:

Pursuant to House Rules and the authority governing the maintenance of the official House Journal, I respectfully request that the official record reflect a correction to my vote on **House Resolution 251.**

During the vote on House Resolution 251 on February 11, 2026, my vote was recorded as "Yes." This does not reflect my intended vote. My intended vote was **"No."**

I am requesting that the Journal and any official roll call record be corrected to accurately reflect my vote as **"No"** on House Resolution 251.

Please advise if any additional documentation or procedural steps are required to effectuate this correction. I appreciate your prompt attention to ensuring the integrity and accuracy of the official legislative record.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Viola Davis
Rep. Viola Davis
House District 87

House of Representatives

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

February 12, 2026

Clerk of the House,

On February 12th, I would like to change my vote for HR 251 and would like the official record to reflect a vote of NO.

Thank you,

/s/ Rep. Kim Schofield
Rep. Kim Schofield, D63
Georgia General Assembly

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

Adesanya	Corbett	Gunter	Mathis	Romman
Adeyina	Cox	Hagan	McClain	Sainz
Alexander	Crawford	Hatchett	McCollum	Sampson
Ali	Crowe	Hawkins	McDonald	Sanchez
Anderson	Cummings	Herring	McQueen	Schofield
Au	Davis	Hilton	Meeks	Scoggins
Baker	Dawson	Hitchens	Miller	E Scott
Ballard	DeLoach	Holcomb	Mitchell	Seabaugh
Barnes	Dempsey	Holland	Momtahan	Sharper
Barrett	Dickey	Hong	Myles	E Silcox
Barton	Donatucci	Horner	Neal	Smith, L
Bazemore	Douglas	Howard, J	New	Smith, M
Beckles	Draper	Howard, K	Newton	Smith, TP
Bell	Drenner	Huddleston	Okoye	Smith, V
Berry	Dubnik	Hugley	Olaleye	Stephens
Blackmon	Dunahoo	Jackson, D	O'Steen	Stinson
Bonner	Efstration	Jackson, E	Panitch	Tarvin
Buckner	Ehrhart	Jackson, M	Paris	Taylor, D
Burchett	Erwin	E Jasperse	Park	Taylor, R
Burnough	Evans	Jenkins	Parrish	Thomas
Byrd	Fincher	Jones, A	Parsons	Townsend
Cameron	Fleming	Jones, J	Persinger	Tran

Camp	Flournoy	Jones, T	Petrea	Wade
Campbell, J	Ford	Kahaian	Powell	Washburn
Campbell, L	Franklin	Kelley	Prince	Werkheiser
Cannon, C	E Gaines	Kendrick	Reese	Westbrook
Cannon, P	Gambill	LaHood	Reeves	Williams, A
Carpenter	E Gilliard	Leverett	Rhodes	E Williams, MF
Chastain	Gisler	Lewis-Ward	Rice	E Williams, N
Cheokas	Glaize	Lumsden	Richardson	Williamson
Clark, D	Greene	Martin	Ridley, Jas	Willis
Clark, J	Griffin	Martinez	Ridley, Jor	Yearta
E Clifton	Gullett	Mathiak	Roberts	Burns, Speaker

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

Representatives Carter of the 93rd, Frye of the 122nd, Holly of the 116th, Lim of the 98th, Lupton of the 83rd, Moore of the 91st, Oliver of the 84th, Santos of the 117th, and Wilkerson of the 38th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Dr. Bob M. Patterson, Senior Pastor, Warm Springs Church, Warm Springs, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

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

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

The Journal was confirmed.

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

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

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

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

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

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

HB 1274. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Lumsden of the 12th, Kelley of the 16th, Efstration of the 104th, Hong of the 103rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 9 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of rates, underwriting rules, and related organizations, so as to provide for the Department of Insurance to collect certain data annually from insurers writing private passenger automobile insurance policies; to provide for the Commissioner of Insurance to order the refund of any excess profit made by such insurers; to provide for definitions; to provide for calculations; to provide for an order, notice, and opportunity for hearing; to provide for cash refunds or credit refunds; to provide for certification; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

HB 1275. By Representatives Newton of the 127th, Hawkins of the 27th, Cooper of the 45th, Au of the 50th and Taylor of the 173rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical practice, so as to ensure that stem cell therapies are used to advance medical treatments and improve patient outcomes in an ethical manner that does not involve stem cells derived from aborted fetuses; to provide for definitions; to provide for the designation of a physician assistant or nurse practitioner; to provide for certain requirements and patient protections; to provide for notice; to provide for consent; to provide for certain exceptions; to provide for the use of Georgia facilities; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative findings; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HB 1276. By Representatives Newton of the 127th, Efstration of the 104th, Hawkins of the 27th, Cooper of the 45th and Taylor of the 173rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the O.C.G.A., relating to public assistance, so as to provide for the Department of Community Health to regularly and systematically review information from certain sources to determine and verify eligibility of Medicaid recipients; to provide for related

matters; to provide for a state plan amendment or waiver request; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HB 1277. By Representatives Barton of the 5th, Jasperse of the 11th, Campbell of the 171st, Hagan of the 156th and McDonald III of the 26th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 16 of Title 12 and Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to environmental policy and highways, bridges, and ferries, respectively, so as to increase the project cost threshold for public roads or airports requiring environmental evaluations; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HB 1278. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Stephens of the 164th, Greene of the 154th, Newton of the 127th, Schofield of the 63rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 11 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to dentists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants, so as to improve efficiencies in the issuance of permits for dentists to administer conscious sedation and general anesthesia; to provide for the evaluation and certification of a properly equipped facility; to provide for demonstration of proficiency in administering sedative techniques; to authorize the board to designate qualified personnel to perform certain evaluations, certifications, and examinations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HB 1279. By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Yearta of the 152nd, Mathis of the 133rd, Cameron of the 1st, Gambill of the 15th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to state sales and use taxes, so as to extend the sunset for use of noncommercial written materials or mailings by certain tax exempt organizations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1280. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Ridley of the 6th and Tarvin of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 5 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to equalization of assessments, so as to provide for the General Assembly to allow by local Act for the election of a county's chief appraiser; to provide for the election, commission, removal, term, qualifications, vacancies, oath, duties, and compensation of such chief appraisers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 1281. By Representatives Momtahan of the 17th, Hagan of the 156th, Mathis of the 133rd, Gullett of the 19th, Chastain of the 7th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 1A of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to the Department of Early Care and Learning, so as to require child care learning centers to carry certain amounts of liability insurance coverage and to provide proof of such coverage; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 1282. By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Gunter of the 8th, Hong of the 103rd, Scoggins of the 14th and Sainz of the 180th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 17-3-2.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exclusions for certain offenses involving a victim under 16 years of age, so as to include the offense of aggravated sexual battery; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 1283. By Representatives Panitch of the 51st, Gunter of the 8th, Hagan of the 156th, Holcomb of the 101st and Roberts of the 52nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 13 of Title 19 and Chapter 16 of Title 17 of the O.C.G.A., relating to family violence and discovery, respectively, so as to authorize the creation of Family Justice Centers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Juvenile.

HB 1284. By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Burns of the 159th, Parrish of the 158th, Erwin of the 32nd, Donatucci of the 105th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local boards of education, so as to provide for the awarding of high school diplomas to high school students who are at the end of life; to provide for waivers; to provide for posthumous awarding of such diplomas; to provide for policies, rules, and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 1285. By Representatives Cheokas of the 151st, Stephens of the 164th, Barrett of the 24th, Williams of the 148th, Hong of the 103rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sales and use taxes, so as to revise provisions limiting the number of local sales and use taxes by authorizing counties to collect an enhanced homestead option sales tax as well as a local option sales tax; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1286. By Representatives McDonald III of the 26th, DeLoach of the 167th, LaHood of the 175th, Jasperse of the 11th and Williams of the 168th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 32, Code Section 48-8-242, and Article 1 of Chapter 39 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to highways, bridges, and ferries, definitions relative to special district transportation sales and use tax (TSPLOST), and creation and organization of the Atlanta-region Transit Link "ATL" Authority, respectively, so as to abolish the position of director of planning; to transfer duties and responsibilities relative to transportation planning to the commissioner of transportation; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HB 1287. By Representative McDonald III of the 26th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to officers of the Department of Transportation, so as to revise the method for selection of the position of commissioner; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HB 1288. By Representatives Cummings of the 39th, Dawson of the 65th, Flournoy of the 74th, Panitch of the 51st, Beckles of the 96th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 35-3-161 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to collection of DNA samples and time and procedure for withdrawal of blood samples, so as to require consent or a court order to withdraw blood from persons who are to be incarcerated or are to be released for DNA testing; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 1289. By Representatives Cummings of the 39th, Campbell of the 35th, Dawson of the 65th, Flournoy of the 74th, Beckles of the 96th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sexual offenses, so as to modify provisions for the offense of rape; to provide for penalties; to provide for a limitation on defense; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 1290. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Cooper of the 45th, LaHood of the 175th and Fincher of the 23rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 8 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to protection of elder persons, so as to revise the definition of sexual abuse; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 1 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Sexual Offender Risk Review Board, so as to provide for dangerous sexual offenses occurring after June 30, 2026; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 1291. By Representatives Gisler of the 121st, Park of the 107th, Douglas of the 78th and Okoye of the 102nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to provide for an income tax credit for certain costs in providing a transportation benefit to certain employees; to provide for limitations; to provide for a public awareness campaign; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

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

HB 1262
HB 1263
HB 1264
HB 1265
HB 1266
HB 1267
HB 1268
HB 1269
HB 1270
HB 1271
HB 1272
HB 1273
HR 1298
HR 1299
HR 1300
SB 384
SB 435

Representative Bonner of the 73rd District, Chairman of the Committee on Defense and Veterans Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Defense and Veterans Affairs has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 1087 Do Pass
HB 1184 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Bonner of the 73rd
Chairman

Representative Erwin of the 32nd District, Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 310	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1193	Do Pass, by Substitute
HR 145	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Erwin of the 32nd
Chairman

Representative Rhodes of the 124th District, Chairman of the Committee on Game, Fish and Parks, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Game, Fish and Parks has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 1266	Do Pass
SB 420	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Rhodes of the 124th
Chairman

Representative Anderson of the 10th District, Chairman of the Committee on Governmental Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Governmental Affairs has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 913	Do Pass	HB 1066	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1130	Do Pass	HB 1133	Do Pass
HB 1180	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Anderson of the 10th
Chairman

Representative Martin of the 49th District, Chairman of the Committee on Higher Education, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Higher Education has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 385	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 419	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 541	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Martin of the 49th
Chairman

Representative McDonald of the 26th District, Chairman of the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 935	Do Pass	HB 966	Do Pass
HB 1005	Do Pass	HB 1067	Do Pass
HB 1090	Do Pass	HB 1139	Do Pass
HB 1155	Do Pass	HB 1169	Do Pass
HB 1170	Do Pass	HB 1172	Do Pass
HB 1200	Do Pass	HB 1203	Do Pass
HB 1258	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ McDonald of the 26th
Chairman

Representative Camp of the 135th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, Juvenile, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary, Juvenile has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 943 Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1061 Do Pass, by Substitute

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

Representative Smith of the 70th District, Chairman of the Committee on Natural Resources and Environment, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 320 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Smith of the 70th
Chairman

Representative Crowe of the 118th District, Chairman of the Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security has had under consideration the following Bills and Resolution of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 967	Do Pass	HB 1128	Do Pass
HB 1161	Do Pass	HR 1243	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Crowe of the 118th
Chairman

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

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 18th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Open Rule

HR 999 Georgia citizens, cities, and counties; remember and honor the sacredness of America's 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 2026; urge (SRules-Cox-28th)

Modified Structured Rule

HB 948 Property; debtors in foreclosures to receive certain information and forms in a notice of foreclosure; provide (Substitute)(Judy-Camp-135th)

HB 983 Conservation and natural resources; prescribed burning for silviculture purposes is exempt from certain burning notice and permit requirements; clarify (NR&E-Hagan-156th)

HB 998 Public utilities; authorize certain Tier 2 local exchange companies to elect to become subject to rate of return regulation (EU&T-Leverett-123rd)
(Rules Committee Substitute LC 56 0570S)

SB 195 Pharmacies; pharmacists are authorized to dispense preexposure prophylaxis and postexposure prophylaxis under certain conditions; provide (Substitute)(Hth-Newton-127th) Hufstetler-52nd

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

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

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

HB 935. By Representatives Cannon of the 172nd and Taylor of the 173rd:

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

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

HB 966. By Representatives Westbrook of the 163rd, Jackson of the 165th, Gilliard of the 162nd, Stephens of the 164th and Hitchens of the 161st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Garden City, approved April 17, 1973 (Ga. L. 1973, p. 3581), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 6, 2024 (Ga. L. 2024, p. 4332), so as to provide for the mayor to fill any vacancy in the office of mayor pro tempore; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 1005. By Representatives Wilkerson of the 38th and Alexander of the 66th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Austell, approved March 28, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 4902), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 4, 1991 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 4498) and an Act approved April 5, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 4503), so as to provide for a city manager; to revise the powers and duties of city council committees, the mayor, and department directors to reflect the establishment of a city manager; to provide for the appointment, removal, and powers of the city manager and city council; to provide for an acting city manager; to prohibit mayor and council interference with the administration of the city departments; to revise provisions related to the hiring and removal of department directors; to provide

for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 1067. By Representatives Smith of the 138th, Huddleston of the 72nd, Jenkins of the 136th, Buckner of the 137th and Rice of the 139th:

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

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

HB 1090. By Representative Corbett of the 174th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act revising, superseding, and consolidating the laws creating and governing the Board of Commissioners of Echols County, approved February 3, 1953 (Ga. L. 1953, Jan.-Feb. Sess., p. 2054), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 11, 2022 (Ga. L. 2022, p.5446), so as to provide that all of the county commissioners shall be elected from the county at large; to repeal the commission district plan; to provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 1139. By Representatives Camp of the 135th and Mathiak of the 82nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Spalding County Water and Sewerage Facilities Authority, approved April 13, 1982 (Ga. L. 1982, p. 4987), as amended, so as to rename the authority; to revise the membership and compensation of the authority; to provide for powers; to

provide for enforcement; to provide for executions for rates and charges; to provide for definitions; to revise a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 1155. By Representatives Ford of the 170th and O'Steen of the 169th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a board of commissioners for Tift County, approved August 9, 1917 (Ga. L. 1917, p. 396), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 28, 1985 (Ga. L. 1985, p. 4875), so as to revise purchasing provisions; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 1169. By Representatives Camp of the 135th and Mathiak of the 82nd:

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

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

HB 1170. By Representatives Camp of the 135th and Mathiak of the 82nd:

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

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

HB 1172. By Representatives Camp of the 135th and Mathiak of the 82nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Magistrate Court of Spalding County; to identify the

authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 1200. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th, Hitchens of the 161st, Gilliard of the 162nd and Westbrook of the 163rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for a base year assessed value homestead exemption from Chatham County and City of Savannah School District ad valorem taxes for educational purposes, approved April 12, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 4215), as amended, so as to prevent any increases in the adjusted base year assessed value of properties above the value set in tax year 2025; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 1203. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th, Hitchens of the 161st, Gilliard of the 162nd and Westbrook of the 163rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from Chatham County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead, approved May 9, 2025 (Ga. L. 2025, p. 3649), so as to provide that any homeowner receiving the homestead exemption provided for in Ga. L. 1999, p. 4215, as amended, shall automatically receive the exemption provided for in this Act; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 1258. By Representatives Reese of the 140th, Hugley of the 141st, Rice of the 139th, Buckner of the 137th and Smith of the 138th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act establishing the State Court of Muscogee County, approved December 20, 1884 (Ga. L. 1884-85, p. 455), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 19, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 4423), so as to provide an additional judge; to provide for the election of the initial additional judge; to provide for terms of office of said additional judge and successors to such judge; to provide for the powers and privileges of said additional judge; to provide for the compensation and expenses of said additional judge; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

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

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Y Adesanya	Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Ali	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Anderson	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Au	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Baker	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	E Scott
Y Ballard	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Moore	E Silcox
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Ehrhart	E Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Tran
Y Camp	Y Fleming	Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Campbell, J	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, L	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Cannon, C	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, P	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Carpenter	E Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Carson	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carter	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Chastain	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	E Williams, MF
	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	E Williams, N

Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
E Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bills, the ayes were 158, nays 0.

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

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

SB 400. By Senators Burns of the 23rd, Hickman of the 4th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Payne of the 54th, Dixon of the 45th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1A of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to nonpublic postsecondary educational institutions, so as to prohibit unaccredited institutions from offering degrees; to require certain institutions to participate in the Tuition Guaranty Trust Fund and to provide how such institutions may participate; to provide for indemnification; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 444. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 1st, Hodges of the 3rd, Harbison of the 15th and Walker III of the 20th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 46 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certification of private review agents, so as to provide that certain decisions with regard to the provision of insurance coverage for healthcare services shall not be based solely on artificial intelligence systems, artificial intelligence, or other software tools; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

SB 400. By Senators Burns of the 23rd, Hickman of the 4th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Payne of the 54th, Dixon of the 45th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1A of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to nonpublic postsecondary educational institutions, so as to prohibit unaccredited institutions from offering degrees; to require certain institutions to participate in the Tuition Guaranty Trust Fund and to provide how such institutions may participate; to provide for indemnification; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

SB 444. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 1st, Hodges of the 3rd, Harbison of the 15th and Walker III of the 20th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 46 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certification of private review agents, so as to provide that certain decisions with regard to the provision of insurance coverage for healthcare services shall not be based solely on artificial intelligence systems, artificial intelligence, or other software tools; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation.

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

Representatives Holland of the 54th, Cannon of the 58th et al., Ballard of the 147th et al., Stinson of the 150th et al., Adeyina of the 110th et al., Stephens of the 164th et al., Camp of the 135th, Bazemore of the 69th et al., Werkheiser of the 157th, Cummings of the 39th, Roberts of the 52nd et al., Carter of the 93rd et al., Cheokas of the 151st, Olaleye of the 59th et al., Hilton of the 48th, Reese of the 140th et al., Franklin of the 160th, and Clark of the 100th et al.

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

HR 999. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, Jasperse of the 11th, Hatchett of the 155th, Fincher of the 23rd, Barrett of the 24th and others:

A RESOLUTION urging all Georgia citizens, cities, and counties to remember and honor the sacredness of America's 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 2026; and for other purposes.

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

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

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	E Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	E Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	E Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
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Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
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Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	E Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	E Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
E Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the adoption of the Resolution, the ayes were 162, nays 0.

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

HB 998. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Camp of the 135th, Powell of the 33rd, Jasperse of the 11th, Williams of the 168th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 5 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to telecommunications and

competition development, so as to authorize certain Tier 2 local exchange companies to elect to become subject to rate of return regulation; to repeal a limitation on the period of time certain distributions can be made from the Universal Access Fund; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 4 of Chapter 5 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to telecommunications and competition development, so as to authorize certain Tier 2 local exchange companies to elect to become subject to rate of return regulation; to extend the period of time certain distributions can be made from the Universal Access Fund; to require certain information from local exchange companies seeking reimbursement from the fund; to require the total amount of distributions not to exceed $50 million in the aggregate during any single fund year; to provide annual monetary limitations on certain distributions; to require annual reports on the Universal Access Fund; to provide for contents of such report; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 4 of Chapter 5 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to telecommunications and competition development, is amended by revising Code Section 46-5-165, relating to alternative regulation of rates, terms, and conditions, as follows:

"46-5-165.

(a) Any Tier 1 local exchange company may elect to have its rates, terms, and conditions for its services determined pursuant to the alternative regulation described in this article, in lieu of other forms of regulation, including, but not limited to, rate of return or rate base monitoring or regulation, upon the filing of notice with the commission and committing to provide basic local exchange services upon reasonable request and to invest $500 million per year for five years to improve and strengthen telecommunications services in ~~Georgia~~ this state; provided, however, that, after the expiration of three years of such investments, the commission shall determine, after notice and opportunity for a Tier 1 local exchange company or other interested parties to be heard, whether such investment commitment should be continued for the remaining two years or whether such commitment should be reduced.

(b) Any Tier 2 local exchange company may elect to have the rates, terms, and conditions for its services determined pursuant to the alternative regulation described in this article

upon the filing of notice with the commission and committing to provide basic local exchange services upon reasonable request.

(c) The alternative regulation under this article shall become effective on the date specified by the electing company but in no event sooner than 30 days after such notice is filed with the commission.

(d) On the date a telecommunications company elects the alternative regulation described in this article, all existing rates, terms, and conditions for the services provided by the electing company contained in the then existing tariffs and contracts ~~are~~ shall be deemed just and reasonable.

(e)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'eligible Tier 2 local exchange company' means a Tier 2 local exchange company that:

(A) Is not affiliated, directly or indirectly, with any provider serving more than 50,000 access lines nation wide; and

(B) Is responsible for providing basic local exchange services upon reasonable request.

(2) Any eligible Tier 2 local exchange company that is an electing company may elect to become subject to rate of return regulation by certification to the commission of such election no later than August 1, 2026. An eligible Tier 2 local exchange company making such election shall be prohibited from making a subsequent election to have the rates, terms, and conditions for its services determined pursuant to the alternative regulation described in subsection (b) of this Code section prior to August 1, 2031.

(3) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to limit any election to become subject to rate of return regulation made prior to July 1, 2026."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 46-5-166, relating to rates for switched access, by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c) Beginning January 1, 2011, and ending December 31, 2015, each Tier 2 local exchange company shall adjust in equal annual increments its intrastate switched access charges to parity with its similar interstate switched access rates. The commission shall have authority to govern the transition of Tier 2 local exchange company switched access rates to their corresponding interstate levels and the commission shall allow adjustment of basic local exchange services or universal access funds, as necessary to recover those revenues, based on calendar year 2008, lost through the concurrent reduction of the intrastate switched access rates. In the event that the rates for switched access cannot be negotiated in good faith between the parties, the commission shall determine the reasonable rates for switched access in accordance with the procedures provided in subsection (b) of this Code section. ~~Any Tier 2 local exchange company that is an electing company may elect to become subject to rate of return regulation by certification to the commission of this election no later than December 31, 2010. A Tier 2 local exchange company making this election is prohibited from making a subsequent election to have the rates, terms, and conditions for its services determined pursuant to the~~

~~alternative regulation described in subsection (b) of Code Section 46-5-165 prior to January 1, 2016.~~"

SECTION 3.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 46-5-167, relating to Universal Access Fund, by revising subparagraph (d)(2)(B) and subsection (e) and by adding new subsections to read as follows:

"(B) Except for those distributions to Tier 2 local exchange companies that have reduced intrastate switched access charges pursuant to subsection (c) of Code Section 46-5-166, distributions to a Tier 2 local exchange carrier subject to rate of return regulation shall also be reduced by the amount per access line, which if added to the carrier's basic local exchange service rate, in accordance with a schedule established by the commission, results in an amount that would be equal to 110 percent of the July 1, 2009, residential state-wide weighted average rate for basic local exchange services imputed across all access lines and adjusted annually for inflation measured by the change in GDP-PI. The commission shall determine any such distributions upon application, demonstration, and good cause shown that the reasonable actual costs to provide basic local exchange services exceed the maximum fixed price permitted for such basic local exchange services~~; any distributions pursuant to this subparagraph shall be limited to a period of no more than 20 years~~.

(e) The commission shall require any local exchange company seeking reimbursement from the fund pursuant to subparagraph (d)(2)(B) of this Code section to file the information reasonably necessary to determine the actual and reasonable costs of providing basic local exchange services. Such information shall include, but not be limited to, the most recent unredacted audited financial reports with any accompanying notes for each company and its parent company. No distribution pursuant to this subsection shall be made for any expense incurred after December 31, 2040."

"(h)(1) Beginning with distributions made for approved costs incurred on or after July 1, 2026, the total amount of distributions from the fund pursuant to this Code section shall not exceed $50 million in the aggregate during any single fund year; provided, however, that, if the total amount of distributions authorized by the commission exceeds the annual monetary limitation, the commission shall reduce distributions on a proportional, pro rata basis so that the total distributions do not exceed such monetary limitation.

(2) For purposes of this subsection, the annual monetary limitation on distributions shall apply only to distributions attributable to costs incurred during fund years beginning on or after July 1, 2026, regardless of the date such distributions are disbursed.

(3) The commission shall continue to administer, review, approve, and disburse distributions as reimbursements for eligible costs incurred prior to July 1, 2026, in accordance with this Code section, without regard to the limitation established in paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(4) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to impair or delay the payment of any distributions lawfully approved for costs incurred prior to July 1, 2026.

(i) The commission shall submit a written report on December 31, 2026, and every other year thereafter, concerning the Universal Access Fund to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Such report shall be submitted no later than December 31 of every even-numbered year and shall include the following information for the most recently completed Universal Access Fund year:

(1) The total amount of contributions collected for the Universal Access Fund, including the percentage rate charged to consumers for such contributions and the remaining balance of the fund as of the end of the reporting period;

(2) The total amount of fund requests and disbursements made from the Universal Access Fund and notable findings from annual audits;

(3) The total number of access lines providing basic local exchange service in the State of Georgia;

(4) The total number of access lines receiving support from the Universal Access Fund;

(5) The number of eligible local exchange companies receiving distributions from the Universal Access Fund; and

(6) Any other information determined by the commission to be material to describing the financial condition and operation of the Universal Access Fund, so long as such information does not disclose any trade secret or proprietary information of any specific provider."

SECTION 4.

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

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

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

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	N Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	E Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	E Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson

Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
E Cannon, P	E Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	E Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	E Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	E Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	N Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
E Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 161, nays 2.

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

Representative Carson of the 46th District, Chairman of the Committee on Retirement, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Retirement has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 372	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 818	Do Pass
HB 969	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 1020	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1113	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Carson of the 46th
Chairman

Representative Jones of the 25th District, Chairman of the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 949 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Jones of the 25th
Chairman

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

HB 983. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th, Cannon of the 172nd, Meeks of the 178th and Burchett of the 176th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to forest resources, so as to clarify that prescribed burning for silviculture purposes is exempt from certain burning notice and permit requirements; to revise requirements for prescribed burning; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

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

Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	E Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
E Cannon, P	E Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	E Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	E Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
E Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 162, nays 0.

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

HB 948. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Crowe of the 118th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Powell of the 33rd and Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 14 of Title 44 and Chapter 4 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mortgages, conveyances to secure debt, and liens and tax sales, respectively, so as to provide for debtors in foreclosures to receive certain information and forms in a notice of foreclosure; to provide for tax sale notices to comply with foreclosure notice requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 7 of Chapter 14 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to foreclosure, so as to provide for debtors in foreclosures to receive certain information and forms in a notice of foreclosure; to provide for notice of certain information when surplus funds are available; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 7 of Chapter 14 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to foreclosure, is amended by revising Code Section 44-14-162.2, relating to mailing or delivery of notice to debtor and procedure, as follows:

"(a)(1) Notice of the initiation of proceedings to exercise a power of sale in a mortgage, security deed, or other lien contract shall be given to the debtor by the secured creditor no later than 30 days before the date of the proposed foreclosure.

(2) The notice required by paragraph (1) of this subsection ~~Such notice~~ shall be in writing, shall include the name, address, and telephone number of the individual or entity ~~who~~ that shall have full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor, notice of the mortgagor's right to initiate a claim for any surplus funds after the foreclosure sale pursuant to Code Section 44-14-190, and instructions on how to make an initial claim for surplus funds which may be due to them, and shall be sent by registered or certified mail or statutory overnight delivery, ~~return receipt requested~~ with tracking requested, to the property address or to such other address as the debtor may designate by written notice to the secured creditor. The notice shall also contain the following language in bold font:

'Surplus funds may be considered abandoned property and may escheat to the State if you do not claim funds due to you within the timeline prescribed by O.C.G.A. 44-12-193, which is currently five years but is subject to change should O.C.G.A. 44-12-193 be revised in the future.'

(3) The notice required by ~~this Code section~~ paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be deemed given on the official postmark day or day on which it is received for delivery by a commercial delivery firm. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to require a secured creditor to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of a mortgage instrument.

(b) The notice required by paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Code section shall be given by mailing or delivering to the debtor a copy of the notice of sale to be submitted to the publisher."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 44-14-190, relating to disposition of proceeds, to read as follows:

"44-14-190.

The money arising from the sale of mortgaged property sold under the regulations prescribed in this part shall be paid to the person foreclosing the mortgage unless claimed by some other lien which by law has priority of payment over the mortgage; and, when there is any surplus after paying off the mortgage and other liens by priority as described by law, including statutory liens where applicable, the surplus shall be paid to the mortgagor or his or her agent."

SECTION 3.

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

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

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

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
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Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
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Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	E Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
E Cannon, P	E Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	E Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	E Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
E Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 161, nays 0.

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

SB 195. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 1st, Parent of the 44th and Orrock of the 36th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pharmacies, so as to provide that pharmacists are authorized to dispense preexposure prophylaxis and postexposure prophylaxis under certain conditions; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical practice, so as to provide for the approval or development of a training program for pharmacists by the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy; to require pharmacists to complete such training program before dispensing preexposure prophylaxis or postexposure prophylaxis; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 6 of Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pharmacies, so as to provide that pharmacists are authorized to dispense preexposure prophylaxis and postexposure prophylaxis under certain conditions; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical practice, so as to provide for the approval or development of a training program for pharmacists by the State Board of Pharmacy; to require pharmacists to complete such training program before dispensing preexposure prophylaxis or postexposure prophylaxis; to provide for patient requirements; to provide for limitations and conditions; to provide for sanctions; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 6 of Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pharmacies, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"26-4-120.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'CLIA-waived' means a test system which is listed on the federal Food and Drug Administration's Clinical Laboratory Improvement Assessment program data base with a complexity rating of 'waived.'

(2) 'Dispense' shall have the same meaning as set forth in paragraph (10) of Code Section 26-4-5.

(3) 'HIV' shall have the same meaning as set forth in paragraph (10) of Code Section 31-22-9.1.

(4) 'HIV test' shall have the same meaning as set forth in paragraph (12) of Code Section 31-22-9.1.

(5) 'Licensed practitioner' means a physician licensed to practice medicine in this state or an advanced practice registered nurse or physician assistant acting pursuant to delegated authority by a physician in accordance with Code Section 43-34-23 or 43-34-25 or subsection (e.1) of Code Section 43-34-103.

(6) 'Pharmacist' means an individual licensed under Chapter 4 of Title 26 to engage in the practice of pharmacy in the State of Georgia, who is located and practicing in the State of Georgia.

(7) 'Postexposure prophylaxis' means any HIV prevention drug or drug combination determined by the State Board of Pharmacy to meet the same clinical eligibility recommendations provided in the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines for postexposure prophylaxis for the prevention of HIV infection and other infections.

(8) 'Preexposure prophylaxis' means any HIV prevention drug or drug combination determined by the State Board of Pharmacy to meet the same clinical eligibility recommendations provided in the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines for preexposure prophylaxis for the prevention of HIV infection and other infections.

(b) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, a pharmacist, pursuant to a PEP or PrEP protocol agreement, is authorized to issue a PEP or PrEP order and to dispense and administer preexposure prophylaxis and postexposure prophylaxis pursuant to such PEP or PrEP order in accordance with this Code section and Code Section 43-34-26.2.

(c) Before dispensing or administering preexposure prophylaxis or postexposure prophylaxis to a patient, a pharmacist shall complete a training program, accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education or a similar health authority or professional body and approved by the State Board of Pharmacy, on the use of preexposure prophylaxis and postexposure prophylaxis. Such training program shall be approved no later than January 1, 2027. The training program shall include, but is not limited to:

(1) Pharmacology education of preexposure prophylaxis and postexposure prophylaxis;

(2) Preexposure prophylaxis and postexposure prophylaxis and contraindicated medications;

(3) Financial assistance programs for preexposure prophylaxis and postexposure prophylaxis; and

(4) Relevant federal guidelines, including those issued by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, regarding preexposure prophylaxis and postexposure prophylaxis.

(d) A pharmacist shall be authorized to dispense at least a 30 day supply and up to a 90 day supply or administer a long-acting injectable of preexposure prophylaxis if:

(1) The patient is HIV negative, as documented by a test result obtained by the patient within the previous seven days from an HIV antigen/antibody test or antibody-only test or from a rapid point-of-care fingerstick blood test approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration; provided, however, that, if the patient does not provide such a

test result, the pharmacist may order and administer a CLIA-waived HIV test. The results of any such test shall either be sent directly to the pharmacist or verified by the pharmacist prior to prescribing, dispensing, or administering the drugs;

(2) The patient does not report taking any contraindicated medications;

(3) The pharmacist documents, to the extent possible, the services provided by the pharmacist in the patient's record in the pharmacy's record system;

(4) The pharmacist dispenses or administers preexposure prophylaxis to a single patient pursuant to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention clinical practice guidelines for preexposure prophylaxis for the prevention of HIV infection or as directed otherwise by a licensed practitioner;

(5) The pharmacist notifies the patient's primary care provider of any actions taken or tests conducted under this subsection, or, if the patient does not have a primary care provider or refuses to consent to the notification of such provider, the pharmacist shall provide the patient with a list of physicians, clinics, or other healthcare service providers to contact regarding ongoing care for preexposure prophylaxis; and

(6) The pharmacist is otherwise in compliance with the requirements of Code Section 43-34-26.2.

(e) A pharmacist shall be authorized to dispense or administer a 30 day supply of postexposure prophylaxis if:

(1) The pharmacist, upon screening the patient, determines the patient meets the clinical criteria set forth in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines for postexposure prophylaxis; and

(2) The pharmacist notifies the patient's primary care provider of the postexposure prophylaxis treatment, or, if the patient does not have a primary care provider or refuses to consent to the notification of such provider, the pharmacist shall provide the patient with a list of physicians, clinics, or other healthcare service providers to contact regarding follow-up care for postexposure prophylaxis."

SECTION 2.

Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical practice, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"43-34-26.2.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Administer' means the provision of a unit dose of a long-acting injectable for PEP or PrEP by a pharmacist or nurse pursuant to a PEP or PrEP order contained in a PEP or PrEP protocol agreement with a physician.

(2) 'Adverse event' means an event that is a negative consequence of the administration of a long-acting injectable for PEP or PrEP that results in an unintended reaction, injury, or illness, which may or may not have been preventable.

(3) 'PEP' means any HIV prevention drug or drug combination determined by the State Board of Pharmacy to meet the same clinical eligibility recommendations provided in the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines for postexposure prophylaxis for the prevention of HIV infection and other infections.

(4) 'PrEP' means any HIV prevention drug or drug combination determined by the State Board of Pharmacy to meet the same clinical eligibility recommendations provided in the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines for preexposure prophylaxis for the prevention of HIV infection and other infections.

(5) 'PEP or PrEP order' means a prescription drug order, issued by a pharmacist pursuant to authority delegated by a physician pursuant to a PEP or PrEP protocol agreement, for a long-acting injectable for PEP or PrEP to patients who meet certain criteria.

(6) 'PEP or PrEP protocol agreement' means a written document mutually agreed upon and signed by a physician and a pharmacist, by which document the physician delegates prescriptive authority to the pharmacist to prescribe a long-acting injectable for PEP or PrEP to patients who meet certain criteria determined by the physician.

(7) 'Pharmacist' means an individual licensed under Chapter 4 of Title 26 to engage in the practice of pharmacy in the State of Georgia, who is located and practicing in the state of Georgia.

(8) 'Pharmacy intern' means a pharmacy intern as defined in paragraph (19) of Code Section 26-4-5.

(9) 'Physician' means an individual licensed to practice medicine and surgery pursuant to this article and whose principal place of practice is located in this state.

(b) A physician engaged in the active practice of medicine may prescribe a long-acting injectable for PEP or PrEP for a group of patients via a PEP or PrEP order contained in a PEP or PrEP protocol agreement to be administered by a pharmacist, provided that the physician resides in Georgia and the pharmacist holds current certification in Basic Cardiac Life Support.

(c) A PEP or PrEP protocol agreement between a physician and a pharmacist pursuant to this Code section shall, without limitation:

(1) Contain the current names, addresses, telephone numbers, and professional license numbers of the physician and the pharmacist;

(2) Contain a provision for immediate consultation between the pharmacist and the physician. If the physician is not available, the physician for purposes of consultation may designate another physician who concurs with the terms of the PEP or PrEP protocol agreement;

(3) Require the pharmacist to take an appropriate case history and determine whether the patient has had a physical examination within the past year and shall not administer a long-acting injectable for PEP or PrEP to a patient with any condition for which such long-acting injectable for PEP or PrEP is contraindicated;

(4) Require the pharmacist to provide the recipient with the appropriate and current PEP or PrEP information;

(5) Require the pharmacist to provide written information to the recipient to be developed by the Department of Public Health on the importance of having and periodically seeing a primary care physician;

(6) Require the pharmacist or his or her employer to retain documentation of each dose of PEP or PrEP administered. Such documentation shall include, but not be limited to:

(A) The administering pharmacist's name, address, telephone number, and professional license number;

(B) The name, dose, manufacturer, and lot number of the long-acting injectable for PEP or PrEP;

(C) The recipient's name, address, date of birth, and telephone number;

(D) The date of administration and injection site;

(E) A signed and dated consent form by which the recipient consents to the administration of the long-acting injectable for PEP or PrEP and authorizes the pharmacy or nurse to notify the recipient's primary care provider of the long-acting injectable for PEP or PrEP administered to the recipient; and

(F) Any adverse events or complications that occur;

(7) Require the pharmacist to make documented reasonable efforts to obtain the name of the recipient's primary care provider and to notify such primary care provider of the long-acting injectable for PEP or PrEP administered by the pharmacist within 72 hours of administration;

(8) Require the pharmacist to administer the long-acting injectable for PEP or PrEP to a patient in a private room, area with a privacy screen, or other interior area in which the patient's privacy can be maintained. In no event shall a pharmacist administer a long-acting injectable for PEP or PrEP to a patient in a manner that is designed so that the patient can be served while remaining in his or her personal vehicle;

(9) Require, as a condition of administration of the long-acting injectable for PEP or PrEP, the recipient to remain under the observation of a pharmacist for a period of not less than 15 minutes immediately subsequent to the administration of the long-acting injectable for PEP or PrEP;

(10) Contain procedures to follow up on the occurrence of an adverse event or complication;

(11) Require the pharmacist to maintain individual liability insurance coverage or be individually covered by his or her employer's liability insurance coverage in an amount not less than $250,000.00 to cover claims arising from administration of long-acting injectables for PEP or PrEP by the pharmacist pursuant to a PEP or PrEP protocol agreement and to provide proof of such coverage to the physician for submission to the board with the PEP or PrEP protocol agreement. The pharmacist shall also retain a copy of the proof of insurance coverage, including the name of the insurer and policy number, on site at his or her primary location in such form as it may be readily accessible for inspection by the Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency, upon request;

(12) Require the pharmacist to post proof of the PEP or PrEP protocol agreement in a conspicuous location within the pharmacy or other setting in which the long-acting injectables for PEP or PrEP are being administered;

(13) Require the pharmacist to submit a signed and notarized affidavit to the physician for submission to the board with the PEP or PrEP protocol agreement attesting to the following:

(A) Compliance with paragraph (11) of this subsection regarding maintenance of liability insurance;

(B) Verification that the pharmacist holds current certification in Basic Cardiac Life Support as required by subsection (b) of this Code section;

(C) The pharmacist has a copy of the PEP or PrEP protocol agreement and agrees to comply with its requirements; and

(D) Identification of the pharmacist's location or locations in which he or she will be administering long-acting injectables for PEP or PrEP pursuant to the PEP or PrEP protocol agreement.

The pharmacist shall keep a copy of the affidavit on site at his or her primary location for inspection by the State Board of Pharmacy or agents of the Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency, upon request. The State Board of Pharmacy shall have the authority to impose sanctions in accordance with subsection (n) of this Code section on any pharmacist subject to the requirements of this paragraph who does not submit the information required by this paragraph and to notify the delegating physician and the applicable licensing board for such person of violations of this paragraph; and

(14) Be renewed and, if necessary, revised or updated biennially by the physician and the pharmacist. A PEP or PrEP protocol agreement that is not renewed biennially shall expire.

(d)(1) A pharmacist who is a party to a PEP or PrEP protocol agreement pursuant to this Code section shall not delegate the administration of a long-acting injectable for PEP or PrEP to any individual other than:

(A) A pharmacy intern; or

(B) A qualified pharmacy technician in accordance with paragraph (2) of this subsection,

under the direct supervision of the pharmacist whether or not any such other individual is under the supervision, direct or otherwise, of the pharmacist.

(2) A pharmacist who is a party to a PEP or PrEP protocol agreement pursuant to this Code section may authorize one or more qualified pharmacy technicians to administer long-acting injectables for PEP or PrEP pursuant to Code Section 26-4-52 so long as:

(A) The physician with whom the PEP or PrEP protocol agreement is entered into has approved such authorization; and

(B) Such authorization is included in the PEP or PrEP protocol agreement between the physician and pharmacist.

(e) A pharmacist administering long-acting injectables for PEP or PrEP pursuant to a PEP or PrEP protocol agreement authorized by this Code section shall maintain policies and procedures for the handling and disposal of used or contaminated equipment and supplies.

(f) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to authorize a physician to prescribe any other drugs pursuant to a PEP or PrEP protocol agreement or a PEP or PrEP order other than those long-acting injectables for PEP or PrEP specifically authorized in such PEP or PrEP protocol agreement or PEP or PrEP order.

(g) A delegating physician may not enter into a PEP or PrEP protocol agreement with more than ten pharmacists at any one time.

(h) It shall be unlawful for a physician who is employed by a pharmacist to enter into a PEP or PrEP protocol agreement or otherwise delegate medical acts to such pharmacist. It shall be unlawful for a physician who is employed by a pharmacy to enter into a PEP or PrEP protocol agreement or otherwise delegate medical acts to a pharmacist who is also employed by such pharmacy.

(i) The board shall have the authority to promulgate rules and regulations governing a physician who is a party to a PEP or PrEP protocol agreement in order to carry out the intent and purposes of this Code section. Further, the board shall:

(1) Require that the PEP or PrEP protocol agreement, along with the affidavit by the pharmacist submitted pursuant to paragraph (13) of subsection (c) of this Code section and the proof of insurance required pursuant to paragraph (11) of subsection (c) of this Code section, be filed by the physician with the board and be made available by the board for public inspection; and

(2) Promulgate by rule an approved standard protocol template that may be utilized as a PEP or PrEP protocol agreement and make such template available on the board's website.

(j) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to require a physician to enter into a PEP or PrEP protocol agreement. A public or private managed care system, health plan, hospital, insurance company, or similar entity shall not require a physician, pharmacist, or nurse to enter into a PEP or PrEP protocol agreement as a condition for participation in or reimbursement from such entity.

(k) No physician who complies with the provisions of this Code section shall be subject to criminal or civil liability or discipline for unprofessional conduct for:

(1) Entering into a PEP or PrEP protocol agreement with a pharmacist;

(2) The acts or omissions of a pharmacist to whom prescriptive authority has been delegated in the issuance of a PEP or PrEP order contained in a PEP or PrEP protocol agreement with a pharmacist; or

(3) The acts or omissions of a pharmacist pursuant to a PEP or PrEP protocol agreement including the administration of a long-acting injectable for PEP or PrEP.

Nothing in this subsection shall be interpreted as altering liability of an employer for acts of his or her employees.

(l) This Code section shall not apply to any activities conducted by a hospital, physician's office, nursing home, or other healthcare facility designated by the Department of Public Health or conducted within any other facility or entity owned, operated, or leased by a hospital.

(m) This Code section shall not be interpreted as limiting the authority of any authorized person to dispense or administer long-acting injectables for PEP or PrEP.

(n)(1) A pharmacist who fails to comply with paragraph (11) of subsection (c) of this Code section may be assessed a fine of up to $2,500.00 by the State Board of Pharmacy.

(2) A pharmacist who administers a long-acting injectable for PEP or PrEP without a PEP or PrEP protocol agreement as required by this Code section may be assessed a fine of up to $2,500.00 and may be prohibited from administering long-acting

injectables for PEP or PrEP pursuant to this Code section for up to one year as determined by the State Board of Pharmacy.

(3) A pharmacist who fails to comply with paragraph (5) of subsection (c) of this Code section may be subject to any or all of the following sanctions by the State Board of Pharmacy:

(A) The issuance of a written warning;

(B) A fine of up to $500.00; and

(C) Prohibition from administering long-acting injectables for PEP or PrEP pursuant to this Code section for up to one year.

(4) A pharmacist who fails to comply with paragraph (12) of subsection (c) of this Code section may be subject to any or all of the following sanctions by the State Board of Pharmacy:

(A) The issuance of a written warning; and

(B) Prohibition from administering long-acting injectables for PEP or PrEP pursuant to this Code section for up to six months.

(5) A pharmacist who fails to comply with paragraph (13) of subsection (c) of this Code section may be subject to any or all of the following sanctions by the State Board of Pharmacy:

(A) The issuance of a written warning;

(B) A fine of up to $5,000.00; and

(C) Prohibition from administering long-acting injectables for PEP or PrEP pursuant to this Code section.

(6) The sanctions contained in this subsection shall be supplemental to any other sanctions or penalties to which a pharmacist may otherwise be subject."

SECTION 3.

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

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

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

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
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Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	E Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	N Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	E Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M

Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	N Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	E Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	E Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	N Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	E Williams, MF
N Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	E Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	N Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
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On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 155, nays 7.

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

House of Representatives

Governor's Floor Leader

Suite 109 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

The Honorable Bill Reilly
Clerk of the House
Suite 309 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Clerk Reilly,

I am sending this letter to reflect my intentions regarding the vote for SB 195 on the House Floor on February 12th, 2026. I originally voted YES to SB 195. Upon reflection, I believe there is a lack of clarity surrounding parental consent requirements for individuals under the age of 18.

For that reason, my intention is to vote NO on SB 195, and I would like this intention reflected in the official record for Vote 511 of the 2025-2026 Legislative Session.

Thank you for your assistance!

Sincerely,

/s/ Will Wade
Representative Will Wade
District 9

Representative Gambill of the 15th asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that a Bill of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee.

The motion prevailed.

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

HB 1302. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Seabaugh of the 34th, Wade of the 9th, Dubnik of the 29th, Erwin of the 32nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 20, 34, and 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to education, labor and industrial relations, and state government, respectively, so as to provide for the reconstitution of the Office of Student Achievement as the Office of Education and Workforce Strategy; to provide for a combined Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Plan and Perkins State Plan; to provide for registered apprenticeship programs; to designate the Technical College System of Georgia as the state apprenticeship agency for the State of Georgia and provide for related authority and responsibilities; to provide for definitions; to provide for conforming changes; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

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

Representative Beckles of the 96th.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1349. By Representatives Holcomb of the 101st, Taylor of the 173rd, Cannon of the 172nd, Williams of the 168th, Westbrook of the 163rd and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of John Donald Steed, Jr.; and for other purposes.

HR 1350. By Representatives Sharper of the 177th, Carpenter of the 4th, Bell of the 75th, Frye of the 122nd and Willis of the 55th:

A RESOLUTION honoring Kelsie "West Love" Davis for her musical achievements and positive representation of Valdosta, Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 1351. By Representative Kendrick of the 95th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing 2026 Tech Demo Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1352. By Representatives Parsons of the 44th, Martin of the 49th, Anderson of the 10th, Huddleston of the 72nd, Meeks of the 178th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Georgia's lineworkers and recognizing April 13, 2026, as Georgia Lineworker Appreciation Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1353. By Representatives Santos of the 117th, New of the 40th, Camp of the 135th, Gunter of the 8th, Crawford of the 89th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence; and for other purposes.

HR 1354. By Representative Meeks of the 178th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Pierce County High School cheerleading team for winning the 2025 GHSA Class 2A State Cheerleading Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 1355. By Representatives Tran of the 80th, Au of the 50th, Hong of the 103rd, Romman of the 97th and Ali of the 106th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the First Senior Center of Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 1356. By Representatives Fleming of the 114th, Cooper of the 45th, Paris of the 142nd, Martinez of the 111th and Williamson of the 112th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 8-14, 2026, as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week; and for other purposes.

HR 1357. By Representative Willis of the 55th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Kenan Thompson; and for other purposes.

HR 1358. By Representatives Jones of the 143rd, Herring of the 145th, Paris of the 142nd, Griffin of the 149th and Washburn of the 144th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Londyn Rodgers; and for other purposes.

HR 1359. By Representatives Kendrick of the 95th, Mitchell of the 88th, Oliver of the 84th and Carter of the 93rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Lisa Morgan; and for other purposes.

HR 1360. By Representatives Persinger of the 119th and Efstration of the 104th:

A RESOLUTION commending Barrow County's 2026 STAR Students and STAR Teachers; and for other purposes.

HR 1361. By Representatives Jones of the 47th, Rice of the 139th, Hilton of the 48th and Carpenter of the 4th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 25, 2026, as Charter Schools Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1362. By Representatives Jones of the 47th, Carson of the 46th, Kelley of the 16th, Erwin of the 32nd, Park of the 107th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Georgia State University; and for other purposes.

HR 1363. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Fleming of the 114th, Mathis of the 133rd, Rhodes of the 124th, Byrd of the 20th and others:

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

HR 1364. By Representatives Beckles of the 96th, McClain of the 109th, Park of the 107th, Carter of the 93rd, Ali of the 106th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Jerely Vazquez for her outstanding artistic talent and dedication to the visual arts; and for other purposes.

HR 1365. By Representatives Beckles of the 96th, McClain of the 109th, Park of the 107th, Carter of the 93rd, Ali of the 106th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Ivan Soto for his outstanding artistic talent and dedication to the visual arts; and for other purposes.

HR 1366. By Representatives Santos of the 117th, Olaleye of the 59th, Dawson of the 65th, Douglas of the 78th, McCollum of the 30th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Georgia Advancing Communities Together, Inc., and designating February 25, 2026, as Georgia ACT Housing Day at the capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1367. By Representatives Ridley of the 22nd, Thomas of the 21st, Fincher of the 23rd, Byrd of the 20th, Scoggins of the 14th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Deputy Nicholas Glass; and for other purposes.

HR 1368. By Representatives Ridley of the 22nd, Thomas of the 21st, Fincher of the 23rd, Byrd of the 20th, Scoggins of the 14th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Deputy Anthony Pacifico; and for other purposes.

HR 1369. By Representatives Herring of the 145th, Frye of the 122nd, Rhodes of the 124th, Jones of the 25th and Gisler of the 121st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 17, 2026, as The Fight Against Suicide Day; and for other purposes.

HR 1370. By Representatives Beckles of the 96th, Mitchell of the 88th, McClain of the 109th, Burchett of the 176th, Douglas of the 78th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Andrew Adams, founder and owner of ProLevel Recovery; and for other purposes.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House do now adjourn until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Tuesday, February 12, 2026, and the motion prevailed.

Pursuant to the adjournment Resolution previously adopted by the House and Senate, the Speaker announced the House adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

Nineteenth Legislative Day

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

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

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Alexander	Corbett	Hawkins	E Mathis	Roberts
Ali	Cox	Herring	McClain	Romman
Anderson	Cummings	Hilton	McCollum	Sainz
Au	Davis	Hitchens	McQueen	Sampson
Baker	Dawson	Holcomb	Meeks	Sanchez
Ballard	DeLoach	Holland	Miller	Santos
Barnes	Dickey	Holly	Mitchell	Schofield
Barrett	Donatucci	Hong	Momtahan	Scoggins
Barton	Douglas	Horner	Moore	Seabaugh
Bazemore	Drenner	E Howard, K	New	Silcox
Beckles	Dubnik	Huddleston	Newton	Smith, L
Bell	Dunahoo	Hugley	Okoye	Smith, TP
Berry	Ehrhart	Jackson, D	Olaleye	Smith, V
Bonner	Erwin	Jackson, E	O'Steen	Stephens
Buckner	Evans	Jackson, M	Panitch	Stinson
Burnough	Fincher	Jenkins	Paris	Taylor, D
Byrd	Fleming	Jones, A	Park	Taylor, R
Cameron	Flournoy	Jones, J	Parrish	Thomas
Camp	Ford	Jones, S	Parsons	Townsend
Campbell, J	Franklin	Jones, T	Persinger	Tran
Campbell, L	Frye	Kahaian	Petrea	Wade
Cannon, C	Gaines	Kelley	Powell	Williams, A
Cannon, P	Gambill	Kendrick	Prince	Williams, MF
Carpenter	Gisler	LaHood	Reese	Williams, N
Carson	Glaize	Leverett	Reeves	Williamson
Chastain	Greene	Lewis-Ward	Rhodes	E Willis
Cheokas	Griffin	Lumsden	Rice	Yearta
Clark, D	Gullett	Lupton	Richardson	Burns, Speaker
Clark, J	Gunter	Martin		

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

Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Carter of the 93rd, Crawford of the 89th, Crowe of the 118th, Dempsey of the 13th, Draper of the 90th, Jasperse of the 11th, Lim of the 98th, McDonald III of the 26th, Myles of the 126th, Neal of the 79th, Sharper of the 177th, Washburn of the 144th, Werkheiser of the 157th, Westbrook of the 163rd, and Wilkerson of the 38th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Pastor Doyle Kelley, Worldview Baptist Church, Cedartown, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

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

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

The Journal was confirmed.

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

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

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

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

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

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

HB 1292. By Representatives Frye of the 122nd, Bonner of the 73rd, Hitchens of the 161st, Holcomb of the 101st, Prince of the 132nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 6 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certificate of need program, so as to exempt from certificate of need requirements certain nursing homes for war veterans; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HB 1293. By Representatives Jones of the 47th, Martin of the 49th, Dickey of the 134th, Carpenter of the 4th and Fleming of the 114th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to vocational, technical, and adult education, so as to provide updated eligibility requirements for the Dual Achievement Program; to provide for continued eligibility for students already enrolled in the program; to provide for the creation of a funding formula; to provide for policies, rules, and regulations; to repeal provisions regarding participation agreements, QBE funding, and accountability assessments for the program; to provide for continuation of the program and eliminate a provision providing for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HB 1294. By Representatives Lupton of the 83rd, Townsend of the 179th, Lim of the 98th and Wilkerson of the 38th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student health in elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for a grace period of up to 180 days for transfer students to be evaluated for and receive medical and education services based upon medical forms executed by out-of-state physicians; to provide for exceptions; to require the State Board of Education and the Department of Public Health to adopt rules, regulations, and procedures; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 1295. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Stephens of the 164th, Hawkins of the 27th, Au of the 50th, LaHood of the 175th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to physician assistants, so as to enter into an interstate compact known as the "PA Licensure Compact"; to revise provisions relating to the Georgia Composite Medical Board; to provide for date of implementation, withdrawal, and amendment; to provide for construction and severability; to provide for effect of the compact; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HB 1296. By Representatives Momtahan of the 17th, Hitchens of the 161st, Bonner of the 73rd, Cannon of the 172nd, Prince of the 132nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for governing and regulation of mental health, so as to provide for a pilot program to support clinical research of certain eligible breakthrough treatments and provide such treatments to certain veterans and first responders suffering from certain conditions; to provide for definitions; to provide for funding and use of funds; to provide for eligibility; to provide for an annual report; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for termination and automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for contingent effectiveness upon appropriation of funds; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 1297. By Representative Meeks of the 178th:

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

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1298. By Representatives Cannon of the 172nd, Corbett of the 174th, Huddleston of the 72nd, Kelley of the 16th and Blackmon of the 146th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to exempt the retail sale of electricity and natural gas for use by any residential property from sales and use taxes; to provide for the start date for such exemption; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1299. By Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, Burchett of the 176th, O'Steen of the 169th, Barton of the 5th, Gunter of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to county and municipal hospital authorities, so as to allow hospital authorities to acquire, develop, operate, or

equip certain outpatient healthcare facilities; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 1300. By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, Camp of the 135th, Jones of the 47th, Rice of the 139th, Kelley of the 16th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-3-634 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to savings trust accounts, availability, and terms and provisions under the "Georgia Higher Education Savings Plan Act," so as to raise the maximum amount of contributions allowed per beneficiary for savings trust accounts for higher education expenses; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HB 1301. By Representatives Parsons of the 44th, Stephens of the 164th, Kelley of the 16th, Park of the 107th, Smith of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 10-1-393.14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to requirements relating to consumer reports furnished for employment purposes, so as to clarify the requirements for certain data reported by consumer reporting agencies; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs.

HB 1303. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Smith of the 18th, Lumsden of the 12th, Fincher of the 23rd and Panitch of the 51st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to cruelty to children, so as to provide for the offense of possession of a controlled substance in the presence of a child; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties; to provide for limitations on the merger of other offenses arising from the same conduct; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 1304. By Representatives Barnes of the 86th, Gisler of the 121st, Drenner of the 85th, Park of the 107th, Ridley of the 22nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sale of electricity by facility generating electricity, steam, or other forms of energy for its own consumption, so as to provide for portable solar generation devices; to exempt electricity generation devices below 1,200 watts from certain requirements of interconnection and operation; to prohibit electric service providers from requiring certain criteria prior to the operation of portable solar generation devices; to limit liability; to prohibit the sale of electricity generated by portable solar generation devices; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications.

HB 1305. By Representatives Crowe of the 118th, Camp of the 135th, Washburn of the 144th, Paris of the 142nd and Powell of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 41 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to residential and commercial general contractors, so as to provide for licensure of home inspectors; to provide for reciprocity of licensure; to provide for licensure of companies performing home inspections; to provide for minimum requirements to apply for licensure; to provide for continuing education requirements; to require home inspectors to maintain insurance; to provide for standards of practice and unfair trade practices; to provide for exceptions; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for a legislative purpose; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

HB 1306. By Representatives Jones of the 25th, Cox of the 28th, Chastain of the 7th, Bonner of the 73rd and Cannon of the 172nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5A of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Office of State Treasurer, so as to provide for gold and silver specie as legal tender; to provide for a bullion depository; to provide for an electronic payment system; to provide for guidelines, rules and regulations; to provide for insured deposits; to prohibit social credit scoring systems; to provide for annual reports; to prohibit taxation of transactions involving gold and silver specie and legal tender; to provide for an implementation date; to provide for construction; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Banks & Banking.

HB 1307. By Representatives Roberts of the 52nd, Lupton of the 83rd and Holcomb of the 101st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the City of Brookhaven in DeKalb County, approved April 16, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 5527), as amended, so as to increase the existing homestead exemption for senior citizens and disabled persons to $200,000.00; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1308. By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Hilton of the 48th, Jones of the 47th, Rice of the 139th and Cox of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for local and state charter schools and charter school petitioners to have the right to lease, utilize, or buy unused facilities of a local board of education, subject to conditions; to provide for such conditions; to provide for construction; to revise a definition; to make conforming changes and to modernize certain terms; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 1309. By Representatives Newton of the 127th, Stephens of the 164th, Taylor of the 173rd and Buckner of the 137th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to practitioners of the healing arts, so as to clarify that all practitioners who dispense drugs are engaged in the practice of pharmacy and shall comply with all record keeping and other requirements; to provide for the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy to enforce rules and regulations; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical practice, so as to expand the authority of physicians to delegate the authority to dispense certain drugs; to remove certain limitations on the authority of physicians to delegate

the authority to order certain drugs, treatments, or studies; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HB 1310. By Representatives Ford of the 170th, Dickey of the 134th, Meeks of the 178th, O'Steen of the 169th, Williams of the 168th and others:

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

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HB 1311. By Representatives Santos of the 117th and Crawford of the 89th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 15 of Title 9 and Chapter 6 of Title 13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to court and litigation costs and damages and costs generally, respectively, so as to prohibit courts from awarding attorney's fees to defendants who have been found guilty of or pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to a sexual offense when the plaintiff is the victim of such offense; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1312. By Representatives Santos of the 117th and Crawford of the 89th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 and Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to carrying and possession of firearms and domestic relations, respectively, so as to prohibit persons subject to a protective order for family violence or dating violence from possessing a firearm or ammunition; to provide for penalties; to require reporting by the court issuing such prohibition; to require the surrender or transfer of firearms or ammunition in such person's possession; to provide for petitions for return of firearms or ammunition and restoration of rights; to provide for the adoption of procedures; to provide for applicability; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 1313. By Representatives Evans of the 57th, Miller of the 62nd, Roberts of the 52nd, Clark of the 108th, Cannon of the 58th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, so as to provide for certain legal action protections for healthcare professionals administering medical treatment to pregnant women; to amend Code Section 43-34-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to authority to refuse license, certificate, or permit or issue discipline, suspension, restoration, investigations, hearings on fitness, immunity, and publication of final disciplinary actions, so as to provide for clarification regarding what defines "unprofessional conduct" pursuant to certain medical care licensing provisions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 1314. By Representatives Lim of the 98th, Washburn of the 144th, Clark of the 108th and Barrett of the 24th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to operating procedures, so as to require licensees to disclose whether a transaction is reportable to a credit reporting agency; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Banks & Banking.

HR 1346. By Representatives New of the 40th, Alexander of the 66th, Momtahan of the 17th, Gullett of the 19th, Kelley of the 16th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Zander Trayvon Whatley and dedicating an intersection in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 1347. By Representatives New of the 40th, Alexander of the 66th and Baker of the 64th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mr. Andrew "Drew" Keith Slay and dedicating a bridge in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 1348. By Representatives Powell of the 33rd, Wilkerson of the 38th, Kelley of the 16th, Glaize of the 67th, Hugley of the 141st and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that the qualifications, duties, and salary of the school superintendent shall be established by the board of education as provided by general law and to authorize the General Assembly to provide by law that local school superintendents shall be elected by voters as an alternative to being appointed by local boards of education, if approved by local referendum; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

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

HB 1274
HB 1275
HB 1276
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HB 1279
HB 1280
HB 1281
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HB 1288
HB 1289
HB 1290
HB 1291
HB 1302
SB 400
SB 444

Representative McDonald of the 26th District, Chairman of the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 1083	Do Pass	HB 1084	Do Pass
HB 1092	Do Pass	HB 1140	Do Pass
HB 1168	Do Pass	HB 1186	Do Pass
HB 1205	Do Pass	HB 1241	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1245	Do Pass	HB 1246	Do Pass
SB 348	Do Pass	SB 407	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ McDonald of the 26th
Chairman

Representative Corbett of the 174th District, Chairman of the Committee on Motor Vehicles, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 1191 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Corbett of the 174th
Chairman

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

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 19th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

HB 256	Social services; foster parents bill of rights; revise provisions (Substitute)(JudyJ-Wiedower-121st)
HB 662	Health; rural hospital organization; revise definition (Substitute) (Hth-O'Steen-169th)
HB 818	Georgia Judicial Retirement System; membership for each judge employed full time in the Georgia Tax Court; provide (Ret-Martin-49th)
HB 956	Solid Waste Trust Fund; authorize use of funds for implementation of provisions of a solid waste management program (NR&E-Corbett-174th)
HB 987	Voluntary Portable Benefit Plan Act; enact (I&L-Jones-25th)
HB 1022	Motor vehicles; prohibit electric tinting (MotV-McDonald III-26th)

HB 1063 Electric utilities; protect residential and retail electricity customers from costs associated with data center construction and operation; require (Substitute)(SCRM-Thomas-21st)
HB 1121 Cordele Judicial Court; change certain terms of court (Judy-Williams-148th)

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

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

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

HB 1083. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd and Powell of the 33rd:

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

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

HB 1084. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd and Powell of the 33rd:

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

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

HB 1092. By Representatives Yearta of the 152nd, Greene of the 154th, Cheokas of the 151st and Sampson of the 153rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create the Chehaw Park Authority, approved April 11, 1979 (Ga. L. 1979, p. 4515), as amended, particularly by an Act approved July 29, 2020 (Ga. L. 2020, p. 4056), so as to extend the existence of the authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 1140. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th and Williams of the 148th:

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

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

HB 1168. By Representative Huddleston of the 72nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Heard County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of the total assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 70 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 1186. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Gilliard of the 162nd, Hitchens of the 161st, Westbrook of the 163rd and Jackson of the 165th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act creating the Garden City Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority, approved May 17, 2004 (Ga. L. 2004, p. 3983); to provide for the assets and liabilities thereof; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 1205. By Representative Dickey of the 134th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Yatesville; to provide for incorporation, boundaries, and powers of the city; to provide for the exercise of powers and limitations on powers; to provide for severability; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; and for other purposes.

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

HB 1241. By Representatives Crawford of the 89th and Oliver of the 84th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Decatur, approved April 13, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001, p. 4351), as amended, so as to revise provisions regarding the city commission and the public school system; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Decatur, approved April 13, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001, p. 4351), as amended, so as to revise provisions regarding the city commission; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.
An Act providing a new charter for the City of Decatur, approved April 13, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001, p. 4351), as amended, is amended by revising Article III as follows:

"ARTICLE III
CITY COMMISSION

SECTION 3.10.
Created; number of city commissioners; election.

The legislative authority of the government of this city, except as otherwise specifically provided in this Charter, shall be vested in a city commission to be composed of four city commissioners and a mayor. City commissioners and the mayor shall be elected by receiving a plurality of the votes cast in the election district in which the city commissioner qualified. City commissioners and the mayor shall exercise their powers in such manner as may be prescribed by this Charter and the Constitution and applicable laws of the State of Georgia, or if not prescribed, in such manner as may be prescribed by the duly established ordinances of the city.

SECTION 3.11.
Qualifications.

(a) No person shall be eligible for the office of city commissioner or mayor unless the person:

(1) Has resided in the city not less than one year immediately preceding said person's election;

(2) Is a qualified voter in municipal elections for officers of the city; and

(3) Has not been convicted and sentenced for any violation of the criminal laws of Georgia involving moral turpitude, unless such person has received a full pardon or has all rights of citizenship restored.

(b) All city commissioners and the mayor shall continue to reside within the city and within their election district, if any, during their terms of office.

(c) Except where authorized by law:

(1) No city elected official shall hold any other elected public office during the term for which the city official was elected.

(2) No city elected official shall hold any other city office or employment during the term for which the official was elected.

(3) No former city elected official shall hold any compensated appointive office or employment with the city until one year after the expiration of the term for which the official was elected, unless granted a waiver by the ethics committee as defined in Section 3.25 of this Act.

(4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the city commission from selecting any current or former city elected official to represent the city on the governing board of any regional or other intergovernmental agency.

SECTION 3.12.
Compensation; expenses.

The mayor and city commissioners shall receive compensation and expenses for their services as provided by ordinance and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 35 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A.

SECTION 3.13.
Election districts; election dates.

(a)(1) For the purposes of electing city commissioners, the city is divided into two election districts consisting of the described territory of the city contained in the description attached to this Charter and made a part hereof and further identified as 'Plan: DecaturCity2022.' The configuration of the districts shall be reevaluated within two years following each United States decennial census to ensure the districts comply with the constitutional principle of 'one person, one vote.'

(2) There shall be a Post A and a Post B for each such district.

(3) For the purposes of electing the mayor, the entirety of the two districts described in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall constitute the election district for the mayor.

(b) For the purposes of this section:

(1) The term 'tract' means and describes the same geographical boundaries as those provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia.

(2) Whenever the description of any district refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical boundaries of that city, as shown on the census maps for the United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia.

(3) Any part of the city which is not included in any election district described in this section shall be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia.

(c) For the purposes of establishing and maintaining staggered terms of office for city elected officials:

(1) Those persons in office as city commissioners on April 1, 2000, shall serve out the remainder of the terms to which they were elected. Two city commissioners shall be elected from each of the two election districts provided for in subsection (a) of this section, and the mayor shall be elected from the city at large as set forth in paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of this section.

(2) City commissioners elected under this Charter shall be elected to Post A of each election district on the first Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2001. They shall take office on the first Monday in January, 2002, and shall serve terms of four years and until their successors are elected. Successors to such city commissioners shall be elected at the general municipal election held on the first Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2005, and quadrennially thereafter for terms of office of four years.

(3) City commissioners shall be elected to Post B of each election district on the first Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2003. Such city commissioners shall take office on the first Monday in January, 2004, and shall serve terms of four years and until their successors are elected. Successors to such city commissioners shall be elected at the general municipal election held on the first Tuesday next

following the first Monday in November, 2007, and quadrennially thereafter for terms of office of four years.

(4) The mayor shall be elected on the first Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2027. Such mayor shall take office on the first Monday in January, 2028, and shall serve a term of four years and until their successor is elected and qualified. The successor to the mayor shall be elected at the general municipal election held on the first Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2031, and quadrennially thereafter for terms of office of four years.

(d) A person offering for election as a district city commissioner shall designate the election district and post for which the person is offering. A city commissioner elected from an election district must reside within the election district from which elected and shall be elected by the electors residing within the election district. A person offering for election as the mayor shall designate that the person is offering for such position on the city commission. The mayor may reside anywhere within the city and shall be elected by the electors of the city as set forth in paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of this section.

(e) The regular city election of the city shall be held on the first Tuesday next following the first Monday in November of each odd-numbered year.

(f) All city commissioners and the mayor shall serve until their respective successors are elected and qualified.

(g) Political parties shall not conduct primaries for city commission offices, including the office of mayor, and all names of candidates for such offices shall be listed without party designation.

(h) If two or more candidates tie in receiving the highest number of votes for a city office, a run-off election between the candidates with the highest number of votes shall be held as provided for by general law.

SECTION 3.14.

First meeting each year; city commissioners' oath.

The city manager shall call to order the first meeting of the city commission in each calendar year. The elected officials, before entering upon the duties of their office, shall take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation:

'I do solemnly (swear) (affirm) that I will well and truly demean myself as an elected official of the City of Decatur for the ensuing term, and that I will faithfully enforce the Constitution and laws of the United States of America and of the State of Georgia, and the Charter and ordinances of the City of Decatur, to the best of my ability and without fear or favor, and in all my acts as an elected official of the City of Decatur, I will act as I believe for the best interest of this city (so help me God).'

Any elected official who is absent from such meeting shall take and subscribe the oath or affirmation as soon as possible.

SECTION 3.15.
Election, term of mayor.

Reserved.

SECTION 3.16.
Powers and duties of mayor.

The mayor shall:
(1) Be recognized as the head of the city government for all ceremonial purposes, and by the governor for purposes of military law;
(2) Be a member of the city commission and have the same power to vote upon all questions passed upon as other city commission members;
(3) Serve as the chair of the meetings of the city commission. The chair of the meetings shall have the power to convene the city commission in extra session whenever, in the chair's judgment, it becomes necessary, and shall do so whenever requested by three city commission members in writing;
(4) Have no veto power;
(5) Represent the city in intergovernmental relationships and as directed or consented to by the city commission;
(6) Present an annual state of the city message;
(7) Review with the city manager the proposed agenda of any city commission meeting; and
(8) Perform other duties as specified by the city commission.

SECTION 3.17.
Election, term, duties, absence of mayor pro tempore.

At the first regular meeting of the city commission in each calendar year, the city commission shall elect one of the city commissioners to serve as mayor pro tempore for one year from the time of the city commissioner's election as mayor pro tempore until the city commissioner's successor shall have been elected and qualified. The mayor pro tempore shall serve as the chair of the meetings of the city commission in the event of the absence or disability of the mayor. In the event of the absence or disability of both the mayor and the mayor pro tempore, the city commission shall elect a city commissioner to serve as chair of the meeting. The city commission shall declare the absence or disability of the mayor or the mayor pro tempore by majority vote.

SECTION 3.18.
Meetings.

(a) All meetings of the city commission shall be public to the extent required by law, and notice to the public of special meetings shall be given as required by law.

(b) The city commission shall hold regular meetings at such times and places as shall be prescribed by ordinance.
(c) Special meetings of the city commission shall be held upon call of the mayor or three city commission members. Notice of a special meeting shall be served on all other members of the city commission personally, by telephone personally, or by text message personally, at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting. Such notice to members of the city commission shall not be required if the mayor and all city commission members are present when the special meeting is called. Notice of a special meeting may be waived by a member of the city commission in writing before or after such a meeting, and attendance at such a meeting shall also constitute a waiver of notice as to any business transacted in such member's presence. Only the business stated in the call may be transacted at a special meeting.
(d) The city commission shall adopt rules to govern its procedures and order of business, consistent with the provisions of this Charter, and shall provide for the keeping of a journal of its proceedings, which shall be a public record. The journal of proceedings, including the approved meeting minutes, and the meeting notices, shall, in addition to the requirements of general law, be published on the city's website for public access in a format accessible to those with disabilities.

SECTION 3.19.
Quorum; roll call vote.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, three city commission members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and a majority of votes cast shall determine questions before the city commission. On any question, any city commission member may demand a roll call vote, and on such demand the vote shall be so taken and recorded in the minutes. On a vote to adopt an ordinance, the city commission shall take a roll call vote, and the vote shall be recorded in the minutes.
(b) If vacancies in office result in less than a quorum of the city commission holding office, the remaining city commission members in office shall constitute a quorum and shall be authorized to transact business of the city commission. A vote of a majority of the remaining city commission members shall be required for the adoption of any ordinance, resolution or motion.
(c) Once a quorum is established, the quorum cannot be defeated by the subsequent departure of a city commission member.

SECTION 3.20.
Supervision of administration.

(a) The city commission, at any time, may appoint one or more city commission members or other persons to investigate the conduct and business of any officer, employee, department or other agency of the city; may compel the presence of persons or the production of books, papers, electronic records, including but not limited to digital

media, and other evidence; and may swear all persons summoned, as may be necessary or pertinent to the investigation.
(b) Except for the purpose of inquiries and investigations under this section, the city commission or its members shall deal with city officers and employees who are subject to the direction and supervision of the city manager solely through the city manager, and neither the city commission nor its members shall give orders to any such officer or employee, either publicly or privately.
(c) Neither the city commission nor any of its members shall in any manner control or demand the appointment or removal of any city administrative officer or employee whom the city manager or any subordinate of the city manager is empowered to appoint, but the city commission may express its views and fully and freely discuss with the city manager anything pertaining to appointment and removal of such officers and employees.

SECTION 3.21.
Boards, commissions, and authorities generally.

(a) The city commission may, by ordinance or resolution, create boards, commissions and authorities to fulfill any investigative, quasi-judicial, or quasi-legislative function that the city commission deems necessary and shall, by ordinance or resolution, establish the composition, period of existence, duties, and powers thereof.
(b) All members of boards, commissions, and authorities of the city shall be appointed by the city commission in such manner and for such terms of office as shall be provided by ordinance or resolution, except where other appointing authority, terms of office, or manner of appointment is prescribed by this Charter or by general law.
(c) The city commission, by ordinance or resolution, may provide for the compensation and reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses of the members of any board, commission, or authority.
(d) Any vacancy on a board, commission, or authority of the city shall be filled for the unexpired term in the manner prescribed for the original appointment, except as otherwise provided by this Charter or by general law.
(e) If otherwise required by state law, no member of a board, commission, or authority shall assume office until said person has executed and filed with the city clerk an oath obligating said person to perform faithfully and impartially the duties of said person's office, such oath to be prescribed by ordinance or resolution and administered by the mayor or any official authorized by state law.
(f) Every member of a board, commission or authority shall serve at will and may be removed from office by a vote of three members of the city commission.
(g) Except as otherwise provided in this Charter or by general law, each board, commission, and authority of the city shall elect one of its members as chair and one of its members as vice-chair, and may elect or appoint as its secretary one of its members, or it may appoint as secretary an employee of the city. Each board, commission, or authority of the city may establish such bylaws, rules and regulations, not inconsistent with this Charter, the ordinances of the city or general law, as it deems appropriate and

necessary for the fulfillment of its duties or the conduct of its affairs. Such bylaws, rules and regulations approved by each board, commission, or authority of the city shall be approved by the city commission. Copies of such bylaws, rules and regulations shall be filed with the city clerk.

SECTION 3.22.
Planning commission.

The city commission may appoint a commission to be known as a planning commission to recommend to the city commission the boundaries of various zoning districts to be laid out and to recommend the adoption of appropriate regulations and restrictions to apply to the lands, buildings, and structures in such zoning districts. The members of the planning commission, the number of members constituting such commission, the duties of such commission, the terms for which the members of such commission shall serve, and any compensation that such members may receive for their services shall be determined by the city commission. The acts of the planning commission shall be advisory only.

SECTION 3.23.
Removal.

(a) Any city commission member shall be removed from office for any of the following causes:

(1) Incompetence, misfeasance, or malfeasance in office;

(2) Conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude;

(3) Failure at any time to possess any qualification of office as provided by this Charter or by law;

(4) Knowingly violating any express prohibition of this Charter; or

(5) Abandonment of office or failure or neglect to perform the duties thereof as required by this Charter or by state law.

(b) Removal of any city commission member under this section shall be accomplished by one of the following methods:

(1) By a vote of four members of the city commission after an investigative hearing. The person under investigation shall be entitled to a written notice specifying the ground or grounds for removal and to a public hearing that shall be held not less than ten days after the service of the written notice. The person under investigation shall have such rights as are provided by law; or

(2) By an order of the Superior Court of DeKalb County following a hearing on a complaint seeking such removal brought by any resident of the city.

SECTION 3.24.
Vacancies.

(a) The office of mayor, mayor pro tempore, or city commissioner shall become vacant upon the incumbent's death, resignation, forfeiture of office, or removal from office in any manner authorized by this Charter or by the general laws of the State of Georgia.
(b) Upon the suspension from office of the mayor, mayor pro tempore, or city commissioner in any manner authorized by the general laws of the State of Georgia, the remaining city commission members shall appoint a successor for the duration of the suspension. If the suspension becomes permanent, the office shall become vacant and shall be filled as provided in subsection (c) of this section.
(c) If the office of mayor or city commissioner shall become vacant, the city commission or the remaining city commissioners shall call a special election to fill the balance of the unexpired term of such official; however, if such vacancy occurs within twelve months of the expiration of the term of that office, the city commission or the remaining city commissioners shall appoint a successor for the remainder of the term. If the office of mayor pro tempore shall become vacant, the city commission shall appoint a city commissioner to the office of mayor pro tempore to serve the remaining balance of the then-current term.

SECTION 3.25.
Ethics Committee.

The use of public office for private gain is prohibited. The city commission shall implement this prohibition and other ethical principles by ordinance, including appointment of an ethics committee. The ethics committee shall have such membership, powers, and duties as set forth in this Charter or by ordinance."

SECTION 2.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

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

HB 1245. By Representatives Cameron of the 1st and Tarvin of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the election of the members of the Board of Education of Walker County, approved March 8, 1968 (Ga. L. 1968, p. 2235), as amended, so as to provide that future members of the board shall be elected by the voters of the respective education districts instead of by voters of the entire school system; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 1246. By Representative Anderson of the 10th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Clayton; to provide for reincorporation, boundaries, and powers of the city; to provide for the examples of powers; to provide for bonded and other indebtedness; to provide for accounting and budgeting; to provide for contracting and purchasing; to provide for sale of city property; to provide for bonds for officers; to provide for prior ordinances, current employees, and pending matters; to provide for penalties; to provide for definitions and construction; to provide for charter reviews; to provide for severability; to provide for related matters; to repeal specific Acts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

SB 348. By Senator Lucas of the 26th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a Board of County Commissioners of Hancock County, approved October 5, 1885 (Ga. L. 1884-85, p. 435), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 6, 2013 (Ga. L. 2013, p. 4328), so as to change the description of the commissioner districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for the continuation in office of current members; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

SB 407. By Senators Dickerson of the 21st, Albers of the 56th and Kirkpatrick of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a homestead exemption from Cherokee County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes, through tax year 2031, in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for related matters; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

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

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On the passage of the Bills, the ayes were 165, nays 1.

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

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

SB 476. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Walker III of the 20th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 33 and Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance and revenue and taxation, respectively, so as to reduce the personal income tax rate; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 477. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Walker III of the 20th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to income taxes, so as to reduce the personal income tax rate; to revise provisions relative to annual reductions of the income tax; to reduce the rates of taxation on corporate and partnership income; to increase the amount of the standard deduction from state taxable income for individuals; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 134. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Jasperse of the 11th, Burchett of the 176th, Corbett of the 174th, Williams of the 148th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to provide for definitions; to revise and expand a sales tax exemption for manufactured homes; to provide for a sunset date; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 463. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Burns of the 159th, Hatchett of the 155th, Gilliard of the 162nd, Stephens of the 164th and others:

A BILL To be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax exemptions, so as to provide for a state-wide homestead exemption from ad valorem taxes for certain senior citizens who volunteer with local governments in an amount to be determined by such local governments; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for approval and identification of additional terms and conditions by local governing authorities; to provide for related matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for contingent repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

SB 476. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Walker III of the 20th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 33 and Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance and revenue and taxation, respectively, so as to reduce the personal income tax rate; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 477. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Walker III of the 20th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to income taxes, so as to reduce the personal income tax rate; to revise provisions relative to annual reductions of the income tax; to reduce the rates of taxation on corporate and partnership income; to increase the amount of the standard deduction from state taxable income for individuals; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

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

Representatives Berry of the 56th et al., Cannon of the 172nd et al., Herring of the 145th et al., Westbrook of the 163rd et al., Townsend of the 179th et al., Panitch of the 51st et al., Carter of the 93rd et al., Stephens of the 164th et al., Hatchett of the 155th, Au of the 50th et al., Efstration of the 104th et al., Taylor of the 173rd et al., Hagan of the 156th et al., Hilton of the 48th, Holly of the 116th et al., Martinez of the 111th et al., and Gaines of the 120th.

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

HB 880. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Kelley of the 16th, Stephens of the 164th, Newton of the 127th, Martin of the 49th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 and Part 1 of Article 4 of Chapter 12 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to income taxes and management of budgetary and financial affairs, respectively, so as to reduce the income tax rate that may be reached under certain conditions; to provide for certain amounts of the Revenue Shortfall Reserve to be used for tax relief; to increase the limitation on the maximum percentage of net revenue allowed to be held in the Revenue Shortfall Reserve; to remove outdated provisions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By order of the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the House was withdrawn from the General Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Game, Fish, & Parks:

HB 1266. By Representatives Ridley of the 6th, Rhodes of the 124th and Meeks of the 178th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 52 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding registration, operation, and sale of watercraft, so as to repeal a provision relative to the use of certain motors on vessels being operated on the Ogeechee River; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 1121. By Representatives Williams of the 148th, Hagan of the 156th and Stinson of the 150th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to terms of superior court, so as to change certain terms of court in the Cordele Judicial Circuit; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	E Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
E Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	E Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	E Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Willis
E Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
E Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

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

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

HB 662. By Representatives O'Steen of the 169th and Ford of the 170th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 31-8-9.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to eligibility to receive tax credits, so as to revise the definition of "rural hospital organization"; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 31-8-9.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax credit for contributions to certain rural hospital organizations and hospital eligibility and requirements, so as to revise the definition of "rural hospital organization"; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 31-8-9.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax credit for contributions to certain rural hospital organizations and hospital eligibility and requirements, is amended by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(3) 'Rural hospital organization' means an acute care hospital or rural freestanding emergency department licensed by the department pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter 7 of this title that:

(A) Has its primary campus ~~Provides inpatient hospital services at a facility~~ located in a rural county or is a critical access hospital;

(B) Participates in both Medicaid and ~~medicare~~ Medicare and accepts both Medicaid and ~~medicare~~ Medicare patients;

(C) Provides health care services to indigent patients;

(D) Is licensed by the department to provide maternal and newborn services or has ~~Has~~ at least ~~10~~ 5 percent of its annual net revenue categorized as indigent care, charity care, or bad debt;

(E) Annually files IRS Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax, with the department, or for any hospital not required to file IRS Form 990, the department will provide a form that collects the same information to be submitted to the department on an annual basis;

(F) Is operated by a county or municipal authority pursuant to Article 4 of Chapter 7 of this title or is designated as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; and

(G) Is current with all audits and reports required by law~~; and~~

~~(H) Has a three-year average patient margin, as a percent of expense, less than one standard deviation above the state-wide three-year average of organizations defined in subparagraphs (A) through (G) of this paragraph, as calculated by the department. As used in this subparagraph, the term 'patient margin' means gross patient revenues less contractual adjustments, bad debt, indigent and charity care, other uncompensated care, and total expenses~~."

SECTION 2.

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

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

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

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	E Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	E Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	E Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
E Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	E Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
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Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Oliver	Y Tarvin
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Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Willis
E Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
E Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 164, nays 0.

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

HB 256. By Representatives Wiedower of the 121st, Gullett of the 19th, Efstration of the 104th, Clifton of the 131st, Hatchett of the 155th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to programs and protection for children, so as to revise provisions relating to the foster parents bill of rights; to provide for definitions; to provide that such rights include relative caregivers and fictive kin; to provide for the development of administrative procedures; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to programs and protection for children, so as to revise provisions relating to the "Foster Placements Bill of Rights"; to provide for definitions; to provide that such rights include relative caregivers and fictive kin; to provide for the development of administrative procedures; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to programs and protection for children, is amended by revising Code Section 49-5-280, relating to short title, as follows:

"49-5-280.

This article shall be known and may be cited as the 'Foster ~~Parents~~ Placements Bill of Rights.'"

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 49-5-41, relating to persons and agencies permitted access to records, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(h) As used in this subsection, the terms 'certified volunteer advocate' and 'foster placement' shall have the same meanings as set forth in Code Section 49-5-281.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any foster placement shall have reasonable access to nonidentifying information from the placement or child protective services record compiled by any state department or agency having custody of a child with respect to any child who has been placed in the care or custody of such agency, excluding all documents obtained from outside sources which cannot be redisclosed under state or federal law. A department or agency shall respond to a request for access to a child's record within 14 days of receipt of such written request. A foster placement may share such information with a certified volunteer advocate he or she has enlisted to participate in investigations and meetings with the department pursuant to Code Section 49-5-281. Any foster placement or certified volunteer advocate who has access to a child's records shall be subject to the penalties imposed by Code Section 49-5-44 for unauthorized access to or use of such records. Such record shall include reports of abuse of such child and the social history of the child and the child's family, the medical history of such child, including psychological or psychiatric evaluations, educational records as allowed by state or federal law, and any plan of care or placement plan developed by the department."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 49-5-281, relating to bill of rights for foster parents and grievances for violations, as follows:

"49-5-281.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Certified volunteer advocate' means an individual approved as a volunteer advocate by the Office of the Child Advocate for the Protection of Children.

(2) 'Fictive kin' shall have the same meaning as in Code Section 15-11-2.

(3) 'Foster placement' means foster parents, relative caregivers, and fictive kin who provide care for children in the custody of the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services.

(4) 'Reasonable and prudent parent standard' shall have the same meaning as in Code Section 49-5-3.

(5) 'Relative caregiver' means a grandparent, great-grandparent, aunt, uncle, great aunt, great uncle, cousin, sibling, stepparent, or stepsibling who has assumed responsibility for raising a child in an informal, noncustodial, or guardianship capacity.

(b) The General Assembly finds that foster ~~parents~~ placements providing care for children who are in the custody of the Department of Human Services play an integral, indispensable, and vital role in the state's effort to care for dependent children displaced from their homes. The General Assembly further finds that it is in the best interest of Georgia's child welfare system to acknowledge ~~foster parents~~ these caregivers as active and participating members of this system and to support them through the following bill of rights for foster ~~parents~~ placements who care for children in the custody of the Department of Human Services ~~through direct approval and placement by the department~~:

(1) The right to be treated by the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services and other partners in the care of abused children with

dignity, respect, and trust as a primary provider of foster care and a member of the professional team caring for ~~foster children~~ children in foster care;
(2) The right not to be discriminated against on the basis of religion, race, color, creed, gender, marital status, national origin, age, or physical handicap;
(3) The right to continue with his or her own family values and beliefs, so long as the values and beliefs of the foster child and the birth family are not infringed upon and consideration is given to the special needs of children who have experienced trauma and separation from their families. This shall include the right to exercise parental authority within the limits of policies, procedures, and other directions of the Division of Family and Children Services and within the limits of the laws of the State of Georgia;
(3.1) The right to use a reasonable and prudent parent standard when determining the ability of a child in foster care to engage in extracurricular, enrichment, cultural, social, or skill-building activities;
(4) The right to receive both standardized pre-service training, including training in Division of Family and Children Services policies and procedures and appropriate ongoing training, by the Division of Family and Children Services or the ~~placing~~ child-placing agency at appropriate intervals to meet mutually assessed needs of the child and to improve the skills of foster ~~parents'~~ placements ~~skills~~ and to apprise foster ~~parents~~ placements of any changes in applicable policies and procedures of the Division of Family and Children Services and any changes in applicable law;
(5) The right to be apprised of, and to seek out from independent sources, information, laws, and guidelines on the obligations, responsibilities, and opportunities of ~~foster parenting~~ fostering and to be kept informed of any changes in applicable laws, policies, and procedures regarding foster parenting by the Division of Family and Children Services in a timely manner and at least annually;
(6) The right to receive timely financial reimbursement according to ~~the~~ any agreement between the foster ~~parents~~ placement and the Department of Human Services from funds appropriated by the General Assembly and to be notified of any costs or expenses for which the foster ~~parent~~ placement may be eligible for reimbursement;
(7) The right to receive information from the Division of Family and Children Services on how to receive services and reach personnel 24 hours per day, seven days per week;
(8) The right prior to the placement of a child to be notified of any issues relative to the child that may jeopardize the health and safety of the foster ~~family~~ placements or the child or alter the manner in which foster care should be administered;
(9) The right to discuss information regarding the child prior to placement. The Division of Family and Children Services will provide such information as it becomes available as allowable under state and federal laws;
(10) The right to refuse placement of a child in the foster ~~home~~ placement or to request, upon reasonable notice, the removal of a child from the foster home without fear of reprisal or any adverse effect on being assigned any future foster or adoptive placements;

(11) The right to receive any information through the Division of Family and Children Services regarding the number of times a ~~foster~~ child in foster care has been moved and the reasons therefor; and to receive the names and phone numbers of the previous foster ~~parents if the previous foster parents~~ placement if the previous foster placements have authorized such release and as allowable under state and federal law;
(12) The right, at any time during which a child is placed with the foster ~~parent~~ placement, to receive from the Division of Family and Children Services any and all additional pertinent information relevant to the care of the child;
(13) The right to be provided with a written copy of the individual treatment and service plan or case plan created pursuant to Code Section 15-11-201 concerning the child in the foster ~~parent's~~ placement's home and to discuss such plan with the case manager, as well as reasonable notification of any changes to that plan;
(14) The right to participate in the planning of visitation with the child and the child's biological family with the foster parents recognizing that visitation with his or her biological family is important to the child;
(15) The right to participate in the case planning and decision-making process with the Division of Family and Children Services regarding the child as provided in Code Section 15-11-201;
(16) The right to provide input concerning the plan of services for the child and to have that input considered by the department;
(17) The right to communicate for the purpose of participating in the case of the foster child with other professionals who work with such child within the context of the professional team, including, but not limited to, therapists, physicians, and teachers, as allowable under state and federal law;
(18) The right to be notified in advance, in writing, by the Division of Family and Children Services or the court of any hearing or review where the case plan or permanency of the child is an issue, including initial and periodic reviews held by the court in accordance with Code Section 15-11-216 or by the Judicial Citizen Review Panel in accordance with Code Section 15-11-217, hearings following revocation of the license of an agency which has permanent custody of a child in accordance with Code Section 31-2-6, and permanency plan hearings in accordance with Code Section 15-11-230;
(19) The right to be considered, where appropriate, as a preferential placement option when a child who was formerly placed with the foster ~~parents~~ placement has reentered the foster care system;
(20) The right to be considered, where appropriate, as the first choice as a permanent parent or parents for a child who, after 12 months of ~~placement in the foster home~~ foster placement, is released for adoption or permanent foster care;
(21) The right to be provided a fair and timely investigation of complaints concerning the operation of a foster placement home;
(22) The right to an explanation of a corrective action plan or policy violation relating to foster ~~parents; and~~ placements;

(23) ~~The right, to the extent allowed under state and federal law, to have an advocate present at all portions of investigations of abuse and neglect at which an accused foster parent is present. Child abuse and neglect investigations shall be investigated pursuant to Division of Family and Children Services policies and procedures, and any removal of a foster child shall be conducted pursuant to those policies and procedures. The Division of Family and Children Services will permit volunteers with the Adoptive and Foster Parent Association of Georgia to be educated concerning the procedures relevant to investigations of alleged abuse and neglect and the rights of accused foster parents. After such training, a volunteer will be permitted to serve as an advocate for an accused foster parent.~~ The right to be provided a fair, timely, and impartial investigation of complaints concerning the foster placement's home, to be provided the opportunity to have a certified volunteer advocate of the foster placement's choosing present during the investigation, and to be provided due process during the investigation; the right to be provided the opportunity to request and receive mediation or an administrative review of decisions that affect licensing parameters, or both mediation and an administrative review. All communication received by the certified volunteer advocate in this capacity shall be strictly confidential;

(24) The right to request that a certified volunteer advocate be present at all meetings with the department where the foster placement is present, including, but not limited to, individual treatment and service planning, administrative hearings, the grievance and mediation process, the adoption process, and any meetings relating to an allegation process. All communication received by the certified volunteer advocate in this capacity shall be strictly confidential;

(25) The right to be free from retaliation or discrimination based upon the filing of any complaint or grievance with the Division of Family and Children Services; and

(26) The right to seek and obtain independent legal advice and counsel regarding the foster placement's status.

~~(b)~~(c) This bill of rights shall be given full consideration when Division of Family and Children Services policies regarding foster care and adoptive placement are developed.

~~(c)~~(d) Foster ~~parents~~ placements who care for children in the custody of the Department of Human Services through direct approval and placement by the department shall have the right to file a grievance in response to any violation of this article~~, which shall be such foster parents' exclusive administrative remedy for any violation of this article~~. The Division of Family and Children Services and the Office of the Child Advocate for the Protection of Children, along with an advisory committee ~~comprised~~ composed in part of representatives from ~~the Adoptive and Foster Parent Association of Georgia, who provide private placements~~ foster placement advocacy organizations, will develop a grievance procedure, including a mediation procedure and an administrative procedure, to be published in departmental policy manuals and the Foster Parent Handbook no later than July 1, ~~2005~~ 2026.

~~(d)~~(e) The General Assembly further finds that it is also in the best interest of Georgia's child welfare system for the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services to recognize the bill of rights, with reasonable modifications made to

adapt the provisions as required to make them applicable to private agencies, by incorporating them into contracts with private agencies serving children in the custody of the Department of Human Services. The Department of Human Services shall, by contract, require that providers, with whom it contracts for the placement of children in its custody, give full consideration to the rights in subsection ~~(a)~~ (b) of this Code section in developing their policies, practices, and procedures regarding foster care and adoptive placement. The department shall provide information needed by the contractors to meet the requirements of this subsection in a timely manner.

~~(e)~~(f) The Department of Human Services, in consultation with appropriate provider associations and ~~the Adoptive and Foster Parent Association of Georgia~~ foster parent advocacy organizations, shall develop a grievance procedure for dealing with any grievances their foster parents have in response to any violation of this article, no later than July 1, ~~2007~~ 2026. The department shall enforce this provision through policies and procedures and through its contracts with providers."

SECTION 4.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 5.

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

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

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

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	E Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
E Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	E Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
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Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
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Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Willis
E Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
E Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 164, nays 0.

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

HB 1063. By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Burns of the 159th, Cannon of the 172nd, Donatucci of the 105th, Hilton of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to generation and distribution of electricity generally, so as to require electric utilities to protect residential and retail electricity customers from costs associated with data center construction and operation; to require certain contract terms and conditions; to provide for an applicability date; to provide for enforcement; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to generation and distribution of electricity generally, so as to require electric utilities to protect residential and retail electricity customers from costs associated with data center construction and operation; to require certain contract terms and conditions; to provide for an applicability date; to provide for enforcement; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to generation and distribution of electricity generally, is amended by adding a new part to read as follows:

"Part 6

46-3-80.

As used in this part, the term 'data center' means a facility, campus of facilities, or array of interconnected facilities used by an entity or other business enterprise to operate, manage, or maintain a computer, group of computers, or other organized assembly of hardware and software for the primary purpose of processing, storing, retrieving, or transmitting data and that have a peak annual electricity demand of 100 megawatts or greater.

46-3-81.

Each contract between an electric utility and a data center for the provision of electric service shall include terms and conditions designed to protect residential and retail electricity customers from costs associated with data center construction and operation, including, but not limited to, the following:

(1) Minimum billing requirements designed to recover incremental costs associated with serving or preparing to serve a data center;

(2) A contract term that may exceed the length of the applicable service tariff;

(3) Performance and credit provisions designed to protect retail customers in the event of contract default; and

(4) Termination provisions designed to protect retail customers in the event of termination of the contract for electric service.

46-3-82.

The provisions of this part shall only apply to agreements between an electric utility and a data center entered into on or after the effective date of this Act.

46-3-83.

Pursuant to the commission's jurisdictional authority under Code Section 46-2-20, the commission shall make determinations related to compliance with this Code section."

SECTION 2.

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

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

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

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	E Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
E Au	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	N Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	E Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	E Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	E Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	N Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Willis
E Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
E Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 159, nays 5.

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

House of
Representatives
508-B Coverdell Legislative Office Bldg.
Atlanta, GA 30334

February 17, 2026

Clerk of the House Office
18 Capitol Square
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept my apology for being away from my desk while participating in the AAPI Lion Dance for Lunar New Year. Would you kindly add my vote for HB 1063 as a YES in the journal? Of course, if you have any questions do not hesitate to reach out.

Kind regards,

/s/ Charlice Byrd

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The Speaker Pro Tem assumed the Chair.

HB 1022. By Representatives McDonald III of the 26th, Corbett of the 174th, Hitchens of the 161st, Lumsden of the 12th, Crowe of the 118th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to prohibit electric tinting; to provide for penalties; to prohibit the use of digital license plates; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	E Mathis	N Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
E Au	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	N Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	E Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	N Holly	N Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	N Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Howard, J	E Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	E Howard, K	Y New	N Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V

E Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
N Blackmon	N Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Oliver	N Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
N Byrd	Y Fincher	P Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	N Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	N Kelley	Y Powell	Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Werkheiser
E Cannon, P	N Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
N Carpenter	N Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Williams, A
Y Carter	N Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	N Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
N Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	E Willis
E Clark, J	N Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
E Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	E Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 133, nays 25.

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

HB 956. By Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Smith of the 70th and Cannon of the 172nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 12-8-27.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Solid Waste Trust Fund, so as to authorize use of funds for implementation of the provisions of a solid waste management program in this state; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	E Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
E Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	E Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper

Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Howard, J	E Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	E Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
N Byrd	Y Fincher	P Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Williams, A
N Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Willis
E Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
E Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	E Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 159, nays 3.

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

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

HB 818. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Leverett of the 123rd, Gunter of the 8th, Blackmon of the 146th and Evans of the 57th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 23 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Judicial Retirement System, so as to provide for membership in the system for each judge employed full time in the Georgia Tax Court; to provide for creditable service; to provide for transfer of funds; to provide for transfer of membership service; to provide for payments of full actuarial costs; to provide for all other individuals employed by the court; to provide for earnable monthly compensation for purposes of contributions and benefit amounts; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	E Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
E Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	E Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Howard, J	E Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	E Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
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Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
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E Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
E Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	E Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 160, nays 2.

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

HB 987. By Representatives Jones of the 25th, Thomas of the 21st, Anderson of the 10th, Cameron of the 1st and Barrett of the 24th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employment security, so as to provide

for portable benefit plans and portable benefit accounts for independent contractors; to provide for definitions; to provide for voluntary contributions; to provide for independent contractors to opt in to withholdings; to provide for independent contractors to opt out at any time; to exclude voluntary contributions from establishing the classification of employer or employment; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	E Mathis	Y Sainz
N Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	N Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Alexander	N Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
E Au	N Davis	N Holcomb	N Miller	N Scott
N Baker	Y Dawson	E Holland	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
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Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Howard, J	E Neal	Y Smith, M
N Bazemore	N Douglas	E Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
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Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Oliver	Y Tarvin
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N Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	N Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	N Reese	N Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	N Gilliard	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, A
N Carter	N Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	N Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Willis
E Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Y Yearta
E Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 109, nays 53.

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

Representative McDonald III of the 26th asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that a Bill of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee.

The motion prevailed.

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

HB 1342. By Representatives McDonald III of the 26th, Jasperse of the 11th, Hawkins of the 27th, Parsons of the 44th, Cox of the 28th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 6 of Chapter 6 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of maintenance and use of public road relative to public utilities in general, so as to provide for procedures and remedies when a highway improvement project is delayed due to the removal, relocation, or adjustment of utility facilities; to provide for damages; to repeal provisions relative to mediation boards; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Representative Barrett of the 24th asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that a Bill of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee.

The motion prevailed.

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

HB 1343. By Representatives Barrett of the 24th, Reese of the 140th, Burns of the 159th, Hugley of the 141st, Gunter of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 15 and 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the courts and domestic relations, respectively, so as to revise the definition of legal father; to amend Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, so as to require that licensed general hospitals and birthing centers make available a petition for legitimation education video to parents or guardians of newborn infants; to provide that a putative father may indicate on a certificate of birth that he has

submitted to genetic testing to establish paternity of a child born out of wedlock; to amend Title 53 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to wills, trusts, and administration of estates, so as to provide for inheritance by legitimation in certain circumstances; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Representative Reeves of the 99th asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that a Bill of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee.

The motion prevailed.

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

HB 1344. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Burns of the 159th, Lumsden of the 12th, Kelley of the 16th, Hugley of the 141st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 33 and 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to insurance and motor vehicles and traffic, respectively, so as to strengthen the enforcement authority of the Commissioner of Insurance and to clarify regulations on insurance, insurance fraud, uninsured motorists, excluded drivers, premium tax, insurance rates, claims processing, and uninsured or unregistered motor vehicles; to provide for related matters; to provide for short titles; to provide for legislative purposes; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

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

Representatives Romman of the 97th et al., Carpenter of the 4th, Ali of the 106th, Alexander of the 66th et al., Moore of the 91st, and Jackson of the 68th et al.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1373. By Representative Buckner of the 137th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Edwin Marion Self, Jr.; and for other purposes.

HR 1374. By Representatives Herring of the 145th, Jones of the 143rd, Griffin of the 149th, Paris of the 142nd and Washburn of the 144th:

A RESOLUTION commending the efforts of the Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce for its significant contributions to economic prosperity, business advocacy, and the cultivation of local talent through the Leadership Macon program; and for other purposes.

HR 1375. By Representatives Buckner of the 137th, Smith of the 138th and Rice of the 139th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Patricia Lowman upon her retirement; and for other purposes.

HR 1376. By Representatives Kendrick of the 95th, Neal of the 79th, Carter of the 93rd and Beckles of the 96th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Atlanta Chapter of the National Black MBA Association; and for other purposes.

HR 1377. By Representatives Carson of the 46th and Wilkerson of the 38th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending James Underwood for his superlative service to the Georgia Society of Certified Public Accountants; and for other purposes.

HR 1378. By Representatives Townsend of the 179th, Au of the 50th, Hawkins of the 27th, Gullett of the 19th, McDonald III of the 26th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 20, 2026, as Donor Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1379. By Representatives Beckles of the 96th, Adeyina of the 110th, Clark of the 108th, McClain of the 109th, Ali of the 106th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Juniors Running Club of Norcross; and for other purposes.

HR 1380. By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Burns of the 159th and Parrish of the 158th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 18, 2026, as Statesboro-Bulloch County Day at the capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1381. By Representatives Miller of the 62nd, Kendrick of the 95th, Moore of the 91st, Crawford of the 89th, Carter of the 93rd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending New Birth Missionary Baptist Church; and for other purposes.

HR 1382. By Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, Cox of the 28th, Campbell of the 171st, Hagan of the 156th and Cheokas of the 151st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 18, 2026, as Georgia Runs on Trucking Day; and for other purposes.

HR 1383. By Representatives Cheokas of the 151st, LaHood of the 175th, McDonald III of the 26th, Jasperse of the 11th, Hatchett of the 155th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Association of Georgia General Aviation Airports as an industry association for general aviation airports in the State of Georgia and its corporate affiliates; and for other purposes.

HR 1384. By Representative Meeks of the 178th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Pierce County High School boys tennis team for winning the 2025 GHSA Class AA State Tennis Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 1385. By Representatives Evans of the 57th and Draper of the 90th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Haygood Memorial United Methodist Church on the occasion of its 100th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 1386. By Representatives Flournoy of the 74th, Santos of the 117th, Neal of the 79th, Scott of the 76th and Burnough of the 77th:

A RESOLUTION commending Clayton State University and recognizing March 4, 2026, as Clayton State University Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1387. By Representatives Baker of the 64th, Alexander of the 66th and New of the 40th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., for its longstanding service and contributions to the communities of Douglas, Paulding, and Carroll Counties; and for other purposes.

HR 1388. By Representatives Baker of the 64th, Alexander of the 66th and New of the 40th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Atlanta Community Food Bank for its partnership efforts in Douglas County and its continued commitment to combating food insecurity throughout the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 1389. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Erwin of the 32nd, Dubnik of the 29th, Wade of the 9th, Washburn of the 144th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the statewide Day of Service on March 18, 2026; and for other purposes.

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

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

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

Twentieth Legislative Day

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

The following communication was received:

House of Representatives

Coverdell Office Building, Room 607-E
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Clerk,

Please accept this correspondence as my votes on the following House Bills considered during this legislative session:

HB 256 - Social Services; foster parents bill of rights; revise provisions YES
HB 662 - Health; rural hospital organization; revise definition YES
HB 818 - Georgia Judicial Retirement System; member for each judge employed full time YES
HB 956 - Solid Waste Fund; authorize use of funds for implementation of provisions of a solid waste management program YES
HB 987 - Voluntary Portable Benefit Plan; enact YES
HB 1022 - Motor vehicles; prohibit electronic tinting YES
HB 1063 - Electric utilities; protect residential and retail electricity customers from costs associated with data center construction and operation; require YES
HB 1121 - Cordele Judicial Court; certain terms of court YES

Please record my votes accordingly in the official record of the House.

Should you require any additional information or documentation, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jasmine Clark
State Representative Dr. Jasmine Clark
GA HD-108

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

Adesanya	Crowe	Herring	E Mathis	Romman
Adeyina	Cummings	Hilton	McClain	Sainz
Alexander	Davis	Hitchens	McCollum	Sampson
Ali	Dawson	Holcomb	McDonald	Sanchez
Anderson	Dempsey	Holland	McQueen	Schofield
Au	Dickey	Holly	Meeks	Scoggins
Baker	Donatucci	Hong	E Miller	Scott
Ballard	Douglas	Horner	Mitchell	Seabaugh
Barton	Drenner	Howard, J	Momtahan	Sharper
Bazemore	Dubnik	E Howard, K	Myles	Silcox
Beckles	Dunahoo	Huddleston	Neal	Smith, L
Bell	Efstration	Hugley	New	Smith, TP
Berry	Erwin	Jackson, D	Newton	Smith, V
Bonner	Evans	Jackson, E	Okoye	Stephens
Buckner	Fincher	Jackson, M	Olaleye	Stinson
Burchett	Fleming	Jasperse	E Oliver	Tarvin
Burnough	Flournoy	Jenkins	O'Steen	Taylor, D
Byrd	Ford	Jones, A	Panitch	Taylor, R
Cameron	Franklin	Jones, J	Park	Thomas
Camp	Frye	Jones, S	Parrish	Townsend
Campbell, J	Gaines	Jones, T	Parsons	Tran
Campbell, L	Gambill	Kahaian	Persinger	Wade
Cannon, C	Gilliard	Kelley	Powell	Werkheiser
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Cheokas	Griffin	Lewis-Ward	Rhodes	Williams, N
Clark, D	Gullett	Lumsden	Rice	Williamson
Clifton	Gunter	Lupton	Richardson	Willis
Cooper	Hagan	Martin	Ridley, Jas	Yearta
Corbett	Hatchett	Martinez	Ridley, Jor	Burns, Speaker
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The following members were off the floor of the House when the roll was called:

Representatives Barnes of the 86th, Barrett of the 24th, Blackmon of the 146th, Carson of the 46th, Carter of the 93rd, Clark of the 108th, Crawford of the 89th, DeLoach of the 167th, Draper of the 90th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Lim of the 98th, Moore of the 91st, Paris of the 142nd, Petrea of the 166th, Roberts of the 52nd, Santos of the 117th, Washburn of the 144th, and Wilkerson of the 38th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Dr. Bernard Clarke, St. Phillip Monumental AME Church, Savannah, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

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

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

The Journal was confirmed.

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

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

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

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

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

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

HB 1315. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Reeves of the 99th, Washburn of the 144th, Frye of the 122nd and Powell of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 66 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to zoning procedures, so as to provide for the maximum period of time a local government may enforce certain moratoria; to prohibit reimposition of certain moratoria within a certain period of time; to waive sovereign immunity on claims related to damages arising from moratoria exceeding such limitations; to provide for recoverable damages and attorney's fees; to provide for legislative findings; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 1316. By Representatives Tarvin of the 2nd and Cameron of the 1st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Walker County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes, approved May 13, 2025 (Ga. L. 2025, p. 3901), so as to remove the five year residency requirement for the homestead exemption for residents of such school district who are 75 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1317. By Representatives Horner of the 3rd, Cameron of the 1st and Tarvin of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Fort Oglethorpe to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1318. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th and Rice of the 139th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 34 of the O.C.G.A., relating to labor and industrial relations, so as to provide for an actuarial study on state based paid family and medical leave insurance program; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative findings and legislative purpose; to provide for a contingent effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Industry and Labor.

HB 1319. By Representative Carpenter of the 4th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 9 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of rates, underwriting rules, and related organizations, so as to provide for a premium discount for motor

vehicles with certain antitheft devices in private passenger automobile insurance and commercial motor vehicle insurance that include comprehensive coverage; to provide for a definition; to provide for the Commissioner of Insurance to approve rate filings; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

HB 1320. By Representatives Parsons of the 44th, Dickey of the 134th, Werkheiser of the 157th, Greene of the 154th and Anderson of the 10th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 46-3A-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to filing and approval of an integrated resource plan, so as to provide for nuclear energy generation facilities in the integrated resource plan; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications.

HB 1321. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th and Scoggins of the 14th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Cartersville ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of $100,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1322. By Representatives Cheokas of the 151st, Crowe of the 118th, Lumsden of the 12th, DeLoach of the 167th, Cannon of the 172nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-11-30 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to riot, so as to repeal the misdemeanor penalty and provide for a felony penalty; to amend Code Section 17-6-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to when offenses bailable, procedure, schedule of bails, and appeal bonds, so as to include the offense of

riot; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 1323. By Representative Neal of the 79th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to electrical service, so as to require new data centers to operate as hybrid power data centers; to provide for certification by the Public Service Commission; to provide for enforcement; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Committee on Resource Management.

HB 1324. By Representatives Ridley of the 6th, Cannon of the 172nd, Rhodes of the 124th, Williams of the 148th and Corbett of the 174th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dangerous instrumentalities and practices, so as to repeal the prohibition on possessing a silencer; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 1325. By Representatives Ballard of the 147th, Rice of the 139th, Cox of the 28th, Persinger of the 119th, Hagan of the 156th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-736 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student codes of conduct, distribution, disciplinary action for violations, and parental involvement, so as to require local boards of education to provide parents and teachers opportunities to be involved in developing and updating student codes of conduct; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 1326. By Representatives Neal of the 79th and Jones of the 143rd:

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

exemptions, and credits from income taxes, so as to provide for a tax credit for living wage jobs; to provide for amounts, conditions, and limitations; to provide for definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1327. By Representatives Ridley of the 6th, Crowe of the 118th, Burchett of the 176th, Efstration of the 104th and Leverett of the 123rd:

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

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 1328. By Representatives Wade of the 9th, Bonner of the 73rd, Hawkins of the 27th, Dubnik of the 29th, Gaines of the 120th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 5A of Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to University of North Georgia military scholarships, so as to authorize the selection committee to select additional scholarship recipients; to authorize additional nominations for candidates to receive a scholarship; to provide a limit on the number of scholarships that can be awarded; to provide criteria for selecting scholarship recipients; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HB 1329. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th and Newton of the 127th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to controlled substances, so as to provide for certain provisions relating to Schedule I controlled substances; to provide for certain provisions relating to the definition of dangerous drugs; to provide

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

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 1330. By Representatives Carter of the 93rd, Camp of the 135th, Ballard of the 147th, Wilkerson of the 38th, Hugley of the 141st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for the Georgia Public School Excellence and Stability (GPSES) grant program; to provide for eligibility; to provide for requirements; to clarify student residency qualification for promise scholarship accounts; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 1331. By Representatives Frye of the 122nd, Romman of the 97th, Berry of the 56th, Sanchez of the 42nd, Bell of the 75th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Minimum Wage Law," so as to provide for minimum wage pay to workers whose compensation consists wholly or partially of gratuities; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Industry and Labor.

HB 1332. By Representatives Clark of the 100th, Sainz of the 180th, Crowe of the 118th, Fleming of the 114th, Chastain of the 7th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Community Health, so as to require certain hospitals to give a preference to American manufactured pharmaceuticals; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions and waivers; to provide for documentation; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for construction; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HB 1333. By Representative Kelley of the 16th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 30 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to municipal corporations only, so as to provide for the calculation of the costs of governmental affairs activities by municipalities which taxpayers may elect not to pay; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 1334. By Representatives Okoye of the 102nd, Adeyina of the 110th, Holly of the 116th, Schofield of the 63rd, Scott of the 76th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 12 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commissions and other agencies, so as to create the Georgia-Africa and Caribbean Trade Commission; to provide for members and purpose of the commission; to provide for annual reporting; to create a fund for commission expenses; to provide for legislative findings and intent; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Tourism.

HB 1335. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Stephens of the 164th, Holly of the 116th, Gilliard of the 162nd, Williams of the 168th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to emergency management, so as to provide for certain longshoremen and related maritime, port, warehouse, and logistics workers to be considered essential workers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 1336. By Representatives Crowe of the 118th, Anderson of the 10th, LaHood of the 175th, Burchett of the 176th, Jenkins of the 136th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 12 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of airline companies, so as to require that at least 50 percent of revenues collected from a local tax jurisdiction's levy of ad valorem taxes on such tax jurisdiction's apportionment of aircraft by the commissioner be dedicated to the maintenance

and operations of airports within the tax jurisdiction; to provide for a definition; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1337. By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Jones of the 47th, Martin of the 49th, Gunter of the 8th and Scoggins of the 14th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to provide for the retention and expenditure of passport application and processing fees by clerks of superior courts and probate court judges; to provide for retention of certain fees as personal compensation; to provide for disclosures in written reports; to provide for use of certain fees; to provide for limitations; to authorize the adoption of local acts; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1338. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Hitchens of the 161st, Jackson of the 165th, Petrea of the 166th and Gilliard of the 162nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for a homestead exemption from certain City of Savannah ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted assessed value of such homestead for the taxable year immediately preceding the taxable year in which this exemption was first granted to the current owner of such homestead, approved April 13, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 4223), as amended, so as to prevent any increases in the adjusted base year assessed value of properties above the value set in tax year 2025; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1339. By Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Buckner of the 137th and Reese of the 140th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for a new charter for the county-wide government of Columbus, Georgia, approved April 5, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 4978), as amended, so as to revise provisions for filling vacancies in the office of mayor or councilor; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1340. By Representatives McCollum of the 30th, Dunahoo of the 31st, Cox of the 28th, Hong of the 103rd, Clark of the 100th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for homestead exemptions from Hall County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes for certain residents of that school district who are senior citizens, approved April 6, 1998 (Ga. L. 1998, p. 4281), as amended, so as to increase the income cap on the homestead exemption provided to residents of the school district 62 years of age and older; to provide that any person 66 years of age or older shall receive a new exemption on the first $400,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1341. By Representatives McCollum of the 30th, Dunahoo of the 31st, Cox of the 28th, Clark of the 100th, Dubnik of the 29th and others:

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

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1345. By Representatives Rice of the 139th, Efstration of the 104th, Donatucci of the 105th, Reeves of the 99th, Hilton of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 14 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the State Workforce Development Board, so as to provide for the approval of certain eligible workforce training programs relative to implementing the federal Workforce Pell Grant program; to provide a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HB 1346. By Representatives Jones of the 143rd, Hugley of the 141st, Herring of the 145th and Jones of the 25th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to insurance, so as to provide for coverage for comprehensive maternal mental health screening and care; to provide for such screenings at specific points during and after pregnancy as deemed necessary by a physician or other healthcare provider; to provide for reports; to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to provide for maternal mental health screenings for perinatal mood and anxiety disorders; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HB 1347. By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Carson of the 46th, Erwin of the 32nd and Franklin of the 160th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Public Retirement Systems Investment Authority Law," so as to provide certain retirement systems the option to invest in real estate; to provide for an increase in certain retirement systems allowable alternative investments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

HB 1348. By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Hong of the 103rd, Gunter of the 8th, Leverett of the 123rd and DeLoach of the 167th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to receivers relative to civil practice, so as to

provide for compensation for receivers; to provide for a cap on compensation; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1349. By Representatives Glaize of the 67th, Miller of the 62nd, Dawson of the 65th, Panitch of the 51st, Bazemore of the 69th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing in Fulton County a system for pension and retirement to pay teachers and employees of the Board of Education of Fulton County, approved February 2, 1945 (Ga. L. 1945, p. 528), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 9, 2017 (Ga. L. 2017, p. 4002), and an Act approved May 3, 2018 (Ga. L. 2018, p. 3568), so as to revise the membership of the pension board; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1350. By Representatives Kahaian of the 81st, Byrd of the 20th, Jones of the 25th, Clark of the 100th, Barrett of the 24th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, so as to protect the rights of individuals to make autonomous decisions regarding medical interventions; to prohibit exclusion based on medical interventions; to repeal the authority of the Department of Public Health and all county boards of health to require persons to submit to vaccinations or other measures to prevent contagious or infectious diseases; to provide for related matters; to provide a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 1351. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Holcomb of the 101st, Beckles of the 96th, Evans of the 57th, Ali of the 106th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions of state government, so as to require state agencies to provide a notice to employees when using artificial intelligence in personnel matters; to require a governmental agency to issue a disclaimer regarding the use of artificial intelligence; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 1352. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Jones of the 25th, Chastain of the 7th, Gambill of the 15th and Burchett of the 176th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 2 of Part 1 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to compulsory attendance, so as to provide for public school students to be permitted to attend courses in religious moral instruction provided by an individual or organization independently of a public school, subject to certain conditions; to provide for such conditions; to provide for students to receive academic credit for such courses; to require local education agencies to adopt certain policies; to prohibit students who participate in such courses from being counted as absent from school; to provide for responsibilities of the Department of Education; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 1353. By Representative Martin of the 49th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 13 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to excise tax on rooms, lodgings, and accommodations, so as to exclude usufructs from assessments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HR 1371. By Representatives Crowe of the 118th, Jones of the 25th, Corbett of the 174th, Smith of the 18th, Momtahan of the 17th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Code Revisions for Autonomous Vehicles; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation.

HR 1372. By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, Jones of the 60th, Wilkerson of the 38th, Parsons of the 44th, Sanchez of the 42nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the life of Mr. John A. Williams and dedicating a bridge in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 1390. By Representatives Gilliard of the 162nd, Stephens of the 164th, Oliver of the 84th, Glaize of the 67th and Buckner of the 137th:

A RESOLUTION urging action to protect the statue of Juliette Gordon Low within the Juliette Gordon Low Building; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

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

HB 1292	HB 1293
HB 1294	HB 1295
HB 1296	HB 1297
HB 1298	HB 1299
HB 1300	HB 1301
HB 1303	HB 1304
HB 1305	HB 1306
HB 1307	HB 1308
HB 1309	HB 1310
HB 1311	HB 1312
HB 1313	HB 1314
HB 1342	HB 1343
HB 1344	HR 1346
HR 1347	HR 1348
SB 476	SB 477

Representative Dickey of the 134th District, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 947 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Dickey of the 134th
Chairman

Representative Parsons of the 44th District, Chairman of the Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Telecommunications, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Telecommunications has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 641 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Barton of the 5th
Vice-Chairman

Representative Petrea of the 166th District, Chairman of the Committee on Human Relations and Aging, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 1238 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Petrea of the 166th
Chairman

Representative Smith of the 18th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 35 Do Pass
HB 675 Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1075 Do Pass
HB 1131 Do Pass
HB 1226 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Smith of the 18th
Chairman

Representative Cooper of the 45th District, Chairman of the Committee on Public and Community Health, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 1097 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Cooper of the 45th
Chairman

Representative Powell of the 33rd District, Chairman of the Committee on Regulated Industries, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Regulated Industries has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 684	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 1095	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1134	Do Pass	HB 1222	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Powell of the 33rd
Chairman

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 376	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 874	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 962	Do Pass	HB 1085	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1156	Do Pass	HB 1159	Do Pass, by Substitute
HR 1178	Do Pass	SB 59	Do Pass, by Substitute

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

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

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 20th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

HB 419 Education; require possession of opioid antagonists by institutions within University System of Georgia (Substitute)(HEd-Hawkins-27th)

HB 541 Education; tuition equalization grants; expand definition of an approved school to include certain institutions which offer programs in nursing (Substitute)(HEd-Dempsey-13th)

HB 943 Social services; establish a pilot program for autism spectrum disorder to children in foster care; provide (Substitute)(JudyJ-Silcox-53rd)

HB 970 Quality Basic Education Act; expand which healthcare professionals may conduct preparticipation physical examinations (Substitute) (Hth-Townsend-179th)

HB 1096 Public Health, Department of; provide that if certain employees of a county board of health become employees of such department such employees will retain accrued annual and sick leave (Substitute)(P&CH-Taylor-173rd)

HB 1182 Agriculture; soil amendments; provide for additional prohibited acts (Substitute)(A&CA-Rhodes-124th)

HB 1202 Georgia Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Advisory Board; correct a scrivener's error in a cross-reference (MotV-Corbett-174th)

Structured Rule

HB 964 Revenue and taxation; state and local title ad valorem tax fee; exempt certain motor vehicles used in fire protection services for local governments (Substitute)(W&M-Cannon-172nd)

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

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

SB 143. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Payne of the 54th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Still of the 48th, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 7 of Title 47 of the O.C.G.A., relating to retirement, retirement allowances, disability benefits, and death benefits relative to the Georgia Firefighter's Pension Fund, so as to provide for certain members to retire at age 50; to amend Article 7 of Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the O.C.G.A., the "Public Retirement Systems Investment Authority Law," so as to provide for an exception for the Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund to invest in assets rated below investment grade; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 369. By Senators Still of the 48th, Esteves of the 35th, Kemp of the 38th and Brass of the 6th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 31 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Charter Schools Act of 1998," so as to provide for completion charter schools; to provide for rules, regulations, policies, and procedures; to provide for the conversion of existing charter schools to completion charter schools; to provide for measurable objective performance standards; to provide for separate principles and standards for

completion charter schools; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 452. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Robertson of the 29th, Strickland of the 42nd, Tillery of the 19th, Albers of the 56th and others:

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A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Irwin County, approved February 16, 1933 (Ga. L. 1933, p. 571), as amended, so as to revise provisions relating to the compensation of the board of commissioners; to revise provisions relating to appointment of the clerk of the board of commissioners; to provide for the duties of the chairperson of the board of commissioners; to provide for a vice chairperson of the board of commissioners; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 877. By Representatives Jackson of the 68th, Bazemore of the 69th, Bonner of the 73rd and Mathiak of the 82nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Fayetteville; to provide for incorporation, boundaries, and powers of the city; to provide for the exercise of powers and limitations on powers; to provide for a governing authority of such city and the powers, duties, authority, prohibitions, elections, terms, removal from office, method of filling vacancies, compensation, expenses, and qualifications; to provide for franchises, service charges, and assessments; to provide for bonded and other indebtedness; to provide for accounting and budgeting; to provide for contracting and purchasing; to provide for sale of city property; to provide for bonds for officials; to provide for pending matters; to provide for definitions and construction; to provide for severability; to provide for related matters; to repeal specific Acts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 936. By Representative Cannon of the 172nd:

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

HB 937. By Representatives Ford of the 170th and O'Steen of the 169th:

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

HB 938. By Representatives Ford of the 170th and O'Steen of the 169th:

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

HB 939. By Representatives Ford of the 170th and O'Steen of the 169th:

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

HB 940. By Representatives Ford of the 170th and O'Steen of the 169th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating and establishing the State Court of Tift County, approved March 30, 1971 (Ga. L. 1971, p. 2468), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 5, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 4575), and an Act approved May 3, 2016 (Ga. L. 2016, p. 3999), so as to provide for the compensation of the judge of such court; to provide for the compensation of the solicitor-general of such court; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 941. By Representatives Ford of the 170th and O'Steen of the 169th:

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

HB 952. By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Parrish of the 158th and Burns of the 159th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Bulloch County and provide for its powers and duties, approved May 11, 2009 (Ga. L. 2009, p. 4409), so as to increase the size of the board to five members; to revise procedures for the appointment of such board members; to provide for interim terms; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 953. By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Parrish of the 158th and Burns of the 159th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the City of Statesboro Public Facilities; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 982. By Representatives Camp of the 135th and Dickey of the 134th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Barnesville, approved March 11, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 3865), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 12, 2005 (Ga. L. 2005, p. 3510), so as to change the description of the election districts for the city council; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1026. By Representatives Sharper of the 177th, Corbett of the 174th, LaHood of the 175th and Burchett of the 176th:

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

HB 1037. By Representatives Cummings of the 39th, Adesanya of the 43rd, Parsons of the 44th, Campbell of the 35th, Seabaugh of the 34th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Cobb County, approved March 26, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 3211), as amended, so as to change the compensation of judges of the State Court of Cobb County; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1093. By Representatives Burchett of the 176th and Corbett of the 174th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a nonbinding advisory referendum for the purpose of ascertaining whether the electors of Ware County support a perimeter highway bypass around Waycross; to provide for legislative purposes and findings; to provide for a referendum; to provide for mandatory execution of election and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 1029. By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Ridley of the 22nd, Jones of the 47th, Jasperse of the 11th, Parsons of the 44th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Holly Springs in the County of Cherokee, approved March 18, 1980 (Ga. L. 1980, p. 3281), as amended, so as to revise the boundaries of the city; to provide that the city council shall be composed of four instead of five members; to provide new city council district boundaries; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of the current councilmembers; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

SB 143. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Payne of the 54th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Still of the 48th, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 7 of Title 47 of the O.C.G.A., relating to retirement, retirement allowances, disability benefits, and death benefits relative to the Georgia Firefighter's Pension Fund, so as to provide for certain members to retire at age 50; to amend Article 7 of Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the O.C.G.A., the "Public Retirement Systems Investment

Authority Law," so as to provide for an exception for the Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund to invest in assets rated below investment grade; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

SB 369. By Senators Still of the 48th, Esteves of the 35th, Kemp of the 38th and Brass of the 6th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 31 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Charter Schools Act of 1998," so as to provide for completion charter schools; to provide for rules, regulations, policies, and procedures; to provide for the conversion of existing charter schools to completion charter schools; to provide for measurable objective performance standards; to provide for separate principles and standards for completion charter schools; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

SB 452. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Robertson of the 29th, Strickland of the 42nd, Tillery of the 19th, Albers of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 47-2-357 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to withdrawal, employer contributions, vesting, and date of election, so as to increase the maximum employer contribution to a 401(k) for certain state law enforcement officers; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

SB 494. By Senator Summers of the 13th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Irwin County, approved February 16, 1933 (Ga. L. 1933, p. 571), as amended, so as to revise provisions relating to the compensation of the board of commissioners; to revise provisions relating to appointment of the clerk of the board of commissioners; to provide for the duties of the chairperson of the board of commissioners; to provide for a vice chairperson

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

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

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

Representatives Jones of the 143rd, Jones of the 47th et al., Buckner of the 137th et al., Carpenter of the 4th et al., Lim of the 98th et al., Gambill of the 15th et al., Moore of the 91st, Santos of the 117th et al., Hagan of the 156th et al., Franklin of the 160th et al., Jackson of the 128th et al., Crowe of the 118th et al., and Smith of the 138th.

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

HB 810. By Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, Hawkins of the 27th, Taylor of the 173rd, Stephens of the 164th, Newton of the 127th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 64 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation and licensure of pharmacy benefits managers and Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to require that final reimbursements to pharmacies for prescription drugs are based on certain formulas; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 949. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, O'Steen of the 169th, Cannon of the 172nd, Dickey of the 134th, Ford of the 170th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding aviation, so as to prohibit the launch or intentional landing of unmanned aircraft systems from or on agricultural land; to provide for penalties; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 969. By Representatives Townsend of the 179th, Hawkins of the 27th, Greene of the 154th, Panitch of the 51st, Herring of the 145th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia State Employees Post-employment Health Benefit Fund, so as to provide for certain fund beneficiaries to not be disqualified from the provision of postretirement health benefits under the Georgia State Employees Post-employment Health Benefit Fund; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 1191. By Representatives O'Steen of the 169th, Bonner of the 73rd, Hitchens of the 161st, Corbett of the 174th, Cannon of the 172nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prestige license plates and special plates for certain persons and vehicles, so as to provide for additional military medal awards eligible for special veteran license plates; to provide for a specialty license plate for United States Navy submarine service members; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 1202. By Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Mathis of the 133rd and Smith of the 138th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 35-6A-17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Georgia Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Advisory Board, membership, and termination, so as to correct a scrivener's error in a cross-reference; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	E Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	E Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Camp	Y Flournoy	Jones, T	E Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

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

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

HB 1182. By Representatives Rhodes of the 124th, Leverett of the 123rd, Ridley of the 6th, Williams of the 148th and Corbett of the 174th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to soil amendments, so as to provide for additional prohibited acts; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to soil amendments, so as to provide for additional prohibited acts; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to soil amendments, is amended by revising Code Section 2-12-79, relating to prohibited acts, as follows:

"2-12-79.

It shall be a violation of this article for any person to:

(1) Distribute an unregistered soil amendment;

(2) Distribute an unlabeled soil amendment;

(3) Distribute a misbranded soil amendment;

(4) Distribute an adulterated soil amendment;

(5) Fail to comply with a stop sale, use, or removal order;

(6) Fail to submit semiannual reports; ~~or~~

(7)(A) Apply or distribute a soil amendment on a site, or on a separate site that has close geographic proximity to and is operationally connected with the underlying site, when:

(i) The owner of such site or the person who has applied or distributed a soil amendment on such site is subject to a consent order, enforcement action, or ongoing investigation by the department or the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources, including, but not limited to, actions regarding the contamination of surface water, ground water, or soil contamination, and such consent order, enforcement action or ongoing investigation has not been withdrawn or resolved to the satisfaction of the issuing agency with respect to such site;

(ii) A notice of violation has been issued by the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources or the department; and

(iii) The department has notified the owner of such site and the person who has applied or distributed a soil amendment on such site that application of soil amendments on such site must cease.

(B) For purposes of this paragraph ~~only~~, the term 'site' means the site identified in the nutrient management plan submitted to the department or a portion thereof;

(8) Store any soil amendment derived from industrial by-products within 100 feet of any property line; or

(9) Load or unload any soil amendment derived from industrial by-products within a public road, as defined in Code Section 32-1-3."

SECTION 2.

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

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

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

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	E Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	E Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Camp	Y Flournoy	Jones, T	E Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 163, nays 0.

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

HB 1096. By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, Hatchett of the 155th, Sharper of the 177th, O'Steen of the 169th and Cooper of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to the Department of Public Health, so as to provide that if certain employees of a county board of health become employees of such department such employees will retain accrued annual and sick leave; to authorize rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to the Department of Public Health, so as to provide that if certain employees of a county board of health become employees of such department such employees will retain accrued annual and sick leave; to provide that such employees shall retain seniority for purposes of graduated leave accrual; to authorize rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to the Department of Public Health, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"31-2A-3.1.

(a) Any employee of a county board of health who is a member of the retirement system provided for in Chapter 2 of Title 47, who is considered a state employee only for the purpose of membership in such retirement system, and who becomes an employee of the department, with no break between such positions of employment, shall retain accrued annual and sick leave possessed by such employee and shall retain seniority for purposes of graduated leave accrual. No employee shall be paid accrued leave by the county board of health when transitioning to state employment.

(b) The State Personnel Board is authorized to promulgate, amend, or repeal rules and regulations for the implementation of this Code section."

SECTION 2.

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

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

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

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	E Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	E Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
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Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 165, nays 0.

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

HB 964. By Representatives Cannon of the 172nd, Chastain of the 7th, McDonald III of the 26th, Williams of the 168th, Lumsden of the 12th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to exempt from the state and local title ad valorem tax fee certain motor vehicles used in the provision of fire protection services for local governments; to exempt from sales and use taxes sales of tangible personal property used in the provision of fire protection services for local governments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to exempt from the state and local title ad valorem tax fee certain motor vehicles used in the provision of fire protection services for local governments; to exempt from sales and use taxes sales of tangible personal property used in the provision of fire protection services for local governments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, is amended in subsection (d) of Code Section 48-5C-1, relating to alternative ad valorem taxation of motor vehicles and title ad valorem tax fee, by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(6.1) Motor vehicles owned or leased by or to an organization that is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and used substantially in the exercise of the general and emergency powers enumerated in Code Sections 25-3-1 and 25-3-2 for a county, city, or other political subdivision shall not be subject to the state and local title ad valorem tax fees provided for under paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section."

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 48-8-3, relating to exemptions from sales and use taxes, by revising paragraph (26), which is reserved, as follows:

"(26) Sales of tangible personal property to an organization that is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code to be used substantially in the exercise of the general and emergency powers enumerated in Code Sections 25-3-1 and 25-3-2 for a county, city, or other political subdivision ~~Reserved~~;"

SECTION 3.

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

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

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

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	E Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
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Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Douglas	E Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	N Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	N Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	E Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 164, nays 4.

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

HB 970. By Representatives Townsend of the 179th, Washburn of the 144th, O'Steen of the 169th, Rice of the 139th, Hagan of the 156th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other educational programs relative to the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to expand which healthcare professionals may conduct preparticipation physical examinations; to provide for the period of validity for such examinations; to require healthcare professionals to include a cardiovascular prescreening as part of such examinations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other educational programs relative to the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to expand which healthcare professionals may conduct preparticipation physical examinations; to provide for the period of validity for such examinations; to require healthcare professionals to include a cardiovascular prescreening as part of such examinations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other educational programs relative to the "Quality Basic Education Act," is amended in Code Section 20-2-319.2, relating to the school interscholastic extracurricular athletic policy providing for the use of a single, comprehensive, preparticipation physical examination form, by revising subsection (c) and by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(c) ~~When a school or school district has a policy which requires students who participate in extracurricular sports to have a physical examination prior to participation, the~~ The person conducting the physical examination provided for in the policy developed under subsection (a) of this Code section shall be a qualified healthcare professional, including a licensed medical physician, doctor of osteopathic medicine, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant in accordance with Code Section 43-34-103, and shall use the State Board of Education approved form pursuant to ~~subsection~~ subsections (d) and (e) of this Code section, provided that the form may at the option of the local board include additional elements. Physical examinations shall be valid for 12 months from the date of

the examination, or, if conducted on or after April 1 of the year preceding the applicable school year, shall remain valid through such applicable school year."

"(e) Beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, a qualified healthcare professional who performs a physical examination of a student athlete shall include in such examination a cardiovascular prescreening that follows nationally recognized, evidence based guidelines recommended by the American College of Cardiology, American Heart Association, or other nationally recognized organization focused on evidence based cardiovascular care. Educational materials that provide information about causes of sudden cardiac arrest in children that follow evidence based science shall be distributed by the school to parents or guardians of students participating in school sports as part of a student's preparticipation physical examination and completion of athletic permission forms."

SECTION 2.

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

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

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

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	E Mathis	E Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	E Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	Y Scott
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Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
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Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser

Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
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Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 166, nays 0.

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

HB 943. By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Hawkins of the 27th, Cooper of the 45th, Franklin of the 160th and Schofield of the 63rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to programs and protection for children and youth, so as to establish a pilot program relating to the provision of screenings, clinical evaluations, training, services, and resources for autism spectrum disorder to children in foster care; to provide for definitions; to provide for the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services to develop and implement such pilot program; to provide for a final report and recommendations; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to programs and protection for children and youth, so as to establish a pilot program relating to the provision of screenings, clinical evaluations, training, services, and resources for autism spectrum disorder to children in foster care; to provide for definitions; to provide for the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services to develop and implement such pilot program; to provide for a final report and recommendations; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to programs and protection for children and youth, is amended in Article 1, relating to children and youth services, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"49-5-26.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Autism spectrum disorder' means a neurobiological disorder or developmental disability characterized by challenges with verbal communication, nonverbal communication, social skills, and restricted or repetitive behaviors, as defined by the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders. Such term shall also include autistic disorder, Asperger's syndrome, pervasive developmental disorder not otherwise specified, and childhood disintegrative disorder.

(2) 'Caregiver' means a parent, legal guardian, foster parent, or kinship caregiver of a child in foster care.

(3) 'Clinical evaluation' means a comprehensive process conducted by a healthcare professional to diagnose whether a child has autism spectrum disorder and to develop a treatment plan.

(4) 'Division' means the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services.

(5) 'Screening' means a relatively brief process using tools such as questionnaires or surveys to identify potential developmental concerns indicating further clinical evaluation is necessary to determine if a child has autism spectrum disorder.

(b) Subject to appropriations, the division shall develop and implement a five-year pilot program for the purpose of providing screenings and clinical evaluations for autism spectrum disorder to children in foster care and providing training, services, and resources on autism spectrum disorder to regional directors, county directors, division supervisors, division case managers, other division staff, healthcare providers, and caregivers. All or part of such training, services, and resources may be provided online. The pilot program shall be established in three regional service areas in the first year and shall be expanded to additional regional service areas each subsequent year of the pilot program until all regional service areas are included. To the extent possible, the pilot program should prioritize screenings, clinical evaluations, and services for children in foster care who have been diagnosed with attention deficit hyperactive disorder or reactive attachment disorder or who have been prescribed psychotropic medications.

(c) As part of the pilot program, the division shall establish plans for the incremental expansion of the pilot program, adopt strategies for effectively communicating with caregivers, ensure sufficient medical consultants are available in regional service areas, and provide technical assistance and dedicated staff for the pilot program.

(d) Upon one year of operation of the pilot program, and annually thereafter until July 1, 2031, the division shall submit a detailed written report on the implementation and effectiveness of the pilot program to the Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, President of the Senate, and chairpersons of the House Committee on Public and Community Health, the House Judiciary Juvenile Committee, and the Senate

Health and Human Services Committee. Such report shall also include recommendations as to the implementation of the pilot program into division operations and identification of screenings, clinical evaluations, training, services, and resources that shall be provided by the division.

(e) The division shall be authorized to establish such rules and regulations as may be necessary to implement the pilot program established pursuant to this Code section.

(f) This Code section shall be repealed by operation of law on July 1 of the year following the submittal of the report as provided in subsection (d) of this Code section."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 3.

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

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

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

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	E Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	E Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
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Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
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Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	E Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 165, nays 2.

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

HB 541. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Cooper of the 45th, Taylor of the 173rd, Prince of the 132nd and Hawkins of the 27th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-3-411 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions regarding tuition equalization grants at private colleges and universities, so as to expand the definition of an approved school to include certain institutions which offer programs in nursing; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative intent; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 20-3-411 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions regarding tuition equalization grants at private colleges and universities, so as to expand the definition of an approved school to include certain institutions which offer programs in nursing; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative intent; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is committed to addressing the healthcare workforce shortage in Georgia, which includes having a sufficient number of high-quality nurses; and

WHEREAS, to increase the number of high-quality nurses in Georgia, crucial elements include providing financial assistance and removing impediments to practicing nursing.

SECTION 2.

Code Section 20-3-411 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions regarding tuition equalization grants at private colleges and universities, is amended by revising paragraph (2) as follows:

"(2) 'Approved school' means:

(A) A nonproprietary institution of higher education located in this state which is not a branch of the university system; which is not a four-year or graduate level institution of higher education that is, or is a part of, a college or university system that is owned and operated by a state other than Georgia; which is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; which is not a graduate level school or college of theology or divinity; and which is not presently receiving state funds under Article 4 of this chapter; provided, however, that an institution which otherwise meets the requirements of this definition and of this subpart except for the lack of accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools shall be deemed to be an 'approved school' during the period that the institution holds candidate for accreditation status with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; provided, further, that an institution which otherwise meets the requirements of this definition and of this subpart except for the lack of accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools shall be deemed to be an 'approved school' if such institution was previously an 'approved school' under division ~~(iii)~~ (iv) of subparagraph (B) of this paragraph within the last five years; provided, further, that an institution which was previously accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools within the last seven years and which otherwise meets the requirements of this definition and of this subpart except for the lack of accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools shall be deemed to be an 'approved school'; and

(B)(i) A qualified proprietary institution of higher education located in this state which is a baccalaureate degree-granting institution of higher education; which is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges as a Level VI institution; which is not a Bible school or college (or, at the graduate level, a school or college of theology or divinity); which admits as regular students only persons who have a high school diploma, a state approved high school equivalency (HSE) diploma, or a degree from an accredited postsecondary institution; whose students are eligible to participate in the federal Pell Grant program; which has been reviewed and approved for operation and for receipt of tuition equalization grant funds by the Georgia Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission; which is domiciled and incorporated in the State of Georgia; which has been located in this state since on or before January 1, 2021; and which met all of the requirements of this subparagraph by January 1, 2021; provided, however, that the criteria for approval for receipt of tuition equalization grant funds shall include but not be limited to areas of course study; quality of academic instruction; student placement rate; research and library resources; faculty; support staff; financial resources; instructional campuses, facilities, or other physical sites; and support and equipment resources.

(ii) A qualified proprietary institution of higher education located in this state which is a baccalaureate degree-granting institution offering a baccalaureate degree program or programs in nursing; which is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools or by the Higher Learning Commission; which is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education; which has a National Council Licensure Examination four-year average passage rate of at least 80 percent; which is not a Bible school or college (or, at the graduate level, a school or college of theology or divinity); which admits as regular students only persons who have a high school diploma, a state approved high school equivalency (HSE) diploma, or a degree from an accredited postsecondary institution; whose students are eligible to participate in the federal Pell Grant program; which has been reviewed and approved for operation and for receipt of tuition equalization grant funds by the Georgia Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission; which has at least one instructional campus that has been physically located in the State of Georgia for at least ten years, as of June 30, 2025; provided, however, that only such institution's baccalaureate degree program or programs in nursing shall be deemed an approved school for the purposes of this subpart; and provided, further, that, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in Code Section 20-2-161.3 or subparagraph (D) of paragraph (7) of Code Section 20-3-519, an institution or program that is deemed an approved school pursuant to this division shall not be deemed an eligible postsecondary institution, as defined in Code Section 20-3-519, or for purposes of the Dual Enrollment Act, as provided for in Code Section 20-2-161.3, or for any other scholarship, loan, or grant program provided for in this article, including HOPE scholarships and grants.

~~(ii)~~(iii) Any proprietary institution that is otherwise qualified pursuant to division (i) of this subparagraph on July 1, 1995, shall be deemed to be eligible for receipt of tuition equalization grant funds subject, however, to any subsequent review of such approval pursuant to any proper regulations which may thereafter be adopted in accordance with paragraph (10) of subsection (b) of Code Section 20-3-250.5 applicable to all qualified proprietary institutions.

~~(iii)~~(iv) Any proprietary institution of higher education that is otherwise qualified pursuant to division (i) of this subparagraph on January 1, 2011, shall continue to be an approved school pursuant to this paragraph as long as it continues to meet the requirements of division (i) of this subparagraph as such existed on March 14, 2011."

SECTION 3.

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

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

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

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	E Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
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Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
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Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
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Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
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Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	E Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 167, nays 1.

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

HB 419. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Gambill of the 15th, Martin of the 49th, Jackson of the 128th, Mathis of the 133rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to university system, so as to require the possession of opioid antagonists by institutions within the

University System of Georgia; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to technical and adult education, so as to require the possession of opioid antagonists by units within the Technical College System of Georgia; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to require the possession of opioid antagonists by institutions within the University System of Georgia and units within the Technical College System of Georgia; to provide for definitions; to provide for possession of opioid antagonists by certain individuals; to require the maintenance of a stock supply of opioid antagonists; to provide for the use and location of opioid antagonist storage compartments; to authorize certain personnel to administer opioid antagonists and carry opioid antagonists; to provide for immunity; to provide that neither civil liability nor professional discipline shall accrue to personnel, the systems, or institutions or units thereof; to provide for an exception; to amend Code Section 31-2A-20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to accessibility to opioid antagonists in government buildings and courthouses, guidelines and training, and limitations on liability, so as to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I.
SECTION 1-1.

Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended in Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 3, relating to university system, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-3-88.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Automated external defibrillator' means a defibrillator which:

(A) Is capable of cardiac rhythm analysis;

(B) Will charge and be capable of being activated to deliver a countershock after electrically detecting the presence of certain cardiac dysrhythmias; and

(C) Is capable of continuous recording of the cardiac dysrhythmia at the scene with a mechanism for transfer and storage or for printing for review subsequent to use.

(2) 'Community funding source' means local sources of capital provided by local banking institutions, including credit unions, community foundations, county or

municipal governments, businesses, or residents. Such funding sources may include grants, gifts, contracts, monetary donations, or loans.

(3) 'Institution' means any college, school, academy, university, or experiment station at any particular location which forms a part of the university system.

(4) 'Opioid antagonist' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 26-4-116.2.

(5) 'Opioid antagonist storage compartment' means the structure in which opioid antagonists may be stored.

(6) 'University system' means the University System of Georgia.

(b) No student, visitor, or university system employee shall be prohibited from possessing an opioid antagonist on university system property or at a university system sponsored activity.

(c) Subject to available funding from community funding sources, each institution shall acquire and maintain a supply of opioid antagonists in any secure location in such a quantity to be used for multiple opioid overdose events; provided, however, that, if there occurs a shortage of opioid antagonists, the institution shall make a reasonable effort to maintain its supply of opioid antagonists. Any such supply shall be maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

(d) Subject to available funding from community funding sources, each institution maintaining one or more automated external defibrillators shall maintain opioid antagonists in an opioid antagonist storage compartment which shall be located within three feet of such defibrillators or as close as space reasonably allows.

(e) Any university system personnel may administer an opioid antagonist to any person who the university system personnel believes in good faith to be experiencing an opioid overdose:

(1) While at an institution;

(2) While at a university system sponsored activity;

(3) While under the supervision of university system personnel; or

(4) Before or after normal institution activities.

(f) Any university system personnel who in good faith administers or chooses not to administer an opioid antagonist shall be immune from civil liability or professional discipline for any act or omission to act related to the administration of an opioid antagonist, except that such immunity shall not apply to an act of willful or wanton misconduct.

(g) Neither civil liability nor professional discipline shall accrue to university system personnel and no civil liability shall accrue to the university system or to any institution of such system due to the removal or misuse of an opioid antagonist or antagonists; provided, however, that immunity shall not apply to an act of willful or wanton misconduct."

SECTION 1-2.

Said title is further amended in Article 2 of Chapter 4, relating to technical and adult education, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-4-39.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Automated external defibrillator' means a defibrillator which:

(A) Is capable of cardiac rhythm analysis;

(B) Will charge and be capable of being activated to deliver a countershock after electrically detecting the presence of certain cardiac dysrhythmias; and

(C) Is capable of continuous recording of the cardiac dysrhythmia at the scene with a mechanism for transfer and storage or for printing for review subsequent to use.

(2) 'Community funding source' means local sources of capital provided by local banking institutions, including credit unions, community foundations, county or municipal governments, businesses, or residents. Such funding sources may include grants, gifts, contracts, monetary donations, or loans.

(3) 'Opioid antagonist' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 26-4-116.2.

(4) 'Opioid antagonist storage compartment' means the structure in which opioid antagonist may be stored.

(5) 'Technical college system' means the Technical College System of Georgia.

(6) 'Unit' means any institution, college, school, academy, or experiment station at any particular location which forms a part of the technical college system.

(b) No student, visitor, or technical college system employee shall be prohibited from possessing an opioid antagonist on technical college system property or at a technical college system sponsored activity.

(c) Subject to available funding from community funding sources, each unit shall acquire and maintain a supply of opioid antagonists in any secure location in such a quantity to be used for multiple opioid overdose events; provided, however, that, if there occurs a shortage of opioid antagonists, the unit shall make a reasonable effort to maintain its supply of opioid antagonists. Any such supply shall be maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

(d) Subject to available funding from community funding sources, each unit maintaining one or more automated external defibrillators shall maintain opioid antagonists in an opioid antagonist storage compartment which shall be located within three feet of such defibrillators or as close as space reasonably allows.

(e) Any technical college system personnel may administer an opioid antagonist to any person who the technical college system personnel believes in good faith to be experiencing an opioid overdose:

(1) While at a unit;

(2) While at a technical college system sponsored activity;

(3) While under the supervision of technical college system personnel; or

(4) Before or after normal unit activities.

(f) Any technical college system personnel who in good faith administers or chooses not to administer an opioid antagonist pursuant to this Code section shall be immune from civil liability or professional discipline for any act or omission to act related to the

administration of an opioid antagonist, except that such immunity shall not apply to an act of willful or wanton misconduct.

(g) Neither civil liability nor professional discipline shall accrue to technical college system personnel and no civil liability shall accrue to the technical college system or any unit of such system due to the removal or misuse of an opioid antagonist or antagonists; provided, however, that immunity shall not apply to an act of willful or wanton misconduct."

PART II.
SECTION 2-1.

Code Section 31-2A-20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to accessibility to opioid antagonists in government buildings and courthouses, guidelines and training, and limitations on liability, is amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Automated external defibrillator' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 31-11-53.1.

(2) 'Courthouse' means a building occupied by judicial courts and containing rooms in which judicial proceedings are held, provided that such building contains an automated external defibrillator.

(3) 'Government entity' means any state board, commission, agency, or department, or the governing authority of any county, municipality, or consolidated government, but such term shall not include local school systems, public schools, charter schools, ~~or university buildings~~ the University System of Georgia, or the Technical College System of Georgia.

(4) 'Opioid antagonist' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 26-4-116.2.

(5) 'Opioid related overdose' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 26-4-116.2.

(6) 'Qualified government building' means a building in which a government entity is housed or meets in its official capacity, including the portion occupied by a government entity of any building that is not publicly owned, provided that such building contains an automated external defibrillator, but such term shall not include a university building.

(7) 'University building' means any building which forms a part of the University System of Georgia, including any college or university under the government, control, and management of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, or any building under the control of the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia."

PART III.

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

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

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

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	E Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	E Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	E Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	E Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Werkheiser
E Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	E Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 165, nays 0.

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

Representative Momtahan of the 17th moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security and recommitted to the Committee on Defense & Veterans Affairs:

HB 1296. By Representatives Momtahan of the 17th, Hitchens of the 161st, Bonner of the 73rd, Cannon of the 172nd, Prince of the 132nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for governing and regulation of mental health, so as to provide for a pilot program to support clinical research of certain eligible breakthrough treatments and provide such treatments to certain veterans and first responders suffering from certain conditions; to provide for definitions; to provide for funding and use of funds; to provide for eligibility; to provide for an annual report; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for termination and automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for contingent effectiveness upon appropriation of funds; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Tarvin of the 2nd moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the Committee on Motor Vehicles and recommitted to the Committee on Insurance:

HB 800. By Representatives Tarvin of the 2nd and Powell of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 33 and 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to insurance and motor vehicles and traffic, respectively, so as to provide for optional vehicle equipment inspections and premium discounts if policyholders obtain such inspections; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Carson of the 46th asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that a Bill of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee.

The motion prevailed.

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

HB 1370. By Representatives Carson of the 46th and Blackmon of the 146th:

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

exemptions, and credits for state income tax, so as to exclude a portion of overtime compensation and cash tips from taxation; to provide for reporting by employers; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

Representative Cheokas of the 151st asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that a Bill of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee.

The motion prevailed.

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

HB 1360. By Representatives Cheokas of the 151st, Cannon of the 172nd, Yearta of the 152nd, Greene of the 154th, Bonner of the 73rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-380 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to refunds of taxes and license fees by counties and municipalities, time and manner of filing claims and actions for refund, and authority to approve or disapprove claims, so as to prohibit class action suits; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

Representatives Jackson of the 128th, Clark of the 108th et al., Santos of the 117th et al., Beckles of the 96th, Adeyina of the 110th, Schofield of the 63rd, Ali of the 106th, and Sainz of the 180th et al.

Representative Blackmon of the 146th asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that a Resolution of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee.

The motion prevailed.

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

HR 1392. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th and Leverett of the 123rd:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that qualified low-income building projects may be classified as a separate class of property for ad valorem property tax purposes, and different rates, methods, and assessment dates may be provided for such building projects; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1394. By Representative Santos of the 117th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Officer Paramhans Desai; and for other purposes.

HR 1395. By Representatives Carson of the 46th and Cooper of the 45th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Brian James Hunt; and for other purposes.

HR 1396. By Representative Martinez of the 111th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Jim Coker; and for other purposes.

HR 1397. By Representatives Sharper of the 177th, Smith of the 41st, Stinson of the 150th, Myles of the 126th and Moore of the 91st:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Dr. Karen Leigh Bryant; and for other purposes.

HR 1398. By Representative Santos of the 117th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Ty Lewis Williams; and for other purposes.

HR 1399. By Representatives Glaize of the 67th, Jenkins of the 136th, Jackson of the 68th and Bonner of the 73rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Dr. Danny Ray Allen; and for other purposes.

HR 1400. By Representative Santos of the 117th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Ty Lewis Williams; and for other purposes.

HR 1401. By Representative Moore of the 91st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Reverend Dr. Jamal-Harrison Bryant; and for other purposes.

HR 1402. By Representatives Santos of the 117th, Flournoy of the 74th and Holly of the 116th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Kimberly Miles during Black History Month; and for other purposes.

HR 1403. By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, Cannon of the 172nd, Erwin of the 32nd, Cox of the 28th and Campbell of the 171st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Mason Howell; and for other purposes.

HR 1404. By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, Cannon of the 172nd, Erwin of the 32nd, Cox of the 28th and Campbell of the 171st:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Thomas County Central High School football team for winning the 2025 GHSA Class 5A State Football Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 1405. By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, Cannon of the 172nd, Erwin of the 32nd, Cox of the 28th and Campbell of the 171st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Fellowship of Christian Officials; and for other purposes.

HR 1406. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th and O'Steen of the 169th:

A RESOLUTION honoring Brewton-Parker Christian University; and for other purposes.

HR 1407. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th, Dempsey of the 13th, Jackson of the 128th and O'Steen of the 169th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 18, 2026, as Community Health Centers Day and commending the Georgia Primary Care Association; and for other purposes.

HR 1408. By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Holland of the 54th, Willis of the 55th, McQueen of the 61st, Olaleye of the 59th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Atlanta Chamber Players upon its 50th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 1409. By Representatives Martinez of the 111th, Schofield of the 63rd, Donatucci of the 105th, Davis of the 87th, Chastain of the 7th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Canada Day; and for other purposes.

HR 1410. By Representatives Howard of the 71st, Dickey of the 134th, Huddleston of the 72nd, Meeks of the 178th, Ridley of the 22nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Georgia Green Industry Association; and for other purposes.

HR 1411. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Cox of the 28th, Dubnik of the 29th, Dunahoo of the 31st, McCollum of the 30th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Georgia Speech-Language-Hearing Association; and for other purposes.

HR 1412. By Representatives Donatucci of the 105th, Efstration of the 104th and Martinez of the 111th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Hebron Christian Academy football team for winning the 2026 3A-A Private State Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 1413. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Cox of the 28th, Dubnik of the 29th, Dunahoo of the 31st, McCollum of the 30th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the North Hall High School girls cross country team for winning the 2025 GHSA Class 3A State Cross Country Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 1414. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Cox of the 28th, Dubnik of the 29th, Dunahoo of the 31st, McCollum of the 30th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Andrew Collinson; and for other purposes.

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

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

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Thursday, February 19, 2026

Twenty-First Legislative Day

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

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

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

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

Representatives Bell of the 75th, Byrd of the 20th, Cannon of the 58th, Clark of the 108th, Crawford of the 89th, Draper of the 90th, Holly of the 116th, Jasperse of the 11th, Lim of the 98th, Myles of the 126th, Olaleye of the 59th, Petrea of the 166th, Prince of the 132nd, Romman of the 97th, Santos of the 117th, Washburn of the 144th, and Willis of the 55th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Pastor TJ Mauldin, First Baptist Church Tifton, Tifton, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

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

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

The Journal was confirmed.

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

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

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

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

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

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

HB 1354. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Hatchett of the 155th and Newton of the 127th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 20E of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Surprise Billing Consumer Protection Act," so as to require certain health insurers providing a network plan to approve credentialing applications within a certain time frame; to provide for the Department of Insurance to establish a standardized credentialing application; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight.

HB 1355. By Representative Werkheiser of the 157th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 9 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to workers' compensation, so as to update workers' compensation law on experience modification factors, refusal of suitable employment procedures, and certain benefits; to provide for petitions, notices, teleconferences, and signed sworn statements; to permit an interlocutory order; to increase weekly benefits for a maximum weekly wage compensation for total disability; to increase weekly benefits for a maximum weekly wage compensation for temporary partial disability; to increase the maximum amounts for certain death benefits; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Industry and Labor.

HB 1356. By Representative Stinson of the 150th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a board of commissioners for Macon County, approved August 26, 1872 (Ga. L. 1872, p. 434), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 14, 1983 (Ga. L. 1983, p. 4048), and by an Act approved March 18, 1985 (Ga. L. 1985, p. 3849), so as to revise the compensation of the chairperson and members of the board of commissioners; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1357. By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Burns of the 159th and Parrish of the 158th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Bulloch County Public Facilities Authority and to provide for the appointment of members of the authority, approved June 30, 2020 (Ga. L. 2020, p. 3929), so as to revise provisions related to revenue bonding authority; to revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1358. By Representative LaHood of the 175th:

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

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1359. By Representative LaHood of the 175th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Brooks County, approved April 20, 2011 (Ga. L. 2011, p. 3703), so as to expand the board to five members; to provide for a quorum of the board; to revise the manner in which members of the board are appointed by the governing authority of the county; to make conforming changes regarding filling vacancies on the board; to provide that the elections supervisor and employees of such supervisor shall be subject to hiring, firing, and the control of the board of elections; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1361. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Hawkins of the 27th and Dempsey of the 13th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pharmacists and pharmacies, so as to provide for the compounding of certain active pharmaceutical ingredients; to provide for definitions; to prohibit the sale, transfer, or distribution of certain compounded drugs under certain conditions; to require manufacturers and wholesalers to provide certain documentation; to provide for record maintenance; to provide for the timely furnishing of records to the State Board of Pharmacy; to authorize inspections by the State Board of Pharmacy; to provide for penalties and enforcement; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HB 1362. By Representatives Ridley of the 6th, Rhodes of the 124th, Burchett of the 176th, Smith of the 18th, Corbett of the 174th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for eligibility and qualifications for office, so as to provide that persons having certain financial interest shall be ineligible to hold certain public offices; to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for conflicts of interest, so as to prohibit state public officials from having financial interest in certain state contracts or from transacting business with the state; to revise disclosure provisions; to revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 1363. By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Efstration of the 104th, Fleming of the 114th, Panitch of the 51st and Carson of the 46th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to authorize public schools and postsecondary educational institutions to consider antisemitism in the same manner as discrimination based on religion; to require the Department of Education to establish a state-wide K-12 Title VI Coordinator; to require the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia and the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia to establish a state-wide Higher Education Title VI Coordinator; to authorize withholding of funds for noncompliance; to provide for notice and appeal procedures; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; to provide for annual reporting; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HB 1364. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Scoggins of the 14th, Kelley of the 16th, Momtahan of the 17th and Gambill of the 15th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 7 of Article 5 of Chapter 3 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to miscellaneous provisions relative to time-share projects and programs, so as to repeal provisions for nonjudicial foreclosures on time-share estates, subject to exceptions for time-share estates created during certain time periods; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1365. By Representatives Jones of the 25th, Silcox of the 53rd, Martin of the 49th, Jones of the 47th, Evans of the 57th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the number of judges of superior courts, so as to provide for a twenty-first judge of the superior courts of the Atlanta Judicial Circuit; to provide for the appointment of such additional judge by the Governor; to provide for the election of successors to the judge initially appointed; to prescribe the powers of such judge; to provide for the powers and duties of such additional judge; to preserve existing local Acts regarding such judicial circuit; to provide for the compensation of such additional judge; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1366. By Representatives Carter of the 93rd, Smith of the 41st, Park of the 107th, Evans of the 57th, Glaize of the 67th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Student Finance Authority, so as to create the Georgia Teacher Retention Scholarship to provide scholarships to children of public school teachers who have been teaching for at least ten years to cover the cost of tuition at eligible postsecondary institutions; to provide for eligibility; to provide for scholarship award amounts; to provide for continued eligibility; to provide for applications; to provide for definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for a funding contingency; to provide for related matters; to provide a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HB 1367. By Representatives Roberts of the 52nd, Bazemore of the 69th, Silcox of the 53rd, Cannon of the 58th, Au of the 50th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating one or more community improvement districts in unincorporated Fulton County, approved April 3, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 5460), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 2, 1998 (Ga. L. 1998, p. 4065), so as to provide for the appointment of a certain number of board members in the case of vacancies on the board; to provide for special elections for certain vacancies; to provide for notice; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1368. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Hatchett of the 155th, Stephens of the 164th, Dempsey of the 13th and Reese of the 140th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mental health, so as to provide for the re-creation of community service boards; to reconstitute the governing boards of community service boards; to provide for conforming changes; to amend Code Section 50-14-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to meetings open to the public, limitation on action to contest agency action, recording, notice of time and place, access to minutes, and teleconferences, so as to revise a provision authorizing community service boards to conduct teleconference meetings under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 1369. By Representatives Clark of the 100th, Bonner of the 73rd, Barrett of the 24th, Ridley of the 22nd, Horner of the 3rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to laws and statutes, so as to revise provisions relating to the effect and enforcement of foreign laws; to provide that no court, arbitration panel, administrative agency, or other tribunal shall enforce a foreign law if doing so would violate a right guaranteed by the United States Constitution or the Georgia Constitution; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to change provisions relating to forum non conveniens; to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding venue, so as to provide for a cross-reference; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1371. By Representatives Ridley of the 22nd, Carpenter of the 4th, Horner of the 3rd, Kelley of the 16th and Scoggins of the 14th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to income taxes, so as to create income tax credits for business enterprises that meet certain job and investment requirements; to provide for an application and review process for certification of qualified projects; to

provide for wage, capital enhancement, and location based incentives for income tax credits; to provide for reporting requirements; to provide for limitations in the amount of credits issued; to provide for refundability of credits; to provide for related matters; to provide a short title; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1372. By Representatives Ridley of the 22nd, Ridley of the 6th, Horner of the 3rd, Thomas of the 21st, Tarvin of the 2nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 2-1-7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prohibiting the acquisition of possessory interest in certain land by certain foreign persons and entities, so as to prohibit certain foreign persons and entities from acquiring a possessory interest in land located near critical infrastructure without prior approval by the Attorney General; to provide for the scope of the possessory interest; to provide for penalties; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1373. By Representatives Ridley of the 22nd, Ridley of the 6th, Horner of the 3rd and Douglas of the 78th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to gambling, so as to revise certain exceptions from the criminal prohibitions on gambling for coin operated amusement machines; to expand such exceptions to coin operated amusement machines that may be operated for the play of poker, blackjack, any other card game, or keno; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

HB 1374. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Stephens of the 164th, Jasperse of the 11th, Newton of the 127th and Clark of the 100th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance generally, so as to provide for certain requirements concerning methods of payment to healthcare

providers; to provide for definitions; to provide for notification; to provide for the avoidance of additional fees; to prohibit contractual waivers of certain statutory requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HB 1375. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Hong of the 103rd, Clark of the 100th, Dunahoo of the 31st and Dubnik of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Hall County, approved August 14, 1891 (Ga. L. 1890-91, Vol. II, p. 939), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 13, 2008 (Ga. L. 2008, p. 4069), so as to restate provisions related to the number, qualification, and compensation or the judges of said court; to restate provisions related to the chief judge; to provide for an additional judge for said court effective January 1, 2028; to provide for the initial appointment and subsequent election of such additional judge; to provide a definition; to repeal superseded provisions; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1376. By Representatives Flournoy of the 74th, Lupton of the 83rd, Ali of the 106th, Baker of the 64th and Beckles of the 96th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 9 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency, so as to establish the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired; to provide for the composition of the commission; to provide for an executive director; to provide for duties; to provide for an annual report; to require the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency to consult with the commission; to provide for related matters; to provide a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 1377. By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Efstration of the 104th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Parsons of the 44th, Donatucci of the 105th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5B of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special districts for transit purposes sales and use tax (Transit SPLOST), so as to provide for time limits upon the recalling of an election for approval of such special sales and use tax

upon failure to approve; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1378. By Representatives Carter of the 93rd, Stinson of the 150th, Donatucci of the 105th, Evans of the 57th, Glaize of the 67th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 2B of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Promise Scholarship Act," so as to clarify student residency qualification for promise scholarship accounts; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 1379. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Panitch of the 51st, Carson of the 46th, Cox of the 28th and Fleming of the 114th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to require semiannual reports from institutions of the University System of Georgia, units of the Technical College System of Georgia, and local school systems and other public schools regarding funding received from foreign sources; to provide requirements for such reports; to provide for such reports to be made publicly available; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HB 1380. By Representatives Myles of the 126th, Neal of the 79th, Hitchens of the 161st, Powell of the 33rd, Prince of the 132nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-74 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to license plates for persons with disabilities, so as to provide for the issuance of special license plates that display the International Symbol of Access upon the special license plate issued to current and former members of the General Assembly for qualified applicants; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

HB 1381. By Representatives Park of the 107th, Jones of the 25th, Gisler of the 121st, Herring of the 145th, Camp of the 135th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3A of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to integrated resource planning, so as to require grid modernization assessments to be filed with integrated resources plans; to require justification for new transmission construction instead of utilizing certain new technologies; to provide for the recovery of costs; to provide for the recovery of certain savings related to new technologies; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications.

HB 1382. By Representatives Gisler of the 121st, Bonner of the 73rd, Jackson of the 68th, Scott of the 76th and Davis of the 87th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to encourage the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia and authorize the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia to maintain policies for institutions and units of each system to grant academic credit to active duty military or veteran students based on military service; to encourage and authorize the use of joint service transcripts and related credit recommendations; to encourage and authorize the development of a guide in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Service for certain students; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HB 1383. By Representative Smith of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to air quality, so as to provide for daily emission limitations for toluene from stationary sources located within the Tallapoosa River Basin; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources & Environment.

HR 1391. By Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Ridley of the 6th, Rhodes of the 124th, Williams of the 148th and LaHood of the 175th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mrs. Edna Sirmans Sessoms and dedicating a bridge in her memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 1393. By Representatives Myles of the 126th, Hugley of the 141st, Williams of the 168th, Buckner of the 137th, Greene of the 154th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Rural Hospitals; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

Pursuant to HR 1129, the House recognized and commended Penny L. Elkins, Ph.D.

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

HB 1315	HB 1316
HB 1317	HB 1318
HB 1319	HB 1320
HB 1321	HB 1322
HB 1323	HB 1324
HB 1325	HB 1326
HB 1327	HB 1328
HB 1329	HB 1330
HB 1331	HB 1332
HB 1333	HB 1334
HB 1335	HB 1336
HB 1337	HB 1338
HB 1339	HB 1340
HB 1341	HB 1345
HB 1346	HB 1347
HB 1348	HB 1349
HB 1350	HB 1351
HB 1352	HB 1353
HB 1360	HB 1370
HR 1371	HR 1372
HR 1390	HR 1392
SB 143	SB 369
SB 452	SB 494

Pursuant to HR 1040, the House honored Echo Park Speedway.

Representative Anderson of the 10th District, Chairman of the Committee on Governmental Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Governmental Affairs has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 502	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 963	Do Pass
HB 1129	Do Pass	HB 1247	Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 51	Do Pass, by Substitute		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Anderson of the 10th
Chairman

Representative Hawkins of the 27th District, Chairman of the Committee on Health, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health has had under consideration the following Bills and Resolutions of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 810	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 951	Do Pass
HB 1002	Do Pass	HB 1192	Do Pass
HB 1211	Do Pass	HR 592	Do Pass, by Substitute
HR 948	Do Pass, by Substitute		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Hawkins of the 27th
Chairman

Representative Gunter of the 8th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 664	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 792	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1024	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 1160	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1185	Do Pass	HB 1208	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Gunter of the 8th
Chairman

Representative Crowe of the 118th District, Chairman of the Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 1080	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1265	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Crowe of the 118th
Chairman

Representative Scoggins of the 14th District, Chairman of the Committee on Special Rules, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HR 1204	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Scoggins of the 14th
Chairman

Representative Mathiak of the 82nd District, Chairman of the Committee on State Planning and Community Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on State Planning and Community Affairs has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 689 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Mathiak of the 82nd
Chairman

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

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 21st Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

HB 1020 Judicial Retirement System; payment of monthly retirement benefits for creditable service as a district attorney at the age of 65 years; provide (Substitute)(Ret-Reeves-99th)

HB 1027 Local government; authorize certain long-term contracts for sale of electric power (GAff-Anderson-10th)

HB 1161 Motor vehicles; proper operation upon approach by an authorized emergency vehicle or by a law enforcement vehicle for purposes of a traffic stop; provide (PS&HS-Lim-98th)

HB 1180 Georgia Housing and Finance Authority; eliminate outstanding bond limit (GAff-Crowe-118th)

HB 1181 Motor vehicles; application for certificate of title; provisions (MotV-Ballard-147th)

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

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

SB 432. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Burns of the 23rd, Hickman of the 4th, Jones II of the 22nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to extend automatic repeals of certain provisions regarding nonlapsing revenue of institutions of the University System of Georgia and units of the Technical College System of Georgia; to amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to extend automatic repeals of certain provisions regarding writing off small amounts due to the state; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 446. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Hickman of the 4th, Ginn of the 47th, Gooch of the 51st, Tillery of the 19th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2A of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student scholarship organizations, so as to provide for the State of Georgia to participate in the federal tax credit program for contributions of individuals to scholarship granting organizations; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for rules and guidelines; to provide for definitions; to make conforming changes; to amend Code Section 48-7-29.16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax credits for contributions to student scholarship organizations, so as to make a conforming change; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 462. By Senators Still of the 48th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Watson of the 1st, Harrell of the 40th, Hatchett of the 50th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 20E of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Surprise Billing Consumer Protection Act," so as to provide for insurance coverage for certain out-of-network ambulance transportation service; to provide for the minimum allowable reimbursement rate for such service; to provide for maximum amounts on copayments,

coinsurance, or deductibles for such service; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

SB 432. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Burns of the 23rd, Hickman of the 4th, Jones II of the 22nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to extend automatic repeals of certain provisions regarding nonlapsing revenue of institutions of the University System of Georgia and units of the Technical College System of Georgia; to amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to extend automatic repeals of certain provisions regarding writing off small amounts due to the state; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

SB 446. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Hickman of the 4th, Ginn of the 47th, Gooch of the 51st, Tillery of the 19th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2A of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student scholarship organizations, so as to provide for the State of Georgia to participate in the federal tax credit program for contributions of individuals to scholarship granting organizations; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for rules and guidelines; to provide for definitions; to make conforming changes; to amend Code Section 48-7-29.16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax credits for contributions to student scholarship organizations, so as to make a conforming change; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 462. By Senators Still of the 48th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Watson of the 1st, Harrell of the 40th, Hatchett of the 50th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 20E of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Surprise Billing Consumer Protection Act," so as to provide for insurance coverage for certain out-of-network ambulance transportation service; to provide for the minimum allowable reimbursement

rate for such service; to provide for maximum amounts on copayments, coinsurance, or deductibles for such service; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

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

Representatives Dempsey of the 13th et al., Gisler of the 121st, Jones of the 143rd et al., Jones of the 47th et al., Schofield of the 63rd et al., McQueen of the 61st et al., Burchett of the 176 et al., Roberts of the 52nd et al., McClain of the 109th et al., Sainz of the 180th, Jackson of the 68th et al., Hugley of the 141st et al., Newton of the 127th, Glaize of the 67th, O'Steen of the 169th et al., and Mitchell of the 88th.

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

HB 1042. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Gunter of the 8th, Smith of the 18th, Evans of the 57th, Crawford of the 89th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 9, 15, and 23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to civil practice, courts, and equity, respectively, so as to provide for certain purchasers at judicial sales to submit a credit bid; to provide for the removal of the restriction on personally identifiable information after the death of a protected person; to provide penalties; to provide for the qualification of special masters in certain quiet title actions; to provide for definitions; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By order of the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the House was withdrawn from the General Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil:

HB 1226. By Representatives Clark of the 100th, Smith of the 18th, Ridley of the 22nd, Powell of the 33rd, Bonner of the 73rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to justification and excuse in defenses to criminal prosecutions, so as to revise standards of justification for use of force in defense of self or others; to provide for a rebuttable presumption; to provide for timing for claims of immunity from prosecution based upon justification; to provide for standards of proof; to amend Code Section 51-11-9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to no duty

to retreat and immunity in certain instances of threat or use of force, so as to extend immunity from civil liability in justified use of force cases to legal representatives and heirs of the person against whom force was used; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 1020. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Efstration of the 104th, Gunter of the 8th, Kelley of the 16th, Smith of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 23 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Judicial Retirement System, so as to provide for the payment of monthly retirement benefits for creditable service as a district attorney at the age of 65 years; to provide for calculation of benefits for individuals who first become members after the effective date of this Act; to provide for calculation of survivors benefits; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 23 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Judicial Retirement System, so as to provide for the payment of monthly retirement benefits for creditable service as a district attorney at the age of 65 years; to provide for calculation of benefits for individuals who first become members after the effective date of this Act; to provide for calculation of survivors benefits; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 23 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Judicial Retirement System, is amended by revising Code Section 47-23-45, relating to effect of change in employment, as follows:

"47-23-45.

Any member of this retirement system shall be entitled to remain as a member by holding any position or office covered by the fund and shall receive full credit for all service as a member despite his or her change from one position or office to another covered by the

fund. Upon becoming eligible for retirement, however, retirement benefits shall be determined in accordance with Code Sections 47-23-101, 47-23-102, ~~and~~ 47-23-102.1, and 47-23-102.2."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 47-23-102.1, relating to qualifications to receive retirement benefits, as follows:

"47-23-102.1.

(a) This Code section shall only apply to an individual who first ~~becomes~~ became a member on or after July 1, 2025, and before July 1, 2026.

(b) The right of a member to receive benefits under this chapter shall vest after the member obtains ten years of creditable service; provided, however, that no member shall receive a retirement benefit prior to attaining the age of 60 years. Except as otherwise provided in Article 2 of Chapter 1 of this title, a member's accumulated contributions shall be 100 percent vested and nonforfeitable at all times. Any member retiring with 16 years or more of creditable service shall receive a benefit equal to 66.66 percent, plus 1 percent for each year of creditable service over 16 years, of the member's salary; provided, however, that no member shall receive more than 24 years of creditable service. Any member retiring with less than 16 years of creditable service may retire at a reduced benefit pursuant to Code Section 47-23-103. Except as provided in subsection (c) of this Code section, normal retirement age under this retirement system shall be the date the member has reached 60 years of age, provided that he or she has at least ten years of creditable service. For purposes of Section 402(1) of the federal Internal Revenue Code regarding distributions from governmental plans for health and long-term care insurance for public safety officers, normal retirement age shall be the earliest date when the member has satisfied the requirements for a retirement under this retirement system.

(c) On the effective date of a member's retirement, as provided for in subsection (b) of Code Section 47-23-103, such member's monthly retirement benefit shall be calculated as follows:

(1) If a member is over the age of 65 years on his or her effective date of retirement, or has attained the age of 65 years after his or her effective date of retirement, such member shall receive the full amount of the benefit calculated pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section; or

(2) If a member has not yet attained the age of 65 years on his or her effective date of retirement, the monthly retirement benefit shall be calculated pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section using only the years of creditable service attributable to such member's service in any covered position except ~~for as~~ that of a superior court judge.

(d) The board is authorized to provide by rule or regulation for the payment of benefits to members or beneficiaries of the retirement system at a time and under circumstances not provided for in this chapter to the extent that such payment is required to maintain the retirement system as a qualified retirement plan for the purposes of federal income tax laws and regulations."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"47-23-102.2.

(a) This Code section shall only apply to an individual who first became a member on or after July 1, 2026.

(b) The right of a member to receive benefits under this chapter shall vest after the member obtains ten years of creditable service; provided, however, that no member shall receive a retirement benefit prior to attaining the age of 60 years. Except as otherwise provided in Article 2 of Chapter 1 of this title, a member's accumulated contributions shall be 100 percent vested and nonforfeitable at all times. Any member retiring with 16 years or more of creditable service shall receive a benefit equal to 66.66 percent, plus 1 percent for each year of creditable service over 16 years, of the member's salary; provided, however, that no member shall receive more than 24 years of creditable service. Any member retiring with less than 16 years of creditable service may retire at a reduced benefit pursuant to Code Section 47-23-103. Except as provided in subsection (c) of this Code section, normal retirement age under this retirement system shall be the date the member has reached 60 years of age, provided that he or she has at least ten years of creditable service. For purposes of Section 402(1) of the federal Internal Revenue Code regarding distributions from governmental plans for health and long-term care insurance for public safety officers, normal retirement age shall be the earliest date when the member has satisfied the requirements for a retirement under this retirement system.

(c) On the effective date of a member's retirement, as provided for in subsection (b) of Code Section 47-23-103, such member's monthly retirement benefit shall be calculated as follows:

(1) If a member is over the age of 65 years on his or her effective date of retirement, or has attained the age of 65 years after his or her effective date of retirement, such member shall receive the full amount of the benefit calculated pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section; or

(2) If a member has not yet attained the age of 65 years on his or her effective date of retirement, the monthly retirement benefit shall be calculated pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section using only the years of creditable service attributable to such member's service in any covered position except that of a superior court judge or district attorney.

(d) The board is authorized to provide by rule or regulation for the payment of benefits to members or beneficiaries of the retirement system at a time and under circumstances not provided for in this chapter to the extent that such payment is required to maintain the retirement system as a qualified retirement plan for the purposes of federal income tax laws and regulations."

SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 47-23-103, relating to retirement based on age and application to retire, as follows:

"47-23-103.

(a) In lieu of retirement at the benefit level provided by Code Section 47-23-102, ~~or~~ 47-23-102.1, or 47-23-102.2, a member may retire at any time after attaining the age of 60 years and after obtaining a minimum of ten years of creditable service. The monthly retirement benefit for such early retirement shall be a percentage of either the benefit under Code Section 47-23-102 if such member first became a member before July 1, 2025, ~~or~~ the benefit under subsection (c) of Code Section 47-23-102.1 if such member first became a member ~~on or after~~ between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026, or the benefit under subsection (c) of Code Section 47-23-102.2 if such member first became a member on or after July 1, 2026, and such percentage shall be the proportion which the number of years of creditable service the member has in the retirement system bears to 16.

(b) The effective date of retirement shall be the first day of the month in which the application is received by the board of trustees, provided that no retirement shall, in any case, be effective earlier than the first day of the month following the final month of the applicant's employment. Applications for retirement shall not be accepted more than 90 days in advance of the effective date of retirement."

SECTION 5.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 47-23-104, relating to disability, determination of benefits, and determining disability, as follows:

"47-23-104.

(a) After obtaining a minimum of four years of creditable service, any member who becomes totally and permanently disabled to the extent that he or she is unable to perform the duties of his or her office shall be entitled to receive a disability retirement benefit which shall be one-half of the maximum retirement benefits provided by Code Section 47-23-102, ~~or~~ 47-23-102.1, or 47-23-102.2 for 16 years of service, unless the member would otherwise qualify for a greater benefit under Code Section 47-23-102 if such member first became a member before July 1, 2025, Code Section 47-23-102.1 if such member first became a member ~~on or after~~ between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026, or Code Section 47-23-102.2 if such member first became a member on or after July 1, 2026, or Code Section 47-23-103, in which event the Code section providing the highest benefit would apply.

(b) After obtaining a minimum of ten years of actual service, any member who becomes totally and permanently disabled to the extent that he or she is unable to perform the duties of his or her office shall be entitled to receive a disability retirement benefit which shall be two-thirds of the maximum retirement benefits provided by Code Section 47-23-102 , ~~or~~ 47-23-102.1, or 47-23-102.2.

(c) The disability of any member applying for disability retirement benefits shall be determined by the board in the same manner and under the same procedure as disability of state employees is determined in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia. Disability retirement benefits shall become effective on the first day of the month following the month the member resigns as a result of the disability."

SECTION 6.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 47-23-105.1, relating to modification of retirement allowance, as follows:

"47-23-105.1.

(a) The provisions of this Code section shall apply only to persons who become members of this retirement system on or after July 1, 2012.

(b) A member may make a one-time election to convert the retirement allowance otherwise payable to him or her into a modified retirement allowance of equivalent actuarial value and designate a natural person to receive a survivors benefit in accordance with one of the options set forth in paragraphs (1), (2), (3), or (4) of this subsection. Such retirement allowance shall be actuarially reduced in accordance to the designated survivor's projected life span. For any member whose benefit amount is calculated pursuant to Code Section 47-23-102.1 or 47-23-102.2, such actuarial adjustment shall account for any increase in the benefit amount accruing to such member when he or she attains the age of 65 years. Such actuarial adjustment shall be computed upon the basis of the mortality tables and rates of interest last adopted by the board of trustees. Such election may be made only after the member has become eligible to retire and before the first payment of his or her retirement allowance normally becomes due. Such election shall be irrevocable except as otherwise provided in this Code section. The options are:

(1) Option one, known as the 100 percent joint and survivor option, shall consist of a reduced retirement allowance which is payable during the life of the retired member and which, upon his or her death, shall be continued at the same rate throughout the life of and paid to the designated survivor.;

(2) Option two, known as the 66 2/3 percent joint and survivor option, shall consist of a reduced retirement allowance which is payable during the life of the retired member and which, upon his or her death, shall be continued at the rate of two-thirds the reduced retirement allowance throughout the life of and paid to the designated survivor.;

(3) Option three, known as the 50 percent joint and survivor option, shall consist of a reduced retirement allowance which is payable during the life of the retired member and which, upon his or her death, shall be continued at the rate of one-half the reduced retirement allowance throughout the life of and paid to the designated survivor.; and

(4) Option four, known as the pop-up option, shall be the election of options one, two, or three, with the added provision that in the event the designated survivor predeceases the retired member, the retirement allowance payable to the retired member after the death of the designated survivor shall be equal to the maximum retirement allowance which the retired member would have been entitled to receive under this chapter had such election not been made.

(c) In the event a member is not married at the time he or she retires and the retired member does not elect a survivor's option and such member subsequently marries, the retired member may elect to begin receiving an actuarially reduced benefit of equivalent value and establish on behalf of the newly acquired spouse an option under this Code section. Such election shall be made within six months after the marriage.

(d) In the event a retired member makes an election under subsection (b) of this Code section on behalf of a spouse and such spouse predeceases the retired member and the retired member subsequently remarries, the retired member may elect to begin receiving an actuarially reduced benefit of equivalent value and establish on behalf of a new designated survivor pursuant to an option under this Code section.

(e) In the event a retired member makes an election under subsection (b) of this Code section on behalf of a spouse and a final judgment of complete divorce from the spouse is entered, then:

(1) The retired member may elect to continue the optional allowance with the former spouse designated to receive all amounts and benefits upon the death of the retired member; or

(2) The retired member may revoke the appointment of such spouse as a beneficiary; provided, however, that in such event the retirement benefit received by the retired member shall not increase. Such revocation may be made at any time after the entry of the final judgment of divorce. If the retired member elects to revoke the election, the spouse shall be treated in the same manner as if he or she had predeceased the retired member under subsection (d) of this Code section.

(f) If an active vested member of this retirement system dies and is survived by a legal spouse, such spouse shall receive a benefit as if the member ~~has~~ had retired on the date of his or her death, had attained the age of 65, and had elected option three."

SECTION 7.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 47-23-106, relating to county supplement of salaries, as follows:

"47-23-106.

(a) Whenever any county within a judicial circuit supplements the state salary paid to active superior court judges or the district attorney of said circuit, the governing authority of such county shall be authorized, but not required, to supplement the benefit being paid pursuant to this chapter to any retired superior court judge or district attorney of said circuit who is receiving benefits pursuant to this chapter or to supplement the benefit being paid pursuant to this chapter to any beneficiary of any deceased superior court judge or district attorney.

(b) Whenever any county which has a state court supplements the salary of the judges or solicitors-general of such court, the governing authority of such county shall be authorized, but not required, to supplement the benefit being paid pursuant to this chapter to any retired state court judge of such court who is receiving benefits pursuant to this chapter or supplement the benefit being paid pursuant to this chapter to any beneficiary of any deceased state court judge.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) or (b) of this Code section, for any single county judicial circuit where the county site is located in an unincorporated area of the county and the county governing authority has constructed one or more permanent satellite courthouses within the county, said county shall supplement the benefit amount being paid pursuant to this chapter to any district attorney who retired from such circuit.

The amount of the supplement shall be determined by multiplying the benefit percentage he or she earned pursuant to Code Section 47-23-102 if such member first became a member before July 1, 2025, ~~or~~ Code Section 47-23-102.1 if such member first became a member ~~on or after~~ between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026, or Code Section 47-23-102.2 if such member first became a member on or after July 1, 2026, at retirement together with the aggregate county salary supplement being paid to the active district attorney on the date that he or she begins receiving a retirement benefit or the supplement paid to the retiring district attorney upon his or her last day of service as district attorney, whichever is greater. The supplement shall not be payable to a spouse or survivor pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 47-23-105."

SECTION 8.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026.

SECTION 9.

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

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

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

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	E Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	E Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn

Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Cannon, P	E Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
E Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 164, nays 0.

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

HB 1027. By Representatives Anderson of the 10th, Yearta of the 152nd, Williamson of the 112th, Williams of the 148th, Gambill of the 15th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapters 1 and 30 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties only and general provisions applicable to municipal corporations only, respectively, so as to authorize certain long-term contracts for the sale of electric power; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	E Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	E Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	E Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R

Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	E Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
E Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 162, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 1161. By Representatives Lim of the 98th, Clark of the 108th, Santos of the 117th, Hong of the 103rd, Reeves of the 99th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to provide for proper operation of a motor vehicle upon approach by an authorized emergency vehicle or by a law enforcement vehicle for purposes of a traffic stop; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	E Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	E Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V

Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Ford	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	E Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
E Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 162, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 1181. By Representatives Ballard of the 147th, Corbett of the 174th, Sainz of the 180th, New of the 40th and Ehrhart of the 36th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to certificates of title for motor vehicles, so as to require an application for certificate of title to contain or be accompanied by the last certificate of title issued by another state when such application refers to a vehicle last previously registered in another state and the applicant is receiving such vehicle upon inheritance, devise, or bequest; to amend Code Section 40-3-34 of the O.C.G.A., relating to transfer of vehicle by operation of law, termination of interest, and joint interest with right of survivorship; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos

Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Anderson	Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Miller	Y Scott
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Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	E Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
E Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 166, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communication was received:

House of Representatives
CLOB 507
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

William L. Reilly
Clerk of the House
309 State Capitol Building
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Mr. Reilly,

Pursuant to House Rule 136, I submit this statement to explain my vote on HB 1020, HB 1027, HB 1161, and HB 1181.

I intended to vote "YES" on these measures, as I believe they support policies that positively impact our constituents and communities. Unfortunately, I was unable to record my vote at the time the roll was called.

I respectfully request that his explanation be entered into the House Journal.

Sincerely,

/s/ Terry A. Cummings
State Representative Terry Cummings

Representative Crowe of the 118th moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the Rules Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Rules:

HB 1180. By Representatives Crowe of the 118th, Camp of the 135th, Reeves of the 99th, Washburn of the 144th and Paris of the 142nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 26 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Housing and Finance Authority, so as to eliminate the outstanding bond limit; to provide for a statement on bonds regarding the full faith and credit of the State; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Werkheiser of the 157th asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that a Bill of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee.

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, the following Bill of the House was introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee:

HB 1393. By Representatives Werkheiser of the 157th, O'Steen of the 169th, Hagan of the 156th, Burchett of the 176th, Parrish of the 158th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to county and municipal hospital

authorities, so as to allow rural hospitals to join together to allow further purchasing power with third-party payors but retain their independence; to provide for legislative findings and intentions; to provide for the application doctrine developed in federal antitrust jurisprudence; to provide for construction; to provide for immunity; to provide for collaboration; to provide for joint negotiations with third-party payors; to provide for best practices; to provide for shared staffing; to provide for certain immunity; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

Representative Jackson of the 128th asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that a Bill of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee.

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, the following Bill of the House was introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee:

HB 1394. By Representatives Jackson of the 128th, Griffin of the 149th, Sampson of the 153rd, Lewis-Ward of the 115th, Williams of the 168th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 12-3-58 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to powers, duties, and authority of the Department of Community Affairs and historic preservation grant program, so as to ensure that Rosenwald Schools are treated as historic properties for the purpose of the historic preservation grant program and historic preservation grant fund; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rural Development.

Representative Lumsden of the 12th District, Chairman of the Committee on Insurance, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Insurance has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 170	Do Pass	HB 1262	Do Pass
HB 1263	Do Pass	HB 1274	Do Pass
HB 1344	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Lumsden of the 12th
Chairman

Representative Jones of the 25th District, Chairman of the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 949 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Jones of the 25th
Chairman

The following members were recognized during the period of Afternoon Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Lupton of the 83rd, Westbrook of the 163rd, and Ali of the 106th.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1420. By Representatives Greene of the 154th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Townsend of the 179th, Hawkins of the 27th, Taylor of the 173rd and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Anthony Trey Harrell; and for other purposes.

HR 1421. By Representatives Ballard of the 147th, Blackmon of the 146th, Jones of the 143rd, Dickey of the 134th, Crowe of the 118th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Officer Matthew Wojtel; and for other purposes.

HR 1422. By Representatives Werkheiser of the 157th and Meeks of the 178th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Tim Varnadore upon his retirement as mayor of Baxley, Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 1423. By Representatives Neal of the 79th, Williams of the 168th, Myles of the 126th, Hugley of the 141st, Griffin of the 149th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the Georgia Chapter of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives in recognition of Georgia Chapter of NOBLE Day at the capitol on March 18, 2026, and celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives as a nationally recognized law enforcement organization; and for other purposes.

HR 1424. By Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Reese of the 140th, Buckner of the 137th and Smith of the 138th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating Bobby and Carolyn Wright upon being inducted into the Chattahoochee Valley Sports Hall of Fame; and for other purposes.

HR 1425. By Representatives Ford of the 170th, Dickey of the 134th, O'Steen of the 169th, Meeks of the 178th, Campbell of the 171st and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the Georgia peanut industry and recognizing March 3, 2026 as Georgia Peanut Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1426. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Burnough of the 77th, Bell of the 75th and Davis of the 87th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and honoring Mickey Garber; and for other purposes.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House do now adjourn until 9:00 o'clock, tomorrow morning, and the motion prevailed.

The Speaker announced the House adjourned until 9:00 o'clock, tomorrow morning.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Friday, February 20, 2026

Twenty-Second Legislative Day

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 9:00 o'clock, A.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called and the following Representatives answered to their names:

Adesanya	Cooper	Gullett	Martinez	Richardson
Adeyina	Corbett	Gunter	Mathiak	Ridley, Jas
Alexander	Cox	Hagan	Mathis	Ridley, Jor
Ali	Crawford	Hatchett	McClain	Sainz
Anderson	Crowe	Hawkins	McCollum	Sampson
Baker	Cummings	Herring	McDonald	Scoggins
Ballard	Davis	Hilton	McQueen	Scott
Barnes	Dawson	Hitchens	Meeks	Seabaugh
Barton	DeLoach	Holcomb	E Miller	Sharper
Bazemore	Dickey	Holly	Mitchell	Silcox
Beckles	Donatucci	Hong	Momtahan	Smith, L
Bell	Douglas	Horner	Myles	Smith, M
Berry	Drenner	Howard, J	Neal	Smith, TP
Blackmon	Dubnik	Howard, K	New	Smith, V
Bonner	Dunahoo	Huddleston	Newton	Stephens
Buckner	Efstration	Hugley	Okoye	E Stinson
Burchett	Ehrhart	Jackson, D	Olaleye	Tarvin
Burnough	Erwin	Jackson, E	O'Steen	Taylor, D
Byrd	Evans	Jackson, M	E Panitch	Taylor, R
Cameron	Fincher	Jones, A	Paris	Thomas
Camp	Fleming	Jones, J	Park	Townsend
Campbell, J	Flournoy	Jones, S	Parrish	Tran
Campbell, L	Ford	Jones, T	Parsons	Wade
Cannon, C	Franklin	Kahaian	Persinger	Werkheiser
Carpenter	Frye	Kelley	Petrea	Westbrook
Carson	Gaines	Kendrick	Powell	E Williams, A
Carter	Gambill	LaHood	Prince	Williams, N
Chastain	Gilliard	Leverett	Reese	Williamson
Cheokas	Gisler	Lumsden	Reeves	Willis
Clark, D	Glaize	Lupton	Rhodes	Yearta
Clark, J	Greene	Martin	Rice	Burns, Speaker
E Clifton	E Griffin			

The following members were off the floor of the House when the roll was called:

Representatives Au of the 50th, Barrett of the 24th, Dempsey of the 13th, Draper of the 90th, Holland of the 54th, Jasperse of the 11th, Jenkins of the 136th, Lim of the 98th, Moore of the 91st, Roberts of the 52nd, Romman of the 97th, Sanchez of the 42nd, Santos of the

117th, Schofield of the 63rd, Washburn of the 144th, Werkheiser of the 157th, and Williams of the 37th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Senior Pastor Kyle Walker, Cartersville First Baptist Church, Cartersville, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Hilton of the 48th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

By unanimous consent, the following was established as the order of business during the first part of the period of unanimous consents:

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

2. First reading and reference of House Bills and Resolutions.

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

6. First reading and reference of Senate Bills and Resolutions.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House were introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committees:

HB 1384. By Representatives Scoggins of the 14th, Efstration of the 104th, Burchett of the 176th, Kelley of the 16th, Cannon of the 172nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 36-34-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to powers relating to administration of government generally, so as to require municipalities to remit a portion of revenue generated through certain franchise agreements to the county in which

they are located; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 1385. By Representatives Chastain of the 7th, Lumsden of the 12th, Cox of the 28th, Barrett of the 24th, Gunter of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 8 and 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to buildings and housing and fire protection and safety, respectively, so as to improve government efficiency by updating provisions of the office of the Safety Fire Commissioner; to provide for procedures for rules promulgation, hearings, and appeals; to provide for the appointment of a deputy commissioner of safety fire; to provide for certain powers in suspected arson investigations; to provide for immediate reporting of fatalities caused by fire or smoke; to provide for suspension or revocation of a license; to provide for an increased reinspection fee; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

HB 1386. By Representatives Dawson of the 65th, Berry of the 56th, Jones of the 60th, Glaize of the 67th, McQueen of the 61st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 62 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to development authorities, so as to provide that county development authorities for certain counties shall not operate within certain municipalities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 1387. By Representatives Gullett of the 19th, Momtahan of the 17th and Thomas of the 21st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property tax exemptions and deferral, so as to provide for a state-wide homestead exemption from ad valorem taxes in an amount as determined from the proceeds generated from the collection of certain ad valorem property taxes on data centers; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for related

matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for contingent repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1388. By Representatives Santos of the 117th, Washburn of the 144th, Ridley of the 22nd, Mitchell of the 88th and Cameron of the 1st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state building, plumbing, and electrical codes, so as to require that any traffic impact analysis required to obtain a building permit be completed within 36 months of the project's substantial completion; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 1389. By Representatives Santos of the 117th, Mitchell of the 88th, Gilliard of the 162nd, Frye of the 122nd, Burnough of the 77th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 7 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dispossessory proceedings, so as to extend a notice to vacate or pay to seven days; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1390. By Representatives Willis of the 55th, Schofield of the 63rd, McQueen of the 61st, Berry of the 56th, Holland of the 54th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-6-390.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to reckless stunt driving, so as to declare motor vehicles used in the commission of reckless stunt driving offenses contraband and authorize forfeiture; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 1391. By Representatives Fleming of the 114th, Hitchens of the 161st, Crowe of the 118th, Lumsden of the 12th, Mathiak of the 82nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to license plates promoting or supporting certain agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations with proceeds disbursed to the general fund and the agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation, so as to establish a specialty license plate honoring public safety officers; to provide for related matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

HB 1392. By Representatives Santos of the 117th, Griffin of the 149th and Stinson of the 150th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 43-18-70 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to requirement to only practice at licensed funeral establishment, organic human reduction facility, or crematory and requirements of funeral establishments, so as to revise the requirement that a funeral establishment maintain at least eight caskets at each of its locations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

HB 1395. By Representatives Mathis of the 133rd, Crowe of the 118th, Washburn of the 144th, Barrett of the 24th, Powell of the 33rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to drivers' licenses, so as to require the intervention component for DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Programs be conducted in person; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 1396. By Representative Efstration of the 104th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to the Department of Community Affairs, so as to require certain privately funded organizations that operate a shelter or provide outreach services to homeless individuals within 1,000 feet of schools, public parks, public playgrounds, or certain child care facilities to participate in the Georgia Homeless Management Information System (HMIS); to provide violations and for noncriminal

citations; to provide for exceptions; to provide for a territory of applicability; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 1397. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Frye of the 122nd, Reeves of the 99th, Hagan of the 156th and Roberts of the 52nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 5 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to investigating sexual assault, so as to provide for implied consent to a drug facilitated sexual assault examination for unconscious victims of alleged sexual assault; to provide for circumstances; to provide for evidence; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1398. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Franklin of the 160th, Frye of the 122nd, Hagan of the 156th, Carpenter of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 17 of the O.C.G.A., relating to arrest by law enforcement officers generally, so as to revise provisions relating to the arrests of pregnant women; to provide that women who have been arrested are offered pregnancy testing within a certain time of detention; to provide limitations on the use and disclosure of such information; to provide for bond; to provide for bond limitations; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 42 of the O.C.G.A., relating to inmate policies, so as to revise provisions relating to the treatment during incarceration of pregnant and postpartum women; to provide for definitions; to establish certain sentencing requirements for pregnant and postpartum women; to provide for related matters; to provide for short titles; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 1399. By Representatives Gilliard of the 162nd, Tran of the 80th and Adeyina of the 110th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to selling and other trade practices, so as to enact the "Georgia Likeness, Expression, Generative AI, and Commercial Yield (LEGACY) Act"; to provide for property rights in an individual's

likeness; to require consent for use of an individual's likeness; to provide for violations; to provide for a private right of action; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative findings; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation.

HB 1400. By Representatives Gilliard of the 162nd, Tran of the 80th and Adeyina of the 110th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to selling and other trade practices, so as to provide for written disclosures relating to certain fees and performance terms; to provide for a rebuttable presumption; to provide for itemized receipts; to provide for certain notices; to provide for rescinding of certain fees; to prohibit retaliation; to provide for certain exemptions; to provide for a safe harbor; to provide for enforcement; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for severability; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs.

HB 1401. By Representatives Gisler of the 121st, Tran of the 80th, Sanchez of the 42nd, Bell of the 75th, Park of the 107th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding the Department of Public Health, so as to provide for third-party audits of detention facilities that house federal immigration detainees; to provide for audit criteria; to provide for the selection of third-party auditors; to provide for reporting and publishing of annual audits; to provide for access to detention facilities to conduct annual audits; to provide for mechanisms to address a detention facility's substantial and ongoing noncompliance with federal detention standards; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for construction; to provide for definitions; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for purposes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 1402. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th, Burns of the 159th, Erwin of the 32nd, Donatucci of the 105th, Ballard of the 147th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to health of students, so as to require vision and hearing screening for all public school students enrolled in pre-kindergarten through third grade; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HR 1415. By Representative Prince of the 132nd and Richardson of the 125th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Master Sgt. Gary I. Gordon and dedicating a road in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 1416. By Representatives Dickey of the 134th, Meeks of the 178th, O'Steen of the 169th, Ford of the 170th, Corbett of the 174th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Joint Study Committee on Generational Sustainability of Family Farms; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs.

HR 1417. By Representatives Wade of the 9th, Evans of the 57th, Smith of the 18th, Gaines of the 120th, Gunter of the 8th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 26, 2026, as Dale Murphy Day and urging the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame Committee to induct Dale Murphy into the National Baseball Hall of Fame; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1418. By Representatives Washburn of the 144th, Dickey of the 134th, Carpenter of the 4th, Corbett of the 174th, Williams of the 148th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to impose a 1 percent, state-wide sales and use tax for which the proceeds shall be distributed to the governing authorities of the counties and consolidated governments of this state on a population basis for the purpose of providing property tax relief in such counties or consolidated governments; to provide

for conditions and limitations; to provide for legislative findings, determinations, and declarations; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HR 1419. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Hugley of the 141st, Jones of the 47th and Cooper of the 45th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 2026 as Turner Syndrome Awareness Month in Georgia; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House and Senate were read the second time:

HB 1354
HB 1355
HB 1356
HB 1357
HB 1358
HB 1359
HB 1361
HB 1362
HB 1363
HB 1364
HB 1365
HB 1366
HB 1367
HB 1368
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HB 1372
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HB 1374
HB 1375
HB 1376
HB 1377
HB 1378
HB 1379
HB 1380
HB 1381
HB 1382
HB 1383
HB 1393
HB 1394
HR 1391
HR 1393
SB 432
SB 446
SB 462

Representative Williams of the 148th District, Chairman of the Committee on Banks and Banking, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Banks and Banking has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 1112	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1272	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Williams of the 148th
Chairman

Representative Stephens of the 164th District, Chairman of the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Economic Development and Tourism has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 490	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Gambill of the 15th
Vice-Chairman

Representative Erwin of the 32nd District, Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Education has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 634	Do Pass	HB 1030	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1107	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 1123	Do Pass
HB 1164	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 1218	Do Pass
HB 1220	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 1259	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Erwin of the 32nd
Chairman

Representative McDonald of the 26th District, Chairman of the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Legislation has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 1120	Do Pass	HB 1213	Do Pass
HB 1297	Do Pass	SB 351	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ McDonald of the 26th
Chairman

Representative Gunter of the 8th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 1021	Do Pass
HB 1028	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1042	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Gunter of the 8th
Chairman

Representative Jasperse of the 11th District, Chairman of the Committee on Transportation, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Transportation has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 1137 Do Pass
HB 1277 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Jasperse of the 11th
Chairman

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2026

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 22nd Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Open Rule

HR 1049 Fentanyl and Opioid Awareness Day; last Wednesday of October each year; designate (SRules-Hugley-141st)

Modified Structured Rule

HB 1061 Mandi Ballinger Act; enact (Substitute)(JudyJ-Camp-135th)
HB 1086 Preston Fant and Brant Chesney Firefighter Safety Act; enact (Substitute)(RegI-Chastain-7th)

Structured Rule

HB 1199 Revenue and taxation; Internal Revenue Code and Internal Revenue Code of 1986; revise terms and incorporate certain provisions of federal law into Georgia law (W&M-Carson-46th)
(Rules Committee Substitute LC 44 3431S)
HR 1000 Revenue and taxation; eliminate ad valorem tax assessment of certain timber at sale or harvest - CA (Substitute)(W&M-Efstration-104th)

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the House and Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 1120. By Representative Gunter of the 8th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for an advisory referendum for the purpose of ascertaining whether the electors of Union County desire the governing authority of that county to be changed from a sole commissioner to a five-member board of commissioners; to provide for mandatory execution of election and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative purposes and findings; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1213. By Representatives Cummings of the 39th, McQueen of the 61st, Sanchez of the 42nd, Smith of the 41st, Ridley of the 22nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the City of Mableton, Georgia, to exercise all redevelopment and other powers provided for under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Georgia Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide for effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1297. By Representative Meeks of the 178th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Magistrate Court of Pierce County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

SB 351. By Senator Walker III of the 20th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to establish the State Court of Treutlen (formerly known as the City Court of Soperton), in and for the County of Treutlen, approved August 18, 1919 (Ga. L. 1919, p. 519), as amended, so as to change the salary of the judge and solicitor-general; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, the following Bill of the House was taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 1029. By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Ridley of the 22nd, Jones of the 47th, Jasperse of the 11th, Parsons of the 44th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Holly Springs in the County of Cherokee, approved March 18, 1980 (Ga. L. 1980, p. 3281), as amended, so as to revise the boundaries of the city; to provide that the city council shall be composed of four instead of five members; to provide new city council district boundaries; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of the current councilmembers; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Holly Springs in the County of Cherokee, approved March 18, 1980 (Ga. L. 1980, p. 3281), as amended, so as to revise the boundaries of the city; to provide that the city council shall be composed of six instead of five members; to provide for term limits; to provide for a mayoral veto; to provide new city council district boundaries; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of the current councilmembers; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act creating a new charter for the City of Holly Springs in the County of Cherokee, approved March 18, 1980 (Ga. L. 1980, p. 3281), as amended, is amended by revising Section 1.02 as follows:

"SECTION 1.02.
Corporate boundaries.

(a)(1) The boundaries of this city shall be those described in described in Appendix A attached to and made a part of this charter and further identified as 'User: HD 21 Plan Name: HollySprings-cityrev-2026 Plan Type: Local', with such alterations as may be made from time to time in the manner provided by general state law.

(2) For the purposes of such plan:

(A) The term 'VTD' shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a district description which are underneath a VTD heading shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a VTD as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia; and

(B) Except as otherwise provided in the description of any district, whenever the description of any district refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical boundaries of that city as shown on the census maps for the United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia.

(b) The boundaries of this city at all times shall be shown on a map, a written description or any combination thereof, to be retained permanently in the office of the clerk and to be designated, as the case may be: Official Map (or Description) of the Corporate Limits of the City of Holly Springs, Georgia. Photographic, typed, or other copies of such map or description certified by the clerk shall be admitted as evidence in all courts and shall have the same force and effect as with the original map or description.

(c) The city council may provide for the redrawing of any such map by ordinance to reflect lawful changes in the corporate boundaries. A redrawn map shall supersede for all purposes the earlier map or maps which it is designated to replace."

SECTION 2.

Said Act is further amended by revising Section 2.01 as follows:

"SECTION 2.01.
City council creation; composition; number; election.

Except as otherwise specifically provided in this charter, the legislative authority of the government of this city shall be vested in a city council to be composed of a mayor and six councilmembers. The mayor and councilmembers shall be elected in the manner provided by Article V of this charter. The mayor and two councilmembers shall be

elected by the voters of the city at-large. Four councilmembers shall be elected from the districts provided for in Section 5.02 of this charter."

SECTION 3.

Said Act is further amended by revising Section 2.02 as follows:

"SECTION 2.02.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this charter, the members of the city council shall serve for terms of four years and until their respective successors are elected and qualified.

(b) No person shall be eligible to serve as mayor or councilmember unless he or she shall have been a resident of the city for one year prior to the date of the election of mayor and councilmembers. Each shall continue to reside therein during such member's period of service and continue to be registered and eligible to vote in municipal elections of the city.

(c) No person shall be eligible to serve as mayor or councilmember if he or she has served more than 12 consecutive years as either mayor or as a councilmember. Any person who has served 12 consecutive years as either mayor or as a councilmember shall not again be eligible to be elected to either the office of mayor or councilmember until after the expiration of eight years from the conclusion of their last term of office. No person shall be eligible to serve as mayor or councilmember if he or she has served a total of more than 20 years as either mayor or as a councilmember. This subsection shall apply to any incumbent in office at the time this section becomes effective and all prior service of any incumbent shall be counted toward this term limit; provided, however, that if an incumbent has served more than 12 consecutive or 20 cumulative years as either mayor or as a councilmember such incumbent shall be allowed to serve out the remainder of the current term to which such incumbent was elected."

SECTION 4.

Said Act is further amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

"SECTION 2.09A.

(a) Every ordinance adopted by the city council shall be presented promptly by the city council to the mayor.

(b) The mayor shall have the right to veto any ordinance that was approved by the city council.

(c) The mayor, within ten calendar days of receipt of an ordinance subject to a veto, shall return it to the city council with or without the mayor's approval. If the ordinance has been approved by the mayor, it shall become law upon its return to the city council. If the ordinance is neither approved nor disapproved, it shall become law at 12:00 Noon on the tenth calendar day after its adoption. If the ordinance is disapproved, the mayor shall submit to the city council a written statement of the mayor's reasons for the veto. The

city council shall record upon the ordinance the date of its delivery to and receipt from the mayor.

(d) Ordinances vetoed by the mayor shall be considered by the city council at its next meeting and, should the city council then or at its next general meeting adopt the ordinance by the affirmative vote of at least four members, it shall become law and shall not be subject to any further veto by the mayor."

SECTION 5.

Said Act is further amended by revising Section 5.02 as follows:

"SECTION 5.02.
Regular elections.

(a)(1) For purposes of electing members of the city council, the city is divided into four districts. One member of the city council shall be elected from each such district. The four districts shall be and correspond to those four numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as 'User: HD 21 Plan: HollySprings-dist-2026 Plan Type: Local'.

(2)(A) For the purposes of such plan:

(i) The term 'VTD' shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a district description which are underneath a VTD heading shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a VTD as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia; and

(ii) Except as otherwise provided in the description of any district, whenever the description of any district refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical boundaries of that city as shown on the census maps for the United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia.

(B) Any part of the City of Holly Springs which is not included in any district described in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia.

(3) Except for incorporated islands of the City of Holly Springs, any part of the City of Holly Springs which is described in paragraph (1) of this subsection as being included in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included within such district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall instead be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia.

(4)(A) Those members of the city council who are serving as such on the effective date of this Act and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any such office shall continue to serve as such members until the regular expiration of their respective terms of office and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors.

(B)(i) District 5, as it exists immediately prior to the effective date of this Act, shall be designated as District 1, but as newly described under this Act, and on and after the effective date of this Act, the councilmember serving from that former district shall be deemed to be serving from and representing his or her district as newly described under this Act and the successor to such member shall be elected at the 2028 municipal general election to a four-year term of office.

(ii) The initial councilmember elected from District 2 as newly described under this Act shall be elected at the 2026 municipal general election to a four-year term of office.

(iii) District 3, as it exists immediately prior to the effective date of this Act, shall continue to be designated as District 3, but as newly described under this Act, and on and after the effective date of this Act, the councilmember serving from that former district shall be deemed to be serving from and representing his or her district as newly described under this Act and the successor to such member shall be elected at the 2028 municipal general election to a four-year term of office.

(iv) District 4, as it exists immediately prior to the effective date of this Act, shall continue to be designated as District 4, but as newly described under this Act, and on and after the effective date of this Act, the initial councilmember elected from District 4 as newly described under this Act shall be elected at the 2026 municipal general election to a four-year term of office.

(v) The two initial at-large councilmembers shall be elected at the 2028 municipal general election. One of the initial at-large councilmembers shall be elected to a four-year term of office. The other initial at-large councilmember shall be elected to a two-year term of office; and the successors to such member shall be elected to four-year terms of office, and until their successors are elected and qualified."

SECTION 6.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

(b) The provisions of Sections 2 and 5 of this Act necessary to conduct elections for the members of the mayor and city council in 2026 shall become effective upon the approval of this Act by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval. The remaining provisions of Sections 2 and 5 of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2027.

(c) Section 1 of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2027.

SECTION 7.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

APPENDIX A

User: HD21
Plan Name: HollySprings-cityrev-2026

Plan Type: Local

District HOLLYSPRINGS
County Cherokee GA
VTD BRADSHAW
Block 090808
2000 2011 3010
VTD HICKORY FLAT
Block 090807
1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1008 1009 1010 1014 1015 1016
1017 1019 1020 1021 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011
2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 3002 3004 3005 3006 3007 3008
3010 3012 3013 3014 3015 3019 3020 3022 3023 3024 3025 3026
3028 3029 3030 3031 3032 3033 3034 3035 3036
Block 090808
3002 3005
VTD HOLLY SPRINGS
Block 090703
1002 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010 1011 1012 1016 1017 1018
1019 1020 1021 1022 1023 1024 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2006
2007 2008 2011 2012 2013 2015 2018 2019 2020 2021 2023 2024
3003 3004 3005 3006 3008 3009 3020 3023 3024 3025 3028
Block 090704
2005 2006 2013
VTD LIBERTY
Block 090707
2003 2004 2005 2006
Block 090710
1000 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1008 1009 1011 1012 1013 2000
2001 2003 2007
VTD SIXES
Block 090709
1000
Block 090710
3001 3004 3014 3015
VTD TOONIGH
Block 090703
2025 2026 2029 2032 2034
Block 090704
2012 2014
Block 090709
1001 1003 1019 1021 1023 1024 1025 1027 1029 1035 1036
Block 090806

2003 2004 2005 2007 2008
VTD UNIVETER
Block 090603
1007
Block 090606
3003 3004
VTD WILDCAT
Block 090703
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Block 090807
1011
Block 090808
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APPENDIX B

User: HD21
Plan Name: HollySprings-dist-2026
Plan Type: Local

District 001
County Cherokee GA
VTD HOLLY SPRINGS
Block 090703
1002 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010 1011 1012 1016 1017 1018
1019 1020 1021 1022 1023 1024 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2006
2007 2008 2020
Block 090704
2005
VTD LIBERTY
Block 090707
2003 2004 2005 2006
Block 090710
2000 2001 2003
VTD WILDCAT
Block 090704
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District 002
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County Cherokee GA
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By unanimous consent, the following roll call vote was made applicable to the previously read Bills.

On the passage of the Bills, and on the agreement to the Senate substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Oliver	Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	E Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran

Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	E Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	E Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
E Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bills, and on the agreement to the Senate substitute, the ayes were 162, nays 0.

The Bills, having received the requisite constitutional majority, were passed, and the House has agreed to the Senate substitute.

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Sanchez of the 42nd et al., LaHood of the 175th et al., Herring of the 145th et al., Beckles of the 96th et al., Berry of the 56th, Baker of the 64th et al., Jasperse of the 11th et al., Jackson of the 128th, Fleming of the 114th et al., Chastain of the 7th et al., Townsend of the 179th et al., Donatucci of the 105th et al., and Reeves of the 99th et al.

Representative Corbett of the 174th District, Chairman of the Committee on Motor Vehicles, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Motor Vehicles has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 809	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1191	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Corbett of the 174th
Chairman

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 1061. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Burchett of the 176th, Reeves of the 99th, Gunter of the 8th, Santos of the 117th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Juvenile Code, so as to enact the "Mandi Ballinger Act"; to provide for an implementation committee; to provide for the powers, composition, and appointment of such committee; to change the jurisdiction of the juvenile court to include certain children who are 17 years of age; to amend Titles 15, 16, 17, 27, 37, 42, and 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, crimes and offenses, criminal procedure, game and fish, mental health, penal institutions, and social services, respectively, so as to make conforming cross-references; to provide for effective dates and automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Juvenile Code, so as to enact the "Mandi Ballinger Act"; to provide for an organizational committee; to provide for the powers, composition, and appointment of such committee; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Juvenile Code, is amended in Article 1, relating to general provisions, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"15-11-42.

(a) This Code section shall be known and may be cited as the 'Mandi Ballinger Act.'

(b) There shall be an organizational committee that shall consist of 12 members as follows:

(1) The chairperson of the House Committee on Judiciary Juvenile;

(2) The chairperson of the Senate Judiciary Committee;

(3) The commissioner of juvenile justice or his or her designee;

(4) The president of the Georgia Sheriffs' Association or his or her designee;

(5) The executive director of the Administrative Office of the Courts or his or her designee;
(6) The executive director of the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of the State of Georgia or his or her designee;
(7) The executive director of the Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers or his or her designee;
(8) The executive director of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council or his or her designee;
(9) The director of the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget or his or her designee;
(10) The president of the Council of Juvenile Court Judges or his or her designee;
(11) The executive director of the Association County Commissioners of Georgia or his or her designee; and
(12) The president of the Georgia Council of Court Administrators or his or her designee.

The chairperson of the House Committee on Judiciary Juvenile and the chairperson of the Senate Judiciary Committee shall serve as cochairpersons of the committee. The committee shall meet upon the call of the cochairpersons.

(c) The committee may confer with any appropriate subject matter experts, state agencies, and advisory members to the committees as selected by the cochairpersons, including the president of the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, the executive director of the Georgia Public Safety Training Center, attorneys who regularly practice in the juvenile courts, and advocates for children and youth, on matters relating to implementing raising the juvenile age, including equipment, security, and technological aspects in connection to raising the age of juvenile offenders regarding:
(1) Standards and practices of other jurisdictions;
(2) The most recent standards promulgated by national standard-setting bodies; and
(3) The views of interested persons, government officials, and entities.

(d) The committee shall commence no later than September 15, 2026, and shall stand abolished on December 31, 2027.

(e) The committee shall provide a detailed written report including all the necessary operational and statutory changes required to include 17 year-old children in the juvenile justice system, including cost estimates for capital outlay, operating expenses, and staffing needs, for each part of the implementation plan. The report shall also include the estimated time required for such proposed implementation as well as any other data, reports, statistical information, and other facts and figures necessary for the successful implementation of such policy. Such report shall be provided to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, and the members of the General Assembly not later than December 1, 2027.

(f) This Code section shall stand repealed in its entirety on January 1, 2028."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	E Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	E DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	E Neal	Y Smith, M
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Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	E Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Blackmon	E Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	E Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	E Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	E Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	E Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	E Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	E Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	E Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
E Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 155, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 1199. By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Blackmon of the 146th, Kelley of the 16th and Williamson of the 112th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-1-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions regarding revenue and taxation, so as to revise the definition of the terms "Internal Revenue Code" and "Internal Revenue Code of 1986" to incorporate certain provisions of the federal law into Georgia law; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 48-1-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions regarding revenue and taxation, so as to revise the definition of the terms "Internal Revenue Code" and "Internal Revenue Code of 1986" to incorporate certain provisions of the federal law into Georgia law; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 48-1-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions regarding revenue and taxation, is amended by revising paragraph (14) as follows:

"(14) 'Internal Revenue Code' or 'Internal Revenue Code of 1986' means for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, ~~2024~~ 2025, the provisions of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, provided for in federal law enacted on or before January 1, ~~2025~~ 2026, except that Section 63(b)(5), Section 63(b)(6), Section 63(b)(7), Section 108(i), Section 163(e)(5)(F), Section 163)h()4(, ~~Section 168(b)(3)(I),~~ Section 168(e)(3)(B)(vii), ~~Section 168(e)(3)(E)(ix), Section 168(e)(8),~~ Section 168(k), Section 168(m), Section 168(n), Section 174A, Section 179(d)(1)(B)(ii), ~~Section 179(f)~~ Section 179(e), Section 199, Section 224, Section 225, Section 381(c)(20), Section 382(d)(3), ~~Section 810(b)(4), Section 1400L, Section 1400N(d)(1), Section 1400N(f), Section 1400N(j), Section 1400N(k), and Section 1400N(o)~~ Section 6213(g)(2)(Y), and Section 6213(g)(2)(Z) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, shall be treated as if they were not in effect, and except that Section 170(p) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, shall be treated as it was in effect before the 2025 enactment of federal Public Law 119-21, and except that Section 168(e)(7), Section 172(b)(1)(F), and Section 172(i)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, shall be treated as they were in effect before the 2008 enactment of federal Public Law 110-343, and except that Section 163(i)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, shall be treated as it was in effect before the 2009 enactment of federal Public Law 111-5, and except that Section 13(e)(4) of 2009 federal Public

Law 111-92 shall be treated as if it was not in effect, and except that Section 118, Section 163(j), Section 382(k)(1), and Section 174 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, shall be treated as they were in effect before the 2017 enactment of federal Public Law 115-97; provided, however, that all provisions in federal Public Law 117-58 (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act) that change or affect in any manner Section 118 shall be treated as if they were in effect, and except that all provisions in federal Public Law 116-136 (CARES Act) that change or affect in any manner Section 172 and Section 461(l) shall be treated as if they were not in effect, and except that all provisions in federal Public Law 117-2 (American Rescue Plan Act of 2021) that change or affect in any manner Section 461(l) shall be treated as if they were not in effect, and except that the limitations provided in Section 179(b)(1) shall be $250,000.00 for tax years beginning in 2010, shall be $250,000.00 for tax years beginning in 2011, shall be $250,000.00 for tax years beginning in 2012, shall be $250,000.00 for tax years beginning in 2013, and shall be $500,000.00 for tax years beginning in 2014, and except that the limitations provided in Section 179(b)(2) shall be $800,000.00 for tax years beginning in 2010, shall be $800,000.00 for tax years beginning in 2011, shall be $800,000.00 for tax years beginning in 2012, shall be $800,000.00 for tax years beginning in 2013, and shall be $2 million for tax years beginning in 2014, and provided that Section 1106 of federal Public Law 112-95 as amended by federal Public Law 113-243 shall be treated as if it is in effect, except the phrase 'Code Section 48-2-35 (or, if later, November 15, 2015)' shall be substituted for the phrase 'section 6511(a) of such Code (or, if later, April 15, 2015),' and notwithstanding any other provision in this title, no interest shall be refunded with respect to any claim for refund filed pursuant to Section 1106 of federal Public Law 112-95, and provided that subsection (b) of Section 3 of federal Public Law 114-292 shall be treated as if it is in effect, except the phrase 'Code Section 48-2-35' shall be substituted for the phrase 'section 6511(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986' and the phrase 'such section' shall be substituted for the phrase 'such subsection.' In the event a reference is made in this title to the Internal Revenue Code or the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as it existed on a specific date prior to January 1, ~~2025~~ 2026, the term means the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code or the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as it existed on the prior date. Unless otherwise provided in this title, any term used in this title shall have the same meaning as when used in a comparable provision or context in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, ~~2024~~ 2025, provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, which were as of January 1, ~~2025~~ 2026, enacted into law but not yet effective shall become effective for purposes of Georgia taxation on the same dates upon which they become effective for federal tax purposes."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to, by substitute.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	N Sampson
N Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
N Alexander	N Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
N Au	N Davis	N Holcomb	E Miller	N Scott
N Baker	Y Dawson	N Holland	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	N Moore	Y Silcox
Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	E Neal	N Smith, M
N Bazemore	N Douglas	N Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
N Beckles	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Bell	N Drenner	E Hugley	N Okoye	Y Stephens
N Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, E	Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	E Panitch	N Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas
N Burnough	N Evans	Y Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	N Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	N Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
N Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	N Frye	N Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	N Reese	N Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	E Williams, A
N Carter	Y Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	E Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Y Yearta
E Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 106, nays 54.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 1086. By Representatives Chastain of the 7th, McDonald III of the 26th, Cannon of the 172nd, McCollum of the 30th, Jasperse of the 11th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of fire and other hazards to persons and property generally, so as to require notice to be posted upon certain buildings of the use of light-frame truss-type construction; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for enforcement; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of fire and other hazards to persons and property generally, so as to require notice to be posted upon certain buildings of the use of light-frame truss-type construction and engineered I-joists (EIJ); to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for enforcement; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Preston Fant and Brant Chesney Firefighter Safety Act."

SECTION 2.

Chapter 2 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of fire and other hazards to persons and property generally, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"25-2-13.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Engineered I-joists' means structural elements consisting of a thin web of material sandwiched between two flanges, forming an 'I' shape.

(2) 'Light-frame truss-type construction' means a type of construction for which the primary structural elements are formed by a system of repetitive wood or light gauge steel framing members.

(b) The owner of any commercial or industrial building or structure, or any multiunit residential building or structure of three units or more, that uses light-frame truss-type construction or engineered I-joists (EIJ) shall post notice upon such building or structure

with a sign or symbol approved by the Commissioner in a manner sufficient to warn persons conducting fire fighting or other emergency services of the existence of light-frame truss-type construction or engineered I-joists (EIJ).

(c) The Commissioner shall adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Code section, including, but not limited to:

(1) The dimensions and color of the sign or symbol required to be posted;

(2) The time within which an owner of commercial, industrial, and multiunit residential buildings or structures that use light-frame truss-type construction or engineered I-joists (EIJ) shall be required to comply with this Code section; and

(3) The location at each commercial, industrial, and multiunit residential building or structure that uses light-frame truss-type construction or engineered I-joists (EIJ) where such sign or symbol shall be posted.

(d) The Commissioner, state fire marshal, and local fire marshals shall be authorized to enforce the provisions of this Code section. Any owner who fails to comply with subsection (b) of this Code section shall be subject to civil penalties under Code Section 25-2-37."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	E Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	Y Scott
E Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	E Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	E Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
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Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
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Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
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Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
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Y Carson	E Gilliard	Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	E Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	E Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
E Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 161, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

By unanimous consent, the following Resolutions of the House were postponed until the next legislative day:

HR 1000. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Williams of the 148th, Dickey of the 134th, Williams of the 168th, Buckner of the 137th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to eliminate the ad valorem tax assessment of certain timber at sale or harvest; to require state appropriations to each county, municipality, or school district affected by such tax elimination; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

HR 1049. By Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Griffin of the 149th, Berry of the 56th, Park of the 107th and Jones of the 143rd:

A RESOLUTION designating the Wednesday of the last week in October of each year as "Fentanyl and Opioid Awareness Day" in Georgia; and for other purposes.

Representative Martin of the 49th asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that a Bill of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee.

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, the following Bill of the House was introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee:

HB 1413. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Hatchett of the 155th, Evans of the 57th, Newton of the 127th, Erwin of the 32nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Student Finance Authority, so as to establish a needs based scholarship program for students at eligible public and private postsecondary institutions; to provide for eligibility; to establish a fund for the scholarship; to provide definitions; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

Representative Reeves of the 99th asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that a Bill of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee.

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, the following Bill of the House was introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee:

HB 1414. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Efstration of the 104th, Hong of the 103rd, Holcomb of the 101st, Evans of the 57th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to limited liability companies, so as to permit the creation of protected series and registered series of a limited liability company; to provide for procedures for creation of such series; to provide for the records of such series; to provide for the assets property owned by such series; to provide for consolidation of series; to provide for merger of registered series; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Representative Seabaugh of the 34th asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that a Bill of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee.

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, the following Bill of the House was introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee:

HB 1415. By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, Sainz of the 180th, Martinez of the 111th, Hong of the 103rd, Mitchell of the 88th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 4 of Article 6 of Chapter 3 of Title 12 and Article 1 of Chapter 16 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Stone Mountain Memorial Association and public property of state generally, respectively, so as to require such association to hold all real property obtained before January 1, 1971, in trust; to prohibit such association from selling such real property; to provide for an exception; to provide for requirements for the exceptional sale of real property by such association; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Game, Fish, & Parks.

The following members were recognized during the period of Afternoon Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Davis of the 87th et al., Ali of the 106th, Martinez of the 111th et al., and Jackson of the 128th.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1428. By Representative Cummings of the 39th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating Mr. Terry Cummings upon his induction as an Honorary Member of 100 Black Men of DeKalb County; and for other purposes.

HR 1429. By Representatives Hatchett of the 155th and Jackson of the 128th:

A RESOLUTION honoring and celebrating the 95th birthday of Mrs. Marthelle Powell; and for other purposes.

HR 1430. By Representative Kendrick of the 95th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Melissa Walker for receiving the 2026 Yellow Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leader Award; and for other purposes.

HR 1431. By Representatives Park of the 107th, Cooper of the 45th, Drenner of the 85th, Lim of the 98th, Barnes of the 86th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Larry M. Lehman for his lifetime of service and leadership in public health; and for other purposes.

HR 1432. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Jones of the 47th, Hilton of the 48th, Silcox of the 53rd and Jones of the 25th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Greater North Fulton Chamber of Commerce; and for other purposes.

HR 1433. By Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Barnes of the 86th, Stinson of the 150th, Bazemore of the 69th, Jackson of the 165th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the 68th Annual Southeast District Conference of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc., and honoring its longstanding commitment to leadership, service, and economic empowerment; and for other purposes.

HR 1434. By Representatives Santos of the 117th and Martinez of the 111th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Boys & Girls Clubs of Puerto Rico; and for other purposes.

HR 1435. By Representatives Carter of the 93rd, Taylor of the 92nd, Hugley of the 141st and Moore of the 91st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Judge Phinia Aten for her distinguish service and judicial leadership; and for other purposes.

HR 1436. By Representatives Crowe of the 118th, Hitchens of the 161st, Neal of the 79th, Sainz of the 180th and McDonald III of the 26th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 26, 2026, as Law Enforcement Appreciation Day at the Capitol and commending law enforcement officers in Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 1437. By Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, Cheokas of the 151st, Powell of the 33rd, Jenkins of the 136th and Thomas of the 21st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 25, 2026, as Georgia Airports Association Day; and for other purposes.

HR 1438. By Representatives Clark of the 108th, Adeyina of the 110th, Donatucci of the 105th, Beckles of the 96th, Holly of the 116th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 24, 2026, as HHCP Day at the capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1439. By Representatives Reese of the 140th, Hugley of the 141st, Howard of the 129th, Herring of the 145th and Buckner of the 137th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Ms. Ashley Rodriguez; and for other purposes.

HR 1440. By Representatives Tran of the 80th, Au of the 50th, Draper of the 90th, Ali of the 106th and Park of the 107th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the contributions of Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta, Asian American Advocacy Fund, Asian American Voices for Education, Georgia AAPI Hub, Raksha, and We Love Buford Highway on Asian American Advocacy Day; and for other purposes.

HR 1441. By Representatives Bazemore of the 69th, Hugley of the 141st, Neal of the 79th, Herring of the 145th, Kendrick of the 95th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Aubrey Allen; and for other purposes.

HR 1442. By Representatives Bazemore of the 69th, Hugley of the 141st, Neal of the 79th, Herring of the 145th, Kendrick of the 95th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Ariel Hibbert; and for other purposes.

HR 1443. By Representatives Bazemore of the 69th, Hugley of the 141st, Neal of the 79th, Herring of the 145th, Kendrick of the 95th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Jasmine Stamper; and for other purposes.

The Speaker announced the House in recess.

The Speaker called the House to order.

Representative Petrea of the 166th District, Chairman of the Committee on Human Relations and Aging, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Human Relations and Aging has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 906 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Petrea of the 166th
Chairman

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bill of the House:

HB 973. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act making and providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, known as the "General Appropriations Act," Act No. 73, approved May 9, 2025, so as to make, provide, and change certain appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide

for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Bill of the House was taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 973. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act making and providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, known as the "General Appropriations Act," Act No. 73, approved May 9, 2025, so as to make, provide, and change certain appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE TO H.B. 973
A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

To amend an Act making and providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, known as the "General Appropriations Act," Act No. 73, approved May 9, 2025, so as to make, provide, and change certain appropriations for the operation of the State government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:
PART I

An Act making and providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, known as the "General Appropriations Act," Act No. 73, approved May 9, 2025, is amended by striking everything following the Part I designation up to but not including the Part II designation and by substituting in lieu thereof the following:

The sums of money hereinafter provided are appropriated for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, as prescribed hereinafter for such fiscal year:

HB 973 (FY 2026A)		Governor	House	SAC
Revenue Sources Available for Appropriation				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS		$42,268,170,020	$42,268,170,020	$42,268,170,020
State General Funds		$36,528,645,133	$36,528,645,133	$36,528,645,133
Revenue Shortfall Reserve for K-12 Needs		$372,197,321	$372,197,321	$372,197,321
State Motor Fuel Funds		$2,548,131,410	$2,548,131,410	$2,548,131,410
Lottery Proceeds		$1,692,302,672	$1,692,302,672	$1,692,302,672
Tobacco Settlement Funds		$148,630,971	$148,630,971	$148,630,971
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund		$2,010,871	$2,010,871	$2,010,871
State Children’s Trust Funds		$1,222,837	$1,222,837	$1,222,837
Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds		$2,225,567	$2,225,567	$2,225,567
Trauma Care Trust Funds		$16,389,873	$16,389,873	$16,389,873
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds		$1,993,465	$1,993,465	$1,993,465
Solid Waste Trust Funds		$9,838,299	$9,838,299	$9,838,299
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds		$11,771,491	$11,771,491	$11,771,491
Fireworks Trust Funds		$2,674,971	$2,674,971	$2,674,971

Transit Trust Funds	$38,005,357	$38,005,357	$38,005,357
Transportation Trust Funds	$238,271,141	$238,271,141	$238,271,141
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$134,209	$134,209	$134,209
Ambulance Provider Fees	$11,458,192	$11,458,192	$11,458,192
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$131,092,562	$131,092,562	$131,092,562
Hospital Provider Fee	$511,173,678	$511,173,678	$511,173,678
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$24,207,294,704	$24,203,878,738	$24,232,049,111
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$8,017,135,874	$8,017,135,874	$8,017,135,874
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$345,896,595	$345,896,595	$345,896,595
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$14,163,709	$14,163,709	$14,163,709
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$11,785,851	$11,785,851	$11,785,851
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$1,499,466,641	$1,499,466,641	$1,499,466,641
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$95,399,043	$98,196,429	$98,242,248
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$75,051,873	$75,051,873	$75,051,873
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$17,292,191	$17,292,191	$17,292,191
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$12,967,463,330	$12,963,319,830	$12,991,444,384
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$47,852,222	$47,852,222	$47,852,222
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$4,937,680	$4,937,680	$4,937,680
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$61,282,373	$61,282,373	$61,282,373
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$518,540,904	$516,471,052	$516,471,052
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$438,277,398	$438,277,398	$438,277,398
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$435,633,209	$435,633,209	$435,633,209
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	$2,644,189	$2,644,189	$2,644,189
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$7,489,711,305	$7,489,711,305	$7,540,111,305
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$2,203,671	$2,203,671	$2,203,671
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$2,203,671	$2,203,671	$2,203,671
Reserved Fund Balances	$12,741,834	$12,741,834	$12,741,834
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$12,741,834	$12,741,834	$12,741,834
Interest and Investment Income	$13,473,344	$13,473,344	$63,873,344
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$13,473,344	$13,473,344	$63,873,344
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,642,674,556	$2,642,674,556	$2,642,674,556
Hospital Authorities	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$1,104,814,673	$1,104,814,673	$1,104,814,673
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$517,781,620	$517,781,620	$517,781,620
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$594,430,528	$594,430,528	$594,430,528
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$594,430,528	$594,430,528	$594,430,528
Royalties and Rents	$1,167,871	$1,167,871	$1,167,871
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$1,167,871	$1,167,871	$1,167,871
Sales and Services	$4,219,199,594	$4,219,199,594	$4,219,199,594

Record Center Storage Fees	$912,482	$912,482	$912,482
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,167,508,943	$1,167,508,943	$1,167,508,943
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$3,050,778,169	$3,050,778,169	$3,050,778,169
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,819,907	$3,819,907	$3,819,907
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,819,907	$3,819,907	$3,819,907
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,888,983,013	$5,888,983,013	$5,888,983,013
State Funds Transfers	$5,883,467,263	$5,883,467,263	$5,883,467,263
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$139,064,358	$139,064,358	$139,064,358
Accounting System Assessments	$25,993,885	$25,993,885	$25,993,885
Agency to Agency Contracts	$19,085,894	$19,085,894	$19,085,894
Health Insurance Payments	$5,142,505,397	$5,142,505,397	$5,142,505,397
Liability Funds	$59,811,281	$59,811,281	$59,811,281
Merit System Assessments	$9,104,497	$9,104,497	$9,104,497
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$280,857,262	$280,857,262	$280,857,262
Retirement Payments	$94,220,879	$94,220,879	$94,220,879
Unemployment Compensation Funds	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528
Workers Compensation Funds	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282
Agency Funds Transfers	$3,418,260	$3,418,260	$3,418,260
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$3,418,260	$3,418,260	$3,418,260
Federal Funds Transfers	$2,097,490	$2,097,490	$2,097,490
Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192
FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$73,965,176,029	$73,961,760,063	$74,040,330,436
Changes in Fund Availability			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,506,482,695	$4,506,482,695	$4,506,482,695
State General Funds	$4,011,032,118	$4,011,032,118	$4,011,032,118
Revenue Shortfall Reserve for K-12 Needs	$372,197,321	$372,197,321	$372,197,321
State Motor Fuel Funds	$71,688,608	$71,688,608	$71,688,608
Lottery Proceeds	$29,815,717	$29,815,717	$29,815,717
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$15,071	$15,071	$15,071
Ambulance Provider Fees	$2,646,178	$2,646,178	$2,646,178
Nursing Home Provider Fees	($27,902,969)	($27,902,969)	($27,902,969)
Hospital Provider Fee	$46,990,651	$46,990,651	$46,990,651
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$187,963,400	$184,547,434	$212,717,807
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$17,918,923	$17,918,923	$17,918,923
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$2,820,834	$5,618,220	$5,664,039
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$190,587,336	$186,443,836	$214,568,390
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	($23,363,693)	($25,433,545)	($25,433,545)
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,177,152	$3,177,152	$53,577,152
Interest and Investment Income	$0	$0	$50,400,000

Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$0	$0	$50,400,000
Sales and Services	$3,177,152	$3,177,152	$3,177,152
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,177,152	$3,177,152	$3,177,152
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$142,919	$142,919	$142,919
Agency Funds Transfers	$142,919	$142,919	$142,919
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$142,919	$142,919	$142,919
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,697,766,166	$4,694,350,200	$4,772,920,573

Reconciliation of Fund Availability to Fund Application

Section 1: Georgia Senate

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,015,468	$18,015,468	$18,015,468
State General Funds	$18,015,468	$18,015,468	$18,015,468
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,015,468	$18,015,468	$18,015,468

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,090,468	$18,090,468	$18,608,861
State General Funds	$18,090,468	$18,090,468	$18,608,861
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,090,468	$18,090,468	$18,608,861

Lieutenant Governor's Office		**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,346,940	$2,346,940	$2,346,940
State General Funds	$2,346,940	$2,346,940	$2,346,940
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,346,940	$2,346,940	$2,346,940

1.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees.*

State General Funds $8,074

1.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds ($7,319)

1.1000 Lieutenant Governor's Office			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,346,940	$2,346,940	$2,347,695
State General Funds	$2,346,940	$2,346,940	$2,347,695
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,346,940	$2,346,940	$2,347,695

Secretary of the Senate's Office		**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,553,243	$1,553,243	$1,553,243
State General Funds	$1,553,243	$1,553,243	$1,553,243
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,553,243	$1,553,243	$1,553,243

2.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees.*

State General Funds $9,420

2.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds ($4,844)

2.1000 Secretary of the Senate's Office			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,553,243	$1,553,243	$1,557,819
State General Funds	$1,553,243	$1,553,243	$1,557,819
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,553,243	$1,553,243	$1,557,819

Senate		**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,115,285	$14,115,285	$14,115,285
State General Funds	$14,115,285	$14,115,285	$14,115,285
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,115,285	$14,115,285	$14,115,285

3.1 *Increase funds for projected expenditures in contracts. (S:Increase funds for projected expenditures in contracts, and for legislative operations)*

State General Funds $75,000 $75,000 $550,000

3.2 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees.*

State General Funds $82,083

3.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds ($44,021)

3.1000 Senate			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,190,285	$14,190,285	$14,703,347
State General Funds	$14,190,285	$14,190,285	$14,703,347
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,190,285	$14,190,285	$14,703,347

Section 2: Georgia House of Representatives

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,664,595	$26,664,595	$26,664,595
State General Funds	$26,664,595	$26,664,595	$26,664,595
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$26,664,595	$26,664,595	$26,664,595
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,214,595	$27,336,339	$27,256,409
State General Funds	$27,214,595	$27,336,339	$27,256,409
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,214,595	$27,336,339	$27,256,409
House of Representatives		**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,664,595	$26,664,595	$26,664,595
State General Funds	$26,664,595	$26,664,595	$26,664,595
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$26,664,595	$26,664,595	$26,664,595
4.1 *Increase funds for legislative operations.*			
State General Funds	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
4.2 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*			
State General Funds		$213,147	$133,217
4.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*			
State General Funds		($91,403)	($91,403)
4.1000 House of Representatives			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,214,595	$27,336,339	$27,256,409
State General Funds	$27,214,595	$27,336,339	$27,256,409
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,214,595	$27,336,339	$27,256,409

Section 3: Georgia General Assembly Joint Offices

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,364,111	$23,364,111	$23,364,111
State General Funds	$23,364,111	$23,364,111	$23,364,111
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$23,364,111	$23,364,111	$23,364,111

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,364,111	$23,959,833	$23,903,318
State General Funds	$23,364,111	$23,959,833	$23,903,318
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$23,364,111	$23,959,833	$23,903,318

Ancillary Activities **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services for the legislative branch of government.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,476,476	$15,476,476	$15,476,476
State General Funds	$15,476,476	$15,476,476	$15,476,476
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,476,476	$15,476,476	$15,476,476

5.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$61,558	$38,474

5.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds	($24,362)	($24,362)

5.3 *Increase funds for security services.*

State General Funds	$500,000	$500,000

5.1000 Ancillary Activities **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services for the legislative branch of government.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,476,476	$16,013,672	$15,990,588
State General Funds	$15,476,476	$16,013,672	$15,990,588
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,476,476	$16,013,672	$15,990,588

Legislative Fiscal Office **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to act as the bookkeeper-comptroller for the legislative branch of government and maintain an account of legislative expenditures and commitments.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,400,401	$1,400,401	$1,400,401
State General Funds	$1,400,401	$1,400,401	$1,400,401
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,400,401	$1,400,401	$1,400,401

6.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$74,294	$9,287

6.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds	($25,754)	($25,754)

6.1000 Legislative Fiscal Office			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to act as the bookkeeper-comptroller for the legislative branch of government and maintain an account of legislative expenditures and commitments.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,400,401	$1,448,941	$1,383,934
State General Funds	$1,400,401	$1,448,941	$1,383,934
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,400,401	$1,448,941	$1,383,934

Office of Legislative Counsel			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide bill-drafting services, advice and counsel for members of the General Assembly.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,487,234	$6,487,234	$6,487,234
State General Funds	$6,487,234	$6,487,234	$6,487,234
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,487,234	$6,487,234	$6,487,234

7.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$14,858	$46,434

7.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds	($4,872)	($4,872)

7.1000 Office of Legislative Counsel			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide bill-drafting services, advice and counsel for members of the General Assembly.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,487,234	$6,497,220	$6,528,796
State General Funds	$6,487,234	$6,497,220	$6,528,796
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,487,234	$6,497,220	$6,528,796

Section 4: Audits and Accounts, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$47,905,532	$47,905,532	$47,905,532
State General Funds	$47,905,532	$47,905,532	$47,905,532
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$47,965,532	$47,965,532	$47,965,532

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$48,141,814	$48,516,077	$48,074,723
State General Funds	$48,141,814	$48,516,077	$48,074,723
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$48,201,814	$48,576,077	$48,134,723

Audit and Assurance Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide audit and assurance services for State Agencies, Authorities, Commissions, Bureaus, and higher education systems to facilitate Auditor's reports for the State of Georgia Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, the State of Georgia Single Audit Report, and the State of Georgia Budgetary Compliance Report; to conduct audits of public school systems in Georgia; to conduct performance audits; to perform special examinations at the request of the General Assembly; to conduct reviews of audits reports conducted by other independent auditors of local governments and non-profit organizations contracting with the State; and to provide state financial information online to promote transparency in government.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,356,229	$39,356,229	$39,356,229
State General Funds	$39,356,229	$39,356,229	$39,356,229
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,416,229	$39,416,229	$39,416,229

8.1 *Increase funds for continued investment in subscription-based data analytics and Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies to innovate and improve the productivity in support of audit work and results. (S:YES; Utilize existing funds ($236,282) for continued investment in subscription-based data analytics and Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies to innovate and improve the productivity in support of audit work and results)*

State General Funds	$236,282	$236,282	$0

8.2 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds		$472,869	$295,544

8.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($151,111)	($151,111)

8.4 *Utilize existing funds to fill vacancies and assume responsibility for public school system audits over a three-year period. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds		$0	$0

8.1000 Audit and Assurance Services **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide audit and assurance services for State Agencies, Authorities, Commissions, Bureaus, and higher education systems to facilitate Auditor's reports for the State of Georgia Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, the State of Georgia Single Audit Report, and the State

of Georgia Budgetary Compliance Report; to conduct audits of public school systems in Georgia; to conduct performance audits; to perform special examinations at the request of the General Assembly; to conduct reviews of audits reports conducted by other independent auditors of local governments and non-profit organizations contracting with the State; and to provide state financial information online to promote transparency in government.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,592,511	$39,914,269	$39,500,662
State General Funds	$39,592,511	$39,914,269	$39,500,662
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,652,511	$39,974,269	$39,560,662

Departmental Administration (DOAA) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all Department programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,255,621	$3,255,621	$3,255,621
State General Funds	$3,255,621	$3,255,621	$3,255,621
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,255,621	$3,255,621	$3,255,621

9.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$34,942	$21,839

9.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds	($9,700)	($9,700)

9.1000 Departmental Administration (DOAA) **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all Department programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,255,621	$3,280,863	$3,267,760
State General Funds	$3,255,621	$3,280,863	$3,267,760
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,255,621	$3,280,863	$3,267,760

Legislative Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to analyze proposed legislation affecting state retirement systems for fiscal impact and review actuarial investigations and to prepare fiscal notes upon request on other legislation having a significant impact on state revenues and/or expenditures.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000
State General Funds	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000

10.1000 Legislative Services			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to analyze proposed legislation affecting state retirement systems for fiscal impact and review actuarial investigations and to prepare fiscal notes upon request on other legislation having a significant impact on state revenues and/or expenditures.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000
State General Funds	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000

Statewide Equalized Adjusted Property Tax Digest **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to establish an equalized adjusted property tax digest for each county and for the State as a whole for use in allocating state funds for public school systems; to provide the Revenue Commissioner statistical data regarding county Tax Assessor compliance with requirements for both uniformity of assessment and level of assessment; and to establish the appropriate level of assessment for centrally assessed public utility companies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,050,682	$3,050,682	$3,050,682
State General Funds	$3,050,682	$3,050,682	$3,050,682
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,050,682	$3,050,682	$3,050,682

11.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$39,051	$24,407

11.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds	($11,788)	($11,788)

11.1000 Statewide Equalized Adjusted Property Tax Digest			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to establish an equalized adjusted property tax digest for each county and for the State as a whole for use in allocating state funds for public school systems; to provide the Revenue Commissioner statistical data regarding county Tax Assessor compliance with requirements for both uniformity of assessment and level of assessment; and to establish the appropriate level of assessment for centrally assessed public utility companies.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,050,682	$3,077,945	$3,063,301
State General Funds	$3,050,682	$3,077,945	$3,063,301
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,050,682	$3,077,945	$3,063,301

Section 5: Appeals, Court of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,677,694	$27,677,694	$27,677,694
State General Funds	$27,677,694	$27,677,694	$27,677,694
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,827,694	$27,827,694	$27,827,694

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,977,194	$28,073,742	$27,803,271
State General Funds	$27,977,194	$28,073,742	$27,803,271
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$28,127,194	$28,223,742	$27,953,271

Court of Appeals **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is for this court to review and exercise appellate and certiorari jurisdiction pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Georgia, Art. VI, Section V, Para. III, in all cases not reserved to the Supreme Court of Georgia or conferred on other courts by law.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,677,694	$27,677,694	$27,677,694
State General Funds	$27,677,694	$27,677,694	$27,677,694
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,827,694	$27,827,694	$27,827,694

12.1 *Increase funds for commute funds required for a new judge appointed January 1, 2025.*

State General Funds	$40,000	$40,000	$40,000

12.2 *Increase funds for FY2026 contract costs associated with shared director of Judicial Protection Services.*

State General Funds	$62,500	$62,500	$62,500

12.3 *Increase funds for ongoing licensing and maintenance costs associated with moving the Court's technology platform to a cloud-based solution. (S:YES; Utilize existing funds for ongoing licensing and maintenance costs associated with moving the Court's technology platform to a cloud-based solution)*

State General Funds	$197,000	$197,000	$0

12.4 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds		$195,923	$122,452

12.5 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($99,375)	($99,375)

12.1000 Court of Appeals **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is for this court to review and exercise appellate and certiorari jurisdiction pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Georgia, Art. VI, Section V, Para. III, in all cases not reserved to the Supreme Court of Georgia or conferred on other courts by law.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,977,194	$28,073,742	$27,803,271
State General Funds	$27,977,194	$28,073,742	$27,803,271
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$28,127,194	$28,223,742	$27,953,271

Section 6: Judicial Council

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,262,541	$26,262,541	$26,262,541
State General Funds	$26,262,541	$26,262,541	$26,262,541
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,469,320	$2,469,320	$2,469,320
Intergovernmental Transfers	$714,905	$714,905	$714,905
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$714,905	$714,905	$714,905
Sales and Services	$1,754,415	$1,754,415	$1,754,415
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,754,415	$1,754,415	$1,754,415
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000
State Funds Transfers	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$30,729,228	$30,729,228	$30,729,228

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,649,288	$26,718,118	$26,539,805
State General Funds	$26,649,288	$26,718,118	$26,539,805
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,469,320	$2,469,320	$2,469,320
Intergovernmental Transfers	$714,905	$714,905	$714,905
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$714,905	$714,905	$714,905
Sales and Services	$1,754,415	$1,754,415	$1,754,415
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,754,415	$1,754,415	$1,754,415
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000
State Funds Transfers	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$31,115,975	$31,184,805	$31,006,492

Council of Accountability Court Judges **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,325,892	$1,325,892	$1,325,892
State General Funds	$1,325,892	$1,325,892	$1,325,892
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,325,892	$1,325,892	$1,325,892

13.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$17,226	$10,767

13.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds	($2,933)	($2,933)

13.3 *Reduce funds for personnel based on the actual start date of new positions.*

State General Funds	($66,302)	($66,302)

13.4 *Increase funds for a one-time payment for accountability court case management system (CMS) integration.*

State General Funds	$150,000	$0

13.1000 Council of Accountability Court Judges **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,325,892	$1,423,883	$1,267,424
State General Funds	$1,325,892	$1,423,883	$1,267,424
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,325,892	$1,423,883	$1,267,424

Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to oversee the state's court-connected alternative dispute resolution (ADR) services by promoting the establishment of new ADR court programs, providing support to existing programs, establishing and enforcing qualifications and ethical standards, registering ADR professionals and volunteers, providing training, administering statewide grants, and collecting statistical data to monitor program effectiveness.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212
Sales and Services	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212

14.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$4,306	$2,692

14.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds	($733)	($733)

14.1000 Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to oversee the state's court-connected alternative dispute resolution (ADR) services by promoting the establishment of new ADR court programs, providing support to existing programs, establishing and enforcing qualifications and ethical standards, registering ADR professionals and volunteers, providing training, administering statewide grants, and collecting statistical data to monitor program effectiveness.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$3,573	$1,959
State General Funds	$0	$3,573	$1,959
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212
Sales and Services	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$487,212	$490,785	$489,171

Institute of Continuing Judicial Education **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide basic training and continuing education for Superior Court Judges, Juvenile Court Judges, State Court Judges, Probate Court Judges, Magistrate Court Judges, Municipal Court Judges, Superior Court Clerks, Juvenile Court Clerks, Municipal Court Clerks, and other court personnel.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$844,596	$844,596	$844,596
State General Funds	$844,596	$844,596	$844,596
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203
Sales and Services	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,797,799	$1,797,799	$1,797,799

15.1000 Institute of Continuing Judicial Education **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide basic training and continuing education for Superior Court Judges, Juvenile Court Judges, State Court Judges, Probate Court Judges, Magistrate Court Judges, Municipal Court Judges, Superior Court Clerks, Juvenile Court Clerks, Municipal Court Clerks, and other court personnel.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$844,596	$844,596	$844,596
State General Funds	$844,596	$844,596	$844,596

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203
Sales and Services	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,797,799	$1,797,799	$1,797,799

Judicial Council **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of the appropriation is to support the Administrative Office of the Courts; to provide administrative support for the councils of the Magistrate Court Judges, the Municipal Court Judges, the Probate Court Judges, the State Court Judges, and the Georgia Council of Court Administrators; to operate the Child Support E-Filing system, the Child Support Guidelines Commission, and the Commission on Interpreters; and to support the Committee on Justice for Children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,476,799	$18,476,799	$18,476,799
State General Funds	$18,476,799	$18,476,799	$18,476,799
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,018,905	$1,018,905	$1,018,905
Intergovernmental Transfers	$714,905	$714,905	$714,905
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$714,905	$714,905	$714,905
Sales and Services	$304,000	$304,000	$304,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$304,000	$304,000	$304,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000
State Funds Transfers	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,493,071	$21,493,071	$21,493,071

16.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$150,703	$94,190

16.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds	($25,660)	($25,660)

16.3 *Reduce funds for personnel based on the actual start date of a new position.*

State General Funds	($27,150)	($27,150)

16.1000 Judicial Council **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of the appropriation is to support the Administrative Office of the Courts; to provide administrative support for the councils of the Magistrate Court Judges, the Municipal Court Judges, the Probate Court Judges, the State Court Judges, and the Georgia Council of Court Administrators; to operate the Child Support E-Filing system, the Child Support Guidelines Commission, and the Commission on Interpreters; and to support the Committee on Justice for Children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,476,799	$18,574,692	$18,518,179
State General Funds	$18,476,799	$18,574,692	$18,518,179

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,018,905	$1,018,905	$1,018,905
Intergovernmental Transfers	$714,905	$714,905	$714,905
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$714,905	$714,905	$714,905
Sales and Services	$304,000	$304,000	$304,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$304,000	$304,000	$304,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000
State Funds Transfers	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,493,071	$21,590,964	$21,534,451

Judicial Qualifications Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate complaints filed against a judicial officer, impose and recommend disciplinary sanctions against any judicial officer, and when necessary, file formal charges against that officer and provide a formal trial or hearing. The purpose of this appropriation is also to produce formal and informal advisory opinions; provide training and guidance to judicial candidates regarding the Code of Judicial Conduct; and investigate allegations of unethical campaign practices.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,593,094	$1,593,094	$1,593,094
State General Funds	$1,593,094	$1,593,094	$1,593,094
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,593,094	$1,593,094	$1,593,094

17.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$15,072	$9,420

17.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds	($2,566)	($2,566)

17.3 *Reduce funds for unutilized legal fees.*

State General Funds	($50,000)	$0

17.1000 Judicial Qualifications Commission **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate complaints filed against a judicial officer, impose and recommend disciplinary sanctions against any judicial officer, and when necessary, file formal charges against that officer and provide a formal trial or hearing. The purpose of this appropriation is also to produce formal and informal advisory opinions; provide training and guidance to judicial candidates regarding the Code of Judicial Conduct; and investigate allegations of unethical campaign practices.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,593,094	$1,555,600	$1,599,948
State General Funds	$1,593,094	$1,555,600	$1,599,948
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,593,094	$1,555,600	$1,599,948

Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to carry out the duties associated with investigative and hearing panels on the conduct of district attorneys and solicitors general, as well as funding administrative personnel and operations.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,125,000	$1,125,000	$1,125,000
State General Funds	$1,125,000	$1,125,000	$1,125,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,125,000	$1,125,000	$1,125,000

18.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$8,614	$5,384

18.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds	($1,467)	($1,467)

18.1000 Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to carry out the duties associated with investigative and hearing panels on the conduct of district attorneys and solicitors general, as well as funding administrative personnel and operations.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,125,000	$1,132,147	$1,128,917
State General Funds	$1,125,000	$1,132,147	$1,128,917
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,125,000	$1,132,147	$1,128,917

Resource Center		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide direct representation to death penalty sentenced inmates and to recruit and assist private attorneys to represent plaintiffs in habeas corpus proceedings.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000
State General Funds	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000

19.1000 Resource Center			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide direct representation to death penalty sentenced inmates and to recruit and assist private attorneys to represent plaintiffs in habeas corpus proceedings.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000
State General Funds	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000

Georgia State-wide Business Court		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to support a state-wide business court in matters of resolving commercial dispute and litigation.			

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,997,160	$1,997,160	$1,997,160
State General Funds	$1,997,160	$1,997,160	$1,997,160
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
Sales and Services	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,007,160	$2,007,160	$2,007,160

20.1 *Increase funds for one-time costs for annual leave payouts.*

State General Funds	$41,000	$0	$0

20.2 *Increase funds to align salaries per O.C.G.A. 15-5A-11.*

State General Funds	$2,187	$2,187	$2,187

20.3 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds		$12,920	$8,075

20.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($2,200)	($2,200)

20.1000 Georgia State-wide Business Court **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support a state-wide business court in matters of resolving commercial dispute and litigation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,040,347	$2,010,067	$2,005,222
State General Funds	$2,040,347	$2,010,067	$2,005,222
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
Sales and Services	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,050,347	$2,020,067	$2,015,222

Georgia Tax Court **Continuation Budget**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

21.1 *Increase funds for personnel for the Georgia Tax Court Judge effective April 1, 2026 per HB392 (2025 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	$91,560	$91,560	$91,560

21.2 *Increase funds for operations.*

State General Funds	$42,000	$22,000	$22,000

21.3 *Increase funds for contracts.*

State General Funds	$110,000	$60,000	$60,000

21.4 *Increase funds for start-up costs.*

State General Funds	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000

21.999 ***SAC****: The purpose of this appropriation is to support a tax court with state-wide jurisdiction over challenges and appeals of tax matters involving the Georgia Department of Revenue.*
House*: The purpose of this appropriation is to support a tax court with state-wide jurisdiction over challenges and appeals of tax matters involving the Georgia Department of Revenue.*
Governor*: The purpose of this appropriation is to support a tax court with state-wide jurisdiction over challenges and appeals of tax matters involving the Georgia Department of Revenue.*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

21.1000 Georgia Tax Court			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support a tax court with state-wide jurisdiction over challenges and appeals of tax matters involving the Georgia Department of Revenue.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$343,560	$273,560	$273,560
State General Funds	$343,560	$273,560	$273,560
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$343,560	$273,560	$273,560

Section 7: Juvenile Courts

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,810,645	$9,810,645	$9,810,645
State General Funds	$9,810,645	$9,810,645	$9,810,645
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,878,131	$9,878,131	$9,878,131

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,166,209	$10,178,435	$10,171,976
State General Funds	$10,166,209	$10,178,435	$10,171,976
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,233,695	$10,245,921	$10,239,462

Council of Juvenile Court Judges **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the Council of Juvenile Court Judges to represent all the juvenile judges in Georgia. Jurisdiction in cases involving children includes delinquencies, status offenses, and deprivation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,026,916	$2,026,916	$2,026,916
State General Funds	$2,026,916	$2,026,916	$2,026,916
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,094,402	$2,094,402	$2,094,402

22.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds		$17,224	$10,765

22.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($4,998)	($4,998)

22.1000 Council of Juvenile Court Judges **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the Council of Juvenile Court Judges to represent all the juvenile judges in Georgia. Jurisdiction in cases involving children includes delinquencies, status offenses, and deprivation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,026,916	$2,039,142	$2,032,683
State General Funds	$2,026,916	$2,039,142	$2,032,683
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,094,402	$2,106,628	$2,100,169

Grants to Counties for Juvenile Court Judges **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is for payment of state funds to circuits to pay for juvenile court judges salaries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,783,729	$7,783,729	$7,783,729
State General Funds	$7,783,729	$7,783,729	$7,783,729
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,783,729	$7,783,729	$7,783,729

23.1 *Increase funds to reflect an increase in the Judicial Retirement System (JRS) employer contribution rate due to the passage of HB85 (2025 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	$355,564	$355,564	$355,564

23.1000 Grants to Counties for Juvenile Court Judges			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is for payment of state funds to circuits to pay for juvenile court judges salaries.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,139,293	$8,139,293	$8,139,293
State General Funds	$8,139,293	$8,139,293	$8,139,293
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,139,293	$8,139,293	$8,139,293

Section 8: Prosecuting Attorneys

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$131,005,428	$131,005,428	$131,005,428
State General Funds	$131,005,428	$131,005,428	$131,005,428
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,239,803	$2,239,803	$2,239,803
State Funds Transfers	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611
Agency to Agency Contracts	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611
Federal Funds Transfers	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192
Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$133,245,231	$133,245,231	$133,245,231
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$131,005,428	$132,302,163	$131,628,814
State General Funds	$131,005,428	$132,302,163	$131,628,814
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,239,803	$2,239,803	$2,239,803
State Funds Transfers	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611
Agency to Agency Contracts	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611
Federal Funds Transfers	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192
Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$133,245,231	$134,541,966	$133,868,617

Conflict Case		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist District Attorneys in the execution of their duties when a District Attorney is disqualified from interest or relationship to engage in a prosecution per OCGA 15-18-5.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,700,282	$1,700,282	$1,700,282
State General Funds	$1,700,282	$1,700,282	$1,700,282
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,700,282	$1,700,282	$1,700,282

24.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$15,071	$9,420

24.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds	($4,419)	($4,419)

24.1000 Conflict Case			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist District Attorneys in the execution of their duties when a District Attorney is disqualified from interest or relationship to engage in a prosecution per OCGA 15-18-5.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,700,282	$1,710,934	$1,705,283
State General Funds	$1,700,282	$1,710,934	$1,705,283
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,700,282	$1,710,934	$1,705,283

Council of Superior Court Clerks			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist superior court clerks throughout the state in the execution of their duties and to promote and assist in the training of superior court clerks.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$190,721	$190,721	$190,721
State General Funds	$190,721	$190,721	$190,721
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$190,721	$190,721	$190,721

25.1000 Council of Superior Court Clerks			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist superior court clerks throughout the state in the execution of their duties and to promote and assist in the training of superior court clerks.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$190,721	$190,721	$190,721
State General Funds	$190,721	$190,721	$190,721
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$190,721	$190,721	$190,721

District Attorneys			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is for the District Attorney to represent the State of Georgia in the trial and appeal of criminal cases in the Superior Court for the judicial circuit and delinquency cases in the juvenile courts per Ga. Const., Art. VI, Sec. VIII. Para I and OCGA 15-18.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$118,315,041	$118,315,041	$118,315,041
State General Funds	$118,315,041	$118,315,041	$118,315,041
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,239,803	$2,239,803	$2,239,803
State Funds Transfers	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611
Agency to Agency Contracts	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611
Federal Funds Transfers	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192
Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$120,554,844	$120,554,844	$120,554,844

26.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$1,679,340	$1,049,588

26.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds	($464,779)	($464,779)

26.1000 District Attorneys **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the District Attorney to represent the State of Georgia in the trial and appeal of criminal cases in the Superior Court for the judicial circuit and delinquency cases in the juvenile courts per Ga. Const., Art. VI, Sec. VIII. Para I and OCGA 15-18.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$118,315,041	$119,529,602	$118,899,850
State General Funds	$118,315,041	$119,529,602	$118,899,850
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,239,803	$2,239,803	$2,239,803
State Funds Transfers	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611
Agency to Agency Contracts	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611
Federal Funds Transfers	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192
Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$120,554,844	$121,769,405	$121,139,653

Prosecuting Attorneys' Council **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist Georgia's District Attorneys and State Court Solicitors.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,799,384	$10,799,384	$10,799,384
State General Funds	$10,799,384	$10,799,384	$10,799,384
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,799,384	$10,799,384	$10,799,384

27.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$101,191	$63,245

27.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds	($29,669)	($29,669)

27.1000 Prosecuting Attorneys' Council **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist Georgia's District Attorneys and State Court Solicitors.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,799,384	$10,870,906	$10,832,960
State General Funds	$10,799,384	$10,870,906	$10,832,960
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,799,384	$10,870,906	$10,832,960

Section 9: Superior Courts

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$103,428,047	$103,428,047	$103,428,047
State General Funds	$103,428,047	$103,428,047	$103,428,047
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$82,750	$82,750	$82,750
Intergovernmental Transfers	$12,750	$12,750	$12,750
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$12,750	$12,750	$12,750
Royalties and Rents	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$103,510,797	$103,510,797	$103,510,797

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$103,525,243	$103,090,283	$102,136,312
State General Funds	$103,525,243	$103,090,283	$102,136,312
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$82,750	$82,750	$82,750
Intergovernmental Transfers	$12,750	$12,750	$12,750
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$12,750	$12,750	$12,750
Royalties and Rents	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$103,607,993	$103,173,033	$102,219,062

Council of Superior Court Judges **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the operations of the Council of Superior Court Judges and is to further the improvement of the Superior Court in the administration of justice through leadership, training, policy development and budgetary and fiscal administration.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,950,532	$1,950,532	$1,950,532
State General Funds	$1,950,532	$1,950,532	$1,950,532
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$55,000	$55,000	$55,000
Royalties and Rents	$55,000	$55,000	$55,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$55,000	$55,000	$55,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,005,532	$2,005,532	$2,005,532

28.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$23,683	$14,802

28.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds	($7,388)	($7,388)

28.1000 Council of Superior Court Judges			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is for the operations of the Council of Superior Court Judges and is to further the improvement of the Superior Court in the administration of justice through leadership, training, policy development and budgetary and fiscal administration.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,950,532	$1,966,827	$1,957,946
State General Funds	$1,950,532	$1,966,827	$1,957,946
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$55,000	$55,000	$55,000
Royalties and Rents	$55,000	$55,000	$55,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$55,000	$55,000	$55,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,005,532	$2,021,827	$2,012,946

Judicial Administrative Districts		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regional administrative support to the judges of the superior court. This support includes managing budgets, policy, procedure, and providing a liaison between local and state courts.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,487,043	$3,487,043	$3,487,043
State General Funds	$3,487,043	$3,487,043	$3,487,043
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$12,750	$12,750	$12,750
Intergovernmental Transfers	$12,750	$12,750	$12,750
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$12,750	$12,750	$12,750
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,499,793	$3,499,793	$3,499,793

29.1	*Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*		
State General Funds		$43,060	$26,913
29.2	*Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*		
State General Funds		($13,391)	($13,391)

29.1000 Judicial Administrative Districts			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regional administrative support to the judges of the superior court. This support includes managing budgets, policy, procedure, and providing a liaison between local and state courts.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,487,043	$3,516,712	$3,500,565
State General Funds	$3,487,043	$3,516,712	$3,500,565
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$12,750	$12,750	$12,750
Intergovernmental Transfers	$12,750	$12,750	$12,750
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$12,750	$12,750	$12,750
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,499,793	$3,529,462	$3,513,315

Superior Court Judges **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enable Georgia's Superior Courts to be the general jurisdiction trial court and exercise exclusive, constitutional authority over felony cases, divorce, equity and cases regarding title to land, provided that law clerks over the fifty provided by law are to be allocated back to the circuits by caseload ranks.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$97,990,472	$97,990,472	$97,990,472
State General Funds	$97,990,472	$97,990,472	$97,990,472
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$15,000	$15,000	$15,000
Royalties and Rents	$15,000	$15,000	$15,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$15,000	$15,000	$15,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$98,005,472	$98,005,472	$98,005,472

30.1 *Increase funds for six months of the new salary structure pursuant to HB85 (2025 Legislative Session) for the Alapaha Circuit new judgeship effective January 1, 2026 created in HB55 (2025 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	$42,482	$42,482	$42,482

30.2 *Increase funds for six months of the new salary structure pursuant to HB85 (2025 Legislative Session) for the Augusta Circuit new judgeship effective January 1, 2026 created in SB145 (2025 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	$42,482	$42,482	$42,482

30.3 *Increase funds for six months of the new salary structure pursuant to HB85 (2025 Legislative Session) for the Douglas Circuit new judgeship effective January 1, 2026 created in SB88 (2025 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	$42,482	$42,482	$42,482

30.4 *Reduce funds for the initial equipment set-up for the first six months of funding added for the Houston Circuit new judgeship created in HB960 (2024 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	($15,125)	($15,125)	($15,125)

30.5 *Reduce funds for the initial equipment set-up for the first six months of funding added for the Tifton Circuit new judgeship created in HB906 (2024 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	($15,125)	($15,125)	($15,125)

30.6 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds		$598,534	$374,084

30.7 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($374,965)	($374,965)

30.8 *Reduce funds to reflect Superior Court Judges who have not opted in to the new salary structure.*

State General Funds		($704,493)	($1,408,986)

30.1000 Superior Court Judges			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to enable Georgia's Superior Courts to be the general jurisdiction trial court and exercise exclusive, constitutional authority over felony cases, divorce, equity and cases regarding title to land, provided that law clerks over the fifty provided by law are to be allocated back to the circuits by caseload ranks.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$98,087,668	$97,606,744	$96,677,801
State General Funds	$98,087,668	$97,606,744	$96,677,801
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$15,000	$15,000	$15,000
Royalties and Rents	$15,000	$15,000	$15,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$15,000	$15,000	$15,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$98,102,668	$97,621,744	$96,692,801

Section 10: Supreme Court

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$19,622,337	$19,622,337	$19,622,337
State General Funds	$19,622,337	$19,622,337	$19,622,337
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,482,160	$21,482,160	$21,482,160

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$19,647,736	$19,748,502	$19,685,527
State General Funds	$19,647,736	$19,748,502	$19,685,527
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,507,559	$21,608,325	$21,545,350

Supreme Court of Georgia			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Supreme Court of Georgia which exercises exclusive appellate jurisdiction in all cases involving: the construction of a treaty, the Constitution of the State of Georgia or of the United States, the constitutionality of a law, ordinance, or constitutional provision that has been drawn in question, and all cases of election contest per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. II. The purpose of this appropriation is also to support the Supreme Court of Georgia in its exercise of jurisdiction in cases per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. III and its administration of the Bar Exam and oversight of the Office of Reporter of Decisions.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$19,622,337	$19,622,337	$19,622,337
State General Funds	$19,622,337	$19,622,337	$19,622,337
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,482,160	$21,482,160	$21,482,160

31.1 *Increase funds for the Georgia State Patrol (DPS) Trooper agreement with the Supreme Court of Georgia.*

State General Funds	$25,399	$25,399	$25,399

31.2 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds		$167,934	$104,959

31.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($67,168)	($67,168)

31.1000 Supreme Court of Georgia **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Supreme Court of Georgia which exercises exclusive appellate jurisdiction in all cases involving: the construction of a treaty, the Constitution of the State of Georgia or of the United States, the constitutionality of a law, ordinance, or constitutional provision that has been drawn in question, and all cases of election contest per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. II. The purpose of this appropriation is also to support the Supreme Court of Georgia in its exercise of jurisdiction in cases per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. III and its administration of the Bar Exam and oversight of the Office of Reporter of Decisions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$19,647,736	$19,748,502	$19,685,527
State General Funds	$19,647,736	$19,748,502	$19,685,527
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,507,559	$21,608,325	$21,545,350

Section 11: Accounting Office, State

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,434,126	$8,434,126	$8,434,126
State General Funds	$8,434,126	$8,434,126	$8,434,126
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$26,586,165	$26,586,165	$26,586,165
State Funds Transfers	$26,586,165	$26,586,165	$26,586,165
Accounting System Assessments	$25,993,885	$25,993,885	$25,993,885
Agency to Agency Contracts	$592,280	$592,280	$592,280
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$35,020,291	$35,020,291	$35,020,291

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$19,287,425	$19,258,505	$19,201,992
State General Funds	$19,287,425	$19,258,505	$19,201,992
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$26,586,165	$26,586,165	$26,586,165

State Funds Transfers	$26,586,165	$26,586,165	$26,586,165
Accounting System Assessments	$25,993,885	$25,993,885	$25,993,885
Agency to Agency Contracts	$592,280	$592,280	$592,280
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$45,873,590	$45,844,670	$45,788,157

Administration (SAO) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$371,853	$371,853	$371,853
State General Funds	$371,853	$371,853	$371,853
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372
State Funds Transfers	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372
Accounting System Assessments	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,285,225	$1,285,225	$1,285,225

32.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$10,765	$10,765	$6,729

32.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($858)	($858)

32.1000 Administration (SAO) **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$382,618	$381,760	$377,724
State General Funds	$382,618	$381,760	$377,724
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372
State Funds Transfers	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372
Accounting System Assessments	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,295,990	$1,295,132	$1,291,096

Financial Systems **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to operate, support, monitor, and improve the State's enterprise financial accounting, payroll, and human capital management systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195
State Funds Transfers	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195

Accounting System Assessments	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195

33.1 *Increase funds for one-time funding to continue Teamworks Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) support for the Georgia Department of Transportation due to the extension of the agency's GA@WORK implementation timeline.*

State General Funds	$10,379,589	$10,379,589	$10,379,589

33.1000 Financial Systems **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to operate, support, monitor, and improve the State's enterprise financial accounting, payroll, and human capital management systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,379,589	$10,379,589	$10,379,589
State General Funds	$10,379,589	$10,379,589	$10,379,589
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195
State Funds Transfers	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195
Accounting System Assessments	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$33,806,784	$33,806,784	$33,806,784

Shared Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support client agencies in processing payroll and other financial transactions and to implement and support the Statewide Travel Consolidation Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$967,930	$967,930	$967,930
State General Funds	$967,930	$967,930	$967,930
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,863,786	$1,863,786	$1,863,786
State Funds Transfers	$1,863,786	$1,863,786	$1,863,786
Accounting System Assessments	$1,271,506	$1,271,506	$1,271,506
Agency to Agency Contracts	$592,280	$592,280	$592,280
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,831,716	$2,831,716	$2,831,716

34.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$32,295	$32,295	$20,185

34.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($3,875)	($3,875)

34.1000 Shared Services **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support client agencies in processing payroll and other financial transactions and to implement and support the Statewide Travel Consolidation Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,000,225	$996,350	$984,240
State General Funds	$1,000,225	$996,350	$984,240
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,863,786	$1,863,786	$1,863,786
State Funds Transfers	$1,863,786	$1,863,786	$1,863,786
Accounting System Assessments	$1,271,506	$1,271,506	$1,271,506
Agency to Agency Contracts	$592,280	$592,280	$592,280
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,864,011	$2,860,136	$2,848,026

Statewide Accounting and Reporting **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide financial reporting, accounting policy, business process improvement, and compliance with state and federal fiscal reporting requirements.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,885,818	$2,885,818	$2,885,818
State General Funds	$2,885,818	$2,885,818	$2,885,818
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$381,812	$381,812	$381,812
State Funds Transfers	$381,812	$381,812	$381,812
Accounting System Assessments	$381,812	$381,812	$381,812
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,267,630	$3,267,630	$3,267,630

35.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$60,284	$60,284	$37,678

35.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($11,075)	($11,075)

35.1000 Statewide Accounting and Reporting **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide financial reporting, accounting policy, business process improvement, and compliance with state and federal fiscal reporting requirements.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,946,102	$2,935,027	$2,912,421
State General Funds	$2,946,102	$2,935,027	$2,912,421
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$381,812	$381,812	$381,812
State Funds Transfers	$381,812	$381,812	$381,812
Accounting System Assessments	$381,812	$381,812	$381,812
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,327,914	$3,316,839	$3,294,233

Georgia State Board of Accountancy **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public financial, fiscal, and economic interests by licensing certified public accountants and public accountancy firms; regulating public accountancy practices; and investigating complaints and taking appropriate legal and disciplinary actions when warranted.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$902,213	$902,213	$902,213
State General Funds	$902,213	$902,213	$902,213
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$902,213	$902,213	$902,213

36.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$10,765	$10,765	$6,729

36.2 *Increase funds for licensure database migration and operations.*

State General Funds	$323,000	$323,000	$323,000

36.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($2,960)	($2,960)

36.1000 Georgia State Board of Accountancy **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public financial, fiscal, and economic interests by licensing certified public accountants and public accountancy firms; regulating public accountancy practices; and investigating complaints and taking appropriate legal and disciplinary actions when warranted.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,235,978	$1,233,018	$1,228,982
State General Funds	$1,235,978	$1,233,018	$1,228,982
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,235,978	$1,233,018	$1,228,982

State Ethics Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the integrity of the democratic process and ensure compliance by candidates, public officials, non-candidate campaign committees, lobbyists and vendors with Georgia's Campaign and Financial Disclosure requirements.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,306,312	$3,306,312	$3,306,312
State General Funds	$3,306,312	$3,306,312	$3,306,312
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,306,312	$3,306,312	$3,306,312

37.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$36,601	$36,601	$22,876

37.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($10,152)	($10,152)

37.1000 State Ethics Commission **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the integrity of the democratic process and ensure compliance by candidates, public officials, non-candidate campaign committees, lobbyists and vendors with Georgia's Campaign and Financial Disclosure requirements.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,342,913	$3,332,761	$3,319,036
State General Funds	$3,342,913	$3,332,761	$3,319,036
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,342,913	$3,332,761	$3,319,036

Section 12: Administrative Services, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,323,123	$21,323,123	$21,323,123
State General Funds	$21,323,123	$21,323,123	$21,323,123
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$53,180,415	$53,180,415	$53,180,415
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Reserved Fund Balances	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
Interest and Investment Income	$11,975,144	$11,975,144	$11,975,144
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$11,975,144	$11,975,144	$11,975,144
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,624,034	$2,624,034	$2,624,034
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,624,034	$2,624,034	$2,624,034
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$26,666,202	$26,666,202	$26,666,202
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$26,666,202	$26,666,202	$26,666,202
Sales and Services	$4,509,751	$4,509,751	$4,509,751
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,509,751	$4,509,751	$4,509,751
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$234,643,176	$234,643,176	$234,643,176
State Funds Transfers	$234,643,176	$234,643,176	$234,643,176
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$52,903,588	$52,903,588	$52,903,588
Liability Funds	$59,811,281	$59,811,281	$59,811,281
Merit System Assessments	$9,104,497	$9,104,497	$9,104,497
Unemployment Compensation Funds	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528
Workers Compensation Funds	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$309,146,714	$309,146,714	$309,146,714

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$69,166,760	$66,653,566	$66,547,802
State General Funds	$69,166,760	$66,653,566	$66,547,802
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$53,180,415	$53,180,415	$53,180,415
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Reserved Fund Balances	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
Interest and Investment Income	$11,975,144	$11,975,144	$11,975,144
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$11,975,144	$11,975,144	$11,975,144

Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,624,034	$2,624,034	$2,624,034
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,624,034	$2,624,034	$2,624,034
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$26,666,202	$26,666,202	$26,666,202
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$26,666,202	$26,666,202	$26,666,202
Sales and Services	$4,509,751	$4,509,751	$4,509,751
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,509,751	$4,509,751	$4,509,751
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$234,643,176	$234,643,176	$234,643,176
State Funds Transfers	$234,643,176	$234,643,176	$234,643,176
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$52,903,588	$52,903,588	$52,903,588
Liability Funds	$59,811,281	$59,811,281	$59,811,281
Merit System Assessments	$9,104,497	$9,104,497	$9,104,497
Unemployment Compensation Funds	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528
Workers Compensation Funds	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$356,990,351	$354,477,157	$354,371,393

Certificate of Need Appeal Panel **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to review decisions made by the Department of Community Health on Certificate of Need applications.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506
State General Funds	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506

38.1000 Certificate of Need Appeal Panel **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to review decisions made by the Department of Community Health on Certificate of Need applications.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506
State General Funds	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506

Departmental Administration (DOAS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$810,000	$810,000	$810,000
State General Funds	$810,000	$810,000	$810,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,223,312	$4,223,312	$4,223,312
Intergovernmental Transfers	$300,282	$300,282	$300,282
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$300,282	$300,282	$300,282
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$3,142,827	$3,142,827	$3,142,827
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$3,142,827	$3,142,827	$3,142,827
Sales and Services	$780,203	$780,203	$780,203
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$780,203	$780,203	$780,203

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$4,582,593	$4,582,593	$4,582,593
State Funds Transfers	$4,582,593	$4,582,593	$4,582,593
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,445,400	$2,445,400	$2,445,400
Merit System Assessments	$2,137,193	$2,137,193	$2,137,193
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,615,905	$9,615,905	$9,615,905

39.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$120,568	$120,568	$75,355

39.1000 Departmental Administration (DOAS) **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$930,568	$930,568	$885,355
State General Funds	$930,568	$930,568	$885,355
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,223,312	$4,223,312	$4,223,312
Intergovernmental Transfers	$300,282	$300,282	$300,282
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$300,282	$300,282	$300,282
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$3,142,827	$3,142,827	$3,142,827
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$3,142,827	$3,142,827	$3,142,827
Sales and Services	$780,203	$780,203	$780,203
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$780,203	$780,203	$780,203
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$4,582,593	$4,582,593	$4,582,593
State Funds Transfers	$4,582,593	$4,582,593	$4,582,593
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,445,400	$2,445,400	$2,445,400
Merit System Assessments	$2,137,193	$2,137,193	$2,137,193
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,736,473	$9,736,473	$9,691,260

Fleet Management **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and manage a fuel card program for state and local governments, to implement the Motor Vehicle Contract Maintenance Program to provide repairs, roadside assistance, and maintenance for state and local government fleets, and to establish a motor pool for traveling state employees.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160

40.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$12,918	$12,918	$8,074

40.1000 Fleet Management **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and manage a fuel card program for state and local governments, to implement the Motor Vehicle Contract Maintenance Program to provide repairs, roadside assistance, and maintenance for state and local government fleets, and to establish a motor pool for traveling state employees.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,918	$12,918	$8,074
State General Funds	$12,918	$12,918	$8,074
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,720,078	$1,720,078	$1,715,234

Human Resources Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide centralized services for statewide human resources in support of state agencies, the State Personnel Board, and employees; develop human resource policies, create job descriptions and classification, develop fair and consistent compensation practices, and administer the employee benefits program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$7,405,284	$7,405,284	$7,405,284
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Reserved Fund Balances	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$6,967,304	$6,967,304	$6,967,304
State Funds Transfers	$6,967,304	$6,967,304	$6,967,304
Merit System Assessments	$6,967,304	$6,967,304	$6,967,304
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,372,588	$14,372,588	$14,372,588

41.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$62,437	$62,437	$39,024

41.1000 Human Resources Administration			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide centralized services for statewide human resources in support of state agencies, the State Personnel Board, and employees; develop human resource policies, create job descriptions and classification, develop fair and consistent compensation practices, and administer the employee benefits program.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$62,437	$62,437	$39,024
State General Funds	$62,437	$62,437	$39,024
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$7,405,284	$7,405,284	$7,405,284
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Reserved Fund Balances	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$6,967,304	$6,967,304	$6,967,304
State Funds Transfers	$6,967,304	$6,967,304	$6,967,304
Merit System Assessments	$6,967,304	$6,967,304	$6,967,304
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,435,025	$14,435,025	$14,411,612

Risk Management **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer a liability insurance program to protect state government and employees from work-related claims, to provide indemnification funds for public officers and public school personnel in case of disability or death, to identify and control risks and hazards to minimize loss, to insure state-owned buildings and property against damage or destruction, to partner with the Department of Labor in administering unemployment claims, and to administer the Workers Compensation Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,145,754	$2,145,754	$2,145,754
State General Funds	$2,145,754	$2,145,754	$2,145,754
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$219,051,031	$219,051,031	$219,051,031
State Funds Transfers	$219,051,031	$219,051,031	$219,051,031
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$46,415,940	$46,415,940	$46,415,940
Liability Funds	$59,811,281	$59,811,281	$59,811,281
Unemployment Compensation Funds	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528
Workers Compensation Funds	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$223,520,537	$223,520,537	$223,520,537

42.1000 Risk Management	**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to administer a liability insurance program to protect state government and employees from work-related claims, to provide indemnification funds for public officers and public school personnel in case of disability or death, to identify and control risks and hazards to minimize loss, to insure state-owned buildings and property against damage or destruction, to partner with the Department of Labor in administering unemployment claims, and to administer the Workers Compensation Program.	

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,145,754	$2,145,754	$2,145,754
State General Funds	$2,145,754	$2,145,754	$2,145,754
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$219,051,031	$219,051,031	$219,051,031
State Funds Transfers	$219,051,031	$219,051,031	$219,051,031
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$46,415,940	$46,415,940	$46,415,940
Liability Funds	$59,811,281	$59,811,281	$59,811,281
Unemployment Compensation Funds	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528
Workers Compensation Funds	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$223,520,537	$223,520,537	$223,520,537

State Purchasing **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to publicize government contract opportunities on the Georgia Procurement Registry; to maintain a comprehensive listing of all agency contracts; to manage bids, Requests For Proposals, and Requests For Quotes; to provide and oversee Purchasing Cards; to conduct reverse auctions for non-construction goods and services valued above $100,000; to leverage the state's purchasing power in obtaining contracts; to train vendors seeking contract opportunities; and to certify small and/or minority business vendors.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215

43.1000 State Purchasing **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to publicize government contract opportunities on the Georgia Procurement Registry; to maintain a comprehensive listing of all agency contracts; to manage bids, Requests For Proposals, and Requests For Quotes; to provide and oversee Purchasing Cards; to conduct reverse auctions for non-construction goods and services valued above $100,000; to leverage the state's purchasing power in obtaining contracts; to train vendors seeking contract opportunities; and to certify small and/or minority business vendors.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215

Surplus Property **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce cost through maximization of the useful life of state-owned equipment and redistribution of property to state and local governments, qualifying non-profits, and to the public through auction.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548
Sales and Services	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548

44.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$21,530	$21,530	$13,457

44.1000 Surplus Property **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce cost through maximization of the useful life of state-owned equipment and redistribution of property to state and local governments, qualifying non-profits, and to the public through auction.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,530	$21,530	$13,457
State General Funds	$21,530	$21,530	$13,457
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548
Sales and Services	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,288,078	$2,288,078	$2,280,005

Wrongful Conviction and Incarceration Compensation Trust Fund **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to purchase annuities and other products for wrongfully convicted inmates when directed by the General Assembly upon passage of the required House Resolution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

45.1 *Add funds to establish the Wrongful Conviction and Incarceration Compensation Trust Fund under the State Treasury pursuant to SB244 (2025 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	$4,800,000	$4,800,000	$4,800,000

45.2 *Increase funds for the Office of State Administrative Hearings for hearings and adjudication of claims pursuant to SB244 (2025 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000

45.998 *Change the name of the Compensation Per General Assembly Resolutions program to the Wrongful Conviction and Incarceration Compensation Trust Fund program to reflect the passage of SB244 (2025 Legislative Session). (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

45.999 ***SAC****: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for the Wrongful Conviction and Incarceration Compensation Trust Fund and to support the Office of State Administrative Hearings' administrative responsibilities related to such claims for compensation pursuant to Chapter 22 of Title 17.*
House*: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for the Wrongful Conviction and Incarceration Compensation Trust Fund and to support the Office of State Administrative Hearings' administrative responsibilities related to such claims for compensation pursuant to Chapter 22 of Title 17.*
Governor*: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for the Wrongful Conviction and Incarceration Compensation Trust Fund and to support the Office of State Administrative Hearings' administrative responsibilities related to such claims for compensation pursuant to Chapter 22 of Title 17.*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

45.1000 Wrongful Conviction and Incarceration Compensation Trust Fund			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for the Wrongful Conviction and Incarceration Compensation Trust Fund and to support the Office of State Administrative Hearings' administrative responsibilities related to such claims for compensation pursuant to Chapter 22 of Title 17.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,000,000	$5,000,000	$5,000,000
State General Funds	$5,000,000	$5,000,000	$5,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,000,000	$5,000,000	$5,000,000

Georgia Tax Tribunal **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent trial court with jurisdiction over appeals of tax matters involving the Georgia Department of Revenue.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$582,689	$582,689	$582,689
State General Funds	$582,689	$582,689	$582,689
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$582,689	$582,689	$582,689

46.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$6,459	$6,459	$4,037

46.2 *Increase funds for annual leave payouts due to the elimination of the Georgia Tax Tribunal pursuant to HB1267 (2024 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	$61,594	$61,594	$61,594

46.1000 Georgia Tax Tribunal			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent trial court with jurisdiction over appeals of tax matters involving the Georgia Department of Revenue.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$650,742	$650,742	$648,320
State General Funds	$650,742	$650,742	$648,320
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$650,742	$650,742	$648,320

Administrative Hearings, Office of State		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent forum for the impartial and timely resolution of disputes between the public and state agencies.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,745,174	$2,745,174	$2,745,174
State General Funds	$2,745,174	$2,745,174	$2,745,174
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$4,042,248	$4,042,248	$4,042,248
State Funds Transfers	$4,042,248	$4,042,248	$4,042,248
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$4,042,248	$4,042,248	$4,042,248
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,787,422	$6,787,422	$6,787,422
47.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*			
State General Funds	$58,131	$58,131	$36,332
47.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*			
State General Funds		($13,194)	($13,194)

47.1000 Administrative Hearings, Office of State			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent forum for the impartial and timely resolution of disputes between the public and state agencies.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,803,305	$2,790,111	$2,768,312
State General Funds	$2,803,305	$2,790,111	$2,768,312
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$4,042,248	$4,042,248	$4,042,248
State Funds Transfers	$4,042,248	$4,042,248	$4,042,248
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$4,042,248	$4,042,248	$4,042,248
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,845,553	$6,832,359	$6,810,560

State Treasurer, Office of the		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to set cash management policies for state agencies; assist agencies with bank services and accounts; monitor agency deposits and disbursement patterns; to invest funds for state and local entities; to track warrants, fund agency allotments, and pay state debt service; and to manage state revenue collections; and to manage the Path2College 529 Plan.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$13,583,144	$13,583,144	$13,583,144
Interest and Investment Income	$11,975,144	$11,975,144	$11,975,144
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$11,975,144	$11,975,144	$11,975,144
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
Sales and Services	$1,463,000	$1,463,000	$1,463,000

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,463,000	$1,463,000	$1,463,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,583,144	$13,583,144	$13,583,144

48.1000 State Treasurer, Office of the **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to set cash management policies for state agencies; assist agencies with bank services and accounts; monitor agency deposits and disbursement patterns; to invest funds for state and local entities; to track warrants, fund agency allotments, and pay state debt service; and to manage state revenue collections; and to manage the Path2College 529 Plan.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$13,583,144	$13,583,144	$13,583,144
Interest and Investment Income	$11,975,144	$11,975,144	$11,975,144
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$11,975,144	$11,975,144	$11,975,144
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
Sales and Services	$1,463,000	$1,463,000	$1,463,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,463,000	$1,463,000	$1,463,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,583,144	$13,583,144	$13,583,144

Payments to Georgia Technology Authority **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to set the direction for the state's use of technology and promote efficient, secure, and cost-effective delivery of information technology services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000
State General Funds	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000

49.1 *Increase funds to continue the statewide enhancement and standardization of cybersecurity services for executive branch agencies. (S:Increase funds to continue the statewide enhancement and standardization of cybersecurity services for executive branch agencies and provide a report on the implementation of cybersecurity services by April 1, 2026 to the House Appropriations Committee and the Senate Appropriations Committee)*

State General Funds	$7,500,000	$5,000,000	$5,000,000

49.2 *Increase funds pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-25-7.1 for the Department of Community Health Integrated Eligibility System (IES) modernization.*

State General Funds	$35,000,000	$35,000,000	$35,000,000

49.3 *Utilize existing funds ($7,930,340) relating to interest revenue accrued in the Technology Empowerment Fund for the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) modernization timeline extension and additional components of the State Ethics Commission e-filing software project due to the passage of HB199 (2025 Legislative Session). (G:YES)(H and S:YES; Utilize existing funds ($8,635,340) relating to interest revenue accrued in the Technology Empowerment Fund for the ERP modernization timeline extension, additional components of the State Ethics Commission e-filing software project due to the passage of HB199 (2025 Legislative Session), and to implement call center technology enhancements at the Department of Labor)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

49.1000 Payments to Georgia Technology Authority			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to set the direction for the state's use of technology and promote efficient, secure, and cost-effective delivery of information technology services.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$57,500,000	$55,000,000	$55,000,000
State General Funds	$57,500,000	$55,000,000	$55,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$57,500,000	$55,000,000	$55,000,000

The Department is authorized to assess state agencies the equivalent of .176% of salaries for the cost of departmental operations and may roll forward any unexpended prior years Merit System Assessment balance to be expended in the current fiscal year.

Section 13: Agriculture, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$70,606,640	$70,606,640	$70,606,640
State General Funds	$68,381,073	$68,381,073	$68,381,073
Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds	$2,225,567	$2,225,567	$2,225,567
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$8,601,145	$8,601,145	$8,601,145
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$8,601,145	$8,601,145	$8,601,145
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,544,771	$2,544,771	$2,544,771
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Royalties and Rents	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Sales and Services	$1,585,748	$1,585,748	$1,585,748
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,585,748	$1,585,748	$1,585,748
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$430,930	$430,930	$430,930
State Funds Transfers	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
Agency Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$82,183,486	$82,183,486	$82,183,486
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$75,216,223	$76,349,415	$78,323,066
State General Funds	$72,990,656	$74,123,848	$76,097,499
Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds	$2,225,567	$2,225,567	$2,225,567
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$8,601,145	$8,601,145	$8,601,145
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$8,601,145	$8,601,145	$8,601,145
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,544,771	$2,544,771	$2,544,771
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000

Royalties and Rents	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Sales and Services	$1,585,748	$1,585,748	$1,585,748
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,585,748	$1,585,748	$1,585,748
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$430,930	$430,930	$430,930
State Funds Transfers	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
Agency Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$86,793,069	$87,926,261	$89,899,912

Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide payment to the Board of Regents for diagnostic laboratory testing, for veterinary consultation and assistance, for disease surveillance, and for outreach to veterinarians, animal industries, and pet owners within the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,175,403	$4,175,403	$4,175,403
State General Funds	$4,175,403	$4,175,403	$4,175,403
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,175,403	$4,175,403	$4,175,403

50.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$135,639	$135,639	$84,775

50.1000 Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide payment to the Board of Regents for diagnostic laboratory testing, for veterinary consultation and assistance, for disease surveillance, and for outreach to veterinarians, animal industries, and pet owners within the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,311,042	$4,311,042	$4,260,178
State General Funds	$4,311,042	$4,311,042	$4,260,178
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,311,042	$4,311,042	$4,260,178

Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a central information and research hub for rural leadership training and best practices.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,392,985	$2,392,985	$2,392,985
State General Funds	$2,392,985	$2,392,985	$2,392,985
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,392,985	$2,392,985	$2,392,985

51.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$2,153	$2,153	$5,383

51.1000 Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a central information and research hub for rural leadership training and best practices.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,395,138	$2,395,138	$2,398,368
State General Funds	$2,395,138	$2,395,138	$2,398,368
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,395,138	$2,395,138	$2,398,368

Consumer Protection **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for public health and safety by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the cultivation, processing, and production of livestock, meat, poultry, and other food products; by inspecting establishments that sell food for offsite consumption, food warehouses, wholesale and mobile meat and seafood vendors, dairy farms, and food banks; by certifying organic products, shellfish, and bottled water; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the companion animal, bird, and equine industries (including reports of abuse by private owners); by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the plant and apiary industries, including performing phytosanitary inspections; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the pesticide and wood treatment industries; and by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating animal feed, pet food, and grains. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure accurate commercial transactions by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating weights and measures and fuel sales.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$38,803,395	$38,803,395	$38,803,395
State General Funds	$38,803,395	$38,803,395	$38,803,395
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,751,145	$7,751,145	$7,751,145
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$7,751,145	$7,751,145	$7,751,145
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,920,000	$1,920,000	$1,920,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Sales and Services	$1,195,000	$1,195,000	$1,195,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,195,000	$1,195,000	$1,195,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$48,474,540	$48,474,540	$48,474,540

52.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$876,271	$876,271	$547,670

52.2 *Increase funds for new licensing and inspection software for the Food Safety division.*

State General Funds	$234,000	$234,000	$234,000

52.3 *Increase funds for personnel to reflect increased retention of Consumer Protection positions.*

State General Funds	$1,052,444	$1,052,444	$1,052,444

52.4 *Increase funds for prior year cost-of-living adjustments for which the agency did not receive increased federal reimbursement and to reflect formula correction for prior year cost-of-living adjustment.*

State General Funds	$576,949	$1,109,151	$1,109,151

52.5 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($133,954)	($133,954)

52.6 *Increase funds for inspection software upgrades for the Animal Health Division.*

State General Funds		$250,000	$250,000

52.7 *Increase funds for inspection software upgrades for the Plant Protection Division.*

State General Funds		$100,000	$100,000

52.8 *Increase funds for inspection software upgrades for the Structural Pest Division.*

State General Funds		$105,000	$105,000

52.9 *Increase funds for one-time funding for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza response efforts.*

State General Funds			$250,000

52.1000 Consumer Protection **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for public health and safety by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the cultivation, processing, and production of livestock, meat, poultry, and other food products; by inspecting establishments that sell food for offsite consumption, food warehouses, wholesale and mobile meat and seafood vendors, dairy farms, and food banks; by certifying organic products, shellfish, and bottled water; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the companion animal, bird, and equine industries (including reports of abuse by private owners); by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the plant and apiary industries, including performing phytosanitary inspections; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the pesticide and wood treatment industries; and by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating animal feed, pet food, and grains. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure accurate commercial transactions by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating weights and measures and fuel sales.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$41,543,059	$42,396,307	$42,317,706
State General Funds	$41,543,059	$42,396,307	$42,317,706
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,751,145	$7,751,145	$7,751,145
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$7,751,145	$7,751,145	$7,751,145
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,920,000	$1,920,000	$1,920,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Sales and Services	$1,195,000	$1,195,000	$1,195,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,195,000	$1,195,000	$1,195,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$51,214,204	$52,067,452	$51,988,851

Departmental Administration (DOA) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,264,713	$8,264,713	$8,264,713
State General Funds	$8,264,713	$8,264,713	$8,264,713
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,314,713	$9,314,713	$9,314,713

53.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$122,721	$122,721	$76,701

53.2 *Increase funds for laptop replacement.*

State General Funds	$450,000	$450,000	$450,000

53.3 *Increase funds to reflect formula correction for prior year cost-of-living adjustment.*

State General Funds	$37,273	$37,273	$37,273

53.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($32,786)	($32,786)

53.5 *Increase funds for one-time agricultural improvements.*

State General Funds		$250,000	$2,150,000

53.1000 Departmental Administration (DOA)			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,874,707	$9,091,921	$10,945,901
State General Funds	$8,874,707	$9,091,921	$10,945,901
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,924,707	$10,141,921	$11,995,901

Marketing and Promotion **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to manage the state's farmers markets, to promote Georgia's agricultural products domestically and internationally, to administer relevant certification marks, to provide poultry and livestock commodity data, to administer surety bonds, to provide information to the public, and to publish the Market Bulletin.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,453,282	$8,453,282	$8,453,282
State General Funds	$6,227,715	$6,227,715	$6,227,715
Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds	$2,225,567	$2,225,567	$2,225,567
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$624,771	$624,771	$624,771
Royalties and Rents	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Sales and Services	$390,748	$390,748	$390,748
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$390,748	$390,748	$390,748
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
State Funds Transfers	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,308,983	$9,308,983	$9,308,983

54.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$75,355	$75,355	$47,097

54.2 *Increase funds for the continuation of the Georgia Grown Wood Product Program collaboration between the Georgia Department of Agriculture and the State Forestry Commission.*

State General Funds	$660,000	$660,000	$660,000

54.3 *Increase funds to reflect formula correction for prior year cost-of-living adjustment.*

State General Funds	$24,231	$24,231	$24,231

54.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($14,428)	($14,428)

54.1000 Marketing and Promotion **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to manage the state's farmers markets, to promote Georgia's agricultural products domestically and internationally, to administer relevant certification marks, to provide poultry and livestock commodity data, to administer surety bonds, to provide information to the public, and to publish the Market Bulletin.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,212,868	$9,198,440	$9,170,182
State General Funds	$6,987,301	$6,972,873	$6,944,615
Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds	$2,225,567	$2,225,567	$2,225,567
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$624,771	$624,771	$624,771
Royalties and Rents	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Sales and Services	$390,748	$390,748	$390,748
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$390,748	$390,748	$390,748
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930

State Funds Transfers	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,068,569	$10,054,141	$10,025,883

Poultry Veterinary Diagnostic Labs **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to pay for operation of the Poultry Diagnostic Veterinary Labs, which conduct disease diagnoses and monitoring.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057
State General Funds	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057

55.1 *Increase funds for new lab information and management software.*

State General Funds	$293,651	$293,651	$293,651

55.1000 Poultry Veterinary Diagnostic Labs **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to pay for operation of the Poultry Diagnostic Veterinary Labs, which conduct disease diagnoses and monitoring.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,342,708	$3,342,708	$3,342,708
State General Funds	$3,342,708	$3,342,708	$3,342,708
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,342,708	$3,342,708	$3,342,708

Payments to Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce the rates charged by the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority for youth and livestock events.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,042,458	$2,042,458	$2,042,458
State General Funds	$2,042,458	$2,042,458	$2,042,458
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,042,458	$2,042,458	$2,042,458

56.1 *Increase funds for one-time funding for facility improvements.*

State General Funds	$300,000

56.1000 Payments to Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce the rates charged by the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority for youth and livestock events.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,042,458	$2,042,458	$2,342,458
State General Funds	$2,042,458	$2,042,458	$2,342,458
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,042,458	$2,042,458	$2,342,458

State Soil and Water Conservation Commission		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect, conserve, and improve the soil and water resources of the State of Georgia by administering the use of state and federal resources to inspect, maintain, and provide assistance to owners of USDA flood control structures in order to comply with the state Safe Dams Act and to provide planning and research assistance to landowners and local governments on water management, erosion, and sedimentation control.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,425,347	$3,425,347	$3,425,347
State General Funds	$3,425,347	$3,425,347	$3,425,347
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,425,347	$3,425,347	$3,425,347
57.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*			
State General Funds	$68,896	$68,896	$43,060
57.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*			
State General Funds		($11,405)	($11,405)
57.3 *Increase funds for a plan reviewer position effective April 1, 2026.*			
State General Funds		$31,443	$31,443
57.4 *Increase funds for retention of plan reviewers.*			
State General Funds		$57,120	$57,120

57.1000 State Soil and Water Conservation Commission			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect, conserve, and improve the soil and water resources of the State of Georgia by administering the use of state and federal resources to inspect, maintain, and provide assistance to owners of USDA flood control structures in order to comply with the state Safe Dams Act and to provide planning and research assistance to landowners and local governments on water management, erosion, and sedimentation control.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,494,243	$3,571,401	$3,545,565
State General Funds	$3,494,243	$3,571,401	$3,545,565
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,494,243	$3,571,401	$3,545,565

Section 14: Banking and Finance, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,414,266	$15,414,266	$15,414,266
State General Funds	$15,414,266	$15,414,266	$15,414,266
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,414,266	$15,414,266	$15,414,266
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,992,318	$15,939,740	$15,741,234
State General Funds	$15,992,318	$15,939,740	$15,741,234
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,992,318	$15,939,740	$15,741,234

Departmental Administration (DBF)		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,942,778	$2,942,778	$2,942,778
State General Funds	$2,942,778	$2,942,778	$2,942,778
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,942,778	$2,942,778	$2,942,778
58.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*			
State General Funds	$32,295	$32,295	$20,185
58.2 *Increase funds for a new data backup solution to protect against data loss.*			
State General Funds	$169,439	$169,439	$169,439
58.3 *Increase funds for business automation software to enhance agency efficiency.*			
State General Funds	$89,000	$89,000	$89,000
58.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*			
State General Funds		($11,105)	($11,105)

58.1000 Departmental Administration (DBF)			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,233,512	$3,222,407	$3,210,297
State General Funds	$3,233,512	$3,222,407	$3,210,297
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,233,512	$3,222,407	$3,210,297

Financial Institution Supervision		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to examine and regulate depository financial institutions, state-chartered banks, trust companies, credit unions, bank holding companies, and international banking organizations; to track performance of financial service providers operating in Georgia, to monitor industry trends, respond to negative trends, and establish operating guidelines; and to collaborate with law enforcement, federal regulators, and other regulatory agencies on examination findings.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,949,097	$8,949,097	$8,949,097
State General Funds	$8,949,097	$8,949,097	$8,949,097
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,949,097	$8,949,097	$8,949,097
59.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*			
State General Funds	$109,803	$109,803	$68,627

59.2 *Increase funds for two examiners specializing in Merchant Acquirer Limited Purpose Banks to meet increased workload due to new charters.*

State General Funds	$125,843	$125,843	$0

59.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($29,652)	($29,652)

59.1000 Financial Institution Supervision **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to examine and regulate depository financial institutions, state-chartered banks, trust companies, credit unions, bank holding companies, and international banking organizations; to track performance of financial service providers operating in Georgia, to monitor industry trends, respond to negative trends, and establish operating guidelines; and to collaborate with law enforcement, federal regulators, and other regulatory agencies on examination findings.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,184,743	$9,155,091	$8,988,072
State General Funds	$9,184,743	$9,155,091	$8,988,072
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,184,743	$9,155,091	$8,988,072

Non-Depository Financial Institution Supervision **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect consumers from unfair, deceptive, or fraudulent money service businesses and residential mortgage and installment loan lending practices, protect consumers by licensing, regulating, and enforcing applicable laws and regulations, and provide efficient and flexible application, registration, and notification procedures for non-depository financial institutions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,522,391	$3,522,391	$3,522,391
State General Funds	$3,522,391	$3,522,391	$3,522,391
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,522,391	$3,522,391	$3,522,391

60.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$51,672	$51,672	$32,295

60.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($11,821)	($11,821)

60.1000 Non-Depository Financial Institution Supervision **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect consumers from unfair, deceptive, or fraudulent money service businesses and residential mortgage and installment loan lending practices, protect consumers by licensing, regulating, and enforcing applicable laws and regulations, and provide efficient and flexible application, registration, and notification procedures for non-depository financial institutions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,574,063	$3,562,242	$3,542,865
State General Funds	$3,574,063	$3,562,242	$3,542,865
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,574,063	$3,562,242	$3,542,865

Section 15: Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,712,144,114	$1,712,144,114	$1,712,144,114
State General Funds	$1,701,888,976	$1,701,888,976	$1,701,888,976
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$10,255,138	$10,255,138	$10,255,138
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$653,583,618	$653,583,618	$653,583,618
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$98,671,759	$98,671,759	$98,671,759
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$14,163,709	$14,163,709	$14,163,709
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$440,688,213	$440,688,213	$440,688,213
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$47,482,075	$47,482,075	$47,482,075
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$40,481,142	$40,481,142	$40,481,142
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,546,962	$25,546,962	$25,546,962
Intergovernmental Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$257,036	$257,036	$257,036
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$257,036	$257,036	$257,036
Royalties and Rents	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Sales and Services	$24,421,902	$24,421,902	$24,421,902
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$24,421,902	$24,421,902	$24,421,902
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,651,791	$2,651,791	$2,651,791
State Funds Transfers	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,357,130	$2,357,130	$2,357,130
Agency to Agency Contracts	$62,580	$62,580	$62,580
Agency Funds Transfers	$232,081	$232,081	$232,081
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$232,081	$232,081	$232,081
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,393,926,485	$2,393,926,485	$2,393,926,485
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,733,848,147	$1,730,559,762	$1,721,958,566
State General Funds	$1,723,593,009	$1,720,304,624	$1,711,703,428
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$10,255,138	$10,255,138	$10,255,138
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$653,583,618	$653,583,618	$653,583,618
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$98,671,759	$98,671,759	$98,671,759
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$14,163,709	$14,163,709	$14,163,709
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$440,688,213	$440,688,213	$440,688,213
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$47,482,075	$47,482,075	$47,482,075
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$40,481,142	$40,481,142	$40,481,142

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,546,962	$25,546,962	$25,546,962
Intergovernmental Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$257,036	$257,036	$257,036
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$257,036	$257,036	$257,036
Royalties and Rents	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Sales and Services	$24,421,902	$24,421,902	$24,421,902
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$24,421,902	$24,421,902	$24,421,902
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,794,710	$2,794,710	$2,794,710
State Funds Transfers	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,357,130	$2,357,130	$2,357,130
Agency to Agency Contracts	$62,580	$62,580	$62,580
Agency Funds Transfers	$375,000	$375,000	$375,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$375,000	$375,000	$375,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,415,773,437	$2,412,485,052	$2,403,883,856

Adult Addictive Diseases Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a continuum of programs, services and supports for adults who abuse alcohol and other drugs, have a chemical dependency and who need assistance for compulsive gambling.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$57,353,550	$57,353,550	$57,353,550
State General Funds	$57,353,550	$57,353,550	$57,353,550
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$44,254,231	$44,254,231	$44,254,231
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$29,607,511	$29,607,511	$29,607,511
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$434,903	$434,903	$434,903
Intergovernmental Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$234,903	$234,903	$234,903
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$234,903	$234,903	$234,903
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$232,081	$232,081	$232,081
Agency Funds Transfers	$232,081	$232,081	$232,081
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$232,081	$232,081	$232,081
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$102,274,765	$102,274,765	$102,274,765

61.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$34,448	$34,448	$21,530

61.2 *Replace funds for the expansion of Hepatitis C screening services at core behavioral health provider sites.*

State General Funds	($142,919)	($142,919)	($142,919)
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$142,919	$142,919	$142,919
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0

61.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($3,646)	($3,646)

61.1000 Adult Addictive Diseases Services			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a continuum of programs, services and supports for adults who abuse alcohol and other drugs, have a chemical dependency and who need assistance for compulsive gambling.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$57,245,079	$57,241,433	$57,228,515
State General Funds	$57,245,079	$57,241,433	$57,228,515
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$44,254,231	$44,254,231	$44,254,231
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$29,607,511	$29,607,511	$29,607,511
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$434,903	$434,903	$434,903
Intergovernmental Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$234,903	$234,903	$234,903
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$234,903	$234,903	$234,903
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$375,000	$375,000	$375,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$375,000	$375,000	$375,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$375,000	$375,000	$375,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$102,309,213	$102,305,567	$102,292,649

Adult Developmental Disabilities Respite Services			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for respite services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000
State General Funds	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000

62.1000 Adult Developmental Disabilities Respite Services			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for respite services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000
State General Funds	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000

Adult Developmental Disabilities Services			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to promote independence of adults with significant development disabilities through institutional care, community support and respite, job readiness, training, and a crisis and access line.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$555,798,655	$555,798,655	$555,798,655
State General Funds	$545,543,517	$545,543,517	$545,543,517
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$10,255,138	$10,255,138	$10,255,138
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$496,724,949	$496,724,949	$496,724,949
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$81,440,362	$81,440,362	$81,440,362
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$377,303,445	$377,303,445	$377,303,445
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$37,981,142	$37,981,142	$37,981,142
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000
Sales and Services	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,075,383,604	$1,075,383,604	$1,075,383,604

63.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*			
State General Funds	$1,431,745	$1,431,745	$894,841
63.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*			
State General Funds		($1,385,819)	($1,385,819)
63.3 *Increase funds for one-time funding for behavioral health provider rate study.*			
State General Funds		$500,000	$0

63.1000 Adult Developmental Disabilities Services			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to promote independence of adults with significant development disabilities through institutional care, community support and respite, job readiness, training, and a crisis and access line.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$557,230,400	$556,344,581	$555,307,677
State General Funds	$546,975,262	$546,089,443	$545,052,539
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$10,255,138	$10,255,138	$10,255,138
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$496,724,949	$496,724,949	$496,724,949
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$81,440,362	$81,440,362	$81,440,362

Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$377,303,445	$377,303,445	$377,303,445
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$37,981,142	$37,981,142	$37,981,142
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000
Sales and Services	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,076,815,349	$1,075,929,530	$1,074,892,626

Adult Forensic Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide psychological evaluations of defendants, mental health screening and evaluations, inpatient mental health treatment, competency remediation, forensic evaluation services, and supportive housing for forensic consumers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$154,822,624	$154,822,624	$154,822,624
State General Funds	$154,822,624	$154,822,624	$154,822,624
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$191,500	$191,500	$191,500
Sales and Services	$191,500	$191,500	$191,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$191,500	$191,500	$191,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$155,014,124	$155,014,124	$155,014,124

64.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$2,674,026	$2,674,026	$1,671,267

64.2 *Increase funds to restore funds for jail-based competency restoration in Cobb County Jail.*

State General Funds	$243,750	$243,750	$243,750

64.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($328,384)	($328,384)

64.1000 Adult Forensic Services **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide psychological evaluations of defendants, mental health screening and evaluations, inpatient mental health treatment, competency remediation, forensic evaluation services, and supportive housing for forensic consumers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$157,740,400	$157,412,016	$156,409,257
State General Funds	$157,740,400	$157,412,016	$156,409,257
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$191,500	$191,500	$191,500
Sales and Services	$191,500	$191,500	$191,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$191,500	$191,500	$191,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$157,931,900	$157,603,516	$156,600,757

Adult Mental Health Services		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to facilitate rehabilitation and recovery for adults with mental illnesses.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$662,732,874	$662,732,874	$662,732,874
State General Funds	$662,732,874	$662,732,874	$662,732,874
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$59,639,192	$59,639,192	$59,639,192
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,062,355	$3,062,355	$3,062,355
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$6,726,178	$6,726,178	$6,726,178
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$49,850,659	$49,850,659	$49,850,659
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$390,095	$390,095	$390,095
Sales and Services	$390,095	$390,095	$390,095
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$390,095	$390,095	$390,095
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$722,762,161	$722,762,161	$722,762,161
65.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*			
State General Funds	$14,224,871	$14,224,871	$8,890,545
65.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*			
State General Funds		($1,468,028)	($1,468,028)
65.1000 Adult Mental Health Services		**Appropriation (HB 973)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to facilitate rehabilitation and recovery for adults with mental illnesses.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$676,957,745	$675,489,717	$670,155,391
State General Funds	$676,957,745	$675,489,717	$670,155,391
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$59,639,192	$59,639,192	$59,639,192
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,062,355	$3,062,355	$3,062,355
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$6,726,178	$6,726,178	$6,726,178
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$49,850,659	$49,850,659	$49,850,659
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$390,095	$390,095	$390,095
Sales and Services	$390,095	$390,095	$390,095
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$390,095	$390,095	$390,095
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$736,987,032	$735,519,004	$730,184,678
Child and Adolescent Addictive Diseases Services		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services to children and adolescents for the safe withdrawal from abused substances and promote a transition to productive living.			

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,330,959	$3,330,959	$3,330,959
State General Funds	$3,330,959	$3,330,959	$3,330,959
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,928,149	$7,928,149	$7,928,149
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$7,878,149	$7,878,149	$7,878,149
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,259,108	$11,259,108	$11,259,108

66.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$2,153	$2,153	$1,346

66.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($555)	($555)

66.1000 Child and Adolescent Addictive Diseases Services **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services to children and adolescents for the safe withdrawal from abused substances and promote a transition to productive living.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,333,112	$3,332,557	$3,331,750
State General Funds	$3,333,112	$3,332,557	$3,331,750
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,928,149	$7,928,149	$7,928,149
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$7,878,149	$7,878,149	$7,878,149
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,261,261	$11,260,706	$11,259,899

Child and Adolescent Developmental Disabilities **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, residential, support, and education services to promote independence for children and adolescents with developmental disabilities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$17,390,174	$17,390,174	$17,390,174
State General Funds	$17,390,174	$17,390,174	$17,390,174
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,285,496	$3,285,496	$3,285,496
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$3,285,496	$3,285,496	$3,285,496
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,675,670	$20,675,670	$20,675,670

67.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$71,049	$71,049	$44,406

67.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds	($10,303)	($10,303)

67.1000 Child and Adolescent Developmental Disabilities			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, residential, support, and education services to promote independence for children and adolescents with developmental disabilities.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$17,461,223	$17,450,920	$17,424,277
State General Funds	$17,461,223	$17,450,920	$17,424,277
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,285,496	$3,285,496	$3,285,496
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$3,285,496	$3,285,496	$3,285,496
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,746,719	$20,736,416	$20,709,773

Child and Adolescent Forensic Services			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment and residential services to children and adolescents clients referred by Georgia's criminal justice or corrections system.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,308,144	$7,308,144	$7,308,144
State General Funds	$7,308,144	$7,308,144	$7,308,144
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,308,144	$7,308,144	$7,308,144

68.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$58,131	$58,131	$36,332

68.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds	($23,324)	($23,324)

68.1000 Child and Adolescent Forensic Services			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment and residential services to children and adolescents clients referred by Georgia's criminal justice or corrections system.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,366,275	$7,342,951	$7,321,152
State General Funds	$7,366,275	$7,342,951	$7,321,152
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,366,275	$7,342,951	$7,321,152

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to children and adolescents with mental illness.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$58,027,803	$58,027,803	$58,027,803
State General Funds	$58,027,803	$58,027,803	$58,027,803

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,057,531	$11,057,531	$11,057,531
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,750,000	$2,750,000	$2,750,000
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$7,437,531	$7,437,531	$7,437,531
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$870,000	$870,000	$870,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
Sales and Services	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$69,280,334	$69,280,334	$69,280,334

69.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$58,131	$58,131	$36,332

69.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($9,889)	($9,889)

69.1000 Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to children and adolescents with mental illness.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$58,085,934	$58,076,045	$58,054,246
State General Funds	$58,085,934	$58,076,045	$58,054,246
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,057,531	$11,057,531	$11,057,531
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,750,000	$2,750,000	$2,750,000
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$7,437,531	$7,437,531	$7,437,531
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$870,000	$870,000	$870,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
Sales and Services	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$69,338,465	$69,328,576	$69,306,777

Departmental Administration (DBHDD) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all mental health, developmental disabilities and addictive diseases programs of the department.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$30,989,579	$30,989,579	$30,989,579
State General Funds	$30,989,579	$30,989,579	$30,989,579
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,278,613	$9,278,613	$9,278,613
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$9,278,613	$9,278,613	$9,278,613
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133

Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,290,325	$40,290,325	$40,290,325

70.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$725,561	$725,561	$453,476

70.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($114,397)	($114,397)

70.1000 Departmental Administration (DBHDD) **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all mental health, developmental disabilities and addictive diseases programs of the department.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$31,715,140	$31,600,743	$31,328,658
State General Funds	$31,715,140	$31,600,743	$31,328,658
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,278,613	$9,278,613	$9,278,613
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$9,278,613	$9,278,613	$9,278,613
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$41,015,886	$40,901,489	$40,629,404

Direct Care Support Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to operate five state-owned and operated hospitals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$157,576,528	$157,576,528	$157,576,528
State General Funds	$157,576,528	$157,576,528	$157,576,528
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,453,331	$1,453,331	$1,453,331
Royalties and Rents	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Sales and Services	$785,307	$785,307	$785,307
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$785,307	$785,307	$785,307
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Funds Transfers	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,357,130	$2,357,130	$2,357,130
Agency to Agency Contracts	$62,580	$62,580	$62,580
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$161,449,569	$161,449,569	$161,449,569

71.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$2,221,896	$2,221,896	$1,388,685

71.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($432,968)	($432,968)

71.1000 Direct Care Support Services			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to operate five state-owned and operated hospitals.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$159,798,424	$159,365,456	$158,532,245
State General Funds	$159,798,424	$159,365,456	$158,532,245
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,453,331	$1,453,331	$1,453,331
Royalties and Rents	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Sales and Services	$785,307	$785,307	$785,307
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$785,307	$785,307	$785,307
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Funds Transfers	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,357,130	$2,357,130	$2,357,130
Agency to Agency Contracts	$62,580	$62,580	$62,580
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$163,671,465	$163,238,497	$162,405,286

Substance Abuse Prevention **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the health and well-being of children, youth, families and communities through preventing the use and/or abuse of alcohol, tobacco and drugs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$359,230	$359,230	$359,230
State General Funds	$359,230	$359,230	$359,230
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$19,396,415	$19,396,415	$19,396,415
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$9,400,000	$9,400,000	$9,400,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$9,996,415	$9,996,415	$9,996,415
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,755,645	$19,755,645	$19,755,645

72.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$34,448	$34,448	$21,530

72.1000 Substance Abuse Prevention			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the health and well-being of children, youth, families and communities through preventing the use and/or abuse of alcohol, tobacco and drugs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$393,678	$393,678	$380,760
State General Funds	$393,678	$393,678	$380,760
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$19,396,415	$19,396,415	$19,396,415
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$9,400,000	$9,400,000	$9,400,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$9,996,415	$9,996,415	$9,996,415
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,790,093	$19,790,093	$19,777,175

Developmental Disabilities, Georgia Council on			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to promote quality services and support for people with developmental disabilities and their families.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$826,598	$826,598	$826,598
State General Funds	$826,598	$826,598	$826,598
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,019,042	$2,019,042	$2,019,042
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,019,042	$2,019,042	$2,019,042
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,845,640	$2,845,640	$2,845,640

73.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*			
State General Funds	$21,530	$21,530	$13,457
73.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*			
State General Funds		($847)	($847)

73.1000 Developmental Disabilities, Georgia Council on			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to promote quality services and support for people with developmental disabilities and their families.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$848,128	$847,281	$839,208
State General Funds	$848,128	$847,281	$839,208
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,019,042	$2,019,042	$2,019,042
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,019,042	$2,019,042	$2,019,042
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,867,170	$2,866,323	$2,858,250

Sexual Offender Risk Review Board			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect Georgia's children by identifying convicted sexual offenders that present the greatest risk of sexually reoffending.			

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,527,396	$3,527,396	$3,527,396
State General Funds	$3,527,396	$3,527,396	$3,527,396
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,527,396	$3,527,396	$3,527,396

74.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$45,213	$45,213	$28,259

74.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($10,225)	($10,225)

74.1000 Sexual Offender Risk Review Board			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect Georgia's children by identifying convicted sexual offenders that present the greatest risk of sexually reoffending.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,572,609	$3,562,384	$3,545,430
State General Funds	$3,572,609	$3,562,384	$3,545,430
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,572,609	$3,562,384	$3,545,430

Section 16: Community Affairs, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$57,498,299	$57,498,299	$57,498,299
State General Funds	$57,498,299	$57,498,299	$57,498,299
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$222,364,117	$222,364,117	$222,364,117
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$222,364,117	$222,364,117	$222,364,117
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$27,388,826	$27,388,826	$27,388,826
Reserved Fund Balances	$1,029,680	$1,029,680	$1,029,680
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$1,029,680	$1,029,680	$1,029,680
Intergovernmental Transfers	$23,812,156	$23,812,156	$23,812,156
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$23,812,156	$23,812,156	$23,812,156
Sales and Services	$2,546,990	$2,546,990	$2,546,990
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,546,990	$2,546,990	$2,546,990
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$284,334	$284,334	$284,334
State Funds Transfers	$284,334	$284,334	$284,334
Agency to Agency Contracts	$284,334	$284,334	$284,334
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$307,535,576	$307,535,576	$307,535,576

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$147,470,651	$197,438,830	$157,018,997
State General Funds	$147,470,651	$197,438,830	$157,018,997
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$222,364,117	$222,364,117	$222,364,117
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$222,364,117	$222,364,117	$222,364,117

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$27,388,826	$27,388,826	$27,388,826
Reserved Fund Balances	$1,029,680	$1,029,680	$1,029,680
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$1,029,680	$1,029,680	$1,029,680
Intergovernmental Transfers	$23,812,156	$23,812,156	$23,812,156
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$23,812,156	$23,812,156	$23,812,156
Sales and Services	$2,546,990	$2,546,990	$2,546,990
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,546,990	$2,546,990	$2,546,990
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$284,334	$284,334	$284,334
State Funds Transfers	$284,334	$284,334	$284,334
Agency to Agency Contracts	$284,334	$284,334	$284,334
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$397,507,928	$447,476,107	$407,056,274

Accountable Housing Initiative – Special Project **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the accountable housing initiative.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,750,000	$1,750,000	$1,750,000
State General Funds	$1,750,000	$1,750,000	$1,750,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$192,383	$192,383	$192,383
Intergovernmental Transfers	$192,383	$192,383	$192,383
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$192,383	$192,383	$192,383
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,942,383	$1,942,383	$1,942,383

75.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$2,153	$2,153	$1,346

75.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($613)	($613)

75.1000 Accountable Housing Initiative – Special Project **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the accountable housing initiative.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,752,153	$1,751,540	$1,750,733
State General Funds	$1,752,153	$1,751,540	$1,750,733
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$192,383	$192,383	$192,383
Intergovernmental Transfers	$192,383	$192,383	$192,383
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$192,383	$192,383	$192,383
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,944,536	$1,943,923	$1,943,116

Building Construction **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain up-to-date minimum building construction standards for all new structures built in the state; to inspect factory built (modular) buildings to ensure Georgia's minimum construction codes are met; to review proposed enhancements to local government construction codes; and to provide professional training to building inspectors and builders on Georgia's construction codes.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$315,409	$315,409	$315,409
State General Funds	$315,409	$315,409	$315,409
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$481,451	$481,451	$481,451
Sales and Services	$481,451	$481,451	$481,451
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$481,451	$481,451	$481,451
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$796,860	$796,860	$796,860

76.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$8,612	$8,612	$5,383

76.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($1,216)	($1,216)

76.1000 Building Construction **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain up-to-date minimum building construction standards for all new structures built in the state; to inspect factory built (modular) buildings to ensure Georgia's minimum construction codes are met; to review proposed enhancements to local government construction codes; and to provide professional training to building inspectors and builders on Georgia's construction codes.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$324,021	$322,805	$319,576
State General Funds	$324,021	$322,805	$319,576
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$481,451	$481,451	$481,451
Sales and Services	$481,451	$481,451	$481,451
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$481,451	$481,451	$481,451
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$805,472	$804,256	$801,027

Community Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is promote volunteerism and community and economic development among local governments, development authorities, and private entities; to promote access to department programs through a statewide network which provides technical and financial assistance for community, economic, and housing developments; to assist Georgia cities, small towns, and neighborhoods in the development of their core commercial areas; to administer federal grant and loan programs; and to provide technical assistance and establish standards, procedures, and reviews for comprehensive plans submitted by local governments.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,592,936	$8,592,936	$8,592,936
State General Funds	$8,592,936	$8,592,936	$8,592,936
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$58,810,708	$58,810,708	$58,810,708

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$58,810,708	$58,810,708	$58,810,708
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,235,623	$2,235,623	$2,235,623
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,040,860	$1,040,860	$1,040,860
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,040,860	$1,040,860	$1,040,860
Sales and Services	$1,194,763	$1,194,763	$1,194,763
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,194,763	$1,194,763	$1,194,763
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$69,639,267	$69,639,267	$69,639,267

77.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$155,016	$155,016	$96,885

77.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($24,384)	($24,384)

77.1000 Community Services **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is promote volunteerism and community and economic development among local governments, development authorities, and private entities; to promote access to department programs through a statewide network which provides technical and financial assistance for community, economic, and housing developments; to assist Georgia cities, small towns, and neighborhoods in the development of their core commercial areas; to administer federal grant and loan programs; and to provide technical assistance and establish standards, procedures, and reviews for comprehensive plans submitted by local governments.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,747,952	$8,723,568	$8,665,437
State General Funds	$8,747,952	$8,723,568	$8,665,437
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$58,810,708	$58,810,708	$58,810,708
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$58,810,708	$58,810,708	$58,810,708
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,235,623	$2,235,623	$2,235,623
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,040,860	$1,040,860	$1,040,860
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,040,860	$1,040,860	$1,040,860
Sales and Services	$1,194,763	$1,194,763	$1,194,763
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,194,763	$1,194,763	$1,194,763
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$69,794,283	$69,769,899	$69,711,768

Departmental Administration (DCA) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,813,085	$1,813,085	$1,813,085
State General Funds	$1,813,085	$1,813,085	$1,813,085
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,283,371	$5,283,371	$5,283,371
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,283,371	$5,283,371	$5,283,371
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,707,127	$5,707,127	$5,707,127

Reserved Fund Balances	$455,770	$455,770	$455,770
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$455,770	$455,770	$455,770
Intergovernmental Transfers	$4,913,253	$4,913,253	$4,913,253
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$4,913,253	$4,913,253	$4,913,253
Sales and Services	$338,104	$338,104	$338,104
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$338,104	$338,104	$338,104
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$84,499	$84,499	$84,499
State Funds Transfers	$84,499	$84,499	$84,499
Agency to Agency Contracts	$84,499	$84,499	$84,499
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,888,082	$12,888,082	$12,888,082

78.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$174,393	$174,393	$108,996

78.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($2,854)	($2,854)

78.1000 Departmental Administration (DCA)			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,987,478	$1,984,624	$1,919,227
State General Funds	$1,987,478	$1,984,624	$1,919,227
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,283,371	$5,283,371	$5,283,371
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,283,371	$5,283,371	$5,283,371
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,707,127	$5,707,127	$5,707,127
Reserved Fund Balances	$455,770	$455,770	$455,770
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$455,770	$455,770	$455,770
Intergovernmental Transfers	$4,913,253	$4,913,253	$4,913,253
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$4,913,253	$4,913,253	$4,913,253
Sales and Services	$338,104	$338,104	$338,104
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$338,104	$338,104	$338,104
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$84,499	$84,499	$84,499
State Funds Transfers	$84,499	$84,499	$84,499
Agency to Agency Contracts	$84,499	$84,499	$84,499
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,062,475	$13,059,621	$12,994,224

Historic Preservation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide technical assistance to communities for historic preservation efforts; to administer federal and state grants for historic preservation; and to function as Georgia's State Historic Preservation Office.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,755,694	$1,755,694	$1,755,694
State General Funds	$1,755,694	$1,755,694	$1,755,694
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,979,876	$5,979,876	$5,979,876
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,979,876	$5,979,876	$5,979,876
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$400,397	$400,397	$400,397
Sales and Services	$400,397	$400,397	$400,397
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$400,397	$400,397	$400,397
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,135,967	$8,135,967	$8,135,967

79.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$51,672	$51,672	$32,295

79.1000 Historic Preservation **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide technical assistance to communities for historic preservation efforts; to administer federal and state grants for historic preservation; and to function as Georgia's State Historic Preservation Office.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,807,366	$1,807,366	$1,787,989
State General Funds	$1,807,366	$1,807,366	$1,787,989
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,979,876	$5,979,876	$5,979,876
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,979,876	$5,979,876	$5,979,876
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$400,397	$400,397	$400,397
Sales and Services	$400,397	$400,397	$400,397
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$400,397	$400,397	$400,397
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,187,639	$8,187,639	$8,168,262

Housing Initiatives **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the affordable housing supply and promote home ownership for low- and moderate- income individuals through housing grants, construction financing, mortgage and down payment assistance programs, and the administration of federal and state tax credits; to administer low-interest loans and provide tenant-based assistance to low-income households allowing them to rent safe, decent, and sanitary dwelling units in the private rental market; and to fund the State Housing Trust Fund, provide grants for services to the homeless, and provide for other special housing initiatives.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,328,745	$10,328,745	$10,328,745
State General Funds	$10,328,745	$10,328,745	$10,328,745
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$152,290,162	$152,290,162	$152,290,162
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$152,290,162	$152,290,162	$152,290,162
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$17,616,412	$17,616,412	$17,616,412
Reserved Fund Balances	$573,910	$573,910	$573,910
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$573,910	$573,910	$573,910
Intergovernmental Transfers	$17,042,502	$17,042,502	$17,042,502

Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$17,042,502	$17,042,502	$17,042,502
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$199,835	$199,835	$199,835
State Funds Transfers	$199,835	$199,835	$199,835
Agency to Agency Contracts	$199,835	$199,835	$199,835
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$180,435,154	$180,435,154	$180,435,154

80.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$710,490	$710,490	$444,057

80.2 *Increase funds for one-time funding for the State Housing Trust Fund to address homelessness through matching funds to local governments and nonprofit organizations. (S:Increase funds for one-time funding for the State Housing Trust Fund to address homelessness through matching funds and recognize additional funding for homelessness in the Department of Veterans Service)*

State General Funds	$50,000,000	$50,000,000	$10,000,000

80.1000 Housing Initiatives **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the affordable housing supply and promote home ownership for low- and moderate- income individuals through housing grants, construction financing, mortgage and down payment assistance programs, and the administration of federal and state tax credits; to administer low-interest loans and provide tenant-based assistance to low-income households allowing them to rent safe, decent, and sanitary dwelling units in the private rental market; and to fund the State Housing Trust Fund, provide grants for services to the homeless, and provide for other special housing initiatives.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$61,039,235	$61,039,235	$20,772,802
State General Funds	$61,039,235	$61,039,235	$20,772,802
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$152,290,162	$152,290,162	$152,290,162
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$152,290,162	$152,290,162	$152,290,162
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$17,616,412	$17,616,412	$17,616,412
Reserved Fund Balances	$573,910	$573,910	$573,910
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$573,910	$573,910	$573,910
Intergovernmental Transfers	$17,042,502	$17,042,502	$17,042,502
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$17,042,502	$17,042,502	$17,042,502
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$199,835	$199,835	$199,835
State Funds Transfers	$199,835	$199,835	$199,835
Agency to Agency Contracts	$199,835	$199,835	$199,835
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$231,145,644	$231,145,644	$190,879,211

State Economic Development Programs **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and loans to local governments and businesses and to leverage private investment in order to attract and promote economic development and job creation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,728,595	$10,728,595	$10,728,595
State General Funds	$10,728,595	$10,728,595	$10,728,595

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$609,912	$609,912	$609,912
Intergovernmental Transfers	$477,637	$477,637	$477,637
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$477,637	$477,637	$477,637
Sales and Services	$132,275	$132,275	$132,275
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$132,275	$132,275	$132,275
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,338,507	$11,338,507	$11,338,507

81.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$17,224	$17,224	$10,765

81.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($2,754)	($2,754)

81.1000 State Economic Development Programs **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and loans to local governments and businesses and to leverage private investment in order to attract and promote economic development and job creation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,745,819	$10,743,065	$10,736,606
State General Funds	$10,745,819	$10,743,065	$10,736,606
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$609,912	$609,912	$609,912
Intergovernmental Transfers	$477,637	$477,637	$477,637
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$477,637	$477,637	$477,637
Sales and Services	$132,275	$132,275	$132,275
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$132,275	$132,275	$132,275
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,355,731	$11,352,977	$11,346,518

Payments to Georgia Environmental Finance Authority **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for water, wastewater, solid waste, energy, and land conservation projects.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,753,495	$1,753,495	$1,753,495
State General Funds	$1,753,495	$1,753,495	$1,753,495
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,753,495	$1,753,495	$1,753,495

82.1 *Add funds to establish a state financing and assistance program for natural gas infrastructure improvements pursuant to SB13 (2025 Legislative Session). (S:Add funds to establish a state financing and assistance program for natural gas infrastructure improvements for Non-Universal Service Fund eligible providers)*

State General Funds	$35,000,000	$35,000,000	$55,000,000

82.2 *Increase funds for rural infrastructure for economic development. (S:Increase funds for rural infrastructure for economic development for Tier 1 counties)*

State General Funds		$50,000,000	$30,000,000

82.1000 Payments to Georgia Environmental Finance Authority			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for water, wastewater, solid waste, energy, and land conservation projects.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$36,753,495	$86,753,495	$86,753,495
State General Funds	$36,753,495	$86,753,495	$86,753,495
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,753,495	$86,753,495	$86,753,495

Payments to OneGeorgia Authority		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for the OneGeorgia Authority.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$20,460,340	$20,460,340	$20,460,340
State General Funds	$20,460,340	$20,460,340	$20,460,340
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521
Intergovernmental Transfers	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,605,861	$20,605,861	$20,605,861

83.1 *Reduce funds for grants to engage nonprofits in Hurricane Helene recovery efforts and recognize funds in the State Forestry Commission and Department of Agriculture to support initiatives recommended by the Governor's Timber Task Force to address challenges facing Georgia's timber and forest products industry.*

State General Funds	($11,147,208)	($11,147,208)	($11,147,208)

83.2 *Increase funds for rural site development.*

State General Funds	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000

83.1000 Payments to OneGeorgia Authority			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for the OneGeorgia Authority.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$24,313,132	$24,313,132	$24,313,132
State General Funds	$24,313,132	$24,313,132	$24,313,132
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521
Intergovernmental Transfers	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,458,653	$24,458,653	$24,458,653

Section 17: Community Health, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,553,191,485	$5,553,191,485	$5,553,191,485
State General Funds	$4,797,138,562	$4,797,138,562	$4,797,138,562
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$124,062,351	$124,062,351	$124,062,351
Ambulance Provider Fees	$8,812,014	$8,812,014	$8,812,014
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$158,995,531	$158,995,531	$158,995,531
Hospital Provider Fee	$464,183,027	$464,183,027	$464,183,027
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,676,947,486	$12,676,947,486	$12,676,947,486
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$15,616,473	$15,616,473	$15,616,473
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$12,119,426,416	$12,119,426,416	$12,119,426,416
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$541,904,597	$541,904,597	$541,904,597
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,026,794,513	$1,026,794,513	$1,026,794,513
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263
Hospital Authorities	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263
Sales and Services	$3,600,000	$3,600,000	$3,600,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,600,000	$3,600,000	$3,600,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178
State Funds Transfers	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,168,519	$1,168,519	$1,168,519
Health Insurance Payments	$5,142,505,397	$5,142,505,397	$5,142,505,397
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$280,857,262	$280,857,262	$280,857,262
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,681,464,662	$24,681,464,662	$24,681,464,662
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,650,253,317	$5,667,907,979	$5,681,617,514
State General Funds	$4,872,466,534	$4,890,121,196	$4,903,830,731
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$124,062,351	$124,062,351	$124,062,351
Ambulance Provider Fees	$11,458,192	$11,458,192	$11,458,192
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$131,092,562	$131,092,562	$131,092,562
Hospital Provider Fee	$511,173,678	$511,173,678	$511,173,678
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,844,171,129	$12,837,957,777	$12,866,082,331
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$15,616,473	$15,616,473	$15,616,473
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$12,310,013,752	$12,305,870,252	$12,333,994,806
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$518,540,904	$516,471,052	$516,471,052
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,026,794,513	$1,026,794,513	$1,026,794,513
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263
Hospital Authorities	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263

Sales and Services	$3,600,000	$3,600,000	$3,600,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,600,000	$3,600,000	$3,600,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178
State Funds Transfers	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,168,519	$1,168,519	$1,168,519
Health Insurance Payments	$5,142,505,397	$5,142,505,397	$5,142,505,397
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$280,857,262	$280,857,262	$280,857,262
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,945,750,137	$24,957,191,447	$24,999,025,536

Departmental Administration (DCH) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$95,091,814	$95,091,814	$95,091,814
State General Funds	$95,091,814	$95,091,814	$95,091,814
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$361,445,486	$361,445,486	$361,445,486
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$651,094	$651,094	$651,094
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$331,339,652	$331,339,652	$331,339,652
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$29,454,740	$29,454,740	$29,454,740
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$22,480,104	$22,480,104	$22,480,104
State Funds Transfers	$22,480,104	$22,480,104	$22,480,104
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,168,519	$1,168,519	$1,168,519
Health Insurance Payments	$21,311,585	$21,311,585	$21,311,585
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$482,133,654	$482,133,654	$482,133,654

84.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$1,029,134	$1,029,134	$643,209

84.2 *Increase funds for a $3,000 salary enhancement for Katie Beckett Medicaid caseworkers for parity with Department of Human Services Medicaid caseworkers.*

State General Funds	$5,349	$5,349	$5,349
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$16,045	$16,045	$16,045
Total Public Funds:	$21,394	$21,394	$21,394

84.3 *Reduce funds for personnel based on the actual start date of new positions.*

State General Funds	($18,772)	($18,772)	($18,772)

84.4 *The Department shall submit a 1915(i) waiver to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to provide a comprehensive suite of services as benefits to members enrolled in the Therapeutic Care Model program. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

84.5 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($107,926)	($107,926)

84.6 *Increase funds to support spinal injury services.*

State General Funds		$2,500,000	$0

84.1000 Departmental Administration (DCH)			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$96,107,525	$98,499,599	$95,613,674
State General Funds	$96,107,525	$98,499,599	$95,613,674
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$361,461,531	$361,461,531	$361,461,531
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$651,094	$651,094	$651,094
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$331,355,697	$331,355,697	$331,355,697
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$29,454,740	$29,454,740	$29,454,740
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$22,480,104	$22,480,104	$22,480,104
State Funds Transfers	$22,480,104	$22,480,104	$22,480,104
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,168,519	$1,168,519	$1,168,519
Health Insurance Payments	$21,311,585	$21,311,585	$21,311,585
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$483,165,410	$485,557,484	$482,671,559

Georgia Board of Dentistry			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified applicants as dentists and dental hygienists, regulating the practice of dentistry, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary action when warranted.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,274,815	$1,274,815	$1,274,815
State General Funds	$1,274,815	$1,274,815	$1,274,815
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,274,815	$1,274,815	$1,274,815

85.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$15,071	$15,071	$9,420

85.2 *Increase funds for one vehicle and protective equipment for an additional criminal investigator for which funding is appropriated in FY2027.*

State General Funds	$30,389	$32,789	$32,789

85.3 *Reduce funds for personnel based on the actual start date of new positions.*

State General Funds	($47,331)	($122,059)	($122,059)

85.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($3,162)	($3,162)

85.1000 Georgia Board of Dentistry **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified applicants as dentists and dental hygienists, regulating the practice of dentistry, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary action when warranted.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,272,944	$1,197,454	$1,191,803
State General Funds	$1,272,944	$1,197,454	$1,191,803
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,272,944	$1,197,454	$1,191,803

Georgia State Board of Pharmacy **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified pharmacists and pharmacies, regulating the practice of pharmacy, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary actions when warranted.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,128,029	$1,128,029	$1,128,029
State General Funds	$1,128,029	$1,128,029	$1,128,029
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,128,029	$1,128,029	$1,128,029

86.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$15,071	$15,071	$9,420

86.2 *Reduce funds for personnel based on the actual start date of new positions.*

State General Funds	($40,389)	($89,098)	($89,098)

86.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($2,897)	($2,897)

86.1000 Georgia State Board of Pharmacy			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified pharmacists and pharmacies, regulating the practice of pharmacy, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary actions when warranted.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,102,711	$1,051,105	$1,045,454
State General Funds	$1,102,711	$1,051,105	$1,045,454
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,102,711	$1,051,105	$1,045,454

Health Care Access and Improvement			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and other support services for programs that seek to improve health access and outcomes in rural and underserved areas of Georgia through the State Office of Rural Health, the various commissions of the Office of Health Improvement, and the Office of Health Information Technology and Transparency.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$20,819,637	$20,819,637	$20,819,637
State General Funds	$20,819,637	$20,819,637	$20,819,637
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$172,588	$172,588	$172,588
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$172,588	$172,588	$172,588
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,992,225	$20,992,225	$20,992,225

87.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$21,530	$21,530	$13,457

87.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($2,317)	($2,317)

87.3 *Increase funds to establish a grant program to support the creation of new rural medical and dental clinics.*

State General Funds		$4,800,000	$4,800,000

87.4 *Increase funds for one-time funding for hospital infrastructure and emergency power.*

State General Funds		$800,000	$0

87.5 *Increase funds for one-time funding for two portable training ultrasound machines.*

State General Funds		$155,251	$155,251

87.6 *Increase funds for rural colorectal screenings.*

State General Funds		$250,000	$250,000

87.7 *Increase funds for Side by Side Brain Injury Clubhouse.*

State General Funds			$300,000

87.1000 Health Care Access and Improvement			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and other support services for programs that seek to improve health access and outcomes in rural and underserved areas of Georgia through the State Office of Rural Health, the various commissions of the Office of Health Improvement, and the Office of Health Information Technology and Transparency.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$20,841,167	$26,844,101	$26,336,028
State General Funds	$20,841,167	$26,844,101	$26,336,028
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$172,588	$172,588	$172,588
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$172,588	$172,588	$172,588
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,013,755	$27,016,689	$26,508,616

Healthcare Facility Regulation		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to inspect and license long term care and health care facilities.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,054,557	$27,054,557	$27,054,557
State General Funds	$27,054,557	$27,054,557	$27,054,557
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,005,577	$12,005,577	$12,005,577
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,005,577	$12,005,577	$12,005,577
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,160,134	$39,160,134	$39,160,134

88.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$484,425	$484,425	$302,766

88.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($87,262)	($87,262)

88.1000 Healthcare Facility Regulation			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to inspect and license long term care and health care facilities.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,538,982	$27,451,720	$27,270,061
State General Funds	$27,538,982	$27,451,720	$27,270,061
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,005,577	$12,005,577	$12,005,577
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,005,577	$12,005,577	$12,005,577
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,644,559	$39,557,297	$39,375,638

Indigent Care Trust Fund		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to support rural and other healthcare providers, primarily hospitals that serve medically indigent Georgians.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,882,042	$52,882,042	$52,882,042
State General Funds	$52,882,042	$52,882,042	$52,882,042
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$671,388,987	$671,388,987	$671,388,987
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$671,388,987	$671,388,987	$671,388,987
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$286,585,667	$286,585,667	$286,585,667
Intergovernmental Transfers	$283,385,667	$283,385,667	$283,385,667
Hospital Authorities	$283,385,667	$283,385,667	$283,385,667
Sales and Services	$3,200,000	$3,200,000	$3,200,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,200,000	$3,200,000	$3,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,010,856,696	$1,010,856,696	$1,010,856,696

89.1000 Indigent Care Trust Fund			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support rural and other healthcare providers, primarily hospitals that serve medically indigent Georgians.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,882,042	$52,882,042	$52,882,042
State General Funds	$52,882,042	$52,882,042	$52,882,042
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$671,388,987	$671,388,987	$671,388,987
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$671,388,987	$671,388,987	$671,388,987
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$286,585,667	$286,585,667	$286,585,667
Intergovernmental Transfers	$283,385,667	$283,385,667	$283,385,667
Hospital Authorities	$283,385,667	$283,385,667	$283,385,667
Sales and Services	$3,200,000	$3,200,000	$3,200,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,200,000	$3,200,000	$3,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,010,856,696	$1,010,856,696	$1,010,856,696

Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health care access primarily to elderly and disabled individuals. There is also hereby appropriated to the Department of Community Health a specific sum of money equal to all the provider fees paid to the Indigent Care Trust Fund created pursuant to Article 6A of chapter 8 of Title 31. The sum of money is appropriated for payments for nursing homes pursuant to Article 6A.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,844,180,261	$2,844,180,261	$2,844,180,261
State General Funds	$2,622,925,268	$2,622,925,268	$2,622,925,268
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,191,806	$6,191,806	$6,191,806
Ambulance Provider Fees	$8,812,014	$8,812,014	$8,812,014
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$158,995,531	$158,995,531	$158,995,531
Hospital Provider Fee	$47,255,642	$47,255,642	$47,255,642
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,488,511,854	$5,488,511,854	$5,488,511,854
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,787,214	$2,787,214	$2,787,214

Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$5,485,724,640	$5,485,724,640	$5,485,724,640
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$97,574,403	$97,574,403	$97,574,403
Intergovernmental Transfers	$97,574,403	$97,574,403	$97,574,403
Hospital Authorities	$97,574,403	$97,574,403	$97,574,403
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632
State Funds Transfers	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,697,555,150	$8,697,555,150	$8,697,555,150

90.1 *Increase funds for growth in Medicaid based on projected utilization.*

State General Funds	$223,976,684	$226,981,080	$241,222,009
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$440,839,831	$446,753,203	$474,877,757
Total Public Funds:	$664,816,515	$673,734,283	$716,099,766

90.2 *Increase funds for the hold harmless prevision in Medicare Part B premiums.*

State General Funds	$25,818,036	$26,344,701	$26,344,701
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$50,816,086	$51,852,689	$51,852,689
Total Public Funds:	$76,634,122	$78,197,390	$78,197,390

90.3 *Increase funds for the Medicare Part D Clawback payment.*

State General Funds	$3,196,843	$3,213,974	$3,213,974

90.4 *Reduce funds for high-cost drugs based on projected utilization.*

State General Funds	($11,624,428)	($11,624,428)	($11,624,428)
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	($22,879,662)	($22,879,662)	($22,879,662)
Total Public Funds:	($34,504,090)	($34,504,090)	($34,504,090)

90.5 *Reduce funds for Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) savings from FY2026 provider rate enhancements.*

State General Funds	($26,467)	($26,467)	($26,467)
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	($48,696)	($48,696)	($48,696)
Total Public Funds:	($75,163)	($75,163)	($75,163)

90.6 *Replace funds.*

State General Funds	($4,783,831)	($4,783,831)	($4,783,831)
Hospital Provider Fee	$4,783,831	$4,783,831	$4,783,831
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0

90.7 *Replace funds.*

State General Funds	$27,902,969	$27,902,969	$27,902,969
Nursing Home Provider Fees	($27,902,969)	($27,902,969)	($27,902,969)
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0

90.8 *Increase funds for ambulance provider fees based on projected revenue.*

Ambulance Provider Fees	$2,646,178	$2,646,178	$2,646,178

90.9 *Increase funds for supplemental quality incentive payments at skilled nursing facilities.*

State General Funds		$3,000,000	$3,000,000
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778		$5,900,000	$5,900,000
Total Public Funds:		$8,900,000	$8,900,000

90.1000 Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health care access primarily to elderly and disabled individuals. There is also hereby appropriated to the Department of Community Health a specific sum of money equal to all the provider fees paid to the Indigent Care Trust Fund created pursuant to Article 6A of chapter 8 of Title 31. The sum of money is appropriated for payments for nursing homes pursuant to Article 6A.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,088,167,107	$3,094,715,299	$3,108,956,228
State General Funds	$2,887,385,074	$2,893,933,266	$2,908,174,195
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,191,806	$6,191,806	$6,191,806
Ambulance Provider Fees	$11,458,192	$11,458,192	$11,458,192
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$131,092,562	$131,092,562	$131,092,562
Hospital Provider Fee	$52,039,473	$52,039,473	$52,039,473
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,957,239,413	$5,970,089,388	$5,998,213,942
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,787,214	$2,787,214	$2,787,214
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$5,954,452,199	$5,967,302,174	$5,995,426,728
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$97,574,403	$97,574,403	$97,574,403
Intergovernmental Transfers	$97,574,403	$97,574,403	$97,574,403
Hospital Authorities	$97,574,403	$97,574,403	$97,574,403
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632
State Funds Transfers	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,410,269,555	$9,429,667,722	$9,472,033,205

Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide healthcare access primarily to low-income individuals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,246,744,451	$2,246,744,451	$2,246,744,451
State General Funds	$1,711,946,521	$1,711,946,521	$1,711,946,521
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$117,870,545	$117,870,545	$117,870,545

Hospital Provider Fee	$416,927,385	$416,927,385	$416,927,385
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,756,199,698	$5,756,199,698	$5,756,199,698
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$5,623,100,178	$5,623,100,178	$5,623,100,178
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$133,099,520	$133,099,520	$133,099,520
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$639,118,193	$639,118,193	$639,118,193
Intergovernmental Transfers	$639,118,193	$639,118,193	$639,118,193
Hospital Authorities	$639,118,193	$639,118,193	$639,118,193
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847
State Funds Transfers	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,655,479,189	$8,655,479,189	$8,655,479,189

91.1 *Reduce funds for Medicaid based on projected utilization.*

State General Funds	($141,294,076)	($149,927,920)	($149,927,920)
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	($278,100,629)	($295,094,104)	($295,094,104)
Total Public Funds:	($419,394,705)	($445,022,024)	($445,022,024)

91.2 *Reduce funds for Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) savings from FY2026 provider rate enhancements.*

State General Funds	($29,825)	($29,825)	($29,825)
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	($55,639)	($55,639)	($55,639)
Total Public Funds:	($85,464)	($85,464)	($85,464)

91.3 *Replace funds.*

State General Funds	($42,206,820)	($42,206,820)	($42,206,820)
Hospital Provider Fee	$42,206,820	$42,206,820	$42,206,820
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0

91.1000 Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide healthcare access primarily to low-income individuals.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,105,420,550	$2,096,786,706	$2,096,786,706
State General Funds	$1,528,415,800	$1,519,781,956	$1,519,781,956
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$117,870,545	$117,870,545	$117,870,545
Hospital Provider Fee	$459,134,205	$459,134,205	$459,134,205
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,478,043,430	$5,461,049,955	$5,461,049,955
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$5,344,943,910	$5,327,950,435	$5,327,950,435
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$133,099,520	$133,099,520	$133,099,520
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$639,118,193	$639,118,193	$639,118,193
Intergovernmental Transfers	$639,118,193	$639,118,193	$639,118,193
Hospital Authorities	$639,118,193	$639,118,193	$639,118,193
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847

State Funds Transfers	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,235,999,020	$8,210,371,701	$8,210,371,701

PeachCare **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health insurance coverage for qualified low-income Georgia children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$122,733,823	$122,733,823	$122,733,823
State General Funds	$122,733,823	$122,733,823	$122,733,823
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$379,350,337	$379,350,337	$379,350,337
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$379,350,337	$379,350,337	$379,350,337
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783
State Funds Transfers	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$502,235,943	$502,235,943	$502,235,943

92.1 *Reduce funds for Medicaid based on projected utilization.*

State General Funds	($7,211,990)	($7,849,459)	($7,849,459)
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	($23,369,319)	($25,439,171)	($25,439,171)
Total Public Funds:	($30,581,309)	($33,288,630)	($33,288,630)

92.2 *Reduce funds for Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) savings from FY2026 provider rate enhancements.*

State General Funds	($5,626)	($5,626)	($5,626)
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$5,626	$5,626	$5,626
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0

92.1000 PeachCare **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health insurance coverage for qualified low-income Georgia children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$115,516,207	$114,878,738	$114,878,738
State General Funds	$115,516,207	$114,878,738	$114,878,738
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$355,986,644	$353,916,792	$353,916,792
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$355,986,644	$353,916,792	$353,916,792
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783
State Funds Transfers	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$471,654,634	$468,947,313	$468,947,313

State Health Benefit Plan **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a healthcare benefit for teachers and state employees that is competitive with other commercial benefit plans in quality of care and access to providers; and to provide for the efficient management of provider fees and utilization rates.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,011,921	$6,011,921	$6,011,921
State General Funds	$6,011,921	$6,011,921	$6,011,921
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812
State Funds Transfers	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812
Health Insurance Payments	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,127,205,733	$5,127,205,733	$5,127,205,733

93.1000 State Health Benefit Plan **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a healthcare benefit for teachers and state employees that is competitive with other commercial benefit plans in quality of care and access to providers; and to provide for the efficient management of provider fees and utilization rates.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,011,921	$6,011,921	$6,011,921
State General Funds	$6,011,921	$6,011,921	$6,011,921
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812
State Funds Transfers	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812
Health Insurance Payments	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,127,205,733	$5,127,205,733	$5,127,205,733

Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Board Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all agency programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,986,170	$1,986,170	$1,986,170
State General Funds	$1,986,170	$1,986,170	$1,986,170
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,986,170	$1,986,170	$1,986,170

94.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$19,377	$19,377	$12,111

94.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($5,168)	($5,168)

94.1000 Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Board Administration **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all agency programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,005,547	$2,000,379	$1,993,113
State General Funds	$2,005,547	$2,000,379	$1,993,113
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,005,547	$2,000,379	$1,993,113

Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Graduate Medical Education **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to address the physician workforce needs of Georgia communities through the support and development of medical education programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$43,283,730	$43,283,730	$43,283,730
State General Funds	$43,283,730	$43,283,730	$43,283,730
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,872,959	$7,872,959	$7,872,959
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$7,872,959	$7,872,959	$7,872,959
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$51,156,689	$51,156,689	$51,156,689

95.1 *Utilize existing funds ($734,438) for grants for Graduate Medical Education (GME) programs based on the use of Medicaid Reimbursements for new residency slots pending approval of a State Plan Amendment to fund the Rural Surgery Initiative and child and adolescent psychiatry slots at Augusta University. (G:YES)(H:NO)(S:NO)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

95.2 *Reduce funds due to delayed approval of a State Plan Amendment.*

State General Funds		($6,844,122)	($6,844,122)

95.3 *Increase funds for the Rural Surgery Initiative and child and adolescent psychiatry slots at Augusta University. (S:Increase funds and utilize existing funds ($432,338) for the Rural Surgery Initiative and child and adolescent psychiatry slots at Augusta University)*

State General Funds		$1,166,776	$734,438

95.4 *Increase funds for one-time funding for the expansion of graduate medical education programs in South Georgia.*

State General Funds		$17,806,568	$19,931,568

95.5 *Increase funds for the child and adolescent psychiatry fellowship program at Gateway Behavioral Health.*

State General Funds			$432,338

95.1000 Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Graduate Medical Education **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to address the physician workforce needs of Georgia communities through the support and development of medical education programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$43,283,730	$55,412,952	$57,537,952
State General Funds	$43,283,730	$55,412,952	$57,537,952
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,872,959	$7,872,959	$7,872,959
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$7,872,959	$7,872,959	$7,872,959
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$51,156,689	$63,285,911	$65,410,911

Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Healthcare Education Programs		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of primary care and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with medical schools in Georgia.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,195,783	$7,195,783	$7,195,783
State General Funds	$7,195,783	$7,195,783	$7,195,783
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,195,783	$7,195,783	$7,195,783

96.1 *Increase funds to promote rural residency programs.*

State General Funds		$100,000	$0

96.998 *Change the name of the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Undergraduate Medical Education program to the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Healthcare Education Programs program to include nursing education. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

96.999 ***SAC****: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of health practitioners through a public/private partnership with medical and nursing schools in Georgia.*
House*: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of health practitioners through a public/private partnership with medical and nursing schools in Georgia.*
Governor*: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of health practitioners through a public/private partnership with medical and nursing schools in Georgia.*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

96.1000 Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Healthcare Education Programs		**Appropriation (HB 973)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of health practitioners through a public/private partnership with medical and nursing schools in Georgia.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,195,783	$7,295,783	$7,195,783
State General Funds	$7,195,783	$7,295,783	$7,195,783
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,195,783	$7,295,783	$7,195,783

Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Healthcare Practitioner Loan Repayment		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of physicians in rural areas of the state, and to provide a program of aid to promising medical students.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,215,000	$6,215,000	$6,215,000
State General Funds	$6,215,000	$6,215,000	$6,215,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,215,000	$6,215,000	$6,215,000

97.1000 Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Healthcare Practitioner Loan Repayment			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of physicians in rural areas of the state, and to provide a program of aid to promising medical students.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,215,000	$6,215,000	$6,215,000
State General Funds	$6,215,000	$6,215,000	$6,215,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,215,000	$6,215,000	$6,215,000

Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Mercer School of Medicine Grant			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Mercer University School of Medicine to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,576,801	$34,576,801	$34,576,801
State General Funds	$34,576,801	$34,576,801	$34,576,801
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$34,576,801	$34,576,801	$34,576,801

98.1 *Increase funds to expand access to healthcare in medically underserved areas in East Central Georgia.*

State General Funds	$1,085,465

98.1000 Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Mercer School of Medicine Grant			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Mercer University School of Medicine to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,576,801	$34,576,801	$35,662,266
State General Funds	$34,576,801	$34,576,801	$35,662,266
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$34,576,801	$34,576,801	$35,662,266

Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Morehouse School of Medicine Grant			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Morehouse School of Medicine and affiliated hospitals to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$33,429,696	$33,429,696	$33,429,696
State General Funds	$33,429,696	$33,429,696	$33,429,696
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$33,429,696	$33,429,696	$33,429,696

99.1000 Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Morehouse School of Medicine Grant			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Morehouse School of Medicine and affiliated hospitals to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.			

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$33,429,696	$33,429,696	$33,429,696
State General Funds	$33,429,696	$33,429,696	$33,429,696
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$33,429,696	$33,429,696	$33,429,696

Georgia Composite Medical Board **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to license qualified applicants as physicians, physician's assistants, respiratory care professionals, perfusionists, acupuncturists, orthotists, prosthetists, and auricular (ear) detoxification specialists. Also, investigate complaints and discipline those who violate the Medical Practice Act or other laws governing the professional behavior of the Board licensees.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,278,810	$5,278,810	$5,278,810
State General Funds	$5,278,810	$5,278,810	$5,278,810
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,578,810	$5,578,810	$5,578,810

100.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$88,273	$88,273	$55,171

100.2 *Reduce funds for personnel based on the actual start date of new positions.*

State General Funds	($24,378)	($20,337)	($20,337)

100.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($17,865)	($17,865)

100.4 *Utilize funds appropriated in HB68 (2025 Legislative Session) for a paralegal. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds		$0	$0

100.1000 Georgia Composite Medical Board **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to license qualified applicants as physicians, physician's assistants, respiratory care professionals, perfusionists, acupuncturists, orthotists, prosthetists, and auricular (ear) detoxification specialists. Also, investigate complaints and discipline those who violate the Medical Practice Act or other laws governing the professional behavior of the Board licensees.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,342,705	$5,328,881	$5,295,779
State General Funds	$5,342,705	$5,328,881	$5,295,779
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,642,705	$5,628,881	$5,595,779

Drugs and Narcotics Agency, Georgia **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the general public by providing an enforcement presence to oversee all laws and regulations pertaining to controlled substances and dangerous drugs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,304,145	$3,304,145	$3,304,145
State General Funds	$3,304,145	$3,304,145	$3,304,145
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,304,145	$3,304,145	$3,304,145

101.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$38,754	$38,754	$24,222

101.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($13,097)	($13,097)

101.1000 Drugs and Narcotics Agency, Georgia **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the general public by providing an enforcement presence to oversee all laws and regulations pertaining to controlled substances and dangerous drugs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,342,899	$3,329,802	$3,315,270
State General Funds	$3,342,899	$3,329,802	$3,315,270
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,342,899	$3,329,802	$3,315,270

Section 18: Community Supervision, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$232,862,212	$232,862,212	$232,862,212
State General Funds	$232,862,212	$232,862,212	$232,862,212
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$636,008	$636,008	$636,008
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$636,008	$636,008	$636,008
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$283,707	$283,707	$283,707
Intergovernmental Transfers	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773
Sales and Services	$171,934	$171,934	$171,934
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$171,934	$171,934	$171,934
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$845,000	$845,000	$845,000
State Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$234,626,927	$234,626,927	$234,626,927

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$236,849,568	$235,866,373	$232,385,862
State General Funds	$236,849,568	$235,866,373	$232,385,862
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$636,008	$636,008	$636,008
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$636,008	$636,008	$636,008
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$283,707	$283,707	$283,707
Intergovernmental Transfers	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773
Sales and Services	$171,934	$171,934	$171,934
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$171,934	$171,934	$171,934
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$845,000	$845,000	$845,000
State Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$238,614,283	$237,631,088	$234,150,577

Departmental Administration (DCS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,138,823	$11,138,823	$11,138,823
State General Funds	$11,138,823	$11,138,823	$11,138,823
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
Sales and Services	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,140,023	$11,140,023	$11,140,023

102.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$144,251	$144,251	$90,157

102.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($41,787)	($41,787)

102.3 *Reduce funds for vacant positions.*

State General Funds			($83,789)

102.1000 Departmental Administration (DCS) **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,283,074	$11,241,287	$11,103,404
State General Funds	$11,283,074	$11,241,287	$11,103,404
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
Sales and Services	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,284,274	$11,242,487	$11,104,604

Field Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve Georgia citizens through effective and efficient offender supervision in communities, while providing opportunities for successful outcomes.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$215,373,753	$215,373,753	$215,373,753
State General Funds	$215,373,753	$215,373,753	$215,373,753
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$447,884	$447,884	$447,884
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$447,884	$447,884	$447,884
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$121,278	$121,278	$121,278
Intergovernmental Transfers	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773
Sales and Services	$9,505	$9,505	$9,505
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$9,505	$9,505	$9,505
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$845,000	$845,000	$845,000
State Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$216,787,915	$216,787,915	$216,787,915

103.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$3,741,914	$3,741,914	$2,338,697

103.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($820,539)	($820,539)

103.3 *Reduce funds for personnel based on the actual start date of new positions.*

State General Funds		($100,785)	($100,785)

103.4 *Reduce funds for vacant positions.*

State General Funds			($1,818,135)

103.1000 Field Services			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve Georgia citizens through effective and efficient offender supervision in communities, while providing opportunities for successful outcomes.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$219,115,667	$218,194,343	$214,972,991
State General Funds	$219,115,667	$218,194,343	$214,972,991
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$447,884	$447,884	$447,884
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$447,884	$447,884	$447,884
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$121,278	$121,278	$121,278
Intergovernmental Transfers	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773
Sales and Services	$9,505	$9,505	$9,505
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$9,505	$9,505	$9,505
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$845,000	$845,000	$845,000
State Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$220,529,829	$219,608,505	$216,387,153

Governor's Office of Transition, Support and Reentry			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a collaboration of governmental and non-governmental stakeholders to develop and execute a systematic reentry plan for Georgia offenders and ensure the delivery of services to reduce recidivism and support the success of returning citizens.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,592,794	$4,592,794	$4,592,794
State General Funds	$4,592,794	$4,592,794	$4,592,794
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,592,794	$4,592,794	$4,592,794

104.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$68,896	$68,896	$43,060

104.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($13,873)	($13,873)

104.3 *Reduce funds for vacant positions.*

State General Funds			($33,326)

104.1000 Governor's Office of Transition, Support and Reentry	**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a collaboration of governmental and non-governmental stakeholders to develop and execute a systematic reentry plan for Georgia offenders and ensure the delivery of services to reduce recidivism and support the success of returning citizens.	

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,661,690	$4,647,817	$4,588,655
State General Funds	$4,661,690	$4,647,817	$4,588,655
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,661,690	$4,647,817	$4,588,655

Misdemeanor Probation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of all governmental and private misdemeanor probation providers through inspection and investigation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,017,668	$1,017,668	$1,017,668
State General Funds	$1,017,668	$1,017,668	$1,017,668
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,017,668	$1,017,668	$1,017,668

105.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$15,071	$15,071	$9,420

105.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($4,339)	($4,339)

105.3 *Reduce funds for vacant positions.*

State General Funds			($22,127)

105.1000 Misdemeanor Probation **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of all governmental and private misdemeanor probation providers through inspection and investigation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,032,739	$1,028,400	$1,000,622
State General Funds	$1,032,739	$1,028,400	$1,000,622
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,032,739	$1,028,400	$1,000,622

Family Violence, Georgia Commission on **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the study and evaluation of needs and services relating to family violence in Georgia, develop models for community task forces on family violence, provide training and continuing education on the dynamics of family violence, and develop standards to be used in the certification and regulation of Family Violence Intervention Programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$739,174	$739,174	$739,174
State General Funds	$739,174	$739,174	$739,174
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$188,124	$188,124	$188,124
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$188,124	$188,124	$188,124
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229
Sales and Services	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,088,527	$1,088,527	$1,088,527

106.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$17,224	$17,224	$10,765

106.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($1,872)	($1,872)

106.3 *Reduce funds for vacant positions.*

State General Funds			($27,877)

106.1000 Family Violence, Georgia Commission on **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the study and evaluation of needs and services relating to family violence in Georgia, develop models for community task forces on family violence, provide training and continuing education on the dynamics of family violence, and develop standards to be used in the certification and regulation of Family Violence Intervention Programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$756,398	$754,526	$720,190
State General Funds	$756,398	$754,526	$720,190
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$188,124	$188,124	$188,124
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$188,124	$188,124	$188,124
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229
Sales and Services	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,105,751	$1,103,879	$1,069,543

Section 19: Corrections, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,695,298,277	$1,695,298,277	$1,695,298,277
State General Funds	$1,695,298,277	$1,695,298,277	$1,695,298,277
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$809,589	$809,589	$809,589
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$809,589	$809,589	$809,589
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$14,855,486	$14,855,486	$14,855,486
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936
Sales and Services	$14,516,550	$14,516,550	$14,516,550
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$14,516,550	$14,516,550	$14,516,550
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,104,596	$1,104,596	$1,104,596
State Funds Transfers	$1,104,596	$1,104,596	$1,104,596
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$565,127	$565,127	$565,127

Agency to Agency Contracts	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,712,067,948	$1,712,067,948	$1,712,067,948
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,782,435,308	$1,789,705,561	$1,773,407,310
State General Funds	$1,782,435,308	$1,789,705,561	$1,773,407,310
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$809,589	$809,589	$809,589
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$809,589	$809,589	$809,589
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$14,855,486	$14,855,486	$14,855,486
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936
Sales and Services	$14,516,550	$14,516,550	$14,516,550
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$14,516,550	$14,516,550	$14,516,550
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,104,596	$1,104,596	$1,104,596
State Funds Transfers	$1,104,596	$1,104,596	$1,104,596
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$565,127	$565,127	$565,127
Agency to Agency Contracts	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,799,204,979	$1,806,475,232	$1,790,176,981

Departmental Administration (DOC) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by providing an effective and efficient department that administers a balanced correctional system.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$41,565,500	$41,565,500	$41,565,500
State General Funds	$41,565,500	$41,565,500	$41,565,500
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$372,424	$372,424	$372,424
Sales and Services	$372,424	$372,424	$372,424
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$372,424	$372,424	$372,424
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$41,937,924	$41,937,924	$41,937,924

107.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$499,496	$499,496	$312,185

107.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($132,033)	($132,033)

107.3 *Reduce funds for vacant positions.*

State General Funds			($1,324,546)

107.1000 Departmental Administration (DOC)			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by providing an effective and efficient department that administers a balanced correctional system.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$42,064,996	$41,932,963	$40,421,106
State General Funds	$42,064,996	$41,932,963	$40,421,106
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$372,424	$372,424	$372,424
Sales and Services	$372,424	$372,424	$372,424
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$372,424	$372,424	$372,424
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$42,437,420	$42,305,387	$40,793,530

Detention Centers			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, vocational training, work details, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for probationers who require more security or supervision than provided by regular community supervision.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$76,423,479	$76,423,479	$76,423,479
State General Funds	$76,423,479	$76,423,479	$76,423,479
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,374,456	$1,374,456	$1,374,456
Sales and Services	$1,374,456	$1,374,456	$1,374,456
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,374,456	$1,374,456	$1,374,456
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$77,797,935	$77,797,935	$77,797,935

108.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$1,466,193	$1,466,193	$916,371

108.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($278,944)	($278,944)

108.1000 Detention Centers			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, vocational training, work details, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for probationers who require more security or supervision than provided by regular community supervision.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$77,889,672	$77,610,728	$77,060,906
State General Funds	$77,889,672	$77,610,728	$77,060,906
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,374,456	$1,374,456	$1,374,456
Sales and Services	$1,374,456	$1,374,456	$1,374,456
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,374,456	$1,374,456	$1,374,456
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$79,264,128	$78,985,184	$78,435,362

Food and Farm Operations		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to manage timber, raise crops and livestock, and produce dairy items used in preparing meals for offenders.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$30,349,192	$30,349,192	$30,349,192
State General Funds	$30,349,192	$30,349,192	$30,349,192
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$568,986	$568,986	$568,986
Sales and Services	$568,986	$568,986	$568,986
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$568,986	$568,986	$568,986
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$30,918,178	$30,918,178	$30,918,178
109.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*			
State General Funds	$36,601	$36,601	$22,876
109.2 *Increase funds for food services at four modular correctional units.*			
State General Funds	$182,375	$182,375	$88,240
109.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*			
State General Funds		($6,591)	($6,591)
109.4 *Increase funds for food services across state facilities contracted with Georgia Correctional Industries due to rising food costs.*			
State General Funds		$2,445,250	$2,445,250
109.5 *Increase funds for the purchase of meat during processing equipment upgrades.*			
State General Funds		$1,079,200	$1,079,200
109.6 *Increase funds for food and farm equipment and software upgrades.*			
State General Funds		$1,015,962	$805,962

109.1000 Food and Farm Operations			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to manage timber, raise crops and livestock, and produce dairy items used in preparing meals for offenders.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$30,568,168	$35,101,989	$34,784,129
State General Funds	$30,568,168	$35,101,989	$34,784,129
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$568,986	$568,986	$568,986
Sales and Services	$568,986	$568,986	$568,986
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$568,986	$568,986	$568,986
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$31,137,154	$35,670,975	$35,353,115

Health **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the required constitutional level of physical, dental, and mental health care to all inmates of the state correctional system.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$376,598,234	$376,598,234	$376,598,234
State General Funds	$376,598,234	$376,598,234	$376,598,234
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$573,812	$573,812	$573,812
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$573,812	$573,812	$573,812
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$305,972	$305,972	$305,972
Sales and Services	$305,972	$305,972	$305,972
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$305,972	$305,972	$305,972
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$377,478,018	$377,478,018	$377,478,018

110.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$53,825	$53,825	$33,641

110.2 *Increase funds for the physical health contract for a per diem increase ($10,946,108), outside-the-wire care ($15,000,000), and to reflect the opening of additional beds ($12,923,790). (H:Increase funds for the physical health contract for a per diem increase and additional beds ($16,903,986) and outside-the-wire care ($15,000,000))(S:Increase funds for the physical health contract for additional beds ($5,098,280) and outside-the-wire care ($15,000,000))*

State General Funds	$38,869,898	$31,903,986	$20,098,280

110.3 *Increase funds for the mental health contract to increase staffing ratios.*

State General Funds	$479,411	$479,411	$479,411

110.4 *Increase funds for the dental health contract to increase staffing ratios.*

State General Funds	$374,587	$374,587	$374,587

110.5 *Utilize existing prior year funds ($20,402,982) for physical health risk share obligations. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

110.6 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($16,702)	($16,702)

110.7 *Increase funds for residential substance abuse treatment centers effective April 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		$312,500	$0

110.8 *Reduce funds for vacant positions.*

State General Funds			($46,910)

110.1000 Health			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the required constitutional level of physical, dental, and mental health care to all inmates of the state correctional system.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$416,375,955	$409,705,841	$397,520,541
State General Funds	$416,375,955	$409,705,841	$397,520,541
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$573,812	$573,812	$573,812
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$573,812	$573,812	$573,812
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$305,972	$305,972	$305,972
Sales and Services	$305,972	$305,972	$305,972
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$305,972	$305,972	$305,972
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$417,255,739	$410,585,625	$398,400,325

Offender Management		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and operate the following agency-wide support services to ensure public safety: canine units, the County Correctional Institutions program, Correctional Emergency Response Teams, inmate classification, inmate diagnostics, the jail coordination unit, the release and agreements unit, and tactical squads.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$58,596,973	$58,596,973	$58,596,973
State General Funds	$58,596,973	$58,596,973	$58,596,973
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$58,596,973	$58,596,973	$58,596,973

111.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$129,180	$129,180	$80,738

111.2 *Increase funds for jail subsidy payments to local jails for housing Department of Corrections inmates.*

State General Funds	$6,242,030	$6,242,030	$13,756,909

111.3 *Increase funds for maintenance and support of the inmate assignment decision support system.*

State General Funds	$125,892	$125,892	$125,892

111.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($19,399)	($19,399)

111.5 *Increase funds for rural local county jail reimbursement where more than 20% of jail capacity utilization is occupied by detainees unable to make bail on contraband or drone-related charges.*

State General Funds		$1,500,000	$1,500,000

111.6 *Reduce funds for vacant positions.*

State General Funds			($9,978)

111.1000 Offender Management			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and operate the following agency-wide support services to ensure public safety: canine units, the County Correctional Institutions program, Correctional Emergency Response Teams, inmate classification, inmate diagnostics, the jail coordination unit, the release and agreements unit, and tactical squads.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$65,094,075	$66,574,676	$74,031,135
State General Funds	$65,094,075	$66,574,676	$74,031,135
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$65,094,075	$66,574,676	$74,031,135

Private Prisons			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to contract with private companies to provide cost effective prison facilities that ensure public safety.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$172,485,527	$172,485,527	$172,485,527
State General Funds	$172,485,527	$172,485,527	$172,485,527
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$172,485,527	$172,485,527	$172,485,527

112.1 *Increase funds for Jenkins Correctional Institution and Riverbend Correctional Institution to fully utilize available beds at correct tier rate created in HB68 (2025 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	$1,054,637	$1,055,658	$1,055,658

112.1000 Private Prisons			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to contract with private companies to provide cost effective prison facilities that ensure public safety.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$173,540,164	$173,541,185	$173,541,185
State General Funds	$173,540,164	$173,541,185	$173,541,185
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$173,540,164	$173,541,185	$173,541,185

State Prisons			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, religious support, vocational training, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for violent and/or repeat offenders, or nonviolent offenders who have exhausted all other forms of punishment in a secure, well-supervised setting; to assist in the reentry of these offenders back into society; and to provide fire services and work details to the Department, state agencies, and local communities.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$888,604,327	$888,604,327	$888,604,327
State General Funds	$888,604,327	$888,604,327	$888,604,327
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$235,777	$235,777	$235,777
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$235,777	$235,777	$235,777
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$12,013,995	$12,013,995	$12,013,995
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936
Sales and Services	$11,675,059	$11,675,059	$11,675,059
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$11,675,059	$11,675,059	$11,675,059

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,104,596	$1,104,596	$1,104,596
State Funds Transfers	$1,104,596	$1,104,596	$1,104,596
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$565,127	$565,127	$565,127
Agency to Agency Contracts	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$901,958,695	$901,958,695	$901,958,695

113.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$12,050,341	$12,050,341	$7,531,464

113.2 *Increase funds for additional correctional officer positions to improve staff to offender ratios based on improved retention.*

State General Funds	$4,982,902	$9,737,406	$9,737,406

113.3 *Increase funds for start-up costs for three security threat group regional coordinators.*

State General Funds	$137,802	$137,802	$137,802

113.4 *Increase funds for start-up costs for six canine handlers.*

State General Funds	$964,650	$964,650	$964,650

113.5 *Increase funds for managed access and drone detection systems to prevent contraband in facilities.*

State General Funds	$13,387,475	$13,387,475	$13,387,475

113.6 *Increase funds for a pilot program at Autry State Prison to provide for peer led programming.*

State General Funds	$150,000	$0	$0

113.7 *Increase funds for additional programming at Metro Reentry Facility.*

State General Funds	$93,179	$93,179	$93,179

113.8 *Increase funds for required staff needed to meet accreditation requirements to operate a high school diploma program.*

State General Funds	$93,672	$93,672	$0

113.9 *Increase funds for operations at five modular correctional units.*

State General Funds	$880,104	$880,104	$327,017

113.10 *Increase funds for operations at Lee Arrendale State Prison.*

State General Funds	$1,542,179	$3,879,259	$1,542,179

113.11 *Increase funds for the purchase of public safety supplies and equipment. (H:Increase funds for the purchase of public safety supplies, opioid reversal medication, and equipment)(S:Increase funds for the purchase of public safety supplies and equipment and pursue Opioid Settlement Funds for opioid reversal medication)*

State General Funds	$2,450,500	$2,484,443	$2,450,500

113.12 *Increase funds for rent at the Arnall North Basic Correctional Officer Training Building. (H and S:Increase funds for rent at the Arnall North Basic Correctional Officer Training Building ($168,000), the Book Repository ($17,136), and a warden residency in Metro Atlanta ($34,100))*

State General Funds	$14,000	$219,236	$219,236

113.13 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($2,364,652)	($2,364,652)

113.14 *Increase funds for offender call monitoring contract due to an increase in usage.*

State General Funds		$764,220	$764,220

113.15 *Increase funds for data intelligence maintenance and integration costs.*

State General Funds		$1,900,000	$950,000

113.16 *Increase funds for contracted food services due to rising food and labor costs.*

State General Funds		$284,398	$132,042

113.17 *Increase funds for central repair funds for capital projects.*

State General Funds		$725,992	$725,992

113.18 *Increase funds for a ladder truck for Hays State Prison.*

State General Funds			$400,000

113.1000 State Prisons **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, religious support, vocational training, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for violent and/or repeat offenders, or nonviolent offenders who have exhausted all other forms of punishment in a secure, well-supervised setting; to assist in the reentry of these offenders back into society; and to provide fire services and work details to the Department, state agencies, and local communities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$925,351,131	$933,841,852	$925,602,837
State General Funds	$925,351,131	$933,841,852	$925,602,837
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$235,777	$235,777	$235,777
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$235,777	$235,777	$235,777
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$12,013,995	$12,013,995	$12,013,995
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936
Sales and Services	$11,675,059	$11,675,059	$11,675,059
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$11,675,059	$11,675,059	$11,675,059
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,104,596	$1,104,596	$1,104,596
State Funds Transfers	$1,104,596	$1,104,596	$1,104,596
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$565,127	$565,127	$565,127
Agency to Agency Contracts	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$938,705,499	$947,196,220	$938,957,205

Transition Centers		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide "work release," allowing inmates to obtain and maintain a paying job in the community, while still receiving housing, academic education, counseling, and substance abuse treatment in a structured center.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$50,675,045	$50,675,045	$50,675,045
State General Funds	$50,675,045	$50,675,045	$50,675,045
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$219,653	$219,653	$219,653
Sales and Services	$219,653	$219,653	$219,653
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$219,653	$219,653	$219,653
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$50,894,698	$50,894,698	$50,894,698
114.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*			
State General Funds	$828,905	$828,905	$518,066
114.2 *Increase funds for rent at the LaGrange and Clayton Transition Centers.*			
State General Funds	$47,197	$47,197	$47,197
114.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*			
State General Funds		($154,820)	($154,820)
114.4 *Reduce funds for vacant positions.*			
State General Funds			($640,017)

114.1000 Transition Centers			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide "work release," allowing inmates to obtain and maintain a paying job in the community, while still receiving housing, academic education, counseling, and substance abuse treatment in a structured center.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$51,551,147	$51,396,327	$50,445,471
State General Funds	$51,551,147	$51,396,327	$50,445,471
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$219,653	$219,653	$219,653
Sales and Services	$219,653	$219,653	$219,653
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$219,653	$219,653	$219,653
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$51,770,800	$51,615,980	$50,665,124

Section 20: Defense, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,466,401	$12,466,401	$12,466,401
State General Funds	$12,466,401	$12,466,401	$12,466,401
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$77,025,266	$77,025,266	$77,025,266
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$77,025,266	$77,025,266	$77,025,266

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,339,739	$22,339,739	$22,339,739
Intergovernmental Transfers	$19,945,292	$19,945,292	$19,945,292
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$19,945,292	$19,945,292	$19,945,292
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Royalties and Rents	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Sales and Services	$2,259,344	$2,259,344	$2,259,344
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,259,344	$2,259,344	$2,259,344
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$111,831,406	$111,831,406	$111,831,406

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,111,563	$13,082,717	$12,613,005
State General Funds	$13,111,563	$13,082,717	$12,613,005
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$77,025,266	$77,025,266	$77,025,266
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$77,025,266	$77,025,266	$77,025,266
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,339,739	$22,339,739	$22,339,739
Intergovernmental Transfers	$19,945,292	$19,945,292	$19,945,292
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$19,945,292	$19,945,292	$19,945,292
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Royalties and Rents	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Sales and Services	$2,259,344	$2,259,344	$2,259,344
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,259,344	$2,259,344	$2,259,344
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$112,476,568	$112,447,722	$111,978,010

Departmental Administration (DOD) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration to the organized militia in the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,438,364	$1,438,364	$1,438,364
State General Funds	$1,438,364	$1,438,364	$1,438,364
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$982,494	$982,494	$982,494
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$982,494	$982,494	$982,494
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,420,858	$2,420,858	$2,420,858

115.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$38,754	$38,754	$24,222

115.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds	($5,096)	($5,096)

115.3 *Reduce funds for vacant positions.*

State General Funds	($4,273)

115.1000 Departmental Administration (DOD)			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration to the organized militia in the State of Georgia.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,477,118	$1,472,022	$1,453,217
State General Funds	$1,477,118	$1,472,022	$1,453,217
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$982,494	$982,494	$982,494
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$982,494	$982,494	$982,494
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,459,612	$2,454,516	$2,435,711

Military Readiness **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and maintain facilities for the training of Army National Guard, Air National Guard, and State Defense Force personnel, and to provide an organized militia that can be activated and deployed at the direction of the President or Governor for a man-made crisis or natural disaster.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,146,980	$6,146,980	$6,146,980
State General Funds	$6,146,980	$6,146,980	$6,146,980
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$63,495,500	$63,495,500	$63,495,500
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$63,495,500	$63,495,500	$63,495,500
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,335,861	$22,335,861	$22,335,861
Intergovernmental Transfers	$19,945,292	$19,945,292	$19,945,292
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$19,945,292	$19,945,292	$19,945,292
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Royalties and Rents	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Sales and Services	$2,255,466	$2,255,466	$2,255,466
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,255,466	$2,255,466	$2,255,466
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$91,978,341	$91,978,341	$91,978,341

116.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$531,791	$531,791	$332,370

116.2 *Increase funds for increased operations costs.*

State General Funds	$863,812	$863,812	$863,812

116.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds	($11,782)	($11,782)

116.1000 Military Readiness			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and maintain facilities for the training of Army National Guard, Air National Guard, and State Defense Force personnel, and to provide an organized militia that can be activated and deployed at the direction of the President or Governor for a man-made crisis or natural disaster.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,542,583	$7,530,801	$7,331,380
State General Funds	$7,542,583	$7,530,801	$7,331,380
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$63,495,500	$63,495,500	$63,495,500
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$63,495,500	$63,495,500	$63,495,500
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,335,861	$22,335,861	$22,335,861
Intergovernmental Transfers	$19,945,292	$19,945,292	$19,945,292
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$19,945,292	$19,945,292	$19,945,292
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Royalties and Rents	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Sales and Services	$2,255,466	$2,255,466	$2,255,466
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,255,466	$2,255,466	$2,255,466
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$93,373,944	$93,362,162	$93,162,741

Youth Educational Services			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational and vocational opportunities to at-risk youth through Youth Challenge Academies and Starbase programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,881,057	$4,881,057	$4,881,057
State General Funds	$4,881,057	$4,881,057	$4,881,057
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,547,272	$12,547,272	$12,547,272
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,547,272	$12,547,272	$12,547,272
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878
Sales and Services	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$17,432,207	$17,432,207	$17,432,207

117.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$249,748	$249,748	$156,093

117.2 *Reduce funds for the state funds match to reflect a loss of federal funding from lower graduation targets.*

State General Funds	($1,038,943)	($1,038,943)	($1,038,943)

117.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($11,968)	($11,968)

117.4 *Reduce funds for vacant positions.*

State General Funds			($157,831)

117.1000 Youth Educational Services			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational and vocational opportunities to at-risk youth through Youth Challenge Academies and Starbase programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,091,862	$4,079,894	$3,828,408
State General Funds	$4,091,862	$4,079,894	$3,828,408
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,547,272	$12,547,272	$12,547,272
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,547,272	$12,547,272	$12,547,272
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878
Sales and Services	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$16,643,012	$16,631,044	$16,379,558

Section 21: Driver Services, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$86,415,442	$86,415,442	$86,415,442
State General Funds	$86,415,442	$86,415,442	$86,415,442
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121
Sales and Services	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$89,259,563	$89,259,563	$89,259,563

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$93,157,197	$92,880,742	$90,711,288
State General Funds	$93,157,197	$92,880,742	$90,711,288
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121
Sales and Services	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$96,001,318	$95,724,863	$93,555,409

Departmental Administration (DDS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is for administration of license issuance, motor vehicle registration, and commercial truck compliance.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,851,981	$10,851,981	$10,851,981
State General Funds	$10,851,981	$10,851,981	$10,851,981
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857
Sales and Services	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,352,838	$11,352,838	$11,352,838

118.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$114,109	$114,109	$71,319

118.2 *Increase funds to comply with federal Commercial Driver's License (CDL) mandates regarding national registry notifications.*

State General Funds	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000

118.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($29,475)	($29,475)

118.1000 Departmental Administration (DDS) **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is for administration of license issuance, motor vehicle registration, and commercial truck compliance.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,116,090	$11,086,615	$11,043,825
State General Funds	$11,116,090	$11,086,615	$11,043,825
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857
Sales and Services	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,616,947	$11,587,472	$11,544,682

License Issuance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to issue and renew drivers' licenses, maintain driver records, operate Customer Service Centers, provide online access to services, provide motorcycle safety instruction, produce driver manuals, and investigate driver's license fraud.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$74,559,504	$74,559,504	$74,559,504
State General Funds	$74,559,504	$74,559,504	$74,559,504
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835
Sales and Services	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$76,387,339	$76,387,339	$76,387,339

119.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$1,746,083	$1,746,083	$1,091,302

119.2 *Utilize existing funds ($635,437) previously appropriated for Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) fees and increase funds to meet an increase in card production volume.*

State General Funds	$1,337,959	$1,337,959	$1,337,959

119.3 *Increase funds for armed guard services for new and higher-traffic locations.*

State General Funds	$150,426	$150,426	$150,426

119.4 *Increase funds for rent at the Conyers, Fayetteville, Marietta, Kennesaw, Lawrenceville, Macon, Decatur, Locust Grove, and Toccoa Customer Service Centers.*

State General Funds	$139,865	$139,865	$139,865

119.5 *Increase funds for Georgia Technology Authority (GTA) security services and additional staffing infrastructure.*

State General Funds	$185,437	$185,437	$185,437

119.6 *Increase funds for maintenance and support of the Driver Record and Integrated Vehicle Enterprise System (DRIVES) for cloud migration.*

State General Funds	$428,499	$428,499	$428,499

119.7 *Increase funds for personnel due to decreased turnover.*

State General Funds	$2,461,388	$2,461,388	$1,000,000

119.8 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($243,080)	($243,080)

119.1000 License Issuance **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to issue and renew drivers' licenses, maintain driver records, operate Customer Service Centers, provide online access to services, provide motorcycle safety instruction, produce driver manuals, and investigate driver's license fraud.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$81,009,161	$80,766,081	$78,649,912
State General Funds	$81,009,161	$80,766,081	$78,649,912
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835
Sales and Services	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$82,836,996	$82,593,916	$80,477,747

Regulatory Compliance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate driver safety and education programs for both novice, problem drivers, and commercial drivers by approving driver education curricula and auditing third-party driver education providers for compliance with state laws and regulations; to certify ignition interlock device providers; and to monitor the status of all commercial driver license convictions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,003,957	$1,003,957	$1,003,957
State General Funds	$1,003,957	$1,003,957	$1,003,957
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429
Sales and Services	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,519,386	$1,519,386	$1,519,386

120.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$27,989	$27,989	$17,494

120.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($3,900)	($3,900)

120.1000 Regulatory Compliance **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate driver safety and education programs for both novice, problem drivers, and commercial drivers by approving driver education curricula and auditing third-party driver education providers for compliance with state laws and regulations; to certify ignition interlock device providers; and to monitor the status of all commercial driver license convictions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,031,946	$1,028,046	$1,017,551
State General Funds	$1,031,946	$1,028,046	$1,017,551
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429
Sales and Services	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,547,375	$1,543,475	$1,532,980

Section 22: Early Care and Learning, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$640,395,675	$640,395,675	$640,395,675
State General Funds	$77,355,059	$77,355,059	$77,355,059
Lottery Proceeds	$563,040,616	$563,040,616	$563,040,616
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$607,659,885	$607,659,885	$607,659,885
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$170,175,000	$170,175,000	$170,175,000
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$344,735,865	$344,735,865	$344,735,865
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,248,105,560	$1,248,105,560	$1,248,105,560

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$659,219,354	$659,213,592	$652,154,714
State General Funds	$78,804,028	$78,798,266	$78,254,904
Lottery Proceeds	$580,415,326	$580,415,326	$573,899,810
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$607,659,885	$607,659,885	$607,659,885
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$170,175,000	$170,175,000	$170,175,000
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$344,735,865	$344,735,865	$344,735,865
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,266,929,239	$1,266,923,477	$1,259,864,599

Child Care Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate, license, and train child care providers; to support the infant and toddler and afterschool networks; and to provide inclusion services for children with disabilities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$77,355,059	$77,355,059	$77,355,059
State General Funds	$77,355,059	$77,355,059	$77,355,059
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$380,291,147	$380,291,147	$380,291,147
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$287,542,127	$287,542,127	$287,542,127
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$457,646,206	$457,646,206	$457,646,206

121.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$1,255,199	$1,255,199	$784,500

121.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($5,762)	($5,762)

121.1000 Child Care Services **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate, license, and train child care providers; to support the infant and toddler and afterschool networks; and to provide inclusion services for children with disabilities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$78,610,258	$78,604,496	$78,133,797
State General Funds	$78,610,258	$78,604,496	$78,133,797
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$380,291,147	$380,291,147	$380,291,147
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$287,542,127	$287,542,127	$287,542,127
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$458,901,405	$458,895,643	$458,424,944

Nutrition Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that USDA-compliant meals are served to eligible children and adults in day care settings and to eligible youth during the summer.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000

122.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$127,027	$127,027	$79,392

122.1000 Nutrition Services **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that USDA-compliant meals are served to eligible children and adults in day care settings and to eligible youth during the summer.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$127,027	$127,027	$79,392
State General Funds	$127,027	$127,027	$79,392
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$170,127,027	$170,127,027	$170,079,392

Pre-Kindergarten Program **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding, training, technical assistance, and oversight of Pre-Kindergarten programs operated by public and private providers throughout the state and to improve the quality of early learning and increase school readiness for Georgia's four-year-olds.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$563,040,616	$563,040,616	$563,040,616
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$563,040,616	$563,040,616	$563,040,616
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$563,215,616	$563,215,616	$563,215,616

123.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

Lottery Proceeds	$150,710	$150,710	$94,194

123.2 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 for formula earned teachers and assistant teachers. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 for formula earned teachers and assistant teachers)*

Lottery Proceeds	$17,224,000	$17,224,000	$10,765,000

123.1000 Pre-Kindergarten Program			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding, training, technical assistance, and oversight of Pre-Kindergarten programs operated by public and private providers throughout the state and to improve the quality of early learning and increase school readiness for Georgia's four-year-olds.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$580,415,326	$580,415,326	$573,899,810
Lottery Proceeds	$580,415,326	$580,415,326	$573,899,810
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$580,590,326	$580,590,326	$574,074,810

Quality Initiatives			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to implement innovative strategies and programs that focus on improving the quality of and access to early education, child care, and nutrition for Georgia's children and families.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$57,193,738	$57,193,738	$57,193,738
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$57,193,738	$57,193,738	$57,193,738
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$57,243,738	$57,243,738	$57,243,738

124.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$66,743	$66,743	$41,715

124.1000 Quality Initiatives			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to implement innovative strategies and programs that focus on improving the quality of and access to early education, child care, and nutrition for Georgia's children and families.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$66,743	$66,743	$41,715
State General Funds	$66,743	$66,743	$41,715
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$57,193,738	$57,193,738	$57,193,738
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$57,193,738	$57,193,738	$57,193,738
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$57,310,481	$57,310,481	$57,285,453

Section 23: Economic Development, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$38,416,004	$38,416,004	$38,416,004
State General Funds	$38,416,004	$38,416,004	$38,416,004
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$926,190	$926,190	$926,190
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$926,190	$926,190	$926,190
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,342,194	$39,342,194	$39,342,194

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$51,864,025	$52,265,096	$48,038,342
State General Funds	$51,864,025	$52,265,096	$48,038,342
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$926,190	$926,190	$926,190
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$926,190	$926,190	$926,190
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$52,790,215	$53,191,286	$48,964,532

Departmental Administration (DEcD) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to influence, affect, and enhance economic development in Georgia and provide information to people and companies to promote the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,883,113	$5,883,113	$5,883,113
State General Funds	$5,883,113	$5,883,113	$5,883,113
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,883,113	$5,883,113	$5,883,113

125.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$49,519	$49,519	$30,950

125.2 *Increase funds to promote Georgia tourism, update agency marketing materials, and enhance recruiting efforts.*

State General Funds	$3,000,000	$3,000,000	$0

125.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($17,528)	($17,528)

125.4 *Increase funds for entrepreneurial support for small businesses.*

State General Funds		$100,000	$0

125.1000 Departmental Administration (DEcD)			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to influence, affect, and enhance economic development in Georgia and provide information to people and companies to promote the state.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,932,632	$9,015,104	$5,896,535
State General Funds	$8,932,632	$9,015,104	$5,896,535
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,932,632	$9,015,104	$5,896,535

Film, Video, and Music			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to increase industry awareness of Georgia business opportunities, financial incentives, infrastructure resources, and natural resources in order to attract film, video, music, and electronic gaming industry projects and businesses to the state.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,168,059	$1,168,059	$1,168,059
State General Funds	$1,168,059	$1,168,059	$1,168,059
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,168,059	$1,168,059	$1,168,059

126.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$12,918	$12,918	$8,074

126.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($4,064)	($4,064)

126.1000 Film, Video, and Music			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to increase industry awareness of Georgia business opportunities, financial incentives, infrastructure resources, and natural resources in order to attract film, video, music, and electronic gaming industry projects and businesses to the state.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,180,977	$1,176,913	$1,172,069
State General Funds	$1,180,977	$1,176,913	$1,172,069
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,180,977	$1,176,913	$1,172,069

Arts, Georgia Council for the			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for Council operations and maintain the Georgia State Art Collection and Capitol Galleries.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$610,794	$610,794	$610,794
State General Funds	$610,794	$610,794	$610,794
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$610,794	$610,794	$610,794

127.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds		$15,071	$9,420

127.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds	($2,406)	($2,406)

127.1000 Arts, Georgia Council for the			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for Council operations and maintain the Georgia State Art Collection and Capitol Galleries.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$610,794	$623,459	$617,808
State General Funds	$610,794	$623,459	$617,808
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$610,794	$623,459	$617,808

Georgia Council for the Arts - Special Project **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to increase arts participation and support throughout the state with grants for non-profit arts and cultural organizations through Partner Grants, Project Grants, Education Grants and the 'Grassroots' arts program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$976,356	$976,356	$976,356
State General Funds	$976,356	$976,356	$976,356
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$659,400	$659,400	$659,400
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$659,400	$659,400	$659,400
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,635,756	$1,635,756	$1,635,756

128.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (H and S:NO; Reflect in Georgia Council for the Arts program)*

State General Funds	$15,071	$0	$0

128.2 *Increase funds for one-time increase for community art grants.*

State General Funds		$250,250	$1,250,250

128.1000 Georgia Council for the Arts - Special Project			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to increase arts participation and support throughout the state with grants for non-profit arts and cultural organizations through Partner Grants, Project Grants, Education Grants and the 'Grassroots' arts program.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$991,427	$1,226,606	$2,226,606
State General Funds	$991,427	$1,226,606	$2,226,606
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$659,400	$659,400	$659,400
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$659,400	$659,400	$659,400
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,650,827	$1,886,006	$2,886,006

Global Commerce **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote Georgia as a state that is appealing to businesses along with being competitive in the international trade market; recruit, retain, and expand businesses in Georgia through a network of statewide and regional project managers, foreign and domestic marketing, and participation in Georgia Allies; and help develop international markets for Georgia products and attract international companies to the state through business

and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing international technical and educational assistance to businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,298,921	$11,298,921	$11,298,921
State General Funds	$11,298,921	$11,298,921	$11,298,921
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,298,921	$11,298,921	$11,298,921

129.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$92,579	$92,579	$57,862

129.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($29,125)	($29,125)

129.1000 Global Commerce **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote Georgia as a state that is appealing to businesses along with being competitive in the international trade market; recruit, retain, and expand businesses in Georgia through a network of statewide and regional project managers, foreign and domestic marketing, and participation in Georgia Allies; and help develop international markets for Georgia products and attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing international technical and educational assistance to businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,391,500	$11,362,375	$11,327,658
State General Funds	$11,391,500	$11,362,375	$11,327,658
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,391,500	$11,362,375	$11,327,658

Innovation and Technology **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to market and promote strategic industries to existing and potential Georgia businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,758,197	$2,758,197	$2,758,197
State General Funds	$2,758,197	$2,758,197	$2,758,197
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,758,197	$2,758,197	$2,758,197

130.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$27,989	$27,989	$17,494

130.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($7,218)	($7,218)

130.1000 Innovation and Technology			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to market and promote strategic industries to existing and potential Georgia businesses.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,786,186	$2,778,968	$2,768,473
State General Funds	$2,786,186	$2,778,968	$2,768,473
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,786,186	$2,778,968	$2,768,473

International Relations and Trade			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to develop international markets for Georgia products and to attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing technical and educational assistance to businesses.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,879,577	$2,879,577	$2,879,577
State General Funds	$2,879,577	$2,879,577	$2,879,577
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$266,790	$266,790	$266,790
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$266,790	$266,790	$266,790
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,146,367	$3,146,367	$3,146,367

131.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$21,530	$21,530	$13,457

131.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($5,804)	($5,804)

131.1000 International Relations and Trade			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to develop international markets for Georgia products and to attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing technical and educational assistance to businesses.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,901,107	$2,895,303	$2,887,230
State General Funds	$2,901,107	$2,895,303	$2,887,230
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$266,790	$266,790	$266,790
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$266,790	$266,790	$266,790
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,167,897	$3,162,093	$3,154,020

Rural Development			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to promote rural economic development opportunities and to recruit, retain and expand businesses in rural communities.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

Small and Minority Business Development **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist entrepreneurs and small and minority businesses by providing technical assistance on planning, advocacy, business needs, and identifying potential markets and suppliers; and to provide assistance to local communities in growing small businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,080,487	$1,080,487	$1,080,487
State General Funds	$1,080,487	$1,080,487	$1,080,487
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,080,487	$1,080,487	$1,080,487

133.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$15,071	$15,071	$9,420

133.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($3,882)	($3,882)

133.1000 Small and Minority Business Development **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist entrepreneurs and small and minority businesses by providing technical assistance on planning, advocacy, business needs, and identifying potential markets and suppliers; and to provide assistance to local communities in growing small businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,095,558	$1,091,676	$1,086,025
State General Funds	$1,095,558	$1,091,676	$1,086,025
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,095,558	$1,091,676	$1,086,025

Tourism **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide information to visitors about tourism opportunities throughout the state, operate and maintain state welcome centers, fund the Georgia Historical Society and Georgia Humanities Council, and work with communities to develop and market tourism products in order to attract more tourism to the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,760,500	$11,760,500	$11,760,500
State General Funds	$11,760,500	$11,760,500	$11,760,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,760,500	$11,760,500	$11,760,500

134.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$103,344	$103,344	$64,590

134.2 *Increase funds for Georgia Humanities Council to support America250 Anniversary initiatives.*

State General Funds	$110,000	$250,250	$250,250

134.3 *Increase funds for the Georgia World Congress Center Authority for infrastructure and security costs related to the 2028 Super Bowl. (S:Increase funds for the Georgia World Congress Center Authority for infrastructure and security costs related to the 2028 Super Bowl which occurs in 23 months)*

State General Funds	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$5,000,000

134.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($19,402)	($19,402)

134.5 *Increase funds to promote Georgia tourism.*

State General Funds			$3,000,000

134.1000 Tourism			**Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide information to visitors about tourism opportunities throughout the state, operate and maintain state welcome centers, fund the Georgia Historical Society and Georgia Humanities Council, and work with communities to develop and market tourism products in order to attract more tourism to the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,973,844	$22,094,692	$20,055,938
State General Funds	$21,973,844	$22,094,692	$20,055,938
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,973,844	$22,094,692	$20,055,938

Section 24: Education, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,701,947,205	$13,701,947,205	$13,701,947,205
State General Funds	$13,701,947,205	$13,701,947,205	$13,701,947,205
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,457,954,507	$2,457,954,507	$2,457,954,507
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,457,842,006	$2,457,842,006	$2,457,842,006
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$112,501	$112,501	$112,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$47,783,992	$47,783,992	$47,783,992
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300
Intergovernmental Transfers	$21,489,500	$21,489,500	$21,489,500
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$21,489,500	$21,489,500	$21,489,500
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$643,082	$643,082	$643,082
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$643,082	$643,082	$643,082
Sales and Services	$25,248,110	$25,248,110	$25,248,110
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,248,110	$25,248,110	$25,248,110
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$16,207,685,704	$16,207,685,704	$16,207,685,704

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,164,793,971	$14,164,244,029	$14,025,301,406
State General Funds	$13,792,596,650	$13,792,046,708	$13,653,104,085
Revenue Shortfall Reserve for K-12 Needs	$372,197,321	$372,197,321	$372,197,321

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,457,954,507	$2,457,954,507	$2,457,954,507
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,457,842,006	$2,457,842,006	$2,457,842,006
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$112,501	$112,501	$112,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$47,783,992	$47,783,992	$47,783,992
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300
Intergovernmental Transfers	$21,489,500	$21,489,500	$21,489,500
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$21,489,500	$21,489,500	$21,489,500
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$643,082	$643,082	$643,082
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$643,082	$643,082	$643,082
Sales and Services	$25,248,110	$25,248,110	$25,248,110
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,248,110	$25,248,110	$25,248,110
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$16,670,532,470	$16,669,982,528	$16,531,039,905

Agricultural Education **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems with developing and funding agricultural education programs, and to provide afterschool and summer educational and leadership opportunities for students.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,262,584	$16,262,584	$16,262,584
State General Funds	$16,262,584	$16,262,584	$16,262,584
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$461,806	$461,806	$461,806
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$461,806	$461,806	$461,806
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,305,500	$1,305,500	$1,305,500
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,305,500	$1,305,500	$1,305,500
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,305,500	$1,305,500	$1,305,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,029,890	$18,029,890	$18,029,890

135.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$25,836	$25,836	$16,148

135.2 *Eliminate funds for camp-affiliated staff. (See HB68 (2025 Legislative Session) intent language considered nonbinding by the Governor)*

State General Funds	($268,157)	($268,157)	($268,157)

135.3 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 for area teachers and young farmers. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 for area teachers and young farmers)*

State General Funds	$172,465	$172,465	$107,791

135.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($4,280)	($4,280)

135.1000 Agricultural Education			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems with developing and funding agricultural education programs, and to provide afterschool and summer educational and leadership opportunities for students.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,192,728	$16,188,448	$16,114,086
State General Funds	$16,192,728	$16,188,448	$16,114,086
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$461,806	$461,806	$461,806
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$461,806	$461,806	$461,806
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,305,500	$1,305,500	$1,305,500
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,305,500	$1,305,500	$1,305,500
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,305,500	$1,305,500	$1,305,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$17,960,034	$17,955,754	$17,881,392

Business and Finance Administration		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for business, finance, facilities, and pupil transportation.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,323,145	$8,323,145	$8,323,145
State General Funds	$8,323,145	$8,323,145	$8,323,145
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,100,020	$3,100,020	$3,100,020
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,100,020	$3,100,020	$3,100,020
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$21,851,693	$21,851,693	$21,851,693
Intergovernmental Transfers	$20,000,000	$20,000,000	$20,000,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$20,000,000	$20,000,000	$20,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$608,082	$608,082	$608,082
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$608,082	$608,082	$608,082
Sales and Services	$1,243,611	$1,243,611	$1,243,611
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,243,611	$1,243,611	$1,243,611
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$33,274,858	$33,274,858	$33,274,858

136.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$139,945	$139,945	$87,466

136.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($31,307)	($31,307)

136.3 *Increase funds for facilities.*

State General Funds		$1,150,000	$100,000

136.1000 Business and Finance Administration	**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for business, finance, facilities, and pupil transportation.	

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,463,090	$9,581,783	$8,479,304
State General Funds	$8,463,090	$9,581,783	$8,479,304
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,100,020	$3,100,020	$3,100,020
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,100,020	$3,100,020	$3,100,020
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$21,851,693	$21,851,693	$21,851,693
Intergovernmental Transfers	$20,000,000	$20,000,000	$20,000,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$20,000,000	$20,000,000	$20,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$608,082	$608,082	$608,082
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$608,082	$608,082	$608,082
Sales and Services	$1,243,611	$1,243,611	$1,243,611
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,243,611	$1,243,611	$1,243,611
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$33,414,803	$34,533,496	$33,431,017

Central Office **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the State Board of Education, Departmental programs, and local school systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,243,123	$5,243,123	$5,243,123
State General Funds	$5,243,123	$5,243,123	$5,243,123
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$54,207,947	$54,207,947	$54,207,947
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$54,207,947	$54,207,947	$54,207,947
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$537,000	$537,000	$537,000
Sales and Services	$537,000	$537,000	$537,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$537,000	$537,000	$537,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$59,988,070	$59,988,070	$59,988,070

137.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$249,748	$249,748	$156,093

137.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($13,453)	($13,453)

137.1000 Central Office **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the State Board of Education, Departmental programs, and local school systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,492,871	$5,479,418	$5,385,763
State General Funds	$5,492,871	$5,479,418	$5,385,763
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$54,207,947	$54,207,947	$54,207,947
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$54,207,947	$54,207,947	$54,207,947
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$537,000	$537,000	$537,000
Sales and Services	$537,000	$537,000	$537,000

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$537,000	$537,000	$537,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$60,237,818	$60,224,365	$60,130,710

Charter Schools **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize charter systems and completion schools, and to provide funds for competitive grants for planning, implementation, facilities, and operations of charter systems and locally authorized charter schools.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,711,471	$7,711,471	$7,711,471
State General Funds	$7,711,471	$7,711,471	$7,711,471
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,711,471	$7,711,471	$7,711,471

138.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$2,153	$2,153	$1,346

138.2 *Reduce funds for grants to reflect the count of eligible locally authorized charter schools based on school opening dates.*

State General Funds	($500,000)	($500,000)	($500,000)

138.3 *Increase funds for one-time funding for a completion schools planning grant for Southern Rivers Completion High School to support the opening of up to six locations.*

State General Funds	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$500,000

138.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($996)	($996)

138.1000 Charter Schools **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize charter systems and completion schools, and to provide funds for competitive grants for planning, implementation, facilities, and operations of charter systems and locally authorized charter schools.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,213,624	$8,212,628	$7,711,821
State General Funds	$8,213,624	$8,212,628	$7,711,821
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,213,624	$8,212,628	$7,711,821

Communities in Schools **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support Performance Learning Centers and maintain a network of local affiliate organizations across the state, and to partner with other state and national organizations to support student success in school and beyond.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,940,100	$1,940,100	$1,940,100
State General Funds	$1,940,100	$1,940,100	$1,940,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,940,100	$1,940,100	$1,940,100

139.1000 Communities in Schools			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support Performance Learning Centers and maintain a network of local affiliate organizations across the state, and to partner with other state and national organizations to support student success in school and beyond.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,940,100	$1,940,100	$1,940,100
State General Funds	$1,940,100	$1,940,100	$1,940,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,940,100	$1,940,100	$1,940,100

Curriculum Development		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to develop a statewide, standards-based curriculum to guide instruction and assessment, and to provide training and instructional resources to teachers for implementing this curriculum.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,836,755	$11,836,755	$11,836,755
State General Funds	$11,836,755	$11,836,755	$11,836,755
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,513,979	$7,513,979	$7,513,979
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$7,513,979	$7,513,979	$7,513,979
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,400,734	$19,400,734	$19,400,734

140.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$94,732	$94,732	$59,208

140.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($16,082)	($16,082)

140.3 *Increase funds for college preparatory exams based on increased utilization.*

State General Funds		$1,381,361	$1,381,361

140.1000 Curriculum Development			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to develop a statewide, standards-based curriculum to guide instruction and assessment, and to provide training and instructional resources to teachers for implementing this curriculum.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,931,487	$13,296,766	$13,261,242
State General Funds	$11,931,487	$13,296,766	$13,261,242
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,513,979	$7,513,979	$7,513,979
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$7,513,979	$7,513,979	$7,513,979
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,495,466	$20,860,745	$20,825,221

Federal Programs **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate federally funded programs and allocate federal funds to school systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,280,135,111	$1,280,135,111	$1,280,135,111
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,280,135,111	$1,280,135,111	$1,280,135,111
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,280,135,111	$1,280,135,111	$1,280,135,111

141.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$180,852	$180,852	$113,033

141.1000 Federal Programs **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate federally funded programs and allocate federal funds to school systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$180,852	$180,852	$113,033
State General Funds	$180,852	$180,852	$113,033
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,280,135,111	$1,280,135,111	$1,280,135,111
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,280,135,111	$1,280,135,111	$1,280,135,111
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,280,315,963	$1,280,315,963	$1,280,248,144

Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS), which provides services, education, and resources for students ages three to twenty-one with autism or severe emotional behavioral problems and their families.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$47,692,687	$47,692,687	$47,692,687
State General Funds	$47,692,687	$47,692,687	$47,692,687
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,160,000	$7,160,000	$7,160,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$7,160,000	$7,160,000	$7,160,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$54,852,687	$54,852,687	$54,852,687

142.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$2,153	$2,153	$1,346

142.2 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 for formula earned certified educators and administrative staff. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 for formula earned certified educators and administrative staff)*

State General Funds	$2,074,893	$2,074,893	$1,296,809

142.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($760)	($760)

142.1000 Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS) **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS), which provides services, education, and resources for students ages three to twenty-one with autism or severe emotional behavioral problems and their families.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$49,769,733	$49,768,973	$48,990,082
State General Funds	$49,769,733	$49,768,973	$48,990,082
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,160,000	$7,160,000	$7,160,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$7,160,000	$7,160,000	$7,160,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$56,929,733	$56,928,973	$56,150,082

Georgia Virtual School **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the accessibility and breadth of course offerings so that Georgia students can recover credits, access supplementary resources, enhance their studies, or earn additional credits in a manner not involving on-site interaction with a teacher.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,079,735	$3,079,735	$3,079,735
State General Funds	$3,079,735	$3,079,735	$3,079,735
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$9,319,806	$9,319,806	$9,319,806
Sales and Services	$9,319,806	$9,319,806	$9,319,806
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$9,319,806	$9,319,806	$9,319,806
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,399,541	$12,399,541	$12,399,541

143.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$131,333	$131,333	$82,084

143.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($13,677)	($13,677)

143.1000 Georgia Virtual School **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the accessibility and breadth of course offerings so that Georgia students can recover credits, access supplementary resources, enhance their studies, or earn additional credits in a manner not involving on-site interaction with a teacher.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,211,068	$3,197,391	$3,148,142
State General Funds	$3,211,068	$3,197,391	$3,148,142

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$9,319,806	$9,319,806	$9,319,806
Sales and Services	$9,319,806	$9,319,806	$9,319,806
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$9,319,806	$9,319,806	$9,319,806
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,530,874	$12,517,197	$12,467,948

Information Technology Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to manage enterprise technology for the department, provide internet access to local school systems, support data collection and reporting needs, and support technology programs that assist local school systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$22,683,485	$22,683,485	$22,683,485
State General Funds	$22,683,485	$22,683,485	$22,683,485
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,676,565	$1,676,565	$1,676,565
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,676,565	$1,676,565	$1,676,565
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,360,050	$24,360,050	$24,360,050

144.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$142,098	$142,098	$88,812

144.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($50,276)	($50,276)

144.1000 Information Technology Services **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to manage enterprise technology for the department, provide internet access to local school systems, support data collection and reporting needs, and support technology programs that assist local school systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$22,825,583	$22,775,307	$22,722,021
State General Funds	$22,825,583	$22,775,307	$22,722,021
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,676,565	$1,676,565	$1,676,565
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,676,565	$1,676,565	$1,676,565
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,502,148	$24,451,872	$24,398,586

Literacy Coach Initiative **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for RESA-based literacy coaches to support the Georgia Council on Literacy's literacy coaching initiative.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,480,000	$18,480,000	$18,480,000
State General Funds	$18,480,000	$18,480,000	$18,480,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,480,000	$18,480,000	$18,480,000

145.1000 Literacy Coach Initiative			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for RESA-based literacy coaches to support the Georgia Council on Literacy's literacy coaching initiative.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,480,000	$18,480,000	$18,480,000
State General Funds	$18,480,000	$18,480,000	$18,480,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,480,000	$18,480,000	$18,480,000

Non Quality Basic Education Formula Grants **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund specific initiatives including: children in residential education facilities and sparsity grants.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$35,385,807	$35,385,807	$35,385,807
State General Funds	$35,385,807	$35,385,807	$35,385,807
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$35,385,807	$35,385,807	$35,385,807

146.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$2,153	$2,153	$1,346

146.2 *Increase funds for sparsity to reflect accurate count of eligible schools.*

State General Funds	$557,245	$557,245	$557,245

146.3 *Reduce formula funds to reflect a data correction for Residential Treatment Facilities.*

State General Funds	($35,200)	($35,200)	($35,200)

146.4 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 for custodians. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 for custodians)*

State General Funds	$19,581,535	$19,581,535	$12,238,460

146.5 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($528)	($528)

146.1000 Non Quality Basic Education Formula Grants			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund specific initiatives including: children in residential education facilities and sparsity grants.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$55,491,540	$55,491,012	$48,147,130
State General Funds	$55,491,540	$55,491,012	$48,147,130
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$55,491,540	$55,491,012	$48,147,130

Nutrition **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide leadership, training, technical assistance, and resources, so local program personnel can deliver meals that support nutritional well-being and performance at school and comply with federal standards.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,680,252	$39,680,252	$39,680,252
State General Funds	$39,680,252	$39,680,252	$39,680,252
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,028,297,007	$1,028,297,007	$1,028,297,007
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,028,297,007	$1,028,297,007	$1,028,297,007
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,068,161,259	$1,068,161,259	$1,068,161,259

147.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$133,486	$133,486	$83,429

147.2 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 for nutrition workers. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 for nutrition workers)*

State General Funds	$28,613,370	$28,613,370	$17,883,357

147.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($1,833)	($1,833)

147.1000 Nutrition **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide leadership, training, technical assistance, and resources, so local program personnel can deliver meals that support nutritional well-being and performance at school and comply with federal standards.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$68,427,108	$68,425,275	$57,645,205
State General Funds	$68,427,108	$68,425,275	$57,645,205
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,028,297,007	$1,028,297,007	$1,028,297,007
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,028,297,007	$1,028,297,007	$1,028,297,007
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,096,908,115	$1,096,906,282	$1,086,126,212

Preschool Disabilities Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide early educational services to three- and four-year-old students with disabilities so that they enter school better prepared to succeed.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$61,471,592	$61,471,592	$61,471,592
State General Funds	$61,471,592	$61,471,592	$61,471,592
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$61,471,592	$61,471,592	$61,471,592

148.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 for formula earned certified educators. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 for formula earned certified educators)*

State General Funds	$2,098,108	$2,098,108	$1,311,318

148.1000 Preschool Disabilities Services **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide early educational services to three- and four-year-old students with disabilities so that they enter school better prepared to succeed.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$63,569,700	$63,569,700	$62,782,910
State General Funds	$63,569,700	$63,569,700	$62,782,910
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$63,569,700	$63,569,700	$62,782,910

Pupil Transportation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems in their efforts to provide safe and efficient transportation for students to and from school and school related activities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$364,145,902	$364,145,902	$364,145,902
State General Funds	$364,145,902	$364,145,902	$364,145,902
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$364,145,902	$364,145,902	$364,145,902

149.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 for bus drivers. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 for bus drivers)*

State General Funds	$24,307,370	$24,307,370	$15,192,107

149.1000 Pupil Transportation **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems in their efforts to provide safe and efficient transportation for students to and from school and school related activities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$388,453,272	$388,453,272	$379,338,009
State General Funds	$388,453,272	$388,453,272	$379,338,009
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$388,453,272	$388,453,272	$379,338,009

Quality Basic Education Equalization **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide additional financial assistance to local school systems ranking below the statewide average of per pupil tax wealth as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-165.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$909,708,064	$909,708,064	$909,708,064
State General Funds	$909,708,064	$909,708,064	$909,708,064
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$909,708,064	$909,708,064	$909,708,064

150.1000 Quality Basic Education Equalization			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide additional financial assistance to local school systems ranking below the statewide average of per pupil tax wealth as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-165.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$909,708,064	$909,708,064	$909,708,064
State General Funds	$909,708,064	$909,708,064	$909,708,064
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$909,708,064	$909,708,064	$909,708,064

Quality Basic Education Local Five Mill Share			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this program is to recognize the required local portion of the Quality Basic Education program as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-164.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	($2,868,165,769)	($2,868,165,769)	($2,868,165,769)
State General Funds	($2,868,165,769)	($2,868,165,769)	($2,868,165,769)
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	($2,868,165,769)	($2,868,165,769)	($2,868,165,769)

151.1 *Adjust funds for the Local Five Mill Share for four new State Commission Charter Schools.*			
State General Funds	($2,365,230)	($1,916,073)	($2,648,024)

151.1000 Quality Basic Education Local Five Mill Share			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this program is to recognize the required local portion of the Quality Basic Education program as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-164.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	($2,870,530,999)	($2,870,081,842)	($2,870,813,793)
State General Funds	($2,870,530,999)	($2,870,081,842)	($2,870,813,793)
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	($2,870,530,999)	($2,870,081,842)	($2,870,813,793)

Quality Basic Education Program			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide formula funds to school systems based on full time equivalent students for the instruction of students in grades K-12 as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-161.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,693,944,090	$14,693,944,090	$14,693,944,090
State General Funds	$14,693,944,090	$14,693,944,090	$14,693,944,090
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,693,944,090	$14,693,944,090	$14,693,944,090

152.1 *Increase formula funds for a midterm adjustment based on enrollment growth.*			
State General Funds	$43,468,888	$43,876,076	$43,876,076

152.2 *Increase funds for the Special Needs Scholarship based on enrollment growth.*			
State General Funds	$14,479,551	$16,084,424	$14,479,551

152.3 *Increase formula funds for the State Commission Charter School supplement for a total supplement of $292,144,723. (S:Increase formula funds for the State Commission Charter School supplement for a total supplement of $292,372,267)*

State General Funds	$26,864,376	$27,091,920	$27,091,920

152.4 *Increase formula funds for a midterm adjustment to the charter system grant.*

State General Funds	$44,952	$57,601	$60,958

152.5 *Increase formula funds for a midterm adjustment to the local charter school grant. (S:Reduce formula funds for a midterm adjustment to the local charter school grant)*

State General Funds	$58,834	$58,834	($6,989)

152.6 *Increase formula funds for a midterm adjustment to the State Commission Charter School supplement for training and experience.*

State General Funds	$3,858,206	$3,858,206	$3,858,206

152.7 *Increase formula funds for the Completion Special Schools Supplement.*

State General Funds	$1,627,924	$1,716,013	$1,627,915

152.8 *Increase funds for the employer share of TRS for non-certified school management positions pursuant to O.C.G.A. 47-3-63.*

State General Funds	$1,400,000	$1,400,000	$1,411,571

152.9 *Increase funds to reflect corrected data for certified SHBP enrollee count.*

State General Funds	$248,820	$248,820	$248,820

152.10 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 for formula earned certified educators and administrative staff. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 for formula earned certified educators and administrative staff)*

State General Funds	$286,593,177	$286,593,177	$179,120,736

152.11 *Replace funds.*

State General Funds	($372,197,321)	($372,197,321)	($372,197,321)
Revenue Shortfall Reserve for K-12 Needs	$372,197,321	$372,197,321	$372,197,321
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0

152.1000 Quality Basic Education Program **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide formula funds to school systems based on full time equivalent students for the instruction of students in grades K-12 as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-161.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,072,588,818	$15,074,929,161	$14,965,712,854
State General Funds	$14,700,391,497	$14,702,731,840	$14,593,515,533
Revenue Shortfall Reserve for K-12 Needs	$372,197,321	$372,197,321	$372,197,321
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,072,588,818	$15,074,929,161	$14,965,712,854

Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia's sixteen Regional Education Service Agencies with funds to assist local school systems with improving the effectiveness of their educational programs by providing curriculum consultation, skill enhancement, professional development, technology training, and other shared services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,497,495	$16,497,495	$16,497,495
State General Funds	$16,497,495	$16,497,495	$16,497,495
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$16,497,495	$16,497,495	$16,497,495

153.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$2,153	$2,153	$1,346

153.2 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 for formula earned certified educators and administrative staff. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 for formula earned certified educators and administrative staff)*

State General Funds	$389,568	$389,568	$243,480

153.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($776)	($776)

153.1000 Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs) **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia's sixteen Regional Education Service Agencies with funds to assist local school systems with improving the effectiveness of their educational programs by providing curriculum consultation, skill enhancement, professional development, technology training, and other shared services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,889,216	$16,888,440	$16,741,545
State General Funds	$16,889,216	$16,888,440	$16,741,545
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$16,889,216	$16,888,440	$16,741,545

School Improvement **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide research, technical assistance, resources, teacher professional learning, and leadership training for low-performing schools and local educational agencies to help them design and implement school improvement strategies to improve graduation rates and overall student achievement.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,894,216	$10,894,216	$10,894,216
State General Funds	$10,894,216	$10,894,216	$10,894,216
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,025,627	$5,025,627	$5,025,627
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,025,627	$5,025,627	$5,025,627
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,919,843	$15,919,843	$15,919,843

154.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$144,251	$144,251	$90,157

154.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($34,611)	($34,611)

154.1000 School Improvement **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide research, technical assistance, resources, teacher professional learning, and leadership training for low-performing schools and local educational agencies to help them design and implement school improvement strategies to improve graduation rates and overall student achievement.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,038,467	$11,003,856	$10,949,762
State General Funds	$11,038,467	$11,003,856	$10,949,762
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,025,627	$5,025,627	$5,025,627
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,025,627	$5,025,627	$5,025,627
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$16,064,094	$16,029,483	$15,975,389

School Nurse **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for school nurses who provide health procedures for students at school.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$42,993,857	$42,993,857	$42,993,857
State General Funds	$42,993,857	$42,993,857	$42,993,857
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$42,993,857	$42,993,857	$42,993,857

155.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 for school nurses. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 for school nurses)*

State General Funds	$3,154,018	$3,154,018	$1,971,262

155.1000 School Nurse **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for school nurses who provide health procedures for students at school.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$46,147,875	$46,147,875	$44,965,119
State General Funds	$46,147,875	$46,147,875	$44,965,119
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$46,147,875	$46,147,875	$44,965,119

School Security Grants **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to local school systems to support school security needs and to provide for student mental health support.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$116,018,875	$116,018,875	$116,018,875
State General Funds	$116,018,875	$116,018,875	$116,018,875
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$116,018,875	$116,018,875	$116,018,875

156.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$2,153	$2,153	$1,346

156.2 *Reduce funds based on projected expenditures for student advocacy specialist grants.*

State General Funds		($6,157,248)	($6,157,248)

156.3 *Increase funds for one-time funding for an emergency response system pilot program. (S:Increase funds for one-time funding for an emergency response system pilot program at five schools)*

State General Funds		$550,000	$550,000

156.1000 School Security Grants **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to local school systems to support school security needs and to provide for student mental health support.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$116,021,028	$110,413,780	$110,412,973
State General Funds	$116,021,028	$110,413,780	$110,412,973
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$116,021,028	$110,413,780	$110,412,973

State Charter School Commission Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to focus on the development and support of charter schools in order to better meet the growing and diverse needs of students in this state and to further ensure that state and local charter schools of the highest academic quality are approved and supported throughout the state in an efficient manner.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$618,351	$618,351	$618,351
State General Funds	$618,351	$618,351	$618,351
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,952,839	$8,952,839	$8,952,839
Sales and Services	$8,952,839	$8,952,839	$8,952,839
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,952,839	$8,952,839	$8,952,839
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,571,190	$9,571,190	$9,571,190

157.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$38,754	$38,754	$24,222

157.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($937)	($937)

157.1000 State Charter School Commission Administration			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to focus on the development and support of charter schools in order to better meet the growing and diverse needs of students in this state and to further ensure that state and local charter schools of the highest academic quality are approved and supported throughout the state in an efficient manner.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$657,105	$656,168	$641,636
State General Funds	$657,105	$656,168	$641,636
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,952,839	$8,952,839	$8,952,839
Sales and Services	$8,952,839	$8,952,839	$8,952,839
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,952,839	$8,952,839	$8,952,839
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,609,944	$9,609,007	$9,594,475

State Schools			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare sensory-impaired and multi-disabled students to become productive citizens by providing a learning environment addressing their academic, vocational, and social development.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,091,861	$39,091,861	$39,091,861
State General Funds	$39,091,861	$39,091,861	$39,091,861
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,146,556	$1,146,556	$1,146,556
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,034,055	$1,034,055	$1,034,055
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$112,501	$112,501	$112,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,111,904	$1,111,904	$1,111,904
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
Sales and Services	$673,604	$673,604	$673,604
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$673,604	$673,604	$673,604
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$41,350,321	$41,350,321	$41,350,321

158.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*			
State General Funds	$585,616	$585,616	$366,010
158.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*			
State General Funds		($120,712)	($120,712)

158.1000 State Schools			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare sensory-impaired and multi-disabled students to become productive citizens by providing a learning environment addressing their academic, vocational, and social development.			

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,677,477	$39,556,765	$39,337,159
State General Funds	$39,677,477	$39,556,765	$39,337,159
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,146,556	$1,146,556	$1,146,556
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,034,055	$1,034,055	$1,034,055
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$112,501	$112,501	$112,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,111,904	$1,111,904	$1,111,904
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
Sales and Services	$673,604	$673,604	$673,604
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$673,604	$673,604	$673,604
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$41,935,937	$41,815,225	$41,595,619

Student Support Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for additional school-based social workers above what is earned in the Quality Basic Education formula and for grants to providers of out-of-school care.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$49,741,982	$49,741,982	$49,741,982
State General Funds	$49,741,982	$49,741,982	$49,741,982
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$49,741,982	$49,741,982	$49,741,982

159.1 *Increase funds to fully fund grants for social work services.*

State General Funds	$1,378,375	$1,378,375	$1,378,375

159.2 *Increase funds for mental health support grants to reflect accurate count of middle and high schools.*

State General Funds	$1,300,000	$1,300,000	$1,300,000

159.3 *Increase funds for one-time funding for grants to districts to pilot programs that assist in maximizing reimbursement for mental health services.*

State General Funds	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000

159.4 *Increase funds for out-of-school care.*

State General Funds			$3,500,000

159.1000 Student Support Services **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for additional school-based social workers above what is earned in the Quality Basic Education formula and for grants to providers of out-of-school care.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$53,170,357	$53,170,357	$56,670,357
State General Funds	$53,170,357	$53,170,357	$56,670,357
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$53,170,357	$53,170,357	$56,670,357

Technology/Career Education		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to equip students with academic, vocational, technical, and leadership skills and to extend learning opportunities beyond the traditional school day and year.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,167,196	$26,167,196	$26,167,196
State General Funds	$26,167,196	$26,167,196	$26,167,196
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$51,180,613	$51,180,613	$51,180,613
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$51,180,613	$51,180,613	$51,180,613
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,471,250	$4,471,250	$4,471,250
Sales and Services	$4,471,250	$4,471,250	$4,471,250
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,471,250	$4,471,250	$4,471,250
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$81,819,059	$81,819,059	$81,819,059
160.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*			
State General Funds	$64,590	$64,590	$40,369
160.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*			
State General Funds		($8,080)	($8,080)
160.3 *Increase funds for one-time funding for youth leadership programming.*			
State General Funds		$50,000	$0
160.1000 Technology/Career Education			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to equip students with academic, vocational, technical, and leadership skills and to extend learning opportunities beyond the traditional school day and year.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,231,786	$26,273,706	$26,199,485
State General Funds	$26,231,786	$26,273,706	$26,199,485
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$51,180,613	$51,180,613	$51,180,613
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$51,180,613	$51,180,613	$51,180,613
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,471,250	$4,471,250	$4,471,250
Sales and Services	$4,471,250	$4,471,250	$4,471,250
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,471,250	$4,471,250	$4,471,250
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$81,883,649	$81,925,569	$81,851,348
Testing		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the statewide student assessment program and provide related testing instruments and training to local schools.			

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$19,048,403	$19,048,403	$19,048,403
State General Funds	$19,048,403	$19,048,403	$19,048,403
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$18,049,276	$18,049,276	$18,049,276
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$18,049,276	$18,049,276	$18,049,276
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$37,097,679	$37,097,679	$37,097,679

161.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$51,672	$51,672	$32,295

161.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($15,247)	($15,247)

161.1000 Testing **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the statewide student assessment program and provide related testing instruments and training to local schools.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$19,100,075	$19,084,828	$19,065,451
State General Funds	$19,100,075	$19,084,828	$19,065,451
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$18,049,276	$18,049,276	$18,049,276
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$18,049,276	$18,049,276	$18,049,276
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$37,149,351	$37,134,104	$37,114,727

Tuition for Multiple Disability Students **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to partially reimburse school systems for private residential placements when the school system is unable to provide an appropriate program for a multi-disabled student.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,451,946	$1,451,946	$1,451,946
State General Funds	$1,451,946	$1,451,946	$1,451,946
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,451,946	$1,451,946	$1,451,946

162.1000 Tuition for Multiple Disability Students **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to partially reimburse school systems for private residential placements when the school system is unable to provide an appropriate program for a multi-disabled student.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,451,946	$1,451,946	$1,451,946
State General Funds	$1,451,946	$1,451,946	$1,451,946
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,451,946	$1,451,946	$1,451,946

The formula calculation for Quality Basic Education funding assumes a base unit cost of $3,243.93. In addition, all local school system allotments for Quality Basic Education shall be made in accordance with funds appropriated by this Act.

Section 25: Employees' Retirement System of Georgia

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$80,436,844	$80,436,844	$80,436,844
State General Funds	$80,436,844	$80,436,844	$80,436,844
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536
Sales and Services	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$32,128,206	$32,128,206	$32,128,206
State Funds Transfers	$32,128,206	$32,128,206	$32,128,206
Retirement Payments	$32,128,206	$32,128,206	$32,128,206
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$117,855,586	$117,855,586	$117,855,586

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$77,610,154	$127,610,154	$177,610,154
State General Funds	$77,610,154	$127,610,154	$177,610,154
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536
Sales and Services	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$32,128,206	$32,128,206	$32,128,206
State Funds Transfers	$32,128,206	$32,128,206	$32,128,206
Retirement Payments	$32,128,206	$32,128,206	$32,128,206
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$115,028,896	$165,028,896	$215,028,896

Deferred Compensation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide excellent service to participants in the deferred compensation program for all employees of the state, giving them an effective supplement for their retirement planning.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536
Sales and Services	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536

163.1000 Deferred Compensation **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide excellent service to participants in the deferred compensation program for all employees of the state, giving them an effective supplement for their retirement planning.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536
Sales and Services	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536

Georgia Military Pension Fund **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirement allowances and other benefits for members of the Georgia National Guard.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,781,444	$2,781,444	$2,781,444
State General Funds	$2,781,444	$2,781,444	$2,781,444
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,781,444	$2,781,444	$2,781,444

164.1 *Reduce funds for the actuarially determined employer contribution in accordance with the most recent actuarial report.*

State General Funds	($690)	($690)	($690)

164.1000 Georgia Military Pension Fund **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirement allowances and other benefits for members of the Georgia National Guard.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,780,754	$2,780,754	$2,780,754
State General Funds	$2,780,754	$2,780,754	$2,780,754
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,780,754	$2,780,754	$2,780,754

Public School Employees Retirement System **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to account for the receipt of retirement contributions, ensure sound investing of system funds, and provide timely and accurate payment of retirement benefits.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$40,895,000	$40,895,000	$40,895,000
State General Funds	$40,895,000	$40,895,000	$40,895,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,895,000	$40,895,000	$40,895,000

165.1 *Reduce funds for the actuarially determined employer contribution in accordance with the most recent actuarial report.*

State General Funds	($2,826,000)	($2,826,000)	($2,826,000)

165.1000 Public School Employees Retirement System **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to account for the receipt of retirement contributions, ensure sound investing of system funds, and provide timely and accurate payment of retirement benefits.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$38,069,000	$38,069,000	$38,069,000
State General Funds	$38,069,000	$38,069,000	$38,069,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$38,069,000	$38,069,000	$38,069,000

System Administration (ERS)		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to collect employee and employer contributions, invest the accumulated funds, and disburse retirement benefits to members and beneficiaries.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$36,760,400	$36,760,400	$36,760,400
State General Funds	$36,760,400	$36,760,400	$36,760,400
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$32,128,206	$32,128,206	$32,128,206
State Funds Transfers	$32,128,206	$32,128,206	$32,128,206
Retirement Payments	$32,128,206	$32,128,206	$32,128,206
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$68,888,606	$68,888,606	$68,888,606

166.1 *Increase funds to strategically invest in increasing the funded ratio in order to improve long-term financial viability of the pension system and support state retirees.*

State General Funds		$50,000,000	$100,000,000

166.1000 System Administration (ERS)			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to collect employee and employer contributions, invest the accumulated funds, and disburse retirement benefits to members and beneficiaries.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$36,760,400	$86,760,400	$136,760,400
State General Funds	$36,760,400	$86,760,400	$136,760,400
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$32,128,206	$32,128,206	$32,128,206
State Funds Transfers	$32,128,206	$32,128,206	$32,128,206
Retirement Payments	$32,128,206	$32,128,206	$32,128,206
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$68,888,606	$118,888,606	$168,888,606

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution rate for the Employees' Retirement System shall not exceed 29.20% for New Plan employees and 24.45% for Old Plan employees. For the GSEPS employees, the employer contribution rate shall not exceed 25.51% for the pension portion of the benefit and 9.0% in employer match contributions for the 401(k) portion of the benefit. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution for Public School Employees' Retirement System shall not exceed $1,160.67 per member for State Fiscal Year 2026.

Section 26: Forestry Commission, State

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$54,010,299	$54,010,299	$54,010,299
State General Funds	$54,010,299	$54,010,299	$54,010,299
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$6,986,349	$6,986,349	$6,986,349
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,986,349	$6,986,349	$6,986,349
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,914,100	$8,914,100	$8,914,100
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,572,500	$2,572,500	$2,572,500
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,572,500	$2,572,500	$2,572,500

Royalties and Rents	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Sales and Services	$6,241,600	$6,241,600	$6,241,600
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,241,600	$6,241,600	$6,241,600
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087
State Funds Transfers	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087
Agency to Agency Contracts	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$70,473,835	$70,473,835	$70,473,835

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$66,309,087	$66,754,062	$64,325,347
State General Funds	$66,309,087	$66,754,062	$64,325,347
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$6,986,349	$6,986,349	$6,986,349
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,986,349	$6,986,349	$6,986,349
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,914,100	$8,914,100	$8,914,100
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,572,500	$2,572,500	$2,572,500
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,572,500	$2,572,500	$2,572,500
Royalties and Rents	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Sales and Services	$6,241,600	$6,241,600	$6,241,600
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,241,600	$6,241,600	$6,241,600
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087
State Funds Transfers	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087
Agency to Agency Contracts	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$82,772,623	$83,217,598	$80,788,883

Commission Administration (SFC) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer workforce needs, handle purchasing, accounts receivable and payable, meet information technology needs, and provide oversight that emphasizes customer values and process innovation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,171,601	$7,171,601	$7,171,601
State General Funds	$7,171,601	$7,171,601	$7,171,601
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$123,800	$123,800	$123,800
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$123,800	$123,800	$123,800
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780
Sales and Services	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,803,181	$7,803,181	$7,803,181

167.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$77,508	$77,508	$48,443

167.2 *Increase funds for grants to counties with more than 20,000 acres of state-owned land pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-14-1.*

State General Funds	$148,545	$148,545	$148,545

167.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($18,794)	($18,794)

167.4 *Increase funds to support leadership programming for agriculture, forestry, and veterinary medicine professionals.*

State General Funds		$100,000	$100,000

167.1000 Commission Administration (SFC) **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer workforce needs, handle purchasing, accounts receivable and payable, meet information technology needs, and provide oversight that emphasizes customer values and process innovation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,397,654	$7,478,860	$7,449,795
State General Funds	$7,397,654	$7,478,860	$7,449,795
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$123,800	$123,800	$123,800
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$123,800	$123,800	$123,800
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780
Sales and Services	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,029,234	$8,110,440	$8,081,375

Forest Management **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure the stewardship of forest lands; to collect and analyze state forestry inventory data; to administer federal forestry cost share assistance programs; to study forest health and invasive species control issues; to manage state-owned forests; to educate private forest landowners and timber harvesters about best management practices; to assist communities with management of forested greenspace; to promote and obtain conservation easements; to manage Georgia's Carbon Registry; to promote retention, investment, and/or expansion of new emerging and existing forest and forest biomass industries, and, during extreme fire danger, to provide logistical, overhead, and direct fire suppression assistance to the Forest Protection program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,682,080	$4,682,080	$4,682,080
State General Funds	$4,682,080	$4,682,080	$4,682,080
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,682,151	$3,682,151	$3,682,151
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,682,151	$3,682,151	$3,682,151
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$798,145	$798,145	$798,145

Intergovernmental Transfers	$187,000	$187,000	$187,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$187,000	$187,000	$187,000
Sales and Services	$611,145	$611,145	$611,145
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$611,145	$611,145	$611,145
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587
State Funds Transfers	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587
Agency to Agency Contracts	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,503,963	$9,503,963	$9,503,963

168.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$174,393	$174,393	$108,996

168.2 *Increase funds for the Georgia Forestry Innovation Initiative in partnership with Georgia Tech to support the timber industry's expansion into emerging markets through research, product testing, and private partnerships.*

State General Funds	$10,900,000	$10,900,000	$8,900,000

168.3 *Transfer funds for a duplicative county grant from the Forest Management program to the Forest Protection program to offset increased fire suppression costs.*

State General Funds	($60,000)	($60,000)	($60,000)

168.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($19,312)	($19,312)

168.1000 Forest Management **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure the stewardship of forest lands; to collect and analyze state forestry inventory data; to administer federal forestry cost share assistance programs; to study forest health and invasive species control issues; to manage state-owned forests; to educate private forest landowners and timber harvesters about best management practices; to assist communities with management of forested greenspace; to promote and obtain conservation easements; to manage Georgia's Carbon Registry; to promote retention, investment, and/or expansion of new emerging and existing forest and forest biomass industries, and, during extreme fire danger, to provide logistical, overhead, and direct fire suppression assistance to the Forest Protection program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,696,473	$15,677,161	$13,611,764
State General Funds	$15,696,473	$15,677,161	$13,611,764
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,682,151	$3,682,151	$3,682,151
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,682,151	$3,682,151	$3,682,151
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$798,145	$798,145	$798,145
Intergovernmental Transfers	$187,000	$187,000	$187,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$187,000	$187,000	$187,000
Sales and Services	$611,145	$611,145	$611,145
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$611,145	$611,145	$611,145
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587

State Funds Transfers	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587
Agency to Agency Contracts	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,518,356	$20,499,044	$18,433,647

Forest Protection **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an aggressive and efficient response and suppression of forest fires in the unincorporated areas of the State; to mitigate hazardous forest fuels; to issue burn permits, to provide statewide education in the prevention of wildfires; to perform wildfire arson investigations; to promote community wildland fire planning and protection through cooperative agreements with fire departments; to train and certify firefighters in wildland firefighting; to provide assistance and support to rural fire departments including selling wildland fire engines and tankers; and to support the Forest Management program during periods of low fire danger.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$41,181,198	$41,181,198	$41,181,198
State General Funds	$41,181,198	$41,181,198	$41,181,198
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,046,681	$3,046,681	$3,046,681
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,046,681	$3,046,681	$3,046,681
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,541,312	$6,541,312	$6,541,312
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,385,500	$2,385,500	$2,385,500
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,385,500	$2,385,500	$2,385,500
Royalties and Rents	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Sales and Services	$4,055,812	$4,055,812	$4,055,812
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,055,812	$4,055,812	$4,055,812
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000
State Funds Transfers	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$50,984,191	$50,984,191	$50,984,191

169.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$878,424	$878,424	$549,015

169.2 *Increase funds for the operation of a new helicopter purchased in FY2025.*

State General Funds	$107,000	$107,000	$107,000

169.3 *Transfer funds from the Forest Management program to the Forest Protection program and utilize existing funds ($1,010,738) to offset increased fire suppression costs resulting from increased maintenance costs and workload (Total Funds: $1,070,738).*

State General Funds	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000

169.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds	($149,212)	($149,212)

169.5 *Increase funds for on-call pay effective April 1, 2026.*

State General Funds	$532,293	$532,293

169.1000 Forest Protection **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an aggressive and efficient response and suppression of forest fires in the unincorporated areas of the State; to mitigate hazardous forest fuels; to issue burn permits, to provide statewide education in the prevention of wildfires; to perform wildfire arson investigations; to promote community wildland fire planning and protection through cooperative agreements with fire departments; to train and certify firefighters in wildland firefighting; to provide assistance and support to rural fire departments including selling wildland fire engines and tankers; and to support the Forest Management program during periods of low fire danger.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$42,226,622	$42,609,703	$42,280,294
State General Funds	$42,226,622	$42,609,703	$42,280,294
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,046,681	$3,046,681	$3,046,681
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,046,681	$3,046,681	$3,046,681
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,541,312	$6,541,312	$6,541,312
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,385,500	$2,385,500	$2,385,500
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,385,500	$2,385,500	$2,385,500
Royalties and Rents	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Sales and Services	$4,055,812	$4,055,812	$4,055,812
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,055,812	$4,055,812	$4,055,812
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000
State Funds Transfers	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$52,029,615	$52,412,696	$52,083,287

Special Project - Forest Protection **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for overtime pay earned by firefighters while awaiting reimbursements from the federal government or other states.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$975,420	$975,420	$975,420
State General Funds	$975,420	$975,420	$975,420
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$975,420	$975,420	$975,420

170.1000 Special Project - Forest Protection			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for overtime pay earned by firefighters while awaiting reimbursements from the federal government or other states.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$975,420	$975,420	$975,420
State General Funds	$975,420	$975,420	$975,420
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$975,420	$975,420	$975,420

Tree Seedling Nursery **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to produce an adequate quantity of high quality forest tree seedlings for sale at reasonable cost to Georgia landowners.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$133,717	$133,717	$133,717
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$133,717	$133,717	$133,717
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863
Sales and Services	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500
State Funds Transfers	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500
Agency to Agency Contracts	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,207,080	$1,207,080	$1,207,080

171.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$12,918	$12,918	$8,074

171.1000 Tree Seedling Nursery			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to produce an adequate quantity of high quality forest tree seedlings for sale at reasonable cost to Georgia landowners.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,918	$12,918	$8,074
State General Funds	$12,918	$12,918	$8,074
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$133,717	$133,717	$133,717
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$133,717	$133,717	$133,717
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863
Sales and Services	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500
State Funds Transfers	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500
Agency to Agency Contracts	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,219,998	$1,219,998	$1,215,154

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	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$63,573,254	$63,573,254	$63,573,254
State General Funds	$63,573,254	$63,573,254	$63,573,254
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$31,454,912	$31,454,912	$31,454,912
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$30,294,182	$30,294,182	$30,294,182
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$1,160,730	$1,160,730	$1,160,730
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$817,856	$817,856	$817,856
Sales and Services	$817,856	$817,856	$817,856
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$817,856	$817,856	$817,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$95,846,022	$95,846,022	$95,846,022
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$93,154,021	$92,844,556	$72,946,573
State General Funds	$93,154,021	$92,844,556	$72,946,573
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$31,454,912	$31,454,912	$31,454,912
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$30,294,182	$30,294,182	$30,294,182
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$1,160,730	$1,160,730	$1,160,730
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$817,856	$817,856	$817,856
Sales and Services	$817,856	$817,856	$817,856
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$817,856	$817,856	$817,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$125,426,789	$125,117,324	$105,219,341

Governor's Emergency Fund **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide emergency funds to draw on when disasters create extraordinary demands on government.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,062,041	$11,062,041	$11,062,041
State General Funds	$11,062,041	$11,062,041	$11,062,041
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,062,041	$11,062,041	$11,062,041

172.1 *Increase funds to meet projected need.*

State General Funds	$3,500,000	$3,500,000	$3,500,000

172.1000 Governor's Emergency Fund **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide emergency funds to draw on when disasters create extraordinary demands on government.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,562,041	$14,562,041	$14,562,041
State General Funds	$14,562,041	$14,562,041	$14,562,041
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,562,041	$14,562,041	$14,562,041

Governor's Office **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide numerous duties including, but not limited to: granting commissions, appointments and vacancies, maintaining order, and temporary transfer of institutions between departments or agencies. The Mansion allowance per O.C.G.A. 45-7-4 shall be $60,000.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,901,111	$6,901,111	$6,901,111
State General Funds	$6,901,111	$6,901,111	$6,901,111
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,901,111	$6,901,111	$6,901,111

173.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$60,284	$60,284	$37,678

173.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($58,146)	($58,146)

173.1000 Governor's Office **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide numerous duties including, but not limited to: granting commissions, appointments and vacancies, maintaining order, and temporary transfer of institutions between departments or agencies. The Mansion allowance per O.C.G.A. 45-7-4 shall be $60,000.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,961,395	$6,903,249	$6,880,643
State General Funds	$6,961,395	$6,903,249	$6,880,643
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,961,395	$6,903,249	$6,880,643

Planning and Budget, Governor's Office of **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve state government operations and services by leading and assisting in the evaluation, development, and implementation of budgets, plans, programs, and policies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,053,931	$9,053,931	$9,053,931
State General Funds	$9,053,931	$9,053,931	$9,053,931
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,053,931	$9,053,931	$9,053,931

174.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$96,885	$96,885	$60,554

174.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($25,657)	($25,657)

174.1000 Planning and Budget, Governor's Office of			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to improve state government operations and services by leading and assisting in the evaluation, development, and implementation of budgets, plans, programs, and policies.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,150,816	$9,125,159	$9,088,828
State General Funds	$9,150,816	$9,125,159	$9,088,828
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,150,816	$9,125,159	$9,088,828

Georgia Data Analytic Center **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to consolidate data and analytics from across state government to provide transparency and accountability to lawmakers, agencies, researchers, and the public.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,999,667	$1,999,667	$1,999,667
State General Funds	$1,999,667	$1,999,667	$1,999,667
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,999,667	$1,999,667	$1,999,667

175.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$8,612	$8,612	$5,383

175.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($3,732)	($3,732)

175.1000 Georgia Data Analytic Center			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to consolidate data and analytics from across state government to provide transparency and accountability to lawmakers, agencies, researchers, and the public.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,008,279	$2,004,547	$2,001,318
State General Funds	$2,008,279	$2,004,547	$2,001,318
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,008,279	$2,004,547	$2,001,318

Office of Health Strategy and Coordination **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to share healthcare information and coordinate policy between state agencies, healthcare providers, and the public; coordinate the state's healthcare system; and develop innovative approaches for lowering costs while improving access to quality healthcare.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,991,567	$1,991,567	$1,991,567
State General Funds	$1,991,567	$1,991,567	$1,991,567
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,991,567	$1,991,567	$1,991,567

176.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$4,306	$4,306	$2,692

176.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($1,895)	($1,895)

176.3 *Reduce funds.*

State General Funds		($500,250)	($1,459,927)

176.1000 Office of Health Strategy and Coordination **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to share healthcare information and coordinate policy between state agencies, healthcare providers, and the public; coordinate the state's healthcare system; and develop innovative approaches for lowering costs while improving access to quality healthcare.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,995,873	$1,493,728	$532,437
State General Funds	$1,995,873	$1,493,728	$532,437
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,995,873	$1,493,728	$532,437

Child Advocate, Office of the **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide independent oversight of persons, organizations, and agencies responsible for the protection and well-being of children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,475,882	$1,475,882	$1,475,882
State General Funds	$1,475,882	$1,475,882	$1,475,882
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,475,882	$1,475,882	$1,475,882

177.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$19,377	$19,377	$12,111

177.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($5,644)	($5,644)

177.1000 Child Advocate, Office of the **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide independent oversight of persons, organizations, and agencies responsible for the protection and well-being of children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,495,259	$1,489,615	$1,482,349
State General Funds	$1,495,259	$1,489,615	$1,482,349
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,495,259	$1,489,615	$1,482,349

Equal Opportunity, Georgia Commission on **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the Georgia Fair Employment Practices Act of 1978, as amended, and the Fair Housing Act, which makes it unlawful to discriminate against any individual.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,400,557	$1,400,557	$1,400,557
State General Funds	$1,400,557	$1,400,557	$1,400,557
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$441,000	$441,000	$441,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$441,000	$441,000	$441,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,841,557	$1,841,557	$1,841,557

178.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$36,601	$36,601	$22,876

178.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($5,379)	($5,379)

178.1000 Equal Opportunity, Georgia Commission on **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the Georgia Fair Employment Practices Act of 1978, as amended, and the Fair Housing Act, which makes it unlawful to discriminate against any individual.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,437,158	$1,431,779	$1,418,054
State General Funds	$1,437,158	$1,431,779	$1,418,054
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$441,000	$441,000	$441,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$441,000	$441,000	$441,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,878,158	$1,872,779	$1,859,054

Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, Georgia **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a disaster, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery program by coordinating federal, state, and other resources and supporting local governments to respond to major disasters and emergency events, and to coordinate state resources for the preparation and prevention of threats and acts of terrorism and to serve as the State's point of contact for the federal Department of Homeland Security.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,004,456	$5,004,456	$5,004,456
State General Funds	$5,004,456	$5,004,456	$5,004,456
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$29,703,182	$29,703,182	$29,703,182
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,703,182	$29,703,182	$29,703,182
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
Sales and Services	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$35,515,494	$35,515,494	$35,515,494

179.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$333,715	$333,715	$208,572

179.2 *Increase funds to meet federal matching requirements for emergency preparedness.*

State General Funds	$5,701,661	$5,701,661	$0

179.3 *Utilize existing funds ($5,000,000) and increase funds to facilitate the transition to Next Generation 911 emergency services. (S:Utilize existing BEAD allocation funds of up to $900,000,000, utilize existing state funds ($5,000,000) and increase funds to facilitate GIS mapping and Next Generation 911 preparedness)*

State General Funds	$9,973,667	$9,973,667	$5,000,000

179.4 *Transfer funds from the Department of Public Safety to the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency for the protection of communities through the Nonprofit Security Grant Program. (S:Transfer funds from the Department of Public Safety to the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency ($1,000,000) and increase funds for the protection of communities through the Nonprofit Security Grant Program)*

State General Funds	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$3,000,000

179.5 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($18,970)	($18,970)

179.6 *Increase funds for emergency services.*

State General Funds		$500,000	$500,000

179.7 *Increase funds for rural fire department support.*

State General Funds			$250,000

179.1000 Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, Georgia			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a disaster, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery program by coordinating federal, state, and other resources and supporting local governments to respond to major disasters and emergency events, and to coordinate state resources for the preparation and prevention of threats and acts of terrorism and to serve as the State's point of contact for the federal Department of Homeland Security.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$22,013,499	$22,494,529	$13,944,058
State General Funds	$22,013,499	$22,494,529	$13,944,058
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$29,703,182	$29,703,182	$29,703,182
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,703,182	$29,703,182	$29,703,182
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
Sales and Services	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$52,524,537	$53,005,567	$44,455,096

Office of the State Inspector General **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to foster and promote accountability and integrity in state government by investigating and preventing fraud, waste, and abuse.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,829,910	$1,829,910	$1,829,910
State General Funds	$1,829,910	$1,829,910	$1,829,910
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,829,910	$1,829,910	$1,829,910

180.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$25,836	$25,836	$16,148

180.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($7,052)	($7,052)

180.1000 Office of the State Inspector General **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to foster and promote accountability and integrity in state government by investigating and preventing fraud, waste, and abuse.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,855,746	$1,848,694	$1,839,006
State General Funds	$1,855,746	$1,848,694	$1,839,006
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,855,746	$1,848,694	$1,839,006

Professional Standards Commission, Georgia **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to direct the preparation of, certify, recognize, and recruit Georgia educators, and to enforce standards regarding educator professional preparation, performance, and ethics.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,952,136	$8,952,136	$8,952,136
State General Funds	$8,952,136	$8,952,136	$8,952,136
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,310,730	$1,310,730	$1,310,730
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$1,160,730	$1,160,730	$1,160,730
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
Sales and Services	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,272,866	$10,272,866	$10,272,866

181.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$157,169	$157,169	$98,231

181.2 *Reduce funds for personnel based on the actual start date of new positions.*

State General Funds	($49,775)	($49,775)	($56,290)

181.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($32,930)	($32,930)

181.1000 Professional Standards Commission, Georgia **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to direct the preparation of, certify, recognize, and recruit Georgia educators, and to enforce standards regarding educator professional preparation, performance, and ethics.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,059,530	$9,026,600	$8,961,147
State General Funds	$9,059,530	$9,026,600	$8,961,147
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,310,730	$1,310,730	$1,310,730
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$1,160,730	$1,160,730	$1,160,730
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
Sales and Services	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,380,260	$10,347,330	$10,281,877

Student Achievement, Governor's Office of **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support educational accountability, evaluation, and reporting efforts, establishment of standards on state assessments, the preparation and release of the state's education report card and scoreboard, and education research to inform policy and budget efforts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,352,825	$4,352,825	$4,352,825
State General Funds	$4,352,825	$4,352,825	$4,352,825
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,352,825	$4,352,825	$4,352,825

182.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$30,142	$30,142	$18,839

182.2 *Add funds for start-up costs and implementation of new responsibilities to support Top State for Talent initiatives including a Career Navigator system.*

State General Funds	$9,000,000	$9,000,000	$0

182.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($17,610)	($17,610)

182.1000 Student Achievement, Governor's Office of			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support educational accountability, evaluation, and reporting efforts, establishment of standards on state assessments, the preparation and release of the state's education report card and scoreboard, and education research to inform policy and budget efforts.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,382,967	$13,365,357	$4,354,054
State General Funds	$13,382,967	$13,365,357	$4,354,054
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,382,967	$13,365,357	$4,354,054

Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's Honors Program			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide gifted high school students a summer program of challenging and enriching educational opportunities not usually available during the regular school year.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,658,765	$1,658,765	$1,658,765
State General Funds	$1,658,765	$1,658,765	$1,658,765
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,658,765	$1,658,765	$1,658,765

183.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$6,459	$6,459	$4,037

183.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($1,359)	($1,359)

183.1000 Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's Honors Program			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide gifted high school students a summer program of challenging and enriching educational opportunities not usually available during the regular school year.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,665,224	$1,663,865	$1,661,443
State General Funds	$1,665,224	$1,663,865	$1,661,443
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,665,224	$1,663,865	$1,661,443

Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's School Leadership Academy			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide high-quality, selective, statewide leadership preparation and support designed to develop high-capacity school leaders across Georgia.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,615,233	$2,615,233	$2,615,233
State General Funds	$2,615,233	$2,615,233	$2,615,233
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,615,233	$2,615,233	$2,615,233

184.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$15,071	$15,071	$9,420

184.2 *Reduce funds for personnel to recognize three unfilled positions. (H:Reduce funds to reflect elimination of the Governor's School Leadership Academy effective April 1, 2026)(S:Reduce funds for personnel to recognize three unfilled positions)*

State General Funds	($314,719)	($445,071)	($314,719)

184.1000 Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's School Leadership Academy **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide high-quality, selective, statewide leadership preparation and support designed to develop high-capacity school leaders across Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,315,585	$2,185,233	$2,309,934
State General Funds	$2,315,585	$2,185,233	$2,309,934
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,315,585	$2,185,233	$2,309,934

Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Literacy Initiative Coordination **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for personnel and operations for the Georgia Council on Literacy and support the implementation of effective literacy methods, including competency-based research and training, literacy coach coordination, universal reading screeners for K through 3, and digital curriculum for Pre-K through 5.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,275,173	$5,275,173	$5,275,173
State General Funds	$5,275,173	$5,275,173	$5,275,173
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,275,173	$5,275,173	$5,275,173

185.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$4,306	$4,306	$2,692

185.2 *Reduce funds to reflect dyslexia screener savings. (S:Reduce funds to reflect universal screener savings)*

State General Funds	($282,688)	($282,688)	($297,438)

185.3 *Reduce funds for personnel to recognize one unfilled position.*

State General Funds	($46,142)	($46,142)	($92,188)

185.4 *Increase funds for one-time funding for America250 literacy initiatives. (S:YES; Utilize existing funds ($300,250) for one-time funding for America250 literacy initiatives)*

State General Funds	$300,000	$300,250	$0

185.5 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds	($739)	($739)

185.6 *Reduce funds to reflect research contract savings.*

State General Funds	($976,239)

185.1000 Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Literacy Initiative Coordination			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for personnel and operations for the Georgia Council on Literacy and support the implementation of effective literacy methods, including competency-based research and training, literacy coach coordination, universal reading screeners for K through 3, and digital curriculum for Pre-K through 5.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,250,649	$5,250,160	$3,911,261
State General Funds	$5,250,649	$5,250,160	$3,911,261
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,250,649	$5,250,160	$3,911,261

The Mansion allowance shall be $60,000.

Section 28: Human Services, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,059,937,900	$1,059,937,900	$1,059,937,900
State General Funds	$1,058,580,854	$1,058,580,854	$1,058,580,854
State Children's Trust Funds	$1,222,837	$1,222,837	$1,222,837
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$134,209	$134,209	$134,209
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,416,971,767	$1,416,971,767	$1,416,971,767
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$595,002,086	$595,002,086	$595,002,086
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$11,785,851	$11,785,851	$11,785,851
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$92,059,094	$92,059,094	$92,059,094
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$75,051,873	$75,051,873	$75,051,873
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$216,761,365	$216,761,365	$216,761,365
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$20,801,231	$20,801,231	$20,801,231
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$405,510,267	$405,510,267	$405,510,267
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$402,866,078	$402,866,078	$402,866,078
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	$2,644,189	$2,644,189	$2,644,189
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$26,579,193	$26,579,193	$26,579,193
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services	$25,079,193	$25,079,193	$25,079,193
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,079,193	$25,079,193	$25,079,193
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,531,932	$1,531,932	$1,531,932
State Funds Transfers	$804,906	$804,906	$804,906
Agency to Agency Contracts	$804,906	$804,906	$804,906

Agency Funds Transfers	$727,026	$727,026	$727,026
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$727,026	$727,026	$727,026
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,505,020,792	$2,505,020,792	$2,505,020,792

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,132,573,307	$1,188,568,665	$1,165,284,887
State General Funds	$1,131,216,261	$1,187,211,619	$1,163,927,841
State Children's Trust Funds	$1,222,837	$1,222,837	$1,222,837
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$134,209	$134,209	$134,209
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,437,711,524	$1,440,508,910	$1,440,554,729
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$612,921,009	$612,921,009	$612,921,009
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$11,785,851	$11,785,851	$11,785,851
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$94,879,928	$97,677,314	$97,723,133
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$75,051,873	$75,051,873	$75,051,873
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$216,761,365	$216,761,365	$216,761,365
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$20,801,231	$20,801,231	$20,801,231
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$405,510,267	$405,510,267	$405,510,267
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$402,866,078	$402,866,078	$402,866,078
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	$2,644,189	$2,644,189	$2,644,189
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$26,579,193	$26,579,193	$26,579,193
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services	$25,079,193	$25,079,193	$25,079,193
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,079,193	$25,079,193	$25,079,193
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,531,932	$1,531,932	$1,531,932
State Funds Transfers	$804,906	$804,906	$804,906
Agency to Agency Contracts	$804,906	$804,906	$804,906
Agency Funds Transfers	$727,026	$727,026	$727,026
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$727,026	$727,026	$727,026
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,598,395,956	$2,657,188,700	$2,633,950,741

Adoptions Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support and facilitate the safe permanent placement of children by prescreening families and providing support and financial services after adoption.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$45,396,313	$45,396,313	$45,396,313
State General Funds	$45,396,313	$45,396,313	$45,396,313
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$81,791,478	$81,791,478	$81,791,478
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$72,670,077	$72,670,077	$72,670,077
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$9,121,401	$9,121,401	$9,121,401

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$9,121,401	$9,121,401	$9,121,401
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$127,187,791	$127,187,791	$127,187,791

186.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$105,497	$105,497	$65,936

186.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($96,902)	($96,902)

186.1000 Adoptions Services			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support and facilitate the safe permanent placement of children by prescreening families and providing support and financial services after adoption.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$45,501,810	$45,404,908	$45,365,347
State General Funds	$45,501,810	$45,404,908	$45,365,347
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$81,791,478	$81,791,478	$81,791,478
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$72,670,077	$72,670,077	$72,670,077
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$9,121,401	$9,121,401	$9,121,401
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$9,121,401	$9,121,401	$9,121,401
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$127,293,288	$127,196,386	$127,156,825

Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to promote child abuse and neglect prevention programs and support child victims of abuse.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,277,622	$4,277,622	$4,277,622
State General Funds	$3,054,785	$3,054,785	$3,054,785
State Children's Trust Funds	$1,222,837	$1,222,837	$1,222,837
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,556,577	$7,556,577	$7,556,577
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$4,590,487	$4,590,487	$4,590,487
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$2,966,090	$2,966,090	$2,966,090
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$2,966,090	$2,966,090	$2,966,090
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,834,199	$11,834,199	$11,834,199

187.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$25,836	$25,836	$16,148

187.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($42,215)	($42,215)

187.1000 Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to promote child abuse and neglect prevention programs and support child victims of abuse.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,303,458	$4,261,243	$4,251,555
State General Funds	$3,080,621	$3,038,406	$3,028,718
State Children's Trust Funds	$1,222,837	$1,222,837	$1,222,837
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,556,577	$7,556,577	$7,556,577
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$4,590,487	$4,590,487	$4,590,487
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$2,966,090	$2,966,090	$2,966,090
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$2,966,090	$2,966,090	$2,966,090
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,860,035	$11,817,820	$11,808,132

Child Support Services		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to encourage and enforce the parental responsibility of paying financial support.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,390,191	$34,390,191	$34,390,191
State General Funds	$34,390,191	$34,390,191	$34,390,191
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$112,766,952	$112,766,952	$112,766,952
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$112,766,952	$112,766,952	$112,766,952
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000
Sales and Services	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760
State Funds Transfers	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760
Agency to Agency Contracts	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$150,952,903	$150,952,903	$150,952,903

188.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$2,336,005	$2,336,005	$1,460,004

188.2 *Increase funds to maintain software applications on the Georgia Technology Authority mainframe.*

State General Funds	$2,633,924	$2,633,924	$2,633,924
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$4,939,154	$4,939,154	$4,939,154
Total Public Funds:	$7,573,078	$7,573,078	$7,573,078

188.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($94,412)	($94,412)

188.1000 Child Support Services	**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to encourage and enforce the parental responsibility of paying financial support.	

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,360,120	$39,265,708	$38,389,707
State General Funds	$39,360,120	$39,265,708	$38,389,707
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$117,706,106	$117,706,106	$117,706,106
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$117,706,106	$117,706,106	$117,706,106
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000
Sales and Services	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760
State Funds Transfers	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760
Agency to Agency Contracts	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$160,861,986	$160,767,574	$159,891,573

Child Welfare Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate allegations of child abuse, abandonment, and neglect, and to provide services to protect the child and strengthen the family.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$246,970,227	$246,970,227	$246,970,227
State General Funds	$246,970,227	$246,970,227	$246,970,227
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$296,862,325	$296,862,325	$296,862,325
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$34,011,865	$34,011,865	$34,011,865
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$46,855,776	$46,855,776	$46,855,776
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$580,858	$580,858	$580,858
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$3,665,164	$3,665,164	$3,665,164
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$211,748,662	$211,748,662	$211,748,662
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$209,104,473	$209,104,473	$209,104,473
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	$2,644,189	$2,644,189	$2,644,189
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$159,146	$159,146	$159,146
State Funds Transfers	$159,146	$159,146	$159,146
Agency to Agency Contracts	$159,146	$159,146	$159,146
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$543,991,698	$543,991,698	$543,991,698

189.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$6,886,371	$6,886,371	$4,303,982

189.2 *Transfer funds for community action teams to deter child welfare involvement from the Out-of-Home Care program to the Child Welfare Services program to align budgets with expenditures.*

State General Funds	$371,500	$371,500	$371,500

189.3 *Reduce funds for a technology platform for community service referrals to reflect projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($50,000)	($50,000)	($50,000)

189.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($806,546)	($806,546)

189.1000 Child Welfare Services			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate allegations of child abuse, abandonment, and neglect, and to provide services to protect the child and strengthen the family.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$254,178,098	$253,371,552	$250,789,163
State General Funds	$254,178,098	$253,371,552	$250,789,163
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$296,862,325	$296,862,325	$296,862,325
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$34,011,865	$34,011,865	$34,011,865
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$46,855,776	$46,855,776	$46,855,776
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$580,858	$580,858	$580,858
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$3,665,164	$3,665,164	$3,665,164
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$211,748,662	$211,748,662	$211,748,662
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$209,104,473	$209,104,473	$209,104,473
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	$2,644,189	$2,644,189	$2,644,189
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$159,146	$159,146	$159,146
State Funds Transfers	$159,146	$159,146	$159,146
Agency to Agency Contracts	$159,146	$159,146	$159,146
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$551,199,569	$550,393,023	$547,810,634

Community Services		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services and activities through local agencies to assist low-income Georgians with employment, education, nutrition, and housing services.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,527,897	$11,527,897	$11,527,897
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$11,527,897	$11,527,897	$11,527,897
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,527,897	$11,527,897	$11,527,897

190.1000 Community Services			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services and activities through local agencies to assist low-income Georgians with employment, education, nutrition, and housing services.			
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,527,897	$11,527,897	$11,527,897

Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$11,527,897	$11,527,897	$11,527,897
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,527,897	$11,527,897	$11,527,897

Departmental Administration (DHS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration and support for the Divisions and Operating Office in meeting the needs of the people of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$62,135,630	$62,135,630	$62,135,630
State General Funds	$62,135,630	$62,135,630	$62,135,630
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$50,198,966	$50,198,966	$50,198,966
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$31,910,495	$31,910,495	$31,910,495
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$165,047	$165,047	$165,047
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$6,380,087	$6,380,087	$6,380,087
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$344,280	$344,280	$344,280
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$6,532,450	$6,532,450	$6,532,450
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$4,841,607	$4,841,607	$4,841,607
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$4,841,607	$4,841,607	$4,841,607
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$13,602,976	$13,602,976	$13,602,976
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services	$12,102,976	$12,102,976	$12,102,976
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$12,102,976	$12,102,976	$12,102,976
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$125,937,572	$125,937,572	$125,937,572

191.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$1,095,877	$1,095,877	$684,924

191.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($254,951)	($254,951)

191.1000 Departmental Administration (DHS) **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration and support for the Divisions and Operating Office in meeting the needs of the people of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$63,231,507	$62,976,556	$62,565,603
State General Funds	$63,231,507	$62,976,556	$62,565,603
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$50,198,966	$50,198,966	$50,198,966
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$31,910,495	$31,910,495	$31,910,495
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$165,047	$165,047	$165,047
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$6,380,087	$6,380,087	$6,380,087
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$344,280	$344,280	$344,280

Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$6,532,450	$6,532,450	$6,532,450
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$4,841,607	$4,841,607	$4,841,607
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$4,841,607	$4,841,607	$4,841,607
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$13,602,976	$13,602,976	$13,602,976
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services	$12,102,976	$12,102,976	$12,102,976
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$12,102,976	$12,102,976	$12,102,976
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$127,033,449	$126,778,498	$126,367,545

Elder Abuse Investigations and Prevention **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to prevent disabled adults and elder persons from abuse, exploitation and neglect, and investigate situations where it might have occurred.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$30,886,034	$30,886,034	$30,886,034
State General Funds	$30,886,034	$30,886,034	$30,886,034
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,689,877	$7,689,877	$7,689,877
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,719,817	$2,719,817	$2,719,817
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$4,970,060	$4,970,060	$4,970,060
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$38,575,911	$38,575,911	$38,575,911

192.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$632,982	$632,982	$395,614

192.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($142,818)	($142,818)

192.1000 Elder Abuse Investigations and Prevention **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to prevent disabled adults and elder persons from abuse, exploitation and neglect, and investigate situations where it might have occurred.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$31,519,016	$31,376,198	$31,138,830
State General Funds	$31,519,016	$31,376,198	$31,138,830
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,689,877	$7,689,877	$7,689,877
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,719,817	$2,719,817	$2,719,817
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$4,970,060	$4,970,060	$4,970,060
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,208,893	$39,066,075	$38,828,707

Elder Community Living Services		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgians who need nursing home level of care the option of remaining in their own communities.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$53,817,460	$53,817,460	$53,817,460
State General Funds	$53,817,460	$53,817,460	$53,817,460
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$58,947,806	$58,947,806	$58,947,806
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$46,556,799	$46,556,799	$46,556,799
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$12,141,007	$12,141,007	$12,141,007
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
State Funds Transfers	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$113,015,266	$113,015,266	$113,015,266

193.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$120,568	$120,568	$75,355

193.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($8,685)	($8,685)

193.1000 Elder Community Living Services			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgians who need nursing home level of care the option of remaining in their own communities.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$53,938,028	$53,929,343	$53,884,130
State General Funds	$53,938,028	$53,929,343	$53,884,130
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$58,947,806	$58,947,806	$58,947,806
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$46,556,799	$46,556,799	$46,556,799
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$12,141,007	$12,141,007	$12,141,007
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
State Funds Transfers	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$113,135,834	$113,127,149	$113,081,936

Energy Assistance		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist low-income households in meeting their immediate home energy needs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$72,852,525	$72,852,525	$72,852,525

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$72,852,525	$72,852,525	$72,852,525
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$72,852,525	$72,852,525	$72,852,525

194.1000 Energy Assistance **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist low-income households in meeting their immediate home energy needs.

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$72,852,525	$72,852,525	$72,852,525
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$72,852,525	$72,852,525	$72,852,525
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$72,852,525	$72,852,525	$72,852,525

Federal Eligibility Benefit Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to verify eligibility and provide support services for Medicaid, Food Stamp, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$162,674,638	$162,674,638	$162,674,638
State General Funds	$162,674,638	$162,674,638	$162,674,638
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$323,240,242	$323,240,242	$323,240,242
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$90,147,771	$90,147,771	$90,147,771
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$92,907	$92,907	$92,907
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$7,222,080	$7,222,080	$7,222,080
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$1,855,068	$1,855,068	$1,855,068
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$208,061,092	$208,061,092	$208,061,092
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$15,861,324	$15,861,324	$15,861,324
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$15,861,324	$15,861,324	$15,861,324
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$485,914,880	$485,914,880	$485,914,880

195.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$9,719,718	$9,719,718	$6,074,824

195.2 *Increase funds for Gateway system modifications to reduce the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) payment error rate and ensure federal compliance.*

State General Funds	$6,207,774	$6,207,774	$6,207,774
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,979,769	$12,979,769	$12,979,769
Total Public Funds:	$19,187,543	$19,187,543	$19,187,543

195.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($310,073)	($310,073)

195.1000 Federal Eligibility Benefit Services			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to verify eligibility and provide support services for Medicaid, Food Stamp, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$178,602,130	$178,292,057	$174,647,163
State General Funds	$178,602,130	$178,292,057	$174,647,163
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$336,220,011	$336,220,011	$336,220,011
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$103,127,540	$103,127,540	$103,127,540
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$92,907	$92,907	$92,907
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$7,222,080	$7,222,080	$7,222,080
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$1,855,068	$1,855,068	$1,855,068
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$208,061,092	$208,061,092	$208,061,092
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$15,861,324	$15,861,324	$15,861,324
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$15,861,324	$15,861,324	$15,861,324
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$514,822,141	$514,512,068	$510,867,174

Out-of-Home Care		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide safe and appropriate temporary homes for children removed from their families due to neglect, abuse, or abandonment.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$368,397,670	$368,397,670	$368,397,670
State General Funds	$368,397,670	$368,397,670	$368,397,670
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$126,610,511	$126,610,511	$126,610,511
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$147,131	$147,131	$147,131
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$31,087,327	$31,087,327	$31,087,327
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$95,376,053	$95,376,053	$95,376,053
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$95,376,053	$95,376,053	$95,376,053
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$495,008,181	$495,008,181	$495,008,181

196.1 *Increase funds for utilization growth and increased costs of care. (H and S:Increase funds for utilization growth and increased cost of care prioritizing reunification services, assessments, and specialized services for high-acuity youth)*

State General Funds	$41,543,336	$82,741,347	$83,416,146
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$2,820,834	$5,618,220	$5,664,039
Total Public Funds:	$44,364,170	$88,359,567	$89,080,185

196.2 *Transfer funds for community action teams to deter child welfare involvement from the Out-of-Home Care program to the Child Welfare Services program to align budgets with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($371,500)	($371,500)	($371,500)

196.1000 Out-of-Home Care			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide safe and appropriate temporary homes for children removed from their families due to neglect, abuse, or abandonment.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$409,569,506	$450,767,517	$451,442,316
State General Funds	$409,569,506	$450,767,517	$451,442,316
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$129,431,345	$132,228,731	$132,274,550
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$147,131	$147,131	$147,131
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$33,908,161	$36,705,547	$36,751,366
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$95,376,053	$95,376,053	$95,376,053
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$95,376,053	$95,376,053	$95,376,053
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$539,000,851	$582,996,248	$583,716,866

Out-of-School Care Services			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the provision of out-of-school services and draw down TANF maintenance of effort funds.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000

197.1000 Out-of-School Care Services			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the provision of out-of-school services and draw down TANF maintenance of effort funds.			
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000

Refugee Assistance			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide employment, health screening, medical, cash, and social services assistance to refugees.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$20,174,463	$20,174,463	$20,174,463
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$20,174,463	$20,174,463	$20,174,463
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,174,463	$20,174,463	$20,174,463

198.1000 Refugee Assistance			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide employment, health screening, medical, cash, and social services assistance to refugees.			
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$20,174,463	$20,174,463	$20,174,463
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$20,174,463	$20,174,463	$20,174,463
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,174,463	$20,174,463	$20,174,463

Residential Child Care Licensing			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health and safety of children who receive full-time care outside of their homes by licensing, monitoring, and inspecting residential care providers.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,569,435	$2,569,435	$2,569,435
State General Funds	$2,569,435	$2,569,435	$2,569,435
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$513,824	$513,824	$513,824
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$513,824	$513,824	$513,824
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,083,259	$3,083,259	$3,083,259

199.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$58,131	$58,131	$36,332

199.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($16,149)	($16,149)

199.1000 Residential Child Care Licensing			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health and safety of children who receive full-time care outside of their homes by licensing, monitoring, and inspecting residential care providers.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,627,566	$2,611,417	$2,589,618
State General Funds	$2,627,566	$2,611,417	$2,589,618
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$513,824	$513,824	$513,824
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$513,824	$513,824	$513,824
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,141,390	$3,125,241	$3,103,442

Support for Needy Families - Basic Assistance			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide cash assistance to needy families in compliance with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000
State General Funds	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,523,008	$36,523,008	$36,523,008

200.1000 Support for Needy Families - Basic Assistance **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide cash assistance to needy families in compliance with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000
State General Funds	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,523,008	$36,523,008	$36,523,008

Support for Needy Families - Work Assistance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist needy Georgian families in achieving self-sufficiency by obtaining and keeping employment as well as complying with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
State General Funds	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$20,377,236	$20,377,236	$20,377,236
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,735,114	$6,735,114	$6,735,114
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$13,642,122	$13,642,122	$13,642,122
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$13,642,122	$13,642,122	$13,642,122
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,477,236	$20,477,236	$20,477,236

201.1000 Support for Needy Families - Work Assistance **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist needy Georgian families in achieving self-sufficiency by obtaining and keeping employment as well as complying with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
State General Funds	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$20,377,236	$20,377,236	$20,377,236
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,735,114	$6,735,114	$6,735,114
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$13,642,122	$13,642,122	$13,642,122
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$13,642,122	$13,642,122	$13,642,122
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,477,236	$20,477,236	$20,477,236

Council On Aging **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist older individuals, at-risk adults, persons with disabilities, their families and caregivers in achieving safe, healthy, independent and self-reliant lives.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$466,562	$466,562	$466,562
State General Funds	$466,562	$466,562	$466,562
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$466,562	$466,562	$466,562

202.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$6,459	$6,459	$4,037

202.2 *Eliminate funds for personnel. (See HB68 (2025 Legislative Session) intent language considered nonbinding by the Governor)*

State General Funds	($56,379)	($56,379)	($56,379)

202.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($1,735)	($1,735)

202.1000 Council On Aging **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist older individuals, at-risk adults, persons with disabilities, their families and caregivers in achieving safe, healthy, independent and self-reliant lives.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$416,642	$414,907	$412,485
State General Funds	$416,642	$414,907	$412,485
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$416,642	$414,907	$412,485

Family Connection **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a statewide network of county collaboratives that work to improve conditions for children and families.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,359,889	$10,359,889	$10,359,889
State General Funds	$10,359,889	$10,359,889	$10,359,889
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,336,965	$1,336,965	$1,336,965
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$1,336,965	$1,336,965	$1,336,965
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,696,854	$11,696,854	$11,696,854

203.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$4,306	$4,306	$2,692

203.1000 Family Connection			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a statewide network of county collaboratives that work to improve conditions for children and families.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,364,195	$10,364,195	$10,362,581
State General Funds	$10,364,195	$10,364,195	$10,362,581
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,336,965	$1,336,965	$1,336,965
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$1,336,965	$1,336,965	$1,336,965
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,701,160	$11,701,160	$11,699,546

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Business Enterprise Program			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people who are blind in becoming successful contributors to the state's economy.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$335,520	$335,520	$335,520
State General Funds	$335,520	$335,520	$335,520
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,779,295	$2,779,295	$2,779,295
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,779,295	$2,779,295	$2,779,295
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,114,815	$3,114,815	$3,114,815

204.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$21,530	$21,530	$13,457

204.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($1,560)	($1,560)

204.1000 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Business Enterprise Program			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people who are blind in becoming successful contributors to the state's economy.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$357,050	$355,490	$347,417
State General Funds	$357,050	$355,490	$347,417
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,779,295	$2,779,295	$2,779,295
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,779,295	$2,779,295	$2,779,295
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,136,345	$3,134,785	$3,126,712

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Departmental Administration			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to help people with disabilities to become fully productive members of society by achieving independence and meaningful employment.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,587,333	$3,587,333	$3,587,333
State General Funds	$3,587,333	$3,587,333	$3,587,333
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$8,866,476	$8,866,476	$8,866,476

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$8,866,476	$8,866,476	$8,866,476
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597
Sales and Services	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,738,406	$12,738,406	$12,738,406

205.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$150,710	$150,710	$94,194

205.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($40,690)	($40,690)

205.1000 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Departmental Administration **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to help people with disabilities to become fully productive members of society by achieving independence and meaningful employment.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,738,043	$3,697,353	$3,640,837
State General Funds	$3,738,043	$3,697,353	$3,640,837
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$8,866,476	$8,866,476	$8,866,476
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$8,866,476	$8,866,476	$8,866,476
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597
Sales and Services	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,889,116	$12,848,426	$12,791,910

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Disability Adjudication Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to efficiently process applications for federal disability programs so that eligible Georgia citizens can obtain support.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$64,972,843	$64,972,843	$64,972,843
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$64,972,843	$64,972,843	$64,972,843
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$64,972,843	$64,972,843	$64,972,843

206.1000 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Disability Adjudication Services **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to efficiently process applications for federal disability programs so that eligible Georgia citizens can obtain support.

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$64,972,843	$64,972,843	$64,972,843

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$64,972,843	$64,972,843	$64,972,843
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$64,972,843	$64,972,843	$64,972,843

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Georgia Industries for the Blind **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to employ people who are blind in manufacturing and packaging facilities in Bainbridge and Griffin.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,810,758	$4,810,758	$4,810,758
Sales and Services	$4,810,758	$4,810,758	$4,810,758
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,810,758	$4,810,758	$4,810,758
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,810,758	$4,810,758	$4,810,758

207.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$77,508	$77,508	$48,443

207.1000 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Georgia Industries for the Blind **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to employ people who are blind in manufacturing and packaging facilities in Bainbridge and Griffin.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$77,508	$77,508	$48,443
State General Funds	$77,508	$77,508	$48,443
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,810,758	$4,810,758	$4,810,758
Sales and Services	$4,810,758	$4,810,758	$4,810,758
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,810,758	$4,810,758	$4,810,758
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,888,266	$4,888,266	$4,859,201

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Vocational Rehabilitation Program **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people with disabilities so that they may go to work.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$25,147,327	$25,147,327	$25,147,327
State General Funds	$25,147,327	$25,147,327	$25,147,327
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$95,952,501	$95,952,501	$95,952,501
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$95,952,501	$95,952,501	$95,952,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,480,862	$4,480,862	$4,480,862
Sales and Services	$4,480,862	$4,480,862	$4,480,862
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,480,862	$4,480,862	$4,480,862
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$727,026	$727,026	$727,026
Agency Funds Transfers	$727,026	$727,026	$727,026

Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$727,026	$727,026	$727,026
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$126,307,716	$126,307,716	$126,307,716

208.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$1,115,254	$1,115,254	$697,034

208.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($110,518)	($110,518)

208.3 *Increase funds to supply new and used durable medical equipment and assistive technology.*

State General Funds		$125,000	$225,000

208.1000 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Vocational Rehabilitation Program			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people with disabilities so that they may go to work.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,262,581	$26,277,063	$25,958,843
State General Funds	$26,262,581	$26,277,063	$25,958,843
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$95,952,501	$95,952,501	$95,952,501
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$95,952,501	$95,952,501	$95,952,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,480,862	$4,480,862	$4,480,862
Sales and Services	$4,480,862	$4,480,862	$4,480,862
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,480,862	$4,480,862	$4,480,862
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$727,026	$727,026	$727,026
Agency Funds Transfers	$727,026	$727,026	$727,026
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$727,026	$727,026	$727,026
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$127,422,970	$127,437,452	$127,119,232

Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds to the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission for the purposes of providing care, rehabilitative services, residential housing, health services, and social services to sexually exploited children.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,356,049	$8,356,049	$8,356,049
State General Funds	$8,221,840	$8,221,840	$8,221,840
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$134,209	$134,209	$134,209
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,356,049	$8,356,049	$8,356,049

209.1000 Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds to the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission for the purposes of providing care, rehabilitative services, residential housing, health services, and social services to sexually exploited children.			

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,356,049	$8,356,049	$8,356,049
State General Funds	$8,221,840	$8,221,840	$8,221,840
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$134,209	$134,209	$134,209
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,356,049	$8,356,049	$8,356,049

Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention - Special Project **Continuation Budget**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0

500.1 *Increase funds for an integrated child welfare reporting system. (S:YES; Reflect funds in Georgia Bureau of Investigation)*

State General Funds	$15,000,000	$0

500.999 ***SAC****: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund an integrated child welfare reporting system.*
House*: The purpose of this appropriation is to.....*

State General Funds	$0	$0

500.1000 Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention - Special Project **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund an integrated child welfare reporting system.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,000,000	$0
State General Funds	$15,000,000	$0
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,000,000	$0

Out-of-Home Care - Special Project **Continuation Budget**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0

501.1 *Increase funds to restore the cancelation of state office contracts for supportive services ($1,349,601) and implement funds to place foster youth closer to their biological families as directed in the FY2026 budget ($250,000). (S:Increase funds to restore the cancelation of state office contracts for supportive services ($674,400) and implement funds to place foster youth closer to their biological families as directed in the FY2026 budget ($250,000))*

State General Funds	$1,599,601	$924,800

501.999 ***SAC****: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide preventative and wrap-around services for children and youth in Out-of-Home care.*
House*: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide preventative and wrap-around services for children and youth in Out-of-Home care.*

State General Funds	$0	$0

501.1000 Out-of-Home Care - Special Project		**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide preventative and wrap-around services for children and youth in Out-of-Home care.		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,599,601	$924,800
State General Funds	$1,599,601	$924,800
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,599,601	$924,800

All Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefit payments are calculated utilizing a factor of 66.0% of the standards of need; such payments shall be made from the date of certification and not from the date of application; and the following maximum benefits and maximum standards of need shall apply:
For an assistance group of one, the standard of need is $235, and the maximum monthly amount is $155.
For an assistance group of two, the standard of need is $356, and the maximum monthly amount is $235.
For an assistance group of three, the standard of need is $424, and the maximum monthly amount is $280.
For an assistance group of four, the standard of need is $500, and the maximum monthly amount is $330.
For an assistance group of five, the standard of need is $573, and the maximum monthly amount is $378.
For an assistance group of six, the standard of need is $621, and the maximum monthly amount is $410.
For an assistance group of seven, the standard of need is $672, and the maximum monthly amount is $444.
For an assistance group of eight, the standard of need is $713, and the maximum monthly amount is $470.
For an assistance group of nine, the standard of need is $751, and the maximum monthly amount is $496.
For an assistance group of ten, the standard of need is $804, and the maximum monthly amount is $530.
For an assistance group of eleven, the standard of need is $860, and the maximum monthly amount is $568.
Provided, the Department of Human Services is authorized to make supplemental payments on these maximum monthly amounts up to the amount that is equal to the minimum hourly wage for clients who are enrolled in subsidized work experience and subsidized employment.

Section 29: Insurance, Office of the Commissioner of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$172,606,128	$172,606,128	$172,606,128
State General Funds	$172,606,128	$172,606,128	$172,606,128
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,016,575,819	$1,016,575,819	$1,016,575,819
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,016,575,819	$1,016,575,819	$1,016,575,819
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$242,619,928	$242,619,928	$242,619,928
Intergovernmental Transfers	$617,205	$617,205	$617,205
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$617,205	$617,205	$617,205
Sales and Services	$242,002,723	$242,002,723	$242,002,723
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$242,002,723	$242,002,723	$242,002,723
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,293,817	$1,293,817	$1,293,817
State Funds Transfers	$1,293,817	$1,293,817	$1,293,817
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,293,817	$1,293,817	$1,293,817
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,433,095,692	$1,433,095,692	$1,433,095,692

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$144,913,401	$144,847,190	$144,665,532
State General Funds	$144,913,401	$144,847,190	$144,665,532
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,016,575,819	$1,016,575,819	$1,016,575,819
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,016,575,819	$1,016,575,819	$1,016,575,819
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$245,797,080	$245,797,080	$245,797,080
Intergovernmental Transfers	$617,205	$617,205	$617,205
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$617,205	$617,205	$617,205
Sales and Services	$245,179,875	$245,179,875	$245,179,875
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$245,179,875	$245,179,875	$245,179,875
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,293,817	$1,293,817	$1,293,817
State Funds Transfers	$1,293,817	$1,293,817	$1,293,817
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,293,817	$1,293,817	$1,293,817
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,408,580,117	$1,408,513,906	$1,408,332,248

Departmental Administration (COI) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to be responsible for protecting the rights of Georgia citizens in insurance and maintain a fire-safe environment.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,594,229	$2,594,229	$2,594,229
State General Funds	$2,594,229	$2,594,229	$2,594,229
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$49,600	$49,600	$49,600
Intergovernmental Transfers	$49,600	$49,600	$49,600
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$49,600	$49,600	$49,600
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,643,829	$2,643,829	$2,643,829

210.1 *Replace funds in recognition of increased appointment fees generated by the Insurance Regulation program.*

State General Funds	($2,594,229)	($2,594,229)	($2,594,229)
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,594,229	$2,594,229	$2,594,229
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0

210.1000 Departmental Administration (COI) **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to be responsible for protecting the rights of Georgia citizens in insurance and maintain a fire-safe environment.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,643,829	$2,643,829	$2,643,829
Intergovernmental Transfers	$49,600	$49,600	$49,600
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$49,600	$49,600	$49,600
Sales and Services	$2,594,229	$2,594,229	$2,594,229
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,594,229	$2,594,229	$2,594,229
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,643,829	$2,643,829	$2,643,829

Enforcement		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide legal advice and to initiate legal proceedings with regard to enforcement of specific provisions of state law relating to insurance, fire safety, and fraud.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$582,923	$582,923	$582,923
State General Funds	$582,923	$582,923	$582,923
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$582,923	$582,923	$582,923

211.1 *Replace funds in recognition of increased appointment fees generated by the Insurance Regulation program.*

State General Funds	($582,923)	($582,923)	($582,923)
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$582,923	$582,923	$582,923
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0

211.1000 Enforcement			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide legal advice and to initiate legal proceedings with regard to enforcement of specific provisions of state law relating to insurance, fire safety, and fraud.			
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$582,923	$582,923	$582,923
Sales and Services	$582,923	$582,923	$582,923
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$582,923	$582,923	$582,923
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$582,923	$582,923	$582,923

Fire Safety		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to promote fire safety awareness through education and training, and to protect the public from fire and limit the loss of life and property by setting the minimum fire safety standards in the state, enforcing and regulating fire safety rules for public buildings and manufactured housing, and regulating the storage, transportation, and handling of hazardous materials, and elevators, boilers and carnivals.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,129,615	$16,129,615	$16,129,615
State General Funds	$16,129,615	$16,129,615	$16,129,615
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$742,458	$742,458	$742,458
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$742,458	$742,458	$742,458
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,096,572	$3,096,572	$3,096,572
Sales and Services	$3,096,572	$3,096,572	$3,096,572
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,096,572	$3,096,572	$3,096,572
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,293,817	$1,293,817	$1,293,817
State Funds Transfers	$1,293,817	$1,293,817	$1,293,817
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,293,817	$1,293,817	$1,293,817
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,262,462	$21,262,462	$21,262,462

212.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$284,196	$284,196	$177,623

212.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($46,182)	($46,182)

212.1000 Fire Safety **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote fire safety awareness through education and training, and to protect the public from fire and limit the loss of life and property by setting the minimum fire safety standards in the state, enforcing and regulating fire safety rules for public buildings and manufactured housing, and regulating the storage, transportation, and handling of hazardous materials, and elevators, boilers and carnivals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,413,811	$16,367,629	$16,261,056
State General Funds	$16,413,811	$16,367,629	$16,261,056
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$742,458	$742,458	$742,458
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$742,458	$742,458	$742,458
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,096,572	$3,096,572	$3,096,572
Sales and Services	$3,096,572	$3,096,572	$3,096,572
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,096,572	$3,096,572	$3,096,572
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,293,817	$1,293,817	$1,293,817
State Funds Transfers	$1,293,817	$1,293,817	$1,293,817
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,293,817	$1,293,817	$1,293,817
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,546,658	$21,500,476	$21,393,903

Insurance Regulation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that licensed insurance entities maintain solvency and conform to state law by conducting financial and market examinations, investigating policyholder complaints, monitoring for compliance with state laws and regulations, reviewing and approving premium rates, and disseminating information to the public and the insurance industry about the state's insurance laws and regulations.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$14,956,883	$14,956,883	$14,956,883
Sales and Services	$14,956,883	$14,956,883	$14,956,883
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$14,956,883	$14,956,883	$14,956,883
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,956,883	$14,956,883	$14,956,883

213.1000 Insurance Regulation **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that licensed insurance entities maintain solvency and conform to state law by conducting financial and market examinations, investigating policyholder complaints, monitoring for compliance with state laws and regulations, reviewing and approving premium rates, and disseminating information to the public and the insurance industry about the state's insurance laws and regulations.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$14,956,883	$14,956,883	$14,956,883
Sales and Services	$14,956,883	$14,956,883	$14,956,883
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$14,956,883	$14,956,883	$14,956,883
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,956,883	$14,956,883	$14,956,883

Reinsurance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide affordable healthcare insurance premiums and to operate a healthcare exchange for individuals to review and enroll in healthcare insurance.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$145,875,196	$145,875,196	$145,875,196
State General Funds	$145,875,196	$145,875,196	$145,875,196
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,015,833,361	$1,015,833,361	$1,015,833,361
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,015,833,361	$1,015,833,361	$1,015,833,361
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$223,949,268	$223,949,268	$223,949,268
Sales and Services	$223,949,268	$223,949,268	$223,949,268
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$223,949,268	$223,949,268	$223,949,268
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,385,657,825	$1,385,657,825	$1,385,657,825

214.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$111,956	$111,956	$69,973

214.2 *Reduce funds based on projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($25,000,000)	($25,000,000)	($25,000,000)

214.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($397)	($397)

214.1000 Reinsurance **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide affordable healthcare insurance premiums and to operate a healthcare exchange for individuals to review and enroll in healthcare insurance.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$120,987,152	$120,986,755	$120,944,772
State General Funds	$120,987,152	$120,986,755	$120,944,772
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,015,833,361	$1,015,833,361	$1,015,833,361
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,015,833,361	$1,015,833,361	$1,015,833,361
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$223,949,268	$223,949,268	$223,949,268
Sales and Services	$223,949,268	$223,949,268	$223,949,268
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$223,949,268	$223,949,268	$223,949,268
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,360,769,781	$1,360,769,384	$1,360,727,401

Special Fraud		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to identify and take appropriate action to deter insurance fraud.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,424,165	$7,424,165	$7,424,165
State General Funds	$7,424,165	$7,424,165	$7,424,165
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$567,605	$567,605	$567,605
Intergovernmental Transfers	$567,605	$567,605	$567,605
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$567,605	$567,605	$567,605
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,991,770	$7,991,770	$7,991,770

215.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$88,273	$88,273	$55,171

215.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($19,632)	($19,632)

215.1000 Special Fraud			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to identify and take appropriate action to deter insurance fraud.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,512,438	$7,492,806	$7,459,704
State General Funds	$7,512,438	$7,492,806	$7,459,704
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$567,605	$567,605	$567,605
Intergovernmental Transfers	$567,605	$567,605	$567,605
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$567,605	$567,605	$567,605
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,080,043	$8,060,411	$8,027,309

Section 30: Investigation, Georgia Bureau of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$260,647,384	$260,647,384	$260,647,384
State General Funds	$260,647,384	$260,647,384	$260,647,384
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$57,272,157	$57,272,157	$57,272,157
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$56,573,194	$56,573,194	$56,573,194
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$369,946	$369,946	$369,946
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$329,017	$329,017	$329,017
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$329,017	$329,017	$329,017
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$32,766,903	$32,766,903	$32,766,903
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,210,738	$2,210,738	$2,210,738
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,210,738	$2,210,738	$2,210,738
Sales and Services	$30,556,165	$30,556,165	$30,556,165
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$30,556,165	$30,556,165	$30,556,165

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
State Funds Transfers	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
Agency to Agency Contracts	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$350,949,747	$350,949,747	$350,949,747

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$262,805,780	$267,886,701	$279,285,629
State General Funds	$262,805,780	$267,886,701	$279,285,629
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$57,272,157	$57,272,157	$57,272,157
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$56,573,194	$56,573,194	$56,573,194
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$369,946	$369,946	$369,946
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$329,017	$329,017	$329,017
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$329,017	$329,017	$329,017
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$32,766,903	$32,766,903	$32,766,903
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,210,738	$2,210,738	$2,210,738
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,210,738	$2,210,738	$2,210,738
Sales and Services	$30,556,165	$30,556,165	$30,556,165
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$30,556,165	$30,556,165	$30,556,165
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
State Funds Transfers	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
Agency to Agency Contracts	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$353,108,143	$358,189,064	$369,587,992

Bureau Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the highest quality investigative, scientific, information services, and resources for the purpose of maintaining law and order and protecting life and property.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,541,503	$10,541,503	$10,541,503
State General Funds	$10,541,503	$10,541,503	$10,541,503
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,600	$12,600	$12,600
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,600	$12,600	$12,600
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
State Funds Transfers	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
Agency to Agency Contracts	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,907,406	$10,907,406	$10,907,406

216.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$92,579	$92,579	$57,862

216.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($26,234)	($26,234)

216.3 *Reduce funds for vacant positions.*

State General Funds			($162,652)

216.1000 Bureau Administration			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the highest quality investigative, scientific, information services, and resources for the purpose of maintaining law and order and protecting life and property.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,634,082	$10,607,848	$10,410,479
State General Funds	$10,634,082	$10,607,848	$10,410,479
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,600	$12,600	$12,600
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,600	$12,600	$12,600
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
State Funds Transfers	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
Agency to Agency Contracts	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,999,985	$10,973,751	$10,776,382

Criminal Justice Information Services			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the State of Georgia with essential information and identification services through the operation of the Automated Fingerprint Identification System, Criminal History System, Criminal Justice Information Services network, Protective Order Registry, Sexual Violent Offender Registry, and the Uniform Crime Reporting Program.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,596,576	$7,596,576	$7,596,576
State General Funds	$7,596,576	$7,596,576	$7,596,576
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
Sales and Services	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,096,576	$19,096,576	$19,096,576

217.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$217,453	$217,453	$135,909

217.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds	($31,930)	($31,930)

217.3 *Reduce funds for vacant positions.*

State General Funds	($322,550)

217.4 *Increase funds for an integrated child welfare reporting system.*

State General Funds	$14,000,000

217.1000 Criminal Justice Information Services **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the State of Georgia with essential information and identification services through the operation of the Automated Fingerprint Identification System, Criminal History System, Criminal Justice Information Services network, Protective Order Registry, Sexual Violent Offender Registry, and the Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,814,029	$7,782,099	$21,378,005
State General Funds	$7,814,029	$7,782,099	$21,378,005
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
Sales and Services	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,314,029	$19,282,099	$32,878,005

Forensic Scientific Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forensic analysis and testimony in the areas of chemistry (drug identification), firearms, digital imaging, forensic biology (serology/DNA), latent prints, pathology, questioned documents, photography, toxicology, implied consent, and trace evidence in support of the criminal justice system; to provide medical examiner (autopsy) services; and to analyze and enter samples into national databases such as AFIS, CODIS, and NIBIN.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$68,288,507	$68,288,507	$68,288,507
State General Funds	$68,288,507	$68,288,507	$68,288,507
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,229,366	$2,229,366	$2,229,366
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,229,366	$2,229,366	$2,229,366
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856
Sales and Services	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$70,523,729	$70,523,729	$70,523,729

218.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$800,916	$800,916	$500,573

218.2 *Increase funds to replace software that allows for connectivity to federal DNA database.*

State General Funds	$618,170	$618,170	$618,170

218.3 *Reduce funds for personnel based on the actual start date of new positions.*

State General Funds	($163,345)	($209,159)	($209,159)

218.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($226,868)	($226,868)

218.5 *Reduce funds for vacant positions.*

State General Funds			($217,449)

218.1000 Forensic Scientific Services **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forensic analysis and testimony in the areas of chemistry (drug identification), firearms, digital imaging, forensic biology (serology/DNA), latent prints, pathology, questioned documents, photography, toxicology, implied consent, and trace evidence in support of the criminal justice system; to provide medical examiner (autopsy) services; and to analyze and enter samples into national databases such as AFIS, CODIS, and NIBIN.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$69,544,248	$69,271,566	$68,753,774
State General Funds	$69,544,248	$69,271,566	$68,753,774
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,229,366	$2,229,366	$2,229,366
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,229,366	$2,229,366	$2,229,366
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856
Sales and Services	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$71,779,470	$71,506,788	$70,988,996

Regional Investigative Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to identify, collect, preserve, and process evidence located during crime scene investigations, and to assist in the investigation, identification, arrest and prosecution of individuals. The purpose of this appropriation is also to coordinate and operate the following specialized units: bingo unit, anti-terrorist team, forensic art, bomb disposal unit, high technology investigations unit, communications center, regional drug enforcement, and polygraph examinations.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$80,706,986	$80,706,986	$80,706,986
State General Funds	$80,706,986	$80,706,986	$80,706,986
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,812,153	$1,812,153	$1,812,153
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,812,153	$1,812,153	$1,812,153
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,885,738	$1,885,738	$1,885,738
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,820,738	$1,820,738	$1,820,738
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,820,738	$1,820,738	$1,820,738
Sales and Services	$65,000	$65,000	$65,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$65,000	$65,000	$65,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$84,404,877	$84,404,877	$84,404,877

219.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$988,227	$988,227	$617,642

219.2 *Increase funds for personnel to annualize costs for three human trafficking positions.*

State General Funds	$294,420	$294,420	$294,420

219.3 *Eliminate funds for one-time connectivity to the statewide gang case management system. (S:Reduce funds for statewide gang case management system and recognize existing funds ($200,000) for one-time connectivity to gang case management system)*

State General Funds	($800,000)	$0	($800,000)

219.4 *Reduce funds for personnel based on the actual start date of new positions.*

State General Funds	($78,185)	($203,214)	($125,799)

219.5 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($272,199)	($272,199)

219.6 *Utilize existing funds ($416,754) for equipment and vehicles. (S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0

219.999 ***SAC****: The purpose of this appropriation is to identify, collect, preserve, and process evidence located during crime scene investigations, and to assist in the investigation, identification, arrest and prosecution of individuals. The purpose of this appropriation is also to coordinate and operate the following specialized units: anti-terrorist team, forensic art, bomb disposal unit, high technology investigations unit, human exploitation and trafficking unit, communications center, regional drug enforcement, and polygraph examinations.*

State General Funds	$0

219.1000 Regional Investigative Services **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to identify, collect, preserve, and process evidence located during crime scene investigations, and to assist in the investigation, identification, arrest and prosecution of individuals. The purpose of this appropriation is also to coordinate and operate the following specialized units: anti-terrorist team, forensic art, bomb disposal unit, high technology investigations unit, human exploitation and trafficking unit, communications center, regional drug enforcement, and polygraph examinations.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$81,111,448	$81,514,220	$80,421,050
State General Funds	$81,111,448	$81,514,220	$80,421,050
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,812,153	$1,812,153	$1,812,153
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,812,153	$1,812,153	$1,812,153
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,885,738	$1,885,738	$1,885,738
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,820,738	$1,820,738	$1,820,738
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,820,738	$1,820,738	$1,820,738
Sales and Services	$65,000	$65,000	$65,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$65,000	$65,000	$65,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$84,809,339	$85,212,111	$84,118,941

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and coordinate criminal justice efforts throughout Georgia, help create safe and secure communities, and award grants.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$19,866,465	$19,866,465	$19,866,465
State General Funds	$19,866,465	$19,866,465	$19,866,465
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$53,218,038	$53,218,038	$53,218,038
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$52,519,075	$52,519,075	$52,519,075
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$369,946	$369,946	$369,946
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$329,017	$329,017	$329,017
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$329,017	$329,017	$329,017
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$19,285,309	$19,285,309	$19,285,309
Intergovernmental Transfers	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$18,985,309	$18,985,309	$18,985,309
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$18,985,309	$18,985,309	$18,985,309
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$92,369,812	$92,369,812	$92,369,812

220.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$279,890	$279,890	$174,932

220.2 *Reduce funds for operations. (HB68 (2025 Legislative Session) intent language considered non-binding by the Governor)*

State General Funds	($33,558)	($33,558)	($33,558)

220.3 *Reduce funds for personnel based on the actual start date of new positions.*

State General Funds	($54,532)	($20,951)	($20,951)

220.4 *Utilize existing funds ($133,867) from rental savings for grant system connectivity. (G:YES)(H and S:Utilize existing funds ($133,867) from rental savings and increase funds for grant system connectivity (Total: $435,330))*

State General Funds	$0	$301,463	$301,463

220.5 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($29,548)	($29,548)

220.6 *Increase funds for eight Child Advocacy Centers and 19 satellite office locations that meet minimum standards to provide specialized services not currently state funded effective April 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		$185,241	$185,241

220.7 *Reduce funds for vacant positions*

State General Funds			($155,390)

220.1000 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and coordinate criminal justice efforts throughout Georgia, help create safe and secure communities, and award grants.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$20,058,265	$20,549,002	$20,288,654
State General Funds	$20,058,265	$20,549,002	$20,288,654
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$53,218,038	$53,218,038	$53,218,038
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$52,519,075	$52,519,075	$52,519,075
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$369,946	$369,946	$369,946
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$329,017	$329,017	$329,017
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$329,017	$329,017	$329,017
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$19,285,309	$19,285,309	$19,285,309
Intergovernmental Transfers	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$18,985,309	$18,985,309	$18,985,309
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$18,985,309	$18,985,309	$18,985,309
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$92,561,612	$93,052,349	$92,792,001

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Council of Accountability Court Judges			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$38,674,273	$38,674,273	$38,674,273
State General Funds	$38,674,273	$38,674,273	$38,674,273
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$38,674,273	$38,674,273	$38,674,273

221.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$21,530	$21,530	$13,457

221.2 *Reduce funds for personnel based on the actual start date of new positions.*

State General Funds	($25,169)	($25,169)	($25,169)

221.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($6,244)	($6,244)

221.4 *Reduce funds for vacant positions.*

State General Funds			($101,365)

221.1000 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Council of Accountability Court Judges			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$38,670,634	$38,664,390	$38,554,952
State General Funds	$38,670,634	$38,664,390	$38,554,952
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$38,670,634	$38,664,390	$38,554,952

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Family Violence			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide certified domestic violence shelters and sexual assault centers with funds so as to provide the necessary services to primary and secondary victims of domestic violence and sexual assault statewide.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,973,074	$34,973,074	$34,973,074
State General Funds	$34,973,074	$34,973,074	$34,973,074
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$34,973,074	$34,973,074	$34,973,074

222.1 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds	($498)	($498)

222.2 *Increase funds for one-time funding to domestic violence shelters and sexual assault centers for operational and facility needs.*

State General Funds	$4,525,000	$4,525,000

222.3 *Reduce funds for vacant positions.*

State General Funds	($18,861)

222.1000 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Family Violence			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide certified domestic violence shelters and sexual assault centers with funds so as to provide the necessary services to primary and secondary victims of domestic violence and sexual assault statewide.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,973,074	$39,497,576	$39,478,715
State General Funds	$34,973,074	$39,497,576	$39,478,715
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$34,973,074	$39,497,576	$39,478,715

Section 31: Juvenile Justice, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$395,229,317	$395,229,317	$395,229,317
State General Funds	$395,229,317	$395,229,317	$395,229,317
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,090,662	$7,090,662	$7,090,662
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,571,547	$6,571,547	$6,571,547
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$519,115	$519,115	$519,115
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000

Sales and Services	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$468,891	$468,891	$468,891
State Funds Transfers	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
Agency to Agency Contracts	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
Federal Funds Transfers	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$402,848,870	$402,848,870	$402,848,870

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$403,862,807	$402,780,686	$385,015,212
State General Funds	$403,862,807	$402,780,686	$385,015,212
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,090,662	$7,090,662	$7,090,662
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,571,547	$6,571,547	$6,571,547
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$519,115	$519,115	$519,115
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$468,891	$468,891	$468,891
State Funds Transfers	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
Agency to Agency Contracts	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
Federal Funds Transfers	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$411,482,360	$410,400,239	$392,634,765

Community Service **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public, hold youth accountable for their actions, assist youth in becoming law-abiding citizens and transition youth from secure detention, and provide the following alternative detention options: non-secure detention shelters, housebound detention, emergency shelters, a short-term stay in a residential placement, tracking services, wraparound services, electronic monitoring, or detention in an alternative program. Additionally, Community Supervision supervises youth directly in the community according to their risk and need levels, provides transitional and treatment services to those youth either directly or by brokering or making appropriate referrals for services, and provides agency-wide services, including intake, court services, and case management.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$105,394,014	$105,394,014	$105,394,014
State General Funds	$105,394,014	$105,394,014	$105,394,014
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$663,141	$663,141	$663,141
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$144,026	$144,026	$144,026
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$519,115	$519,115	$519,115
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
Federal Funds Transfers	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$106,338,453	$106,338,453	$106,338,453

223.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$1,440,357	$1,440,357	$900,224

223.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($271,960)	($271,960)

223.3 *Reduce funds for vacant positions.*

State General Funds			($1,304,958)

223.1000 Community Service **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public, hold youth accountable for their actions, assist youth in becoming law-abiding citizens and transition youth from secure detention, and provide the following alternative detention options: non-secure detention shelters, housebound detention, emergency shelters, a short-term stay in a residential placement, tracking services, wraparound services, electronic monitoring, or detention in an alternative program. Additionally, Community Supervision supervises youth directly in the community according to their risk and need levels, provides transitional and treatment services to those youth either directly or by brokering or making appropriate referrals for services, and provides agency-wide services, including intake, court services, and case management.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$106,834,371	$106,562,411	$104,717,320
State General Funds	$106,834,371	$106,562,411	$104,717,320
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$663,141	$663,141	$663,141
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$144,026	$144,026	$144,026
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$519,115	$519,115	$519,115
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
Federal Funds Transfers	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$107,778,810	$107,506,850	$105,661,759

Departmental Administration (DJJ) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by holding youthful offenders accountable for their actions through the delivery of effective services in appropriate settings.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$28,597,656	$28,597,656	$28,597,656
State General Funds	$28,597,656	$28,597,656	$28,597,656
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$28,597,656	$28,597,656	$28,597,656

224.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$355,245	$355,245	$222,029

224.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($93,301)	($93,301)

224.3 *Reduce funds for vacant positions.*

State General Funds			($254,758)

224.1000 Departmental Administration (DJJ) **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by holding youthful offenders accountable for their actions through the delivery of effective services in appropriate settings.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$28,952,901	$28,859,600	$28,471,626
State General Funds	$28,952,901	$28,859,600	$28,471,626
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$28,952,901	$28,859,600	$28,471,626

Secure Commitment (YDCs) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions, and provide secure care and supervision of youth including academic, recreational, vocational, medical, mental health, counseling, and religious services for those youth committed to the Department's custody, or convicted of an offense under Senate Bill 440.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$101,188,032	$101,188,032	$101,188,032
State General Funds	$101,188,032	$101,188,032	$101,188,032
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,220,618	$3,220,618	$3,220,618
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,220,618	$3,220,618	$3,220,618
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
State Funds Transfers	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
Agency to Agency Contracts	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$104,656,243	$104,656,243	$104,656,243

225.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$1,681,493	$1,681,493	$1,050,934

225.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds	($278,545)	($278,545)

225.3 *Reduce funds for vacant positions.*

State General Funds	($3,862,820)

225.1000 Secure Commitment (YDCs) **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions, and provide secure care and supervision of youth including academic, recreational, vocational, medical, mental health, counseling, and religious services for those youth committed to the Department's custody, or convicted of an offense under Senate Bill 440.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$102,869,525	$102,590,980	$98,097,601
State General Funds	$102,869,525	$102,590,980	$98,097,601
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,220,618	$3,220,618	$3,220,618
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,220,618	$3,220,618	$3,220,618
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
State Funds Transfers	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
Agency to Agency Contracts	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$106,337,736	$106,059,191	$101,565,812

Secure Detention (RYDCs) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions and, provide temporary, secure care, and supervision of youth who are charged with crimes or who have been found guilty of crimes and are awaiting disposition of their cases by juvenile courts or awaiting placement in one of the Department's treatment programs or facilities, or sentenced to the Short Term Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$160,049,615	$160,049,615	$160,049,615
State General Funds	$160,049,615	$160,049,615	$160,049,615
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,206,903	$3,206,903	$3,206,903
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,206,903	$3,206,903	$3,206,903
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$163,256,518	$163,256,518	$163,256,518

226.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$2,611,589	$2,611,589	$1,632,244

226.2 *Increase funds for personnel due to decreased turnover.*

State General Funds	$2,544,806	$2,544,806	$0

226.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds	($438,315)	($438,315)

226.4 *Reduce funds for vacant positions.*

State General Funds ($7,514,879)

226.1000 Secure Detention (RYDCs)			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions and, provide temporary, secure care, and supervision of youth who are charged with crimes or who have been found guilty of crimes and are awaiting disposition of their cases by juvenile courts or awaiting placement in one of the Department's treatment programs or facilities, or sentenced to the Short Term Program.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$165,206,010	$164,767,695	$153,728,665
State General Funds	$165,206,010	$164,767,695	$153,728,665
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,206,903	$3,206,903	$3,206,903
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,206,903	$3,206,903	$3,206,903
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$168,412,913	$167,974,598	$156,935,568

Section 32: Labor, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,930,190	$8,930,190	$8,930,190
State General Funds	$8,930,190	$8,930,190	$8,930,190
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$75,340,557	$75,340,557	$75,340,557
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$75,340,557	$75,340,557	$75,340,557
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$7,347,618	$7,347,618	$7,347,618
Royalties and Rents	$55,556	$55,556	$55,556
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$55,556	$55,556	$55,556
Sales and Services	$7,292,062	$7,292,062	$7,292,062
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$7,292,062	$7,292,062	$7,292,062
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$4,548,505	$4,548,505	$4,548,505
State Funds Transfers	$4,548,505	$4,548,505	$4,548,505
Agency to Agency Contracts	$4,548,505	$4,548,505	$4,548,505
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$96,166,870	$96,166,870	$96,166,870

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,195,741	$12,169,086	$11,186,881
State General Funds	$12,195,741	$12,169,086	$11,186,881
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$75,340,557	$75,340,557	$75,340,557
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$75,340,557	$75,340,557	$75,340,557
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$7,347,618	$7,347,618	$7,347,618
Royalties and Rents	$55,556	$55,556	$55,556
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$55,556	$55,556	$55,556
Sales and Services	$7,292,062	$7,292,062	$7,292,062
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$7,292,062	$7,292,062	$7,292,062
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$4,548,505	$4,548,505	$4,548,505

State Funds Transfers	$4,548,505	$4,548,505	$4,548,505
Agency to Agency Contracts	$4,548,505	$4,548,505	$4,548,505
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$99,432,421	$99,405,766	$98,423,561

Departmental Administration (DOL) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this program is to provide administrative support for the Labor Market Information and Unemployment Insurance programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,101,946	$2,101,946	$2,101,946
State General Funds	$2,101,946	$2,101,946	$2,101,946
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$20,539,169	$20,539,169	$20,539,169
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$20,539,169	$20,539,169	$20,539,169
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$7,347,618	$7,347,618	$7,347,618
Royalties and Rents	$55,556	$55,556	$55,556
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$55,556	$55,556	$55,556
Sales and Services	$7,292,062	$7,292,062	$7,292,062
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$7,292,062	$7,292,062	$7,292,062
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$29,988,733	$29,988,733	$29,988,733

227.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$271,278	$271,278	$169,549

227.2 *Increase funds to replace aging laptops by utilizing Georgia Technology Authority's end user computing service. (S:Increase funds to replace aging laptops by utilizing Georgia Technology Authority's end user computing service to begin July 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	$1,090,782	$1,090,782	$833,213

227.3 *Increase funds for rent at the Athens and Thomasville career centers while working with the State Properties Commission to fill vacancies.*

State General Funds	$611,691	$611,691	$611,691

227.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($6,109)	($6,109)

227.5 *Reduce funds for personnel based on the actual start date of new positions.*

State General Funds			($138,483)

227.1000 Departmental Administration (DOL) **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this program is to provide administrative support for the Labor Market Information and Unemployment Insurance programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,075,697	$4,069,588	$3,571,807
State General Funds	$4,075,697	$4,069,588	$3,571,807
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$20,539,169	$20,539,169	$20,539,169

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$20,539,169	$20,539,169	$20,539,169
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$7,347,618	$7,347,618	$7,347,618
Royalties and Rents	$55,556	$55,556	$55,556
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$55,556	$55,556	$55,556
Sales and Services	$7,292,062	$7,292,062	$7,292,062
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$7,292,062	$7,292,062	$7,292,062
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$31,962,484	$31,956,375	$31,458,594

Labor Market Information **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to collect, analyze, and publish a wide array of information about the state's labor market.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,121,776	$2,121,776	$2,121,776
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,121,776	$2,121,776	$2,121,776
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,121,776	$2,121,776	$2,121,776

228.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$45,213	$45,213	$28,259

228.1000 Labor Market Information **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to collect, analyze, and publish a wide array of information about the state's labor market.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$45,213	$45,213	$28,259
State General Funds	$45,213	$45,213	$28,259
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,121,776	$2,121,776	$2,121,776
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,121,776	$2,121,776	$2,121,776
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,166,989	$2,166,989	$2,150,035

Unemployment Insurance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance Georgia's economic strength by collecting unemployment insurance taxes from Georgia's employers and distributing unemployment benefits to eligible claimants.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,828,244	$6,828,244	$6,828,244
State General Funds	$6,828,244	$6,828,244	$6,828,244
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$52,679,612	$52,679,612	$52,679,612
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$52,679,612	$52,679,612	$52,679,612
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$4,548,505	$4,548,505	$4,548,505
State Funds Transfers	$4,548,505	$4,548,505	$4,548,505

Agency to Agency Contracts	$4,548,505	$4,548,505	$4,548,505
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$64,056,361	$64,056,361	$64,056,361

229.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$1,246,587	$1,246,587	$779,117

229.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($20,546)	($20,546)

229.1000 Unemployment Insurance			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance Georgia's economic strength by collecting unemployment insurance taxes from Georgia's employers and distributing unemployment benefits to eligible claimants.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,074,831	$8,054,285	$7,586,815
State General Funds	$8,074,831	$8,054,285	$7,586,815
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$52,679,612	$52,679,612	$52,679,612
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$52,679,612	$52,679,612	$52,679,612
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$4,548,505	$4,548,505	$4,548,505
State Funds Transfers	$4,548,505	$4,548,505	$4,548,505
Agency to Agency Contracts	$4,548,505	$4,548,505	$4,548,505
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$65,302,948	$65,282,402	$64,814,932

Section 33: Law, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$49,495,901	$49,495,901	$49,495,901
State General Funds	$49,495,901	$49,495,901	$49,495,901
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$973,040	$973,040	$973,040
Sales and Services	$973,040	$973,040	$973,040
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$973,040	$973,040	$973,040
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Funds Transfers	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$133,302,273	$133,302,273	$133,302,273

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$50,166,492	$50,002,895	$49,199,288
State General Funds	$50,166,492	$50,002,895	$49,199,288
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$973,040	$973,040	$973,040
Sales and Services	$973,040	$973,040	$973,040
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$973,040	$973,040	$973,040
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Funds Transfers	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$133,972,864	$133,809,267	$133,005,660

Law, Department of **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the attorney and legal advisor for all state agencies, departments, authorities, and the Governor; to provide binding opinions on legal questions concerning the state of Georgia and its agencies; and to prepare all contracts and agreements regarding any matter in which the state of Georgia is involved.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$47,802,872	$47,802,872	$47,802,872
State General Funds	$47,802,872	$47,802,872	$47,802,872
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$973,040	$973,040	$973,040
Sales and Services	$973,040	$973,040	$973,040
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$973,040	$973,040	$973,040
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Funds Transfers	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$127,975,912	$127,975,912	$127,975,912

230.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$673,889	$673,889	$421,181

230.2 *Reduce funds for personnel based on the actual start date of new positions.*

State General Funds	($93,724)	($43,724)	($93,724)

230.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($192,931)	($192,931)

230.4 *Reduce funds for vacant positions.*

State General Funds			($410,463)

230.1000 Law, Department of			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the attorney and legal advisor for all state agencies, departments, authorities, and the Governor; to provide binding opinions on legal questions concerning the state of Georgia and its agencies; and to prepare all contracts and agreements regarding any matter in which the state of Georgia is involved.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$48,383,037	$48,240,106	$47,526,935
State General Funds	$48,383,037	$48,240,106	$47,526,935
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$973,040	$973,040	$973,040
Sales and Services	$973,040	$973,040	$973,040
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$973,040	$973,040	$973,040
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Funds Transfers	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$128,556,077	$128,413,146	$127,699,975

Medicaid Fraud Control Unit			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the center for the identification, arrest, and prosecution of providers of health services and patients who defraud the Medicaid Program.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,693,029	$1,693,029	$1,693,029
State General Funds	$1,693,029	$1,693,029	$1,693,029
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,326,361	$5,326,361	$5,326,361

231.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$90,426	$90,426	$56,517

231.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($20,666)	($20,666)

231.3 *Reduce funds for vacant positions.*

State General Funds			($56,527)

231.1000 Medicaid Fraud Control Unit			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the center for the identification, arrest, and prosecution of providers of health services and patients who defraud the Medicaid Program.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,783,455	$1,762,789	$1,672,353
State General Funds	$1,783,455	$1,762,789	$1,672,353
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,416,787	$5,396,121	$5,305,685

There is hereby appropriated to the Department of Law the sum of $625,000 of the moneys collected in accordance with O.C.G.A. Title 10, Chapter 1, Article 28. The sum of money is appropriated for use by the Department of Law for consumer protection for all the purposes for which such moneys may be appropriated pursuant to Article 28.

Section 34: Natural Resources, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$181,105,001	$181,105,001	$181,105,001
State General Funds	$157,501,746	$157,501,746	$157,501,746
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$1,993,465	$1,993,465	$1,993,465
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$9,838,299	$9,838,299	$9,838,299
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$11,771,491	$11,771,491	$11,771,491
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$70,919,242	$70,919,242	$70,919,242
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$70,919,242	$70,919,242	$70,919,242
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$101,403,632	$101,403,632	$101,403,632
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$348,542	$348,542	$348,542
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$348,542	$348,542	$348,542
Intergovernmental Transfers	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Royalties and Rents	$45,165	$45,165	$45,165
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$45,165	$45,165	$45,165
Sales and Services	$100,955,696	$100,955,696	$100,955,696
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$100,955,696	$100,955,696	$100,955,696
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
State Funds Transfers	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
Agency to Agency Contracts	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$353,839,972	$353,839,972	$353,839,972

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$194,297,144	$209,413,081	$205,152,696
State General Funds	$170,693,889	$185,809,826	$181,549,441
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$1,993,465	$1,993,465	$1,993,465
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$9,838,299	$9,838,299	$9,838,299
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$11,771,491	$11,771,491	$11,771,491
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$70,919,242	$70,919,242	$70,919,242
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$70,919,242	$70,919,242	$70,919,242

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$101,403,632	$101,403,632	$101,403,632
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$348,542	$348,542	$348,542
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$348,542	$348,542	$348,542
Intergovernmental Transfers	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Royalties and Rents	$45,165	$45,165	$45,165
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$45,165	$45,165	$45,165
Sales and Services	$100,955,696	$100,955,696	$100,955,696
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$100,955,696	$100,955,696	$100,955,696
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
State Funds Transfers	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
Agency to Agency Contracts	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$367,032,115	$382,148,052	$377,887,667

Coastal Resources **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to preserve the natural, environmental, historic, archaeological, and recreational resources of the state's coastal zone by balancing economic development with resource preservation and improvement by assessing and restoring coastal wetlands, by regulating development within the coastal zone, by promulgating and enforcing rules and regulations to protect the coastal wetlands, by monitoring the population status of commercially and recreationally fished species and developing fishery management plans, by providing fishing education, and by constructing and maintaining artificial reefs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,672,283	$4,672,283	$4,672,283
State General Funds	$4,672,283	$4,672,283	$4,672,283
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,096,144	$5,096,144	$5,096,144
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,096,144	$5,096,144	$5,096,144
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$107,925	$107,925	$107,925
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$70,760	$70,760	$70,760
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$70,760	$70,760	$70,760
Royalties and Rents	$37,165	$37,165	$37,165
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$37,165	$37,165	$37,165
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,876,352	$9,876,352	$9,876,352

232.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$142,098	$142,098	$88,812

232.2 *Increase funds to replace Coastal Resources Database to streamline permitting application processing.*

State General Funds	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000

232.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds	($11,387)	($11,387)

232.4 *Increase funds for Tybee Island North Beach dune emergency stabilization.*

State General Funds	$1,000,000	$1,000,000

232.5 *Increase funds to establish a new center to promote the conservation, preservation, and protection of the Altamaha River and Coastal Georgia.*

State General Funds	$250,000	$0

232.1000 Coastal Resources **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to preserve the natural, environmental, historic, archaeological, and recreational resources of the state's coastal zone by balancing economic development with resource preservation and improvement by assessing and restoring coastal wetlands, by regulating development within the coastal zone, by promulgating and enforcing rules and regulations to protect the coastal wetlands, by monitoring the population status of commercially and recreationally fished species and developing fishery management plans, by providing fishing education, and by constructing and maintaining artificial reefs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,314,381	$6,552,994	$6,249,708
State General Funds	$5,314,381	$6,552,994	$6,249,708
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,096,144	$5,096,144	$5,096,144
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,096,144	$5,096,144	$5,096,144
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$107,925	$107,925	$107,925
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$70,760	$70,760	$70,760
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$70,760	$70,760	$70,760
Royalties and Rents	$37,165	$37,165	$37,165
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$37,165	$37,165	$37,165
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,518,450	$11,757,063	$11,453,777

Departmental Administration (DNR) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,515,482	$13,515,482	$13,515,482
State General Funds	$13,515,482	$13,515,482	$13,515,482
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,515,482	$13,515,482	$13,515,482

233.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$155,016	$155,016	$96,885

233.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds	($40,174)	($40,174)

233.1000 Departmental Administration (DNR)			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,670,498	$13,630,324	$13,572,193
State General Funds	$13,670,498	$13,630,324	$13,572,193
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,670,498	$13,630,324	$13,572,193

Environmental Protection **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the quality of Georgia's air by controlling, monitoring and regulating pollution from large, small, mobile, and area sources (including pollution from motor vehicle emissions) by performing ambient air monitoring, and by participating in the Clean Air Campaign; to protect Georgia's land by permitting, managing, and planning for solid waste facilities, by implementing waste reduction strategies, by administering the Solid Waste Trust Fund and the Underground Storage Tank program, by cleaning up scrap tire piles, and by permitting and regulating surface mining operations; to protect Georgia and its citizens from hazardous materials by investigating and remediating hazardous sites, and by utilizing the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund to manage the state's hazardous sites inventory, to oversee site cleanup and brownfield remediation, to remediate abandoned sites, to respond to environmental emergencies, and to monitor and regulate the hazardous materials industry in Georgia. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure the quality and quantity of Georgia's water supplies by managing floodplains, by ensuring the safety of dams, by monitoring, regulating, and certifying water quality, and by regulating the amount of water used.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$35,087,578	$35,087,578	$35,087,578
State General Funds	$35,087,578	$35,087,578	$35,087,578
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$29,887,490	$29,887,490	$29,887,490
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,887,490	$29,887,490	$29,887,490
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,411,856	$60,411,856	$60,411,856
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$277,782	$277,782	$277,782
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$277,782	$277,782	$277,782
Sales and Services	$60,134,074	$60,134,074	$60,134,074
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,134,074	$60,134,074	$60,134,074
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
State Funds Transfers	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
Agency to Agency Contracts	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$125,799,021	$125,799,021	$125,799,021

234.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$1,567,384	$1,567,384	$979,615

234.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($93,960)	($93,960)

234.3 *Increase funds for one-time funding to support air emissions program operations to allow preservation of existing revenue to delay a fiscal shortfall.*

State General Funds		$1,000,000	$1,000,000

234.1000 Environmental Protection			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the quality of Georgia's air by controlling, monitoring and regulating pollution from large, small, mobile, and area sources (including pollution from motor vehicle emissions) by performing ambient air monitoring, and by participating in the Clean Air Campaign; to protect Georgia's land by permitting, managing, and planning for solid waste facilities, by implementing waste reduction strategies, by administering the Solid Waste Trust Fund and the Underground Storage Tank program, by cleaning up scrap tire piles, and by permitting and regulating surface mining operations; to protect Georgia and its citizens from hazardous materials by investigating and remediating hazardous sites, and by utilizing the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund to manage the state's hazardous sites inventory, to oversee site cleanup and brownfield remediation, to remediate abandoned sites, to respond to environmental emergencies, and to monitor and regulate the hazardous materials industry in Georgia. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure the quality and quantity of Georgia's water supplies by managing floodplains, by ensuring the safety of dams, by monitoring, regulating, and certifying water quality, and by regulating the amount of water used.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$36,654,962	$37,561,002	$36,973,233
State General Funds	$36,654,962	$37,561,002	$36,973,233
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$29,887,490	$29,887,490	$29,887,490
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,887,490	$29,887,490	$29,887,490
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,411,856	$60,411,856	$60,411,856
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$277,782	$277,782	$277,782
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$277,782	$277,782	$277,782
Sales and Services	$60,134,074	$60,134,074	$60,134,074
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,134,074	$60,134,074	$60,134,074
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
State Funds Transfers	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
Agency to Agency Contracts	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$127,366,405	$128,272,445	$127,684,676

Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding through grant and loan opportunities for land conservation, parks, trails, and outdoor recreation.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,012,109	$23,012,109	$23,012,109
State General Funds	$23,012,109	$23,012,109	$23,012,109
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$23,012,109	$23,012,109	$23,012,109

235.1000 Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding through grant and loan opportunities for land conservation, parks, trails, and outdoor recreation.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,012,109	$23,012,109	$23,012,109
State General Funds	$23,012,109	$23,012,109	$23,012,109
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$23,012,109	$23,012,109	$23,012,109

Hazardous Waste Trust Fund **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund investigations and cleanup of abandoned landfills and other hazardous sites, to meet cost-sharing requirements for Superfund sites identified by the US Environmental Protection Agency, to fund related operations and oversight positions within the Environmental Protection Division, and to reimburse local governments for landfill remediation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,771,491	$11,771,491	$11,771,491
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$11,771,491	$11,771,491	$11,771,491
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,771,491	$11,771,491	$11,771,491

236.1000 Hazardous Waste Trust Fund **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund investigations and cleanup of abandoned landfills and other hazardous sites, to meet cost-sharing requirements for Superfund sites identified by the US Environmental Protection Agency, to fund related operations and oversight positions within the Environmental Protection Division, and to reimburse local governments for landfill remediation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,771,491	$11,771,491	$11,771,491
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$11,771,491	$11,771,491	$11,771,491
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,771,491	$11,771,491	$11,771,491

Law Enforcement **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce all state and federal laws and departmental regulations relative to protecting Georgia's wildlife, natural, archeological, and cultural resources, DNR properties, boating safety, and litter and waste laws; to teach hunter and boater education classes; and to assist other law enforcement agencies upon request in providing public safety for the citizens and visitors of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,310,618	$34,310,618	$34,310,618
State General Funds	$34,310,618	$34,310,618	$34,310,618
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,751,293	$2,751,293	$2,751,293
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,751,293	$2,751,293	$2,751,293
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$37,065,568	$37,065,568	$37,065,568

237.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$505,955	$505,955	$316,222

237.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($124,142)	($124,142)

237.1000 Law Enforcement			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce all state and federal laws and departmental regulations relative to protecting Georgia's wildlife, natural, archeological, and cultural resources, DNR properties, boating safety, and litter and waste laws; to teach hunter and boater education classes; and to assist other law enforcement agencies upon request in providing public safety for the citizens and visitors of Georgia.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,816,573	$34,692,431	$34,502,698
State General Funds	$34,816,573	$34,692,431	$34,502,698
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,751,293	$2,751,293	$2,751,293
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,751,293	$2,751,293	$2,751,293
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$37,571,523	$37,447,381	$37,257,648

Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to manage, operate, market, and maintain the state's golf courses, parks, lodges, conference centers, and historic sites.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,457,853	$23,457,853	$23,457,853
State General Funds	$23,457,853	$23,457,853	$23,457,853
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,204,029	$3,204,029	$3,204,029
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,204,029	$3,204,029	$3,204,029
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791
Sales and Services	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$59,053,673	$59,053,673	$59,053,673

238.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*			
State General Funds	$686,807	$686,807	$429,255
238.2 *Increase funds for erosion control at Crooked River State Park, contingent on the award of a Hazard Mitigation Grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.*			
State General Funds	$1,250,000	$1,250,000	$1,250,000
238.3 *Increase funds for financial and operational review and planning for Stone Mountain Memorial Association.*			
State General Funds	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
238.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*			
State General Funds		($31,457)	($31,457)

238.5 *Increase funds for recreational activities.*

State General Funds	$5,811,250	$7,311,250

238.6 *Increase funds for Fort Yargo dock replacement.*

State General Funds	$100,000	$0

238.7 *Increase funds for the Vince Dooley Battlefield Fund pursuant to HB454 (2025 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	$1,000,000	$2,000,000

238.8 *Increase funds for state-owned building housing the RiverCenter for urgent life safety repairs.*

State General Funds		$1,250,000

238.1000 Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites — **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to manage, operate, market, and maintain the state's golf courses, parks, lodges, conference centers, and historic sites.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$25,894,660	$32,774,453	$36,166,901
State General Funds	$25,894,660	$32,774,453	$36,166,901
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,204,029	$3,204,029	$3,204,029
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,204,029	$3,204,029	$3,204,029
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791
Sales and Services	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$61,490,480	$68,370,273	$71,762,721

Solid Waste Trust Fund — **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the administration of the scrap tire management activity; to enable emergency, preventative, and corrective actions at solid waste disposal facilities; to assist local governments with the development of solid waste management plans; and to promote statewide recycling and waste reduction programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,838,299	$9,838,299	$9,838,299
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$9,838,299	$9,838,299	$9,838,299
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,838,299	$9,838,299	$9,838,299

239.1000 Solid Waste Trust Fund — **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the administration of the scrap tire management activity; to enable emergency, preventative, and corrective actions at solid waste disposal facilities; to assist local governments with the development of solid waste management plans; and to promote statewide recycling and waste reduction programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,838,299	$9,838,299	$9,838,299
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$9,838,299	$9,838,299	$9,838,299
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,838,299	$9,838,299	$9,838,299

Wildlife Resources **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate hunting, fishing, and the operation of watercraft in Georgia; to provide hunter and boating education; to protect non-game and endangered wildlife; to promulgate statewide hunting, fishing, trapping, and coastal commercial fishing regulations; to operate the state's archery and shooting ranges; to license hunters and anglers; and to register boats.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$25,439,288	$25,439,288	$25,439,288
State General Funds	$23,445,823	$23,445,823	$23,445,823
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$1,993,465	$1,993,465	$1,993,465
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$29,980,286	$29,980,286	$29,980,286
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,980,286	$29,980,286	$29,980,286
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,488,403	$8,488,403	$8,488,403
Intergovernmental Transfers	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Royalties and Rents	$8,000	$8,000	$8,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$8,000	$8,000	$8,000
Sales and Services	$8,429,831	$8,429,831	$8,429,831
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,429,831	$8,429,831	$8,429,831
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$63,907,977	$63,907,977	$63,907,977

240.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$884,883	$884,883	$553,052

240.2 *Increase funds for a road paving project on Sapelo Island.*

State General Funds	$5,000,000	$5,000,000	$5,000,000

240.3 *Increase funds for land acquisitions to expand wildlife management areas, statewide. (H:Increase funds to expand, improve, and update wildlife management areas statewide)(S:Increase funds for land acquisitions to expand wildlife management areas, statewide)*

State General Funds	$2,000,000	$8,182,083	$2,000,000

240.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($76,276)	($76,276)

240.5 *Increase funds to mitigate the spread of invasive plant species in southwest Georgia.*

State General Funds		$150,000	$150,000

240.1000 Wildlife Resources **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate hunting, fishing, and the operation of watercraft in Georgia; to provide hunter and boating education; to protect non-game and endangered wildlife; to promulgate statewide hunting, fishing, trapping, and coastal commercial fishing regulations; to operate the state's archery and shooting ranges; to license hunters and anglers; and to register boats.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$33,324,171	$39,579,978	$33,066,064
State General Funds	$31,330,706	$37,586,513	$31,072,599
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$1,993,465	$1,993,465	$1,993,465
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$29,980,286	$29,980,286	$29,980,286
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,980,286	$29,980,286	$29,980,286
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,488,403	$8,488,403	$8,488,403
Intergovernmental Transfers	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Royalties and Rents	$8,000	$8,000	$8,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$8,000	$8,000	$8,000
Sales and Services	$8,429,831	$8,429,831	$8,429,831
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,429,831	$8,429,831	$8,429,831
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$71,792,860	$78,048,667	$71,534,753

Provided, that to the extent State Parks and Historic Sites receipts are realized in excess of the amount of such funds contemplated in this Act, the Office of Planning and Budget is authorized to use up to 50 percent of the excess receipts to supplant State funds and the balance may be amended into the budget of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites Division for the most critical needs of the Division. This provision shall not apply to revenues collected from a state park's parking pass implemented by the Department.

Section 35: Pardons and Paroles, State Board of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,407,799	$21,407,799	$21,407,799
State General Funds	$21,407,799	$21,407,799	$21,407,799
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,407,799	$21,407,799	$21,407,799
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,788,880	$21,705,866	$21,445,833
State General Funds	$21,788,880	$21,705,866	$21,445,833
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,788,880	$21,705,866	$21,445,833

Board Administration (SBPP) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,405,193	$2,405,193	$2,405,193
State General Funds	$2,405,193	$2,405,193	$2,405,193
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,405,193	$2,405,193	$2,405,193

241.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$27,989	$27,989	$17,494

241.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds	($8,098)	($8,098)

241.1000 Board Administration (SBPP)			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,433,182	$2,425,084	$2,414,589
State General Funds	$2,433,182	$2,425,084	$2,414,589
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,433,182	$2,425,084	$2,414,589

Clemency Decisions **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Board in exercising its constitutional authority over executive clemency. This includes setting tentative parole dates for offenders in the correctional system and all aspects of parole status of offenders in the community including warrants, violations, commutations, and revocations. The Board coordinates all interstate compact release matters regarding the acceptance and placement of parolees into and from the State of Georgia and administers the pardon process by reviewing all applications and granting or denying these applications based on specific criteria.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,272,571	$18,272,571	$18,272,571
State General Funds	$18,272,571	$18,272,571	$18,272,571
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,272,571	$18,272,571	$18,272,571

242.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$338,021	$338,021	$211,264

242.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds	($72,706)	($72,706)

242.3 *Reduce funds for vacant positions.*

State General Funds	($111,828)

242.1000 Clemency Decisions			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Board in exercising its constitutional authority over executive clemency. This includes setting tentative parole dates for offenders in the correctional system and all aspects of parole status of offenders in the community including warrants, violations, commutations, and revocations. The Board coordinates all interstate compact release matters regarding the acceptance and placement of parolees into and from the State of Georgia and administers the pardon process by reviewing all applications and granting or denying these applications based on specific criteria.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,610,592	$18,537,886	$18,299,301
State General Funds	$18,610,592	$18,537,886	$18,299,301
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,610,592	$18,537,886	$18,299,301

Victim Services		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide notification to victims of changes in offender status or placement, conduct outreach and information gathering from victims during clemency proceedings, host victims visitors' days, and act as a liaison for victims to the state corrections, community supervision, and pardons and paroles systems.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$730,035	$730,035	$730,035
State General Funds	$730,035	$730,035	$730,035
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$730,035	$730,035	$730,035
243.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*			
State General Funds	$15,071	$15,071	$9,420
243.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*			
State General Funds		($2,210)	($2,210)
243.3 *Reduce funds for vacant positions.*			
State General Funds			($5,302)
243.1000 Victim Services			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide notification to victims of changes in offender status or placement, conduct outreach and information gathering from victims during clemency proceedings, host victims visitors' days, and act as a liaison for victims to the state corrections, community supervision, and pardons and paroles systems.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$745,106	$742,896	$731,943
State General Funds	$745,106	$742,896	$731,943
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$745,106	$742,896	$731,943

Section 36: Properties Commission, State

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
State Funds Transfers	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
State Funds Transfers	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000

State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000

Properties Commission, State **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain long-term plans for state buildings and land; to compile an accessible database of state-owned and leased real property with information about utilization, demand management, and space standards; and to negotiate better rates in the leasing market and property acquisitions and dispositions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
State Funds Transfers	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000

244.1000 Properties Commission, State **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain long-term plans for state buildings and land; to compile an accessible database of state-owned and leased real property with information about utilization, demand management, and space standards; and to negotiate better rates in the leasing market and property acquisitions and dispositions.

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
State Funds Transfers	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000

Section 37: Public Defender Council, Georgia

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$82,937,857	$82,937,857	$82,937,857
State General Funds	$82,937,857	$82,937,857	$82,937,857
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$44,840,000	$44,840,000	$44,840,000
Interest and Investment Income	$1,340,000	$1,340,000	$1,340,000
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$1,340,000	$1,340,000	$1,340,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$41,500,000	$41,500,000	$41,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$41,500,000	$41,500,000	$41,500,000
Sales and Services	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$127,777,857	$127,777,857	$127,777,857

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$90,177,663	$86,414,063	$85,769,779
State General Funds	$90,177,663	$86,414,063	$85,769,779
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$44,840,000	$44,840,000	$44,840,000
Interest and Investment Income	$1,340,000	$1,340,000	$1,340,000
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$1,340,000	$1,340,000	$1,340,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$41,500,000	$41,500,000	$41,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$41,500,000	$41,500,000	$41,500,000
Sales and Services	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$135,017,663	$131,254,063	$130,609,779

Public Defender Council **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Office of the Georgia Capital Defender, Office of the Mental Health Advocate, Central Office, and the administration of the Conflict Division.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,424,496	$9,424,496	$9,424,496
State General Funds	$9,424,496	$9,424,496	$9,424,496
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,840,000	$1,840,000	$1,840,000
Interest and Investment Income	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Sales and Services	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,264,496	$11,264,496	$11,264,496

245.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$135,639	$135,639	$84,775

245.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($36,851)	($36,851)

245.1000 Public Defender Council **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Office of the Georgia Capital Defender, Office of the Mental Health Advocate, Central Office, and the administration of the Conflict Division.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,560,135	$9,523,284	$9,472,420
State General Funds	$9,560,135	$9,523,284	$9,472,420
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,840,000	$1,840,000	$1,840,000
Interest and Investment Income	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000

Sales and Services	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,400,135	$11,363,284	$11,312,420

Public Defenders **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assure that adequate and effective legal representation is provided, independently of political considerations or private interests, to indigent persons who are entitled to representation under this chapter; provided that staffing for circuits are based on O.C.G.A. 17-12; including providing representation to clients in cases where the Capital Defender or a circuit public defender has a conflict of interest.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$73,513,361	$73,513,361	$73,513,361
State General Funds	$73,513,361	$73,513,361	$73,513,361
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$43,000,000	$43,000,000	$43,000,000
Interest and Investment Income	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$41,500,000	$41,500,000	$41,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$41,500,000	$41,500,000	$41,500,000
Sales and Services	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$116,513,361	$116,513,361	$116,513,361

246.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$1,582,455	$1,582,455	$989,035

246.2 *Increase funds to offset the loss of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to continue representation in large multi-defendant cases.*

State General Funds	$5,521,712	$0	$2,074,046

246.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($279,083)	($279,083)

246.4 *Increase funds for personnel to align Assistant Public Defender salaries to Assistant District Attorney salaries at the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council effective April 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		$2,074,046	$0

246.1000 Public Defenders **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assure that adequate and effective legal representation is provided, independently of political considerations or private interests, to indigent persons who are entitled to representation under this chapter; provided that staffing for circuits are based on O.C.G.A. 17-12; including providing representation to clients in cases where the Capital Defender or a circuit public defender has a conflict of interest.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$80,617,528	$76,890,779	$76,297,359
State General Funds	$80,617,528	$76,890,779	$76,297,359

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$43,000,000	$43,000,000	$43,000,000
Interest and Investment Income	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$41,500,000	$41,500,000	$41,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$41,500,000	$41,500,000	$41,500,000
Sales and Services	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$123,617,528	$119,890,779	$119,297,359

Section 38: Public Health, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$435,017,588	$435,017,588	$435,017,588
State General Funds	$402,752,216	$402,752,216	$402,752,216
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$13,864,628	$13,864,628	$13,864,628
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$2,010,871	$2,010,871	$2,010,871
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$16,389,873	$16,389,873	$16,389,873
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$482,967,325	$482,967,325	$482,967,325
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$440,878,507	$440,878,507	$440,878,507
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$17,179,690	$17,179,690	$17,179,690
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$4,567,734	$4,567,734	$4,567,734
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$19,231,702	$19,231,702	$19,231,702
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$502,000	$502,000	$502,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$502,000	$502,000	$502,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$14,679,702	$14,679,702	$14,679,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$14,679,702	$14,679,702	$14,679,702
Sales and Services	$4,050,000	$4,050,000	$4,050,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,050,000	$4,050,000	$4,050,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,341,375	$2,341,375	$2,341,375
State Funds Transfers	$870,141	$870,141	$870,141
Agency to Agency Contracts	$870,141	$870,141	$870,141
Agency Funds Transfers	$1,471,234	$1,471,234	$1,471,234
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,471,234	$1,471,234	$1,471,234
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$939,557,990	$939,557,990	$939,557,990
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$446,424,182	$445,412,048	$439,143,128
State General Funds	$414,143,739	$413,131,605	$406,862,685
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$13,879,699	$13,879,699	$13,879,699

Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$2,010,871	$2,010,871	$2,010,871
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$16,389,873	$16,389,873	$16,389,873
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$482,967,325	$482,967,325	$482,967,325
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$440,878,507	$440,878,507	$440,878,507
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$17,179,690	$17,179,690	$17,179,690
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$4,567,734	$4,567,734	$4,567,734
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$19,231,702	$19,231,702	$19,231,702
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$502,000	$502,000	$502,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$502,000	$502,000	$502,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$14,679,702	$14,679,702	$14,679,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$14,679,702	$14,679,702	$14,679,702
Sales and Services	$4,050,000	$4,050,000	$4,050,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,050,000	$4,050,000	$4,050,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,341,375	$2,341,375	$2,341,375
State Funds Transfers	$870,141	$870,141	$870,141
Agency to Agency Contracts	$870,141	$870,141	$870,141
Agency Funds Transfers	$1,471,234	$1,471,234	$1,471,234
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,471,234	$1,471,234	$1,471,234
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$950,964,584	$949,952,450	$943,683,530

Adolescent and Adult Health Promotion **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote the health and well-being of Georgians. Activities include preventing teenage pregnancies, tobacco use prevention, cancer screening and prevention, and family planning services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$25,194,276	$25,194,276	$25,194,276
State General Funds	$18,297,702	$18,297,702	$18,297,702
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,896,574	$6,896,574	$6,896,574
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$30,989,391	$30,989,391	$30,989,391
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$10,569,922	$10,569,922	$10,569,922
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$78,075	$78,075	$78,075
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000
State Funds Transfers	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000

Agency to Agency Contracts	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$56,878,667	$56,878,667	$56,878,667

247.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$118,415	$118,415	$74,010

247.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($11,137)	($11,137)

247.3 *Increase funds for charitable dental care.*

State General Funds		$150,000	$150,000

247.4 *Increase funds.*

Tobacco Settlement Funds			$8,547

247.1000 Adolescent and Adult Health Promotion **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote the health and well-being of Georgians. Activities include preventing teenage pregnancies, tobacco use prevention, cancer screening and prevention, and family planning services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$25,312,691	$25,451,554	$25,415,696
State General Funds	$18,416,117	$18,554,980	$18,510,575
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,896,574	$6,896,574	$6,905,121
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$30,989,391	$30,989,391	$30,989,391
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$10,569,922	$10,569,922	$10,569,922
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$78,075	$78,075	$78,075
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000
State Funds Transfers	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$56,997,082	$57,135,945	$57,100,087

Adult Essential Health Treatment Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide treatment and services to low-income Georgians with cancer, and Georgians at risk of stroke or heart attacks.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,716,158	$6,716,158	$6,716,158
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,716,158	$6,716,158	$6,716,158
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$957,168	$957,168	$957,168
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$957,168	$957,168	$957,168
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,673,326	$7,673,326	$7,673,326

248.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

Tobacco Settlement Funds	$15,071	$15,071	$9,419

248.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($2,895)	$0
Tobacco Settlement Funds			($2,895)
Total Public Funds:		($2,895)	($2,895)

248.1000 Adult Essential Health Treatment Services			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide treatment and services to low-income Georgians with cancer, and Georgians at risk of stroke or heart attacks.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,731,229	$6,728,334	$6,722,682
State General Funds	$0	($2,895)	$0
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,731,229	$6,731,229	$6,722,682
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$957,168	$957,168	$957,168
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$957,168	$957,168	$957,168
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,688,397	$7,685,502	$7,679,850

Departmental Administration (DPH)		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$32,249,062	$32,249,062	$32,249,062
State General Funds	$32,117,267	$32,117,267	$32,117,267
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$131,795	$131,795	$131,795
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,814,613	$5,814,613	$5,814,613
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$4,606,000	$4,606,000	$4,606,000
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$1,208,613	$1,208,613	$1,208,613
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$230,000	$230,000	$230,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$230,000	$230,000	$230,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$230,000	$230,000	$230,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$38,293,675	$38,293,675	$38,293,675

249.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$589,922	$589,922	$368,702

249.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($141,854)	($141,854)

249.3 *The department is directed to develop a strategy to promote awareness and prevention measures for colorectal and prostate cancer and report findings to the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, the House Budget and Research Office, the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office, and the Office of Planning and Budget by September 1, 2026. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds		$0	$0

249.1000 Departmental Administration (DPH) **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$32,838,984	$32,697,130	$32,475,910
State General Funds	$32,707,189	$32,565,335	$32,344,115
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$131,795	$131,795	$131,795
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,814,613	$5,814,613	$5,814,613
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$4,606,000	$4,606,000	$4,606,000
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$1,208,613	$1,208,613	$1,208,613
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$230,000	$230,000	$230,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$230,000	$230,000	$230,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$230,000	$230,000	$230,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$38,883,597	$38,741,743	$38,520,523

Emergency Preparedness / Trauma System Improvement **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare for natural disasters, bioterrorism, and other emergencies, as well as improving the capacity of the state's trauma system.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,548,028	$6,548,028	$6,548,028
State General Funds	$6,548,028	$6,548,028	$6,548,028
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$35,111,108	$35,111,108	$35,111,108
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$34,386,808	$34,386,808	$34,386,808
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$724,300	$724,300	$724,300
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$460,141	$460,141	$460,141
State Funds Transfers	$460,141	$460,141	$460,141
Agency to Agency Contracts	$460,141	$460,141	$460,141
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$42,119,277	$42,119,277	$42,119,277

250.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$249,748	$249,748	$156,093

250.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($15,166)	($15,166)

250.1000 Emergency Preparedness / Trauma System Improvement **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare for natural disasters, bioterrorism, and other emergencies, as well as improving the capacity of the state's trauma system.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,797,776	$6,782,610	$6,688,955
State General Funds	$6,797,776	$6,782,610	$6,688,955
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$35,111,108	$35,111,108	$35,111,108
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$34,386,808	$34,386,808	$34,386,808
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$724,300	$724,300	$724,300
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$460,141	$460,141	$460,141
State Funds Transfers	$460,141	$460,141	$460,141
Agency to Agency Contracts	$460,141	$460,141	$460,141
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$42,369,025	$42,353,859	$42,260,204

Epidemiology **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor, investigate, and respond to disease, injury, and other events of public health concern.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,364,236	$8,364,236	$8,364,236
State General Funds	$8,244,135	$8,244,135	$8,244,135
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$120,101	$120,101	$120,101
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$15,459,874	$15,459,874	$15,459,874
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$15,459,874	$15,459,874	$15,459,874
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$23,824,110	$23,824,110	$23,824,110

251.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$258,360	$258,360	$161,475

251.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($12,116)	($12,116)

251.1000 Epidemiology **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor, investigate, and respond to disease, injury, and other events of public health concern.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,622,596	$8,610,480	$8,513,595
State General Funds	$8,502,495	$8,490,379	$8,393,494
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$120,101	$120,101	$120,101
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$15,459,874	$15,459,874	$15,459,874
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$15,459,874	$15,459,874	$15,459,874
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,082,470	$24,070,354	$23,973,469

Immunization **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide immunization, consultation, training, assessment, vaccines, and technical assistance.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,499,795	$2,499,795	$2,499,795
State General Funds	$2,499,795	$2,499,795	$2,499,795
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,000,391	$11,000,391	$11,000,391
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,000,391	$11,000,391	$11,000,391
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$12,649,702	$12,649,702	$12,649,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$12,649,702	$12,649,702	$12,649,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$12,649,702	$12,649,702	$12,649,702
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$26,149,888	$26,149,888	$26,149,888

252.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$96,885	$96,885	$60,554

252.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($3,483)	($3,483)

252.1000 Immunization **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide immunization, consultation, training, assessment, vaccines, and technical assistance.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,596,680	$2,593,197	$2,556,866
State General Funds	$2,596,680	$2,593,197	$2,556,866
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,000,391	$11,000,391	$11,000,391
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,000,391	$11,000,391	$11,000,391
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$12,649,702	$12,649,702	$12,649,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$12,649,702	$12,649,702	$12,649,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$12,649,702	$12,649,702	$12,649,702
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$26,246,773	$26,243,290	$26,206,959

Infant and Child Essential Health Treatment Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to avoid unnecessary health problems in later life by providing comprehensive health services to infants and children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$35,235,681	$35,235,681	$35,235,681
State General Funds	$35,235,681	$35,235,681	$35,235,681
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$38,374,024	$38,374,024	$38,374,024
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$26,879,427	$26,879,427	$26,879,427
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$10,818,769	$10,818,769	$10,818,769
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$675,828	$675,828	$675,828
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,217,000	$1,217,000	$1,217,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$217,000	$217,000	$217,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$217,000	$217,000	$217,000
Sales and Services	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$74,826,705	$74,826,705	$74,826,705

253.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$83,967	$83,967	$52,480

253.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($7,786)	($7,786)

253.1000 Infant and Child Essential Health Treatment Services **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to avoid unnecessary health problems in later life by providing comprehensive health services to infants and children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$35,319,648	$35,311,862	$35,280,375
State General Funds	$35,319,648	$35,311,862	$35,280,375
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$38,374,024	$38,374,024	$38,374,024
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$26,879,427	$26,879,427	$26,879,427
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$10,818,769	$10,818,769	$10,818,769
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$675,828	$675,828	$675,828
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,217,000	$1,217,000	$1,217,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$217,000	$217,000	$217,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$217,000	$217,000	$217,000
Sales and Services	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$74,910,672	$74,902,886	$74,871,399

Infant and Child Health Promotion **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote health and nutrition for infants and children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,630,765	$16,630,765	$16,630,765
State General Funds	$16,630,765	$16,630,765	$16,630,765

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$214,597,390	$214,597,390	$214,597,390
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$208,492,719	$208,492,719	$208,492,719
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$5,558,546	$5,558,546	$5,558,546
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$546,125	$546,125	$546,125
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$231,228,155	$231,228,155	$231,228,155

254.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$243,289	$243,289	$152,056

254.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($3,507)	($3,507)

254.1000 Infant and Child Health Promotion			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote health and nutrition for infants and children.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,874,054	$16,870,547	$16,779,314
State General Funds	$16,874,054	$16,870,547	$16,779,314
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$214,597,390	$214,597,390	$214,597,390
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$208,492,719	$208,492,719	$208,492,719
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$5,558,546	$5,558,546	$5,558,546
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$546,125	$546,125	$546,125
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$231,471,444	$231,467,937	$231,376,704

Infectious Disease Control			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure quality prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, and other infectious diseases.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$46,149,968	$46,149,968	$46,149,968
State General Funds	$46,149,968	$46,149,968	$46,149,968
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$100,912,495	$100,912,495	$100,912,495
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$100,912,495	$100,912,495	$100,912,495
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$147,062,463	$147,062,463	$147,062,463

255.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$465,048	$465,048	$290,655

255.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($20,976)	($20,976)

255.1000 Infectious Disease Control			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure quality prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, and other infectious diseases.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$46,615,016	$46,594,040	$46,419,647
State General Funds	$46,615,016	$46,594,040	$46,419,647
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$100,912,495	$100,912,495	$100,912,495
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$100,912,495	$100,912,495	$100,912,495
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$147,527,511	$147,506,535	$147,332,142

Inspections and Environmental Hazard Control			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to detect and prevent environmental hazards, as well as providing inspection and enforcement of health regulations for food service establishments, sewage management facilities, and swimming pools.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,088,599	$9,088,599	$9,088,599
State General Funds	$9,088,599	$9,088,599	$9,088,599
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,606,558	$4,606,558	$4,606,558
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,426,558	$3,426,558	$3,426,558
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$1,180,000	$1,180,000	$1,180,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000
Sales and Services	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,445,157	$14,445,157	$14,445,157

256.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$146,404	$146,404	$91,503

256.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($22,317)	($22,317)

256.1000 Inspections and Environmental Hazard Control			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to detect and prevent environmental hazards, as well as providing inspection and enforcement of health regulations for food service establishments, sewage management facilities, and swimming pools.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,235,003	$9,212,686	$9,157,785
State General Funds	$9,235,003	$9,212,686	$9,157,785
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,606,558	$4,606,558	$4,606,558
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,426,558	$3,426,558	$3,426,558
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$1,180,000	$1,180,000	$1,180,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000

Sales and Services	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,591,561	$14,569,244	$14,514,343

Public Health Formula Grants to Counties **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide general grant-in-aid to county boards of health delivering local public health services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$210,308,336	$210,308,336	$210,308,336
State General Funds	$210,308,336	$210,308,336	$210,308,336
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$25,000,000	$25,000,000	$25,000,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$25,000,000	$25,000,000	$25,000,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$237,108,336	$237,108,336	$237,108,336

257.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$9,010,305	$9,010,305	$5,631,441

257.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($899,234)	($899,234)

257.3 *Reduce funds for prior statewide changes and telehealth costs.*

State General Funds			($2,000,000)

257.1000 Public Health Formula Grants to Counties **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide general grant-in-aid to county boards of health delivering local public health services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$219,318,641	$218,419,407	$213,040,543
State General Funds	$219,318,641	$218,419,407	$213,040,543
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$25,000,000	$25,000,000	$25,000,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$25,000,000	$25,000,000	$25,000,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$246,118,641	$245,219,407	$239,840,543

Vital Records **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to register, enter, archive and provide to the public in a timely manner vital records and associated documents.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,080,867	$5,080,867	$5,080,867
State General Funds	$5,080,867	$5,080,867	$5,080,867
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,300,000	$2,300,000	$2,300,000
Sales and Services	$2,300,000	$2,300,000	$2,300,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,300,000	$2,300,000	$2,300,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,380,867	$7,380,867	$7,380,867

258.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$118,415	$118,415	$74,010

258.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($17,050)	($17,050)

258.1000 Vital Records **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to register, enter, archive and provide to the public in a timely manner vital records and associated documents.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,199,282	$5,182,232	$5,137,827
State General Funds	$5,199,282	$5,182,232	$5,137,827
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,300,000	$2,300,000	$2,300,000
Sales and Services	$2,300,000	$2,300,000	$2,300,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,300,000	$2,300,000	$2,300,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,499,282	$7,482,232	$7,437,827

Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide disbursements from the Trust Fund to offset the costs of care and rehabilitative services to citizens of the state who have survived brain or spinal cord injuries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,010,871	$2,010,871	$2,010,871
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$2,010,871	$2,010,871	$2,010,871
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$144,313	$144,313	$144,313
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$144,313	$144,313	$144,313
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,155,184	$2,155,184	$2,155,184

259.1000 Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide disbursements from the Trust Fund to offset the costs of care and rehabilitative services to citizens of the state who have survived brain or spinal cord injuries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,010,871	$2,010,871	$2,010,871
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$2,010,871	$2,010,871	$2,010,871

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$144,313	$144,313	$144,313
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$144,313	$144,313	$144,313
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,155,184	$2,155,184	$2,155,184

Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to establish, maintain, and administer a trauma center network, to coordinate the best use of existing trauma facilities and to direct patients to the best available facility for treatment of traumatic injury and participate in the accountability mechanism for the entire Georgia trauma system, primarily overseeing the flow of funds for system improvement.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$28,940,946	$28,940,946	$28,940,946
State General Funds	$12,551,073	$12,551,073	$12,551,073
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$16,389,873	$16,389,873	$16,389,873
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,471,234	$1,471,234	$1,471,234
Agency Funds Transfers	$1,471,234	$1,471,234	$1,471,234
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,471,234	$1,471,234	$1,471,234
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$30,412,180	$30,412,180	$30,412,180

260.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$10,765	$10,765	$6,729

260.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($4,613)	($4,613)

260.1000 Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to establish, maintain, and administer a trauma center network, to coordinate the best use of existing trauma facilities and to direct patients to the best available facility for treatment of traumatic injury and participate in the accountability mechanism for the entire Georgia trauma system, primarily overseeing the flow of funds for system improvement.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$28,951,711	$28,947,098	$28,943,062
State General Funds	$12,561,838	$12,557,225	$12,553,189
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$16,389,873	$16,389,873	$16,389,873
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,471,234	$1,471,234	$1,471,234
Agency Funds Transfers	$1,471,234	$1,471,234	$1,471,234
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,471,234	$1,471,234	$1,471,234
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$30,422,945	$30,418,332	$30,414,296

Section 39: Public Safety, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$256,072,312	$256,072,312	$256,072,312
State General Funds	$256,072,312	$256,072,312	$256,072,312

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$34,695,566	$34,695,566	$34,695,566
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$34,695,566	$34,695,566	$34,695,566
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$24,143,879	$24,143,879	$24,143,879
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,299,590	$2,299,590	$2,299,590
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,299,590	$2,299,590	$2,299,590
Sales and Services	$21,224,289	$21,224,289	$21,224,289
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$21,224,289	$21,224,289	$21,224,289
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,728,369	$1,728,369	$1,728,369
State Funds Transfers	$1,728,369	$1,728,369	$1,728,369
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
Agency to Agency Contracts	$520,786	$520,786	$520,786
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$316,640,126	$316,640,126	$316,640,126

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$259,940,000	$260,804,683	$252,705,388
State General Funds	$259,940,000	$260,804,683	$252,705,388
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$34,695,566	$34,695,566	$34,695,566
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$34,695,566	$34,695,566	$34,695,566
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$24,143,879	$24,143,879	$24,143,879
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,299,590	$2,299,590	$2,299,590
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,299,590	$2,299,590	$2,299,590
Sales and Services	$21,224,289	$21,224,289	$21,224,289
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$21,224,289	$21,224,289	$21,224,289
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,728,369	$1,728,369	$1,728,369
State Funds Transfers	$1,728,369	$1,728,369	$1,728,369
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
Agency to Agency Contracts	$520,786	$520,786	$520,786
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$320,507,814	$321,372,497	$313,273,202

Aviation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide aerial support for search and rescue missions and search and apprehension missions in criminal pursuits within the State of Georgia; to provide transport flights to conduct state business, for emergency medical transport, and to support local and federal agencies in public safety efforts with aerial surveillance and observation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,200,659	$5,200,659	$5,200,659
State General Funds	$5,200,659	$5,200,659	$5,200,659
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,200,659	$5,200,659	$5,200,659

261.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$43,060	$43,060	$26,913

261.2 *Reduce funds for personnel based on the actual start date of new positions.*

State General Funds	($6,352)	($6,352)	($6,352)

261.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($13,518)	($13,518)

261.4 *Reduce funds for vacant positions.*

State General Funds			($78,636)

261.1000 Aviation **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide aerial support for search and rescue missions and search and apprehension missions in criminal pursuits within the State of Georgia; to provide transport flights to conduct state business, for emergency medical transport, and to support local and federal agencies in public safety efforts with aerial surveillance and observation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,237,367	$5,223,849	$5,129,066
State General Funds	$5,237,367	$5,223,849	$5,129,066
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,237,367	$5,223,849	$5,129,066

Capitol Police Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect life and property in the Capitol Square area, enforce traffic regulations around the Capitol, monitor entrances of state buildings, screen packages and personal items of individuals entering state facilities, and provide general security for elected officials, government employees, and visitors to the Capitol.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077
Sales and Services	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
State Funds Transfers	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,612,660	$9,612,660	$9,612,660

262.1000 Capitol Police Services			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect life and property in the Capitol Square area, enforce traffic regulations around the Capitol, monitor entrances of state buildings, screen packages and personal items of individuals entering state facilities, and provide general security for elected officials, government employees, and visitors to the Capitol.			
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077
Sales and Services	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
State Funds Transfers	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,612,660	$9,612,660	$9,612,660

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide inspection, regulation, and enforcement for size, weight, and safety standards as well as traffic and criminal laws for commercial motor carriers, limousines, non-consensual tow trucks, household goods movers, all buses, and large passenger vehicles as well as providing High Occupancy Vehicle and High Occupancy Toll lane use restriction enforcement.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,175,493	$23,175,493	$23,175,493
State General Funds	$23,175,493	$23,175,493	$23,175,493
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,348,744	$11,348,744	$11,348,744
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,348,744	$11,348,744	$11,348,744
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$11,132,727	$11,132,727	$11,132,727
Intergovernmental Transfers	$370,923	$370,923	$370,923
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$370,923	$370,923	$370,923
Sales and Services	$10,761,804	$10,761,804	$10,761,804
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$10,761,804	$10,761,804	$10,761,804
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$45,656,964	$45,656,964	$45,656,964

263.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$635,135	$635,135	$396,960

263.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($52,528)	($52,528)

263.3 *Reduce funds for vacant positions.*

State General Funds			($390,344)

263.998 *Change the name of the Motor Carrier Compliance program to the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement program pursuant to HB116 (2025 Legislative Session). (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

263.1000 Commercial Vehicle Enforcement			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide inspection, regulation, and enforcement for size, weight, and safety standards as well as traffic and criminal laws for commercial motor carriers, limousines, non-consensual tow trucks, household goods movers, all buses, and large passenger vehicles as well as providing High Occupancy Vehicle and High Occupancy Toll lane use restriction enforcement.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,810,628	$23,758,100	$23,129,581
State General Funds	$23,810,628	$23,758,100	$23,129,581
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,348,744	$11,348,744	$11,348,744
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,348,744	$11,348,744	$11,348,744
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$11,132,727	$11,132,727	$11,132,727
Intergovernmental Transfers	$370,923	$370,923	$370,923
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$370,923	$370,923	$370,923
Sales and Services	$10,761,804	$10,761,804	$10,761,804
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$10,761,804	$10,761,804	$10,761,804
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$46,292,099	$46,239,571	$45,611,052

Departmental Administration (DPS)		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department and administratively attached agencies.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,560,862	$10,560,862	$10,560,862
State General Funds	$10,560,862	$10,560,862	$10,560,862
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510
Sales and Services	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,564,372	$10,564,372	$10,564,372

264.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$152,863	$152,863	$95,540

264.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($36,320)	($36,320)

264.3 *Reduce funds for vacant positions.*

State General Funds			($916,862)

264.1000 Departmental Administration (DPS)			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department and administratively attached agencies.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,713,725	$10,677,405	$9,703,220
State General Funds	$10,713,725	$10,677,405	$9,703,220
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510
Sales and Services	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,717,235	$10,680,915	$9,706,730

Field Offices and Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide enforcement for traffic and criminal laws through the Department of Public Safety's Uniform Division, and support a variety of specialized teams and offices, which include the Motorcycle Unit, Criminal Interdiction Unit, the Crisis Negotiations Team, the Special Projects Adjutant Office, Headquarters Adjutant Office, Special Investigations Office, the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Unit, and the Training Unit.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$161,998,462	$161,998,462	$161,998,462
State General Funds	$161,998,462	$161,998,462	$161,998,462
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,494,501	$2,494,501	$2,494,501
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,494,501	$2,494,501	$2,494,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$673,900	$673,900	$673,900
Sales and Services	$53,900	$53,900	$53,900
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$53,900	$53,900	$53,900
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786
State Funds Transfers	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786
Agency to Agency Contracts	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$165,542,649	$165,542,649	$165,542,649

265.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$2,415,666	$2,415,666	$1,509,792

265.2 *Transfer funds from the Department of Public Safety to the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency for the protection of communities through the Nonprofit Security Grant Program.*

State General Funds	($1,000,000)	($1,000,000)	($1,000,000)

265.3 *Increase funds for ballistic helmet radio patches.*

State General Funds	$180,000	$180,000	$180,000

265.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds	($569,699)	($569,699)

265.5 *Reduce funds for vacant positions.*

State General Funds	($983,785)

265.1000 Field Offices and Services **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide enforcement for traffic and criminal laws through the Department of Public Safety's Uniform Division, and support a variety of specialized teams and offices, which include the Motorcycle Unit, Criminal Interdiction Unit, the Crisis Negotiations Team, the Special Projects Adjutant Office, Headquarters Adjutant Office, Special Investigations Office, the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Unit, and the Training Unit.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$163,594,128	$163,024,429	$161,134,770
State General Funds	$163,594,128	$163,024,429	$161,134,770
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,494,501	$2,494,501	$2,494,501
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,494,501	$2,494,501	$2,494,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$673,900	$673,900	$673,900
Sales and Services	$53,900	$53,900	$53,900
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$53,900	$53,900	$53,900
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786
State Funds Transfers	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786
Agency to Agency Contracts	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$167,138,315	$166,568,616	$164,678,957

Law Enforcement Training **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the training of State Troopers through Georgia State Patrol trooper schools.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,772,892	$9,772,892	$9,772,892
State General Funds	$9,772,892	$9,772,892	$9,772,892
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,772,892	$9,772,892	$9,772,892

266.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$64,590	$64,590	$40,369

266.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds	($30,618)	($30,618)

266.3 *Reduce funds for vacant positions.*

State General Funds	($3,222,841)

266.1000 Law Enforcement Training			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the training of State Troopers through Georgia State Patrol trooper schools.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,837,482	$9,806,864	$6,559,802
State General Funds	$9,837,482	$9,806,864	$6,559,802
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,837,482	$9,806,864	$6,559,802

Office of Public Safety Officer Support **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide peer counselors and critical incident support services to requesting local and state public entities that employ public safety officers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,101,414	$2,101,414	$2,101,414
State General Funds	$2,101,414	$2,101,414	$2,101,414
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,101,414	$2,101,414	$2,101,414

267.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$34,448	$34,448	$21,530

267.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($8,564)	($8,564)

267.1000 Office of Public Safety Officer Support			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide peer counselors and critical incident support services to requesting local and state public entities that employ public safety officers.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,135,862	$2,127,298	$2,114,380
State General Funds	$2,135,862	$2,127,298	$2,114,380
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,135,862	$2,127,298	$2,114,380

Firefighter Standards and Training Council, Georgia **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide professionally trained, competent, and ethical firefighters with the proper equipment and facilities to ensure a fire-safe environment for Georgia citizens, and establish professional standards for fire service training including consulting, testing, and certification of Georgia firefighters.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,854,276	$1,854,276	$1,854,276
State General Funds	$1,854,276	$1,854,276	$1,854,276
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,854,276	$1,854,276	$1,854,276

268.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$27,989	$27,989	$17,494

268.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($6,802)	($6,802)

268.3 *Increase funds for start-up costs for one safety and compliance specialist.*

State General Funds		$60,000	$0

268.1000 Firefighter Standards and Training Council, Georgia **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide professionally trained, competent, and ethical firefighters with the proper equipment and facilities to ensure a fire-safe environment for Georgia citizens, and establish professional standards for fire service training including consulting, testing, and certification of Georgia firefighters.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,882,265	$1,935,463	$1,864,968
State General Funds	$1,882,265	$1,935,463	$1,864,968
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,882,265	$1,935,463	$1,864,968

Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, Georgia **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to set standards for the law enforcement community; ensure adequate training at the highest level for all of Georgia's law enforcement officers and public safety professionals; and, certify individuals when all requirements are met. Investigate officers and public safety professionals when an allegation of unethical and/or illegal conduct is made, and sanction these individuals by disciplining officers and public safety professionals when necessary.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,322,125	$6,322,125	$6,322,125
State General Funds	$6,322,125	$6,322,125	$6,322,125
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,322,125	$6,322,125	$6,322,125

269.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$88,273	$88,273	$55,171

269.2 *Increase funds for rent at the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council Headquarters.*

State General Funds	$9,180	$9,180	$9,180

269.3 *Increase funds for a content management service.*

State General Funds	$24,587	$24,587	$24,587

269.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($22,218)	($22,218)

269.1000 Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, Georgia			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to set standards for the law enforcement community; ensure adequate training at the highest level for all of Georgia's law enforcement officers and public safety professionals; and, certify individuals when all requirements are met. Investigate officers and public safety professionals when an allegation of unethical and/or illegal conduct is made, and sanction these individuals by disciplining officers and public safety professionals when necessary.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,444,165	$6,421,947	$6,388,845
State General Funds	$6,444,165	$6,421,947	$6,388,845
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,444,165	$6,421,947	$6,388,845

Public Safety Training Center, Georgia			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to develop, deliver, and facilitate training that results in professional and competent public safety services for the people of Georgia.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$30,741,590	$30,741,590	$30,741,590
State General Funds	$30,741,590	$30,741,590	$30,741,590
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,061,179	$1,061,179	$1,061,179
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,061,179	$1,061,179	$1,061,179
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,420,753	$3,420,753	$3,420,753
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,928,667	$1,928,667	$1,928,667
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,928,667	$1,928,667	$1,928,667
Sales and Services	$1,492,086	$1,492,086	$1,492,086
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,492,086	$1,492,086	$1,492,086
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$35,223,522	$35,223,522	$35,223,522

270.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$501,649	$501,649	$313,531

270.2 *Increase funds for the new Metro Academy in Austell effective November 3, 2025.*

State General Funds	$582,527	$582,527	$582,527

270.3 *Increase funds for rent at the Columbus Academy.*

State General Funds	$14,025	$14,025	$14,025

270.4 *Increase funds for rent at the Tifton Academy.*

State General Funds	$25,931	$25,931	$25,931

270.5 *Increase funds for rent at the Rome Academy.*

State General Funds	$22,445	$22,445	$22,445

270.6 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds	($100,966)	($100,966)

270.7 *Increase funds for simulated firearms training.*

State General Funds	$900,000	$900,000

270.8 *Increase funds for hearing protection equipment grants for law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	$750,000	$750,000

270.9 *Reduce funds for vacant positions.*

State General Funds		($941,078)

270.1000 Public Safety Training Center, Georgia **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop, deliver, and facilitate training that results in professional and competent public safety services for the people of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$31,888,167	$33,437,201	$32,308,005
State General Funds	$31,888,167	$33,437,201	$32,308,005
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,061,179	$1,061,179	$1,061,179
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,061,179	$1,061,179	$1,061,179
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,420,753	$3,420,753	$3,420,753
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,928,667	$1,928,667	$1,928,667
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,928,667	$1,928,667	$1,928,667
Sales and Services	$1,492,086	$1,492,086	$1,492,086
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,492,086	$1,492,086	$1,492,086
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,370,099	$37,919,133	$36,789,937

Highway Safety, Office of **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to educate the public on highway safety issues, and facilitate the implementation of programs to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities on Georgia roadways.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$892,229	$892,229	$892,229
State General Funds	$892,229	$892,229	$892,229
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$19,791,142	$19,791,142	$19,791,142
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$19,791,142	$19,791,142	$19,791,142
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912
Sales and Services	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
State Funds Transfers	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000

Agency to Agency Contracts	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,336,283	$21,336,283	$21,336,283

271.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$47,366	$47,366	$29,604

271.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($2,786)	($2,786)

271.1000 Highway Safety, Office of **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to educate the public on highway safety issues, and facilitate the implementation of programs to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities on Georgia roadways.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$939,595	$936,809	$919,047
State General Funds	$939,595	$936,809	$919,047
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$19,791,142	$19,791,142	$19,791,142
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$19,791,142	$19,791,142	$19,791,142
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912
Sales and Services	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
State Funds Transfers	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,383,649	$21,380,863	$21,363,101

Highway Safety, Office of: Georgia Driver's Education Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide driver's education grant scholarships for Georgia drivers ages 15-17 to help satisfy driver's education requirements and reduce motor vehicle crashes in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,452,310	$3,452,310	$3,452,310
State General Funds	$3,452,310	$3,452,310	$3,452,310
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,452,310	$3,452,310	$3,452,310

272.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$4,306	$4,306	$2,692

272.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($1,298)	($1,298)

272.1000 Highway Safety, Office of: Georgia Driver's Education Commission			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide driver's education grant scholarships for Georgia drivers ages 15-17 to help satisfy driver's education requirements and reduce motor vehicle crashes in Georgia.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,456,616	$3,455,318	$3,453,704
State General Funds	$3,456,616	$3,455,318	$3,453,704
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,456,616	$3,455,318	$3,453,704

Section 40: Public Service Commission

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,180,213	$13,180,213	$13,180,213
State General Funds	$13,180,213	$13,180,213	$13,180,213
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,411,313	$14,411,313	$14,411,313

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,349,187	$13,365,075	$13,298,871
State General Funds	$13,349,187	$13,365,075	$13,298,871
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,580,287	$14,596,175	$14,529,971

Commission Administration (PSC)		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist the Commissioners and staff in achieving the agency's goals.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,020,221	$2,020,221	$2,020,221
State General Funds	$2,020,221	$2,020,221	$2,020,221
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,020,221	$2,020,221	$2,020,221

273.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$23,683	$23,683	$14,802

273.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($7,988)	($7,988)

273.1000 Commission Administration (PSC)			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist the Commissioners and staff in achieving the agency's goals.			

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,043,904	$2,035,916	$2,027,035
State General Funds	$2,043,904	$2,035,916	$2,027,035
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,043,904	$2,035,916	$2,027,035

Facility Protection **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce state and federal regulations pertaining to buried utility facility infrastructure and to promote safety through training and inspections.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,914,149	$1,914,149	$1,914,149
State General Funds	$1,914,149	$1,914,149	$1,914,149
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,145,249	$3,145,249	$3,145,249

274.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$47,366	$47,366	$29,604

274.2 *Reduce funds to reflect savings based on the start date of new pipeline safety inspector.*

State General Funds	($7,572)	($7,572)	($7,572)

274.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($8,069)	($8,069)

274.1000 Facility Protection **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce state and federal regulations pertaining to buried utility facility infrastructure and to promote safety through training and inspections.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,953,943	$1,945,874	$1,928,112
State General Funds	$1,953,943	$1,945,874	$1,928,112
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,185,043	$3,176,974	$3,159,212

Utilities Regulation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor the rates and service standards of electric, natural gas, and telecommunications companies, approve supply plans for electric and natural gas companies, monitor utility system and telecommunications network planning, arbitrate complaints among competitors, provide consumer protection and education, and certify competitive natural gas and telecommunications providers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,245,843	$9,245,843	$9,245,843
State General Funds	$9,245,843	$9,245,843	$9,245,843
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,245,843	$9,245,843	$9,245,843

275.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$105,497	$105,497	$65,936

275.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($36,055)	($36,055)

275.3 *Increase funds for one engineer effective April 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		$36,125	$36,125

275.4 *Increase funds for one financial analyst effective April 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		$31,875	$31,875

275.1000 Utilities Regulation **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor the rates and service standards of electric, natural gas, and telecommunications companies, approve supply plans for electric and natural gas companies, monitor utility system and telecommunications network planning, arbitrate complaints among competitors, provide consumer protection and education, and certify competitive natural gas and telecommunications providers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,351,340	$9,383,285	$9,343,724
State General Funds	$9,351,340	$9,383,285	$9,343,724
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,351,340	$9,383,285	$9,343,724

Section 41: Regents, University System of Georgia

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,600,383,387	$3,600,383,387	$3,600,383,387
State General Funds	$3,600,383,387	$3,600,383,387	$3,600,383,387
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,204,301,725	$2,204,301,725	$2,204,301,725
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,204,301,725	$2,204,301,725	$2,204,301,725
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,014,832,925	$5,014,832,925	$5,014,832,925
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,333,732,293	$1,333,732,293	$1,333,732,293
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$1,104,814,673	$1,104,814,673	$1,104,814,673
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$228,917,620	$228,917,620	$228,917,620
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$542,285,570	$542,285,570	$542,285,570
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$542,285,570	$542,285,570	$542,285,570
Sales and Services	$3,138,815,062	$3,138,815,062	$3,138,815,062
Record Center Storage Fees	$912,482	$912,482	$912,482
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$440,001,366	$440,001,366	$440,001,366

Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$2,697,901,214	$2,697,901,214	$2,697,901,214
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,819,518,037	$10,819,518,037	$10,819,518,037
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,030,330,560	$4,006,105,410	$3,774,403,652
State General Funds	$4,030,330,560	$4,006,105,410	$3,774,403,652
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,204,301,725	$2,204,301,725	$2,204,301,725
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,204,301,725	$2,204,301,725	$2,204,301,725
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,014,832,925	$5,014,832,925	$5,014,832,925
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,333,732,293	$1,333,732,293	$1,333,732,293
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$1,104,814,673	$1,104,814,673	$1,104,814,673
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$228,917,620	$228,917,620	$228,917,620
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$542,285,570	$542,285,570	$542,285,570
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$542,285,570	$542,285,570	$542,285,570
Sales and Services	$3,138,815,062	$3,138,815,062	$3,138,815,062
Record Center Storage Fees	$912,482	$912,482	$912,482
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$440,001,366	$440,001,366	$440,001,366
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$2,697,901,214	$2,697,901,214	$2,697,901,214
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,249,465,210	$11,225,240,060	$10,993,538,302

Agricultural Experiment Station **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve production, processing, new product development, food safety, storage, and marketing to increase profitability and global competitiveness of Georgia's agribusiness.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$55,392,661	$55,392,661	$55,392,661
State General Funds	$55,392,661	$55,392,661	$55,392,661
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$46,453,199	$46,453,199	$46,453,199
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$46,453,199	$46,453,199	$46,453,199
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$38,020,201	$38,020,201	$38,020,201
Intergovernmental Transfers	$26,135,196	$26,135,196	$26,135,196
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$26,135,196	$26,135,196	$26,135,196
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$5,500,000	$5,500,000	$5,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$5,500,000	$5,500,000	$5,500,000
Sales and Services	$6,385,005	$6,385,005	$6,385,005
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,385,005	$6,385,005	$6,385,005
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$139,866,061	$139,866,061	$139,866,061

276.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$1,272,423	$1,272,423	$795,265

276.2 *Reduce funds for personnel based on the actual start date of new positions.*

State General Funds	($120,000)	($180,000)	($180,000)

276.3 *Increase funds for one-time funding for operational and equipment needs to support blueberry breeder research. (S:Increase funds to match one-time matching funds ($726,804) for operational and equipment needs to support blueberry breeder research)*

State General Funds		$500,000	$838,000

276.1000 Agricultural Experiment Station			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to improve production, processing, new product development, food safety, storage, and marketing to increase profitability and global competitiveness of Georgia's agribusiness.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$56,545,084	$56,985,084	$56,845,926
State General Funds	$56,545,084	$56,985,084	$56,845,926
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$46,453,199	$46,453,199	$46,453,199
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$46,453,199	$46,453,199	$46,453,199
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$38,020,201	$38,020,201	$38,020,201
Intergovernmental Transfers	$26,135,196	$26,135,196	$26,135,196
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$26,135,196	$26,135,196	$26,135,196
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$5,500,000	$5,500,000	$5,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$5,500,000	$5,500,000	$5,500,000
Sales and Services	$6,385,005	$6,385,005	$6,385,005
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,385,005	$6,385,005	$6,385,005
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$141,018,484	$141,458,484	$141,319,326

Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories Contract			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide diagnostic services, disease research, and educational outreach for veterinarians and animal owners to ensure the safety of Georgia's food supply and the health of Georgia's production, equine, and companion animals.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$991,572	$991,572	$991,572
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$991,572	$991,572	$991,572
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,628,831	$8,628,831	$8,628,831
Intergovernmental Transfers	$633,428	$633,428	$633,428
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$633,428	$633,428	$633,428
Sales and Services	$7,995,403	$7,995,403	$7,995,403
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$7,995,403	$7,995,403	$7,995,403
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,620,403	$9,620,403	$9,620,403

277.1000 Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories Contract			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide diagnostic services, disease research, and educational outreach for veterinarians and animal owners to ensure the safety of Georgia's food supply and the health of Georgia's production, equine, and companion animals.			
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$991,572	$991,572	$991,572
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$991,572	$991,572	$991,572
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,628,831	$8,628,831	$8,628,831
Intergovernmental Transfers	$633,428	$633,428	$633,428
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$633,428	$633,428	$633,428
Sales and Services	$7,995,403	$7,995,403	$7,995,403
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$7,995,403	$7,995,403	$7,995,403
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,620,403	$9,620,403	$9,620,403

Cooperative Extension Service			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide training, educational programs, and outreach to Georgians in agricultural, horticultural, food, and family and consumer sciences, and to manage the 4-H youth program for the state.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,136,614	$52,136,614	$52,136,614
State General Funds	$52,136,614	$52,136,614	$52,136,614
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,140,781	$11,140,781	$11,140,781
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,140,781	$11,140,781	$11,140,781
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$29,713,277	$29,713,277	$29,713,277
Intergovernmental Transfers	$11,533,874	$11,533,874	$11,533,874
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$11,533,874	$11,533,874	$11,533,874
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$17,879,403	$17,879,403	$17,879,403
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$17,879,403	$17,879,403	$17,879,403
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$92,990,672	$92,990,672	$92,990,672

278.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$1,679,340	$1,679,340	$1,049,588

278.2 *Reduce funds for personnel based on the actual start date of new positions.*

State General Funds	($87,500)	($112,500)	($137,500)

278.3 *Increase funds for Research and Education Center infrastructure and facility upgrades, statewide.*

State General Funds			$7,000,000

278.1000 Cooperative Extension Service			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide training, educational programs, and outreach to Georgians in agricultural, horticultural, food, and family and consumer sciences, and to manage the 4-H youth program for the state.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$53,728,454	$53,703,454	$60,048,702
State General Funds	$53,728,454	$53,703,454	$60,048,702
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,140,781	$11,140,781	$11,140,781
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,140,781	$11,140,781	$11,140,781
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$29,713,277	$29,713,277	$29,713,277
Intergovernmental Transfers	$11,533,874	$11,533,874	$11,533,874
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$11,533,874	$11,533,874	$11,533,874
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$17,879,403	$17,879,403	$17,879,403
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$17,879,403	$17,879,403	$17,879,403
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$94,582,512	$94,557,512	$100,902,760

Enterprise Innovation Institute			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to advise Georgia manufacturers, entrepreneurs, and government officials on best business practices and technology-driven economic development, and to provide the state share to federal incentive and assistance programs for entrepreneurs and innovative businesses.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,089,185	$13,089,185	$13,089,185
State General Funds	$13,089,185	$13,089,185	$13,089,185
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,500,000	$12,500,000	$12,500,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,500,000	$12,500,000	$12,500,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,100,000	$6,100,000	$6,100,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,600,000	$1,600,000	$1,600,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,600,000	$1,600,000	$1,600,000
Sales and Services	$4,500,000	$4,500,000	$4,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,500,000	$4,500,000	$4,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$31,689,185	$31,689,185	$31,689,185

279.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$378,928	$378,928	$236,830

279.1000 Enterprise Innovation Institute	**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to advise Georgia manufacturers, entrepreneurs, and government officials on best business practices and technology-driven economic development, and to provide the state share to federal incentive and assistance programs for entrepreneurs and innovative businesses.	

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,468,113	$13,468,113	$13,326,015
State General Funds	$13,468,113	$13,468,113	$13,326,015
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,500,000	$12,500,000	$12,500,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,500,000	$12,500,000	$12,500,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,100,000	$6,100,000	$6,100,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,600,000	$1,600,000	$1,600,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,600,000	$1,600,000	$1,600,000
Sales and Services	$4,500,000	$4,500,000	$4,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,500,000	$4,500,000	$4,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$32,068,113	$32,068,113	$31,926,015

Forestry Cooperative Extension **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for faculty to support instruction and outreach about conservation and sustainable management of forests and other natural resources.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,131,781	$1,131,781	$1,131,781
State General Funds	$1,131,781	$1,131,781	$1,131,781
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,003,095	$1,003,095	$1,003,095
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,003,095	$1,003,095	$1,003,095
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,089,486	$1,089,486	$1,089,486
Intergovernmental Transfers	$759,486	$759,486	$759,486
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$759,486	$759,486	$759,486
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services	$180,000	$180,000	$180,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$180,000	$180,000	$180,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,224,362	$3,224,362	$3,224,362

280.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$36,601	$36,601	$22,876

280.1000 Forestry Cooperative Extension **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for faculty to support instruction and outreach about conservation and sustainable management of forests and other natural resources.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,168,382	$1,168,382	$1,154,657
State General Funds	$1,168,382	$1,168,382	$1,154,657
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,003,095	$1,003,095	$1,003,095
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,003,095	$1,003,095	$1,003,095

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,089,486	$1,089,486	$1,089,486
Intergovernmental Transfers	$759,486	$759,486	$759,486
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$759,486	$759,486	$759,486
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services	$180,000	$180,000	$180,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$180,000	$180,000	$180,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,260,963	$3,260,963	$3,247,238

Forestry Research **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct research about economically and environmentally sound forest resources management and to assist non-industrial forest landowners and natural resources professionals in complying with state and federal regulations.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,302,080	$3,302,080	$3,302,080
State General Funds	$3,302,080	$3,302,080	$3,302,080
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,328,944	$5,328,944	$5,328,944
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,328,944	$5,328,944	$5,328,944
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$11,780,836	$11,780,836	$11,780,836
Intergovernmental Transfers	$9,421,056	$9,421,056	$9,421,056
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$9,421,056	$9,421,056	$9,421,056
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$728,575	$728,575	$728,575
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$728,575	$728,575	$728,575
Sales and Services	$1,631,205	$1,631,205	$1,631,205
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,631,205	$1,631,205	$1,631,205
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,411,860	$20,411,860	$20,411,860

281.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$148,557	$148,557	$92,849

281.1000 Forestry Research **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct research about economically and environmentally sound forest resources management and to assist non-industrial forest landowners and natural resources professionals in complying with state and federal regulations.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,450,637	$3,450,637	$3,394,929
State General Funds	$3,450,637	$3,450,637	$3,394,929
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,328,944	$5,328,944	$5,328,944
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,328,944	$5,328,944	$5,328,944
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$11,780,836	$11,780,836	$11,780,836
Intergovernmental Transfers	$9,421,056	$9,421,056	$9,421,056

University System of Georgia Research Funds	$9,421,056	$9,421,056	$9,421,056
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$728,575	$728,575	$728,575
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$728,575	$728,575	$728,575
Sales and Services	$1,631,205	$1,631,205	$1,631,205
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,631,205	$1,631,205	$1,631,205
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,560,417	$20,560,417	$20,504,709

Georgia Archives **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain the state's archives; document and interpret the history of the Georgia State Capitol building; and assist State Agencies with adequately documenting their activities, administering their records management programs, scheduling their records, and transferring their non-current records to the State Records Center.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,567,521	$4,567,521	$4,567,521
State General Funds	$4,567,521	$4,567,521	$4,567,521
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,176,115	$1,176,115	$1,176,115
Intergovernmental Transfers	$140,115	$140,115	$140,115
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$140,115	$140,115	$140,115
Sales and Services	$1,036,000	$1,036,000	$1,036,000
Record Center Storage Fees	$912,482	$912,482	$912,482
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$123,518	$123,518	$123,518
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,743,636	$5,743,636	$5,743,636

282.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$51,672	$51,672	$32,295

282.1000 Georgia Archives **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain the state's archives; document and interpret the history of the Georgia State Capitol building; and assist State Agencies with adequately documenting their activities, administering their records management programs, scheduling their records, and transferring their non-current records to the State Records Center.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,619,193	$4,619,193	$4,599,816
State General Funds	$4,619,193	$4,619,193	$4,599,816
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,176,115	$1,176,115	$1,176,115
Intergovernmental Transfers	$140,115	$140,115	$140,115
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$140,115	$140,115	$140,115
Sales and Services	$1,036,000	$1,036,000	$1,036,000
Record Center Storage Fees	$912,482	$912,482	$912,482
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$123,518	$123,518	$123,518
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,795,308	$5,795,308	$5,775,931

Georgia Cyber Innovation and Training Center **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance cybersecurity technology for private and public industries through unique education, training, research, and practical applications.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,013,318	$2,013,318	$2,013,318
State General Funds	$2,013,318	$2,013,318	$2,013,318
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$199,458	$199,458	$199,458
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$199,458	$199,458	$199,458
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,999,550	$1,999,550	$1,999,550
Intergovernmental Transfers	$194,560	$194,560	$194,560
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$194,560	$194,560	$194,560
Sales and Services	$1,804,990	$1,804,990	$1,804,990
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,804,990	$1,804,990	$1,804,990
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,212,326	$4,212,326	$4,212,326

283.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$49,519	$49,519	$30,950

283.1000 Georgia Cyber Innovation and Training Center **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance cybersecurity technology for private and public industries through unique education, training, research, and practical applications.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,062,837	$2,062,837	$2,044,268
State General Funds	$2,062,837	$2,062,837	$2,044,268
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$199,458	$199,458	$199,458
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$199,458	$199,458	$199,458
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,999,550	$1,999,550	$1,999,550
Intergovernmental Transfers	$194,560	$194,560	$194,560
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$194,560	$194,560	$194,560
Sales and Services	$1,804,990	$1,804,990	$1,804,990
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,804,990	$1,804,990	$1,804,990
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,261,845	$4,261,845	$4,243,276

Georgia Research Alliance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand research and commercialization capacity in public and private universities in Georgia to launch new companies and create jobs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,138,976	$5,138,976	$5,138,976
State General Funds	$5,138,976	$5,138,976	$5,138,976
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,138,976	$5,138,976	$5,138,976

284.1000 Georgia Research Alliance **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand research and commercialization capacity in public and private universities in Georgia to launch new companies and create jobs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,138,976	$5,138,976	$5,138,976
State General Funds	$5,138,976	$5,138,976	$5,138,976
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,138,976	$5,138,976	$5,138,976

Georgia Tech Research Institute **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding to laboratories and research centers affiliated with the Georgia Institute of Technology whose scientific, engineering, industrial, or policy research promotes economic development, health, and safety in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,534,889	$7,534,889	$7,534,889
State General Funds	$7,534,889	$7,534,889	$7,534,889
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$665,160,311	$665,160,311	$665,160,311
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$665,160,311	$665,160,311	$665,160,311
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$379,613,855	$379,613,855	$379,613,855
Intergovernmental Transfers	$17,955,922	$17,955,922	$17,955,922
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$17,955,922	$17,955,922	$17,955,922
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$353,058,598	$353,058,598	$353,058,598
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$353,058,598	$353,058,598	$353,058,598
Sales and Services	$8,599,335	$8,599,335	$8,599,335
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,599,335	$8,599,335	$8,599,335
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,052,309,055	$1,052,309,055	$1,052,309,055

285.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$5,429,866	$5,429,866	$3,393,667

285.1000 Georgia Tech Research Institute **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding to laboratories and research centers affiliated with the Georgia Institute of Technology whose scientific, engineering, industrial, or policy research promotes economic development, health, and safety in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,964,755	$12,964,755	$10,928,556
State General Funds	$12,964,755	$12,964,755	$10,928,556
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$665,160,311	$665,160,311	$665,160,311
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$665,160,311	$665,160,311	$665,160,311

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$379,613,855	$379,613,855	$379,613,855
Intergovernmental Transfers	$17,955,922	$17,955,922	$17,955,922
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$17,955,922	$17,955,922	$17,955,922
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$353,058,598	$353,058,598	$353,058,598
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$353,058,598	$353,058,598	$353,058,598
Sales and Services	$8,599,335	$8,599,335	$8,599,335
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,599,335	$8,599,335	$8,599,335
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,057,738,921	$1,057,738,921	$1,055,702,722

Marine Institute **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support research on coastal processes involving the unique ecosystems of the Georgia coastline and to provide access and facilities for graduate and undergraduate classes to conduct field research on the Georgia coast.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,177,550	$1,177,550	$1,177,550
State General Funds	$1,177,550	$1,177,550	$1,177,550
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$461,183	$461,183	$461,183
Intergovernmental Transfers	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$93,333	$93,333	$93,333
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$93,333	$93,333	$93,333
Sales and Services	$67,850	$67,850	$67,850
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$67,850	$67,850	$67,850
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,638,733	$1,638,733	$1,638,733

286.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$27,989	$27,989	$17,494

286.1000 Marine Institute **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support research on coastal processes involving the unique ecosystems of the Georgia coastline and to provide access and facilities for graduate and undergraduate classes to conduct field research on the Georgia coast.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,205,539	$1,205,539	$1,195,044
State General Funds	$1,205,539	$1,205,539	$1,195,044
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$461,183	$461,183	$461,183
Intergovernmental Transfers	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$93,333	$93,333	$93,333
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$93,333	$93,333	$93,333
Sales and Services	$67,850	$67,850	$67,850

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$67,850	$67,850	$67,850
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,666,722	$1,666,722	$1,656,227

Marine Resources Extension Center **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund outreach, education, and research to enhance coastal environmental and economic sustainability.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,806,088	$1,806,088	$1,806,088
State General Funds	$1,806,088	$1,806,088	$1,806,088
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,278,001	$1,278,001	$1,278,001
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,278,001	$1,278,001	$1,278,001
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,921,999	$1,921,999	$1,921,999
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,121,999	$1,121,999	$1,121,999
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$1,121,999	$1,121,999	$1,121,999
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services	$650,000	$650,000	$650,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$650,000	$650,000	$650,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,006,088	$5,006,088	$5,006,088

287.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$71,049	$71,049	$44,406

287.1000 Marine Resources Extension Center **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund outreach, education, and research to enhance coastal environmental and economic sustainability.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,877,137	$1,877,137	$1,850,494
State General Funds	$1,877,137	$1,877,137	$1,850,494
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,278,001	$1,278,001	$1,278,001
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,278,001	$1,278,001	$1,278,001
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,921,999	$1,921,999	$1,921,999
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,121,999	$1,121,999	$1,121,999
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$1,121,999	$1,121,999	$1,121,999
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services	$650,000	$650,000	$650,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$650,000	$650,000	$650,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,077,137	$5,077,137	$5,050,494

Medical College of Georgia Hospital and Clinics **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support graduate medical education at the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University and provide patient care, including ambulatory, trauma, cancer, neonatal intensive, and emergency and express care.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$37,328,820	$37,328,820	$37,328,820
State General Funds	$37,328,820	$37,328,820	$37,328,820
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$37,328,820	$37,328,820	$37,328,820

288.1 *Increase funds to expand the current partnership with Clark Atlanta University for prostate cancer research.*

State General Funds		$200,000	$200,000

288.1000 Medical College of Georgia Hospital and Clinics **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support graduate medical education at the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University and provide patient care, including ambulatory, trauma, cancer, neonatal intensive, and emergency and express care.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$37,328,820	$37,528,820	$37,528,820
State General Funds	$37,328,820	$37,528,820	$37,528,820
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$37,328,820	$37,528,820	$37,528,820

Public Libraries **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to award grants from the Public Library Fund, promote literacy, and provide library services that facilitate access to information for all Georgians regardless of geographic location or special needs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,671,821	$52,671,821	$52,671,821
State General Funds	$52,671,821	$52,671,821	$52,671,821
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,082,311	$4,082,311	$4,082,311
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$4,082,311	$4,082,311	$4,082,311
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$56,754,132	$56,754,132	$56,754,132

289.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$114,109	$114,109	$450,785

289.2 *Increase funds for the Public Information Network for Electronic Services (PINES) program to offset the rising cost burden of providing increased access to library resources to residents throughout the state.*

State General Funds		$146,233	$146,233

289.1000 Public Libraries **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to award grants from the Public Library Fund, promote literacy, and provide library services that facilitate access to information for all Georgians regardless of geographic location or special needs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,785,930	$52,932,163	$53,268,839
State General Funds	$52,785,930	$52,932,163	$53,268,839
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,082,311	$4,082,311	$4,082,311
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$4,082,311	$4,082,311	$4,082,311
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$56,868,241	$57,014,474	$57,351,150

Public Service / Special Funding Initiatives **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund leadership, service, and education initiatives that require funding beyond what is provided by formula.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$35,567,095	$35,567,095	$35,567,095
State General Funds	$35,567,095	$35,567,095	$35,567,095
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$35,567,095	$35,567,095	$35,567,095

290.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$415,529	$415,529	$259,706

290.1000 Public Service / Special Funding Initiatives **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund leadership, service, and education initiatives that require funding beyond what is provided by formula.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$35,982,624	$35,982,624	$35,826,801
State General Funds	$35,982,624	$35,982,624	$35,826,801
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$35,982,624	$35,982,624	$35,826,801

Regents Central Office **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to institutions of the University System of Georgia and to fund membership in the Southern Regional Education Board.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,385,591	$11,385,591	$11,385,591
State General Funds	$11,385,591	$11,385,591	$11,385,591
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
Sales and Services	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,705,591	$11,705,591	$11,705,591

291.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$81,814	$81,814	$51,134

291.2 *Add funds for state match for endowment ($300,000,000) and scholarship funds ($25,000,000) for the needs-based DREAMS Scholarship program. (H and S:Add funds for state match for endowment for the needs-based DREAMS Scholarship program)*

State General Funds	$325,000,000	$300,000,000	$100,000,000

291.3 *Reduce funds based on delayed implementation of alternative college admissions tests.*

State General Funds		($15,000)	($15,000)

291.4 *Increase funds to support GALILEO access.*

State General Funds		$67,000	$105,770

291.1000 Regents Central Office **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to institutions of the University System of Georgia and to fund membership in the Southern Regional Education Board.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$336,467,405	$311,519,405	$111,527,495
State General Funds	$336,467,405	$311,519,405	$111,527,495
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
Sales and Services	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$336,787,405	$311,839,405	$111,847,495

Skidaway Institute of Oceanography **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund research and educational programs regarding marine and ocean science and aquatic environments.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,423,225	$3,423,225	$3,423,225
State General Funds	$3,423,225	$3,423,225	$3,423,225
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,811,440	$3,811,440	$3,811,440
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,811,440	$3,811,440	$3,811,440
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,061,472	$3,061,472	$3,061,472
Intergovernmental Transfers	$939,180	$939,180	$939,180
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$939,180	$939,180	$939,180
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
Sales and Services	$1,572,292	$1,572,292	$1,572,292
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,572,292	$1,572,292	$1,572,292
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,296,137	$10,296,137	$10,296,137

292.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$94,732	$94,732	$59,208

292.1000 Skidaway Institute of Oceanography			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund research and educational programs regarding marine and ocean science and aquatic environments.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,517,957	$3,517,957	$3,482,433
State General Funds	$3,517,957	$3,517,957	$3,482,433
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,811,440	$3,811,440	$3,811,440
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,811,440	$3,811,440	$3,811,440
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,061,472	$3,061,472	$3,061,472
Intergovernmental Transfers	$939,180	$939,180	$939,180
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$939,180	$939,180	$939,180
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
Sales and Services	$1,572,292	$1,572,292	$1,572,292
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,572,292	$1,572,292	$1,572,292
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,390,869	$10,390,869	$10,355,345

Teaching			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds to the Board of Regents for annual allocations to University System of Georgia institutions for student instruction and to establish and operate other initiatives that promote, support, or extend student learning.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,282,472,916	$3,282,472,916	$3,282,472,916
State General Funds	$3,282,472,916	$3,282,472,916	$3,282,472,916
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,451,294,435	$1,451,294,435	$1,451,294,435
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,451,294,435	$1,451,294,435	$1,451,294,435
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,494,754,298	$4,494,754,298	$4,494,754,298
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,262,405,655	$1,262,405,655	$1,262,405,655
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$1,033,488,035	$1,033,488,035	$1,033,488,035
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$228,917,620	$228,917,620	$228,917,620
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$180,155,064	$180,155,064	$180,155,064
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$180,155,064	$180,155,064	$180,155,064
Sales and Services	$3,052,193,579	$3,052,193,579	$3,052,193,579
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$354,292,365	$354,292,365	$354,292,365
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$2,697,901,214	$2,697,901,214	$2,697,901,214
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,228,521,649	$9,228,521,649	$9,228,521,649

293.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$94,514,547	$94,514,547	$59,071,592

293.1000 Teaching			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds to the Board of Regents for annual allocations to University System of Georgia institutions for student instruction and to establish and operate other initiatives that promote, support, or extend student learning.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,376,987,463	$3,376,987,463	$3,341,544,508
State General Funds	$3,376,987,463	$3,376,987,463	$3,341,544,508
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,451,294,435	$1,451,294,435	$1,451,294,435
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,451,294,435	$1,451,294,435	$1,451,294,435
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,494,754,298	$4,494,754,298	$4,494,754,298
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,262,405,655	$1,262,405,655	$1,262,405,655
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$1,033,488,035	$1,033,488,035	$1,033,488,035
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$228,917,620	$228,917,620	$228,917,620
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$180,155,064	$180,155,064	$180,155,064
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$180,155,064	$180,155,064	$180,155,064
Sales and Services	$3,052,193,579	$3,052,193,579	$3,052,193,579
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$354,292,365	$354,292,365	$354,292,365
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$2,697,901,214	$2,697,901,214	$2,697,901,214
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,323,036,196	$9,323,036,196	$9,287,593,241

Veterinary Medicine Experiment Station			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and conduct research at the University of Georgia on animal disease problems of present and potential concern to Georgia's livestock and poultry industries and to provide training and education in disease research, surveillance, and intervention.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,346,504	$5,346,504	$5,346,504
State General Funds	$5,346,504	$5,346,504	$5,346,504
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,058,178	$1,058,178	$1,058,178
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,058,178	$1,058,178	$1,058,178
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,191,822	$2,191,822	$2,191,822
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,191,822	$2,191,822	$2,191,822
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$2,191,822	$2,191,822	$2,191,822
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,596,504	$8,596,504	$8,596,504

294.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$77,508	$77,508	$48,443

294.1000 Veterinary Medicine Experiment Station	**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and conduct research at the University of Georgia on animal disease problems of present and potential concern to Georgia's livestock and poultry industries and to provide training and education in disease research, surveillance, and intervention.	

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,424,012	$5,424,012	$5,394,947
State General Funds	$5,424,012	$5,424,012	$5,394,947
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,058,178	$1,058,178	$1,058,178
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,058,178	$1,058,178	$1,058,178
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,191,822	$2,191,822	$2,191,822
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,191,822	$2,191,822	$2,191,822
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$2,191,822	$2,191,822	$2,191,822
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,674,012	$8,674,012	$8,644,947

Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide clinical instruction for veterinary medicine students, support research that enhances the health and welfare of production and companion animals in Georgia, and address the shortage of veterinarians in Georgia and the nation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$600,851	$600,851	$600,851
State General Funds	$600,851	$600,851	$600,851
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$34,000,000	$34,000,000	$34,000,000
Sales and Services	$34,000,000	$34,000,000	$34,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$34,000,000	$34,000,000	$34,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$34,600,851	$34,600,851	$34,600,851

295.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$456,436	$456,436	$285,273

295.1000 Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide clinical instruction for veterinary medicine students, support research that enhances the health and welfare of production and companion animals in Georgia, and address the shortage of veterinarians in Georgia and the nation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,057,287	$1,057,287	$886,124
State General Funds	$1,057,287	$1,057,287	$886,124
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$34,000,000	$34,000,000	$34,000,000
Sales and Services	$34,000,000	$34,000,000	$34,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$34,000,000	$34,000,000	$34,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$35,057,287	$35,057,287	$34,886,124

Payments to Georgia Commission on the Holocaust **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to teach the lessons of the Holocaust to present and future generations of Georgians in order to create an awareness of the enormity of the crimes of prejudice and inhumanity.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$627,460	$627,460	$627,460
State General Funds	$627,460	$627,460	$627,460
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$627,460	$627,460	$627,460

296.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$6,459	$6,459	$4,037

296.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($1,861)	($1,861)

296.1000 Payments to Georgia Commission on the Holocaust **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to teach the lessons of the Holocaust to present and future generations of Georgians in order to create an awareness of the enormity of the crimes of prejudice and inhumanity.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$633,919	$632,058	$629,636
State General Funds	$633,919	$632,058	$629,636
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$633,919	$632,058	$629,636

Payments to Georgia Military College Junior Military College **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for Georgia Military College's Junior Military College and pooled expenses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,939,264	$3,939,264	$3,939,264
State General Funds	$3,939,264	$3,939,264	$3,939,264
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,939,264	$3,939,264	$3,939,264

297.1000 Payments to Georgia Military College Junior Military College **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for Georgia Military College's Junior Military College and pooled expenses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,939,264	$3,939,264	$3,939,264
State General Funds	$3,939,264	$3,939,264	$3,939,264
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,939,264	$3,939,264	$3,939,264

Payments to Georgia Military College Preparatory School **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide quality basic education funding for grades kindergarten through twelve at Georgia Military College's Preparatory School.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,457,184	$6,457,184	$6,457,184
State General Funds	$6,457,184	$6,457,184	$6,457,184
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,457,184	$6,457,184	$6,457,184

298.1000 Payments to Georgia Military College Preparatory School			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide quality basic education funding for grades kindergarten through twelve at Georgia Military College's Preparatory School.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,457,184	$6,457,184	$6,457,184
State General Funds	$6,457,184	$6,457,184	$6,457,184
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,457,184	$6,457,184	$6,457,184

Payments to Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to create, produce, and distribute high quality programs and services that educate, inform, and entertain audiences, and enrich the quality of their lives.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,271,993	$13,271,993	$13,271,993
State General Funds	$13,271,993	$13,271,993	$13,271,993
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,271,993	$13,271,993	$13,271,993

299.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$247,595	$247,595	$154,747

299.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($36,522)	($36,522)

299.1000 Payments to Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to create, produce, and distribute high quality programs and services that educate, inform, and entertain audiences, and enrich the quality of their lives.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,519,588	$13,483,066	$13,390,218
State General Funds	$13,519,588	$13,483,066	$13,390,218
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,519,588	$13,483,066	$13,390,218

Section 42: Revenue, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$243,463,186	$243,463,186	$243,463,186
State General Funds	$240,354,432	$240,354,432	$240,354,432
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$433,783	$433,783	$433,783
Fireworks Trust Funds	$2,674,971	$2,674,971	$2,674,971
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,058,059	$1,058,059	$1,058,059
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$687,912	$687,912	$687,912
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671

Sales and Services	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$246,768,916	$246,768,916	$246,768,916
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$264,551,596	$264,120,454	$263,337,305
State General Funds	$261,442,842	$261,011,700	$260,228,551
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$433,783	$433,783	$433,783
Fireworks Trust Funds	$2,674,971	$2,674,971	$2,674,971
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,058,059	$1,058,059	$1,058,059
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$687,912	$687,912	$687,912
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671
Sales and Services	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$267,857,326	$267,426,184	$266,643,035

Departmental Administration (DOR) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer and enforce the tax laws of the State of Georgia and provide general support services to the operating programs of the Department of Revenue.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,348,537	$14,348,537	$14,348,537
State General Funds	$14,348,537	$14,348,537	$14,348,537
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,348,537	$14,348,537	$14,348,537

300.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$165,781	$165,781	$103,614

300.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($45,208)	($45,208)

300.1000 Departmental Administration (DOR) **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer and enforce the tax laws of the State of Georgia and provide general support services to the operating programs of the Department of Revenue.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,514,318	$14,469,110	$14,406,943
State General Funds	$14,514,318	$14,469,110	$14,406,943
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,514,318	$14,469,110	$14,406,943

Forestland Protection Grants **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide reimbursement for forestland conservation use property and qualified timberland property to counties, municipalities, and school districts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$33,989,695	$33,989,695	$33,989,695
State General Funds	$33,989,695	$33,989,695	$33,989,695
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$33,989,695	$33,989,695	$33,989,695

301.1 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds	($3,800)	($3,800)

301.1000 Forestland Protection Grants **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide reimbursement for forestland conservation use property and qualified timberland property to counties, municipalities, and school districts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$33,989,695	$33,985,895	$33,985,895
State General Funds	$33,989,695	$33,985,895	$33,985,895
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$33,989,695	$33,985,895	$33,985,895

Industry Regulation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of the distribution, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages and tobacco products.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,921,056	$9,921,056	$9,921,056
State General Funds	$9,487,273	$9,487,273	$9,487,273
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$433,783	$433,783	$433,783
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887
Sales and Services	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,777,090	$10,777,090	$10,777,090

302.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$152,863	$152,863	$95,540

302.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds	($31,248)	($31,248)

302.1000 Industry Regulation			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of the distribution, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages and tobacco products.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,073,919	$10,042,671	$9,985,348
State General Funds	$9,640,136	$9,608,888	$9,551,565
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$433,783	$433,783	$433,783
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887
Sales and Services	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,929,953	$10,898,705	$10,841,382

Local Government Services			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local tax officials with the administration of state tax laws and administer the unclaimed property unit.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$24,537,013	$24,537,013	$24,537,013
State General Funds	$21,862,042	$21,862,042	$21,862,042
Fireworks Trust Funds	$2,674,971	$2,674,971	$2,674,971
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000
Sales and Services	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,957,013	$24,957,013	$24,957,013

303.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$122,721	$122,721	$76,701

303.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($13,090)	($13,090)

303.1000 Local Government Services			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local tax officials with the administration of state tax laws and administer the unclaimed property unit.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$24,659,734	$24,646,644	$24,600,624
State General Funds	$21,984,763	$21,971,673	$21,925,653
Fireworks Trust Funds	$2,674,971	$2,674,971	$2,674,971
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000
Sales and Services	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$25,079,734	$25,066,644	$25,020,624

Local Tax Officials Retirement and FICA **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide state retirement benefits and employer share of FICA to local tax officials.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,169,007	$9,169,007	$9,169,007
State General Funds	$9,169,007	$9,169,007	$9,169,007
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,169,007	$9,169,007	$9,169,007

304.1000 Local Tax Officials Retirement and FICA **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide state retirement benefits and employer share of FICA to local tax officials.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,169,007	$9,169,007	$9,169,007
State General Funds	$9,169,007	$9,169,007	$9,169,007
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,169,007	$9,169,007	$9,169,007

Motor Vehicle Registration and Titling **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to establish motor vehicle ownership by maintaining title and registration records and validate rebuilt vehicles for road-worthiness for new title issuance.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$46,275,032	$46,275,032	$46,275,032
State General Funds	$46,275,032	$46,275,032	$46,275,032
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$46,275,032	$46,275,032	$46,275,032

305.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$236,830	$236,830	$148,019

305.2 *Increase funds for a software upgrade to the Driver Record and Integrated Vehicle Enterprise System (DRIVES).*

State General Funds	$6,500,000	$6,500,000	$6,500,000

305.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($48,178)	($48,178)

305.1000 Motor Vehicle Registration and Titling **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to establish motor vehicle ownership by maintaining title and registration records and validate rebuilt vehicles for road-worthiness for new title issuance.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$53,011,862	$52,963,684	$52,874,873
State General Funds	$53,011,862	$52,963,684	$52,874,873
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$53,011,862	$52,963,684	$52,874,873

Office of Special Investigations **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate fraudulent taxpayer and criminal activities involving department efforts; and conduct checkpoints in areas where reports indicate the use of dyed fuels in on-road vehicles.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,984,179	$5,984,179	$5,984,179
State General Funds	$5,984,179	$5,984,179	$5,984,179
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$416,081	$416,081	$416,081
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$416,081	$416,081	$416,081
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,400,260	$6,400,260	$6,400,260

306.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$62,437	$62,437	$39,024

306.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($12,392)	($12,392)

306.1000 Office of Special Investigations **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate fraudulent taxpayer and criminal activities involving department efforts; and conduct checkpoints in areas where reports indicate the use of dyed fuels in on-road vehicles.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,046,616	$6,034,224	$6,010,811
State General Funds	$6,046,616	$6,034,224	$6,010,811
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$416,081	$416,081	$416,081
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$416,081	$416,081	$416,081
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,462,697	$6,450,305	$6,426,892

Tax Compliance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to audit tax accounts, ensure compliance, and collect on delinquent accounts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$66,839,660	$66,839,660	$66,839,660
State General Funds	$66,839,660	$66,839,660	$66,839,660
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784
Sales and Services	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$68,181,444	$68,181,444	$68,181,444

307.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$882,730	$882,730	$551,707

307.2 *Increase funds for a software upgrade to the Integrated Tax System (ITS).*

State General Funds	$12,500,000	$12,500,000	$12,500,000

307.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($183,001)	($183,001)

307.1000 Tax Compliance			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to audit tax accounts, ensure compliance, and collect on delinquent accounts.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$80,222,390	$80,039,389	$79,708,366
State General Funds	$80,222,390	$80,039,389	$79,708,366
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784
Sales and Services	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$81,564,174	$81,381,173	$81,050,150

Tax Policy			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct all administrative appeals of tax assessments; draft regulations for taxes collected by the department; support the State Board of Equalization; and draft letter rulings and provide research and analysis related to all tax law and policy inquiries.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,866,429	$4,866,429	$4,866,429
State General Funds	$4,866,429	$4,866,429	$4,866,429
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,866,429	$4,866,429	$4,866,429

308.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$55,978	$55,978	$34,987

308.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($16,337)	($16,337)

308.1000 Tax Policy			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct all administrative appeals of tax assessments; draft regulations for taxes collected by the department; support the State Board of Equalization; and draft letter rulings and provide research and analysis related to all tax law and policy inquiries.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,922,407	$4,906,070	$4,885,079
State General Funds	$4,922,407	$4,906,070	$4,885,079
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,922,407	$4,906,070	$4,885,079

Taxpayer Services		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that all tax payments are processed in accordance with the law; that all returns are reviewed and taxpayer information is recorded accurately; to provide assistance to customer inquiries about the administration of individual income tax, sales and use tax, withholding tax, corporate tax, motor fuel and motor carrier taxes, and all registration functions.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,532,578	$27,532,578	$27,532,578
State General Funds	$27,532,578	$27,532,578	$27,532,578
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$271,831	$271,831	$271,831
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$271,831	$271,831	$271,831
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,804,409	$27,804,409	$27,804,409

309.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$409,070	$409,070	$255,669

309.2 *Utilize $1,170,000,000 in prior year undesignated state surplus to provide a one-time additional refund for tax year 2025 of $250 for single filers, $375 for head of household filers, and $500 for married filing jointly. (G:YES)(H:NO; Utilize undesignated state surplus to provide one-time property tax relief for homeowners and permanent relief through the passage of HR1114 (2026 Legislative Session))(S:YES; Utilize $1,170,000,000 in prior year undesignated state surplus to provide a one-time additional refund for tax year 2025 of $250 for single filers, $375 for head of household filers, and $500 for married filing jointly)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

309.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($77,888)	($77,888)

309.1000 Taxpayer Services			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that all tax payments are processed in accordance with the law; that all returns are reviewed and taxpayer information is recorded accurately; to provide assistance to customer inquiries about the administration of individual income tax, sales and use tax, withholding tax, corporate tax, motor fuel and motor carrier taxes, and all registration functions.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,941,648	$27,863,760	$27,710,359
State General Funds	$27,941,648	$27,863,760	$27,710,359
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$271,831	$271,831	$271,831
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$271,831	$271,831	$271,831
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$28,213,479	$28,135,591	$27,982,190

Homeowner Tax Relief Grants (HTRG)		**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS		$0	$0
State General Funds		$0	$0

502.1 *Utilize undesignated state surplus funds ($850,000,000) for the Homeowner Tax Relief Grant (HTRG) program to allow for the maximum exemption on the assessed home value as authorized in the Georgia Constitution Article VII, Section IIA for each qualifying homestead for the tax year beginning January 1, 2026. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0

502.999 ***SAC**: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide homeowner tax relief grants to counties and local school districts, the eligible assessed value of each qualified homestead in the state shall be $18,000 for the taxable year beginning January 1, 2026 and is separate and distinct from the homestead exemption of $2,000 in O.C.G.A. 48-5-44.*
***House**: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide homeowner tax relief grants to counties and local school districts, the eligible assessed value of each qualified homestead in the state shall be $18,000 for the taxable year beginning January 1, 2026 and is separate and distinct from the homestead exemption of $2,000 in O.C.G.A. 48-5-44.*

State General Funds	$0	$0

Section 43: Secretary of State

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$35,895,388	$35,895,388	$35,895,388
State General Funds	$35,895,388	$35,895,388	$35,895,388
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$98,227	$98,227	$98,227
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$98,227	$98,227	$98,227
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$18,655,500	$18,655,500	$18,655,500
Sales and Services	$18,655,500	$18,655,500	$18,655,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$18,655,500	$18,655,500	$18,655,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$54,649,115	$54,649,115	$54,649,115
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$42,784,370	$57,681,609	$57,988,244
State General Funds	$42,784,370	$57,681,609	$57,988,244
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$98,227	$98,227	$98,227
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$98,227	$98,227	$98,227
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$18,655,500	$18,655,500	$18,655,500
Sales and Services	$18,655,500	$18,655,500	$18,655,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$18,655,500	$18,655,500	$18,655,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$61,538,097	$76,435,336	$76,741,971

Corporations **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to accept and review filings made pursuant to statutes; to issue certifications of records on file; and to provide general information to the public on all filed entities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000
Sales and Services	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000

310.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$73,202	$73,202	$45,752

310.1000 Corporations **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to accept and review filings made pursuant to statutes; to issue certifications of records on file; and to provide general information to the public on all filed entities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$73,202	$73,202	$45,752
State General Funds	$73,202	$73,202	$45,752
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000
Sales and Services	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,073,202	$15,073,202	$15,045,752

Elections **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer all duties imposed upon the Secretary of State by providing all required filing and public information services, performing all certification and commissioning duties required by law, and assisting candidates, local governments, and citizens in interpreting and complying with all election, voter registration, and financial disclosure laws.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,297,307	$8,297,307	$8,297,307
State General Funds	$8,297,307	$8,297,307	$8,297,307
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$98,227	$98,227	$98,227
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$98,227	$98,227	$98,227
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,445,534	$8,445,534	$8,445,534

311.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$68,896	$68,896	$43,060

311.2 *Increase funds to utilize text-based ballot scanning technology for vote tabulation for compliance with SB189 (2024 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000

311.3 *Increase funds for a hand recount of ballots in statewide elections in the 2026 election cycle.*

State General Funds	$5,000,000	$5,000,000	$5,000,000

311.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($15,321)	($15,321)

311.5 *Increase funds for grants to county election offices.*

State General Funds		$15,000,000	$15,000,000

311.1000 Elections **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer all duties imposed upon the Secretary of State by providing all required filing and public information services, performing all certification and commissioning duties required by law, and assisting candidates, local governments, and citizens in interpreting and complying with all election, voter registration, and financial disclosure laws.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,166,203	$30,150,882	$30,125,046
State General Funds	$15,166,203	$30,150,882	$30,125,046
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$98,227	$98,227	$98,227
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$98,227	$98,227	$98,227
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,314,430	$30,299,109	$30,273,273

Investigations **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the laws and regulations related to professional licenses, elections, and securities; to investigate complaints; and to conduct inspections of applicants and existing license holders.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,373,179	$4,373,179	$4,373,179
State General Funds	$4,373,179	$4,373,179	$4,373,179
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,373,179	$4,373,179	$4,373,179

312.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$77,508	$77,508	$48,443

312.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($18,853)	($18,853)

312.1000 Investigations			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the laws and regulations related to professional licenses, elections, and securities; to investigate complaints; and to conduct inspections of applicants and existing license holders.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,450,687	$4,431,834	$4,402,769
State General Funds	$4,450,687	$4,431,834	$4,402,769
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,450,687	$4,431,834	$4,402,769

Office Administration (SOS)			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the Office of Secretary of State and its attached agencies.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,476,378	$3,476,378	$3,476,378
State General Funds	$3,476,378	$3,476,378	$3,476,378
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500
Sales and Services	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,481,878	$3,481,878	$3,481,878

313.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$62,437	$62,437	$39,024

313.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($10,236)	($10,236)

313.1000 Office Administration (SOS)			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the Office of Secretary of State and its attached agencies.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,538,815	$3,528,579	$3,505,166
State General Funds	$3,538,815	$3,528,579	$3,505,166
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500
Sales and Services	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,544,315	$3,534,079	$3,510,666

Professional Licensing Boards			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public health and welfare by supporting all operations of Boards which license professions.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,628,027	$10,628,027	$10,628,027
State General Funds	$10,628,027	$10,628,027	$10,628,027
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000

Sales and Services	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,128,027	$13,128,027	$13,128,027

314.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$247,595	$247,595	$154,747

314.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($34,360)	($34,360)

314.1000 Professional Licensing Boards			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public health and welfare by supporting all operations of Boards which license professions.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,875,622	$10,841,262	$10,748,414
State General Funds	$10,875,622	$10,841,262	$10,748,414
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
Sales and Services	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,375,622	$13,341,262	$13,248,414

Securities		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the administration and enforcement of the Georgia Securities Act, the Georgia Charitable Solicitations Act, and the Georgia Cemetery Act. Functions under each act include registration, examination, investigation, and administrative enforcement actions.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,179,844	$1,179,844	$1,179,844
State General Funds	$1,179,844	$1,179,844	$1,179,844
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Sales and Services	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,179,844	$2,179,844	$2,179,844

315.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$27,989	$27,989	$17,494

315.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($3,794)	($3,794)

315.1000 Securities			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the administration and enforcement of the Georgia Securities Act, the Georgia Charitable Solicitations Act, and the Georgia Cemetery Act. Functions under each act include registration, examination, investigation, and administrative enforcement actions.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,207,833	$1,204,039	$1,193,544
State General Funds	$1,207,833	$1,204,039	$1,193,544
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Sales and Services	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,207,833	$2,204,039	$2,193,544

Special Project - Office Administration (SOS)			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide start-up funds for the Victim Centered Address Confidentiality Program pursuant to SB324 (2024 Session).			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
State General Funds	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000

316.1000 Special Project - Office Administration (SOS)			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide start-up funds for the Victim Centered Address Confidentiality Program pursuant to SB324 (2024 Session).			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
State General Funds	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000

Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide access to low THC oil for registered Georgia patients by regulating the production, transport, and sale of low THC oil; to develop a network of low THC oil; and to study the use, efficacy, and best practices of low THC oil use in Georgia.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,806,873	$1,806,873	$1,806,873
State General Funds	$1,806,873	$1,806,873	$1,806,873
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,806,873	$1,806,873	$1,806,873

317.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*			
State General Funds	$17,224	$17,224	$10,765
317.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*			
State General Funds		($4,722)	($4,722)

317.1000 Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide access to low THC oil for registered Georgia patients by regulating the production, transport, and sale of low THC oil; to develop a network of low THC oil; and to study the use, efficacy, and best practices of low THC oil use in Georgia.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,824,097	$1,819,375	$1,812,916
State General Funds	$1,824,097	$1,819,375	$1,812,916
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,824,097	$1,819,375	$1,812,916

Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Board			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for professional engineers and land surveyors.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,361,143	$1,361,143	$1,361,143
State General Funds	$1,361,143	$1,361,143	$1,361,143
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,361,143	$1,361,143	$1,361,143

318.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*			
State General Funds	$17,224	$17,224	$10,765
318.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*			
State General Funds		($4,804)	($4,804)

318.1000 Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Board			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for professional engineers and land surveyors.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,378,367	$1,373,563	$1,367,104
State General Funds	$1,378,367	$1,373,563	$1,367,104
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,378,367	$1,373,563	$1,367,104

Real Estate Commission			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for real estate brokers and salespersons, and provide administrative support to the Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board in their administration of the Real Estate Appraisal Act.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,133,354	$3,133,354	$3,133,354
State General Funds	$3,133,354	$3,133,354	$3,133,354
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,233,354	$3,233,354	$3,233,354

319.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$34,448	$34,448	$21,530

319.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($8,687)	($8,687)

319.1000 Real Estate Commission **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for real estate brokers and salespersons, and provide administrative support to the Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board in their administration of the Real Estate Appraisal Act.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,167,802	$3,159,115	$3,146,197
State General Funds	$3,167,802	$3,159,115	$3,146,197
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,267,802	$3,259,115	$3,246,197

State Elections Board **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the promulgation and enforcement of rules and regulations related to elections and the investigation of any violations thereof.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,389,283	$1,389,283	$1,389,283
State General Funds	$1,389,283	$1,389,283	$1,389,283
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,389,283	$1,389,283	$1,389,283

320.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$6,459	$6,459	$4,037

320.2 *Reduce funds to align budget with projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($544,000)	($544,000)	$0

320.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($1,984)	($1,984)

320.1000 State Elections Board **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the promulgation and enforcement of rules and regulations related to elections and the investigation of any violations thereof.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$851,742	$849,758	$1,391,336
State General Funds	$851,742	$849,758	$1,391,336
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$851,742	$849,758	$1,391,336

Section 44: Student Finance Commission and Authority, Georgia

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,394,811,214	$1,394,811,214	$1,394,811,214
State General Funds	$295,364,875	$295,364,875	$295,364,875
Lottery Proceeds	$1,099,446,339	$1,099,446,339	$1,099,446,339
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,197,899	$5,197,899	$5,197,899
Reserved Fund Balances	$4,531,699	$4,531,699	$4,531,699
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$4,531,699	$4,531,699	$4,531,699
Interest and Investment Income	$158,200	$158,200	$158,200
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$158,200	$158,200	$158,200
Sales and Services	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,400,009,113	$1,400,009,113	$1,400,009,113

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,340,591,234	$1,335,426,748	$1,341,456,545
State General Funds	$228,703,888	$223,539,402	$223,053,683
Lottery Proceeds	$1,111,887,346	$1,111,887,346	$1,118,402,862
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,197,899	$5,197,899	$5,197,899
Reserved Fund Balances	$4,531,699	$4,531,699	$4,531,699
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$4,531,699	$4,531,699	$4,531,699
Interest and Investment Income	$158,200	$158,200	$158,200
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$158,200	$158,200	$158,200
Sales and Services	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,345,789,133	$1,340,624,647	$1,346,654,444

College Completion Grants **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this program is to provide needs-based financial aid to eligible students to complete remaining credential credit requirements.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000

321.1000 College Completion Grants			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this program is to provide needs-based financial aid to eligible students to complete remaining credential credit requirements.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000
Lottery Proceeds	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000

Commission Administration (GSFC)			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide scholarships that reward students with financial assistance in degree, diploma, and certificate programs at eligible Georgia public and private colleges and universities, and public technical colleges.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,098,270	$11,098,270	$11,098,270
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$11,098,270	$11,098,270	$11,098,270
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$158,200	$158,200	$158,200
Interest and Investment Income	$158,200	$158,200	$158,200
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$158,200	$158,200	$158,200
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,256,470	$11,256,470	$11,256,470

322.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

Lottery Proceeds	$245,442	$245,442	$153,401

322.1000 Commission Administration (GSFC)			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide scholarships that reward students with financial assistance in degree, diploma, and certificate programs at eligible Georgia public and private colleges and universities, and public technical colleges.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,343,712	$11,343,712	$11,251,671
Lottery Proceeds	$11,343,712	$11,343,712	$11,251,671
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$158,200	$158,200	$158,200
Interest and Investment Income	$158,200	$158,200	$158,200
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$158,200	$158,200	$158,200
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,501,912	$11,501,912	$11,409,871

Dual Enrollment			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to allow students to pursue postsecondary study at approved public and private postsecondary institutions, while receiving dual high school and college credit for courses successfully completed.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$108,732,275	$108,732,275	$108,732,275
State General Funds	$108,732,275	$108,732,275	$108,732,275
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$108,732,275	$108,732,275	$108,732,275

323.1 *Increase funds to meet projected need.*

State General Funds	$18,446,537	$18,446,537	$18,446,537

323.1000 Dual Enrollment **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to allow students to pursue postsecondary study at approved public and private postsecondary institutions, while receiving dual high school and college credit for courses successfully completed.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$127,178,812	$127,178,812	$127,178,812
State General Funds	$127,178,812	$127,178,812	$127,178,812
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$127,178,812	$127,178,812	$127,178,812

Engineer Scholarship **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forgivable loans to Georgia residents who are engineering students at Mercer University (Macon campus) and retain those students as engineers in the State.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000
State General Funds	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000

324.1 *Reduce funds to meet projected need.*

State General Funds	($160,000)	($160,000)	($160,000)

324.2 *Reduce funds and utilize reserves to meet the projected need.*

State General Funds	($378,453)

324.1000 Engineer Scholarship **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forgivable loans to Georgia residents who are engineering students at Mercer University (Macon campus) and retain those students as engineers in the State.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,100,000	$1,100,000	$721,547
State General Funds	$1,100,000	$1,100,000	$721,547
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,100,000	$1,100,000	$721,547

Georgia Military College Scholarship **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend Georgia Military College, thereby strengthening Georgia's National Guard with their membership.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916
State General Funds	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916

325.1 *Increase funds to meet projected need to provide three scholars per congressional district.*

State General Funds	$439,652	$439,652	$439,652

325.1000 Georgia Military College Scholarship **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend Georgia Military College, thereby strengthening Georgia's National Guard with their membership.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,522,568	$1,522,568	$1,522,568
State General Funds	$1,522,568	$1,522,568	$1,522,568
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,522,568	$1,522,568	$1,522,568

HERO Scholarship **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to members of the Georgia National Guard and U.S. Military Reservists who served in combat zones and the spouses and children of such members.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$280,000	$280,000	$280,000
State General Funds	$280,000	$280,000	$280,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$280,000	$280,000	$280,000

326.1 *Reduce funds and utilize reserves to meet the projected need.*

State General Funds		($280,000)	($280,000)

326.1000 HERO Scholarship **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to members of the Georgia National Guard and U.S. Military Reservists who served in combat zones and the spouses and children of such members.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$280,000	$0	$0
State General Funds	$280,000	$0	$0
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$280,000	$0	$0

HOPE Grant **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to students seeking a diploma or certificate at a public postsecondary institution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$93,789,605	$93,789,605	$93,789,605
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$93,789,605	$93,789,605	$93,789,605
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$93,789,605	$93,789,605	$93,789,605

327.1000 HOPE Grant **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to students seeking a diploma or certificate at a public postsecondary institution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$93,789,605	$93,789,605	$93,789,605
Lottery Proceeds	$93,789,605	$93,789,605	$93,789,605
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$93,789,605	$93,789,605	$93,789,605

HOPE High School Equivalency Exam **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this program is to encourage Georgia's High School Equivalency Exam recipients to pursue education beyond the high school level at an eligible postsecondary institution located in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000

328.1000 HOPE High School Equivalency Exam **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this program is to encourage Georgia's High School Equivalency Exam recipients to pursue education beyond the high school level at an eligible postsecondary institution located in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Lottery Proceeds	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000

HOPE Scholarships - Private Schools **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible private postsecondary institution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$88,239,188	$88,239,188	$88,239,188
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$88,239,188	$88,239,188	$88,239,188
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$88,239,188	$88,239,188	$88,239,188

329.1 *Increase funds to meet projected need.*

Lottery Proceeds	$927,063	$927,063	$927,063

329.1000 HOPE Scholarships - Private Schools **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible private postsecondary institution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$89,166,251	$89,166,251	$89,166,251
Lottery Proceeds	$89,166,251	$89,166,251	$89,166,251
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$89,166,251	$89,166,251	$89,166,251

HOPE Scholarships - Public Schools **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible public postsecondary institution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$895,819,276	$895,819,276	$895,819,276
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$895,819,276	$895,819,276	$895,819,276
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$895,819,276	$895,819,276	$895,819,276

330.1 *Increase funds to meet projected need.*

Lottery Proceeds	$11,268,502	$11,268,502	$17,876,059

330.1000 HOPE Scholarships - Public Schools **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible public postsecondary institution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$907,087,778	$907,087,778	$913,695,335
Lottery Proceeds	$907,087,778	$907,087,778	$913,695,335
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$907,087,778	$907,087,778	$913,695,335

Inclusive Postsecondary Education (IPSE) Grant **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this program is to provide financial aid to students with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are currently enrolled in the Georgia Inclusive Postsecondary Education program at a postsecondary institution in this state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
State General Funds	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000

331.1 *Reduce funds and utilize reserves to meet the projected need.*

State General Funds		($1,000,000)	($1,100,000)

331.1000 Inclusive Postsecondary Education (IPSE) Grant **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this program is to provide financial aid to students with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are currently enrolled in the Georgia Inclusive Postsecondary Education program at a postsecondary institution in this state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,600,000	$1,600,000	$1,500,000
State General Funds	$2,600,000	$1,600,000	$1,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,600,000	$1,600,000	$1,500,000

North Georgia Military Scholarship Grants **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend the University of North Georgia, thereby strengthening Georgia's Army National Guard with their membership.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740
State General Funds	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740

332.1 *Increase funds to meet projected need to provide three scholars per congressional district.*

State General Funds	$554,815	$554,815	$554,815

332.1000 North Georgia Military Scholarship Grants **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend the University of North Georgia, thereby strengthening Georgia's Army National Guard with their membership.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,592,555	$3,592,555	$3,592,555
State General Funds	$3,592,555	$3,592,555	$3,592,555
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,592,555	$3,592,555	$3,592,555

North Georgia ROTC Grants **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia residents with non-repayable financial assistance to attend the University of North Georgia and to participate in the Reserve Officers Training Corps program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750
State General Funds	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750

333.1000 North Georgia ROTC Grants **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia residents with non-repayable financial assistance to attend the University of North Georgia and to participate in the Reserve Officers Training Corps program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750
State General Funds	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750

Promise Scholarship **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this program is to provide scholarships to eligible students to attend private elementary and secondary schools in accordance with the Promise Scholarship Act.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$141,016,057	$141,016,057	$141,016,057
State General Funds	$141,016,057	$141,016,057	$141,016,057
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$141,016,057	$141,016,057	$141,016,057

334.1 *Reduce funds to meet projected need based on eligible applications for the 2025-2026 academic year.*

State General Funds	($85,961,368)	($85,961,368)	($85,961,368)

334.1000 Promise Scholarship **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this program is to provide scholarships to eligible students to attend private elementary and secondary schools in accordance with the Promise Scholarship Act.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$55,054,689	$55,054,689	$55,054,689
State General Funds	$55,054,689	$55,054,689	$55,054,689
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$55,054,689	$55,054,689	$55,054,689

Public Service Memorial Grant **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance through the Public Safety Memorial Grant and the Public School Employee Memorial Grant.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$540,000	$540,000	$540,000
State General Funds	$540,000	$540,000	$540,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$540,000	$540,000	$540,000

335.1 *Reduce funds and utilize reserves to meet the projected need.*

State General Funds		($540,000)	($540,000)

335.1000 Public Service Memorial Grant **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance through the Public Safety Memorial Grant and the Public School Employee Memorial Grant.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$540,000	$0	$0
State General Funds	$540,000	$0	$0
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$540,000	$0	$0

REACH Georgia Scholarship **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide needs-based scholarships to selected students participating in the REACH Georgia mentorship and scholarship program, which encourages and supports academically promising middle and high school students in their educational pursuits.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000
State General Funds	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000

336.1000 REACH Georgia Scholarship **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide needs-based scholarships to selected students participating in the REACH Georgia mentorship and scholarship program, which encourages and supports academically promising middle and high school students in their educational pursuits.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000
State General Funds	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000

Service Cancelable Loans **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide service cancelable loans as authorized in statute including programs for large animal veterinarians and Georgia National Guard members.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,120,000	$5,120,000	$5,120,000
State General Funds	$5,120,000	$5,120,000	$5,120,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,178,830	$3,178,830	$3,178,830
Reserved Fund Balances	$3,178,830	$3,178,830	$3,178,830
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$3,178,830	$3,178,830	$3,178,830
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,298,830	$8,298,830	$8,298,830

337.1 *Reduce funds and utilize reserves to meet the projected need for the Peace Officers Loan Repayment Program.*

State General Funds	($3,200,000)	($3,200,000)

337.2 *Reduce funds and utilize reserves to meet the projected need for the Georgia Medical Examiner Loan Repayment Program.*

State General Funds	($140,000)	($140,000)

337.1000 Service Cancelable Loans **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide service cancelable loans as authorized in statute including programs for large animal veterinarians and Georgia National Guard members.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,120,000	$1,780,000	$1,780,000
State General Funds	$5,120,000	$1,780,000	$1,780,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,178,830	$3,178,830	$3,178,830
Reserved Fund Balances	$3,178,830	$3,178,830	$3,178,830
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$3,178,830	$3,178,830	$3,178,830
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,298,830	$4,958,830	$4,958,830

Tuition Equalization Grants **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the private segment of higher education in Georgia by providing non-repayable grant aid to Georgia residents who attend eligible private postsecondary institutions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,157,067	$23,157,067	$23,157,067
State General Funds	$23,157,067	$23,157,067	$23,157,067
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261
Reserved Fund Balances	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,435,328	$24,435,328	$24,435,328

338.1 *Utilize existing funds ($1,885,174) to meet projected need. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

338.1000 Tuition Equalization Grants **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the private segment of higher education in Georgia by providing non-repayable grant aid to Georgia residents who attend eligible private postsecondary institutions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,157,067	$23,157,067	$23,157,067
State General Funds	$23,157,067	$23,157,067	$23,157,067
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261
Reserved Fund Balances	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,435,328	$24,435,328	$24,435,328

Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize private postsecondary schools in Georgia; provide transcripts for students who attended schools that closed; and resolve complaints.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,055,070	$1,055,070	$1,055,070
State General Funds	$1,055,070	$1,055,070	$1,055,070
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$582,608	$582,608	$582,608
Reserved Fund Balances	$74,608	$74,608	$74,608
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$74,608	$74,608	$74,608
Sales and Services	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,637,678	$1,637,678	$1,637,678

339.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$19,377	$19,377	$12,111

339.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($4,486)	($4,486)

339.1000 Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize private postsecondary schools in Georgia; provide transcripts for students who attended schools that closed; and resolve complaints.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,074,447	$1,069,961	$1,062,695
State General Funds	$1,074,447	$1,069,961	$1,062,695
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$582,608	$582,608	$582,608
Reserved Fund Balances	$74,608	$74,608	$74,608
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$74,608	$74,608	$74,608
Sales and Services	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,657,055	$1,652,569	$1,645,303

Section 45: Teachers Retirement System

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000
State General Funds	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673
State Funds Transfers	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673
Retirement Payments	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$62,154,673	$62,154,673	$62,154,673

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,000	$26,000	$26,000
State General Funds	$26,000	$26,000	$26,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673
State Funds Transfers	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673
Retirement Payments	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$62,118,673	$62,118,673	$62,118,673

Local/Floor COLA **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirees from local retirement systems a minimum allowance upon retirement (Floor) and a post-retirement benefit adjustment (COLA) whenever such adjustment is granted to teachers who retired under TRS.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000
State General Funds	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000

340.1 *Reduce funds to reflect the declining population of teachers who qualify for benefits.*

State General Funds	($36,000)	($36,000)	($36,000)

340.1000 Local/Floor COLA **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirees from local retirement systems a minimum allowance upon retirement (Floor) and a post-retirement benefit adjustment (COLA) whenever such adjustment is granted to teachers who retired under TRS.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,000	$26,000	$26,000
State General Funds	$26,000	$26,000	$26,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$26,000	$26,000	$26,000

System Administration (TRS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, including paying retiree benefits, investing retirement funds, accounting for the status and contributions of active and inactive members, counseling members, and processing refunds.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673
State Funds Transfers	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673
Retirement Payments	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673

341.1000 System Administration (TRS) **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, including paying retiree benefits, investing retirement funds, accounting for the status and contributions of active and inactive members, counseling members, and processing refunds.

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673
State Funds Transfers	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673
Retirement Payments	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution rate for the Teachers Retirement System shall not exceed 21.91% for State Fiscal Year 2026.

Section 46: Technical College System of Georgia

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$538,302,828	$538,302,828	$538,302,828
State General Funds	$538,302,828	$538,302,828	$538,302,828
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$252,624,151	$252,624,151	$252,624,151
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$252,624,151	$252,624,151	$252,624,151
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$522,490,988	$522,490,988	$522,490,988
Intergovernmental Transfers	$83,014,356	$83,014,356	$83,014,356
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$83,014,356	$83,014,356	$83,014,356
Sales and Services	$439,476,632	$439,476,632	$439,476,632
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$86,599,677	$86,599,677	$86,599,677
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$352,876,955	$352,876,955	$352,876,955
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,980,866	$5,980,866	$5,980,866
State Funds Transfers	$5,980,866	$5,980,866	$5,980,866
Agency to Agency Contracts	$5,980,866	$5,980,866	$5,980,866
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,319,398,833	$1,319,398,833	$1,319,398,833

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$552,076,634	$550,317,490	$545,142,941
State General Funds	$552,076,634	$550,317,490	$545,142,941
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$252,624,151	$252,624,151	$252,624,151
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$252,624,151	$252,624,151	$252,624,151
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$522,490,988	$522,490,988	$522,490,988
Intergovernmental Transfers	$83,014,356	$83,014,356	$83,014,356
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$83,014,356	$83,014,356	$83,014,356
Sales and Services	$439,476,632	$439,476,632	$439,476,632
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$86,599,677	$86,599,677	$86,599,677
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$352,876,955	$352,876,955	$352,876,955
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,980,866	$5,980,866	$5,980,866
State Funds Transfers	$5,980,866	$5,980,866	$5,980,866
Agency to Agency Contracts	$5,980,866	$5,980,866	$5,980,866
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,333,172,639	$1,331,413,495	$1,326,238,946

Adult Education **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop Georgia's workforce by providing adult learners in Georgia with basic reading, writing, computation, speaking, listening, and technology skills; to provide secondary instruction to adults without a high school diploma; and to provide oversight of high school equivalency preparation, testing, and the processing of diplomas and transcripts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$19,088,372	$19,088,372	$19,088,372
State General Funds	$19,088,372	$19,088,372	$19,088,372

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$33,233,713	$33,233,713	$33,233,713
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$33,233,713	$33,233,713	$33,233,713
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,295,696	$5,295,696	$5,295,696
Intergovernmental Transfers	$3,160,010	$3,160,010	$3,160,010
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$3,160,010	$3,160,010	$3,160,010
Sales and Services	$2,135,686	$2,135,686	$2,135,686
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,135,686	$2,135,686	$2,135,686
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$135,000	$135,000	$135,000
State Funds Transfers	$135,000	$135,000	$135,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$135,000	$135,000	$135,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$57,752,781	$57,752,781	$57,752,781

342.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$424,141	$424,141	$265,089

342.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($43,143)	($62,566)

342.1000 Adult Education **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop Georgia's workforce by providing adult learners in Georgia with basic reading, writing, computation, speaking, listening, and technology skills; to provide secondary instruction to adults without a high school diploma; and to provide oversight of high school equivalency preparation, testing, and the processing of diplomas and transcripts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$19,512,513	$19,469,370	$19,290,895
State General Funds	$19,512,513	$19,469,370	$19,290,895
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$33,233,713	$33,233,713	$33,233,713
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$33,233,713	$33,233,713	$33,233,713
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,295,696	$5,295,696	$5,295,696
Intergovernmental Transfers	$3,160,010	$3,160,010	$3,160,010
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$3,160,010	$3,160,010	$3,160,010
Sales and Services	$2,135,686	$2,135,686	$2,135,686
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,135,686	$2,135,686	$2,135,686
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$135,000	$135,000	$135,000
State Funds Transfers	$135,000	$135,000	$135,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$135,000	$135,000	$135,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$58,176,922	$58,133,779	$57,955,304

Departmental Administration (TCSG) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide statewide administrative services to support the state workforce development efforts undertaken by the department through its associated programs and institutions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,623,596	$8,623,596	$8,623,596
State General Funds	$8,623,596	$8,623,596	$8,623,596
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,623,596	$8,623,596	$8,623,596

343.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$109,803	$109,803	$68,627

343.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($385,394)	($37,749)

343.3 *Increase funds for workforce development recruiting.*

State General Funds			$75,000

343.1000 Departmental Administration (TCSG) **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide statewide administrative services to support the state workforce development efforts undertaken by the department through its associated programs and institutions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,733,399	$8,348,005	$8,729,474
State General Funds	$8,733,399	$8,348,005	$8,729,474
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,733,399	$8,348,005	$8,729,474

Economic Development and Customized Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide customized services for existing businesses in the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,375,358	$3,375,358	$3,375,358
State General Funds	$3,375,358	$3,375,358	$3,375,358
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$14,416,366	$14,416,366	$14,416,366
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$14,416,366	$14,416,366	$14,416,366
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$29,599,575	$29,599,575	$29,599,575
Sales and Services	$29,599,575	$29,599,575	$29,599,575
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$29,599,575	$29,599,575	$29,599,575
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,798,989	$2,798,989	$2,798,989
State Funds Transfers	$2,798,989	$2,798,989	$2,798,989
Agency to Agency Contracts	$2,798,989	$2,798,989	$2,798,989
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$50,190,288	$50,190,288	$50,190,288

344.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$238,983	$238,983	$149,365

344.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds	($57,624)	($6,265)

344.1000 Economic Development and Customized Services			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide customized services for existing businesses in the state.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,614,341	$3,556,717	$3,518,458
State General Funds	$3,614,341	$3,556,717	$3,518,458
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$14,416,366	$14,416,366	$14,416,366
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$14,416,366	$14,416,366	$14,416,366
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$29,599,575	$29,599,575	$29,599,575
Sales and Services	$29,599,575	$29,599,575	$29,599,575
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$29,599,575	$29,599,575	$29,599,575
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,798,989	$2,798,989	$2,798,989
State Funds Transfers	$2,798,989	$2,798,989	$2,798,989
Agency to Agency Contracts	$2,798,989	$2,798,989	$2,798,989
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$50,429,271	$50,371,647	$50,333,388

Quick Start **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote job creation and retention by developing and delivering customized workforce training for Georgia businesses during start-up, expansion, or when they make capital investments in new technology, processes, or product lines in order to remain competitive in the global marketplace.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,552,619	$21,552,619	$21,552,619
State General Funds	$21,552,619	$21,552,619	$21,552,619
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,332,059	$3,332,059	$3,332,059
Intergovernmental Transfers	$3,328,180	$3,328,180	$3,328,180
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$3,328,180	$3,328,180	$3,328,180
Sales and Services	$3,879	$3,879	$3,879
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,879	$3,879	$3,879
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,884,678	$24,884,678	$24,884,678

345.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$150,710	$150,710	$94,194

345.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds	($564,134)	($55,257)

345.1000 Quick Start			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to promote job creation and retention by developing and delivering customized workforce training for Georgia businesses during start-up, expansion, or when they make capital investments in new technology, processes, or product lines in order to remain competitive in the global marketplace.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,703,329	$21,139,195	$21,591,556
State General Funds	$21,703,329	$21,139,195	$21,591,556
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,332,059	$3,332,059	$3,332,059
Intergovernmental Transfers	$3,328,180	$3,328,180	$3,328,180
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$3,328,180	$3,328,180	$3,328,180
Sales and Services	$3,879	$3,879	$3,879
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,879	$3,879	$3,879
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$25,035,388	$24,471,254	$24,923,615

Technical Education			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for workforce development through certificate, diploma, and degree programs in technical education and continuing education programs for adult learners, and to encourage both youth and adult learners to acquire postsecondary education or training to increase their competitiveness in the workplace.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$444,181,110	$444,181,110	$444,181,110
State General Funds	$444,181,110	$444,181,110	$444,181,110
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$68,938,560	$68,938,560	$68,938,560
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$68,938,560	$68,938,560	$68,938,560
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$484,169,332	$484,169,332	$484,169,332
Intergovernmental Transfers	$76,526,166	$76,526,166	$76,526,166
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$76,526,166	$76,526,166	$76,526,166
Sales and Services	$407,643,166	$407,643,166	$407,643,166
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$54,766,211	$54,766,211	$54,766,211
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$352,876,955	$352,876,955	$352,876,955
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$3,046,877	$3,046,877	$3,046,877
State Funds Transfers	$3,046,877	$3,046,877	$3,046,877
Agency to Agency Contracts	$3,046,877	$3,046,877	$3,046,877
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,000,335,879	$1,000,335,879	$1,000,335,879

346.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$12,500,318	$12,500,318	$7,812,699

346.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($551,490)	($1,581,893)

346.1000 Technical Education			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for workforce development through certificate, diploma, and degree programs in technical education and continuing education programs for adult learners, and to encourage both youth and adult learners to acquire postsecondary education or training to increase their competitiveness in the workplace.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$456,681,428	$456,129,938	$450,411,916
State General Funds	$456,681,428	$456,129,938	$450,411,916
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$68,938,560	$68,938,560	$68,938,560
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$68,938,560	$68,938,560	$68,938,560
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$484,169,332	$484,169,332	$484,169,332
Intergovernmental Transfers	$76,526,166	$76,526,166	$76,526,166
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$76,526,166	$76,526,166	$76,526,166
Sales and Services	$407,643,166	$407,643,166	$407,643,166
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$54,766,211	$54,766,211	$54,766,211
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$352,876,955	$352,876,955	$352,876,955
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$3,046,877	$3,046,877	$3,046,877
State Funds Transfers	$3,046,877	$3,046,877	$3,046,877
Agency to Agency Contracts	$3,046,877	$3,046,877	$3,046,877
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,012,836,197	$1,012,284,707	$1,006,566,685

Technical Education: High-Cost Programs - Special Project			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to bridge the funding gap between formula earnings and instructional delivery for the high-cost program areas of Aviation, Commercial Truck Driving, and Nursing.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$31,711,098	$31,711,098	$31,711,098
State General Funds	$31,711,098	$31,711,098	$31,711,098
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$31,711,098	$31,711,098	$31,711,098

347.1000 Technical Education: High-Cost Programs - Special Project			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to bridge the funding gap between formula earnings and instructional delivery for the high-cost program areas of Aviation, Commercial Truck Driving, and Nursing.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$31,711,098	$31,711,098	$31,711,098
State General Funds	$31,711,098	$31,711,098	$31,711,098
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$31,711,098	$31,711,098	$31,711,098

Workforce Development			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to improve the job training and marketability of Georgia's workforce and assist employers and job seekers with job matching services to promote economic growth and development.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,770,675	$9,770,675	$9,770,675
State General Funds	$9,770,675	$9,770,675	$9,770,675

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$136,035,512	$136,035,512	$136,035,512
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$136,035,512	$136,035,512	$136,035,512
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$94,326	$94,326	$94,326
Sales and Services	$94,326	$94,326	$94,326
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$94,326	$94,326	$94,326
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$145,900,513	$145,900,513	$145,900,513

348.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$574,851	$574,851	$359,282

348.2 *Eliminate funds for one unfilled workforce development position.*

State General Funds	($225,000)	($225,000)	($225,000)

348.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($157,359)	($15,413)

348.1000 Workforce Development			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to improve the job training and marketability of Georgia's workforce and assist employers and job seekers with job matching services to promote economic growth and development.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,120,526	$9,963,167	$9,889,544
State General Funds	$10,120,526	$9,963,167	$9,889,544
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$136,035,512	$136,035,512	$136,035,512
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$136,035,512	$136,035,512	$136,035,512
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$94,326	$94,326	$94,326
Sales and Services	$94,326	$94,326	$94,326
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$94,326	$94,326	$94,326
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$146,250,364	$146,093,005	$146,019,382

Section 47: Transportation, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,696,305,327	$2,696,305,327	$2,696,305,327
State General Funds	$45,150,783	$45,150,783	$45,150,783
State Motor Fuel Funds	$2,374,878,046	$2,374,878,046	$2,374,878,046
Transit Trust Funds	$38,005,357	$38,005,357	$38,005,357
Transportation Trust Funds	$238,271,141	$238,271,141	$238,271,141
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,611,757,546	$1,611,757,546	$1,611,757,546
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$112,290,905	$112,290,905	$112,290,905
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$1,499,466,641	$1,499,466,641	$1,499,466,641
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$175,979,549	$175,979,549	$175,979,549

Intergovernmental Transfers	$87,053,766	$87,053,766	$87,053,766
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$87,053,766	$87,053,766	$87,053,766
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Sales and Services	$80,925,783	$80,925,783	$80,925,783
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$80,925,783	$80,925,783	$80,925,783
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,484,042,422	$4,484,042,422	$4,484,042,422

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,123,784,410	$5,046,268,061	$5,052,804,356
State General Funds	$2,399,814,455	$2,322,298,106	$2,328,834,401
State Motor Fuel Funds	$2,447,693,457	$2,447,693,457	$2,447,693,457
Transit Trust Funds	$38,005,357	$38,005,357	$38,005,357
Transportation Trust Funds	$238,271,141	$238,271,141	$238,271,141
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,611,757,546	$1,611,757,546	$1,611,757,546
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$112,290,905	$112,290,905	$112,290,905
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$1,499,466,641	$1,499,466,641	$1,499,466,641
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$175,979,549	$175,979,549	$175,979,549
Intergovernmental Transfers	$87,053,766	$87,053,766	$87,053,766
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$87,053,766	$87,053,766	$87,053,766
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Sales and Services	$80,925,783	$80,925,783	$80,925,783
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$80,925,783	$80,925,783	$80,925,783
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,911,521,505	$6,834,005,156	$6,840,541,451

Airport Aid **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Airports.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$30,000,000	$30,000,000	$30,000,000
State General Funds	$30,000,000	$30,000,000	$30,000,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$46,509,284	$46,509,284	$46,509,284
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$46,509,284	$46,509,284	$46,509,284
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233
Sales and Services	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$76,515,517	$76,515,517	$76,515,517

349.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$6,459	$6,459	$4,037

349.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($1,540)	($1,540)

349.3 *Increase funds for Airport Aid.*

State General Funds		$15,000,000	$15,938,000

349.1000 Airport Aid			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Airports.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$30,006,459	$45,004,919	$45,940,497
State General Funds	$30,006,459	$45,004,919	$45,940,497
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$46,509,284	$46,509,284	$46,509,284
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$46,509,284	$46,509,284	$46,509,284
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233
Sales and Services	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$76,521,976	$91,520,436	$92,456,014

Capital Construction Projects		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay road construction and enhancement projects on local and state road systems.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,128,927,865	$1,128,927,865	$1,128,927,865
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$988,192,130	$988,192,130	$988,192,130
Transportation Trust Funds	$140,735,735	$140,735,735	$140,735,735
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$930,452,699	$930,452,699	$930,452,699
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$930,452,699	$930,452,699	$930,452,699
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$122,300,430	$122,300,430	$122,300,430
Intergovernmental Transfers	$85,737,112	$85,737,112	$85,737,112
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$85,737,112	$85,737,112	$85,737,112
Sales and Services	$36,563,318	$36,563,318	$36,563,318
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$36,563,318	$36,563,318	$36,563,318
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,181,680,994	$2,181,680,994	$2,181,680,994

350.1 *Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for increased project capacity.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$36,984,549	$36,984,549	$36,984,549

350.2 *Increase funds for SR 316 interchange conversions.*

State General Funds	$200,000,000	$200,000,000	$185,000,000

350.3 *Increase funds for the rehabilitation and replacement of rural bridges.*

State General Funds		$85,000,000	$100,000,000

350.4 *Increase funds to redirect motor fuel savings from the reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan.*

State Motor Fuel Funds			$1,502,177

350.1000 Capital Construction Projects			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay road construction and enhancement projects on local and state road systems.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,365,912,414	$1,450,912,414	$1,452,414,591
State General Funds	$200,000,000	$285,000,000	$285,000,000
State Motor Fuel Funds	$1,025,176,679	$1,025,176,679	$1,026,678,856
Transportation Trust Funds	$140,735,735	$140,735,735	$140,735,735
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$930,452,699	$930,452,699	$930,452,699
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$930,452,699	$930,452,699	$930,452,699
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$122,300,430	$122,300,430	$122,300,430
Intergovernmental Transfers	$85,737,112	$85,737,112	$85,737,112
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$85,737,112	$85,737,112	$85,737,112
Sales and Services	$36,563,318	$36,563,318	$36,563,318
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$36,563,318	$36,563,318	$36,563,318
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,418,665,543	$2,503,665,543	$2,505,167,720

Capital Maintenance Projects		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay for maintenance projects.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$304,745,643	$304,745,643	$304,745,643
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$260,588,167	$260,588,167	$260,588,167
Transportation Trust Funds	$44,157,476	$44,157,476	$44,157,476
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$281,600,000	$281,600,000	$281,600,000
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$281,600,000	$281,600,000	$281,600,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574
Sales and Services	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$586,696,217	$586,696,217	$586,696,217

351.1 *Increase funds for the rehabilitation and replacement of rural bridges. (H and S:NO; Reflect funding for the rehabilitation and replacement of rural bridges in the Capital Construction Projects program)*

State General Funds	$100,000,000	$0	$0

351.2 *Utilize undesignated state surplus funds ($100,000,000) for resurfacing needs. (H:YES)(S:NO)*

State General Funds		$0	$0

351.1000 Capital Maintenance Projects			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay for maintenance projects.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$404,745,643	$304,745,643	$304,745,643
State General Funds	$100,000,000	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$260,588,167	$260,588,167	$260,588,167
Transportation Trust Funds	$44,157,476	$44,157,476	$44,157,476
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$281,600,000	$281,600,000	$281,600,000
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$281,600,000	$281,600,000	$281,600,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574
Sales and Services	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$686,696,217	$586,696,217	$586,696,217

Data Collection, Compliance and Reporting		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to collect and disseminate crash, accident, road, and traffic data in accordance with state and federal law in order to provide current and accurate information for planning and public awareness needs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,180,059	$3,180,059	$3,180,059
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$3,180,059	$3,180,059	$3,180,059
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,043,897	$9,043,897	$9,043,897
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$9,043,897	$9,043,897	$9,043,897
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,223,956	$12,223,956	$12,223,956

352.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$60,284	$60,284	$37,678

352.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($8,149)	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds			($8,149)
Total Public Funds:		($8,149)	($8,149)

352.1000 Data Collection, Compliance and Reporting			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to collect and disseminate crash, accident, road, and traffic data in accordance with state and federal law in order to provide current and accurate information for planning and public awareness needs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,240,343	$3,232,194	$3,209,588
State General Funds	$60,284	$52,135	$37,678
State Motor Fuel Funds	$3,180,059	$3,180,059	$3,171,910
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,043,897	$9,043,897	$9,043,897
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$9,043,897	$9,043,897	$9,043,897
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,284,240	$12,276,091	$12,253,485

Departmental Administration (DOT)			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to plan, construct, maintain, and improve the state's roads and bridges; provide planning and financial support for other modes of transportation such as mass transit, airports, railroads and waterways.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$93,103,898	$93,103,898	$93,103,898
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$93,103,898	$93,103,898	$93,103,898
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$10,839,823	$10,839,823	$10,839,823
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$10,839,823	$10,839,823	$10,839,823
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970
Sales and Services	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$104,342,691	$104,342,691	$104,342,691

353.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$856,894	$856,894	$535,559

353.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($385,085)	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds			($385,085)
Total Public Funds:		($385,085)	($385,085)

353.1000 Departmental Administration (DOT)			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to plan, construct, maintain, and improve the state's roads and bridges; provide planning and financial support for other modes of transportation such as mass transit, airports, railroads and waterways.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$93,960,792	$93,575,707	$93,254,372
State General Funds	$856,894	$471,809	$535,559
State Motor Fuel Funds	$93,103,898	$93,103,898	$92,718,813

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$10,839,823	$10,839,823	$10,839,823
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$10,839,823	$10,839,823	$10,839,823
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970
Sales and Services	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$105,199,585	$104,814,500	$104,493,165

Local Maintenance and Improvement Grants **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay grants to local governments for road and bridge resurfacing projects through the state-funded Construction-Local Road Assistance program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$247,644,281	$247,644,281	$247,644,281
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$247,644,281	$247,644,281	$247,644,281
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$247,644,281	$247,644,281	$247,644,281

354.1 *Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for Local Maintenance and Improvement Grants to the statutorily required level of 10% of projected motor fuel excise tax revenue.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$7,168,861	$7,168,861	$7,168,861

354.1000 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grants **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay grants to local governments for road and bridge resurfacing projects through the state-funded Construction-Local Road Assistance program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$254,813,142	$254,813,142	$254,813,142
State Motor Fuel Funds	$254,813,142	$254,813,142	$254,813,142
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$254,813,142	$254,813,142	$254,813,142

Local Road Assistance Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide technical and financial assistance to local governments for construction, maintenance, and resurfacing of local roads and bridges.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,846,461	$9,846,461	$9,846,461
State General Funds	$5,500,000	$5,500,000	$5,500,000
State Motor Fuel Funds	$4,346,461	$4,346,461	$4,346,461
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$51,655,917	$51,655,917	$51,655,917
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$51,655,917	$51,655,917	$51,655,917
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
Sales and Services	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$67,502,378	$67,502,378	$67,502,378

355.1 *Increase funds for additional support of local transportation infrastructure projects.*

State General Funds	$250,000,000	$250,000,000	$250,000,000

355.1000 Local Road Assistance Administration **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide technical and financial assistance to local governments for construction, maintenance, and resurfacing of local roads and bridges.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$259,846,461	$259,846,461	$259,846,461
State General Funds	$255,500,000	$255,500,000	$255,500,000
State Motor Fuel Funds	$4,346,461	$4,346,461	$4,346,461
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$51,655,917	$51,655,917	$51,655,917
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$51,655,917	$51,655,917	$51,655,917
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
Sales and Services	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$317,502,378	$317,502,378	$317,502,378

Planning **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop the state transportation improvement program and the statewide strategic transportation plan, and coordinate transportation policies, planning, and programs related to design, construction, maintenance, operations, and financing of transportation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,907,406	$4,907,406	$4,907,406
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$2,907,406	$2,907,406	$2,907,406
Transportation Trust Funds	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$22,772,795	$22,772,795	$22,772,795
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$22,772,795	$22,772,795	$22,772,795
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,680,201	$27,680,201	$27,680,201

356.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$66,743	$66,743	$41,715

356.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($11,071)	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds			($11,071)
Total Public Funds:		($11,071)	($11,071)

356.1000 Planning			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to develop the state transportation improvement program and the statewide strategic transportation plan, and coordinate transportation policies, planning, and programs related to design, construction, maintenance, operations, and financing of transportation.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,974,149	$4,963,078	$4,938,050
State General Funds	$66,743	$55,672	$41,715
State Motor Fuel Funds	$2,907,406	$2,907,406	$2,896,335
Transportation Trust Funds	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$22,772,795	$22,772,795	$22,772,795
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$22,772,795	$22,772,795	$22,772,795
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,746,944	$27,735,873	$27,710,845

Ports and Waterways			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Ports and Waterways.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,398,641	$1,398,641	$1,398,641
State General Funds	$1,398,641	$1,398,641	$1,398,641
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,398,641	$1,398,641	$1,398,641

357.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$4,306	$4,306	$2,692

357.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($1,996)	($1,996)

357.1000 Ports and Waterways			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Ports and Waterways.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,402,947	$1,400,951	$1,399,337
State General Funds	$1,402,947	$1,400,951	$1,399,337
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,402,947	$1,400,951	$1,399,337

Program Delivery Administration			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and expand the state's transportation infrastructure by planning for and selecting road and bridge projects, acquiring rights-of-way, completing engineering and project impact analyses, procuring and monitoring construction contracts, and certifying completed projects.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$142,904,450	$142,904,450	$142,904,450
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$142,904,450	$142,904,450	$142,904,450

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$53,642,990	$53,642,990	$53,642,990
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$53,642,990	$53,642,990	$53,642,990
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,098,619	$1,098,619	$1,098,619
Intergovernmental Transfers	$526,415	$526,415	$526,415
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$526,415	$526,415	$526,415
Sales and Services	$572,204	$572,204	$572,204
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$572,204	$572,204	$572,204
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$197,646,059	$197,646,059	$197,646,059

358.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$2,538,387	$2,538,387	$1,586,492

358.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds	($902,720)	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds		($902,720)
Total Public Funds:	($902,720)	($902,720)

358.1000 Program Delivery Administration **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and expand the state's transportation infrastructure by planning for and selecting road and bridge projects, acquiring rights-of-way, completing engineering and project impact analyses, procuring and monitoring construction contracts, and certifying completed projects.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$145,442,837	$144,540,117	$143,588,222
State General Funds	$2,538,387	$1,635,667	$1,586,492
State Motor Fuel Funds	$142,904,450	$142,904,450	$142,001,730
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$53,642,990	$53,642,990	$53,642,990
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$53,642,990	$53,642,990	$53,642,990
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,098,619	$1,098,619	$1,098,619
Intergovernmental Transfers	$526,415	$526,415	$526,415
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$526,415	$526,415	$526,415
Sales and Services	$572,204	$572,204	$572,204
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$572,204	$572,204	$572,204
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$200,184,446	$199,281,726	$198,329,831

Rail **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Rail.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,252,142	$8,252,142	$8,252,142
State General Funds	$8,252,142	$8,252,142	$8,252,142
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$616,315	$616,315	$616,315

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$616,315	$616,315	$616,315
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239
Intergovernmental Transfers	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,956,696	$8,956,696	$8,956,696

359.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$15,071	$15,071	$9,420

359.2 *Transfer funds from the Transit program to the Rail program to match Federal Funds for the State Safety Oversight (SSO) program of MARTA.*

Transportation Trust Funds	$332,871	$332,871	$332,871

359.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($3,301)	($3,301)

359.4 *Increase funds for repairs, replacements, and upgrades to state-owned shortline rail.*

State General Funds		$4,245,000	$11,590,000

359.1000 Rail			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Rail.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,600,084	$12,841,783	$20,181,132
State General Funds	$8,267,213	$12,508,912	$19,848,261
Transportation Trust Funds	$332,871	$332,871	$332,871
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$616,315	$616,315	$616,315
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$616,315	$616,315	$616,315
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239
Intergovernmental Transfers	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,304,638	$13,546,337	$20,885,686

Routine Maintenance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and adequately maintained state transportation system by inspecting roads and bridges, cataloguing road and bridge conditions and maintenance needs, and providing routine maintenance for state road and bridges. The purpose of this appropriation is also to maintain landscaping on road easements and rights-of-way through planting, litter control, vegetation removal, and grants to local governments, to provide for emergency operations on state routes, and to maintain state rest areas and welcome centers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$562,829,445	$562,829,445	$562,829,445
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$562,829,445	$562,829,445	$562,829,445

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,577,366	$11,577,366	$11,577,366
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$11,577,366	$11,577,366	$11,577,366
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$19,500,000	$19,500,000	$19,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Sales and Services	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$593,906,811	$593,906,811	$593,906,811

360.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$4,338,295	$4,338,295	$2,711,435

360.2 *Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for increased maintenance costs.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$21,892,461	$21,892,461	$21,892,461

360.1000 Routine Maintenance **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and adequately maintained state transportation system by inspecting roads and bridges, cataloguing road and bridge conditions and maintenance needs, and providing routine maintenance for state road and bridges. The purpose of this appropriation is also to maintain landscaping on road easements and rights-of-way through planting, litter control, vegetation removal, and grants to local governments, to provide for emergency operations on state routes, and to maintain state rest areas and welcome centers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$589,060,201	$589,060,201	$587,433,341
State General Funds	$4,338,295	$4,338,295	$2,711,435
State Motor Fuel Funds	$584,721,906	$584,721,906	$584,721,906
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,577,366	$11,577,366	$11,577,366
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$11,577,366	$11,577,366	$11,577,366
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$19,500,000	$19,500,000	$19,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Sales and Services	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$620,137,567	$620,137,567	$618,510,707

Traffic Management and Control **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and efficient transportation system statewide by conducting traffic engineering studies for traffic safety planning, permitting for activity on or adjacent to state roads, providing motorist assistance and traffic information through the Highway Emergency Response Operators (HERO) program and Intelligent Transportation System, and conducting inspections, repairs, and installations of traffic signals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$69,181,749	$69,181,749	$69,181,749
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

State Motor Fuel Funds	$69,181,749	$69,181,749	$69,181,749
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$79,677,354	$79,677,354	$79,677,354
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$79,527,354	$79,527,354	$79,527,354
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484
Sales and Services	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$174,393,587	$174,393,587	$174,393,587

361.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$727,714	$727,714	$454,822

361.2 *Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for increased contract and traffic signal equipment costs.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$6,769,540	$6,769,540	$6,769,540

361.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds	($195,152)	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds		($195,152)
Total Public Funds:	($195,152)	($195,152)

361.1000 Traffic Management and Control **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and efficient transportation system statewide by conducting traffic engineering studies for traffic safety planning, permitting for activity on or adjacent to state roads, providing motorist assistance and traffic information through the Highway Emergency Response Operators (HERO) program and Intelligent Transportation System, and conducting inspections, repairs, and installations of traffic signals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$76,679,003	$76,483,851	$76,210,959
State General Funds	$727,714	$532,562	$454,822
State Motor Fuel Funds	$75,951,289	$75,951,289	$75,756,137
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$79,677,354	$79,677,354	$79,677,354
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$79,527,354	$79,527,354	$79,527,354
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484
Sales and Services	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$181,890,841	$181,695,689	$181,422,797

Transit **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Transit.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,318,878	$52,318,878	$52,318,878
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Transit Trust Funds	$38,005,357	$38,005,357	$38,005,357
Transportation Trust Funds	$14,313,521	$14,313,521	$14,313,521
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$65,015,306	$65,015,306	$65,015,306
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$65,015,306	$65,015,306	$65,015,306
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$118,036,184	$118,036,184	$118,036,184

362.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$49,519	$49,519	$30,950

362.2 *Transfer funds from the Transit program to the Rail program to match Federal Funds for the State Safety Oversight (SSO) program of MARTA.*

Transportation Trust Funds	($332,871)	($332,871)	($332,871)

362.1000 Transit			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Transit.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,035,526	$52,035,526	$52,016,957
State General Funds	$49,519	$49,519	$30,950
Transit Trust Funds	$38,005,357	$38,005,357	$38,005,357
Transportation Trust Funds	$13,980,650	$13,980,650	$13,980,650
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$65,015,306	$65,015,306	$65,015,306
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$65,015,306	$65,015,306	$65,015,306
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$117,752,832	$117,752,832	$117,734,263

Payments to Atlanta-region Transit Link (ATL) Authority		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative funds for the Atlanta-region Transit Link (ATL) Authority.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,210,331	$9,210,331	$9,210,331
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Transportation Trust Funds	$9,210,331	$9,210,331	$9,210,331
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,210,331	$9,210,331	$9,210,331

363.1000 Payments to Atlanta-region Transit Link (ATL) Authority			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative funds for the Atlanta-region Transit Link (ATL) Authority.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,210,331	$9,210,331	$9,210,331
Transportation Trust Funds	$9,210,331	$9,210,331	$9,210,331
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,210,331	$9,210,331	$9,210,331

Payments to the State Road and Tollway Authority		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund debt service payments and other finance instruments and for operations of the State Road and Tollway Authority and the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,854,078	$27,854,078	$27,854,078
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Transportation Trust Funds	$27,854,078	$27,854,078	$27,854,078
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$48,353,800	$48,353,800	$48,353,800
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$48,353,800	$48,353,800	$48,353,800
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$76,207,878	$76,207,878	$76,207,878

364.1 *Increase funds for the extension and bi-directional expansion of I-75 express lanes in Clayton and Henry counties.*

State General Funds	$1,796,000,000	$1,715,747,665	$1,715,747,655

364.2 *Review performance of vendor contracts and provide a report to the House Appropriations Committee and Senate Appropriations Committee by May 28th, 2026. (S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0

364.1000 Payments to the State Road and Tollway Authority			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund debt service payments and other finance instruments and for operations of the State Road and Tollway Authority and the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,823,854,078	$1,743,601,743	$1,743,601,733
State General Funds	$1,796,000,000	$1,715,747,665	$1,715,747,655
Transportation Trust Funds	$27,854,078	$27,854,078	$27,854,078
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$48,353,800	$48,353,800	$48,353,800
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$48,353,800	$48,353,800	$48,353,800
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,872,207,878	$1,791,955,543	$1,791,955,533

It is the intent of this General Assembly that the following provisions apply:
a.) In order to meet the requirements for projects on the Interstate System, the Office of Planning and Budget is hereby authorized and directed to give advanced budgetary authorization for letting and execution of Interstate Highway Contracts not to exceed the amount of Motor Fuel Tax Revenues actually paid into the Office of the State Treasurer, attached agency of the Department of Administrative Services.
b.) Programs financed by Motor Fuel Tax Funds may be adjusted for additional appropriation or balances brought forward from previous years with

prior approval by the Office of Planning and Budget.
c.) The Fiscal Officers of the State are hereby directed as of July 1st of each fiscal year to determine the collection of Motor Fuel Tax in the immediately preceding year less refunds, rebates and collection costs and enter this amount as being the appropriation payable in lieu of the Motor Fuel Tax Funds appropriated in this Bill, in the event such collections, less refunds, rebates and collection costs, exceed such Motor Fuel Tax Appropriation.
d.) Functions financed with General Fund appropriations shall be accounted for separately and shall be in addition to appropriations of Motor Fuel Tax revenues required under Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI, Subsection (b) of the State Constitution.
e.) Bus rental income may be retained to operate, maintain and upgrade department-owned buses.

Section 48: Veterans Service, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$33,144,535	$33,144,535	$33,144,535
State General Funds	$33,144,535	$33,144,535	$33,144,535
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$24,210,246	$24,210,246	$24,210,246
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$24,210,246	$24,210,246	$24,210,246
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,465,491	$3,465,491	$3,465,491
Intergovernmental Transfers	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Sales and Services	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$60,820,272	$60,820,272	$60,820,272

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$35,620,822	$38,095,160	$53,115,002
State General Funds	$35,620,822	$38,095,160	$53,115,002
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$24,210,246	$24,210,246	$24,210,246
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$24,210,246	$24,210,246	$24,210,246
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,465,491	$3,465,491	$3,465,491
Intergovernmental Transfers	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Sales and Services	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$63,296,559	$65,770,897	$80,790,739

Departmental Administration (DVS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate, manage, and supervise all aspects of department operations to include financial, public information, personnel, accounting, purchasing, supply, mail, records management, and information technology.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,241,773	$4,241,773	$4,241,773
State General Funds	$4,241,773	$4,241,773	$4,241,773
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,241,773	$4,241,773	$4,241,773

365.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$34,448	$34,448	$21,530

365.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($8,473)	($8,473)

365.1000 Departmental Administration (DVS) **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate, manage, and supervise all aspects of department operations to include financial, public information, personnel, accounting, purchasing, supply, mail, records management, and information technology.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,276,221	$4,267,748	$4,254,830
State General Funds	$4,276,221	$4,267,748	$4,254,830
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,276,221	$4,267,748	$4,254,830

Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the interment of eligible Georgia Veterans who served faithfully and honorably in the military service of our country.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,051,037	$1,051,037	$1,051,037
State General Funds	$1,051,037	$1,051,037	$1,051,037
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$327,896	$327,896	$327,896
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$327,896	$327,896	$327,896
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,378,933	$1,378,933	$1,378,933

366.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$30,142	$30,142	$18,839

366.2 *Transfer funds from the Georgia War Veterans Nursing Homes program due to the delayed implementation of 40 new beds to the Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery program for the upfront design costs of a new cemetery in Augusta with complete federal reimbursement for design and construction.*

State General Funds	$800,000	$0	$0

366.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($4,777)	($4,777)

366.4 *Increase funds to create a new veterans cemetery in Augusta, Richmond County pursuant to HR77 (2021 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds		$1,000,000	$800,000

366.1000 Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the interment of eligible Georgia Veterans who served faithfully and honorably in the military service of our country.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,881,179	$2,076,402	$1,865,099
State General Funds	$1,881,179	$2,076,402	$1,865,099
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$327,896	$327,896	$327,896
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$327,896	$327,896	$327,896
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,209,075	$2,404,298	$2,192,995

Georgia War Veterans Nursing Homes		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide skilled nursing care to aged and infirmed Georgia war veterans.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,114,399	$18,114,399	$18,114,399
State General Funds	$18,114,399	$18,114,399	$18,114,399
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$23,128,424	$23,128,424	$23,128,424
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$23,128,424	$23,128,424	$23,128,424
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,465,491	$3,465,491	$3,465,491
Intergovernmental Transfers	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Sales and Services	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$44,708,314	$44,708,314	$44,708,314

367.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$421,988	$421,988	$263,743

367.2 *Transfer funds from the Georgia War Veterans Nursing Homes program due to the delayed implementation of 40 new beds to the Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery program for the upfront design costs of a new cemetery in Augusta with complete federal reimbursement for design and construction.*

State General Funds	($800,000)	$0	$0

367.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($716)	($716)

367.4 *Reduce funds to recognize savings from a delay in opening of beds.*

State General Funds		($360,000)	($360,000)

367.5 *Increase funds to promote excellence, for quality improvements, and additional staffing capacity at the Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home in Milledgeville, Baldwin County.*

State General Funds $1,000,000

367.1000 Georgia War Veterans Nursing Homes			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide skilled nursing care to aged and infirmed Georgia war veterans.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$17,736,387	$18,175,671	$19,017,426
State General Funds	$17,736,387	$18,175,671	$19,017,426
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$23,128,424	$23,128,424	$23,128,424
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$23,128,424	$23,128,424	$23,128,424
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,465,491	$3,465,491	$3,465,491
Intergovernmental Transfers	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Sales and Services	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$44,330,302	$44,769,586	$45,611,341

Veterans Benefits **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to serve Georgia's veterans, their dependents, and survivors in all matters pertaining to veterans' benefits by informing the veterans and their families about veterans' benefits, and directly assisting and advising them in securing the benefits to which they are entitled.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,737,326	$9,737,326	$9,737,326
State General Funds	$9,737,326	$9,737,326	$9,737,326
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$753,926	$753,926	$753,926
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$753,926	$753,926	$753,926
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,491,252	$10,491,252	$10,491,252

368.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds $260,513 $260,513 $162,821

368.2 *Increase funds for a technology platform for community service referral.*

State General Funds $1,729,196 $2,614,598 $2,614,598

368.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds ($37,098) ($37,098)

368.4 *Increase funds to provide evidence-based rehabilitation services for military veterans and service members with traumatic brain injuries and mental health concerns.*

State General Funds $1,000,000 $0

368.5 *Increase funds to eliminate homelessness among Georgia veterans.*

State General Funds	$15,000,000

368.6 *Increase funds for the Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic.*

State General Funds	$500,000

368.1000 Veterans Benefits			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to serve Georgia's veterans, their dependents, and survivors in all matters pertaining to veterans' benefits by informing the veterans and their families about veterans' benefits, and directly assisting and advising them in securing the benefits to which they are entitled.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,727,035	$13,575,339	$27,977,647
State General Funds	$11,727,035	$13,575,339	$27,977,647
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$753,926	$753,926	$753,926
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$753,926	$753,926	$753,926
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,480,961	$14,329,265	$28,731,573

Section 49: Workers' Compensation, State Board of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,730,780	$21,730,780	$21,730,780
State General Funds	$21,730,780	$21,730,780	$21,730,780
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832
Sales and Services	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$22,104,612	$22,104,612	$22,104,612

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,971,916	$21,898,156	$21,807,731
State General Funds	$21,971,916	$21,898,156	$21,807,731
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832
Sales and Services	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$22,345,748	$22,271,988	$22,181,563

Administer the Workers' Compensation Laws			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide exclusive remedy for resolution of disputes in the Georgia Workers' Compensation law.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,120,939	$15,120,939	$15,120,939
State General Funds	$15,120,939	$15,120,939	$15,120,939
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353
Sales and Services	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,429,292	$15,429,292	$15,429,292

369.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$198,076	$198,076	$123,798

369.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($58,904)	($58,904)

369.1000 Administer the Workers' Compensation Laws			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide exclusive remedy for resolution of disputes in the Georgia Workers' Compensation law.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,319,015	$15,260,111	$15,185,833
State General Funds	$15,319,015	$15,260,111	$15,185,833
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353
Sales and Services	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,627,368	$15,568,464	$15,494,186

Board Administration (SBWC) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide superior access to the Georgia Workers' Compensation program for injured workers and employers in a manner that is sensitive, responsive, and effective.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,609,841	$6,609,841	$6,609,841
State General Funds	$6,609,841	$6,609,841	$6,609,841
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479
Sales and Services	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,675,320	$6,675,320	$6,675,320

370.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$43,060	$43,060	$26,913

370.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		($14,856)	($14,856)

370.1000 Board Administration (SBWC)			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide superior access to the Georgia Workers' Compensation program for injured workers and employers in a manner that is sensitive, responsive, and effective.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,652,901	$6,638,045	$6,621,898
State General Funds	$6,652,901	$6,638,045	$6,621,898
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479
Sales and Services	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,718,380	$6,703,524	$6,687,377

Section 50: Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$715,736,336	$715,736,336	$715,736,336
State General Funds	$715,736,336	$715,736,336	$715,736,336
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$715,736,336	$715,736,336	$715,736,336

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,318,325,837	$1,297,145,045	$1,714,255,045
State General Funds	$1,318,325,837	$1,297,145,045	$1,714,255,045
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS			$50,400,000
Interest and Investment Income			$50,400,000
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized			$50,400,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,318,325,837	$1,297,145,045	$1,764,655,045

Capital Projects Fund			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to finance capital projects, including facilities, property, and equipment for state entities and to provide funds for the defeasance of outstanding general obligation debt.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$715,736,336	$715,736,336	$715,736,336
State General Funds	$715,736,336	$715,736,336	$715,736,336
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$715,736,336	$715,736,336	$715,736,336

371.1 *Increase funds for one-time funding for additional major rehabilitation and renovation projects, statewide. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$40,000,000	$40,000,000	$40,000,000

371.2 *Increase funds for one-time funding to design and construct the Daniel Guggenheim School of Aerospace Engineering building, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Fulton County. (H:Increase funds for one-time funding for design of the Daniel Guggenheim School of Aerospace Engineering building, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Fulton County. Reflect funding for construction in FY2027)(S:Increase funds for one-time funding to*

design and construct the Daniel Guggenheim School of Aerospace Engineering building, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Fulton County)[University System of Georgia Board of Regents]

State General Funds	$88,200,000	$15,300,000	$88,200,000

371.3 *Increase funds for one-time funding to design the School of Nursing at the University of Georgia, Athens, Clarke County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$5,600,000	$5,600,000	$0
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized			$5,600,000
Total Public Funds:	$5,600,000	$5,600,000	$5,600,000

371.4 *Increase funds for one-time funding for equipment for the School of Medicine, University of Georgia, Athens, Clarke County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$11,430,000	$11,430,000	$11,430,000

371.5 *Increase funds for one-time funding for additional major rehabilitation and renovation projects, statewide. [Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds	$48,000,000	$48,000,000	$48,000,000

371.6 *Increase funds for one-time funding for a 40-bed forensic restoration facility at East Central Regional Hospital, Augusta, Richmond County. [Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities]*

State General Funds	$20,740,730	$20,740,730	$20,740,730

371.7 *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace 75 vehicles, statewide. (H:Increase funds for one-time funding to replace 60 vehicles, statewide)(S:Increase funds for one-time funding to replace 75 vehicles, statewide)[Department of Community Supervision]*

State General Funds	$4,500,000	$3,600,000	$4,500,000

371.8 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design and construction to replace locking controls, statewide. [Department of Corrections]*

State General Funds	$89,596,895	$84,596,895	$84,596,895

371.9 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design and construction for fire alarm replacement, perimeter security and lighting, thermal cameras, and CCTV, statewide. [Department of Corrections]*

State General Funds	$84,661,607	$84,661,607	$84,661,607

371.10 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design for Walker State Prison Kitchen renovation, Rock Spring, Walker County. [Department of Corrections]*

State General Funds	$921,000	$921,000	$921,000

371.11 *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace six buses and three vans, statewide. [Department of Corrections]*

State General Funds	$2,980,000	$2,980,000	$2,980,000

371.12 *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace and outfit 252 vehicles, statewide. (H:Increase funds for one-time funding to replace and outfit 200 vehicles, statewide)(S:Increase funds for one-time funding to replace and outfit 252 vehicles, statewide)[Department of Corrections]*

State General Funds	$13,110,000	$9,275,000	$13,110,000

371.13 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase a warden house at Emanuel Women's facility, Swainsboro, Emanuel County. [Department of Corrections]*

State General Funds	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000

371.14 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase food and farm equipment, statewide. [Department of Corrections]*

State General Funds	$2,944,923	$2,944,923	$2,944,923

371.15 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design and construction of a readiness center, Monroe, Walton County. [Department of Defense]*

State General Funds	$28,000,000	$28,000,000	$28,000,000

371.16 *Increase funds for one-time funding for site improvements and renovations for a readiness center, Forest Park, Clayton County. [Department of Defense]*

State General Funds	$4,000,000	$4,000,000	$4,000,000

371.17 *Increase funds for one-time funding for additional design and construction of the Region 10 Investigative Office and Crime Scene Garage, Conyers, Rockdale County. [Georgia Bureau of Investigation]*

State General Funds	$55,000,000	$55,000,000	$50,000,000

371.18 *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace and outfit 40 vehicles, statewide. [Georgia Bureau of Investigation]*

State General Funds	$2,520,000	$2,520,000	$2,520,000

371.19 *Increase funds for one-time funding for equipment, installation and training associated with a new statewide public safety radio network to achieve statewide interoperability. [Georgia Bureau of Investigation]*

State General Funds	$4,285,000	$4,285,000	$4,285,000

371.20 *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace Muscogee YDC CCTV system, Columbus, Muscogee County. [Department of Juvenile Justice]*

State General Funds	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000

371.21 *Increase funds for one-time funding for facility repairs and sustainment, statewide. [Department of Juvenile Justice]*

State General Funds	$2,833,800	$2,833,800	$2,833,800

371.22 *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace and outfit 215 vehicles, statewide. (H:Increase funds for one-time funding to replace and outfit 175 vehicles, statewide)(S:Increase funds for one-time funding to replace and outfit 215 vehicles, statewide)[Department of Public Safety]*

State General Funds	$16,000,000	$13,025,000	$16,000,000

371.23 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design, construction, and equipment for a new K-9 training facility at the Department of Public Safety Headquarters, Atlanta, Fulton County. [Department of Public Safety]*

State General Funds	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$0
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized			$15,000,000
Total Public Funds:	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000

371.24 *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace three vehicles, Austell, Cobb County. [Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council]*

State General Funds	$105,000	$105,000	$105,000

371.25 *Increase funds for one-time funding to repair the wastewater treatment plant, Forsyth, Monroe County. [Georgia Public Safety Training Center]*

State General Funds	$4,587,000	$4,587,000	$4,587,000

371.26 *Increase funds for one-time funding to repair the Precision Immobilization Technique (PIT) maneuver training areas, Forsyth, Monroe County. [Georgia Public Safety Training Center]*

State General Funds	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000

371.27 *Increase funds for one-time funding for equipment, installation, and training associated with a new statewide public safety radio network to achieve statewide interoperability. [Georgia Public Safety Training Center]*

State General Funds	$124,000	$124,000	$124,000

371.28 *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace timeclock and ticketing equipment for Customer Service Centers, statewide. [Department of Driver Services]*

State General Funds	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000

371.29 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase facility hardening equipment to improve security in Customer Service Centers, statewide. [Department of Driver Services]*

State General Funds	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000

371.30 *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace and repair counters in Customer Service Centers, statewide. [Department of Driver Services]*

State General Funds	$430,000	$430,000	$430,000

371.31 *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace HVAC units, Perry, Houston County. [Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority]*

State General Funds	$2,487,926	$2,487,926	$2,487,926

371.32 *Increase funds for one-time funding for Riverwalk repairs at the Savannah Convention Center, Savannah, Chatham County. [Savannah-Georgia Convention Center Authority]*

State General Funds	$5,000,000	$5,000,000	$5,000,000

371.33 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design and construction for a mass timber county unit, Madison, Morgan County. [State Forestry Commission]*

State General Funds	$2,636,180	$2,636,180	$2,636,180

371.34 *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace open cab tractors with environmental cabs, statewide. [State Forestry Commission]*

State General Funds	$12,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000

371.35 *Increase funds for one-time funding for infrastructure improvements and renovations for the North Georgia Mountain Authority at Unicoi State Park, Helen, White County. [Department of Natural Resources]*

State General Funds	$1,750,000	$1,750,000	$1,750,000

371.36 *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace one helicopter for search and rescue operations, statewide. [Department of Natural Resources]*

State General Funds	$10,400,000	$10,400,000	$10,400,000

371.37 *Increase funds for one-time funding for facility improvements and renovations at fish hatcheries, statewide. [Department of Natural Resources]*

State General Funds	$3,000,000	$3,000,000	$3,000,000

371.38 *Increase funds for one-time funding for replacement of gangways, statewide. [Department of Natural Resources]*

State General Funds	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000

371.39 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design and rehabilitation of the dam at Stone Mountain Park, Stone Mountain, DeKalb County. [Stone Mountain Memorial Association]*

State General Funds	$610,440	$610,440	$610,440

371.40 *Increase funds for one-time funding for monument maintenance needs, Stone Mountain, DeKalb County. [Stone Mountain Memorial Association]*

State General Funds	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000

371.41 *Increase funds for one-time funding for phase one of electrical system equipment replacement, Atlanta, Fulton County. [Georgia World Congress Center Authority]*

State General Funds	$12,000,000	$12,000,000	$12,000,000

371.42 *Redirect $15,000,000 of FY2025 funds authorized for land acquisition at Paulding and Dawson Forests to be used for land acquisition at Pine Log Mountain, White, Bartow County. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)[Department of Natural Resources]*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

371.43 *Eliminate unutilized project funds.*

State General Funds		($3,500,000)	($3,500,000)

371.44 *Increase funds for one-time funding to design, construct, and equip the retrofit of the 301 Building to establish the College of Optometry, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Bulloch County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds		$29,800,000	$0
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized			$29,800,000
Total Public Funds:		$29,800,000	$29,800,000

371.45 *Utilize undesignated state surplus funds ($220,000,000) to construct a new 480-bed private prison facility to meet need for additional bed capacity. (H:YES)(S:YES; Utilize undesignated state surplus funds ($180,000,000) to construct two new modular correctional units)[Department of Corrections]*

State General Funds		$0	$0

371.46 *Increase funds for one-time funding to design, construct, and equip the Arts and Sciences Renovation, Georgia College and State University, Milledgeville, Baldwin County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds		$5,000,000	$5,000,000

371.47 *Increase funds for one-time funding to design, construct, and equip the renovation of the Medical Examiner's Office in Augusta, Richmond County. [Georgia Bureau of Investigation]*

State General Funds	$2,729,208	$2,729,208

371.48 *Increase funds for one-time funding to begin design and construction of new Georgia Regional Hospital - Atlanta to address mental health and forensic bed capacity. (S:Increase funds for one-time funding for design and construction of new Georgia Regional Hospital - Atlanta to address mental health and forensic bed capacity)[Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities]*

State General Funds	$27,000,000	$409,000,000

371.49 *Increase funds for one-time funding to design, construct, and equip Post 19 to reflect enhanced mission and increased construction costs, Swainsboro, Emanuel County. (S:NO; Return to policy of county bid and local funding)[Department of Public Safety]*

State General Funds	$2,700,000	$0

371.50 *Increase funds for one-time funding to design, construct, and equip a new state patrol facility for Waycross Post 22, Waycross, Ware County. (S:NO; Return to policy of county bid and local funding)[Department of Public Safety]*

State General Funds	$2,700,000	$0

371.51 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction of the renovation for the Long County Public Library, Ludowici, Long County. [Georgia Public Library System]*

State General Funds		$1,900,000

371.52 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design and construction for two college and career academies, statewide. [Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds		$4,500,000

371.53 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design, construction, and equipment for the renovation for the Criminal Justice Learning Lab and Public Safety Facility, Albany State University, Albany, Dougherty County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds		$3,900,000

371.54 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction for renovation of the Technology-Enhanced Learning Center, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, Carroll County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds		$5,000,000

371.1000 Capital Projects Fund			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to finance capital projects, including facilities, property, and equipment for state entities and to provide funds for the defeasance of outstanding general obligation debt.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,318,325,837	$1,297,145,045	$1,714,255,045
State General Funds	$1,318,325,837	$1,297,145,045	$1,714,255,045
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS			$50,400,000
Interest and Investment Income			$50,400,000

Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized			$50,400,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,318,325,837	$1,297,145,045	$1,764,655,045

Section 51: State of Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,067,094,690	$1,067,094,690	$1,067,094,690
State General Funds	$965,529,934	$965,529,934	$965,529,934
State Motor Fuel Funds	$101,564,756	$101,564,756	$101,564,756
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,007,384	$12,007,384	$12,007,384
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,007,384	$12,007,384	$12,007,384
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,079,102,074	$1,079,102,074	$1,079,102,074

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,120,090,882	$1,041,127,209	$1,065,967,887
State General Funds	$1,019,652,929	$940,689,256	$965,529,934
State Motor Fuel Funds	$100,437,953	$100,437,953	$100,437,953
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,007,384	$12,007,384	$12,007,384
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,007,384	$12,007,384	$12,007,384
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,132,098,266	$1,053,134,593	$1,077,975,271

General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - Issued		**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,067,094,690	$1,067,094,690	$1,067,094,690
State General Funds	$965,529,934	$965,529,934	$965,529,934
State Motor Fuel Funds	$101,564,756	$101,564,756	$101,564,756
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,007,384	$12,007,384	$12,007,384
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,007,384	$12,007,384	$12,007,384
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,079,102,074	$1,079,102,074	$1,079,102,074

372.1 *Increase funds for debt service.*

State General Funds	$54,122,995	$25,159,322	$0

372.2 *Reduce funds for debt service and transfer savings from the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission to the Department of Transportation.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	($1,126,803)	($1,126,803)	($1,126,803)

372.3 *Utilize $3,743,080 in remaining proceeds from a Fiscal Year 2023 20-year bond issued for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for rehabilitation of the Lake Trahlyta Dam at Vogel State Park to complete prioritized dam repairs at Vogel State Park, Little Ocmulgee State Park, or other DNR maintained dams. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

372.4 *Reduce funds and utilize Capital Projects Fund interest income.*

State General Funds	($50,000,000)	$0

372.1000 General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - Issued			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,120,090,882	$1,041,127,209	$1,065,967,887
State General Funds	$1,019,652,929	$940,689,256	$965,529,934
State Motor Fuel Funds	$100,437,953	$100,437,953	$100,437,953
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,007,384	$12,007,384	$12,007,384
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,007,384	$12,007,384	$12,007,384
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,132,098,266	$1,053,134,593	$1,077,975,271

General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - New		**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

Section 52: General Obligation Bonds Repealed, Revised, or Reinstated
Reserved.

Section 53: Salary Adjustments
The appropriations to budget units made above include funds for, and have the added purpose of, the following salary increases and adjustments, administered in conformity with the applicable compensation and performance management plans as provided by law:

1.) To provide for a one-time pay supplement of $1,250 for active, fulltime, benefit-eligible employees of the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branches, except those positions referenced in O.C.G.A. § 45-7-3, employed by the state as of July 1, 2025.

2.) In lieu of other numbered items,

(a) to provide for a $1,250 salary supplement to the State Salary Schedule of the State Board of Education through a one-time payment of $1,250 in addition to the state base salary. This proposed $1,250 salary supplement is in addition to the salary increases awarded to certificated personnel through normal progression on the teacher salary schedule for the State Board of Education. This Item includes as well, and without limitation, teachers and administrators in state agencies whose salaries, by the authority of addenda to the Statewide Salary Plan, are determined from the State Salary Schedule of the State Board of Education.

(b) to provide for a $1,250 one-time salary supplement to local school systems for part-time employees, to include QBE-funded instructional staff, school support staff, school custodians, school administration, and central administration;

(c) to provide for a $1,250 one-time salary supplement to all local nutrition workers and for a $1,250 one-time salary supplement for local school bus drivers.

3.) In lieu of other numbered items, to provide for a one-time pay supplement of $1,250 for active, full-time, benefit-eligible faculty and non-academic personnel of the University System of Georgia Board of Regents employed by the state as of July 1, 2025.

4.) In lieu of other numbered items, to provide for a one-time pay supplement of $1,250 for public librarians funded through the Public Libraries appropriation stated above and administered by the Board of Regents employed by the state as of July 1, 2025.

5.) In lieu of other numbered items, to provide for a one-time pay supplement of $1,250 for active, full-time, benefit-eligible faculty and support personnel within the Technical College System of Georgia employed by the state as of July 1, 2025.

6.) In lieu of other numbered items, to provide for a salary increase for Katie Beckett Medicaid caseworkers for the Georgia Department of Community Health. The amount for this Item is calculated according to an effective date of April 1, 2026.

Section 54: Refunds
In addition to all other appropriations, there is hereby appropriated, as needed, a specific sum of money equal to each refund authorized by law, which is required to make refunds of taxes and other monies collected in error, farmer gasoline tax refunds, and any other refunds specifically authorized by law.

Section 55: Leases
In accordance with the requirements of Article IX, Section III, Paragraph I(a) of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, as amended, there is hereby appropriated payable to each department, agency, or institution of the State sums sufficient to satisfy the payments required to be made in each year under existing lease contracts between any department, agency, or institution of the State and any authority created and activated at the time of the effective date of the aforesaid constitutional provision, as amended, or appropriated for the State Fiscal Year addressed within this Act. If for any reason any of the sums herein provided under any other provision of this Act are insufficient to make the required payments in full, then there shall be taken from other funds appropriated to the department, agency, or institution involved an amount sufficient to satisfy such deficiency in full, and the lease payment shall constitute a first charge on all such appropriations.

Section 56: Budgetary Control and Interpretation
The appropriations in this Act consist of the amount stated in the right-most column, for each line at the lowest level of detail for the fund source categories, "Total State Funds" and "Total Federal Funds," under a caption beginning with a program or special project number (regardless of whether program or special project number has a number higher or lower than 1000 after the decimal) and a program or special project name. In each case, such appropriation is associated with the immediately preceding program or special project name, number, and statement of program or special project purpose. The program or special project purpose is stated immediately below the program or special project name. The most specific level of detail for authorizations for general obligation debt in Section 51 shall be the authorizing paragraphs.

Amounts in the columns other than the right-most column are for informational purposes only. The summary and lowest level of detail for the fund source categories "Total Agency Funds" and "Total IntraState Governmental Transfers," are for informational purposes only. Sections 52, 53, 54 and 55 contain, constitute, or amend appropriations.

Section 57: Flex

Notwithstanding any other statement of purpose, the purpose of each appropriation of federal funds or other funds shall be the stated purpose or any other lawful purpose consistent with the fund source and the general law powers of the budget unit.

In the preceding sentence, "Federal Funds" means any federal funding source, whether specifically identified or not specifically identified; "Other Funds" means all other fund sources except State Funds or Federal Funds, including without limitation Intra-State Government Transfers. This paragraph shall not permit an agency to include within its flex the appropriations for an agency attached to it for administrative purposes.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid," "Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled," and "PeachCare" programs of the Department of Community Health, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 10 percent (10%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the three programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "Capital Construction Projects," "Capital Maintenance Projects," and "Local Road Assistance Administration" programs of the Department of Transportation, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 10 percent (10%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the three programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "Airport Aid," "Ports and Waterways," and "Rail" programs of the Department of Transportation, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 20 percent (20%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the three programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "HOPE Grant," "HOPE High School Equivalency Exam," "HOPE Scholarships – Private Schools," and "HOPE Scholarships – Public Schools" programs of the Georgia Student Finance Commission, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 10 percent (10%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the four programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

Part II: Effective Date
This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

Part III: Repeal Conflicting Laws
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Hatchett of the 155th moved that the House disagree to the Senate substitute to HB 973.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Efstration of the 104th asked unanimous consent that HB 973 be immediately transmitted to the Senate.

It was so ordered.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate insists on its substitute to the following bill of the House:

HB 973. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act making and providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, known as the "General Appropriations Act," Act No. 73, approved May 9, 2025, so as to make, provide, and change certain appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Bill of the House was taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 973. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act making and providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, known as the "General Appropriations Act," Act No. 73, approved May 9, 2025, so as to make, provide, and change certain appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments,

boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Representative Hatchett of the 155th moved that the House insist on its position in disagreeing to the Senate substitute to HB 973 and that a Committee of Conference be appointed on the part of the House to confer with a like committee on the part of the Senate.

The motion prevailed.

The Speaker appointed as a Committee of Conference on the part of the House the following members:

Representatives Hatchett of the 155th, Jones of the 47th and Efstration of the 104th.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate adheres to its substitute and has appointed a Committee of Conference on the following bill of the House:

HB 973. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act making and providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, known as the "General Appropriations Act," Act No. 73, approved May 9, 2025, so as to make, provide, and change certain appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The President has appointed as a Committee of Conference on the part of the Senate the following Senators: Walker III of the 20th, Anavitarte of the 31st, and Tillery of the 19th.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House do now adjourn until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Tuesday, February 24, 2026, and the motion prevailed.

Pursuant to the adjournment Resolution previously adopted by the House and Senate, the Speaker announced the House adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Tuesday, February 24, 2026.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

Twenty-Third Legislative Day

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

The following communication was received:

House of Representatives
Coverdell Legislative Office Building
Room 604-G
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

February 23, 2026

William L. Reilly
Clerk of the House
309 State Capitol Building
Atlanta, GA 30334

Greetings Mr. Reilly:

I am writing to request excused absences from my House Representative duties from Tuesday, February 17th through Friday, February 20th. Unfortunately, I was admitted to Emory Hospital on the 17th for pneumonia, and I was released from the hospital on the 20th.

Best wishes,

/s/ Mary Margaret Oliver
House District 84

The roll was called and the following Representatives answered to their names:

Adesanya	Clifton	Gullett	Lumsden	Rhodes
Adeyina	Corbett	Gunter	Lupton	Rice
Alexander	Cox	Hagan	Martin	Richardson
Ali	Crawford	Hatchett	Martinez	Ridley, Jas
Anderson	Crowe	Hawkins	Mathiak	Ridley, Jor
Au	Cummings	Herring	Mathis	Romman
Baker	Davis	Hilton	McClain	Sainz
Ballard	Dawson	Hitchens	McCollum	Sampson

Barnes	DeLoach	Holcomb	McDonald	Sanchez
Barrett	Dickey	Holland	McQueen	Scoggins
Barton	Donatucci	Holly	Meeks	Seabaugh
Bazemore	Douglas	Hong	Miller	Silcox
Beckles	Draper	Horner	Mitchell	Smith, M
Bell	Drenner	Howard, J	Momtahan	Smith, TP
Berry	Dubnik	Howard, K	Moore	E Smith, V
Blackmon	Dunahoo	Huddleston	Myles	Stephens
Bonner	Efstration	Hugley	New	Stinson
Buckner	Erwin	Jackson, D	Newton	Tarvin
Burchett	Evans	Jackson, E	Okoye	E Taylor, R
Burnough	Fincher	Jackson, M	Olaleye	Thomas
Byrd	Fleming	Jasperse	O'Steen	Townsend
Cameron	Flournoy	Jenkins	Panitch	Tran
Camp	Ford	Jones, A	Paris	Wade
E Campbell, J	Franklin	Jones, J	Park	Westbrook
Campbell, L	Frye	Jones, S	Parrish	Wilkerson
Cannon, C	Gaines	E Jones, T	Parsons	Williams, A
Cannon, P	Gambill	Kahaian	Persinger	Williams, N
Carpenter	Gilliard	Kelley	Petrea	Williamson
Chastain	Gisler	Kendrick	Powell	Willis
Cheokas	Glaize	LaHood	Prince	Yearta
Clark, D	Greene	Leverett	Reese	Burns, Speaker
Clark, J	Griffin	Lewis-Ward		

Due to a mechanical malfunction, Representative Taylor of the 173rd was not recorded on the attendance roll call. She wished to be recorded as present.

The following members were off the floor of the House when the roll was called:

Representatives Carson of the 46th, Carter of the 93rd, Dempsey of the 13th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Lim of the 98th, Neal of the 79th, Reeves of the 99th, Roberts of the 52nd, Schofield of the 63rd, Scott of the 76th, Sharper of the 177th, Smith of the 70th, Washburn of the 144th, Werkheiser of the 157th, and Williams of the 37th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Reverend Sherryl King, Peters Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Columbus, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Hilton of the 48th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

By unanimous consent, the following was established as the order of business during the first part of the period of unanimous consents:

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

2. First reading and reference of House Bills and Resolutions.

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

6. First reading and reference of Senate Bills and Resolutions.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolution of the House were introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committees:

HB 1403. By Representatives Martinez of the 111th, Reeves of the 99th, Leverett of the 123rd, Bonner of the 73rd, Scoggins of the 14th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to courts, so as to provide for service by judges, justices, court officers, and other individuals as a judge advocate in certain capacities; to provide for construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1404. By Representative Stephens of the 164th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Pooler to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1405. By Representatives Hong of the 103rd, Rice of the 139th, Ballard of the 147th, Crowe of the 118th and Holcomb of the 101st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to delinquency, so as to provide for cognitive behavioral therapy for certain children in restrictive custody with the Department of Juvenile Justice; to provide for criteria and evaluation for participation; to require DJJ to provide such services; to provide for a minimum number of hours of provided therapy for such children; to require DJJ to annually produce a report on the provision of such services; to provide for contents and recipients of such report; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Juvenile.

HB 1406. By Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Anderson of the 10th, Jones of the 25th, Holly of the 116th, Burnough of the 77th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 21-2-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions regarding elections and primaries generally, so as to provide for publication of calls of election on newspaper and government websites; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 1407. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Gullett of the 19th, Reeves of the 99th and Gunter of the 8th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 11 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to trials under the "Civil Practice Act," so as to provide for scheduling of civil trials; to provide for trial calendars for certain civil actions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1408. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Hagan of the 156th, Cooper of the 45th, Cox of the 28th, Jasperse of the 11th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 19 of Title 31 and Chapter 50 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to control of rabies and veterinarians and veterinary technicians, respectively, so as to authorize licensed veterinary technicians under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian to administer antirabies vaccinations to animals required by this state to be inoculated against rabies; to update terminology and make

conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs.

HB 1409. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Persinger of the 119th, Dempsey of the 13th, Hatchett of the 155th, Rice of the 139th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to provisions relative to parent and child relationship generally, so as to revise mandated reporting of child abuse; to provide for definitions; to provide for reporting requirements; to provide for the use of a secure web based reporting platform; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Juvenile.

HB 1410. By Representatives Cummings of the 39th, Schofield of the 63rd, Davis of the 87th and Scott of the 76th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 and Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to elementary and secondary education and the Department of Public Health, respectively, so as to modernize vision screening and literacy readiness requirements for elementary and secondary school students; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings and intent; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 1411. By Representatives Glaize of the 67th, Neal of the 79th, Erwin of the 32nd, Hagan of the 156th, Stephens of the 164th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to include domestic violence prevention in the existing program for teen dating violence prevention for students in grade eight through grade 12; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 1412. By Representatives McDonald III of the 26th, Efstration of the 104th, Hitchens of the 161st, Burchett of the 176th, Hatchett of the 155th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 21 of Title 15 and Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to payment and disposition of fines and forfeitures and arrests, trials, and appeals relative to prosecution of traffic offenses, respectively, so as to provide for payment of certain money arising from traffic fines generated by members of the Uniform Division of the Department of Public Safety to the general fund of the state treasury; to provide for reporting requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 1416. By Representatives Horner of the 3rd, Ridley of the 22nd, Ridley of the 6th, Persinger of the 119th and Barrett of the 24th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits for state income tax, so as to exclude tips from taxation; to provide for reporting by employers; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1417. By Representatives Campbell of the 35th, Lupton of the 83rd, Erwin of the 32nd, Wilkerson of the 38th, Carter of the 93rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-157 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to uniform reporting system for certain purposes, dual credit courses, and academic eligibility requirements to receive HOPE scholarship, so as to provide for the inclusion of advanced placement, international baccalaureate, and Cambridge fine arts courses in the calculation of grade point averages for determining student eligibility for the HOPE scholarships and other scholarships; to provide for applicability; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 1418. By Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Jones of the 25th, Schofield of the 63rd, Beckles of the 96th, Davis of the 87th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, so as to authorize local governments to establish resource recovery programs in order to reduce hunger and food waste and to utilize a digital platform for such programs; to provide requirements for digital platforms; to limit liability of participants in certain circumstances; to provide definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation.

HB 1419. By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Stephens of the 164th, Ridley of the 6th, Gullett of the 19th, Gambill of the 15th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapters 6 and 34 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to unfair trade practices and motor vehicle accident reparations, respectively, so as to provide for timely claims processing in supplemental estimates for repairs under motor vehicle liability insurance policies; to provide for unfair claims settlement practices; to provide for written explanations; to provide for definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

HB 1420. By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Stephens of the 164th, Ridley of the 6th, Gullett of the 19th, Gambill of the 15th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapters 6 and 34 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to unfair trade practices and motor vehicle accident reparations, respectively, so as to provide for original equipment manufacturer repair procedures for repairs under motor vehicle liability insurance policies; to provide for unfair claims settlement practices; to provide for definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

HB 1421. By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Stephens of the 164th, Ridley of the 6th, Gullett of the 19th, Gambill of the 15th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapters 6 and 34 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to unfair trade practices and motor vehicle accident reparations, respectively, so as to prohibit improper steering to repair facilities under motor vehicle liability insurance policies; to provide for unfair claims settlement practices; to provide for the selection of a repair facility; to provide for payment for repairs; to provide for certain disclosures and notifications; to provide for definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

HB 1422. By Representatives Gisler of the 121st, Clark of the 108th, Au of the 50th, Bazemore of the 69th, Campbell of the 35th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 20 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding personnel administration, so as to add stillbirth as a qualifying event for parental leave for eligible state employees; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HR 1427. By Representatives Sainz of the 180th, Hitchens of the 161st, Willis of the 55th, DeLoach of the 167th and Townsend of the 179th:

A RESOLUTION urging Congress to pass the Thiokol Memorial Gold Medal Act; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House were read the second time:

HB 1384	HB 1385
HB 1386	HB 1387
HB 1388	HB 1389
HB 1390	HB 1391
HB 1392	HB 1395
HB 1396	HB 1397
HB 1398	HB 1399
HB 1400	HB 1401
HB 1402	HB 1413

HB 1414	HB 1415
HR 1415	HR 1416
HR 1417	HR 1418
HR 1419	

Representative Dickey of the 134th District, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 158	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 1195	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1201	Do Pass	HB 1224	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1301	Do Pass, by Substitute		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Dickey of the 134th
Chairman

Representative Anderson of the 10th District, Chairman of the Committee on Governmental Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Governmental Affairs has had under consideration the following Bills and Resolution of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 1362	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1396	Do Pass
HR 1348	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Anderson of the 10th
Chairman

Representative Hawkins of the 27th District, Chairman of the Committee on Health, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 326	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 1122	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1138	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 1236	Do Pass
HB 1275	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 1278	Do Pass
HB 1292	Do Pass	HB 1295	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1374	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Hawkins of the 27th
Chairman

Representative Martin of the 49th District, Chairman of the Committee on Higher Education, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Higher Education has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 1293 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Martin of the 49th
Chairman

Representative Lumsden of the 12th District, Chairman of the Committee on Insurance, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Insurance has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 961	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1058	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1198	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Lumsden of the 12th
Chairman

Representative Gunter of the 8th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 688	Do Pass	HB 1221	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1348	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 1364	Do Pass
HB 1365	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Gunter of the 8th
Chairman

Representative Camp of the 135th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, Juvenile, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary, Juvenile has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 1283	Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 383	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Camp of the 135th
Chairman

Representative Smith of the 18th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 421	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 626	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1076	Do Pass	HB 1196	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1290	Do Pass	HB 1303	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1324	Do Pass	HB 1329	Do Pass
HB 1390	Do Pass, by Substitute		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Smith of the 18th
Chairman

Representative Corbett of the 174th District, Chairman of the Committee on Motor Vehicles, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Motor Vehicles has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 461	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1391	Do Pass
SB 160	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Corbett of the 174th
Chairman

Representative Powell of the 33rd District, Chairman of the Committee on Regulated Industries, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Regulated Industries has had under consideration the following Bills and Resolutions of the House and Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 892	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 1197	Do Pass
HB 1254	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 1305	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1392	Do Pass, by Substitute	HR 752	Do Pass, by Substitute

HR 952	Do Pass, by Substitute	SB 146	Do Pass
SB 239	Do Pass, by Substitute		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Powell of the 33rd
Chairman

Representative Jones of the 25th District, Chairman of the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 1230	Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 177	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Jones of the 25th
Chairman

Representative Blackmon of the 146th District, Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 565	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Blackmon of the 146th
Chairman

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2026

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 23rd Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

HB 310	Student Teacher Promotion Act; enact (Substitute)(Ed-Olaleye-59th)
HB 372	Teachers Retirement System; certain beneficiaries hired to work in certain areas; provisions (Substitute)(Ret-Ballard-147th)
HB 385	Education; allow academically successful students who are concurrently seeking certain degrees to use the full number of hours of HOPE scholarship eligibility; provisions (Substitute)(HEd-Holcomb-101st)
HB 971	Quality Basic Education Act; home study students and private school students to enroll in college and career academies located in certain RESA service areas and adjacent local school systems; provide (Ed-Townsend-179th)
HB 1009	Education; enact policies and procedures for use of personal electronic devices at school and school sponsored events by students in grades nine through twelve; require local school systems (Ed-Hilton-48th)
HB 1023	Education; utilize weapon detection systems in certain school buildings; require local boards of education and other public school governing bodies (Substitute)(Ed-Efstration-104th)
HB 1123	Quality Basic Education Act; require certain schools that offer after-school programs to make such programs available to pre-kindergarten students (Ed-Jones-47th)
HB 1193	Georgia Early Literacy Act of 2026; enact (Substitute)(Ed-Erwin-32nd)

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the Senate and House:

SB 398. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Strickland of the 42nd, Robertson of the 29th, Bearden of the 30th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to wiretapping, eavesdropping, surveillance, and related offenses, so as to establish criminal offenses of virtual peeping; to prohibit the use of a generative artificial intelligence system to generate images of individuals with the knowledge that such generation was without authorization or consent; to provide for penalties; to provide for an exception; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 409. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Harbin of the 16th, Robertson of the 29th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Harbison of the 15th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 9 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of rates, underwriting rules, and related organizations, so as to provide for homeowner protections with regard to insurance companies' use of aerial or satellite images; to provide for definitions; to provide for certain procedures; to require that homeowners be allowed 60 days to correct; to provide for regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 427. By Senators Watson of the 1st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Jackson of the 41st, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical practice relative to physicians, so as to provide for limited provisional licenses and a pathway to licensure for certain internationally trained physicians; to provide for definitions; to provide for qualifications and conditions; to provide for penalties, license sanctions, and enforcement; to provide for one or more medical directors; to provide for annual reports; to provide for rules, regulations and procedures; to provide for conditional automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 440. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Hatchett of the 50th, Watson of the 1st, Echols of the 49th, Brass of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 16, 19, 31, 48, and 49 of the O.C.G.A., relating to crimes and offenses, domestic relations, health, revenue and taxation, and social services, respectively, so as to modernize and update provisions relative to duties or functions of the Department of Public Health; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 455. By Representatives Powell of the 33rd, McDonald III of the 26th, Dubnik of the 29th, Carpenter of the 4th, Newton of the 127th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to bingo, so as to provide for the information to be provided on applications for bingo games; to revise the provisions regarding the properties used for bingo games; to revise the limits on the number of bingo game sessions which are allowed per month; to revise the amount of prize money which may be paid; to revise the compensation for persons assisting in the conduct of bingo games; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the Senate were read the first time and referred to the Committees:

SB 398. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Strickland of the 42nd, Robertson of the 29th, Bearden of the 30th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to wiretapping, eavesdropping, surveillance, and related offenses, so as to establish criminal offenses of virtual peeping; to prohibit the use of a generative artificial intelligence system to generate images of individuals with the knowledge that such generation was without authorization or consent; to provide for penalties; to provide for an exception; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

SB 409. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Harbin of the 16th, Robertson of the 29th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Harbison of the 15th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 9 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of rates, underwriting rules, and related organizations, so as to provide for homeowner protections with regard to insurance companies' use of aerial or satellite images; to provide for definitions; to provide for certain procedures; to require that homeowners be allowed 60 days to correct; to provide for regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

SB 427. By Senators Watson of the 1st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Jackson of the 41st, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical practice relative to physicians, so as to provide for limited provisional licenses and a pathway to licensure for certain internationally trained physicians; to provide for definitions; to provide for qualifications and conditions; to provide for penalties, license sanctions, and enforcement; to provide for one or more medical directors; to provide for annual reports; to provide for rules, regulations and procedures; to provide for conditional automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

SB 440. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Hatchett of the 50th, Watson of the 1st, Echols of the 49th, Brass of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 16, 19, 31, 48, and 49 of the O.C.G.A., relating to crimes and offenses, domestic relations, health, revenue and taxation, and social services, respectively, so as to modernize and update provisions relative to duties or functions of the Department of Public Health; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

Pursuant to HR 1176, the House commended the Georgia FFA Association and recognized February 24, 2026, as FFA Day at the state capitol.

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Crawford of the 89th et al., Werkheiser of the 157th, Clark of the 108th et al., Jackson of the 128th et al., Glaize of the 67th et al., Hugley of the 141st et al., Hatchett of the 155th, Cooper of the 45th, Alexander of the 66th et al., Seabaugh of the 34th et al., Campbell of the 35th et al., Schofield of the 63rd, Cheokas of the 151st, Bonner of the 73rd et al., Burnough of the 77th et al., Donatucci of the 105th, Hilton of the 48th, Williams of the 168th et al., Santos of the 117th, Smith of the 70th, and Ehrhart of the 36th.

By order of the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the House was withdrawn from the General Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Ways & Means:

HB 376. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Sainz of the 180th, Hagan of the 156th, Stephens of the 164th, Buckner of the 137th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits for state income tax, so as to increase the amount of tax credits available for the rehabilitation of certified structures; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By order of the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the House was withdrawn from the General Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Banks & Banking:

HB 1112. By Representatives Barrett of the 24th, Martin of the 49th, Cox of the 28th, Blackmon of the 146th, Smith of the 138th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to selling and other trade practices, so as to provide for rounding of total price of the sale of goods or services when using legal tender; to provide for tax exemptions; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 1193. By Representatives Erwin of the 32nd, Burns of the 159th, Hatchett of the 155th, Dubnik of the 29th, Jones of the 47th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to education, so as to promote and advance state-wide literacy and reading education efforts; to substantially revise the "Georgia Early Literacy and Dyslexia Act"; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to promote and advance state-wide literacy and reading education efforts; to include Quality Basic Education funding for school based literacy coaches in each public school in this state with students in any of grades kindergarten through three; to provide for duties and responsibilities of the Georgia Council on Literacy; to require all children to attend kindergarten prior to enrolling in first grade, subject to exception; to encourage families to have their children attend school or a home study program beginning at age five; to provide for parents and guardians of students who are eligible for initial public school enrollment in first grade to elect for their children to be enrolled in kindergarten rather than first grade; to provide for parents and guardians to elect for their children who are either four or five years old to be enrolled in a voluntary pre-kindergarten program provided and operated as part of Georgia's Pre-K Program; to provide for first grade readiness assessments; to require annual reports regarding first grade readiness; to revise provisions relative to grade placement, promotion, and retention; to provide for literacy coaching endorsements for certificated professional personnel; to substantially revise the "Georgia Early Literacy and Dyslexia Act"; to include legislative intent; to provide for a definition; to revise provisions of said Act relative to the selection of and requirements for universal reading screeners; to revise provisions for professional learning; to require local school systems and other public schools to have unified literacy plans; to revise provisions for educator preparation programs and the evaluation of such programs by the Professional Standards Commission; to provide for regional literacy coaches employed by regional educational service agencies; to provide for certification of and funding for high-quality instructional materials; to establish within the Office of Student Achievement the Georgia Literacy Coordinating Committee; to provide for the Georgia Director of Literacy; to provide for the Georgia Coordinator of Literacy Coaches; to repeal the Georgia Literacy Coach; to provide for a position description and minimum qualifications and duties for school based literacy coaches and regional literacy coaches; to establish the Georgia Literacy Task Force; to provide for appointment, qualifications, duties, and compensation of members of such task force; to provide for recommendations of such task force; to provide for consideration of such recommendations by the State Board of Education; to provide for a comprehensive state-wide promotional campaign for literacy awareness; to provide a short title; to provide

for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Georgia Early Literacy Act of 2026."

SECTION 2.

Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended in Article 4 of Chapter 1, relating to the Council on Literacy, by revising subsection (e) of Code Section 20-1-42, relating to membership, terms, cooperation, and Literacy Coach, as follows:

"(e) The council shall be attached for administrative purposes only to the Office of Student Achievement. The Office of Student Achievement shall provide staff support for the council and shall hire an individual to serve as Georgia ~~Literacy Coach~~ Director of Literacy who shall be responsible for coordination of such staff support and for working in coordination with the literacy related efforts of the Alliance of Education Agency Heads. The Office of Student Achievement shall use any funds specifically appropriated to support the work of the council for such purpose."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended in said article by revising Code Section 20-1-44, relating to duties and authority relative to the Georgia Council on Literacy, as follows:

"20-1-44.

(a) The council shall have the following duties:

(1) Work in partnership with the State Board of Education ~~and~~, the Department of Education, the Office of Student Achievement, and the Georgia Literacy Coordinating Committee to implement the requirements of the 'Georgia Early Literacy and Dyslexia Act' as provided for in Code Section 20-2-153.1;

(2) Review the conditions, needs, issues, and problems related to state literacy outcomes; make recommendations for legislation and appropriations to support improving such outcomes; and provide by November 30 of each year a report of such review and recommendations to the Governor, the Office of Planning and Budget, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate;

(3) Evaluate and consider the best practices, experiences, and results of legislation in other states with regard to literacy improvements for students;

(4) Research and make recommendations on improving literacy rates for low-income students;

(5) Research and make recommendations on improving literacy rates for minority and English for speakers of other languages (ESOL) students;

(6) Research and make recommendations on improving literacy rates for students with characteristics of dyslexia;

(7) Monitor state-wide literacy goals and measures set by the State Board of Education in consultation with the Department of Education and the Office of Student Achievement and provide by October 31 of each year a report to the State Board of Education and the Office of Student Achievement of the conclusions reached through such monitoring regarding the status and effectiveness of policy initiatives;

(8) Review changes or updates to QBE funding to enhance literacy instruction;

(9) Review and make recommendations on the alignment of teacher certifications to include evidence based literacy instruction and education degree program requirements;

(10) Review and make recommendations for:

(A) Professional learning and ~~the professional~~ development needed by current teachers, literacy coaches, and school and school system administrators for improving literacy instruction in pre-kindergarten through third grade;

(B) High-quality instructional materials for literacy instruction in pre-kindergarten through third grade; and

(C) Universal reading screeners required under Code Section 20-2-153.1;

(11) Review state-wide birth to age five initiatives and suggest policy and appropriation changes; and

(12) Review best practices for community based literacy programs and make recommendations for improvement.

(b) The council shall be authorized to:

(1) Request and receive data from and review the records of appropriate state agencies to the greatest extent allowed by state and federal law;

(2) Seek and accept public or private grants, devises, and bequests;

(3) Enter into contracts or agreements through the council's chairperson necessary or incidental to the performance of its duties;

(4) Establish rules and procedures for conducting the business of the council;

(5) Conduct studies, hold public meetings, collect data, or take any other action the council deems necessary to fulfill its responsibilities; and

(6) Retain the services of attorneys, consultants, subject matter experts, economists, budget analysts, data analysts, statisticians, and other individuals or organizations as deemed appropriate by the council. Such services may be obtained through a request for proposal process conducted through the Office of Planning and Budget; provided, however, that any final selection shall be approved by the council."

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended in Part 3 of Article 6 of Chapter 2, relating to educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-150, relating to eligibility for enrollment for educational programs, as follows:

"(c) All children enrolled for 20 school days or more in the public schools of this state prior to their ~~seventh~~ sixth birthday shall become subject to all of the provisions of this article, the provisions of Code Sections 20-2-690 through 20-2-701, and the rules and

regulations of the State Board of Education relating to compulsory school attendance even though they have not attained ~~seven~~ six years of age."

SECTION 5.

Said title is further amended in said part by revising paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-151, relating to general and career education programs, purpose, and authorized programs, as follows:

"(1)(A) All local school systems ~~may~~ shall offer a full-day kindergarten program. As used in ~~For purposes of~~ this subsection, the term 'full-day kindergarten program' means a student is provided classroom instruction for a minimum of four and one-half hours daily for a 180 day school year, or the equivalent thereof as determined in accordance with State Board of Education guidelines.

(B)(i) It is the policy of this state that before any child is enrolled in the first grade of a state supported primary grades program, he or she shall attend a full-day kindergarten program unless he or she has been assessed as ready for first grade, as provided for in paragraph (2) of this subsection, and meets the age eligibility requirement for enrollment in the first grade.

(ii) The ~~the~~ purposes of the state supported kindergarten program shall be to provide all children with an equal opportunity to become prepared for a successful first grade experience and to acquire the foundation for academic progress throughout the students' educational careers.

(iii) To be eligible for enrollment in a state supported kindergarten program, a child ~~must~~ shall attain the age of five by September 1, except as otherwise provided by subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-150.

(iv) This subparagraph shall not be construed or applied to require a child to complete a full school year of kindergarten prior to enrolling in first grade.

(v) At the discretion of the school principal or at the request of the parent or guardian, a child who meets the age eligibility requirement for enrollment in the first grade may be assessed for first grade readiness as provided for in paragraph (2) of this subsection.

(vi) A child who meets the age eligibility requirement for enrollment in the first grade and who has been assessed as ready for first grade, as provided for in paragraph (2) of this subsection, may be placed in or promoted to first grade.

(vii) No student shall remain in kindergarten for more than two years.

(viii) Notwithstanding any part of this subsection or other provision of law to the contrary:

(I) Each child enrolling in a state supported education program for the first time who, by virtue of his or her age and date of birth, is eligible for enrollment in the first grade of a state supported primary grades program pursuant to this Code section or Code Section 20-2-150 shall be enrolled in a state supported kindergarten program at the request of his or her parent or guardian; and

(II) Each child who attains the age of either four or five by September 1 shall be eligible for enrollment in a voluntary pre-kindergarten program provided and

operated as part of Georgia's Pre-K Program, and each such child shall be enrolled in such program at the request of his or her parent or guardian; provided, however, that this paragraph shall not be construed or applied to require or permit a child to be enrolled in such a program for more than one year; and, provided, further that children ages four and five shall be treated on the same basis relative to selection for available seats in such programs.

(2)(A) It is the policy of this state that the purpose of the primary grades program shall be mastery by enrolled students of the essential basic skills and knowledge which will enable them to achieve more advanced skills and knowledge offered at the higher grade levels. For purposes of funding under this article, the primary grades program shall include grades one, two, and three.

(B) To be eligible for enrollment in the first grade of a state supported primary grades program, a child ~~must~~ shall:

(i) Be assessed for readiness by teachers and other personnel of the local school system or public school. Such assessment shall include:

(I) The use of assessments, screeners, and other instruments approved for such purpose by the State Board of Education, including, but not limited to:

(a) The first grade readiness assessment adopted by the State Board of Education pursuant to Code Section 20-2-281; and

(b) A universal reading screener adopted by the State Board of Education pursuant to Code Section 20-2-153.1;

(II) Consideration of teacher input and recommendations; and

(III) Other relevant information, which shall include, but shall not be limited to, the preference of such child's parent or guardian; and

(ii) Attain ~~attain~~ the age of six by September 1, except as otherwise provided by subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-150. ~~The State Board of Education shall adopt an instrument or instruments, procedures, and policies necessary to assess the first grade readiness of children enrolled in Georgia's public school kindergarten programs pursuant to Code Section 20-2-281. Readiness information obtained by the instrument or instruments adopted by the state board shall be used by local school systems in concert with teacher recommendations and other relevant information to make appropriate student grade placement decisions.~~

(C) If, upon being assessed for first grade readiness pursuant to this paragraph, a child is identified as significantly at risk of not attaining grade level reading proficiency, as provided for in Code Section 20-2-153.1:

(i) A tiered reading intervention plan shall be immediately developed and implemented for such child; and

(ii) The parent or guardian of the student shall be notified in writing by first-class mail by the school principal or the principal's designee regarding the determination that the student has been identified as significantly at risk of not attaining grade level reading proficiency prior to beginning the first grade, the student's tiered reading intervention plan, and the possibility that the student might not be placed or promoted to the first grade.

(D) When a child who meets the age eligibility requirement for enrollment in the first grade has been identified as significantly at risk of not attaining grade level reading proficiency and, after a tiered reading intervention plan has been implemented, the child continues to be significantly at risk of not attaining grade level reading proficiency, the following shall occur:

(i) The school principal or the principal's designee shall determine the child is not ready for placement in or promotion to the first grade program except as otherwise provided in this paragraph;

(ii) The school principal or the principal's designee shall notify in writing by first-class mail the parent or guardian of the child regarding the determination that the child is not ready for placement in or promotion to the first grade program. The notice shall describe the option of the parent or guardian to appeal such determination and shall further describe the composition and functions of the placement committee as provided for in this paragraph, including the requirement that a decision to place the child in or promote the child to the first grade must be a unanimous decision of the committee;

(iii) If the parent or guardian appeals the determination that his or her child is not ready for placement in or promotion to the first grade program, then the school principal or the principal's designee shall establish a placement committee composed of the school principal or the principal's designee, the student's parent or guardian, and the student's teacher, and shall notify in writing by first-class mail the parent or guardian of the time and place for convening the placement committee;

(iv) The placement committee shall:

(I) Review the child's overall readiness for placement in or promotion to the first grade program and his or her progress toward grade level reading proficiency;

(II) Decide whether the child shall be placed in or promoted to the first grade program; provided, however, that a decision to place the child in or promote the child to the first grade program shall be a unanimous decision; and

(III) Prescribe for the child such accelerated, differentiated, or additional instruction as needed to perform at grade level by the conclusion of the subsequent school year, prescribe such additional assessments as may be appropriate in addition to assessments administered to other students at the grade level during the year, and provide for a plan of continuous assessment during the subsequent school year in order to monitor the progress of the child;

(v) For children who are eligible to receive special education or related services, the child's Individualized Education Plan Committee shall serve as the placement committee; and

(vi) The decision of the placement committee may be appealed only as provided for by the local board of education or other public school governing body.

(E) By July 1, 2026, the State Board of Education shall:

(i) Adopt policies and procedures necessary to implement the requirements of this paragraph; and

(ii) Approve one or more assessments, screeners, and other instruments for assessing the first grade readiness of children. The State Board of Education shall consider for approval any assessment, screener, or other instrument recommended by the Office of Student Achievement.

(F) By July 15, 2026, the ~~The~~ Department of Education, in collaboration with the Office of Student Achievement, shall develop guidelines for utilization of ~~the instrument or instruments~~ such assessments, screeners, and other instruments approved by the State Board of Education in grade placement decisions and shall provide such guidelines and technical assistance to local school systems and public schools. The guidelines shall include information pertinent to consideration of the placement of students who have been identified as being disabled or limited-English-proficient.

(G) Whenever the decision is made not to place a child in or promote a child to the first grade, the local school system or public school shall document the reasons for ~~the~~ such decision ~~not to promote~~, according to policies, procedures, and guidelines established by the ~~board~~ State Board of Education and shall provide such reasons in writing to the parent or guardian of the child.

(H) By November 1 each year, the Office of Student Achievement shall ~~The State School Superintendent may annually~~ provide a report summarizing ~~the results of the readiness of first grade Georgia public school kindergarten children. No student shall remain in kindergarten for more than two years~~ the readiness of Georgia children for placement in or promotion to the first grade program. Such report shall include, but shall not be limited to, information on the grade level reading proficiency of such children. Such report shall be submitted to the Governor; the President of the Senate; the Speaker of the House of Representatives; the chairpersons of the House Committee on Education, the Senate Education and Youth Committee, the House Committee on Higher Education, the Senate Higher Education Committee, the House Committee on Appropriations, and the Senate Appropriations Committee; and the State Board of Education.

(I)(i) The provisions of subparagraphs (C) and (D) of this paragraph shall apply beginning with the 2027-2028 school year and continue thereafter.

(ii) By July 1, 2027. the State Board of Education and the Department of Education shall update the policies, procedures, guidelines required in subparagraphs (E) and (F) of this paragraph;"

SECTION 6.

Said title is further amended in said part by repealing and replacing paragraph (6) of subsection (b), redesignating paragraph (16) of subsection (b) as paragraph (17), adding a new paragraph to subsection (b), revising subsection (c), paragraph (2) of subsection (d), and subsection (d.1), repealing and replacing subsection (e), and adding a new subsection to Code Section 20-2-153.1, the "Georgia Early Literacy and Dyslexia Act," as follows:

"(a.1) It is the intent of the General Assembly that:

(1) Early literacy instruction in this state shall be:

(A) Comprehensive;

(B) Focused on structured literacy and foundational literacy skills;

(C) Aligned to the science of reading; and

(D) Anchored by high-quality instructional materials that are aligned to the science of reading;

(2) Educators shall have access to and be provided with research on the science of reading and receive comprehensive curriculum based professional learning to support them in applying such research in instructional practices; and

(3) The ongoing involvement of parents and guardians in comprehensive state-wide literacy efforts shall be encouraged and integrated into their children's educations."

"(6) 'Dyslexia' shall have the same meaning as the definition adopted and amended from time to time by the International Dyslexia Association and approved by the Georgia Literacy Coordinating Committee and posted on the website of the Office of Student Achievement."

"(16) 'Unified literacy plan' means a comprehensive, evidence based framework to ensure coherent, aligned, and continuous literacy development for learners from birth through career readiness. Such plan shall, as appropriate according to grade levels served:

(A) Establish measurable literacy goals for all tested grade levels, using state-wide assessment results and approved universal reading screener data to monitor student progress, guide instructional decision making, and evaluate program effectiveness;

(B) Include explicit strategies for collaboration with early learning providers for learners from birth to age five to support school readiness and early language development; and

(C) Establish literacy transition plans for the transition from kindergarten to elementary school."

"(c)(1) The board, in consultation with the department and the Office of Student Achievement, shall establish such policies, rules, and regulations as necessary to implement uniform grade-appropriate metrics for measuring literacy.

(2) By March 1, 2027 ~~As soon as practicable but not later than January 1, 2024~~, the board shall:

(A) Upon the recommendation of the Office of Student Achievement, approve ~~Approve~~ high-quality instructional materials aligned to the science of reading to be used for teaching students in kindergarten through third grade to read; and

(B) Establish a procedure for each public school and local school system to annually certify to the department that such school or school system's locally approved instructional materials and content, as defined in subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-1017, constitute high-quality instructional materials aligned to the science of reading.

~~(3)(A) Every three years beginning in 2027, the center shall review and update, as appropriate, qualifications, timelines, and submission procedures for education service providers to submit one or more universal reading screeners to be considered for~~

~~inclusion on the board's list of approved universal reading screener providers provided for in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph.~~

~~(B)~~(3) By April 1, 2028, and by April 1 every third year thereafter, upon the recommendation of the Office of Student Achievement a list of no less than two and ~~As soon as practicable but not later than May 15, 2025, the board shall approve the memorandum of agreement between the council and the department, as provided for in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (4) of this subsection, for a list of~~ no more than five universal reading screeners, one of which shall be a free universal reading screener, for use by public schools and local school systems as part of their comprehensive literacy programs ~~which meet the following criteria~~ shall be approved by the board. Each such universal reading screener shall:

~~(i) Capable of providing relevant information to assist teachers with targeting instruction based on student needs;~~

~~(ii) Capable of measuring foundational literacy skills;~~

~~(iii) Capable of identifying students who are significantly at risk of not attaining grade level reading proficiency, including, but not limited to, identifying students with characteristics of dyslexia;~~

~~(iv) Prescribed parameters on the time required to administer a universal reading screener with the primary objective of such prescription being to minimize impacts on instructional time; and~~

~~(v) Capable of progress monitoring.~~

(A) Provide screening and diagnostic capabilities for monitoring student progress;

(B) Measure, at a minimum, a student's foundational reading skills, including, but not limited to, a student's phonological awareness, oral language, the alphabetic principle, including letter naming, letter sound, and sound letter correspondences, decoding, encoding, accuracy, vocabulary, and comprehension;

(C) Identify students who are significantly at risk of not attaining grade level reading proficiency, including, but not limited to, identifying students with characteristics of dyslexia; and

(D) Have robust reporting capabilities, including, but not limited to, the capability to generate and provide directly to the department and the Office of Student Achievement reports of screener results by:

(i) Student;

(ii) Student subgroups based on grade level, educational program, demographic characteristics, and other criteria identified by the Georgia Literacy Task Force;

(iii) School; and

(iv) Local school system.

(4)~~(A)~~ The ~~By July 15each year, the~~ department shall publish and regularly update on its ~~public~~ website the free universal reading screener and the list of other approved universal reading screeners provided for in paragraph (3) of this subsection, one of which each public school and local school system shall adopt and administer ~~in order to comply with the requirements of subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) of this subsection~~ as part of their comprehensive literacy programs.

~~(B) The council, in collaboration with the center and the Office of Planning and Budget, shall identify a free universal reading screener that meets the criteria established by the board as provided in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) of this subsection. The council shall enter into a memorandum of agreement with the department to make such universal reading screener available for use free of charge to public schools and local school systems.~~

(5) The department shall publish on its ~~public~~ website and distribute by ~~July 15~~ July 1 each year by electronic means to each local school system and public school in this state a dyslexia informational handbook that includes guidance, technical assistance, and training to assist all schools in the implementation of evidence based practices for instructing students with characteristics of dyslexia. Such handbook shall include, but shall not be limited to~~, the following information~~:

(A) Evidence based practices designed specifically for students with characteristics of dyslexia;

(B) Guidance on developing support plans for students with characteristics of dyslexia;

(C) A list and brief description of the dyslexia related training programs accredited by the International Dyslexia Association and any other nationally or internationally recognized accrediting organization; and

(D) A list of dyslexia endorsement programs approved by the Professional Standards Commission in collaboration with the Office of Student Achievement.

(6) The department shall, in consultation with the University System of Georgia, the Professional Standards Commission, the Office of Student Achievement, the Georgia Literacy Coordinating Committee, Georgia's regional ~~education~~ educational service agencies, and literacy experts, develop or procure one or more ~~training~~ professional learning programs for kindergarten through third grade teachers on the science of reading, structured literacy, and foundational literacy skills that enable students to develop reading skills required to meet state standards in literacy. Such programs shall emphasize the importance of applying research about the science of reading to instructional practices and of using high-quality instructional materials. Such ~~training~~ programs shall be developed or procured to promote teachers' knowledge and skills for teaching all students to read, including students with dyslexia, and to ensure teachers and literacy coaches have the knowledge and skills necessary to use approved universal reading screeners and to use assessment data to inform instruction based on student needs. One such program shall be a state-wide comprehensive curriculum based professional learning program in structured literacy that is aligned to and includes research on the science of reading to support teachers and literacy coaches in applying such research into instructional practices for kindergarten through grade three teachers and literacy coaches. Beginning no later than the 2027-2028 school year, such comprehensive program shall be made available free of charge to public school kindergarten through third grade teachers.

(7) The department shall provide technical assistance to aid public schools and local school systems in implementing the provisions of this Code section.

(8)(A) By November 1 each year ~~Beginning April 1, 2026~~, the department shall provide an annual report on the impacts of the implementation of the provisions of this Code section, including, but not limited to, reporting the results by school and school system of:

(i) The comprehensive summative assessment program for third grade students provided for in subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-281; and

(ii) The formative reading assessments for first and second grade students provided for in Code Section 20-2-280.

(B) Such report shall also include analyses of the impact of use of universal reading screeners, the use of high-quality instructional materials, and instructional practices ~~grounded in~~ aligned to the science of reading. Such report shall be provided to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the ~~chairperson~~ chairpersons of the House Committee on Education, the Senate Education and Youth Committee, the House Committee on Higher Education, the Senate Higher Education Committee, the House Committee on Appropriations, and the Senate Appropriations Committee, and the board, and shall be made available on the department's ~~public~~ website for access by the public."

"(2)~~(A)~~ Utilizing school based literacy coaches and other available resources, each ~~Each~~ public school and local school system shall provide instructional support for kindergarten through third grade teachers that shall include:

~~(i)~~(A) Onsite teacher ~~training~~ professional learning and research materials on the science of reading, structured literacy, foundational literacy skills, and evidence based decision making;

~~(ii)~~(B) Demonstrated lessons to support teachers in applying such professional learning and research materials in instructional practices;

(C) School based literacy coaches working side-by-side with teachers in classrooms;

(D) School based literacy coaches working directly with individual students and small groups of students as time permits; and

~~(iii)~~(E) Prompt feedback for improving instruction.

~~(B)(i) Any public school or local school system claiming that a lack of sufficient funding prevents such public school or local school system from providing instructional support as required in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall promptly and in writing notify the department and shall describe all efforts such school or school system has undertaken to secure sufficient funding from local, state, federal, and private sources.~~

~~(ii) The department shall provide technical assistance and other guidance to public schools and local schools systems in identifying local, state, federal, and private funding sources to provide for instructional support as required in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph.~~"

"(d.1)(1) The Professional Standards Commission shall adopt rules which establish criteria for core curricula for each state approved educator preparation program. Such rules shall include, but shall not be limited to~~, the following~~:

~~(1)~~(A) The use of content standards established by the State Board of Education that are aligned to the science of reading to guide curricula and instruction;

~~(2)~~(B) Evidence based standards for the teaching of reading that:

~~(A)~~(i) Are exclusively aligned ~~with~~ to the science of reading;

~~(B)~~(ii) Prepare teachers to provide explicit, systematic, sequential, diagnostic, and cumulative approaches to teaching phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, and text comprehension; and

~~(C)~~(iii) Employ multisensory and multimodal intervention strategies;

~~(3)~~(C) Content based literacy and mathematics practices;

~~(4)~~(D) Strategies appropriate for the instruction of English language learners;

~~(5)~~(E) Strategies appropriate for the instruction of students with disabilities;

~~(6)~~(F) Strategies ~~to~~ including, but not limited to, the use of assessment results, to identify student strengths and weaknesses and differentiate instruction based on student needs;

~~(7)~~(G) Strategies and practices to support research based content aligned to state standards and grading practices;

~~(8)~~(H) Strategies appropriate for the early identification of a student with a reading deficiency; and

~~(9)~~(I) Strategies to support the use of technology in education and distance learning.

(2) Beginning January 1, 2027, the Professional Standards Commission shall undertake an ongoing review of each state approved educator preparation program's compliance with the rules provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection, with a particular emphasis on subparagraphs (B) and (F) of paragraph (1) of this subsection. The Executive Director shall have the discretion to determine the order and priority of reviews; provided, however, that all educator preparation programs shall be reviewed no less often than every four years. By November 1 each year, the Professional Standards Commission shall provide a report of its review and significant findings to the Chancellor of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, the governing body of each state approved educator preparation program that is not an institution of the University System of Georgia, the State Board of Education, the Office of Student Achievement, the Georgia Council on Literacy, and the chairpersons of the House Committee on Higher Education, the Senate Higher Education Committee, the House Committee on Education, and the Senate Education and Youth Committee.

(e)(1) Not later than January 1, 2027, each local board of education and other public school governing body shall adopt a unified literacy plan.

(2) Beginning January 1, 2027:

(A) No local school system shall be eligible for any waiver or variance granted under Code Section 20-2-244 or Article 4 of this chapter or to enter into or renew a charter system contract or strategic waivers school system contract with the State Board of Education unless such local school system has adopted a unified literacy plan;

(B) Neither the State Board of Education nor any local board of education shall authorize a new charter petition or a renewal charter petition for a local charter school,

as such term is defined in Code Section 20-2-2062, unless such petition includes a unified literacy plan for such local charter school; and

(C) Neither the State Board of Education nor the State Charter Schools Commission shall authorize a new charter petition or a renewal charter petition for a state charter school, as such term is defined in Code Section 20-2-2081, unless such petition includes a unified literacy plan for such state charter school."

SECTION 7.

Said title is further amended in Part 5 of Article 6 of Chapter 2, relating to program weights and funding requirements under the "Quality Basic Education Act," by deleting "and" at the end of paragraph (4), by replacing the period at the end of paragraph (5) with "; and", and by adding a new paragraph to subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-186, relating to allocation of funds for local education agencies to pay beginning salaries of superintendents, secretaries, accountants, nurses, and certain other personnel and eligibility of failing schools for funds, to read as follows:

"(6) Each local education agency shall earn funding sufficient to pay the beginning salary of one full-time equivalent school based literacy coach for each school with any of grades kindergarten through three, except that any such school with 200 or fewer full-time equivalent students shall earn 50 percent of such funding. Such funding shall be based on a contract length of 190 days. Each such school based literacy coach shall be a teacher or other certificated professional personnel who meets the qualifications established by the State Board of Education upon a recommendation from the Office of Student Achievement, as provided for in Code Section 20-14-202. Such qualifications shall include a preference for certificated professional personnel with a literacy coaching endorsement established pursuant to Code Section 20-2-208.2. Each local education agency shall be permitted to utilize one full-time school based literacy coach for each qualifying school or a combination of part-time school based literacy coaches for each qualifying school; provided, however, that each local education agency shall expend 100 percent of the funds earned pursuant to this paragraph for salaries and benefits for school based literacy coaches; and provided, further, that no individual employed by a local education agency as a full-time or part-time school based literacy coach shall be employed by such local education agency in any other capacity or for any other purpose."

SECTION 8.

Said title is further amended in Subpart 1 of Part 6 of Article 6 of Chapter 2, relating to certificated professional personnel, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-208.2.

(a) No later than December 30, 2026, the Professional Standards Commission shall establish a literacy coaching endorsement for teachers and other certificated professional personnel trained in an evidence based approach to teaching oral and written language aligned to the science of reading founded on the science of how children learn to read and characterized by explicit, systematic, cumulative, and diagnostic instruction in

phonology, sound-symbol association, syllable instruction, morphology, syntax, and semantics.

(b) The requirements to receive such literacy coaching endorsement shall include training on the use of universal reading screeners to measure and monitor a student's progress in foundational literacy skills, providing guidance to parents, and providing training or guidance to other teachers and school personnel."

SECTION 9.

Said title is further amended in Part 11 of Article 6, relating to regional educational service agencies, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-270.3.

(a) The board of control of each regional educational service agency (RESA) shall authorize regional literacy coaches and regional leadership literacy coaches to provide literacy coaching, support, and related services to local school systems and other public schools in the RESA service area.

(b) In collaboration with the Georgia Director of Literacy and the Georgia Literacy Coach Coordinator, the board of control of each RESA shall assign regional literacy coaches to the local school systems and public schools of the RESA service area, and at least one regional leadership literacy coach shall be assigned to serve as the primary point of contact with local school system and school leaders.

(c) Each regional literacy coach and regional leadership literacy coach authorized by the board of control of a RESA shall be employed by such RESA and shall report to the director of the RESA.

(d) Each regional literacy coach, regional leadership literacy coach, and RESA director shall work in full cooperation with the Georgia Literacy Coordinating Committee, the Georgia Director of Literacy, and the Georgia Literacy Coach Coordinator.

(e) Each regional literacy coach and regional leadership literacy coach shall work in full cooperation with any observation, evaluation, and feedback provided by the Georgia Literacy Coach Coordinator or his or her designee."

SECTION 10.

Said title is further amended in Part 12 of Article 6 of Chapter 2, relating to effectiveness of educational programs, by revising Code Section 20-2-283, relating to criteria, specific requirements for students in grades three, five, and eight, and implementation, as follows:

"20-2-283.

(a) No later than ~~January 1, 2002~~ July 1, 2026, the State Board of Education shall adopt criteria for the development of a placement and promotion policy by each local board of education and other public school governing body consistent with the Georgia Academic Placement and Promotion Policy.

(b) Such criteria as adopted by the State Board of Education shall require the following for students in grades one, three, five, and eight:

(1) No student shall be promoted, except as provided in this Code section, to:

(A) The second grade program to which the student would otherwise be assigned if the student is determined to be significantly at risk of not attaining grade level reading proficiency, as determined in accordance with Code Section 20-2-153.1, by the end of the first grade program and does not meet the promotional standards and criteria established by the State Board of Education and by the local board of education or other governing body for the school that the student attends;

~~(A)~~(B) The fourth grade program to which the student would otherwise be assigned if the student does not achieve grade level as defined by the Office of Student Achievement in accordance with Code Section 20-14-31 on the third grade end-of-grade reading assessment developed in accordance with subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-281 and meet the promotional standards and criteria established by the State Board of Education and by the local ~~school~~ board of education or other governing body for the school that the student attends;

~~(B)~~(C) The sixth grade program to which the student would otherwise be assigned if the student does not achieve grade level as defined by the Office of Student Achievement in accordance with Code Section 20-14-31 on the fifth grade end-of-grade mathematics assessment and fifth grade end-of-grade reading assessment developed in accordance with subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-281 and meet the promotional standards and criteria established by the State Board of Education and by the local ~~school~~ board of education or other governing body for the school that the student attends; or

~~(C)~~(D) The ninth grade program to which the student would otherwise be assigned if the student does not achieve grade level as defined by the Office of Student Achievement in accordance with Code Section 20-14-31 on the eighth grade end-of-grade mathematics assessment and eighth grade end-of-grade reading assessment developed in accordance with subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-281 and meet the promotional standards and criteria established by the State Board of Education and by the local ~~school~~ board of education or other governing body for the school that the student attends;

(2) When a student does not perform at grade level on any end-of-grade assessment specified in subparagraph (B), (C), or (D) of paragraph (1) of this subsection, then the following shall occur:

(A) The parent or guardian of the student shall be notified in writing by first-class mail by the school principal or ~~such official's~~ the principal's designee regarding the student's performance below grade level on the assessment instrument, the retest to be given the student, the accelerated, differentiated, or additional instruction program to which the student is assigned, and the possibility that the student might be retained at the same grade level for the next school year;

(B) The student shall be retested with an end-of-grade assessment or an alternative assessment instrument that is appropriate for the student's grade level as provided for by the State Board of Education and the local board of education or school governing body; and

(C) The student shall be given an opportunity for accelerated, differentiated, or additional instruction in the applicable subject; ~~and~~

(3) When a student does not perform at grade level on any end-of-grade assessment specified in subparagraph (B), (C), or (D) of paragraph (1) of this subsection and also does not perform at grade level on a second additional opportunity as provided for in paragraph (2) of this subsection, then the following shall occur:

(A) The school principal or the principal's designee shall retain the student for the next school year except as otherwise provided in this subsection;

(B) The school principal or the principal's designee shall notify in writing by first-class mail the parent or guardian of the student and the teacher regarding the decision to retain the student. The notice shall describe the option of the parent, guardian, or teacher to appeal the decision to retain the student and shall further describe the composition and functions of the placement committee as provided for in this subsection, including the requirement that a decision to promote the student must be a unanimous decision of the committee;

(C) If the parent, guardian, or teacher appeals the decision to retain the student, then the school principal or the principal's designee shall establish a placement committee composed of the principal or the principal's designee, the student's parent or guardian, and the teacher of the subject of the assessment instrument on which the student failed to perform at grade level and shall notify in writing by first-class mail the parent or guardian of the time and place for convening the placement committee; (D) The placement committee shall:

(i) Review the overall academic achievement of the student in light of the performance on the end-of-grade assessment and the standards and criteria as adopted by the local board of education and make a determination to promote or retain. A decision to promote must be a unanimous decision and must determine that if promoted and given accelerated, differentiated, or additional instruction during the next year, the student is likely to perform at grade level as defined by the Office of Student Achievement in accordance with Code Section 20-14-31 by the conclusion of the school year; and

(ii) Prescribe for the student, whether the student is retained or promoted, such accelerated, differentiated, or additional instruction as needed to perform at grade level by the conclusion of the subsequent school year, prescribe such additional assessments as may be appropriate in addition to assessments administered to other students at the grade level during the year, and provide for a plan of continuous assessment during the subsequent school year in order to monitor the progress of the student;

(E) For students receiving special education or related services, the Individualized Education Plan Committee shall serve as the placement committee; and

(F) The decision of the placement committee may be appealed only as provided for by the local board of education or other public school governing body; and

(4)(A) When a student is determined to be significantly at risk of not attaining grade level reading proficiency, as specified in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of this subsection, then the following shall occur:

(i) The parent or guardian of the student shall be notified in writing by first-class mail by the school principal or the principal's designee regarding the determination that the student has been determined to be significantly at risk of not attaining grade level reading proficiency by the end of the first grade program, the student's updated tiered reading intervention plan, and the possibility that the student might be retained at the same grade level for the next school year;

(ii) The student shall be reassessed to determine if he or she is to be significantly at risk of not attaining grade level reading proficiency by the end of the first grade program; and

(iii) The student shall receive intensive reading intervention in accordance with Code Section 20-2-153.1.

(B) When a student is determined to be significantly at risk of not attaining grade level reading proficiency, as specified in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of this subsection, and continues to be significantly at risk of not attaining grade level reading proficiency after provisions of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph are implemented, then the following shall occur:

(i) The school principal or the principal's designee shall retain the student for the next school year except as otherwise provided in this paragraph;

(ii) The school principal or the principal's designee shall notify in writing by first-class mail the parent or guardian of the student regarding the decision to retain the student. The notice shall describe the option of the parent or guardian to appeal the decision to retain the student and shall further describe the composition and functions of the placement committee as provided for in this paragraph, including the requirement that a decision to promote the student must be a unanimous decision of the committee;

(iii) If the parent or guardian appeals the decision to retain the student, then the school principal or the principal's designee shall establish a placement committee composed of the school principal or the principal's designee, the student's parent or guardian, and the student's teacher and shall notify in writing by first-class mail the parent or guardian of the time and place for convening the placement committee;

(iv) The placement committee shall:

(I) Review the overall academic achievement of the student and his or her progress toward grade level reading proficiency and make a determination to promote or retain. A decision to promote must be a unanimous decision and must determine that if promoted and given intensive reading intervention in accordance with Code Section 20-2-153.1 during the next year, the student is likely to perform at grade level as defined by the Office of Student Achievement in accordance with Code Section 20-14-31 by the conclusion of the school year; and

(II) Prescribe for the student, whether the student is retained or promoted, such accelerated, differentiated, or additional instruction as needed to perform at grade

level by the conclusion of the subsequent school year, prescribe such additional assessments as may be appropriate in addition to assessments administered to other students at the grade level during the year, and provide for a plan of continuous assessment during the subsequent school year in order to monitor the progress of the student;

(v) For students receiving special education or related services, the Individualized Education Plan Committee shall serve as the placement committee;

(vi) The decision of the placement committee may be appealed only as provided for by the local board of education or other public school governing body; and

(vii) No student shall remain in the first grade program for more than two years.

(c) This Code section does not preclude the retention by the school principal or the principal's designee of a student who performs satisfactorily on the end-of-grade assessments specified in subparagraph (B), (C), or (D) of paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section as provided for by the local board of education or other public school governing body.

(d) This Code section does not create a property interest in promotion.

(e) The State Board of Education shall establish policies and procedures for implementation of this Code section."

SECTION 11.

Said title is further amended in said part by revising Code Section 20-2-284, relating to criteria for local boards of education and model placement and promotion policy, as follows:

"20-2-284.

(a) No later than July 1, ~~2003~~ 2026, each local board of education and other public school governing body shall develop and adopt a placement and promotion policy in accordance with the criteria established by the State Board of Education as provided in Code Section 20-2-283 and consistent with the Georgia Academic Placement and Promotion Policy.

(b) Except for those end-of-grade assessments specified in Code Section 20-2-283, the placement and promotion policy as developed and adopted by each local board of education and other public school governing body shall state how the end-of-grade assessments administered under Code Section 20-2-281 for grades one through eight, and assessments administered to determine grade level reading proficiency for grade one, will be weighted or otherwise utilized by the school principal or the principal's designee in determining the overall academic achievement of a student and an appropriate plan of accelerated, differentiated, or additional instruction, placement, promotion, or retention of a student.

(c) To assist each local board of education and other public school governing body, the State Board of Education shall develop a model placement and promotion policy ~~which may be utilized by a local board of education~~."

SECTION 12.

Said title is further amended in said part by revising Code Section 20-2-285, relating to timetable for implementation of policy, as follows:

"20-2-285.

The State Board of Education shall provide for a timetable of implementation of this Code section and the Georgia Academic Placement and Promotion Policy which shall include:

(1) The third grade beginning with the 2003-2004 school year;

(2) The fifth grade beginning with the 2004-2005 school year; ~~and~~

(3) The eighth grade beginning with the 2005-2006 school year; and

(4) The first grade beginning with the 2026-2027 school year."

SECTION 13.

Said title is further amended in Subpart 2 of Part 1 of Article 16 of Chapter 2, relating to compulsory attendance, by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-690.1, relating to compulsory education for children between ages six and 16 and voluntary withdrawal, as follows:

"(b) Each child in this state shall be required to attend a public school, a private school, or a home study program between his or her sixth and sixteenth birthdays; provided, however, that it is the policy of this state that families are encouraged to have their children attend a public school, a private school, or a home study program beginning at age five. Such compulsory attendance shall not apply to any child who has successfully completed all requirements for a high school diploma or state approved high school equivalency (HSE) diploma."

SECTION 14.

Said title is further amended in Article 19 of Chapter 2, relating to instructional materials and content, by revising Code Section 20-2-1010, relating to instructional materials and content, as follows:

"20-2-1010.

(a) The State Board of Education ~~is authorized to~~ shall prescribe, by regulation, the definition of the term 'instructional materials and content' to include but not be limited to systematically designed material in any medium, including digital instructional materials and content and any computer hardware, software, and technical equipment necessary to support such instructional materials and content, that constitutes the principal source of study for a state funded course to be used in the various grades in the public schools of this state, including ~~the elementary grades and high school grades~~ kindergarten through grade 12. The state board may provide, by regulation, for multiple listings of instructional materials and content for use in the various grades and may, in its discretion, authorize the local school ~~superintendents~~ systems and other public schools to exercise a choice as between various instructional materials and content so listed or adopted for any particular grade.

(b) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to exempt computer hardware or related equipment acquired by the state from competitive bidding.

(c) Notwithstanding any provision of law, including, but not limited to, any provision of this article to the contrary, it is the policy of this state that:

(1) Only high-quality instructional materials that are aligned to the science of reading, as such terms are defined in Code Section 20-2-153.1, shall be used for literacy and reading education in kindergarten through grade three; and

(2) Beginning with the 2029-2030 school year and continuing thereafter, no public school that receives funds under Article 6 of this chapter shall use any portion of such funds for the purchase or use of instructional materials for literacy and reading education in kindergarten through grade three that are not approved for such purpose by the State Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Georgia Literacy Task Force."

SECTION 15.

Said title is further amended in said article by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-1015.1.

(a) Local boards of education and other public school governing bodies shall approve high-quality instructional materials for students in kindergarten through grade three as required under Code Section 20-2-153.1, the 'Georgia Early Literacy and Dyslexia Act.'

(b) Local boards of education and other public school governing bodies are strongly encouraged to provide exclusively for the use of high-quality instructional materials that are aligned to the science of reading, as such terms are defined in Code Section 20-2-153.1, for literacy and reading instruction for students in kindergarten through grade three.

(c) The State Board of Education shall annually determine a reasonable level of funding to assist local boards of education and other public school governing bodies in attaining high-quality instructional materials pursuant to this Code section. Such level of funding shall annually be presented to the General Assembly for its consideration in including appropriations for such purposes."

SECTION 16.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 14, relating to education accountability, by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 4

20-14-200.

(a) There is established within the Office of Student Achievement the Georgia Literacy Coordinating Committee. Such committee shall comprise, at a minimum, the Georgia Director of Literacy, the Georgia Literacy Coach Coordinator, a representative of the Department of Education, at least one representative of Georgia's regional educational service agencies, at least one representative of an educator preparation program, other

subject matter experts identified by the Georgia Director of Literacy, and the director of the Office of Student Achievement, or his or her designee. Each member of the Georgia Literacy Coordinating Committee shall have knowledge of the science of reading and expertise in quality reading instruction and intervention.

(b) The Georgia Literacy Coordinating Committee shall be responsible for:

(1) Coordinating the efforts of all state-wide literacy and reading education programs across state, regional, and local agencies, systems, and initiatives;

(2) Developing a state-wide literacy plan; and

(3) Reviewing and making recommendations for local unified literacy plans.

(c) Upon the recommendation of the Georgia Director of Literacy, the Office of Student Achievement is authorized to engage individuals with subject matter expertise to work with the Georgia Literacy Coordinating Committee.

20-14-201.

The Office of Student Achievement shall employ:

(1) The Georgia Director of Literacy, who shall report to the director of the Office of Student Achievement and shall be responsible for:

(A) Oversight of development, implementation, alignment, and evaluation of a state-wide literacy plan;

(B) Evaluating and making recommendations for the continuous improvement and alignment of state-wide literacy and reading education programs across state, regional, and local agencies, systems, and initiatives;

(C) Serving as the primary liaison with the Department of Education, the Department of Early Care and Learning, the Department of Public Health, the University System of Georgia, Georgia's regional educational service agencies, the Professional Standards Commission, and the Office of Student Achievement with respect to state-wide literacy and reading education efforts;

(D) Making recommendations for effective implementation of and continuous improvements to the 'Georgia Early Literacy and Dyslexia Act' and other legislation, policies, rules, and regulations relative to literacy and reading instruction across all ages and grades;

(E) Serving as chairperson of the Georgia Literacy Coordinating Committee;

(F) Serving as chairperson of the Georgia Literacy Task Force; and

(G) Supervision and evaluation of staff assigned to work with the Georgia Literacy Coordinating Committee or the Georgia Literacy Task Force, including, but not limited to, the Georgia Literacy Coach Coordinator; and

(2) The Georgia Literacy Coach Coordinator, who shall report to the Georgia Director of Literacy and shall be responsible for:

(A) Serving on the Georgia Literacy Coordinating Committee;

(B) State-wide coordination of regional leadership literacy coaches, regional literacy coaches, and school based literacy coaches;

(C) Collaboration with and coordination of literacy coaches and specialists affiliated with the Department of Education or a regional educational service agency whose

positions are supported with state or federal funds, including, but not limited to, regional literacy coaches;

(D) Observing, evaluating, and providing feedback to literacy coaches and specialists affiliated with the Department of Education or a regional educational service agency whose positions are supported with state or federal funds, including, but not limited to, regional literacy coaches; and

(E) Reviewing and collaborating on the development and implementation of state-wide professional learning and professional development programs and training for literacy and reading education.

20-14-202.

(a) The Georgia Literacy Coordinating Committee shall develop and recommend to the State Board of Education, local boards of education, and the regional educational service agencies position descriptions and minimum qualifications and duties for school based literacy coaches, regional literacy coaches, and regional leadership literacy coaches.

(b)(1) The minimum qualifications for school based literacy coaches shall include, but shall not be limited to:

(A) Certification by the Professional Standards Commission;

(B) A minimum of five years of documented successful classroom teaching or literacy intervention experience at assigned grade levels; and

(C) A knowledge of scientifically based reading research, special expertise in quality reading instruction and intervention, dyslexia specific interventions, and data analysis.

(2) The minimum duties for school based literacy coaches shall include, but shall not be limited to:

(A) Demonstrating competency through approved, periodic, practice based assessment that verifies the literacy coach's ability to:

(i) Apply the science of reading, learning science, and instructional science to deliver explicit, systematic, evidence based literacy instruction directly with students;

(ii) Analyze student data, including screening, diagnostic, and progress monitoring data, to inform instruction, grouping, and intervention within a multi-tiered system of supports framework;

(iii) Synthesize student performance data and educator practice data to establish coaching goals and design targeted, needs based support for educators;

(iv) Coach educators using nonevaluative, evidence based practices, including modeling instruction, analyzing instructional practice and data, providing actionable feedback, and delivering side-by-side classroom support; and

(v) Support the implementation and monitoring of evidence based literacy curricula and instructional materials with fidelity, ensuring alignment to the science of reading;

(B) Collaborating with the school principal to create a strategic plan for literacy coaching;

(C) Spending no less than 70 percent of the school day in classrooms working directly with students and teachers; and

(D) Prioritizing time for those teachers, activities, and roles that will have the greatest impact on student reading achievement, such as coaching and mentoring in classrooms; and

(3) A school based literacy coach shall not be:

(A) Authorized or required to perform administrative functions or duties, including, but not limited to, performing any rotating duty assignments or serving as an evaluator, substitute teacher, assessment coordinator, or school administrator;

(B) Invited, required, or permitted to attend placement committee meetings; or

(C) Designated as a teacher of record.

(c)(1) The minimum qualifications for regional literacy coaches shall include, but shall not be limited to:

(A) Certification by the Professional Standards Commission;

(B) A minimum of five years of documented successful classroom teaching or literacy intervention experience at assigned grade levels; and

(C) A knowledge of scientifically based reading research, special expertise in quality reading instruction and intervention, dyslexia specific interventions, and data analysis.

(2) The minimum duties for regional literacy coaches shall include, but shall not be limited to:

(A) Demonstrating competency through approved, periodic, practice based assessment that verifies the literacy coach's ability to:

(i) Apply the science of reading, learning science, and instructional science to deliver explicit, systematic, evidence based literacy instruction directly with students;

(ii) Analyze student data, including screening, diagnostic, and progress monitoring data, to inform instruction, grouping, and intervention within a multi-tiered system of supports framework;

(iii) Synthesize student performance data and educator practice data to establish coaching goals and design targeted, needs based support for educators; and

(iv) Coach educators using nonevaluative, evidence based practices, including modeling instruction, analyzing instructional practice and data, providing actionable feedback, and delivering side-by-side classroom support;

(B) Supporting the implementation and monitoring of evidence based literacy curricula and instructional materials with fidelity, ensuring alignment to the science of reading;

(C) Providing ongoing support to local school systems and public schools for effective implementation and continuous improvement of comprehensive literacy programs;

(D) Collaborating with school principals, school based literacy coaches, and representatives of the Georgia Literacy Coordinating Committee; and

(E) Providing ongoing professional learning activities and materials for teachers and literacy coaches that include research on the science of reading and curriculum based professional learning to support them in applying such training and research into instructional practices.

(d)(1) The minimum qualifications for regional leadership literacy coaches shall include, but shall not be limited to:

(A) Certification by the Professional Standards Commission;

(B) A minimum of five years of documented success as a literacy coach or as a classroom teacher or administrator in kindergarten to grade three;

(C) A knowledge of scientifically based reading research, special expertise in quality reading instruction and intervention, dyslexia specific interventions, and data analysis;

(D) Successful experience in leading a school, a school district, or a regional literacy program to include the role of principal, curriculum director, superintendent, or state-level literacy specialist;

(E) Extensive knowledge of the implementation of a structured literacy program that is founded in the science of reading;

(F) Successful experience in working with adult learners;

(G) Exceptional interpersonal skills;

(H) Exceptional communication skills; and

(I) Successful experience in leading educational programs and/or initiatives.

(2) The minimum duties for regional leadership literacy coaches shall include, but shall not be limited to:

(A) Attending and participating in professional learning related to literacy improvement and coaching within the RESA network;

(B) Collaborating with local school superintendents and school principals to create a literacy rich environment within the local school system, with priority given to schools that include kindergarten through third grade;

(C) Joining local school superintendents and school principals in side-by-side classroom observations to support teachers and paraprofessionals in applying the science of reading into instructional practices;

(D) Assisting regional literacy coaches to prioritize the needs of the local school system based on student data and communication with local school system leaders;

(E) Facilitating communication and collaboration between the local school system and regional literacy coaches;

(F) Providing guidance to local school systems in the development and implementation of the local unified literacy plan;

(G) Facilitating collaboration between the local school system and the local community to support literacy development for children from birth to age five;

(H) Facilitating collaboration between the local school system and the local and regional postsecondary educational institutions; and

(I) Collaborating with other regional leadership literacy coaches.

20-14-203.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'task force' means the Georgia Literacy Task Force established pursuant to this Code section.

(b) There is established the Georgia Literacy Task Force, a standing task force which shall be convened by the Office of Student Achievement by September 1, 2026, and which shall be responsible for providing recommendations to the State Board of Education, the Office of Student Achievement, the Georgia Literacy Coordinating Committee, and the Georgia Director of Literacy for:

(1) Effective implementation of and continuous improvements to the 'Georgia Early Literacy and Dyslexia Act' and other legislation, policies, rules, and regulations relative to literacy and reading instruction across all ages and grades;

(2) The state-wide comprehensive curriculum based professional learning program in structured literacy that is aligned to and includes research on the science of reading to support teachers and literacy coaches in applying such research into instructional practices for kindergarten through grade three teachers and literacy coaches to be made available at no cost as provided for in Code Section 20-2-153.1;

(3)(A) A list of no less than two and no more than five universal reading screeners that are valid and reliable reading screening, formative, and diagnostic assessment systems for selection and use by local school systems and public schools.

(B) Each universal reading screener recommended by the task force shall:

(i) Provide screening and diagnostic capabilities for monitoring student progress;

(ii) Measure, at a minimum, a student's foundational reading skills, as such term is defined in Code Section 20-2-153.1, including, but not limited to, a student's phonological awareness, oral language, the alphabetic principle, including letter naming, letter sound, and sound letter correspondences, decoding, encoding, accuracy, vocabulary, and comprehension;

(iii) Identify students who are significantly at risk of not attaining grade level reading proficiency, including, but not limited to, identifying students with characteristics of dyslexia; and

(iv) Have robust reporting capabilities, including, but not limited to, the capability to generate and provide directly to the department and the Office of Student Achievement reports of screener results by:

(I) Student;

(II) Student subgroups based on grade level, educational program, demographic characteristics, and other criteria identified by the Georgia Literacy Task Force;

(III) School; and

(IV) Local school system.

(C) In determining which universal reading screeners to recommend for use by local school systems and public schools, the task force shall, at a minimum, consider:

(i) The time required to conduct the universal reading screener, with the intention of minimizing the impact on instructional time;

(ii) The level of integration of universal reading screener results with instructional support for teachers and students; and

(iii) The timeliness in reporting assessment results to teachers, administrators, and parents.

(D) The task force shall recommend one universal reading screener to be made available free of charge to local school systems and public schools.

(E) By March 1, 2028, and by March 1 every third year thereafter, the task force shall submit to the State Board of Education the list of recommended universal reading screeners, including the universal reading screener to be made available free of charge to local school systems and public schools.

(F) No universal reading screener shall be approved by the State Board of Education unless it has been recommended by the task force; and

(4) An annual list of high-quality instructional materials that are aligned to the science of reading, as such terms are defined in Code Section 20-2-153.1, for students in kindergarten through grade three for recommendation to the State Board of Education.

(c)(1) The Georgia Director of Literacy shall serve as chairperson of the task force.

(2) In addition to the Georgia Director of Literacy, the membership of the task force shall include the following appointed members, each of whom shall have at least three years of experience with scientifically based reading instruction:

(A) Three members appointed by the Governor, two of whom shall have significant experience as a literacy or reading specialist, coach, or teacher or as a curriculum specialist;

(B) Three members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, two of whom shall have significant experience as a literacy or reading specialist, coach, or teacher or as a curriculum specialist;

(C) Three members appointed by the President of the Senate, two of whom shall have significant experience as a literacy or reading specialist, coach, or teacher or as a curriculum specialist;

(D) One member who shall be a certified academic dyslexia therapist for a minimum of three years appointed by the Office of Student Achievement; and

(E) One member appointed by the State Board of Education.

(3) The Office of Student Achievement shall verify that each appointed member of the task force satisfies the credentials under which he or she was appointed.

(4) Members appointed to the task force shall be appointed to serve a three-year term and may be reappointed to serve one additional two-year term.

(5)(A) The task force shall be authorized to conduct meetings at such places and times, either virtually or in-person, as it deems necessary or convenient to enable it to fully and effectively perform its duties; provided, however, that it shall meet not less than two times per year and shall hold meetings at the call of the chairperson.

(B) A quorum for transacting business of the task force shall be a majority of the members.

(C) Meetings of the task force shall be exempt from the provisions of Chapter 14 of Title 50 notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary.

(6) Legislative members of the task force shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8. Nonlegislative members of the task force shall receive a daily

expense allowance in the amount specified in subsection (a) of Code Section 45-7-21 as well as the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for state employees. Members of the task force who are state officials, other than legislative members, or state employees shall receive no compensation for their services on the task force, but shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties as members of the task force in the same manner as they are reimbursed for expenses in their capacities as state officials or state employees. The funds necessary for the reimbursement of the expenses of state officials, other than legislative members, and state employees shall come from funds appropriated to or otherwise available to their respective departments. All other funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this article shall come from funds appropriated to the Office of Student Achievement.

(d) The task force shall endeavor to include multiple vendors in each annual list of universal reading screeners and high-quality instructional materials provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section. The task force shall make public all rubrics and measurements used to determine eligibility and compliance for all universal reading screeners and high-quality instructional materials accepted for consideration.

20-14-204.

(a) Within 60 days of receiving any recommendation from the Georgia Literacy Task Force, the State Board of Education shall vote to adopt or reject such recommendation.

(b) The State School Superintendent shall recommend that the State Board of Education adopt recommendations received pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section; provided, however, that if the State School Superintendent disagrees with a recommendation received pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section, he or she shall submit to the State Board of Education the reasons for such disagreement in writing. Irrespective of whether the State School Superintendent submits any disagreement, the State Board of Education shall timely vote to adopt or reject the recommendation from the Georgia Literacy Task Force.

20-14-205.

The Office of Student Achievement shall be responsible for developing and implementing, in collaboration with the Department of Education, the Department of Early Care and Learning, the Department of Public Health, the University System of Georgia, Georgia's regional educational service agencies, and local school systems and public schools, a comprehensive state-wide promotional campaign to increase public awareness and education about the essential importance of literacy in the lives of all Georgians and to urge all Georgia families and communities to support and participate in literacy programs and other efforts, especially for children from birth through fifth grade."

SECTION 17.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 18.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	E Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	E Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	E Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 170, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 372. By Representatives Ballard of the 147th, Erwin of the 32nd, Blackmon of the 146th, Persinger of the 119th, Townsend of the 179th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to retirement allowances, disability benefits, and spouses' benefits, so as to remove the requirement that certain subject areas be designated as an area of highest need for certain beneficiaries of the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia to be hired to work in such areas; to provide for the extension of provisions to 2030; to provide for areas of highest need to be determined for a public school system rather than a RESA; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to retirement allowances, disability benefits, and spouses' benefits, so as to remove the requirement that certain subject areas be designated as an area of highest need for certain beneficiaries of the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia to be hired to work in such areas; to provide for the extension of provisions to 2030; to provide for areas of highest need to be determined for a public school system rather than a RESA; to prohibit termination of employment based on a change in a public school system's areas of highest need; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to retirement allowances, disability benefits, and spouses' benefits, is amended by revising Code Section 47-3-127.1, relating to full-time employment of beneficiaries permitted under limited conditions, required employer contributions, and areas of highest need, as follows:

"47-3-127.1.

(a) From July 1, 2022, until June 30, ~~2026~~ 2030, notwithstanding the provisions of Code Section 47-3-127, to the extent and under the conditions provided for in this Code section, a public school system may employ:

(1) A ~~a~~ beneficiary who has obtained 30 years of creditable service in this retirement system in a full-time capacity as a certified teacher of pre-kindergarten through grade 12 who has as his or her primary responsibility the academic instruction of students in

a classroom in an area of highest need determined for the ~~RESA to which such~~ public school system ~~is assigned~~, provided that at least one year has expired from the effective date of such beneficiary's retirement and he or she was not restored to service as a teacher pursuant to Code Section 47-3-127 during such period of time~~.~~; or

(2) A beneficiary who has obtained 30 years of creditable service in this retirement system in a full-time capacity as a certified teacher of pre-kindergarten through grade 12 who has as his or her primary responsibility the academic instruction and support of students in the area of mathematics, special education, reading, writing, or English language arts, provided that such beneficiary in the area of reading, writing, or English language arts holds a current dyslexia or reading endorsement approved by the Professional Standards Commission, provided that at least one year has expired from the effective date of such beneficiary's retirement and he or she was not restored to service as a teacher pursuant to Code Section 47-3-127 during such period of time.

(b)(1) An individual employed as described in subsection (a) of this Code section shall remain a beneficiary and shall continue to receive his or her retirement allowance and any postretirement benefit adjustments for which he or she is eligible; provided, however, that such service shall not constitute creditable service and shall not entitle such beneficiary to a recomputation of retirement benefits upon cessation of such service.

(2) It shall be the duty of each beneficiary to notify an employer of his or her status as a beneficiary prior to accepting employment with such employer.

(c)(1) Within 30 days of employing a beneficiary pursuant to this Code section, such employer shall notify the board of trustees of such beneficiary's name, the amount of his or her earnable compensation, a description of any other forms of remuneration to be made, the number of hours to be worked, job responsibilities, and other such information as the board of trustees may prescribe.

(2) An employer that employs a beneficiary pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section shall pay to the retirement system an amount equal to the product of:

(A) The combination of the rate required by this chapter for employer contributions and employee contributions; and

(B) The earnable compensation of such beneficiary.

(3) A beneficiary shall not receive creditable service from or access to contributions made as a result of payments required by paragraph (2) of this subsection, and he or she shall be considered by the retirement system solely as a beneficiary.

(4) If an employer that is obligated to make contributions or reimbursements to the retirement system pursuant to this Code section fails to make such contributions, any unpaid amounts shall be deducted from any funds payable to such employer by the state, including without limitation the Department of Education and the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, and shall be paid to the retirement system.

(d)(1) As used in this Code section, 'area of highest need' means one of the three content areas for which there are the greatest percentages of unfilled positions for classroom teachers in a ~~RESA~~ public school system.

(2) The areas of highest need shall be determined for each ~~RESA~~ public school system annually by the Department of Education after consultation with the Professional Standards Commission. Such determinations shall be based upon a five-year average review of a survey reported by local school systems to the Department of Education. The areas of highest need for each ~~RESA~~ public school system shall be reported to the retirement system on an annual basis beginning July 1, 2022, and ending July 1, ~~2025~~ 2029.

(e) No change in a public school system's areas of highest need shall require the termination, resignation, or nonrenewal of any beneficiary previously hired under subsection (a) of this Code section.

~~(e)~~(f) Prior to July 1, 2025, the state auditor shall conduct and publish a performance audit concerning the provisions of this Code section to include a determination of the value and necessity of the full-time employment of beneficiaries as permitted by this Code section, as well as the effects of such employment on the local school systems, the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, and the teacher workforce as a whole for this state.

~~(f)~~(g) The provisions of this Code section shall not become part of the employment contract and shall be subject to future legislation."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026, only if it is determined to have been concurrently funded as provided in Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Public Retirement Systems Standards Law"; otherwise, this Act shall not become effective and shall be automatically repealed in its entirety on July 1, 2026, as required by subsection (a) of Code Section 47-20-50.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox

Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	E Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	E O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	E Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	E Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 168, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The Speaker announced the House in recess until 1:15 o'clock, this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Speaker called the House to order.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1447. By Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Beckles of the 96th, Dawson of the 65th, Ali of the 106th, Jackson of the 68th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Jacques Laurent; and for other purposes.

HR 1448. By Representatives Reese of the 140th, Hugley of the 141st, Buckner of the 137th, Miller of the 62nd and Prince of the 132nd:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Clarence Taylor upon his 70th birthday; and for other purposes.

HR 1449. By Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Adesanya of the 43rd, Okoye of the 102nd, Olaleye of the 59th and Holly of the 116th:

A RESOLUTION commending Adekunle Rasheed Okiki Adegoke, Senior Advocate of Nigeria, for his distinguished legal service, human rights advocacy, and contributions to democratic governance; and for other purposes.

HR 1450. By Representatives Yearta of the 152nd, Williams of the 148th, Cheokas of the 151st, Greene of the 154th and Barrett of the 24th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Scott Tomlinson upon his retirement; and for other purposes.

HR 1451. By Representative O'Steen of the 169th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 24, 2026, as Georgia Commission on Women Champions for Change Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1452. By Representatives Williams of the 168th and DeLoach of the 167th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Liberty County, Fulton County, and DeKalb County Youth Commissions for their continued service and leadership development efforts within the community; and for other purposes.

HR 1453. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th and Scoggins of the 14th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Jon Oscher; and for other purposes.

HR 1454. By Representatives Sanchez of the 42nd, McQueen of the 61st and Cummings of the 39th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Eric Randall; and for other purposes.

HR 1455. By Representatives Williams of the 168th and DeLoach of the 167th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the 3rd Infantry Division and Brigadier General John W. Lubas and recognizing February 25, 2026, as Fort Stewart–Liberty County Day at the Capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1456. By Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Beckles of the 96th, Dawson of the 65th, Ali of the 106th, Jackson of the 68th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Sherita Blair; and for other purposes.

HR 1457. By Representative Ehrhart of the 36th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 24, 2026, as Advanced Practice Registered Nurses Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1458. By Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Beckles of the 96th, Dawson of the 65th, Ali of the 106th, Jackson of the 68th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Sherridee Dixon; and for other purposes.

HR 1459. By Representatives Wade of the 9th and Burns of the 159th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 26, 2026, as Dale Murphy Day; and for other purposes.

HR 1460. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th and Scoggins of the 14th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending All Star Roofing, the Cartersville-Bartow County Chamber of Commerce 2026 Small Business of the Year; and for other purposes.

HR 1461. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th and Scoggins of the 14th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Shottenkirk Honda, the Cartersville-Bartow County Chamber of Commerce 2026 Community Partner of the Year; and for other purposes.

HR 1462. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th and Scoggins of the 14th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Voestalpine Automotive Components, the Cartersville-Bartow County Chamber of Commerce 2026 Manufacturer of the Year; and for other purposes.

HR 1463. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th and Scoggins of the 14th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Andrea Woodard, the Cartersville-Bartow County Chamber of Commerce 2026 Volunteer of the Year; and for other purposes.

HR 1464. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th and Scoggins of the 14th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Dewayne McCreary, the Cartersville-Bartow County Chamber of Commerce 2026 Chairman's Award Winner; and for other purposes.

HR 1465. By Representatives Park of the 107th, Jones of the 47th, Kelley of the 16th, Holly of the 116th and Holland of the 54th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and honoring the life and enduring legacy of Alexandra "Alex" Marie Patafio for her indelible contributions to the Georgia legal community while a student at the Georgia State University College of Law; and for other purposes.

HR 1466. By Representatives Davis of the 87th, O'Steen of the 169th, Reeves of the 99th, Newton of the 127th, Scott of the 76th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 11, 2026, as Nurses Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1467. By Representative Griffin of the 149th:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Georgia "Louise" Kimble; and for other purposes.

HR 1468. By Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Beckles of the 96th, Dawson of the 65th, Ali of the 106th, Jackson of the 68th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Lynn Bayonne; and for other purposes.

HR 1469. By Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Beckles of the 96th, Dawson of the 65th, Ali of the 106th, Jackson of the 68th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Anita Chukwumfumnaya Obidi; and for other purposes.

HR 1470. By Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Beckles of the 96th, Dawson of the 65th, Ali of the 106th, Jackson of the 68th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Jessie Woo; and for other purposes.

HR 1471. By Representatives Drenner of the 85th, Franklin of the 160th, Cooper of the 45th, Hugley of the 141st and Cannon of the 58th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing July 27-Aug 2, 2026, as Fertility Awareness Week; and for other purposes.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 1123. By Representatives Jones of the 47th, Erwin of the 32nd, Hilton of the 48th, Ballard of the 147th, Donatucci of the 105th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to require certain schools that offer after-school programs to make such programs available to pre-kindergarten students on the same basis as the school's other students; to provide for limited waivers of such requirement; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	E Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	E Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	E O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	E Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	E Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Cheokas	Y Greene	Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 162, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 1009. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Jones of the 47th, Donatucci of the 105th, Reeves of the 99th, Silcox of the 53rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education,

so as to require local school systems and public schools to enact policies and procedures for use of personal electronic devices at school and school sponsored events by students in grades nine through twelve; to revise provisions relative to permissible student use of personal electronic devices; to revise a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Pursuant to Rule 133, Representative Neal of the 79th was excused from voting on HB 1009.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

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Y Adesanya
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Y Ehrhart
Y Erwin
Y Evans
Y Fincher
Y Fleming
Y Flournoy
Y Ford
Y Franklin
N Frye
Y Gaines
Y Gambill
Y Gilliard
Y Gisler
Glaize
Y Greene
Y Griffin
Y Gullett
Y Gunter
Y Hagan
Y Hatchett
Y Hawkins
Y Herring
Y Hilton
Y Hitchens
Y Holcomb
Y Holland
E Holly
Y Hong
N Horner
Y Howard, J
Y Howard, K
Y Huddleston
Y Hugley
N Jackson, D
Y Jackson, E
Y Jackson, M
Y Jasperse
Y Jenkins
Y Jones, A
Y Jones, J
Y Jones, S
E Jones, T
Y Kahaian
Y Kelley
N Kendrick
Y LaHood
Y Leverett
Y Lewis-Ward
N Lim
Y Lumsden
E Lupton
Y Martin
Y Martinez
Y Mathiak
Y Mathis
N McClain
Y McCollum
Y McDonald
N McQueen
Y Meeks
Y Miller
Y Mitchell
Y Momtahan
Y Moore
Y Myles
Neal
Y New
Y Newton
Y Okoye
Y Olaleye
E Oliver
E O'Steen
Y Panitch
Y Paris
Y Park
Y Parrish
Y Parsons
Y Persinger
Y Petrea
Y Powell
Y Prince
Y Reese
Y Reeves
Y Rhodes
Y Rice
Y Richardson
N Ridley, Jas
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N Sainz
Y Sampson
N Sanchez
N Santos
Y Schofield
Y Scoggins
Y Scott
Y Seabaugh
Y Sharper
Y Silcox
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Y Tarvin
Y Taylor, D
E Taylor, R
Y Thomas
Y Townsend
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Y Werkheiser
Y Westbrook
N Wilkerson
Y Williams, A
Y Williams, MF
Y Williams, N
Y Williamson
Y Willis
Y Yearta
Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 145, nays 20.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 1023. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Burns of the 159th, Erwin of the 32nd, Hatchett of the 155th, Persinger of the 119th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 27 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to loitering at or disrupting schools, so as to require local boards of education and other public school governing bodies to utilize weapon detection systems to aid in the prevention of any individual attempting to unlawfully possess or carry a weapon in certain school buildings; to provide for exceptions; to authorize the use of funding; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 27 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to loitering at or disrupting schools, so as to require local boards of education and other public school governing bodies to utilize weapon detection systems to aid in the prevention of any individual attempting to unlawfully possess or carry a weapon in certain school buildings; to provide for exceptions; to authorize the use of funding; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 27 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to loitering at or disrupting schools, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-1187.

(a) As used in this Code section the term 'weapon detection system' means a security technology or integrated set of devices designed to detect, through electronic, visual, or analytical means the presence of weapons, including, but not limited to, firearms and hazardous objects, as such terms are defined in Code Section 20-2-751. Such system shall be capable of detecting the presence of weapons irrespective of whether such weapons are carried by or otherwise in the possession or control of an individual.

(b) Each local board of education and other public school governing body shall utilize one or more weapon detection systems to aid in the prevention of any individual attempting to unlawfully possess or carry a weapon in any permanent building that is owned by or leased to a local board of education or other public school governing body where students are present in accordance with routine school operations and procedures. A weapon detection system shall, at a minimum, be utilized at all main points of entry to such permanent buildings, as provided in school safety plans required under Code Section 20-2-1185; provided, however, that a weapon detection system shall not be required for any point of entry to or exit from such permanent buildings that remains locked, is equipped with an alarm, and is not intended for student use or is intended for student use only on an emergency basis, including, but not limited to, any designated emergency exit.
(c) Each local board of education and other public school governing body shall be authorized to use available grants and other funding to meet the requirements of this Code section."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2027.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	N McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	E Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	E Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
N Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	E O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	E Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend

Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	E Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	N Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	N Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
E Carter	N Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	E Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	E Lupton	Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 151, nays 11.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 971. By Representatives Townsend of the 179th, Jones of the 25th, DeLoach of the 167th, Smith of the 70th, Horner of the 3rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other education programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for home study students and private school students to enroll in college and career academies located in certain RESA service areas and adjacent local school systems; to revise what courses are available to such students; to revise a definition; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Meeks	Y Scoggins
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Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L

Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
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Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	E O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	E Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
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Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	E Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 164, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 310. By Representatives Olaleye of the 59th, Hugley of the 141st, Ballard of the 147th, Barnes of the 86th, Hagan of the 156th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 9 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to grants for educational programs, so as to establish a program to support recruitment of teachers by providing grant funds to be paid by public schools to student teachers participating in the required student teaching component of their teacher education programs; to provide for applications for grants; to provide for maximum payments; to require the State Board of Education to establish rules and regulations to implement the program; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 9 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to grants for educational programs, so as to establish grant programs to support recruitment of teachers by providing grants to qualifying student teachers enrolled in eligible educator preparation provider (EPP) programs and to such individuals who have completed their EPP programs and have begun teaching in a Georgia public school; to provide for eligibility; to provide for maximum payments; to require the Georgia Student Finance Commission and the State Board of Education to establish policies, rules, and regulations to implement the respective programs; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for a sunset; to provide for related matters; to provide for contingent effectiveness; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Student Teacher Promotion Act."

SECTION 2.

Part 9 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to grants for educational programs, is amended by revising Code Section 20-2-252, which is reserved, as follows:

"20-2-252.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Educator preparation provider' or 'EPP' means an institution of the University System of Georgia or an eligible private postsecondary institution, as such term is defined in Code Section 20-3-519, located in this state that is approved by the Professional Standards Commission to provide for the initial and continuing preparation of educators.

(2) 'Signing bonus grant program' mean the program established by the State Board of Education to provide signing bonus grants to student teachers pursuant to this Code section.

(3) 'Student teacher' means a college or university student who is enrolled in an educator preparation provider program and who, as part of such program, is engaged in student teaching in a public school in this state.

(4) 'Student teacher grant program' mean the program established by the Georgia Student Finance Commission to provide grants to student teachers pursuant to this Code section.

(b)(1) The Georgia Student Finance Commission shall establish a program to provide grants to student teachers. The purpose of the student teacher grant program shall be to support recruitment of teachers by providing grant funds to qualifying student teachers during the student teaching component of their EPP program. The Georgia Student Finance Commission shall, in consultation with local school systems and other public schools, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, and the

Professional Standards Commission, establish such policies, rules, and regulations for the student teacher grant program as are necessary to implement this Code section.

(2) Beginning July 1, 2026, the Georgia Student Finance Commission shall provide grants to no more than 500 student teachers each school year. The total amount of such grant funds paid to each student teacher shall not exceed $5,000.00. Grant funds awarded by the Georgia Student Finance Commission shall be disbursed to student teachers in monthly installments by their respective EPPs utilizing a consistent practice for the calculation and distribution of installment payments.

(3)(A) To qualify for a grant under the student teacher grant program and to receive grant installment payments under such program, a student teacher shall be:

(i) Eligible to participate in the federal Pell Grant program; and

(ii) Actively engaged and in good standing in the student teaching component of his or her EPP program with the public school or local school system to which he or she is assigned.

(B) No individual shall receive more than $5,000.00 under the student teacher grant program.

(C) The Georgia Student Finance Commission and each EPP shall be authorized to verify whether an individual is actively engaged and in good standing in the student teaching component of his or her EPP program with the public school or local school system to which he or she is assigned. No individual shall be eligible to receive grant fund installment payments for any installment period for which he or she is determined to not be actively engaged and in good standing in the student teaching component of his or her EPP program with the public school or local school system to which he or she is assigned.

(4) The Georgia Professional Standards Commission shall establish reporting requirements for student teachers participating in the student teacher grant program to determine whether and how the teacher vacancy rate in this state has been impacted by the student teacher grant program.

(c)(1) The State Board of Education shall establish a program to provide grants to former student teachers who begin working as teachers in public schools in this state. The purpose of the signing bonus grant program shall be to support recruitment of teachers by providing grant funds to qualifying former student teachers shortly after they begin teaching in a public school in this state. The State Board of Education shall, in consultation with local school systems and other public schools, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, and the Professional Standards Commission, establish such policies, rules, and regulations for the signing bonus grant program as are necessary to implement this Code section.

(2) Beginning January 1, 2027, the State Board of Education shall provide for signing bonus grants in the amount of one-time fixed payments of $2,500.00 to individuals who participated in the student teacher grant program provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section, who successfully completed their EPP program, and who have completed 30 calendar days of employment as a teacher under an employment contract with a public school in this state.

(3) No individual shall receive more than $2,500.00 under the signing bonus grant program.

(4) The State Board of Education and each local school system or other public school shall be authorized to verify whether an individual participated in the student teacher grant program provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section and successfully completed their EPP program.

(5) The State Board of Education shall be authorized to establish reporting requirements on the public schools and local school systems participating in the signing bonus grant program.

(6) The Department of Education shall develop and publish on its website an application process and seek applications from public schools and local school systems for the signing bonus grant program no later than October 1, 2026.

(d) No student teacher grants or signing bonus grants provided for in this Code section shall be funded, awarded, or disbursed after December 31, 2028.

(e) The provisions of this Code section are subject to appropriation by the General Assembly. ~~Reserved.~~"

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective only if funds are included for such purpose in an appropriations Act making specific reference to the grant programs provided for in this Act and shall become effective when funds so appropriated become available for expenditure.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
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Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	N Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
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Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
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Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	E Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
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Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	E Parsons	VACANT 94
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Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	E Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	N Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 151, nays 6.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 385. By Representatives Holcomb of the 101st and Barrett of the 24th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-3-519.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to eligibility requirements for a HOPE scholarship and award amount, so as to allow academically successful students who are concurrently seeking a baccalaureate degree and a first professional degree to use the full number of hours of HOPE scholarship eligibility; to allow academically successful students who commence a graduate program at an eligible postsecondary institution within 18 months of earning a baccalaureate degree to use the full number of hours of HOPE scholarship eligibility; to provide for exceptions based on previous participation in the dual enrollment program; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 20-3-519.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to eligibility requirements for a HOPE scholarship and award amount, so as to allow

academically successful students who are concurrently seeking a baccalaureate degree and a first professional degree to use the full number of hours of HOPE scholarship eligibility; to allow academically successful students who commence a graduate program at an eligible postsecondary institution within 18 months of earning a baccalaureate degree to use the full number of hours of HOPE scholarship eligibility; to provide for exceptions based on previous participation in the dual enrollment program; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 20-3-519.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to eligibility requirements for a HOPE scholarship and award amount, is amended by revising subsection (d) as follows:

"(d) A student may receive the HOPE scholarship until the first of these events:

(1)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, the ~~The~~ student has earned a baccalaureate or first professional degree.

(B)(i) Subject to division (ii) of this subparagraph, the provisions of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall not apply to any student:

(I) Who continuously meets the achievement standards provided for in this Code section while concurrently seeking both a baccalaureate degree and a first professional degree; or

(II) Who continuously met the achievement standards provided for in this Code section while earning a baccalaureate degree and who, within 18 months of earning such degree, commences a graduate program at an eligible postsecondary institution, provided that he or she continuously meets such achievement standards.

(ii) Notwithstanding any provision of Code Section 20-2-161.3 to the contrary, the number of hours for which a student is eligible to receive the HOPE scholarship for a first professional degree under division (i) of this subparagraph shall be reduced by the number of hours for which such student received credit for completing one or more postsecondary courses while participating in the dual enrollment program provided for in Code Section 20-2-161.3 if the cost of such postsecondary courses was paid for using state funds pursuant to such program;

(2) The student has attempted at any postsecondary institution a total of 190 quarter hours or 127 semester hours; or

(3) For those students receiving a HOPE scholarship for the first time between July 1, 2011, and June 30, 2019, seven years from a student's graduation from high school or the equivalent thereof as determined by the Georgia Student Finance Commission in its rules and regulations; provided, however, that, for a student who serves in the military during such seven-year period, any such active duty military service shall not count against the seven-year period nor constitute a failure to be enrolled. For those students

receiving a HOPE scholarship for the first time on or after July 1, 2019, ten years from a student's graduation from high school or the equivalent thereof as determined by the Georgia Student Finance Commission in its rules and regulations; provided, however, that, for a student who serves in the military during such ten-year period, any such active duty military service shall not count against the ten-year period nor constitute a failure to be enrolled. Any full-time or part-time student receiving a HOPE scholarship and enrolled in an eligible postsecondary institution after June 30, 2019, shall remain eligible for a HOPE scholarship pursuant to this paragraph, provided that such student meets all other eligibility requirements, including, but not limited to, those set forth in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection. Students with a disability, as defined in the federal Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 12102, which prevents or substantially inhibits full-time academic study, may apply to the Georgia Student Finance Commission for a limited waiver from the applicable year limit set forth in this paragraph and request additional time to complete the first to occur of the events set forth in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection. Such application for a limited waiver shall be considered and determined by the Georgia Student Finance Commission in accordance with its rules and regulations."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026, and shall apply beginning with the 2027-2028 academic year.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	E McQueen	Y Schofield
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Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
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Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
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Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	E Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 160, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

House of Representatives
Coverdell Legislative Office Building
Room #507 E
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

February 24, 2026

William L. Reilly
Clerk of the House
309 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Mr. Reilly

My vote was not counted due to malfunction of the voting apparatus. Please change my vote to yes on HB 385.

/s/ Lydia Glaize
Representative Lydia Glaize
House District 67

By unanimous consent, the following Resolutions of the House, having been previously postponed, were again postponed until the next legislative day:

HR 1000. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Williams of the 148th, Dickey of the 134th, Williams of the 168th, Buckner of the 137th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to eliminate the ad valorem tax assessment of certain timber at sale or harvest; to require state appropriations to each county, municipality, or school district affected by such tax elimination; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

HR 1049. By Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Griffin of the 149th, Berry of the 56th, Park of the 107th and Jones of the 143rd:

A RESOLUTION designating the Wednesday of the last week in October of each year as "Fentanyl and Opioid Awareness Day" in Georgia; and for other purposes.

Representative Townsend of the 179th asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that a Bill of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee.

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, the following Bill of the House was introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee:

HB 1445. By Representatives Townsend of the 179th, Efstration of the 104th, Tran of the 80th, Hagan of the 156th, Franklin of the 160th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 12 of Article 6 of Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to disposition of delinquency in the juvenile code, so as to authorize sharing of GPS monitoring with law enforcement and school districts; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Juvenile.

Representative Leverett of the 123rd asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that a Bill of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee.

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, the following Bill of the House was introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee:

HB 1446. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Rhodes of the 124th, Williamson of the 112th, Powell of the 33rd and Gaines of the 120th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to emergency medical services, so as to transfer responsibility for the oversight of emergency medical services from the Department of Public Health to the Georgia Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Council; to provide for legislative findings; to update terminology and provide for conforming changes; to provide for construction; to amend various titles of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, so as to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

Representative Camp of the 135th asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that a Bill of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee.

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, the following Bill of the House was introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee:

HB 1447. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Ballard of the 147th, Hagan of the 156th, Cox of the 28th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 86 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government efficiency, so as to provide for a comprehensive efficiency review of local taxing bodies; to provide for a report; to provide for a penalty; to permit use of certain grant funds; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

Representative Carson of the 46th moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the Committee on Ways & Means and recommitted to the Committee on Transportation:

HB 1377. By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Efstration of the 104th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Parsons of the 44th, Donatucci of the 105th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5B of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special districts for transit purposes sales and use tax (Transit SPLOST), so as to provide for time limits upon the recalling of an election for approval of such special sales and use tax upon failure to approve; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Anderson of the 10th asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that a Bill of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee.

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, the following Bill of the House was introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee:

HB 1448. By Representatives Anderson of the 10th, Yearta of the 152nd, Leverett of the 123rd, Dempsey of the 13th, Richardson of the 125th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government, so as to provide for comprehensive regulation of local government assets financing; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative purpose; to provide for certain tax-exempt status of the authority, the authority's property, and the authority's activities; to provide for cumulative effect of the foregoing; to provide for liberal construction of the foregoing; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

The following members were recognized during the period of Afternoon Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Ford of the 170th et al., Westbrook of the 163rd, Martinez of the 111th et al., Scott of the 76th et al., Ali of the 106th, and Taylor of the 173rd.

Representative Momtahan of the 17th District, Chairman of the Committee on Code Revision, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Code Revision has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 1268 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Momtahan of the 17th
Chairman

Representative Blackmon of the 146th District, Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means has had under consideration the following Bills and Resolution of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 275	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 376	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 942	Do Pass	HB 1209	Do Pass, by Substitute
HR 1114	Do Pass, by Substitute		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Blackmon of the 146th
Chairman

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House do now adjourn until 10:00 o'clock, tomorrow morning, and the motion prevailed.

The Speaker announced the House adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, tomorrow morning.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

Twenty-Fourth Legislative Day

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer was offered by Pastor Justin Moriarty, Odum Church of God, Odum, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Hilton of the 48th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

By unanimous consent, the following was established as the order of business during the first part of the period of unanimous consents:

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

2. First reading and reference of House Bills and Resolutions.

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

6. First reading and reference of Senate Bills and Resolutions.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House were introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committees:

HB 1423. By Representatives Adesanya of the 43rd, Hugley of the 141st, Wilkerson of the 38th, Cummings of the 39th, Campbell of the 35th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act relating to elections and primaries approved May 6, 2024 (Ga. L. 2024, p. 1028), SB 189, so as to revise an effective date; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 1424. By Representatives Cheokas of the 151st and Stinson of the 150th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to revise and restate the law relating to the Sumter County board of education and school superintendent, approved February 26, 2014 (Ga. L. 2014, p. 3503), as amended, so as to revise the compensation of such board; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1425. By Representatives Frye of the 122nd, McClain of the 109th, Gisler of the 121st, Jackson of the 165th, Cannon of the 58th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to labor and industrial relations, so as to enact the "Worker Tariff Relief Program Act"; to provide for types of assistance provided by the program; to provide for requirements for individuals to receive assistance; to provide authority to the Department of Labor to promulgate rules and regulations to administer the program; to provide for an annual report; to provide for funding; to provide for definitions; to provide for construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Industry and Labor.

HB 1426. By Representatives Flournoy of the 74th, Kendrick of the 95th, Beckles of the 96th and Ali of the 106th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employment and training of peace officers, so as to provide for training in the evacuation of persons with disabilities during an emergency; to amend Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to emergency management, so as to provide for emergency evacuation procedures for persons with disabilities, subject to appropriations; to provide for definitions; to provide for legislative findings and declarations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 1427. By Representatives Willis of the 55th, Crawford of the 89th, Miller of the 62nd and Cannon of the 58th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state employees' health insurance plan and post-employment health benefit fund, so as to require the state health benefit plan to cover cranial prostheses for certain covered persons experiencing partial or complete loss of body hair; to provide for definitions; to provide for cost-sharing requirements; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HB 1428. By Representatives McDonald III of the 26th, Reeves of the 99th, Thomas of the 21st, Okoye of the 102nd, Persinger of the 119th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 15 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professional engineers and land surveyors, so as to authorize the Georgia Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Board to retain certain incidental funds generated by certain fees; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

HB 1429. By Representatives Ballard of the 147th, Camp of the 135th, Townsend of the 179th, Rice of the 139th and Panitch of the 51st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-11-64 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to collection of information by juvenile court clerks, reporting requirement, and data collection, so as to require that juvenile court clerks collect and submit data regarding monetary sanctions assessed for juvenile offenders to the Administrative Office of the Courts; to provide for reporting requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Juvenile.

HB 1430. By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, Dempsey of the 13th, Burchett of the 176th, Newton of the 127th and Cooper of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the regulation of hospitals and related institutions, so as to provide for the Department of Community Health to license supportive senior housing communities; to provide for COVID-19 requirements; to provide for employer based programs; to provide for influenza education information; to provide for residential care facilities for the elderly; to provide for hospice and palliative care; to provide background checks; to provide for the ombudsman program; to provide for remedies and protections of residents; to provide for the drug repository program; to provide for continuing care providers and facilities; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 1431. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Burchett of the 176th, Rhodes of the 124th, Burnough of the 77th, Horner of the 3rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 19-9-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to establishment and review of child custody and visitation, so as to provide for a presumption of joint physical custody in divorce proceedings; to provide for exceptions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1432. By Representatives Gullett of the 19th, Park of the 107th, Burchett of the 176th, Evans of the 57th and Gunter of the 8th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 12 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Public Defender Council, so as to provide for vacancies on the legislative oversight committee; to provide for a penalty for failure by the council to cooperate with the committee; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 1433. By Representatives Gullett of the 19th and Burchett of the 176th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 19 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the regulation of practice of law, so as to make certain acts of the unauthorized practice of law felonies and to provide for penalties therefore; to provide for related matters; to provide

for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1434. By Representatives Jenkins of the 136th, Crowe of the 118th, Jasperse of the 11th and McDonald III of the 26th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to powers of local governments as to air facilities, so as to provide for the identification of airport affected areas; to provide for public notice and public hearing; to require the adoption, administration, and enforcement of regulations relative to the use of land in airport affected areas; to provide for standards for adoption of such regulations; to provide for consultation with the Department of Transportation; to provide for the adoption of local methods of enforcing regulations relative to airport area affected areas; to provide for a method for requesting variances; to provide for penalties; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HB 1435. By Representatives Anderson of the 10th and Erwin of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Municipal Court of the Town of Mount Airy; to identify the authorized uses of such fee; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1436. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Powell of the 33rd, Kelley of the 16th, Rhodes of the 124th and McDonald III of the 26th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to bonds and recognizances, so as to prohibit the distribution of funds to local government agencies that substantially limit cash bail conditions for certain offenses; to provide for a short title; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 1437. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Leverett of the 123rd, Efstration of the 104th, Silcox of the 53rd and Reeves of the 99th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 17 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding notaries public, so as to provide for notarial acts to be performed using electronic means when certain requirements are satisfied; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation.

HB 1438. By Representatives Westbrook of the 163rd, Park of the 107th, Au of the 50th, Reese of the 140th and Myles of the 126th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to provide for regional tariff transition advisory councils; to provide for membership and duties of such councils; to provide for reporting requirements; to provide for administrative support and funding sources; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings and purpose; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight.

HB 1439. By Representatives Park of the 107th, McClain of the 109th, Sanchez of the 42nd, McQueen of the 61st, Evans of the 57th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Fair Business Practices Act of 1975," so as to prohibit the use of surveillance pricing in retail food establishments subject to certain exceptions; to provide for limits on the use of electronic shelf labels; to provide for enforcement and penalties; to provide for definitions; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation.

HB 1440. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Stephens of the 164th and Franklin of the 160th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Bryan County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide a short title; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1441. By Representatives Park of the 107th, Williams of the 168th, Gisler of the 121st, Reese of the 140th, Westbrook of the 163rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to provide for a certain reporting framework; to provide a short title; to provide for a purpose; to provide for definitions; to provide for quarterly and annual public reports; to provide for public hearings; to provide for an advisory panel; to provide for confidentiality of taxpayer information and propriety business data; to provide for construction; to provide for a sunset date; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight.

HB 1442. By Representatives Washburn of the 144th, Werkheiser of the 157th, Reeves of the 99th, Crowe of the 118th and Bonner of the 73rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, so as to provide that local moratoria shall not apply to certain properties in certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 1443. By Representatives Parsons of the 44th, Ridley of the 22nd, Frye of the 122nd, Martin of the 49th and Williams of the 37th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 46-2-59 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to permissible parties in proceedings

before commission, intervention in proceedings generally, limited appearances, and procedure for granting leave to intervene, so as to allow the designee of a member of the General Assembly to intervene in certain cases before the Public Service Commission; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 1444. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th and Blackmon of the 146th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, collection, and assessment relative to state sales and use tax, so as to require that each sales tax return include specific information regarding the location at which such tax was collected, the identity of the entity collecting such tax, and the North American Industry Classification System Code for such entity, where applicable; to require that the department maintain sales tax data differentiating sales made within the limits of a municipality from sales made within the unincorporated area of a county; to provide for the publication of such data; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1449. By Representatives Jackson of the 68th, Reese of the 140th, Mitchell of the 88th, Holly of the 116th, Scott of the 76th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Community Affairs, so as to provide for the creation of a grant program for small businesses, small-scale farmers, and small nonprofit organizations; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for funding; to provide for annual review and reporting; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs.

HB 1450. By Representatives Jackson of the 68th, Reese of the 140th, Mitchell of the 88th, Bell of the 75th, Scott of the 76th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state militia generally, so as to provide for oversight of any deployment of the National Guard by the Governor for state active duty or federal mobilization; to provide for

notification, briefing, and reporting requirements; to require approval by the General Assembly prior to certain deployments; to provide for limitations on using the National Guard in certain drug operations and for active combat; to provide for construction; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Defense & Veterans Affairs.

HB 1451. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Hagan of the 156th, Rice of the 139th, Greene of the 154th and Campbell of the 171st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Community Affairs, so as to provide for local governments and nonprofit organizations to incentivize households to relocate from outside this state to local governments in this state; to provide for a grant program administered by the Department of Community Affairs; to provide for eligibility criteria; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rural Development.

HR 1444. By Representative Cannon of the 58th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mr. Jerry Hoy and dedicating a road in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 1445. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, Burns of the 159th, Hatchett of the 155th, Tarvin of the 2nd, Greene of the 154th and others:

A RESOLUTION urging the continued historical preservation of the Georgia state capitol; commending the Georgia Building Authority team for excellence with the restoration and the discovery of Andrew Carnegie Steel–one of the two oldest operating capitols in the United States with Carnegie Steel; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1446. By Representatives Martinez of the 111th, Williamson of the 112th and Fleming of the 114th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mr. Jim S. Briscoe and dedicating an intersection in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolution of the House and Senate were read the second time:

HB 1403	HB 1404
HB 1405	HB 1406
HB 1407	HB 1408
HB 1409	HB 1410
HB 1411	HB 1412
HB 1416	HB 1417
HB 1418	HB 1419
HB 1420	HB 1421
HB 1422	HB 1445
HB 1446	HB 1447
HB 1448	HR 1427
SB 398	SB 409
SB 427	SB 440

Representative Dickey of the 134th District, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs has had under consideration the following Bill and Resolution of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 1408	Do Pass
HR 1416	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Dickey of the 134th
Chairman

Representative Tarvin of the 2nd District, Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 733 Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1178 Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1354 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Tarvin of the 2nd
Chairman

Representative Carpenter of the 4th District, Chairman of the Committee on Creative Arts and Entertainment, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Creative Arts and Entertainment has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 566 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Carpenter of the 4th
Chairman

Representative Bonner of the 73rd District, Chairman of the Committee on Defense and Veterans Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Defense and Veterans Affairs has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 1296 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Bonner of the 73rd
Chairman

Representative Parsons of the 44th District, Chairman of the Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Telecommunications, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Telecommunications has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 1320 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parsons of the 44th
Chairman

Representative Rhodes of the 124th District, Chairman of the Committee on Game, Fish and Parks, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Game, Fish and Parks has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 1266 Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1415 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Rhodes of the 124th
Chairman

Representative Cooper of the 45th District, Chairman of the Committee on Public and Community Health, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Public and Community Health has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 334 Do Pass
HB 1040 Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1368 Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 668 Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1250 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Cooper of the 45th
Chairman

Representative Carson of the 46th District, Chairman of the Committee on Retirement, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Retirement has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 438	Do Pass
HB 905	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1234	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Carson of the 46th
Chairman

Representative Scoggins of the 14th District, Chairman of the Committee on Special Rules, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Special Rules has had under consideration the following Bills and Resolutions of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 65	Do Pass	HB 955	Do Pass
HB 1013	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 1167	Do Pass
HB 1310	Do Pass	HR 1106	Do Pass
HR 1111	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Scoggins of the 14th
Chairman

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2026

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 24th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

HB 320	Waste management; require recycling of solar panels (Substitute)(NR&E-Kelley-16th)
HB 634	Georgia Special Needs Scholarship Act; expedited completion of a student's first Individualized Education Program; revise provisions (Ed-Barrett-24th)
HB 689	Housing; establish a homelessness prevention program (SP&CA-Carpenter-4th)
HB 792	Courts; increase amount of magistrate court claims from $15,000.00 to $30,000.00 (Substitute)(Judy-Momtahan-17th)
HB 1024	Property; debtor's aggregate interest in real property or personal property used as a residence; revise exemption (Substitute)(Judy-Hong-103rd)
HB 1030	Math Matters Act; enact (Substitute)(Ed-Donatucci-105th)
HB 1329	Controlled substances; Schedule I; provide certain provisions (JudyNC-Stephens-164th)

Structured Rule

HB 519	Revenue and taxation; amount of federal work opportunity credit claimed by a taxpayer shall also be allowed as a tax credit; provide (W&M-Stephens-164th)
HB 1001	Income tax; reduce rate of tax (W&M-Wade-9th)

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the Senate and House:

SB 171. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Hickman of the 4th, Burns of the 23rd, Kemp of the 38th, Payne of the 54th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act, "so as to require the State Board of Education to develop an advanced mathematics pathway; to require the state board to adopt policies related to such advanced mathematics pathway; to authorize local school systems to offer the advanced mathematics pathway in grades three through five; to require local school systems to offer the advanced mathematics pathway in grades six through eight; to provide for reporting; to authorize local school systems to provide related supports and services; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 395. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 1st, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Brass of the 6th, Albers of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Public Health, so as to require a physician to submit certain information to the Georgia Composite Medical Board when certifying an individual as eligible for the Low THC Oil Patient Registry; to provide for annual reporting; to authorize the Department of Public Health to disclose certain information; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 428. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Hatchett of the 50th, Watson of the 1st, Echols of the 49th and Jackson of the 41st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to direct the Department of Community Health to submit a waiver request to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to authorize the qualification for Medicaid reimbursement of certain home and community based services; to provide for implementation upon approval; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 430. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Walker III of the 20th, Albers of the 56th, Summers of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 13 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to excise tax on rooms, lodgings, and accommodations, so as to provide that certain military museums qualify as destination marketing organizations and private sector nonprofit organizations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 469. By Senators Still of the 48th and Dolezal of the 27th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a board of commissioners of Forsyth County, approved June 30, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964 Ex. Sess., p. 2225), as amended, so as to provide term limits for members of the board of commissioners; to provide for related matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 491. By Senators Setzler of the 37th, Rhett of the 33rd, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Howard of the 35th and James of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Cobb Judicial Circuit, approved February 19, 1951 (Ga. L. 1951, p. 184), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 27, 1995 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 3619), an Act approved April 4, 1997 (Ga. L. 1997, p. 3879), and an Act approved March 27, 1998 (Ga. L. 1998, p. 3894), so as to change the salaries of assistant district attorneys; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 492. By Senators Setzler of the 37th, Rhett of the 33rd, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Howard of the 35th and James of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Cobb County, approved March 26, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 3211), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 3, 2017 (Ga. L. 2017, p. 3750), so as to provide for additional assistant solicitor positions; to change the salaries of certain staff of the solicitor-general; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 935. By Representatives Cannon of the 172nd and Taylor of the 173rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Probate Court of Thomas County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 966. By Representatives Westbrook of the 163rd, Jackson of the 165th, Gilliard of the 162nd, Stephens of the 164th and Hitchens of the 161st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Garden City, approved April 17, 1973 (Ga. L. 1973, p. 3581), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 6, 2024 (Ga. L. 2024, p. 4332), so as to provide for the mayor to fill any vacancy in the office of mayor pro tempore; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1005. By Representatives Wilkerson of the 38th and Alexander of the 66th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Austell, approved March 28, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 4902), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 4, 1991 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 4498) and an Act approved April 5, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 4503), so as to provide for a city manager; to revise the powers and duties of city council committees, the mayor, and department directors to reflect the establishment of a city manager; to provide for the appointment, removal, and powers of the city manager and city council; to provide for an acting city manager; to prohibit mayor and council interference with the administration of the city departments; to revise provisions related to the hiring and removal of department directors; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1067. By Representatives Smith of the 138th, Huddleston of the 72nd, Jenkins of the 136th, Buckner of the 137th and Rice of the 139th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of West Point ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of $10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1074. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Park of the 107th, Hong of the 103rd, Clark of the 100th, Efstration of the 104th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Suwanee ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes for residents of that city; to

provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1090. By Representative Corbett of the 174th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act revising, superseding, and consolidating the laws creating and governing the Board of Commissioners of Echols County, approved February 3, 1953 (Ga. L. 1953, Jan.-Feb. Sess., p. 2054), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 11, 2022 (Ga. L. 2022, p.5446), so as to provide that all of the county commissioners shall be elected from the county at large; to repeal the commission district plan; to provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1092. By Representatives Yearta of the 152nd, Greene of the 154th, Cheokas of the 151st and Sampson of the 153rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create the Chehaw Park Authority, approved April 11, 1979 (Ga. L. 1979, p. 4515), as amended, particularly by an Act approved July 29, 2020 (Ga. L. 2020, p. 4056), so as to extend the existence of the authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1139. By Representatives Camp of the 135th and Mathiak of the 82nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Spalding County Water and Sewerage Facilities Authority, approved April 13, 1982 (Ga. L. 1982, p. 4987), as amended, so as to rename the authority; to revise the membership and compensation of the authority; to provide for powers; to provide for enforcement; to provide for executions for rates and charges; to provide for definitions; to revise a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1140. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th and Williams of the 148th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Magistrate Court of Ben Hill County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such

technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1155. By Representatives Ford of the 170th and O'Steen of the 169th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a board of commissioners for Tift County, approved August 9, 1917 (Ga. L. 1917, p. 396), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 28, 1985 (Ga. L. 1985, p. 4875), so as to revise purchasing provisions; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1168. By Representative Huddleston of the 72nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Heard County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of the total assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 70 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1169. By Representatives Camp of the 135th and Mathiak of the 82nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Probate Court of Spalding County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1170. By Representatives Camp of the 135th and Mathiak of the 82nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the State Court of Spalding County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1172. By Representatives Camp of the 135th and Mathiak of the 82nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Magistrate Court of Spalding County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1186. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Gilliard of the 162nd, Hitchens of the 161st, Westbrook of the 163rd and Jackson of the 165th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act creating the Garden City Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority, approved May 17, 2004 (Ga. L. 2004, p. 3983); to provide for the assets and liabilities thereof; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1200. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th, Hitchens of the 161st, Gilliard of the 162nd and Westbrook of the 163rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for a base year assessed value homestead exemption from Chatham County and City of Savannah School District ad valorem taxes for educational purposes, approved April 12, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 4215), as amended, so as to prevent any increases in the adjusted base year assessed value of properties above the value set in tax year 2025; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1203. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th, Hitchens of the 161st, Gilliard of the 162nd and Westbrook of the 163rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from Chatham County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead, approved May 9, 2025 (Ga. L. 2025, p. 3649), so as to provide that any homeowner receiving the homestead exemption provided for in Ga. L. 1999, p. 4215, as amended, shall automatically receive the exemption provided for in this Act; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1241. By Representatives Crawford of the 89th and Oliver of the 84th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Decatur, approved April 13, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001, p. 4351), as amended, so as to revise provisions regarding the city commission and the public school system; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1246. By Representative Anderson of the 10th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Clayton; to provide for reincorporation, boundaries, and powers of the city; to provide for the examples of powers; to provide for bonded and other indebtedness; to provide for accounting and budgeting; to provide for contracting and purchasing; to provide for sale of city property; to provide for bonds for officers; to provide for prior ordinances, current employees, and pending matters; to provide for penalties; to provide for definitions and construction; to provide for charter reviews; to provide for severability; to provide for related matters; to repeal specific Acts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1258. By Representatives Reese of the 140th, Hugley of the 141st, Rice of the 139th, Buckner of the 137th and Smith of the 138th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act establishing the State Court of Muscogee County, approved December 20, 1884 (Ga. L. 1884-85, p. 455), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 19, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 4423), so as to provide an additional judge; to provide for the election of the initial additional judge; to provide for terms of office of said additional judge and successors to such judge; to provide for the powers and privileges of said additional judge; to provide for the compensation and expenses of said additional judge; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the Senate were read the first time and referred to the Committees:

SB 171. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Hickman of the 4th, Burns of the 23rd, Kemp of the 38th, Payne of the 54th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act, "so as to require the State Board of Education to develop an advanced mathematics pathway; to require the state board to adopt policies related to such advanced mathematics pathway; to authorize local school systems to offer the advanced mathematics pathway in grades three through five; to require local school systems to offer the advanced mathematics pathway in grades six through eight; to provide for reporting; to authorize local school systems to provide related supports and services; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

SB 395. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 1st, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Brass of the 6th, Albers of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Public Health, so as to require a physician to submit certain information to the Georgia Composite Medical Board when certifying an individual as eligible for the Low THC Oil Patient Registry; to provide for annual reporting; to authorize the Department of Public Health to disclose certain information; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

SB 428. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Hatchett of the 50th, Watson of the 1st, Echols of the 49th and Jackson of the 41st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to direct the Department of Community Health to submit a waiver request to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to authorize the qualification for Medicaid reimbursement of certain home and community based services; to provide for implementation upon approval; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

SB 430. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Walker III of the 20th, Albers of the 56th, Summers of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 13 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to excise tax on rooms, lodgings, and accommodations, so as to provide that certain military museums qualify as destination marketing organizations and private sector nonprofit organizations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 469. By Senators Still of the 48th and Dolezal of the 27th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a board of commissioners of Forsyth County, approved June 30, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964 Ex. Sess., p. 2225), as amended, so as to provide term limits for members of the

board of commissioners; to provide for related matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

SB 491. By Senators Setzler of the 37th, Rhett of the 33rd, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Howard of the 35th and James of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Cobb Judicial Circuit, approved February 19, 1951 (Ga. L. 1951, p. 184), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 27, 1995 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 3619), an Act approved April 4, 1997 (Ga. L. 1997, p. 3879), and an Act approved March 27, 1998 (Ga. L. 1998, p. 3894), so as to change the salaries of assistant district attorneys; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

SB 492. By Senators Setzler of the 37th, Rhett of the 33rd, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Howard of the 35th and James of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Cobb County, approved March 26, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 3211), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 3, 2017 (Ga. L. 2017, p. 3750), so as to provide for additional assistant solicitor positions; to change the salaries of certain staff of the solicitor-general; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

The roll was called and the following Representatives answered to their names:

Adesanya	Corbett	Hagan	Mathis	Sainz
Adeyina	Cox	Hatchett	McClain	Sampson
Alexander	Crawford	Hawkins	McCollum	Sanchez
Ali	Crowe	Herring	McDonald	Santos
Anderson	Cummings	Hilton	McQueen	Schofield
Au	Davis	Hitchens	Meeks	Scoggins
Baker	Dawson	Holcomb	Miller	Scott
Ballard	DeLoach	Holland	Momtahan	Seabaugh
Barnes	Dempsey	Holly	Moore	Sharper
Barrett	Dickey	Hong	Myles	Silcox
Barton	Donatucci	Horner	Neal	Smith, L
Bazemore	Douglas	Howard, J	New	Smith, M
Beckles	Draper	Huddleston	Newton	Smith, TP
Bell	Drenner	Hugley	Okoye	Smith, V

Berry	Dubnik	Jackson, D	Olaleye	Stephens
Blackmon	Dunahoo	Jackson, E	O'Steen	Stinson
Bonner	Efstration	Jackson, M	Panitch	Tarvin
Buckner	Ehrhart	Jasperse	Paris	Taylor, D
Burchett	Erwin	Jenkins	Park	Taylor, R
Burnough	Evans	Jones, A	Parrish	Thomas
Byrd	Fincher	Jones, J	Parsons	Townsend
Cameron	Fleming	Jones, S	Persinger	Tran
Camp	Flournoy	Jones, T	Petrea	Wade
Campbell, J	Ford	Kahaian	Powell	Washburn
Campbell, L	Franklin	Kelley	Prince	Werkheiser
Cannon, C	Frye	Kendrick	Reese	Westbrook
Cannon, P	Gaines	LaHood	Reeves	Wilkerson
Carpenter	Gambill	Leverett	Rhodes	Williams, A
Carter	Gilliard	Lewis-Ward	Rice	Williams, MF
Chastain	Gisler	Lim	Richardson	Williams, N
Cheokas	Glaize	Lumsden	Ridley, Jas	Williamson
Clark, D	Greene	Lupton	Ridley, Jor	Willis
Clark, J	Griffin	Martin	Roberts	Yearta
Clifton	Gullett	Martinez	Romman	Burns, Speaker
Cooper	Gunter	Mathiak		

The following members were off the floor of the House when the roll was called:

Representatives Carson of the 46th and Oliver of the 84th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Lim of the 98th, Howard of the 129th, Williams of the 168th et al., Werkheiser of the 157th et al., Jones of the 47th et al., Gullett of the 19th et al., Gilliard of the 162nd, Martin of the 49th et al., Hagan of the 156th et al., Jones of the 25th et al., Donatucci of the 105th et al., Jenkins of the 136th et al., Howard of the 71st et al., Anderson of the 10th et al., Santos of the 117th et al., and Moore of the 91st.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bill of the Senate:

SB 392. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Tillery of the 19th, Still of the 48th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Gooch of the 51st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 4 of Chapter 12 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, known as the "Budget Act," so as to provide for the application of zero-base budgeting to the budget process; to provide for intent; to provide for analysis of departmental and program objectives; to provide for consideration of alternative funding levels; to provide for departmental priority lists; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to provide for short titles; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By order of the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the House was withdrawn from the General Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary:

HB 1028. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Efstration of the 104th, Gunter of the 8th, Kelley of the 16th, Smith of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding prosecuting attorneys, so as to modify provisions regarding the compensation received by district attorneys; to amend Code Section 45-7-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual salaries of certain state officials and cost-of-living adjustments, so as to revise provisions relating to calculating and setting the salaries of district attorneys; to amend Chapter 3 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to laws and statutes, so as to suspend the operation of local laws or local ordinances or resolutions that use a district attorney's salary for the calculation of the salary or compensation of other officers, officials, or employees; to provide a short title; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By order of the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the House was withdrawn from the General Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Motor Vehicles:

HB 1073. By Representatives Carter of the 93rd, Hugley of the 141st, McClain of the 109th, Douglas of the 78th, Powell of the 33rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to license plates promoting or supporting certain agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations with proceeds disbursed to the general fund and the agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation, so as to establish a specialty license plate honoring Jackson State University; to provide for related matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By order of the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the House was withdrawn from the General Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs:

HB 1224. By Representatives Barrett of the 24th, Efstration of the 104th, Gaines of the 120th, Holcomb of the 101st, Camp of the 135th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 12 of Title 13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to automatic renewal provisions, so as to reduce the applicable period for termination of certain automatic renewal provisions; to provide to consumers an option of having the service contract terminate after its specified period; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By order of the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the House was withdrawn from the General Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Health:

HB 1275. By Representatives Newton of the 127th, Hawkins of the 27th, Cooper of the 45th, Au of the 50th and Taylor of the 173rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical practice, so as to ensure that stem cell therapies are used to advance medical treatments and improve patient outcomes in an ethical manner that does not involve stem cells derived from aborted fetuses; to provide for definitions; to provide for the designation of a physician assistant or nurse practitioner; to provide for certain requirements and patient protections; to provide for notice; to provide for consent; to provide for certain exceptions; to provide for the use of Georgia facilities; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative findings; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 519. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Mathis of the 133rd, Reeves of the 99th and Williams of the 148th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemption, and credits, so as to provide that the amount of the federal work opportunity credit claimed by a taxpayer shall also be allowed as a tax credit against state income taxes; to provide for conditions, eligibility, limitations,

and recaptures; to provide for definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

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Y Adesanya
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Y Alexander
Y Ali
Y Anderson
Y Au
Y Baker
Y Ballard
Y Barnes
Y Barrett
Y Barton
Y Bazemore
Y Beckles
Y Bell
Y Berry
Y Blackmon
Y Bonner
Y Buckner
Y Burchett
Y Burnough
N Byrd
Y Cameron
Camp
Y Campbell, J
Y Campbell, L
Y Cannon, C
Y Cannon, P
Y Carpenter
Y Carson
Y Carter
Y Chastain
Y Cheokas
N Clark, D
Y Clark, J
N Clifton
Y Cooper
Y Corbett
Y Cox
Y Crawford
Y Crowe
Y Cummings
Y Davis
Y Dawson
Y DeLoach
Y Dempsey
Y Dickey
Y Donatucci
Y Douglas
Y Draper
Y Drenner
Y Dubnik
N Dunahoo
Y Efstration
Y Ehrhart
Y Erwin
Y Evans
Y Fincher
Y Fleming
Y Flournoy
Y Ford
Y Franklin
Y Frye
N Gaines
N Gambill
Y Gilliard
Y Gisler
Y Glaize
Y Greene
Y Griffin
Y Gullett
Y Gunter
Y Hagan
Y Hatchett
Y Hawkins
Y Herring
Y Hilton
Y Hitchens
Y Holcomb
Y Holland
Y Holly
Y Hong
N Horner
Y Howard, J
Y Howard, K
Y Huddleston
Y Hugley
Y Jackson, D
Y Jackson, E
Y Jackson, M
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Y Jenkins
Y Jones, A
Y Jones, J
Y Jones, S
Y Jones, T
N Kahaian
N Kelley
Y Kendrick
Y LaHood
Y Leverett
Y Lewis-Ward
Lim
Y Lumsden
Y Lupton
Y Martin
Y Martinez
Y Mathiak
Y Mathis
Y McClain
Y McCollum
Y McDonald
Y McQueen
Y Meeks
Y Miller
Y Mitchell
N Momtahan
Y Moore
Y Myles
Y Neal
Y New
Y Newton
Y Okoye
Y Olaleye
Y Oliver
Y O'Steen
Y Panitch
Y Paris
Y Park
Y Parrish
Y Parsons
Y Persinger
Y Petrea
Y Powell
Y Prince
Y Reese
Y Reeves
Y Rhodes
Y Rice
Y Richardson
Y Ridley, Jas
N Ridley, Jor
Y Roberts
Y Romman
Y Sainz
Y Sampson
N Sanchez
Y Santos
Y Schofield
Y Scoggins
Y Scott
Y Seabaugh
Y Sharper
Y Silcox
Y Smith, L
E Smith, M
Y Smith, TP
Y Smith, V
Y Stephens
Y Stinson
N Tarvin
Y Taylor, D
Y Taylor, R
Y Thomas
Y Townsend
Y Tran
VACANT 94
VACANT 130
N Wade
Y Washburn
Y Werkheiser
Y Westbrook
Y Wilkerson
Y Williams, A
Y Williams, MF
Y Williams, N
Y Williamson
Y Willis
Y Yearta
Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 158, nays 14.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 1001. By Representatives Wade of the 9th, Gambill of the 15th, Seabaugh of the 34th, Hong of the 103rd, Blackmon of the 146th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to income taxes, so as to reduce the rate of the tax; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

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N Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	N Sampson
N Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Alexander	N Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	N Davis	N Holcomb	N Miller	N Scott
N Baker	Y Dawson	N Holland	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
N Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	N Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Neal	E Smith, M
N Bazemore	N Douglas	N Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
N Beckles	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Bell	N Drenner	N Hugley	N Okoye	Y Stephens
N Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	N Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas
N Burnough	N Evans	N Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	N Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
N Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	N Frye	N Kendrick	N Prince	Y Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	N Reese	N Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, A
N Carter	Y Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	E Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	N Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 106, nays 66.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 792. By Representatives Momtahan of the 17th, Gambill of the 15th, Gunter of the 8th, Smith of the 18th, Hong of the 103rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 10 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to magistrate courts, so as to increase the amount of magistrate court claims from $15,000.00 to $30,000.00; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 10 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to magistrate courts, so as to increase the amount of magistrate court claims from $15,000.00 to $25,000.00; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 10 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to magistrate courts, is amended by revising paragraph (5) of subsection (a) of Code Section 15-10-2, relating to general jurisdiction and authority of magistrate to act, as follows:

"(5) The trial of civil claims including garnishment and attachment in which exclusive jurisdiction is not vested in the superior court and the amount demanded or the value of the property claimed does not exceed ~~$15,000.00~~ $25,000.00, provided that no prejudgment attachment may be granted;"

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

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Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Ali	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Anderson	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Au	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Baker	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Ballard	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	E Smith, M
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Efstration	Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Campbell, J	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, L	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Cannon, C	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, P	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Carpenter	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carson	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carter	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Chastain	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Cheokas	E Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Clark, D	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, J	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clifton	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 170, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The Speaker announced the House in recess until 1:15 o'clock, this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Speaker called the House to order.

The House stood at ease.

The Speaker called the House to order.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1477. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Parrish of the 158th, Greene of the 154th, Stephens of the 164th and Powell of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Joseph A. "Joe" Sports; and for other purposes.

HR 1478. By Representatives Carson of the 46th and Donatucci of the 105th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Elizabeth "Betty" Blackie Ricchiuti; and for other purposes.

HR 1479. By Representatives Herring of the 145th, Dickey of the 134th, Washburn of the 144th and Crowe of the 118th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Larry Cornelius Evans; and for other purposes.

HR 1480. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Martinez of the 111th, Smith of the 70th, Au of the 50th and Reese of the 140th:

A RESOLUTION commending Hemophilia of Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 1481. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Smith of the 18th, Gambill of the 15th and Neal of the 79th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Cedartown High School Debate Team for winning the 2026 Parliamentary Debate World Competition; and for other purposes.

HR 1482. By Representatives Burnough of the 77th, Scott of the 76th, McQueen of the 61st, Berry of the 56th and Bell of the 75th:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Gabysol Quiroz; and for other purposes.

HR 1483. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Lumsden of the 12th and Barton of the 5th:

A RESOLUTION commending Turner Crawford, Pepperell High School's 2025-2026 STAR Student; and for other purposes.

HR 1484. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Lumsden of the 12th and Barton of the 5th:

A RESOLUTION commending Peter Whitehead, Unity Christian School's 2025-2026 STAR Student; and for other purposes.

HR 1485. By Representatives Sharper of the 177th, Herring of the 145th, Reese of the 140th, Draper of the 90th and Wilkerson of the 38th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Reagan Moore; and for other purposes.

HR 1486. By Representatives Werkheiser of the 157th, O'Steen of the 169th, Meeks of the 178th, Corbett of the 174th and Dickey of the 134th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Kaitlyn Butler Marchant; and for other purposes.

HR 1487. By Representatives Persinger of the 119th, Gambill of the 15th, Crawford of the 89th, Cox of the 28th, Evans of the 57th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating Atlanta Track Club Elite for their world record performance at the 2026 Penn Classic; and for other purposes.

HR 1488. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Parrish of the 158th, Franklin of the 160th, Petrea of the 166th and Gilliard of the 162nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Leopold's Ice Cream; and for other purposes.

HR 1489. By Representatives Tran of the 80th, Crawford of the 89th, Drenner of the 85th, Draper of the 90th and Barnes of the 86th:

A RESOLUTION commending the 5th Annual Decatur Lunar New Year Festival; and for other purposes.

HR 1490. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Miller of the 62nd, Olaleye of the 59th and Scott of the 76th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the City of East Point; and for other purposes.

HR 1491. By Representatives Lupton of the 83rd, Tran of the 80th, Roberts of the 52nd, Lim of the 98th and Holcomb of the 101st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Elaine Clark Center; and for other purposes.

HR 1492. By Representatives Beckles of the 96th, Okoye of the 102nd, Adeyina of the 110th, Clark of the 108th, McClain of the 109th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the City of Duluth and recognizing March 3, 2026, as Duluth Day at the Capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1493. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Lumsden of the 12th and Barton of the 5th:

A RESOLUTION commending Julia Johnson, Rome City High School's 2025-2026 STAR Teacher; and for other purposes.

HR 1494. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Lumsden of the 12th and Barton of the 5th:

A RESOLUTION commending Kamran Bawa, Rome City High School's 2025-2026 STAR Student; and for other purposes.

HR 1495. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Lumsden of the 12th and Barton of the 5th:

A RESOLUTION commending Susan Payne, Unity Christian School's 2025-2026 STAR Teacher; and for other purposes.

HR 1496. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Moore of the 91st, Sharper of the 177th, Sanchez of the 42nd and McClain of the 109th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and legacy of Robert Elmo Nichols, Sr.; and for other purposes.

HR 1497. By Representatives Burnough of the 77th, Scott of the 76th, Taylor of the 92nd, Hugley of the 141st and Schofield of the 63rd:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Chief Latosha Clemons for receiving the 2026 Yellow Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leadership Award; and for other purposes

HR 1498. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Lumsden of the 12th and Barton of the 5th:

A RESOLUTION commending Johnathan Silver, Pepperell High School's 2025-2026 STAR Teacher; and for other purposes.

HR 1499. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Lumsden of the 12th and Barton of the 5th:

A RESOLUTION commending David Little, Armuchee High School's 2025-2026 STAR Teacher; and for other purposes.

HR 1500. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Lumsden of the 12th and Barton of the 5th:

A RESOLUTION commending Lucus Hagerich, Armuchee High School's 2025-2026 STAR Student; and for other purposes.

HR 1501. By Representatives Mathiak of the 82nd, Burns of the 159th and Jones of the 143rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Dr. Guy F. Riekeman; and for other purposes.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 689. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Campbell of the 35th, Hilton of the 48th, Werkheiser of the 157th, Frye of the 122nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 3 of Title 8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to housing trust fund for the homeless, so as to establish a homelessness prevention program; to provide for an application process and minimum standards; to provide for the use of certain funds; to provide for disbursements; to require contracts and

assurances; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113
Y Adesanya
Y Adeyina
Y Alexander
Y Ali
Y Anderson
Y Au
Y Baker
Y Ballard
Y Barnes
Y Barrett
Y Barton
Y Bazemore
Y Beckles
Bell
Y Berry
Y Blackmon
Y Bonner
Y Buckner
Y Burchett
Y Burnough
N Byrd
Y Cameron
Y Camp
Y Campbell, J
Y Campbell, L
Y Cannon, C
E Cannon, P
Y Carpenter
Y Carson
Y Carter
Y Chastain
Y Cheokas
N Clark, D
Clark, J
Y Clifton
Y Cooper
Y Corbett
Y Cox
Y Crawford
Y Crowe
Y Cummings
Y Davis
Y Dawson
Y DeLoach
Y Dempsey
Y Dickey
Y Donatucci
Y Douglas
Y Draper
Y Drenner
Y Dubnik
N Dunahoo
Y Efstration
Y Ehrhart
Y Erwin
Y Evans
Y Fincher
Y Fleming
Y Flournoy
Y Ford
Y Franklin
Y Frye
Y Gaines
N Gambill
E Gilliard
Y Gisler
Y Glaize
Y Greene
Y Griffin
N Gullett
Gunter
Y Hagan
Y Hatchett
Y Hawkins
Y Herring
Y Hilton
Y Hitchens
Y Holcomb
Y Holland
Y Holly
Y Hong
N Horner
Y Howard, J
Y Howard, K
Y Huddleston
Y Hugley
Jackson, D
Y Jackson, E
Y Jackson, M
Jasperse
Y Jenkins
Y Jones, A
Y Jones, J
Y Jones, S
Y Jones, T
N Kahaian
N Kelley
Y Kendrick
Y LaHood
Y Leverett
Y Lewis-Ward
Y Lim
Y Lumsden
Y Lupton
Y Martin
Y Martinez
Y Mathiak
Y Mathis
Y McClain
Y McCollum
Y McDonald
Y McQueen
Y Meeks
Y Miller
Y Mitchell
N Momtahan
E Moore
Y Myles
Y Neal
Y New
Y Newton
Y Okoye
Y Olaleye
Y Oliver
Y O'Steen
Y Panitch
Y Paris
Y Park
Y Parrish
Y Parsons
Y Persinger
Petrea
Y Powell
Y Prince
Y Reese
Y Reeves
Y Rhodes
Y Rice
Y Richardson
Ridley, Jas
E Ridley, Jor
Y Roberts
Romman
Y Sainz
Y Sampson
Sanchez
Y Santos
Y Schofield
Y Scoggins
Y Scott
Y Seabaugh
Y Sharper
Y Silcox
Y Smith, L
E Smith, M
Y Smith, TP
Y Smith, V
Y Stephens
Y Stinson
N Tarvin
Y Taylor, D
Y Taylor, R
Y Thomas
Y Townsend
Y Tran
VACANT 94
VACANT 130
N Wade
Y Washburn
Y Werkheiser
Y Westbrook
Y Wilkerson
Williams, A
Y Williams, MF
Y Williams, N
Williamson
Y Willis
Yearta
Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 148, nays 11.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 634. By Representatives Barrett of the 24th, Townsend of the 179th, Jones of the 25th, Jasperse of the 11th, Jones of the 47th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 33 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Special Needs Scholarship Act," so as to revise provisions for expedited completion of a student's first Individualized Education Program; to provide for calculating maximum scholarship amounts for certain students; to provide for electronic deposits; to provide for a compliance form; to provide for deadlines by which the Department of Education shall publish certain information; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	E Neal	E Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
E Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 168, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following Bill of the House was taken up for the purpose of considering the report of the Committee of Conference thereon:

HB 973. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act making and providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, known as the "General Appropriations Act," Act No. 73, approved May 9, 2025, so as to make, provide, and change certain appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following report of the Committee of Conference was read:

COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE REPORT ON HB 973

The Committee of Conference on **HB 973** recommends that both the House of Representatives and the Senate recede from their positions and that the attached Committee of Conference Substitute to **HB 973** be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

/s/ Matt Hatchett
Honorable Matt Hatchett
Representative, 155th District

/s/ Jan Jones
Honorable Jan Jones
Representative, 47th District

FOR THE SENATE:

/s/ Blake Tillery
Honorable Blake Tillery
Senator, 19th District

/s/ Larry Walker, III
Honorable Larry Walker, III
Senator, 20th District

/s/ Chuck Efstration
Honorable Chuck Efstration
Representative, 104th District

/s/ Jason Anavitarte
Honorable Jason Anavitarte
Senator, 31st District

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE TO H.B. 973
A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

To amend an Act making and providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, known as the "General Appropriations Act," Act No. 73, approved May 9, 2025, so as to make, provide, and change certain appropriations for the operation of the State government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:
PART I

An Act making and providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, known as the "General Appropriations Act," Act No. 73, approved May 9, 2025, is amended by striking everything following the Part I designation up to but not including the Part II designation and by substituting in lieu thereof the following:

The sums of money hereinafter provided are appropriated for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, as prescribed hereinafter for such fiscal year:

HB 973 (FY 2026A)	Governor	House	Senate	CC
Revenue Sources Available for Appropriation				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$42,268,170,020	$42,268,170,020	$42,268,170,020	$43,662,170,020
State General Funds	$36,528,645,133	$36,528,645,133	$36,528,645,133	$37,777,645,133
Revenue Shortfall Reserve for K-12 Needs	$372,197,321	$372,197,321	$372,197,321	$372,197,321
State Motor Fuel Funds	$2,548,131,410	$2,548,131,410	$2,548,131,410	$2,548,131,410
Lottery Proceeds	$1,692,302,672	$1,692,302,672	$1,692,302,672	$1,837,302,672
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$148,630,971	$148,630,971	$148,630,971	$148,630,971
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$2,010,871	$2,010,871	$2,010,871	$2,010,871
State Children’s Trust Funds	$1,222,837	$1,222,837	$1,222,837	$1,222,837
Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds	$2,225,567	$2,225,567	$2,225,567	$2,225,567
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$16,389,873	$16,389,873	$16,389,873	$16,389,873
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$1,993,465	$1,993,465	$1,993,465	$1,993,465
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$9,838,299	$9,838,299	$9,838,299	$9,838,299
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$11,771,491	$11,771,491	$11,771,491	$11,771,491
Fireworks Trust Funds	$2,674,971	$2,674,971	$2,674,971	$2,674,971
Transit Trust Funds	$38,005,357	$38,005,357	$38,005,357	$38,005,357
Transportation Trust Funds	$238,271,141	$238,271,141	$238,271,141	$238,271,141
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$134,209	$134,209	$134,209	$134,209
Ambulance Provider Fees	$11,458,192	$11,458,192	$11,458,192	$11,458,192
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$131,092,562	$131,092,562	$131,092,562	$131,092,562

Hospital Provider Fee	$511,173,678	$511,173,678	$511,173,678	$511,173,678
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$24,207,294,704	$24,203,878,738	$24,232,049,111	$24,203,766,910
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$8,017,135,874	$8,017,135,874	$8,017,135,874	$8,017,135,874
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$345,896,595	$345,896,595	$345,896,595	$345,896,595
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$14,163,709	$14,163,709	$14,163,709	$14,163,709
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$11,785,851	$11,785,851	$11,785,851	$11,785,851
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$1,499,466,641	$1,499,466,641	$1,499,466,641	$1,499,466,641
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$95,399,043	$98,196,429	$98,242,248	$98,084,601
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$75,051,873	$75,051,873	$75,051,873	$75,051,873
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$17,292,191	$17,292,191	$17,292,191	$17,292,191
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$12,967,463,330	$12,963,319,830	$12,991,444,384	$12,963,319,830
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$47,852,222	$47,852,222	$47,852,222	$47,852,222
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$4,937,680	$4,937,680	$4,937,680	$4,937,680
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$61,282,373	$61,282,373	$61,282,373	$61,282,373
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$518,540,904	$516,471,052	$516,471,052	$516,471,052
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$438,277,398	$438,277,398	$438,277,398	$438,277,398
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$435,633,209	$435,633,209	$435,633,209	$435,633,209
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	$2,644,189	$2,644,189	$2,644,189	$2,644,189
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$7,489,711,305	$7,489,711,305	$7,540,111,305	$7,489,711,305
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$2,203,671	$2,203,671	$2,203,671	$2,203,671
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$2,203,671	$2,203,671	$2,203,671	$2,203,671
Reserved Fund Balances	$12,741,834	$12,741,834	$12,741,834	$12,741,834
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$12,741,834	$12,741,834	$12,741,834	$12,741,834
Interest and Investment Income	$13,473,344	$13,473,344	$63,873,344	$13,473,344
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$13,473,344	$13,473,344	$63,873,344	$13,473,344
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,642,674,556	$2,642,674,556	$2,642,674,556	$2,642,674,556
Hospital Authorities	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$1,104,814,673	$1,104,814,673	$1,104,814,673	$1,104,814,673
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$517,781,620	$517,781,620	$517,781,620	$517,781,620
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$594,430,528	$594,430,528	$594,430,528	$594,430,528
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$594,430,528	$594,430,528	$594,430,528	$594,430,528
Royalties and Rents	$1,167,871	$1,167,871	$1,167,871	$1,167,871
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$1,167,871	$1,167,871	$1,167,871	$1,167,871
Sales and Services	$4,219,199,594	$4,219,199,594	$4,219,199,594	$4,219,199,594
Record Center Storage Fees	$912,482	$912,482	$912,482	$912,482
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,167,508,943	$1,167,508,943	$1,167,508,943	$1,167,508,943
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$3,050,778,169	$3,050,778,169	$3,050,778,169	$3,050,778,169
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,819,907	$3,819,907	$3,819,907	$3,819,907
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,819,907	$3,819,907	$3,819,907	$3,819,907

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,888,983,013	$5,888,983,013	$5,888,983,013	$5,888,983,013
State Funds Transfers	$5,883,467,263	$5,883,467,263	$5,883,467,263	$5,883,467,263
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$139,064,358	$139,064,358	$139,064,358	$139,064,358
Accounting System Assessments	$25,993,885	$25,993,885	$25,993,885	$25,993,885
Agency to Agency Contracts	$19,085,894	$19,085,894	$19,085,894	$19,085,894
Health Insurance Payments	$5,142,505,397	$5,142,505,397	$5,142,505,397	$5,142,505,397
Liability Funds	$59,811,281	$59,811,281	$59,811,281	$59,811,281
Merit System Assessments	$9,104,497	$9,104,497	$9,104,497	$9,104,497
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$280,857,262	$280,857,262	$280,857,262	$280,857,262
Retirement Payments	$94,220,879	$94,220,879	$94,220,879	$94,220,879
Unemployment Compensation Funds	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528
Workers Compensation Funds	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282
Agency Funds Transfers	$3,418,260	$3,418,260	$3,418,260	$3,418,260
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$3,418,260	$3,418,260	$3,418,260	$3,418,260
Federal Funds Transfers	$2,097,490	$2,097,490	$2,097,490	$2,097,490
Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192
FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$73,965,176,029	$73,961,760,063	$74,040,330,436	$75,355,648,235
Changes in Fund Availability				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,506,482,695	$4,506,482,695	$4,506,482,695	$5,900,482,695
State General Funds	$4,011,032,118	$4,011,032,118	$4,011,032,118	$5,260,032,118
Revenue Shortfall Reserve for K-12 Needs	$372,197,321	$372,197,321	$372,197,321	$372,197,321
State Motor Fuel Funds	$71,688,608	$71,688,608	$71,688,608	$71,688,608
Lottery Proceeds	$29,815,717	$29,815,717	$29,815,717	$174,815,717
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$15,071	$15,071	$15,071	$15,071
Ambulance Provider Fees	$2,646,178	$2,646,178	$2,646,178	$2,646,178
Nursing Home Provider Fees	($27,902,969)	($27,902,969)	($27,902,969)	($27,902,969)
Hospital Provider Fee	$46,990,651	$46,990,651	$46,990,651	$46,990,651
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$187,963,400	$184,547,434	$212,717,807	$184,435,606
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$17,918,923	$17,918,923	$17,918,923	$17,918,923
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$2,820,834	$5,618,220	$5,664,039	$5,506,392
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$190,587,336	$186,443,836	$214,568,390	$186,443,836
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	($23,363,693)	($25,433,545)	($25,433,545)	($25,433,545)
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,177,152	$3,177,152	$53,577,152	$3,177,152
Interest and Investment Income	$0	$0	$50,400,000	$0
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$0	$0	$50,400,000	$0
Sales and Services	$3,177,152	$3,177,152	$3,177,152	$3,177,152
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,177,152	$3,177,152	$3,177,152	$3,177,152
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$142,919	$142,919	$142,919	$142,919
Agency Funds Transfers	$142,919	$142,919	$142,919	$142,919

Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$142,919	$142,919	$142,919	$142,919
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,697,766,166	$4,694,350,200	$4,772,920,573	$6,088,238,372

Reconciliation of Fund Availability to Fund Application

Section 1: Georgia Senate

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,015,468	$18,015,468	$18,015,468	$18,015,468
State General Funds	$18,015,468	$18,015,468	$18,015,468	$18,015,468
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,015,468	$18,015,468	$18,015,468	$18,015,468
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,090,468	$18,090,468	$18,608,861	$18,595,198
State General Funds	$18,090,468	$18,090,468	$18,608,861	$18,595,198
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,090,468	$18,090,468	$18,608,861	$18,595,198

Lieutenant Governor's Office			**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,346,940	$2,346,940	$2,346,940	$2,346,940
State General Funds	$2,346,940	$2,346,940	$2,346,940	$2,346,940
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,346,940	$2,346,940	$2,346,940	$2,346,940

1.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees. (CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$8,074	$12,918

1.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($7,319)	($14,638)

1.1000 Lieutenant Governor's Office				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,346,940	$2,346,940	$2,347,695	$2,345,220
State General Funds	$2,346,940	$2,346,940	$2,347,695	$2,345,220
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,346,940	$2,346,940	$2,347,695	$2,345,220

Secretary of the Senate's Office			**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,553,243	$1,553,243	$1,553,243	$1,553,243
State General Funds	$1,553,243	$1,553,243	$1,553,243	$1,553,243
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,553,243	$1,553,243	$1,553,243	$1,553,243

2.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees. (CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$9,420	$15,071

2.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($4,844)	($9,688)

2.1000 Secretary of the Senate's Office				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,553,243	$1,553,243	$1,557,819	$1,558,626
State General Funds	$1,553,243	$1,553,243	$1,557,819	$1,558,626
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,553,243	$1,553,243	$1,557,819	$1,558,626

Senate			**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,115,285	$14,115,285	$14,115,285	$14,115,285
State General Funds	$14,115,285	$14,115,285	$14,115,285	$14,115,285
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,115,285	$14,115,285	$14,115,285	$14,115,285

3.1 *Increase funds for projected expenditures in contracts. (S and CC:Increase funds for projected expenditures in contracts, and for legislative operations)*

State General Funds	$75,000	$75,000	$550,000	$550,000

3.2 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees. (CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$82,083	$114,109

3.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($44,021)	($88,042)

3.1000 Senate				Appropriation (HB 973)
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,190,285	$14,190,285	$14,703,347	$14,691,352
State General Funds	$14,190,285	$14,190,285	$14,703,347	$14,691,352
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,190,285	$14,190,285	$14,703,347	$14,691,352

Section 2: Georgia House of Representatives

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,664,595	$26,664,595	$26,664,595	$26,664,595
State General Funds	$26,664,595	$26,664,595	$26,664,595	$26,664,595
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$26,664,595	$26,664,595	$26,664,595	$26,664,595

	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,214,595	$27,336,339	$27,256,409	$27,219,100
State General Funds	$27,214,595	$27,336,339	$27,256,409	$27,219,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,214,595	$27,336,339	$27,256,409	$27,219,100

House of Representatives			Continuation Budget	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,664,595	$26,664,595	$26,664,595	$26,664,595
State General Funds	$26,664,595	$26,664,595	$26,664,595	$26,664,595
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$26,664,595	$26,664,595	$26,664,595	$26,664,595

4.1 *Increase funds for legislative operations.*

State General Funds	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000

4.2 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds		$213,147	$133,217	$187,311

4.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($91,403)	($91,403)	($182,806)

4.1000 House of Representatives				Appropriation (HB 973)
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,214,595	$27,336,339	$27,256,409	$27,219,100
State General Funds	$27,214,595	$27,336,339	$27,256,409	$27,219,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,214,595	$27,336,339	$27,256,409	$27,219,100

Section 3: Georgia General Assembly Joint Offices

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,364,111	$23,364,111	$23,364,111	$23,364,111
State General Funds	$23,364,111	$23,364,111	$23,364,111	$23,364,111
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$23,364,111	$23,364,111	$23,364,111	$23,364,111
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,364,111	$23,959,833	$23,903,318	$23,911,304
State General Funds	$23,364,111	$23,959,833	$23,903,318	$23,911,304
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$23,364,111	$23,959,833	$23,903,318	$23,911,304

Ancillary Activities **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services for the legislative branch of government.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,476,476	$15,476,476	$15,476,476	$15,476,476
State General Funds	$15,476,476	$15,476,476	$15,476,476	$15,476,476
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,476,476	$15,476,476	$15,476,476	$15,476,476

5.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$61,558	$38,474	$55,978

5.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($24,362)	($24,362)	($48,724)

5.3 *Increase funds for security services.*

State General Funds	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000

5.1000 Ancillary Activities **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services for the legislative branch of government.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,476,476	$16,013,672	$15,990,588	$15,983,730
State General Funds	$15,476,476	$16,013,672	$15,990,588	$15,983,730
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,476,476	$16,013,672	$15,990,588	$15,983,730

Legislative Fiscal Office **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to act as the bookkeeper-comptroller for the legislative branch of government and maintain an account of legislative expenditures and commitments.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,400,401	$1,400,401	$1,400,401	$1,400,401
State General Funds	$1,400,401	$1,400,401	$1,400,401	$1,400,401
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,400,401	$1,400,401	$1,400,401	$1,400,401

6.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$74,294	$9,287	$10,765

6.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($25,754)	($25,754)	($51,508)

6.1000 Legislative Fiscal Office **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to act as the bookkeeper-comptroller for the legislative branch of government and maintain an account of legislative expenditures and commitments.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,400,401	$1,448,941	$1,383,934	$1,359,658
State General Funds	$1,400,401	$1,448,941	$1,383,934	$1,359,658
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,400,401	$1,448,941	$1,383,934	$1,359,658

Office of Legislative Counsel **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide bill-drafting services, advice and counsel for members of the General Assembly.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,487,234	$6,487,234	$6,487,234	$6,487,234
State General Funds	$6,487,234	$6,487,234	$6,487,234	$6,487,234
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,487,234	$6,487,234	$6,487,234	$6,487,234

7.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$14,858	$46,434	$90,426

7.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($4,872)	($4,872)	($9,744)

7.1000 Office of Legislative Counsel			**Appropriation (HB 973)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide bill-drafting services, advice and counsel for members of the General Assembly.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,487,234	$6,497,220	$6,528,796	$6,567,916
State General Funds	$6,487,234	$6,497,220	$6,528,796	$6,567,916
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,487,234	$6,497,220	$6,528,796	$6,567,916

Section 4: Audits and Accounts, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$47,905,532	$47,905,532	$47,905,532	$47,905,532
State General Funds	$47,905,532	$47,905,532	$47,905,532	$47,905,532
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$47,965,532	$47,965,532	$47,965,532	$47,965,532

	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$48,141,814	$48,516,077	$48,074,723	$48,089,972
State General Funds	$48,141,814	$48,516,077	$48,074,723	$48,089,972
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$48,201,814	$48,576,077	$48,134,723	$48,149,972

Audit and Assurance Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide audit and assurance services for State Agencies, Authorities, Commissions, Bureaus, and higher education systems to facilitate Auditor's reports for the State of Georgia Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, the State of Georgia Single Audit Report, and the State of Georgia Budgetary Compliance Report; to conduct audits of public school systems in Georgia; to conduct performance audits; to perform special examinations at the request of the General Assembly; to conduct reviews of audits reports conducted by other independent auditors of local governments and non-profit organizations contracting with the State; and to provide state financial information online to promote transparency in government.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,356,229	$39,356,229	$39,356,229	$39,356,229
State General Funds	$39,356,229	$39,356,229	$39,356,229	$39,356,229
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,416,229	$39,416,229	$39,416,229	$39,416,229

8.1 *Increase funds for continued investment in subscription-based data analytics and Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies to innovate and improve the productivity in support of audit work and results. (S and CC:YES; Utilize existing funds ($236,282) for continued investment in subscription-based data analytics and Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies to innovate and improve the productivity in support of audit work and results)*

State General Funds	$236,282	$236,282	$0	$0

8.2 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$472,869	$295,544	$456,436

8.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($151,111)	($151,111)	($302,222)

8.4 *Utilize existing funds to fill vacancies and assume responsibility for public school system audits over a three-year period. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

8.1000 Audit and Assurance Services **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide audit and assurance services for State Agencies, Authorities, Commissions, Bureaus, and higher education systems to facilitate Auditor's reports for the State of Georgia Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, the State of Georgia Single Audit Report, and the State of Georgia Budgetary Compliance Report; to conduct audits of public school systems in Georgia; to conduct performance audits; to perform special examinations at the request of the General Assembly; to conduct reviews of audits reports conducted by other independent auditors of local governments and non-profit organizations contracting with the State; and to provide state financial information online to promote transparency in government.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,592,511	$39,914,269	$39,500,662	$39,510,443
State General Funds	$39,592,511	$39,914,269	$39,500,662	$39,510,443
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,652,511	$39,974,269	$39,560,662	$39,570,443

Departmental Administration (DOAA) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all Department programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,255,621	$3,255,621	$3,255,621	$3,255,621
State General Funds	$3,255,621	$3,255,621	$3,255,621	$3,255,621
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,255,621	$3,255,621	$3,255,621	$3,255,621

9.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$34,942	$21,839	$34,448

9.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($9,700)	($9,700)	($19,400)

9.1000 Departmental Administration (DOAA) **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all Department programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,255,621	$3,280,863	$3,267,760	$3,270,669
State General Funds	$3,255,621	$3,280,863	$3,267,760	$3,270,669
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,255,621	$3,280,863	$3,267,760	$3,270,669

Legislative Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to analyze proposed legislation affecting state retirement systems for fiscal impact and review actuarial investigations and to prepare fiscal notes upon request on other legislation having a significant impact on state revenues and/or expenditures.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000
State General Funds	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000

10.1000 Legislative Services **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to analyze proposed legislation affecting state retirement systems for fiscal impact and review actuarial investigations and to prepare fiscal notes upon request on other legislation having a significant impact on state revenues and/or expenditures.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000
State General Funds	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000

Statewide Equalized Adjusted Property Tax Digest **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to establish an equalized adjusted property tax digest for each county and for the State as a whole for use in allocating state funds for public school systems; to provide the Revenue Commissioner statistical data regarding county Tax Assessor compliance with requirements for both uniformity of assessment and level of assessment; and to establish the appropriate level of assessment for centrally assessed public utility companies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,050,682	$3,050,682	$3,050,682	$3,050,682
State General Funds	$3,050,682	$3,050,682	$3,050,682	$3,050,682
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,050,682	$3,050,682	$3,050,682	$3,050,682

11.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$39,051	$24,407	$38,754

11.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($11,788)	($11,788)	($23,576)

11.1000 Statewide Equalized Adjusted Property Tax Digest **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to establish an equalized adjusted property tax digest for each county and for the State as a whole for use in allocating state funds for public school systems; to provide the Revenue Commissioner statistical data regarding county Tax Assessor compliance with requirements for both uniformity of assessment and level of assessment; and to establish the appropriate level of assessment for centrally assessed public utility companies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,050,682	$3,077,945	$3,063,301	$3,065,860
State General Funds	$3,050,682	$3,077,945	$3,063,301	$3,065,860
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,050,682	$3,077,945	$3,063,301	$3,065,860

Section 5: Appeals, Court of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,677,694	$27,677,694	$27,677,694	$27,677,694
State General Funds	$27,677,694	$27,677,694	$27,677,694	$27,677,694
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,827,694	$27,827,694	$27,827,694	$27,827,694
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,977,194	$28,073,742	$27,803,271	$27,762,296
State General Funds	$27,977,194	$28,073,742	$27,803,271	$27,762,296
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$28,127,194	$28,223,742	$27,953,271	$27,912,296

Court of Appeals **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is for this court to review and exercise appellate and certiorari jurisdiction pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Georgia, Art. VI, Section V, Para. III, in all cases not reserved to the Supreme Court of Georgia or conferred on other courts by law.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,677,694	$27,677,694	$27,677,694	$27,677,694
State General Funds	$27,677,694	$27,677,694	$27,677,694	$27,677,694
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,827,694	$27,827,694	$27,827,694	$27,827,694

12.1 *Increase funds for commute funds required for a new judge appointed January 1, 2025.*

State General Funds	$40,000	$40,000	$40,000	$40,000

12.2 *Increase funds for FY2026 contract costs associated with shared director of Judicial Protection Services.*

State General Funds	$62,500	$62,500	$62,500	$62,500

12.3 *Increase funds for ongoing licensing and maintenance costs associated with moving the Court's technology platform to a cloud-based solution. (S and CC:YES; Utilize existing funds for ongoing licensing and maintenance costs associated with moving the Court's technology platform to a cloud-based solution)*

State General Funds	$197,000	$197,000	$0	$0

12.4 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds		$195,923	$122,452	$180,852

12.5 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($99,375)	($99,375)	($198,750)

12.1000 Court of Appeals			**Appropriation (HB 973)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is for this court to review and exercise appellate and certiorari jurisdiction pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Georgia, Art. VI, Section V, Para. III, in all cases not reserved to the Supreme Court of Georgia or conferred on other courts by law.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,977,194	$28,073,742	$27,803,271	$27,762,296
State General Funds	$27,977,194	$28,073,742	$27,803,271	$27,762,296
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$28,127,194	$28,223,742	$27,953,271	$27,912,296

Section 6: Judicial Council

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,262,541	$26,262,541	$26,262,541	$26,262,541
State General Funds	$26,262,541	$26,262,541	$26,262,541	$26,262,541
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,469,320	$2,469,320	$2,469,320	$2,469,320
Intergovernmental Transfers	$714,905	$714,905	$714,905	$714,905
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$714,905	$714,905	$714,905	$714,905
Sales and Services	$1,754,415	$1,754,415	$1,754,415	$1,754,415
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,754,415	$1,754,415	$1,754,415	$1,754,415
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000
State Funds Transfers	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$30,729,228	$30,729,228	$30,729,228	$30,729,228

	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,649,288	$26,718,118	$26,539,805	$26,582,559
State General Funds	$26,649,288	$26,718,118	$26,539,805	$26,582,559
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,469,320	$2,469,320	$2,469,320	$2,469,320
Intergovernmental Transfers	$714,905	$714,905	$714,905	$714,905
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$714,905	$714,905	$714,905	$714,905
Sales and Services	$1,754,415	$1,754,415	$1,754,415	$1,754,415
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,754,415	$1,754,415	$1,754,415	$1,754,415
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000
State Funds Transfers	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$31,115,975	$31,184,805	$31,006,492	$31,049,246

Council of Accountability Court Judges **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,325,892	$1,325,892	$1,325,892	$1,325,892
State General Funds	$1,325,892	$1,325,892	$1,325,892	$1,325,892
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,325,892	$1,325,892	$1,325,892	$1,325,892

13.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$17,226	$10,767	$17,224

13.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($2,933)	($2,933)	($5,866)

13.3 *Reduce funds for personnel based on the actual start date of new positions.*

State General Funds	($66,302)	($66,302)	($66,302)

13.4 *Increase funds for a one-time payment for accountability court case management system (CMS) integration. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds	$150,000	$0	$0

13.1000 Council of Accountability Court Judges **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,325,892	$1,423,883	$1,267,424	$1,270,948
State General Funds	$1,325,892	$1,423,883	$1,267,424	$1,270,948
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,325,892	$1,423,883	$1,267,424	$1,270,948

Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to oversee the state's court-connected alternative dispute resolution (ADR) services by promoting the establishment of new ADR court programs, providing support to existing programs, establishing and enforcing qualifications and ethical standards, registering ADR professionals and volunteers, providing training, administering statewide grants, and collecting statistical data to monitor program effectiveness.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212
Sales and Services	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212

14.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$4,306	$2,692	$4,306

14.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($733)	($733)	($1,466)

14.1000 Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to oversee the state's court-connected alternative dispute resolution (ADR) services by promoting the establishment of new ADR court programs, providing support to existing programs, establishing and enforcing qualifications and ethical standards, registering ADR professionals and volunteers, providing training, administering statewide grants, and collecting statistical data to monitor program effectiveness.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$3,573	$1,959	$2,840
State General Funds	$0	$3,573	$1,959	$2,840
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212
Sales and Services	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$487,212	$490,785	$489,171	$490,052

Institute of Continuing Judicial Education			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide basic training and continuing education for Superior Court Judges, Juvenile Court Judges, State Court Judges, Probate Court Judges, Magistrate Court Judges, Municipal Court Judges, Superior Court Clerks, Juvenile Court Clerks, Municipal Court Clerks, and other court personnel.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$844,596	$844,596	$844,596	$844,596
State General Funds	$844,596	$844,596	$844,596	$844,596
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203
Sales and Services	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,797,799	$1,797,799	$1,797,799	$1,797,799

15.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.*

State General Funds	$17,224

15.1000 Institute of Continuing Judicial Education				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide basic training and continuing education for Superior Court Judges, Juvenile Court Judges, State Court Judges, Probate Court Judges, Magistrate Court Judges, Municipal Court Judges, Superior Court Clerks, Juvenile Court Clerks, Municipal Court Clerks, and other court personnel.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$844,596	$844,596	$844,596	$861,820
State General Funds	$844,596	$844,596	$844,596	$861,820
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203
Sales and Services	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,797,799	$1,797,799	$1,797,799	$1,815,023

Judicial Council **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of the appropriation is to support the Administrative Office of the Courts; to provide administrative support for the councils of the Magistrate Court Judges, the Municipal Court Judges, the Probate Court Judges, the State Court Judges, and the Georgia Council of Court Administrators; to operate the Child Support E-Filing system, the Child Support Guidelines Commission, and the Commission on Interpreters; and to support the Committee on Justice for Children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,476,799	$18,476,799	$18,476,799	$18,476,799
State General Funds	$18,476,799	$18,476,799	$18,476,799	$18,476,799
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,018,905	$1,018,905	$1,018,905	$1,018,905
Intergovernmental Transfers	$714,905	$714,905	$714,905	$714,905
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$714,905	$714,905	$714,905	$714,905
Sales and Services	$304,000	$304,000	$304,000	$304,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$304,000	$304,000	$304,000	$304,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000
State Funds Transfers	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,493,071	$21,493,071	$21,493,071	$21,493,071

16.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$150,703	$94,190	$137,792

16.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($25,660)	($25,660)	($51,320)

16.3 *Reduce funds for personnel based on the actual start date of a new position.*

State General Funds	($27,150)	($27,150)	($27,150)

16.1000 Judicial Council **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of the appropriation is to support the Administrative Office of the Courts; to provide administrative support for the councils of the Magistrate Court Judges, the Municipal Court Judges, the Probate Court Judges, the State Court Judges, and the Georgia Council of Court Administrators; to operate the Child Support E-Filing system, the Child Support Guidelines Commission, and the Commission on Interpreters; and to support the Committee on Justice for Children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,476,799	$18,574,692	$18,518,179	$18,536,121
State General Funds	$18,476,799	$18,574,692	$18,518,179	$18,536,121
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,018,905	$1,018,905	$1,018,905	$1,018,905
Intergovernmental Transfers	$714,905	$714,905	$714,905	$714,905
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$714,905	$714,905	$714,905	$714,905
Sales and Services	$304,000	$304,000	$304,000	$304,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$304,000	$304,000	$304,000	$304,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000
State Funds Transfers	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,493,071	$21,590,964	$21,534,451	$21,552,393

Judicial Qualifications Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate complaints filed against a judicial officer, impose and recommend disciplinary sanctions against any judicial officer, and when necessary, file formal charges against that officer and provide a formal trial or hearing. The purpose of this appropriation is also to produce formal and informal advisory opinions; provide training and guidance to judicial candidates regarding the Code of Judicial Conduct; and investigate allegations of unethical campaign practices.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,593,094	$1,593,094	$1,593,094	$1,593,094
State General Funds	$1,593,094	$1,593,094	$1,593,094	$1,593,094
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,593,094	$1,593,094	$1,593,094	$1,593,094

17.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$15,072	$9,420	$15,071

17.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($2,566)	($2,566)	($5,132)

17.3 *Reduce funds for unutilized legal fees. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds	($50,000)	$0	$0

17.1000 Judicial Qualifications Commission **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate complaints filed against a judicial officer, impose and recommend disciplinary sanctions against any judicial officer, and when necessary, file formal charges against that officer and provide a formal trial or hearing. The purpose of this appropriation is also to produce

formal and informal advisory opinions; provide training and guidance to judicial candidates regarding the Code of Judicial Conduct; and investigate allegations of unethical campaign practices.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,593,094	$1,555,600	$1,599,948	$1,603,033
State General Funds	$1,593,094	$1,555,600	$1,599,948	$1,603,033
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,593,094	$1,555,600	$1,599,948	$1,603,033

Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to carry out the duties associated with investigative and hearing panels on the conduct of district attorneys and solicitors general, as well as funding administrative personnel and operations.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,125,000	$1,125,000	$1,125,000	$1,125,000
State General Funds	$1,125,000	$1,125,000	$1,125,000	$1,125,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,125,000	$1,125,000	$1,125,000	$1,125,000

18.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$8,614	$5,384	$6,459

18.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($1,467)	($1,467)	($2,934)

18.1000 Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to carry out the duties associated with investigative and hearing panels on the conduct of district attorneys and solicitors general, as well as funding administrative personnel and operations.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,125,000	$1,132,147	$1,128,917	$1,128,525
State General Funds	$1,125,000	$1,132,147	$1,128,917	$1,128,525
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,125,000	$1,132,147	$1,128,917	$1,128,525

Resource Center **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide direct representation to death penalty sentenced inmates and to recruit and assist private attorneys to represent plaintiffs in habeas corpus proceedings.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000
State General Funds	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000

19.1000 Resource Center				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide direct representation to death penalty sentenced inmates and to recruit and assist private attorneys to represent plaintiffs in habeas corpus proceedings.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000
State General Funds	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000

Georgia State-wide Business Court			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to support a state-wide business court in matters of resolving commercial dispute and litigation.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,997,160	$1,997,160	$1,997,160	$1,997,160
State General Funds	$1,997,160	$1,997,160	$1,997,160	$1,997,160
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
Sales and Services	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,007,160	$2,007,160	$2,007,160	$2,007,160

20.1 *Increase funds for one-time costs for annual leave payouts.*

State General Funds	$41,000	$0	$0	$0

20.2 *Increase funds to align salaries per O.C.G.A. 15-5A-11.*

State General Funds	$2,187	$2,187	$2,187	$2,187

20.3 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds		$12,920	$8,075	$10,765

20.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($2,200)	($2,200)	($4,400)

20.1000 Georgia State-wide Business Court				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support a state-wide business court in matters of resolving commercial dispute and litigation.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,040,347	$2,010,067	$2,005,222	$2,005,712
State General Funds	$2,040,347	$2,010,067	$2,005,222	$2,005,712
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
Sales and Services	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,050,347	$2,020,067	$2,015,222	$2,015,712

Georgia Tax Court **Continuation Budget**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

21.1 *Increase funds for personnel for the Georgia Tax Court Judge effective April 1, 2026 per HB392 (2025 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	$91,560	$91,560	$91,560	$91,560

21.2 *Increase funds for operations.*

State General Funds	$42,000	$22,000	$22,000	$22,000

21.3 *Increase funds for contracts.*

State General Funds	$110,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000

21.4 *Increase funds for start-up costs.*

State General Funds	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000

21.999 ***CC****: The purpose of this appropriation is to support a tax court with state-wide jurisdiction over challenges and appeals of tax matters involving the Georgia Department of Revenue.*
Senate*: The purpose of this appropriation is to support a tax court with state-wide jurisdiction over challenges and appeals of tax matters involving the Georgia Department of Revenue.*
House*: The purpose of this appropriation is to support a tax court with state-wide jurisdiction over challenges and appeals of tax matters involving the Georgia Department of Revenue.*
Governor*: The purpose of this appropriation is to support a tax court with state-wide jurisdiction over challenges and appeals of tax matters involving the Georgia Department of Revenue.*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

21.1000 Georgia Tax Court **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support a tax court with state-wide jurisdiction over challenges and appeals of tax matters involving the Georgia Department of Revenue.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$343,560	$273,560	$273,560	$273,560
State General Funds	$343,560	$273,560	$273,560	$273,560
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$343,560	$273,560	$273,560	$273,560

Section 7: Juvenile Courts

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,810,645	$9,810,645	$9,810,645	$9,810,645
State General Funds	$9,810,645	$9,810,645	$9,810,645	$9,810,645
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,878,131	$9,878,131	$9,878,131	$9,878,131
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,166,209	$10,178,435	$10,171,976	$10,173,437
State General Funds	$10,166,209	$10,178,435	$10,171,976	$10,173,437
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,233,695	$10,245,921	$10,239,462	$10,240,923

Council of Juvenile Court Judges **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the Council of Juvenile Court Judges to represent all the juvenile judges in Georgia. Jurisdiction in cases involving children includes delinquencies, status offenses, and deprivation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,026,916	$2,026,916	$2,026,916	$2,026,916
State General Funds	$2,026,916	$2,026,916	$2,026,916	$2,026,916
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,094,402	$2,094,402	$2,094,402	$2,094,402

22.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$17,224	$10,765	$17,224

22.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($4,998)	($4,998)	($9,996)

22.1000 Council of Juvenile Court Judges				Appropriation (HB 973)
The purpose of this appropriation is for the Council of Juvenile Court Judges to represent all the juvenile judges in Georgia. Jurisdiction in cases involving children includes delinquencies, status offenses, and deprivation.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,026,916	$2,039,142	$2,032,683	$2,034,144
State General Funds	$2,026,916	$2,039,142	$2,032,683	$2,034,144
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,094,402	$2,106,628	$2,100,169	$2,101,630
Grants to Counties for Juvenile Court Judges			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is for payment of state funds to circuits to pay for juvenile court judges salaries.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,783,729	$7,783,729	$7,783,729	$7,783,729
State General Funds	$7,783,729	$7,783,729	$7,783,729	$7,783,729
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,783,729	$7,783,729	$7,783,729	$7,783,729

23.1 *Increase funds to reflect an increase in the Judicial Retirement System (JRS) employer contribution rate due to the passage of HB85 (2025 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	$355,564	$355,564	$355,564	$355,564

23.1000 Grants to Counties for Juvenile Court Judges				Appropriation (HB 973)
The purpose of this appropriation is for payment of state funds to circuits to pay for juvenile court judges salaries.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,139,293	$8,139,293	$8,139,293	$8,139,293
State General Funds	$8,139,293	$8,139,293	$8,139,293	$8,139,293
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,139,293	$8,139,293	$8,139,293	$8,139,293

Section 8: Prosecuting Attorneys

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$131,005,428	$131,005,428	$131,005,428	$131,005,428
State General Funds	$131,005,428	$131,005,428	$131,005,428	$131,005,428
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,239,803	$2,239,803	$2,239,803	$2,239,803
State Funds Transfers	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611
Agency to Agency Contracts	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611
Federal Funds Transfers	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192
Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$133,245,231	$133,245,231	$133,245,231	$133,245,231

	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$131,005,428	$132,302,163	$131,628,814	$131,721,482
State General Funds	$131,005,428	$132,302,163	$131,628,814	$131,721,482
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,239,803	$2,239,803	$2,239,803	$2,239,803
State Funds Transfers	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611
Agency to Agency Contracts	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611
Federal Funds Transfers	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192
Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$133,245,231	$134,541,966	$133,868,617	$133,961,285

Conflict Case **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist District Attorneys in the execution of their duties when a District Attorney is disqualified from interest or relationship to engage in a prosecution per OCGA 15-18-5.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,700,282	$1,700,282	$1,700,282	$1,700,282
State General Funds	$1,700,282	$1,700,282	$1,700,282	$1,700,282
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,700,282	$1,700,282	$1,700,282	$1,700,282

24.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$15,071	$9,420	$15,071

24.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($4,419)	($4,419)	($8,838)

24.1000 Conflict Case **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist District Attorneys in the execution of their duties when a District Attorney is disqualified from interest or relationship to engage in a prosecution per OCGA 15-18-5.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,700,282	$1,710,934	$1,705,283	$1,706,515
State General Funds	$1,700,282	$1,710,934	$1,705,283	$1,706,515
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,700,282	$1,710,934	$1,705,283	$1,706,515

Council of Superior Court Clerks **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist superior court clerks throughout the state in the execution of their duties and to promote and assist in the training of superior court clerks.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$190,721	$190,721	$190,721	$190,721
State General Funds	$190,721	$190,721	$190,721	$190,721
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$190,721	$190,721	$190,721	$190,721

25.1000 Council of Superior Court Clerks **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist superior court clerks throughout the state in the execution of their duties and to promote and assist in the training of superior court clerks.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$190,721	$190,721	$190,721	$190,721
State General Funds	$190,721	$190,721	$190,721	$190,721
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$190,721	$190,721	$190,721	$190,721

District Attorneys **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the District Attorney to represent the State of Georgia in the trial and appeal of criminal cases in the Superior Court for the judicial circuit and delinquency cases in the juvenile courts per Ga. Const., Art. VI, Sec. VIII. Para I and OCGA 15-18.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$118,315,041	$118,315,041	$118,315,041	$118,315,041
State General Funds	$118,315,041	$118,315,041	$118,315,041	$118,315,041
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,239,803	$2,239,803	$2,239,803	$2,239,803
State Funds Transfers	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611
Agency to Agency Contracts	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611
Federal Funds Transfers	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192
Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$120,554,844	$120,554,844	$120,554,844	$120,554,844

26.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$1,679,340	$1,049,588	$1,606,138

26.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($464,779)	($464,779)	($929,558)

26.1000 District Attorneys **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the District Attorney to represent the State of Georgia in the trial and appeal of criminal cases in the Superior Court for the judicial circuit and delinquency cases in the juvenile courts per Ga. Const., Art. VI, Sec. VIII. Para I and OCGA 15-18.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$118,315,041	$119,529,602	$118,899,850	$118,991,621
State General Funds	$118,315,041	$119,529,602	$118,899,850	$118,991,621

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,239,803	$2,239,803	$2,239,803	$2,239,803
State Funds Transfers	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611
Agency to Agency Contracts	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611
Federal Funds Transfers	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192
Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$120,554,844	$121,769,405	$121,139,653	$121,231,424

Prosecuting Attorneys' Council **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist Georgia's District Attorneys and State Court Solicitors.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,799,384	$10,799,384	$10,799,384	$10,799,384
State General Funds	$10,799,384	$10,799,384	$10,799,384	$10,799,384
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,799,384	$10,799,384	$10,799,384	$10,799,384

27.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$101,191	$63,245	$92,579

27.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($29,669)	($29,669)	($59,338)

27.1000 Prosecuting Attorneys' Council			**Appropriation (HB 973)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist Georgia's District Attorneys and State Court Solicitors.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,799,384	$10,870,906	$10,832,960	$10,832,625
State General Funds	$10,799,384	$10,870,906	$10,832,960	$10,832,625
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,799,384	$10,870,906	$10,832,960	$10,832,625

Section 9: Superior Courts

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$103,428,047	$103,428,047	$103,428,047	$103,428,047
State General Funds	$103,428,047	$103,428,047	$103,428,047	$103,428,047
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$82,750	$82,750	$82,750	$82,750
Intergovernmental Transfers	$12,750	$12,750	$12,750	$12,750
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$12,750	$12,750	$12,750	$12,750
Royalties and Rents	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$103,510,797	$103,510,797	$103,510,797	$103,510,797

	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$103,525,243	$103,090,283	$102,136,312	$101,925,456
State General Funds	$103,525,243	$103,090,283	$102,136,312	$101,925,456
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$82,750	$82,750	$82,750	$82,750
Intergovernmental Transfers	$12,750	$12,750	$12,750	$12,750
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$12,750	$12,750	$12,750	$12,750
Royalties and Rents	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$103,607,993	$103,173,033	$102,219,062	$102,008,206

Council of Superior Court Judges **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the operations of the Council of Superior Court Judges and is to further the improvement of the Superior Court in the administration of justice through leadership, training, policy development and budgetary and fiscal administration.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,950,532	$1,950,532	$1,950,532	$1,950,532
State General Funds	$1,950,532	$1,950,532	$1,950,532	$1,950,532
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$55,000	$55,000	$55,000	$55,000
Royalties and Rents	$55,000	$55,000	$55,000	$55,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$55,000	$55,000	$55,000	$55,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,005,532	$2,005,532	$2,005,532	$2,005,532

28.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$23,683	$14,802	$21,530

28.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($7,388)	($7,388)	($14,776)

28.1000 Council of Superior Court Judges **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the operations of the Council of Superior Court Judges and is to further the improvement of the Superior Court in the administration of justice through leadership, training, policy development and budgetary and fiscal administration.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,950,532	$1,966,827	$1,957,946	$1,957,286
State General Funds	$1,950,532	$1,966,827	$1,957,946	$1,957,286
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$55,000	$55,000	$55,000	$55,000
Royalties and Rents	$55,000	$55,000	$55,000	$55,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$55,000	$55,000	$55,000	$55,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,005,532	$2,021,827	$2,012,946	$2,012,286

Judicial Administrative Districts **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regional administrative support to the judges of the superior court. This support includes managing budgets, policy, procedure, and providing a liaison between local and state courts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,487,043	$3,487,043	$3,487,043	$3,487,043
State General Funds	$3,487,043	$3,487,043	$3,487,043	$3,487,043
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$12,750	$12,750	$12,750	$12,750
Intergovernmental Transfers	$12,750	$12,750	$12,750	$12,750
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$12,750	$12,750	$12,750	$12,750
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,499,793	$3,499,793	$3,499,793	$3,499,793

29.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$43,060	$26,913	$43,060

29.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($13,391)	($13,391)	($26,782)

29.1000 Judicial Administrative Districts **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regional administrative support to the judges of the superior court. This support includes managing budgets, policy, procedure, and providing a liaison between local and state courts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,487,043	$3,516,712	$3,500,565	$3,503,321
State General Funds	$3,487,043	$3,516,712	$3,500,565	$3,503,321
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$12,750	$12,750	$12,750	$12,750
Intergovernmental Transfers	$12,750	$12,750	$12,750	$12,750
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$12,750	$12,750	$12,750	$12,750
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,499,793	$3,529,462	$3,513,315	$3,516,071

Superior Court Judges **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enable Georgia's Superior Courts to be the general jurisdiction trial court and exercise exclusive, constitutional authority over felony cases, divorce, equity and cases regarding title to land, provided that law clerks over the fifty provided by law are to be allocated back to the circuits by caseload ranks.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$97,990,472	$97,990,472	$97,990,472	$97,990,472
State General Funds	$97,990,472	$97,990,472	$97,990,472	$97,990,472
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$15,000	$15,000	$15,000	$15,000
Royalties and Rents	$15,000	$15,000	$15,000	$15,000

Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$15,000	$15,000	$15,000	$15,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$98,005,472	$98,005,472	$98,005,472	$98,005,472

30.1 *Increase funds for six months of the new salary structure pursuant to HB85 (2025 Legislative Session) for the Alapaha Circuit new judgeship effective January 1, 2026 created in HB55 (2025 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	$42,482	$42,482	$42,482	$42,482

30.2 *Increase funds for six months of the new salary structure pursuant to HB85 (2025 Legislative Session) for the Augusta Circuit new judgeship effective January 1, 2026 created in SB145 (2025 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	$42,482	$42,482	$42,482	$42,482

30.3 *Increase funds for six months of the new salary structure pursuant to HB85 (2025 Legislative Session) for the Douglas Circuit new judgeship effective January 1, 2026 created in SB88 (2025 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	$42,482	$42,482	$42,482	$42,482

30.4 *Reduce funds for the initial equipment set-up for the first six months of funding added for the Houston Circuit new judgeship created in HB960 (2024 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	($15,125)	($15,125)	($15,125)	($15,125)

30.5 *Reduce funds for the initial equipment set-up for the first six months of funding added for the Tifton Circuit new judgeship created in HB906 (2024 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	($15,125)	($15,125)	($15,125)	($15,125)

30.6 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds		$598,534	$374,084	$536,097

30.7 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($374,965)	($374,965)	($749,930)

30.8 *Reduce funds to reflect Superior Court Judges who have not opted in to the new salary structure.*

State General Funds		($704,493)	($1,408,986)	($1,408,986)

30.1000 Superior Court Judges **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enable Georgia's Superior Courts to be the general jurisdiction trial court and exercise exclusive, constitutional authority over felony cases, divorce, equity and cases regarding title to land, provided that law clerks over the fifty provided by law are to be allocated back to the circuits by caseload ranks.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$98,087,668	$97,606,744	$96,677,801	$96,464,849
State General Funds	$98,087,668	$97,606,744	$96,677,801	$96,464,849
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$15,000	$15,000	$15,000	$15,000
Royalties and Rents	$15,000	$15,000	$15,000	$15,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$15,000	$15,000	$15,000	$15,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$98,102,668	$97,621,744	$96,692,801	$96,479,849

Section 10: Supreme Court

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$19,622,337	$19,622,337	$19,622,337	$19,622,337
State General Funds	$19,622,337	$19,622,337	$19,622,337	$19,622,337
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,482,160	$21,482,160	$21,482,160	$21,482,160

	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$19,647,736	$19,748,502	$19,685,527	$19,666,263
State General Funds	$19,647,736	$19,748,502	$19,685,527	$19,666,263
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,507,559	$21,608,325	$21,545,350	$21,526,086

Supreme Court of Georgia **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Supreme Court of Georgia which exercises exclusive appellate jurisdiction in all cases involving: the construction of a treaty, the Constitution of the State of Georgia or of the United States, the constitutionality of a law, ordinance, or constitutional provision that has been drawn in question, and all cases of election contest per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. II. The purpose of this appropriation is also to support the Supreme Court of Georgia in its exercise of jurisdiction in cases per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. III and its administration of the Bar Exam and oversight of the Office of Reporter of Decisions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$19,622,337	$19,622,337	$19,622,337	$19,622,337
State General Funds	$19,622,337	$19,622,337	$19,622,337	$19,622,337
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,482,160	$21,482,160	$21,482,160	$21,482,160

31.1 *Increase funds for the Georgia State Patrol (DPS) Trooper agreement with the Supreme Court of Georgia.*

State General Funds	$25,399	$25,399	$25,399	$25,399

31.2 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$167,934	$104,959	$152,863

31.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($67,168)	($67,168)	($134,336)

31.1000 Supreme Court of Georgia **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Supreme Court of Georgia which exercises exclusive appellate jurisdiction in all cases involving: the construction of a treaty, the Constitution of the State of Georgia or of the United States, the constitutionality of a law, ordinance, or constitutional provision that has been drawn in question, and all cases of election contest per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. II. The purpose of this appropriation is also to support the Supreme Court of Georgia in its exercise of jurisdiction in cases per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. III and its administration of the Bar Exam and oversight of the Office of Reporter of Decisions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$19,647,736	$19,748,502	$19,685,527	$19,666,263
State General Funds	$19,647,736	$19,748,502	$19,685,527	$19,666,263
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,507,559	$21,608,325	$21,545,350	$21,526,086

Section 11: Accounting Office, State

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,434,126	$8,434,126	$8,434,126	$8,434,126
State General Funds	$8,434,126	$8,434,126	$8,434,126	$8,434,126
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$26,586,165	$26,586,165	$26,586,165	$26,586,165
State Funds Transfers	$26,586,165	$26,586,165	$26,586,165	$26,586,165
Accounting System Assessments	$25,993,885	$25,993,885	$25,993,885	$25,993,885
Agency to Agency Contracts	$592,280	$592,280	$592,280	$592,280
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$35,020,291	$35,020,291	$35,020,291	$35,020,291
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$19,287,425	$19,258,505	$19,201,992	$19,223,126
State General Funds	$19,287,425	$19,258,505	$19,201,992	$19,223,126
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$26,586,165	$26,586,165	$26,586,165	$26,586,165
State Funds Transfers	$26,586,165	$26,586,165	$26,586,165	$26,586,165
Accounting System Assessments	$25,993,885	$25,993,885	$25,993,885	$25,993,885

Agency to Agency Contracts	$592,280	$592,280	$592,280	$592,280
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$45,873,590	$45,844,670	$45,788,157	$45,809,291

Administration (SAO) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$371,853	$371,853	$371,853	$371,853
State General Funds	$371,853	$371,853	$371,853	$371,853
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372
State Funds Transfers	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372
Accounting System Assessments	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,285,225	$1,285,225	$1,285,225	$1,285,225

32.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$10,765	$10,765	$6,729	$10,765

32.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($858)	($858)	($1,716)

32.1000 Administration (SAO) **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$382,618	$381,760	$377,724	$380,902
State General Funds	$382,618	$381,760	$377,724	$380,902
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372
State Funds Transfers	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372
Accounting System Assessments	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,295,990	$1,295,132	$1,291,096	$1,294,274

Financial Systems **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to operate, support, monitor, and improve the State's enterprise financial accounting, payroll, and human capital management systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195
State Funds Transfers	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195

Accounting System Assessments	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195

33.1 *Increase funds for one-time funding to continue Teamworks Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) support for the Georgia Department of Transportation due to the extension of the agency's GA@WORK implementation timeline.*

State General Funds	$10,379,589	$10,379,589	$10,379,589	$10,379,589

33.1000 Financial Systems **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to operate, support, monitor, and improve the State's enterprise financial accounting, payroll, and human capital management systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,379,589	$10,379,589	$10,379,589	$10,379,589
State General Funds	$10,379,589	$10,379,589	$10,379,589	$10,379,589
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195
State Funds Transfers	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195
Accounting System Assessments	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$33,806,784	$33,806,784	$33,806,784	$33,806,784

Shared Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support client agencies in processing payroll and other financial transactions and to implement and support the Statewide Travel Consolidation Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$967,930	$967,930	$967,930	$967,930
State General Funds	$967,930	$967,930	$967,930	$967,930
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,863,786	$1,863,786	$1,863,786	$1,863,786
State Funds Transfers	$1,863,786	$1,863,786	$1,863,786	$1,863,786
Accounting System Assessments	$1,271,506	$1,271,506	$1,271,506	$1,271,506
Agency to Agency Contracts	$592,280	$592,280	$592,280	$592,280
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,831,716	$2,831,716	$2,831,716	$2,831,716

34.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$32,295	$32,295	$20,185	$32,295

34.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($3,875)	($3,875)	($7,750)

34.1000 Shared Services			**Appropriation (HB 973)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to support client agencies in processing payroll and other financial transactions and to implement and support the Statewide Travel Consolidation Program.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,000,225	$996,350	$984,240	$992,475
State General Funds	$1,000,225	$996,350	$984,240	$992,475
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,863,786	$1,863,786	$1,863,786	$1,863,786
State Funds Transfers	$1,863,786	$1,863,786	$1,863,786	$1,863,786
Accounting System Assessments	$1,271,506	$1,271,506	$1,271,506	$1,271,506
Agency to Agency Contracts	$592,280	$592,280	$592,280	$592,280
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,864,011	$2,860,136	$2,848,026	$2,856,261

Statewide Accounting and Reporting			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide financial reporting, accounting policy, business process improvement, and compliance with state and federal fiscal reporting requirements.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,885,818	$2,885,818	$2,885,818	$2,885,818
State General Funds	$2,885,818	$2,885,818	$2,885,818	$2,885,818
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$381,812	$381,812	$381,812	$381,812
State Funds Transfers	$381,812	$381,812	$381,812	$381,812
Accounting System Assessments	$381,812	$381,812	$381,812	$381,812
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,267,630	$3,267,630	$3,267,630	$3,267,630

35.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$60,284	$60,284	$37,678	$55,978

35.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($11,075)	($11,075)	($22,150)

35.1000 Statewide Accounting and Reporting			**Appropriation (HB 973)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide financial reporting, accounting policy, business process improvement, and compliance with state and federal fiscal reporting requirements.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,946,102	$2,935,027	$2,912,421	$2,919,646
State General Funds	$2,946,102	$2,935,027	$2,912,421	$2,919,646
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$381,812	$381,812	$381,812	$381,812
State Funds Transfers	$381,812	$381,812	$381,812	$381,812

Accounting System Assessments	$381,812	$381,812	$381,812	$381,812
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,327,914	$3,316,839	$3,294,233	$3,301,458

Georgia State Board of Accountancy **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public financial, fiscal, and economic interests by licensing certified public accountants and public accountancy firms; regulating public accountancy practices; and investigating complaints and taking appropriate legal and disciplinary actions when warranted.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$902,213	$902,213	$902,213	$902,213
State General Funds	$902,213	$902,213	$902,213	$902,213
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$902,213	$902,213	$902,213	$902,213

36.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$10,765	$10,765	$6,729	$10,765

36.2 *Increase funds for licensure database migration and operations.*

State General Funds	$323,000	$323,000	$323,000	$323,000

36.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($2,960)	($2,960)	($5,920)

36.1000 Georgia State Board of Accountancy **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public financial, fiscal, and economic interests by licensing certified public accountants and public accountancy firms; regulating public accountancy practices; and investigating complaints and taking appropriate legal and disciplinary actions when warranted.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,235,978	$1,233,018	$1,228,982	$1,230,058
State General Funds	$1,235,978	$1,233,018	$1,228,982	$1,230,058
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,235,978	$1,233,018	$1,228,982	$1,230,058

State Ethics Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the integrity of the democratic process and ensure compliance by candidates, public officials, non-candidate campaign committees, lobbyists and vendors with Georgia's Campaign and Financial Disclosure requirements.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,306,312	$3,306,312	$3,306,312	$3,306,312
State General Funds	$3,306,312	$3,306,312	$3,306,312	$3,306,312
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,306,312	$3,306,312	$3,306,312	$3,306,312

37.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$36,601	$36,601	$22,876	$34,448

37.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($10,152)	($10,152)	($20,304)

37.1000 State Ethics Commission				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the integrity of the democratic process and ensure compliance by candidates, public officials, non-candidate campaign committees, lobbyists and vendors with Georgia's Campaign and Financial Disclosure requirements.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,342,913	$3,332,761	$3,319,036	$3,320,456
State General Funds	$3,342,913	$3,332,761	$3,319,036	$3,320,456
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,342,913	$3,332,761	$3,319,036	$3,320,456

Section 12: Administrative Services, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,323,123	$21,323,123	$21,323,123	$21,323,123
State General Funds	$21,323,123	$21,323,123	$21,323,123	$21,323,123
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$53,180,415	$53,180,415	$53,180,415	$53,180,415
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Reserved Fund Balances	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
Interest and Investment Income	$11,975,144	$11,975,144	$11,975,144	$11,975,144
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$11,975,144	$11,975,144	$11,975,144	$11,975,144
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,624,034	$2,624,034	$2,624,034	$2,624,034
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,624,034	$2,624,034	$2,624,034	$2,624,034
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$26,666,202	$26,666,202	$26,666,202	$26,666,202
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$26,666,202	$26,666,202	$26,666,202	$26,666,202
Sales and Services	$4,509,751	$4,509,751	$4,509,751	$4,509,751
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,509,751	$4,509,751	$4,509,751	$4,509,751
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$234,643,176	$234,643,176	$234,643,176	$234,643,176
State Funds Transfers	$234,643,176	$234,643,176	$234,643,176	$234,643,176
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$52,903,588	$52,903,588	$52,903,588	$52,903,588
Liability Funds	$59,811,281	$59,811,281	$59,811,281	$59,811,281
Merit System Assessments	$9,104,497	$9,104,497	$9,104,497	$9,104,497
Unemployment Compensation Funds	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528

Workers Compensation Funds	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$309,146,714	$309,146,714	$309,146,714	$309,146,714

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$69,166,760	$66,653,566	$66,547,802	$31,629,607
State General Funds	$69,166,760	$66,653,566	$66,547,802	$31,629,607
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$53,180,415	$53,180,415	$53,180,415	$53,180,415
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Reserved Fund Balances	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
Interest and Investment Income	$11,975,144	$11,975,144	$11,975,144	$11,975,144
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$11,975,144	$11,975,144	$11,975,144	$11,975,144
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,624,034	$2,624,034	$2,624,034	$2,624,034
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,624,034	$2,624,034	$2,624,034	$2,624,034
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$26,666,202	$26,666,202	$26,666,202	$26,666,202
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$26,666,202	$26,666,202	$26,666,202	$26,666,202
Sales and Services	$4,509,751	$4,509,751	$4,509,751	$4,509,751
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,509,751	$4,509,751	$4,509,751	$4,509,751
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$234,643,176	$234,643,176	$234,643,176	$234,643,176
State Funds Transfers	$234,643,176	$234,643,176	$234,643,176	$234,643,176
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$52,903,588	$52,903,588	$52,903,588	$52,903,588
Liability Funds	$59,811,281	$59,811,281	$59,811,281	$59,811,281
Merit System Assessments	$9,104,497	$9,104,497	$9,104,497	$9,104,497
Unemployment Compensation Funds	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528
Workers Compensation Funds	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$356,990,351	$354,477,157	$354,371,393	$319,453,198

Certificate of Need Appeal Panel **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to review decisions made by the Department of Community Health on Certificate of Need applications.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506
State General Funds	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506

38.1000 Certificate of Need Appeal Panel **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to review decisions made by the Department of Community Health on Certificate of Need applications.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506
State General Funds	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506

Departmental Administration (DOAS)			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$810,000	$810,000	$810,000	$810,000
State General Funds	$810,000	$810,000	$810,000	$810,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,223,312	$4,223,312	$4,223,312	$4,223,312
Intergovernmental Transfers	$300,282	$300,282	$300,282	$300,282
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$300,282	$300,282	$300,282	$300,282
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$3,142,827	$3,142,827	$3,142,827	$3,142,827
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$3,142,827	$3,142,827	$3,142,827	$3,142,827
Sales and Services	$780,203	$780,203	$780,203	$780,203
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$780,203	$780,203	$780,203	$780,203
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$4,582,593	$4,582,593	$4,582,593	$4,582,593
State Funds Transfers	$4,582,593	$4,582,593	$4,582,593	$4,582,593
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,445,400	$2,445,400	$2,445,400	$2,445,400
Merit System Assessments	$2,137,193	$2,137,193	$2,137,193	$2,137,193
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,615,905	$9,615,905	$9,615,905	$9,615,905

39.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$120,568	$120,568	$75,355	$114,109

39.1000 Departmental Administration (DOAS)				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$930,568	$930,568	$885,355	$924,109
State General Funds	$930,568	$930,568	$885,355	$924,109
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,223,312	$4,223,312	$4,223,312	$4,223,312
Intergovernmental Transfers	$300,282	$300,282	$300,282	$300,282
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$300,282	$300,282	$300,282	$300,282
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$3,142,827	$3,142,827	$3,142,827	$3,142,827
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$3,142,827	$3,142,827	$3,142,827	$3,142,827
Sales and Services	$780,203	$780,203	$780,203	$780,203
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$780,203	$780,203	$780,203	$780,203
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$4,582,593	$4,582,593	$4,582,593	$4,582,593
State Funds Transfers	$4,582,593	$4,582,593	$4,582,593	$4,582,593
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,445,400	$2,445,400	$2,445,400	$2,445,400
Merit System Assessments	$2,137,193	$2,137,193	$2,137,193	$2,137,193
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,736,473	$9,736,473	$9,691,260	$9,730,014

Fleet Management **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and manage a fuel card program for state and local governments, to implement the Motor Vehicle Contract Maintenance Program to provide repairs, roadside assistance, and maintenance for state and local government fleets, and to establish a motor pool for traveling state employees.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160

40.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$12,918	$12,918	$8,074	$12,918

40.1000 Fleet Management **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and manage a fuel card program for state and local governments, to implement the Motor Vehicle Contract Maintenance Program to provide repairs, roadside assistance, and maintenance for state and local government fleets, and to establish a motor pool for traveling state employees.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,918	$12,918	$8,074	$12,918
State General Funds	$12,918	$12,918	$8,074	$12,918
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,720,078	$1,720,078	$1,715,234	$1,720,078

Human Resources Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide centralized services for statewide human resources in support of state agencies, the State Personnel Board, and employees; develop human resource policies, create job descriptions and classification, develop fair and consistent compensation practices, and administer the employee benefits program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$7,405,284	$7,405,284	$7,405,284	$7,405,284
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Reserved Fund Balances	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455

Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$6,967,304	$6,967,304	$6,967,304	$6,967,304
State Funds Transfers	$6,967,304	$6,967,304	$6,967,304	$6,967,304
Merit System Assessments	$6,967,304	$6,967,304	$6,967,304	$6,967,304
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,372,588	$14,372,588	$14,372,588	$14,372,588

41.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$62,437	$62,437	$39,024	$64,590

41.1000 Human Resources Administration **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide centralized services for statewide human resources in support of state agencies, the State Personnel Board, and employees; develop human resource policies, create job descriptions and classification, develop fair and consistent compensation practices, and administer the employee benefits program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$62,437	$62,437	$39,024	$64,590
State General Funds	$62,437	$62,437	$39,024	$64,590
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$7,405,284	$7,405,284	$7,405,284	$7,405,284
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Reserved Fund Balances	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$6,967,304	$6,967,304	$6,967,304	$6,967,304
State Funds Transfers	$6,967,304	$6,967,304	$6,967,304	$6,967,304
Merit System Assessments	$6,967,304	$6,967,304	$6,967,304	$6,967,304
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,435,025	$14,435,025	$14,411,612	$14,437,178

Risk Management **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer a liability insurance program to protect state government and employees from work-related claims, to provide indemnification funds for public officers and public school personnel in case of disability or death, to identify and control risks and hazards to minimize loss, to insure state-owned buildings and property against damage or destruction, to partner with the Department of Labor in administering unemployment claims, and to administer the Workers Compensation Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,145,754	$2,145,754	$2,145,754	$2,145,754
State General Funds	$2,145,754	$2,145,754	$2,145,754	$2,145,754
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$219,051,031	$219,051,031	$219,051,031	$219,051,031

State Funds Transfers	$219,051,031	$219,051,031	$219,051,031	$219,051,031
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$46,415,940	$46,415,940	$46,415,940	$46,415,940
Liability Funds	$59,811,281	$59,811,281	$59,811,281	$59,811,281
Unemployment Compensation Funds	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528
Workers Compensation Funds	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$223,520,537	$223,520,537	$223,520,537	$223,520,537

42.1000 Risk Management **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer a liability insurance program to protect state government and employees from work-related claims, to provide indemnification funds for public officers and public school personnel in case of disability or death, to identify and control risks and hazards to minimize loss, to insure state-owned buildings and property against damage or destruction, to partner with the Department of Labor in administering unemployment claims, and to administer the Workers Compensation Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,145,754	$2,145,754	$2,145,754	$2,145,754
State General Funds	$2,145,754	$2,145,754	$2,145,754	$2,145,754
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$219,051,031	$219,051,031	$219,051,031	$219,051,031
State Funds Transfers	$219,051,031	$219,051,031	$219,051,031	$219,051,031
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$46,415,940	$46,415,940	$46,415,940	$46,415,940
Liability Funds	$59,811,281	$59,811,281	$59,811,281	$59,811,281
Unemployment Compensation Funds	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528
Workers Compensation Funds	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$223,520,537	$223,520,537	$223,520,537	$223,520,537

State Purchasing **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to publicize government contract opportunities on the Georgia Procurement Registry; to maintain a comprehensive listing of all agency contracts; to manage bids, Requests For Proposals, and Requests For Quotes; to provide and oversee Purchasing Cards; to conduct reverse auctions for non-construction goods and services valued above $100,000; to leverage the state's purchasing power in obtaining contracts; to train vendors seeking contract opportunities; and to certify small and/or minority business vendors.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215

43.1000 State Purchasing				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to publicize government contract opportunities on the Georgia Procurement Registry; to maintain a comprehensive listing of all agency contracts; to manage bids, Requests For Proposals, and Requests For Quotes; to provide and oversee Purchasing Cards; to conduct reverse auctions for non-construction goods and services valued above $100,000; to leverage the state's purchasing power in obtaining contracts; to train vendors seeking contract opportunities; and to certify small and/or minority business vendors.				
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215

Surplus Property			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce cost through maximization of the useful life of state-owned equipment and redistribution of property to state and local governments, qualifying non-profits, and to the public through auction.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548
Sales and Services	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548

44.1	*Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*			
State General Funds	$21,530	$21,530	$13,457	$21,530

44.1000 Surplus Property				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce cost through maximization of the useful life of state-owned equipment and redistribution of property to state and local governments, qualifying non-profits, and to the public through auction.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,530	$21,530	$13,457	$21,530
State General Funds	$21,530	$21,530	$13,457	$21,530
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548
Sales and Services	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,288,078	$2,288,078	$2,280,005	$2,288,078

Wrongful Conviction and Incarceration Compensation Trust Fund **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to purchase annuities and other products for wrongfully convicted inmates when directed by the General Assembly upon passage of the required House Resolution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

45.1 *Add funds to establish the Wrongful Conviction and Incarceration Compensation Trust Fund under the State Treasury pursuant to SB244 (2025 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	$4,800,000	$4,800,000	$4,800,000	$4,800,000

45.2 *Increase funds for the Office of State Administrative Hearings for hearings and adjudication of claims pursuant to SB244 (2025 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000

45.998 *Change the name of the Compensation Per General Assembly Resolutions program to the Wrongful Conviction and Incarceration Compensation Trust Fund program to reflect the passage of SB244 (2025 Legislative Session). (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

45.999 ***CC****: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for the Wrongful Conviction and Incarceration Compensation Trust Fund and to support the Office of State Administrative Hearings' administrative responsibilities related to such claims for compensation pursuant to Chapter 22 of Title 17.*
Senate*: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for the Wrongful Conviction and Incarceration Compensation Trust Fund and to support the Office of State Administrative Hearings' administrative responsibilities related to such claims for compensation pursuant to Chapter 22 of Title 17.*
House*: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for the Wrongful Conviction and Incarceration Compensation Trust Fund and to support the Office of State Administrative Hearings' administrative responsibilities related to such claims for compensation pursuant to Chapter 22 of Title 17.*
Governor*: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for the Wrongful Conviction and Incarceration Compensation Trust Fund and to support the Office of State Administrative Hearings' administrative responsibilities related to such claims for compensation pursuant to Chapter 22 of Title 17.*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

45.1000 Wrongful Conviction and Incarceration Compensation Trust Fund **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for the Wrongful Conviction and Incarceration Compensation Trust Fund and to support the Office of State Administrative Hearings' administrative responsibilities related to such claims for compensation pursuant to Chapter 22 of Title 17.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,000,000	$5,000,000	$5,000,000	$5,000,000
State General Funds	$5,000,000	$5,000,000	$5,000,000	$5,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,000,000	$5,000,000	$5,000,000	$5,000,000

Georgia Tax Tribunal **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent trial court with jurisdiction over appeals of tax matters involving the Georgia Department of Revenue.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$582,689	$582,689	$582,689	$582,689
State General Funds	$582,689	$582,689	$582,689	$582,689
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$582,689	$582,689	$582,689	$582,689

46.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$6,459	$6,459	$4,037	$4,306

46.2 *Increase funds for annual leave payouts due to the elimination of the Georgia Tax Tribunal pursuant to HB1267 (2024 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	$61,594	$61,594	$61,594	$61,594

46.1000 Georgia Tax Tribunal **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent trial court with jurisdiction over appeals of tax matters involving the Georgia Department of Revenue.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$650,742	$650,742	$648,320	$648,589
State General Funds	$650,742	$650,742	$648,320	$648,589
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$650,742	$650,742	$648,320	$648,589

Administrative Hearings, Office of State **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent forum for the impartial and timely resolution of disputes between the public and state agencies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,745,174	$2,745,174	$2,745,174	$2,745,174
State General Funds	$2,745,174	$2,745,174	$2,745,174	$2,745,174
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$4,042,248	$4,042,248	$4,042,248	$4,042,248
State Funds Transfers	$4,042,248	$4,042,248	$4,042,248	$4,042,248
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$4,042,248	$4,042,248	$4,042,248	$4,042,248
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,787,422	$6,787,422	$6,787,422	$6,787,422

47.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$58,131	$58,131	$36,332	$53,825

47.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($13,194)	($13,194)	($26,388)

47.1000 Administrative Hearings, Office of State				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent forum for the impartial and timely resolution of disputes between the public and state agencies.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,803,305	$2,790,111	$2,768,312	$2,772,611
State General Funds	$2,803,305	$2,790,111	$2,768,312	$2,772,611
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$4,042,248	$4,042,248	$4,042,248	$4,042,248
State Funds Transfers	$4,042,248	$4,042,248	$4,042,248	$4,042,248
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$4,042,248	$4,042,248	$4,042,248	$4,042,248
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,845,553	$6,832,359	$6,810,560	$6,814,859

State Treasurer, Office of the				**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to set cash management policies for state agencies; assist agencies with bank services and accounts; monitor agency deposits and disbursement patterns; to invest funds for state and local entities; to track warrants, fund agency allotments, and pay state debt service; and to manage state revenue collections; and to manage the Path2College 529 Plan.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$13,583,144	$13,583,144	$13,583,144	$13,583,144
Interest and Investment Income	$11,975,144	$11,975,144	$11,975,144	$11,975,144
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$11,975,144	$11,975,144	$11,975,144	$11,975,144
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
Sales and Services	$1,463,000	$1,463,000	$1,463,000	$1,463,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,463,000	$1,463,000	$1,463,000	$1,463,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,583,144	$13,583,144	$13,583,144	$13,583,144

48.1000 State Treasurer, Office of the				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to set cash management policies for state agencies; assist agencies with bank services and accounts; monitor agency deposits and disbursement patterns; to invest funds for state and local entities; to track warrants, fund agency allotments, and pay state debt service; and to manage state revenue collections; and to manage the Path2College 529 Plan.				
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$13,583,144	$13,583,144	$13,583,144	$13,583,144
Interest and Investment Income	$11,975,144	$11,975,144	$11,975,144	$11,975,144
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$11,975,144	$11,975,144	$11,975,144	$11,975,144
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
Sales and Services	$1,463,000	$1,463,000	$1,463,000	$1,463,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,463,000	$1,463,000	$1,463,000	$1,463,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,583,144	$13,583,144	$13,583,144	$13,583,144

Payments to Georgia Technology Authority			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to set the direction for the state's use of technology and promote efficient, secure, and cost-effective delivery of information technology services.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000
State General Funds	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000
49.1 *Increase funds to continue the statewide enhancement and standardization of cybersecurity services for executive branch agencies. (S and CC:Increase funds to continue the statewide enhancement and standardization of cybersecurity services for executive branch agencies and provide a report on the implementation of cybersecurity services by April 1, 2026 to the House Appropriations Committee and the Senate Appropriations Committee)*				
State General Funds	$7,500,000	$5,000,000	$5,000,000	$5,000,000
49.2 *Increase funds pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-25-7.1 for the Department of Community Health Integrated Eligibility System (IES) modernization. (CC:NO)*				
State General Funds	$35,000,000	$35,000,000	$35,000,000	$0
49.3 *Utilize existing funds ($7,930,340) relating to interest revenue accrued in the Technology Empowerment Fund for the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) modernization timeline extension and additional components of the State Ethics Commission e-filing software project due to the passage of HB199 (2025 Legislative Session). (G:YES)(H and S:YES; Utilize existing funds ($8,635,340) relating to interest revenue accrued in the Technology Empowerment Fund for the ERP modernization timeline extension, additional components of the State Ethics Commission e-filing software project due to the passage of HB199 (2025 Legislative Session), and to implement call center technology enhancements at the Department of Labor)*				
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
49.1000 Payments to Georgia Technology Authority			**Appropriation (HB 973)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to set the direction for the state's use of technology and promote efficient, secure, and cost-effective delivery of information technology services.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$57,500,000	$55,000,000	$55,000,000	$20,000,000
State General Funds	$57,500,000	$55,000,000	$55,000,000	$20,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$57,500,000	$55,000,000	$55,000,000	$20,000,000

The Department is authorized to assess state agencies the equivalent of .176% of salaries for the cost of departmental operations and may roll forward any unexpended prior years Merit System Assessment balance to be expended in the current fiscal year.

Section 13: Agriculture, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$70,606,640	$70,606,640	$70,606,640	$70,606,640
State General Funds	$68,381,073	$68,381,073	$68,381,073	$68,381,073
Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds	$2,225,567	$2,225,567	$2,225,567	$2,225,567
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$8,601,145	$8,601,145	$8,601,145	$8,601,145
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$8,601,145	$8,601,145	$8,601,145	$8,601,145

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,544,771	$2,544,771	$2,544,771	$2,544,771
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Royalties and Rents	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Sales and Services	$1,585,748	$1,585,748	$1,585,748	$1,585,748
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,585,748	$1,585,748	$1,585,748	$1,585,748
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$430,930	$430,930	$430,930	$430,930
State Funds Transfers	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
Agency Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$82,183,486	$82,183,486	$82,183,486	$82,183,486
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$75,216,223	$76,349,415	$78,323,066	$77,900,864
State General Funds	$72,990,656	$74,123,848	$76,097,499	$75,675,297
Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds	$2,225,567	$2,225,567	$2,225,567	$2,225,567
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$8,601,145	$8,601,145	$8,601,145	$8,601,145
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$8,601,145	$8,601,145	$8,601,145	$8,601,145
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,544,771	$2,544,771	$2,544,771	$2,544,771
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Royalties and Rents	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Sales and Services	$1,585,748	$1,585,748	$1,585,748	$1,585,748
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,585,748	$1,585,748	$1,585,748	$1,585,748
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$430,930	$430,930	$430,930	$430,930
State Funds Transfers	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
Agency Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$86,793,069	$87,926,261	$89,899,912	$89,477,710

Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide payment to the Board of Regents for diagnostic laboratory testing, for veterinary consultation and assistance, for disease surveillance, and for outreach to veterinarians, animal industries, and pet owners within the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,175,403	$4,175,403	$4,175,403	$4,175,403
State General Funds	$4,175,403	$4,175,403	$4,175,403	$4,175,403
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,175,403	$4,175,403	$4,175,403	$4,175,403

50.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$135,639	$135,639	$84,775	$155,016

50.1000 Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide payment to the Board of Regents for diagnostic laboratory testing, for veterinary consultation and assistance, for disease surveillance, and for outreach to veterinarians, animal industries, and pet owners within the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,311,042	$4,311,042	$4,260,178	$4,330,419
State General Funds	$4,311,042	$4,311,042	$4,260,178	$4,330,419
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,311,042	$4,311,042	$4,260,178	$4,330,419

Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a central information and research hub for rural leadership training and best practices.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,392,985	$2,392,985	$2,392,985	$2,392,985
State General Funds	$2,392,985	$2,392,985	$2,392,985	$2,392,985
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,392,985	$2,392,985	$2,392,985	$2,392,985

51.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$2,153	$2,153	$5,383	$8,612

51.1000 Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a central information and research hub for rural leadership training and best practices.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,395,138	$2,395,138	$2,398,368	$2,401,597
State General Funds	$2,395,138	$2,395,138	$2,398,368	$2,401,597
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,395,138	$2,395,138	$2,398,368	$2,401,597

Consumer Protection **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for public health and safety by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the cultivation, processing, and production of livestock, meat, poultry, and other food products; by inspecting establishments that sell food for offsite consumption, food warehouses, wholesale and mobile meat and seafood vendors, dairy farms, and food banks; by certifying organic products, shellfish, and bottled water; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating

the companion animal, bird, and equine industries (including reports of abuse by private owners); by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the plant and apiary industries, including performing phytosanitary inspections; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the pesticide and wood treatment industries; and by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating animal feed, pet food, and grains. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure accurate commercial transactions by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating weights and measures and fuel sales.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$38,803,395	$38,803,395	$38,803,395	$38,803,395
State General Funds	$38,803,395	$38,803,395	$38,803,395	$38,803,395
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,751,145	$7,751,145	$7,751,145	$7,751,145
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$7,751,145	$7,751,145	$7,751,145	$7,751,145
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,920,000	$1,920,000	$1,920,000	$1,920,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Sales and Services	$1,195,000	$1,195,000	$1,195,000	$1,195,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,195,000	$1,195,000	$1,195,000	$1,195,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$48,474,540	$48,474,540	$48,474,540	$48,474,540

52.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$876,271	$876,271	$547,670	$822,446

52.2 *Increase funds for new licensing and inspection software for the Food Safety division.*

State General Funds	$234,000	$234,000	$234,000	$234,000

52.3 *Increase funds for personnel to reflect increased retention of Consumer Protection positions.*

State General Funds	$1,052,444	$1,052,444	$1,052,444	$1,052,444

52.4 *Increase funds for prior year cost-of-living adjustments for which the agency did not receive increased federal reimbursement and to reflect formula correction for prior year cost-of-living adjustment.*

State General Funds	$576,949	$1,109,151	$1,109,151	$576,949

52.5 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($133,954)	($133,954)	($267,908)

52.6 *Increase funds for inspection software upgrades for the Animal Health Division.*

State General Funds		$250,000	$250,000	$250,000

52.7 *Increase funds for inspection software upgrades for the Plant Protection Division.*

State General Funds		$100,000	$100,000	$100,000

52.8 *Increase funds for inspection software upgrades for the Structural Pest Division.*

State General Funds	$105,000	$105,000	$105,000

52.9 *Increase funds for one-time funding for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza response efforts.*

State General Funds		$250,000	$250,000

52.1000 Consumer Protection **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for public health and safety by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the cultivation, processing, and production of livestock, meat, poultry, and other food products; by inspecting establishments that sell food for offsite consumption, food warehouses, wholesale and mobile meat and seafood vendors, dairy farms, and food banks; by certifying organic products, shellfish, and bottled water; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the companion animal, bird, and equine industries (including reports of abuse by private owners); by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the plant and apiary industries, including performing phytosanitary inspections; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the pesticide and wood treatment industries; and by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating animal feed, pet food, and grains. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure accurate commercial transactions by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating weights and measures and fuel sales.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$41,543,059	$42,396,307	$42,317,706	$41,926,326
State General Funds	$41,543,059	$42,396,307	$42,317,706	$41,926,326
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,751,145	$7,751,145	$7,751,145	$7,751,145
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$7,751,145	$7,751,145	$7,751,145	$7,751,145
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,920,000	$1,920,000	$1,920,000	$1,920,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Sales and Services	$1,195,000	$1,195,000	$1,195,000	$1,195,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,195,000	$1,195,000	$1,195,000	$1,195,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$51,214,204	$52,067,452	$51,988,851	$51,597,471

Departmental Administration (DOA) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,264,713	$8,264,713	$8,264,713	$8,264,713
State General Funds	$8,264,713	$8,264,713	$8,264,713	$8,264,713
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,314,713	$9,314,713	$9,314,713	$9,314,713

53.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$122,721	$122,721	$76,701	$118,415

53.2 *Increase funds for laptop replacement.*

State General Funds	$450,000	$450,000	$450,000	$450,000

53.3 *Increase funds to reflect formula correction for prior year cost-of-living adjustment.*

State General Funds	$37,273	$37,273	$37,273	$37,273

53.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($32,786)	($32,786)	($65,572)

53.5 *Increase funds for one-time agricultural improvements.*

State General Funds		$250,000	$2,150,000	$2,400,000

53.1000 Departmental Administration (DOA) **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,874,707	$9,091,921	$10,945,901	$11,204,829
State General Funds	$8,874,707	$9,091,921	$10,945,901	$11,204,829
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,924,707	$10,141,921	$11,995,901	$12,254,829

Marketing and Promotion **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to manage the state's farmers markets, to promote Georgia's agricultural products domestically and internationally, to administer relevant certification marks, to provide poultry and livestock commodity data, to administer surety bonds, to provide information to the public, and to publish the Market Bulletin.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,453,282	$8,453,282	$8,453,282	$8,453,282
State General Funds	$6,227,715	$6,227,715	$6,227,715	$6,227,715
Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds	$2,225,567	$2,225,567	$2,225,567	$2,225,567
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$624,771	$624,771	$624,771	$624,771
Royalties and Rents	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023

Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Sales and Services	$390,748	$390,748	$390,748	$390,748
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$390,748	$390,748	$390,748	$390,748
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
State Funds Transfers	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,308,983	$9,308,983	$9,308,983	$9,308,983

54.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$75,355	$75,355	$47,097	$71,049

54.2 *Increase funds for the continuation of the Georgia Grown Wood Product Program collaboration between the Georgia Department of Agriculture and the State Forestry Commission.*

State General Funds	$660,000	$660,000	$660,000	$370,000

54.3 *Increase funds to reflect formula correction for prior year cost-of-living adjustment.*

State General Funds	$24,231	$24,231	$24,231	$24,231

54.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($14,428)	($14,428)	($28,856)

54.1000 Marketing and Promotion **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to manage the state's farmers markets, to promote Georgia's agricultural products domestically and internationally, to administer relevant certification marks, to provide poultry and livestock commodity data, to administer surety bonds, to provide information to the public, and to publish the Market Bulletin.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,212,868	$9,198,440	$9,170,182	$8,889,706
State General Funds	$6,987,301	$6,972,873	$6,944,615	$6,664,139
Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds	$2,225,567	$2,225,567	$2,225,567	$2,225,567
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$624,771	$624,771	$624,771	$624,771
Royalties and Rents	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Sales and Services	$390,748	$390,748	$390,748	$390,748
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$390,748	$390,748	$390,748	$390,748
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
State Funds Transfers	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930

State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,068,569	$10,054,141	$10,025,883	$9,745,407

Poultry Veterinary Diagnostic Labs **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to pay for operation of the Poultry Diagnostic Veterinary Labs, which conduct disease diagnoses and monitoring.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057
State General Funds	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057

55.1 *Increase funds for new lab information and management software.*

State General Funds	$293,651	$293,651	$293,651	$293,651

55.1000 Poultry Veterinary Diagnostic Labs **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to pay for operation of the Poultry Diagnostic Veterinary Labs, which conduct disease diagnoses and monitoring.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,342,708	$3,342,708	$3,342,708	$3,342,708
State General Funds	$3,342,708	$3,342,708	$3,342,708	$3,342,708
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,342,708	$3,342,708	$3,342,708	$3,342,708

Payments to Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce the rates charged by the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority for youth and livestock events.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,042,458	$2,042,458	$2,042,458	$2,042,458
State General Funds	$2,042,458	$2,042,458	$2,042,458	$2,042,458
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,042,458	$2,042,458	$2,042,458	$2,042,458

56.1 *Increase funds for one-time funding for facility improvements.*

State General Funds			$300,000	$300,000

56.1000 Payments to Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce the rates charged by the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority for youth and livestock events.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,042,458	$2,042,458	$2,342,458	$2,342,458
State General Funds	$2,042,458	$2,042,458	$2,342,458	$2,342,458
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,042,458	$2,042,458	$2,342,458	$2,342,458

State Soil and Water Conservation Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect, conserve, and improve the soil and water resources of the State of Georgia by administering the use of state and federal resources to inspect, maintain, and provide assistance to owners of USDA flood control structures in order to comply with the state Safe Dams Act and to provide planning and research assistance to landowners and local governments on water management, erosion, and sedimentation control.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,425,347	$3,425,347	$3,425,347	$3,425,347
State General Funds	$3,425,347	$3,425,347	$3,425,347	$3,425,347
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,425,347	$3,425,347	$3,425,347	$3,425,347

57.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$68,896	$68,896	$43,060	$60,284

57.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($11,405)	($11,405)	($22,810)

57.3 *Increase funds for a plan reviewer position effective April 1, 2026. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds		$31,443	$31,443	$0

57.4 *Increase funds for retention of plan reviewers. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds		$57,120	$57,120	$0

57.1000 State Soil and Water Conservation Commission **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect, conserve, and improve the soil and water resources of the State of Georgia by administering the use of state and federal resources to inspect, maintain, and provide assistance to owners of USDA flood control structures in order to comply with the state Safe Dams Act and to provide planning and research assistance to landowners and local governments on water management, erosion, and sedimentation control.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,494,243	$3,571,401	$3,545,565	$3,462,821
State General Funds	$3,494,243	$3,571,401	$3,545,565	$3,462,821
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,494,243	$3,571,401	$3,545,565	$3,462,821

Section 14: Banking and Finance, Department of

Section Total - Continuation

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,414,266	$15,414,266	$15,414,266	$15,414,266
State General Funds	$15,414,266	$15,414,266	$15,414,266	$15,414,266
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,414,266	$15,414,266	$15,414,266	$15,414,266

	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,992,318	$15,939,740	$15,741,234	$15,878,550
State General Funds	$15,992,318	$15,939,740	$15,741,234	$15,878,550
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,992,318	$15,939,740	$15,741,234	$15,878,550

Departmental Administration (DBF) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,942,778	$2,942,778	$2,942,778	$2,942,778
State General Funds	$2,942,778	$2,942,778	$2,942,778	$2,942,778
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,942,778	$2,942,778	$2,942,778	$2,942,778

58.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$32,295	$32,295	$20,185	$30,142

58.2 *Increase funds for a new data backup solution to protect against data loss.*

State General Funds	$169,439	$169,439	$169,439	$169,439

58.3 *Increase funds for business automation software to enhance agency efficiency.*

State General Funds	$89,000	$89,000	$89,000	$89,000

58.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($11,105)	($11,105)	($22,210)

58.1000 Departmental Administration (DBF) **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,233,512	$3,222,407	$3,210,297	$3,209,149
State General Funds	$3,233,512	$3,222,407	$3,210,297	$3,209,149
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,233,512	$3,222,407	$3,210,297	$3,209,149

Financial Institution Supervision **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to examine and regulate depository financial institutions, state-chartered banks, trust companies, credit unions, bank holding companies, and international banking organizations; to track performance of financial service providers operating in Georgia, to monitor industry trends, respond to negative trends, and establish operating guidelines; and to collaborate with law enforcement, federal regulators, and other regulatory agencies on examination findings.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,949,097	$8,949,097	$8,949,097	$8,949,097
State General Funds	$8,949,097	$8,949,097	$8,949,097	$8,949,097
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,949,097	$8,949,097	$8,949,097	$8,949,097

59.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$109,803	$109,803	$68,627	$107,650

59.2 *Increase funds for two examiners specializing in Merchant Acquirer Limited Purpose Banks to meet increased workload due to new charters.*

State General Funds	$125,843	$125,843	$0	$125,843

59.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($29,652)	($29,652)	($59,304)

59.1000 Financial Institution Supervision **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to examine and regulate depository financial institutions, state-chartered banks, trust companies, credit unions, bank holding companies, and international banking organizations; to track performance of financial service providers operating in Georgia, to monitor industry trends, respond to negative trends, and establish operating guidelines; and to collaborate with law enforcement, federal regulators, and other regulatory agencies on examination findings.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,184,743	$9,155,091	$8,988,072	$9,123,286
State General Funds	$9,184,743	$9,155,091	$8,988,072	$9,123,286
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,184,743	$9,155,091	$8,988,072	$9,123,286

Non-Depository Financial Institution Supervision **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect consumers from unfair, deceptive, or fraudulent money service businesses and residential mortgage and installment loan lending practices, protect consumers by licensing, regulating, and enforcing applicable laws and regulations, and provide efficient and flexible application, registration, and notification procedures for non-depository financial institutions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,522,391	$3,522,391	$3,522,391	$3,522,391
State General Funds	$3,522,391	$3,522,391	$3,522,391	$3,522,391
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,522,391	$3,522,391	$3,522,391	$3,522,391

60.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$51,672	$51,672	$32,295	$47,366

60.2	*Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*			
State General Funds		($11,821)	($11,821)	($23,642)

60.1000 Non-Depository Financial Institution Supervision				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect consumers from unfair, deceptive, or fraudulent money service businesses and residential mortgage and installment loan lending practices, protect consumers by licensing, regulating, and enforcing applicable laws and regulations, and provide efficient and flexible application, registration, and notification procedures for non-depository financial institutions.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,574,063	$3,562,242	$3,542,865	$3,546,115
State General Funds	$3,574,063	$3,562,242	$3,542,865	$3,546,115
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,574,063	$3,562,242	$3,542,865	$3,546,115

Section 15: Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,712,144,114	$1,712,144,114	$1,712,144,114	$1,712,144,114
State General Funds	$1,701,888,976	$1,701,888,976	$1,701,888,976	$1,701,888,976
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$10,255,138	$10,255,138	$10,255,138	$10,255,138
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$653,583,618	$653,583,618	$653,583,618	$653,583,618
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$98,671,759	$98,671,759	$98,671,759	$98,671,759
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$14,163,709	$14,163,709	$14,163,709	$14,163,709
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$440,688,213	$440,688,213	$440,688,213	$440,688,213
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$47,482,075	$47,482,075	$47,482,075	$47,482,075
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$40,481,142	$40,481,142	$40,481,142	$40,481,142
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,546,962	$25,546,962	$25,546,962	$25,546,962
Intergovernmental Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$257,036	$257,036	$257,036	$257,036
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$257,036	$257,036	$257,036	$257,036
Royalties and Rents	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Sales and Services	$24,421,902	$24,421,902	$24,421,902	$24,421,902
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$24,421,902	$24,421,902	$24,421,902	$24,421,902
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,651,791	$2,651,791	$2,651,791	$2,651,791
State Funds Transfers	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,357,130	$2,357,130	$2,357,130	$2,357,130
Agency to Agency Contracts	$62,580	$62,580	$62,580	$62,580
Agency Funds Transfers	$232,081	$232,081	$232,081	$232,081

Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$232,081	$232,081	$232,081	$232,081
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,393,926,485	$2,393,926,485	$2,393,926,485	$2,393,926,485

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,733,848,147	$1,730,559,762	$1,721,958,566	$1,723,631,799
State General Funds	$1,723,593,009	$1,720,304,624	$1,711,703,428	$1,713,376,661
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$10,255,138	$10,255,138	$10,255,138	$10,255,138
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$653,583,618	$653,583,618	$653,583,618	$653,583,618
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$98,671,759	$98,671,759	$98,671,759	$98,671,759
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$14,163,709	$14,163,709	$14,163,709	$14,163,709
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$440,688,213	$440,688,213	$440,688,213	$440,688,213
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$47,482,075	$47,482,075	$47,482,075	$47,482,075
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$40,481,142	$40,481,142	$40,481,142	$40,481,142
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,546,962	$25,546,962	$25,546,962	$25,546,962
Intergovernmental Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$257,036	$257,036	$257,036	$257,036
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$257,036	$257,036	$257,036	$257,036
Royalties and Rents	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Sales and Services	$24,421,902	$24,421,902	$24,421,902	$24,421,902
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$24,421,902	$24,421,902	$24,421,902	$24,421,902
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,794,710	$2,794,710	$2,794,710	$2,794,710
State Funds Transfers	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,357,130	$2,357,130	$2,357,130	$2,357,130
Agency to Agency Contracts	$62,580	$62,580	$62,580	$62,580
Agency Funds Transfers	$375,000	$375,000	$375,000	$375,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$375,000	$375,000	$375,000	$375,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,415,773,437	$2,412,485,052	$2,403,883,856	$2,405,557,089

Adult Addictive Diseases Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a continuum of programs, services and supports for adults who abuse alcohol and other drugs, have a chemical dependency and who need assistance for compulsive gambling.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$57,353,550	$57,353,550	$57,353,550	$57,353,550
State General Funds	$57,353,550	$57,353,550	$57,353,550	$57,353,550
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$44,254,231	$44,254,231	$44,254,231	$44,254,231
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000

Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$29,607,511	$29,607,511	$29,607,511	$29,607,511
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$434,903	$434,903	$434,903	$434,903
Intergovernmental Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$234,903	$234,903	$234,903	$234,903
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$234,903	$234,903	$234,903	$234,903
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$232,081	$232,081	$232,081	$232,081
Agency Funds Transfers	$232,081	$232,081	$232,081	$232,081
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$232,081	$232,081	$232,081	$232,081
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$102,274,765	$102,274,765	$102,274,765	$102,274,765

61.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$34,448	$34,448	$21,530	$32,295

61.2 *Replace funds for the expansion of Hepatitis C screening services at core behavioral health provider sites.*

State General Funds	($142,919)	($142,919)	($142,919)	($142,919)
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$142,919	$142,919	$142,919	$142,919
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0	$0

61.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($3,646)	($3,646)	($7,292)

61.1000 Adult Addictive Diseases Services **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a continuum of programs, services and supports for adults who abuse alcohol and other drugs, have a chemical dependency and who need assistance for compulsive gambling.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$57,245,079	$57,241,433	$57,228,515	$57,235,634
State General Funds	$57,245,079	$57,241,433	$57,228,515	$57,235,634
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$44,254,231	$44,254,231	$44,254,231	$44,254,231
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$29,607,511	$29,607,511	$29,607,511	$29,607,511
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$434,903	$434,903	$434,903	$434,903
Intergovernmental Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$234,903	$234,903	$234,903	$234,903
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$234,903	$234,903	$234,903	$234,903
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$375,000	$375,000	$375,000	$375,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$375,000	$375,000	$375,000	$375,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$375,000	$375,000	$375,000	$375,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$102,309,213	$102,305,567	$102,292,649	$102,299,768

Adult Developmental Disabilities Respite Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for respite services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000
State General Funds	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000

62.1000 Adult Developmental Disabilities Respite Services **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for respite services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000
State General Funds	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000

Adult Developmental Disabilities Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote independence of adults with significant development disabilities through institutional care, community support and respite, job readiness, training, and a crisis and access line.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$555,798,655	$555,798,655	$555,798,655	$555,798,655
State General Funds	$545,543,517	$545,543,517	$545,543,517	$545,543,517
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$10,255,138	$10,255,138	$10,255,138	$10,255,138
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$496,724,949	$496,724,949	$496,724,949	$496,724,949
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$81,440,362	$81,440,362	$81,440,362	$81,440,362
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$377,303,445	$377,303,445	$377,303,445	$377,303,445
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$37,981,142	$37,981,142	$37,981,142	$37,981,142
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000
Sales and Services	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,075,383,604	$1,075,383,604	$1,075,383,604	$1,075,383,604

63.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$1,431,745	$1,431,745	$894,841	$1,289,647

63.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($1,385,819)	($1,385,819)	($2,771,638)

63.3 *Increase funds for one-time funding for behavioral health provider rate study. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds	$500,000	$0	$0

63.1000 Adult Developmental Disabilities Services **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote independence of adults with significant development disabilities through institutional care, community support and respite, job readiness, training, and a crisis and access line.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$557,230,400	$556,344,581	$555,307,677	$554,316,664
State General Funds	$546,975,262	$546,089,443	$545,052,539	$544,061,526
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$10,255,138	$10,255,138	$10,255,138	$10,255,138
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$496,724,949	$496,724,949	$496,724,949	$496,724,949
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$81,440,362	$81,440,362	$81,440,362	$81,440,362
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$377,303,445	$377,303,445	$377,303,445	$377,303,445
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$37,981,142	$37,981,142	$37,981,142	$37,981,142
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000
Sales and Services	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,076,815,349	$1,075,929,530	$1,074,892,626	$1,073,901,613

Adult Forensic Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide psychological evaluations of defendants, mental health screening and evaluations, inpatient mental health treatment, competency remediation, forensic evaluation services, and supportive housing for forensic consumers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$154,822,624	$154,822,624	$154,822,624	$154,822,624
State General Funds	$154,822,624	$154,822,624	$154,822,624	$154,822,624
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$191,500	$191,500	$191,500	$191,500
Sales and Services	$191,500	$191,500	$191,500	$191,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$191,500	$191,500	$191,500	$191,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$155,014,124	$155,014,124	$155,014,124	$155,014,124

64.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$2,674,026	$2,674,026	$1,671,267	$2,301,557

64.2 *Increase funds to restore funds for jail-based competency restoration in Cobb County Jail.*

State General Funds	$243,750	$243,750	$243,750	$243,750

64.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($328,384)	($328,384)	($656,768)

64.1000 Adult Forensic Services **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide psychological evaluations of defendants, mental health screening and evaluations, inpatient mental health treatment, competency remediation, forensic evaluation services, and supportive housing for forensic consumers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$157,740,400	$157,412,016	$156,409,257	$156,711,163
State General Funds	$157,740,400	$157,412,016	$156,409,257	$156,711,163
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$191,500	$191,500	$191,500	$191,500
Sales and Services	$191,500	$191,500	$191,500	$191,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$191,500	$191,500	$191,500	$191,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$157,931,900	$157,603,516	$156,600,757	$156,902,663

Adult Mental Health Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to facilitate rehabilitation and recovery for adults with mental illnesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$662,732,874	$662,732,874	$662,732,874	$662,732,874
State General Funds	$662,732,874	$662,732,874	$662,732,874	$662,732,874
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$59,639,192	$59,639,192	$59,639,192	$59,639,192
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,062,355	$3,062,355	$3,062,355	$3,062,355
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$6,726,178	$6,726,178	$6,726,178	$6,726,178
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$49,850,659	$49,850,659	$49,850,659	$49,850,659
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$390,095	$390,095	$390,095	$390,095
Sales and Services	$390,095	$390,095	$390,095	$390,095
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$390,095	$390,095	$390,095	$390,095
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$722,762,161	$722,762,161	$722,762,161	$722,762,161

65.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$14,224,871	$14,224,871	$8,890,545	$12,390,515

65.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($1,468,028)	($1,468,028)	($2,936,056)

65.1000 Adult Mental Health Services **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to facilitate rehabilitation and recovery for adults with mental illnesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$676,957,745	$675,489,717	$670,155,391	$672,187,333
State General Funds	$676,957,745	$675,489,717	$670,155,391	$672,187,333
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$59,639,192	$59,639,192	$59,639,192	$59,639,192
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,062,355	$3,062,355	$3,062,355	$3,062,355
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$6,726,178	$6,726,178	$6,726,178	$6,726,178
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$49,850,659	$49,850,659	$49,850,659	$49,850,659
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$390,095	$390,095	$390,095	$390,095
Sales and Services	$390,095	$390,095	$390,095	$390,095
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$390,095	$390,095	$390,095	$390,095
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$736,987,032	$735,519,004	$730,184,678	$732,216,620

Child and Adolescent Addictive Diseases Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services to children and adolescents for the safe withdrawal from abused substances and promote a transition to productive living.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,330,959	$3,330,959	$3,330,959	$3,330,959
State General Funds	$3,330,959	$3,330,959	$3,330,959	$3,330,959
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,928,149	$7,928,149	$7,928,149	$7,928,149
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$7,878,149	$7,878,149	$7,878,149	$7,878,149
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,259,108	$11,259,108	$11,259,108	$11,259,108

66.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$2,153	$2,153	$1,346	$2,153

66.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($555)	($555)	($1,110)

66.1000 Child and Adolescent Addictive Diseases Services **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services to children and adolescents for the safe withdrawal from abused substances and promote a transition to productive living.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,333,112	$3,332,557	$3,331,750	$3,332,002
State General Funds	$3,333,112	$3,332,557	$3,331,750	$3,332,002
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,928,149	$7,928,149	$7,928,149	$7,928,149
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$7,878,149	$7,878,149	$7,878,149	$7,878,149
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,261,261	$11,260,706	$11,259,899	$11,260,151

Child and Adolescent Developmental Disabilities **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, residential, support, and education services to promote independence for children and adolescents with developmental disabilities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$17,390,174	$17,390,174	$17,390,174	$17,390,174
State General Funds	$17,390,174	$17,390,174	$17,390,174	$17,390,174
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,285,496	$3,285,496	$3,285,496	$3,285,496
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$3,285,496	$3,285,496	$3,285,496	$3,285,496
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,675,670	$20,675,670	$20,675,670	$20,675,670

67.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$71,049	$71,049	$44,406	$64,590

67.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($10,303)	($10,303)	($20,606)

67.1000 Child and Adolescent Developmental Disabilities **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, residential, support, and education services to promote independence for children and adolescents with developmental disabilities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$17,461,223	$17,450,920	$17,424,277	$17,434,158
State General Funds	$17,461,223	$17,450,920	$17,424,277	$17,434,158
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,285,496	$3,285,496	$3,285,496	$3,285,496
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$3,285,496	$3,285,496	$3,285,496	$3,285,496
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,746,719	$20,736,416	$20,709,773	$20,719,654

Child and Adolescent Forensic Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment and residential services to children and adolescents clients referred by Georgia's criminal justice or corrections system.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,308,144	$7,308,144	$7,308,144	$7,308,144
State General Funds	$7,308,144	$7,308,144	$7,308,144	$7,308,144
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,308,144	$7,308,144	$7,308,144	$7,308,144

68.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$58,131	$58,131	$36,332	$58,131

68.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($23,324)	($23,324)	($46,648)

68.1000 Child and Adolescent Forensic Services **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment and residential services to children and adolescents clients referred by Georgia's criminal justice or corrections system.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,366,275	$7,342,951	$7,321,152	$7,319,627
State General Funds	$7,366,275	$7,342,951	$7,321,152	$7,319,627
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,366,275	$7,342,951	$7,321,152	$7,319,627

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to children and adolescents with mental illness.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$58,027,803	$58,027,803	$58,027,803	$58,027,803
State General Funds	$58,027,803	$58,027,803	$58,027,803	$58,027,803
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,057,531	$11,057,531	$11,057,531	$11,057,531
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,750,000	$2,750,000	$2,750,000	$2,750,000
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$7,437,531	$7,437,531	$7,437,531	$7,437,531
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$870,000	$870,000	$870,000	$870,000

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
Sales and Services	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$69,280,334	$69,280,334	$69,280,334	$69,280,334

69.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$58,131	$58,131	$36,332	$51,672

69.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($9,889)	($9,889)	($19,778)

69.1000 Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to children and adolescents with mental illness.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$58,085,934	$58,076,045	$58,054,246	$58,059,697
State General Funds	$58,085,934	$58,076,045	$58,054,246	$58,059,697
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,057,531	$11,057,531	$11,057,531	$11,057,531
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,750,000	$2,750,000	$2,750,000	$2,750,000
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$7,437,531	$7,437,531	$7,437,531	$7,437,531
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$870,000	$870,000	$870,000	$870,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
Sales and Services	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$69,338,465	$69,328,576	$69,306,777	$69,312,228

Departmental Administration (DBHDD) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all mental health, developmental disabilities and addictive diseases programs of the department.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$30,989,579	$30,989,579	$30,989,579	$30,989,579
State General Funds	$30,989,579	$30,989,579	$30,989,579	$30,989,579
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,278,613	$9,278,613	$9,278,613	$9,278,613
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$9,278,613	$9,278,613	$9,278,613	$9,278,613
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,290,325	$40,290,325	$40,290,325	$40,290,325

70.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$725,561	$725,561	$453,476	$686,807

70.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($114,397)	($114,397)	($228,794)

70.1000 Departmental Administration (DBHDD) **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all mental health, developmental disabilities and addictive diseases programs of the department.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$31,715,140	$31,600,743	$31,328,658	$31,447,592
State General Funds	$31,715,140	$31,600,743	$31,328,658	$31,447,592
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,278,613	$9,278,613	$9,278,613	$9,278,613
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$9,278,613	$9,278,613	$9,278,613	$9,278,613
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$41,015,886	$40,901,489	$40,629,404	$40,748,338

Direct Care Support Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to operate five state-owned and operated hospitals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$157,576,528	$157,576,528	$157,576,528	$157,576,528
State General Funds	$157,576,528	$157,576,528	$157,576,528	$157,576,528
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,453,331	$1,453,331	$1,453,331	$1,453,331
Royalties and Rents	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Sales and Services	$785,307	$785,307	$785,307	$785,307
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$785,307	$785,307	$785,307	$785,307
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Funds Transfers	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,357,130	$2,357,130	$2,357,130	$2,357,130
Agency to Agency Contracts	$62,580	$62,580	$62,580	$62,580
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$161,449,569	$161,449,569	$161,449,569	$161,449,569

71.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$2,221,896	$2,221,896	$1,388,685	$1,997,984

71.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($432,968)	($432,968)	($865,936)

71.1000 Direct Care Support Services			**Appropriation (HB 973)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to operate five state-owned and operated hospitals.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$159,798,424	$159,365,456	$158,532,245	$158,708,576
State General Funds	$159,798,424	$159,365,456	$158,532,245	$158,708,576
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,453,331	$1,453,331	$1,453,331	$1,453,331
Royalties and Rents	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Sales and Services	$785,307	$785,307	$785,307	$785,307
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$785,307	$785,307	$785,307	$785,307
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Funds Transfers	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,357,130	$2,357,130	$2,357,130	$2,357,130
Agency to Agency Contracts	$62,580	$62,580	$62,580	$62,580
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$163,671,465	$163,238,497	$162,405,286	$162,581,617

Substance Abuse Prevention **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the health and well-being of children, youth, families and communities through preventing the use and/or abuse of alcohol, tobacco and drugs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$359,230	$359,230	$359,230	$359,230
State General Funds	$359,230	$359,230	$359,230	$359,230
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$19,396,415	$19,396,415	$19,396,415	$19,396,415
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$9,400,000	$9,400,000	$9,400,000	$9,400,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$9,996,415	$9,996,415	$9,996,415	$9,996,415
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,755,645	$19,755,645	$19,755,645	$19,755,645

72.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$34,448	$34,448	$21,530	$30,142

72.1000 Substance Abuse Prevention **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the health and well-being of children, youth, families and communities through preventing the use and/or abuse of alcohol, tobacco and drugs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$393,678	$393,678	$380,760	$389,372
State General Funds	$393,678	$393,678	$380,760	$389,372
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$19,396,415	$19,396,415	$19,396,415	$19,396,415
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$9,400,000	$9,400,000	$9,400,000	$9,400,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$9,996,415	$9,996,415	$9,996,415	$9,996,415
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,790,093	$19,790,093	$19,777,175	$19,785,787

Developmental Disabilities, Georgia Council on **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote quality services and support for people with developmental disabilities and their families.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$826,598	$826,598	$826,598	$826,598
State General Funds	$826,598	$826,598	$826,598	$826,598
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,019,042	$2,019,042	$2,019,042	$2,019,042
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,019,042	$2,019,042	$2,019,042	$2,019,042
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,845,640	$2,845,640	$2,845,640	$2,845,640

73.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$21,530	$21,530	$13,457	$17,224

73.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($847)	($847)	($1,694)

73.1000 Developmental Disabilities, Georgia Council on **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote quality services and support for people with developmental disabilities and their families.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$848,128	$847,281	$839,208	$842,128
State General Funds	$848,128	$847,281	$839,208	$842,128
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,019,042	$2,019,042	$2,019,042	$2,019,042

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,019,042	$2,019,042	$2,019,042	$2,019,042
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,867,170	$2,866,323	$2,858,250	$2,861,170

Sexual Offender Risk Review Board **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect Georgia's children by identifying convicted sexual offenders that present the greatest risk of sexually reoffending.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,527,396	$3,527,396	$3,527,396	$3,527,396
State General Funds	$3,527,396	$3,527,396	$3,527,396	$3,527,396
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,527,396	$3,527,396	$3,527,396	$3,527,396

74.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$45,213	$45,213	$28,259	$40,907

74.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($10,225)	($10,225)	($20,450)

74.1000 Sexual Offender Risk Review Board **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect Georgia's children by identifying convicted sexual offenders that present the greatest risk of sexually reoffending.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,572,609	$3,562,384	$3,545,430	$3,547,853
State General Funds	$3,572,609	$3,562,384	$3,545,430	$3,547,853
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,572,609	$3,562,384	$3,545,430	$3,547,853

Section 16: Community Affairs, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$57,498,299	$57,498,299	$57,498,299	$57,498,299
State General Funds	$57,498,299	$57,498,299	$57,498,299	$57,498,299
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$222,364,117	$222,364,117	$222,364,117	$222,364,117
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$222,364,117	$222,364,117	$222,364,117	$222,364,117
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$27,388,826	$27,388,826	$27,388,826	$27,388,826
Reserved Fund Balances	$1,029,680	$1,029,680	$1,029,680	$1,029,680
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$1,029,680	$1,029,680	$1,029,680	$1,029,680
Intergovernmental Transfers	$23,812,156	$23,812,156	$23,812,156	$23,812,156
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$23,812,156	$23,812,156	$23,812,156	$23,812,156
Sales and Services	$2,546,990	$2,546,990	$2,546,990	$2,546,990
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,546,990	$2,546,990	$2,546,990	$2,546,990
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$284,334	$284,334	$284,334	$284,334

State Funds Transfers	$284,334	$284,334	$284,334	$284,334
Agency to Agency Contracts	$284,334	$284,334	$284,334	$284,334
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$307,535,576	$307,535,576	$307,535,576	$307,535,576

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$147,470,651	$197,438,830	$157,018,997	$202,331,654
State General Funds	$147,470,651	$197,438,830	$157,018,997	$202,331,654
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$222,364,117	$222,364,117	$222,364,117	$222,364,117
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$222,364,117	$222,364,117	$222,364,117	$222,364,117
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$27,388,826	$27,388,826	$27,388,826	$27,388,826
Reserved Fund Balances	$1,029,680	$1,029,680	$1,029,680	$1,029,680
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$1,029,680	$1,029,680	$1,029,680	$1,029,680
Intergovernmental Transfers	$23,812,156	$23,812,156	$23,812,156	$23,812,156
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$23,812,156	$23,812,156	$23,812,156	$23,812,156
Sales and Services	$2,546,990	$2,546,990	$2,546,990	$2,546,990
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,546,990	$2,546,990	$2,546,990	$2,546,990
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$284,334	$284,334	$284,334	$284,334
State Funds Transfers	$284,334	$284,334	$284,334	$284,334
Agency to Agency Contracts	$284,334	$284,334	$284,334	$284,334
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$397,507,928	$447,476,107	$407,056,274	$452,368,931

Accountable Housing Initiative – Special Project **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the accountable housing initiative.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,750,000	$1,750,000	$1,750,000	$1,750,000
State General Funds	$1,750,000	$1,750,000	$1,750,000	$1,750,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$192,383	$192,383	$192,383	$192,383
Intergovernmental Transfers	$192,383	$192,383	$192,383	$192,383
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$192,383	$192,383	$192,383	$192,383
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,942,383	$1,942,383	$1,942,383	$1,942,383

75.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$2,153	$2,153	$1,346	$2,153

75.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($613)	($613)	($1,226)

75.1000 Accountable Housing Initiative – Special Project				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the accountable housing initiative.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,752,153	$1,751,540	$1,750,733	$1,750,927
State General Funds	$1,752,153	$1,751,540	$1,750,733	$1,750,927
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$192,383	$192,383	$192,383	$192,383
Intergovernmental Transfers	$192,383	$192,383	$192,383	$192,383
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$192,383	$192,383	$192,383	$192,383
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,944,536	$1,943,923	$1,943,116	$1,943,310

Building Construction **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain up-to-date minimum building construction standards for all new structures built in the state; to inspect factory built (modular) buildings to ensure Georgia's minimum construction codes are met; to review proposed enhancements to local government construction codes; and to provide professional training to building inspectors and builders on Georgia's construction codes.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$315,409	$315,409	$315,409	$315,409
State General Funds	$315,409	$315,409	$315,409	$315,409
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$481,451	$481,451	$481,451	$481,451
Sales and Services	$481,451	$481,451	$481,451	$481,451
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$481,451	$481,451	$481,451	$481,451
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$796,860	$796,860	$796,860	$796,860

76.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$8,612	$8,612	$5,383	$8,612

76.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($1,216)	($1,216)	($2,432)

76.1000 Building Construction				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain up-to-date minimum building construction standards for all new structures built in the state; to inspect factory built (modular) buildings to ensure Georgia's minimum construction codes are met; to review proposed enhancements to local government construction codes; and to provide professional training to building inspectors and builders on Georgia's construction codes.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$324,021	$322,805	$319,576	$321,589
State General Funds	$324,021	$322,805	$319,576	$321,589
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$481,451	$481,451	$481,451	$481,451
Sales and Services	$481,451	$481,451	$481,451	$481,451

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$481,451	$481,451	$481,451	$481,451
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$805,472	$804,256	$801,027	$803,040

Community Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is promote volunteerism and community and economic development among local governments, development authorities, and private entities; to promote access to department programs through a statewide network which provides technical and financial assistance for community, economic, and housing developments; to assist Georgia cities, small towns, and neighborhoods in the development of their core commercial areas; to administer federal grant and loan programs; and to provide technical assistance and establish standards, procedures, and reviews for comprehensive plans submitted by local governments.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,592,936	$8,592,936	$8,592,936	$8,592,936
State General Funds	$8,592,936	$8,592,936	$8,592,936	$8,592,936
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$58,810,708	$58,810,708	$58,810,708	$58,810,708
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$58,810,708	$58,810,708	$58,810,708	$58,810,708
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,235,623	$2,235,623	$2,235,623	$2,235,623
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,040,860	$1,040,860	$1,040,860	$1,040,860
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,040,860	$1,040,860	$1,040,860	$1,040,860
Sales and Services	$1,194,763	$1,194,763	$1,194,763	$1,194,763
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,194,763	$1,194,763	$1,194,763	$1,194,763
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$69,639,267	$69,639,267	$69,639,267	$69,639,267

77.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$155,016	$155,016	$96,885	$146,404

77.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($24,384)	($24,384)	($48,768)

77.1000 Community Services **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is promote volunteerism and community and economic development among local governments, development authorities, and private entities; to promote access to department programs through a statewide network which provides technical and financial assistance for community, economic, and housing developments; to assist Georgia cities, small towns, and neighborhoods in the development of their core commercial areas; to administer federal grant and loan programs; and to provide technical assistance and establish standards, procedures, and reviews for comprehensive plans submitted by local governments.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,747,952	$8,723,568	$8,665,437	$8,690,572
State General Funds	$8,747,952	$8,723,568	$8,665,437	$8,690,572
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$58,810,708	$58,810,708	$58,810,708	$58,810,708

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$58,810,708	$58,810,708	$58,810,708	$58,810,708
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,235,623	$2,235,623	$2,235,623	$2,235,623
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,040,860	$1,040,860	$1,040,860	$1,040,860
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,040,860	$1,040,860	$1,040,860	$1,040,860
Sales and Services	$1,194,763	$1,194,763	$1,194,763	$1,194,763
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,194,763	$1,194,763	$1,194,763	$1,194,763
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$69,794,283	$69,769,899	$69,711,768	$69,736,903

Departmental Administration (DCA) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,813,085	$1,813,085	$1,813,085	$1,813,085
State General Funds	$1,813,085	$1,813,085	$1,813,085	$1,813,085
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,283,371	$5,283,371	$5,283,371	$5,283,371
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,283,371	$5,283,371	$5,283,371	$5,283,371
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,707,127	$5,707,127	$5,707,127	$5,707,127
Reserved Fund Balances	$455,770	$455,770	$455,770	$455,770
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$455,770	$455,770	$455,770	$455,770
Intergovernmental Transfers	$4,913,253	$4,913,253	$4,913,253	$4,913,253
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$4,913,253	$4,913,253	$4,913,253	$4,913,253
Sales and Services	$338,104	$338,104	$338,104	$338,104
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$338,104	$338,104	$338,104	$338,104
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$84,499	$84,499	$84,499	$84,499
State Funds Transfers	$84,499	$84,499	$84,499	$84,499
Agency to Agency Contracts	$84,499	$84,499	$84,499	$84,499
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,888,082	$12,888,082	$12,888,082	$12,888,082

78.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$174,393	$174,393	$108,996	$174,393

78.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($2,854)	($2,854)	($5,708)

78.1000 Departmental Administration (DCA) **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,987,478	$1,984,624	$1,919,227	$1,981,770
State General Funds	$1,987,478	$1,984,624	$1,919,227	$1,981,770
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,283,371	$5,283,371	$5,283,371	$5,283,371
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,283,371	$5,283,371	$5,283,371	$5,283,371
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,707,127	$5,707,127	$5,707,127	$5,707,127
Reserved Fund Balances	$455,770	$455,770	$455,770	$455,770
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$455,770	$455,770	$455,770	$455,770
Intergovernmental Transfers	$4,913,253	$4,913,253	$4,913,253	$4,913,253
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$4,913,253	$4,913,253	$4,913,253	$4,913,253
Sales and Services	$338,104	$338,104	$338,104	$338,104
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$338,104	$338,104	$338,104	$338,104
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$84,499	$84,499	$84,499	$84,499
State Funds Transfers	$84,499	$84,499	$84,499	$84,499
Agency to Agency Contracts	$84,499	$84,499	$84,499	$84,499
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,062,475	$13,059,621	$12,994,224	$13,056,767

Historic Preservation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide technical assistance to communities for historic preservation efforts; to administer federal and state grants for historic preservation; and to function as Georgia's State Historic Preservation Office.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,755,694	$1,755,694	$1,755,694	$1,755,694
State General Funds	$1,755,694	$1,755,694	$1,755,694	$1,755,694
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,979,876	$5,979,876	$5,979,876	$5,979,876
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,979,876	$5,979,876	$5,979,876	$5,979,876
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$400,397	$400,397	$400,397	$400,397
Sales and Services	$400,397	$400,397	$400,397	$400,397
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$400,397	$400,397	$400,397	$400,397
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,135,967	$8,135,967	$8,135,967	$8,135,967

79.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$51,672	$51,672	$32,295	$45,213

79.1000 Historic Preservation **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide technical assistance to communities for historic preservation efforts; to administer federal and state grants for historic preservation; and to function as Georgia's State Historic Preservation Office.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,807,366	$1,807,366	$1,787,989	$1,800,907
State General Funds	$1,807,366	$1,807,366	$1,787,989	$1,800,907

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,979,876	$5,979,876	$5,979,876	$5,979,876
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,979,876	$5,979,876	$5,979,876	$5,979,876
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$400,397	$400,397	$400,397	$400,397
Sales and Services	$400,397	$400,397	$400,397	$400,397
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$400,397	$400,397	$400,397	$400,397
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,187,639	$8,187,639	$8,168,262	$8,181,180

Housing Initiatives **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the affordable housing supply and promote home ownership for low- and moderate- income individuals through housing grants, construction financing, mortgage and down payment assistance programs, and the administration of federal and state tax credits; to administer low-interest loans and provide tenant-based assistance to low-income households allowing them to rent safe, decent, and sanitary dwelling units in the private rental market; and to fund the State Housing Trust Fund, provide grants for services to the homeless, and provide for other special housing initiatives.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,328,745	$10,328,745	$10,328,745	$10,328,745
State General Funds	$10,328,745	$10,328,745	$10,328,745	$10,328,745
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$152,290,162	$152,290,162	$152,290,162	$152,290,162
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$152,290,162	$152,290,162	$152,290,162	$152,290,162
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$17,616,412	$17,616,412	$17,616,412	$17,616,412
Reserved Fund Balances	$573,910	$573,910	$573,910	$573,910
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$573,910	$573,910	$573,910	$573,910
Intergovernmental Transfers	$17,042,502	$17,042,502	$17,042,502	$17,042,502
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$17,042,502	$17,042,502	$17,042,502	$17,042,502
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$199,835	$199,835	$199,835	$199,835
State Funds Transfers	$199,835	$199,835	$199,835	$199,835
Agency to Agency Contracts	$199,835	$199,835	$199,835	$199,835
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$180,435,154	$180,435,154	$180,435,154	$180,435,154

80.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$710,490	$710,490	$444,057	$650,206

80.2 *Increase funds for one-time funding for the State Housing Trust Fund to address homelessness through matching funds to local governments and nonprofit organizations. (S:Increase funds for one-time funding for the State Housing Trust Fund to address homelessness through matching funds and recognize additional funding for homelessness in the Department of Veterans Service)(CC:Increase funds for one-time funding for the State Housing Trust Fund for local government grants to address homelessness through matching funds and recognize additional funding for homelessness in the Department of Veterans Service)*

State General Funds	$50,000,000	$50,000,000	$10,000,000	$45,000,000

80.1000 Housing Initiatives			**Appropriation (HB 973)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the affordable housing supply and promote home ownership for low- and moderate- income individuals through housing grants, construction financing, mortgage and down payment assistance programs, and the administration of federal and state tax credits; to administer low-interest loans and provide tenant-based assistance to low-income households allowing them to rent safe, decent, and sanitary dwelling units in the private rental market; and to fund the State Housing Trust Fund, provide grants for services to the homeless, and provide for other special housing initiatives.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$61,039,235	$61,039,235	$20,772,802	$55,978,951
State General Funds	$61,039,235	$61,039,235	$20,772,802	$55,978,951
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$152,290,162	$152,290,162	$152,290,162	$152,290,162
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$152,290,162	$152,290,162	$152,290,162	$152,290,162
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$17,616,412	$17,616,412	$17,616,412	$17,616,412
Reserved Fund Balances	$573,910	$573,910	$573,910	$573,910
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$573,910	$573,910	$573,910	$573,910
Intergovernmental Transfers	$17,042,502	$17,042,502	$17,042,502	$17,042,502
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$17,042,502	$17,042,502	$17,042,502	$17,042,502
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$199,835	$199,835	$199,835	$199,835
State Funds Transfers	$199,835	$199,835	$199,835	$199,835
Agency to Agency Contracts	$199,835	$199,835	$199,835	$199,835
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$231,145,644	$231,145,644	$190,879,211	$226,085,360

State Economic Development Programs			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and loans to local governments and businesses and to leverage private investment in order to attract and promote economic development and job creation.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,728,595	$10,728,595	$10,728,595	$10,728,595
State General Funds	$10,728,595	$10,728,595	$10,728,595	$10,728,595
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$609,912	$609,912	$609,912	$609,912
Intergovernmental Transfers	$477,637	$477,637	$477,637	$477,637
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$477,637	$477,637	$477,637	$477,637
Sales and Services	$132,275	$132,275	$132,275	$132,275
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$132,275	$132,275	$132,275	$132,275
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,338,507	$11,338,507	$11,338,507	$11,338,507

81.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$17,224	$17,224	$10,765	$17,224

81.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($2,754)	($2,754)	($5,508)

81.1000 State Economic Development Programs			**Appropriation (HB 973)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and loans to local governments and businesses and to leverage private investment in order to attract and promote economic development and job creation.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,745,819	$10,743,065	$10,736,606	$10,740,311
State General Funds	$10,745,819	$10,743,065	$10,736,606	$10,740,311
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$609,912	$609,912	$609,912	$609,912
Intergovernmental Transfers	$477,637	$477,637	$477,637	$477,637
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$477,637	$477,637	$477,637	$477,637
Sales and Services	$132,275	$132,275	$132,275	$132,275
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$132,275	$132,275	$132,275	$132,275
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,355,731	$11,352,977	$11,346,518	$11,350,223

Payments to Georgia Environmental Finance Authority			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for water, wastewater, solid waste, energy, and land conservation projects.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,753,495	$1,753,495	$1,753,495	$1,753,495
State General Funds	$1,753,495	$1,753,495	$1,753,495	$1,753,495
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,753,495	$1,753,495	$1,753,495	$1,753,495

82.1 *Add funds to establish a state financing and assistance program for natural gas infrastructure improvements pursuant to SB13 (2025 Legislative Session). (S and CC:Add funds to establish a state financing and assistance program for natural gas infrastructure improvements for Non-Universal Service Fund eligible providers)*

State General Funds	$35,000,000	$35,000,000	$55,000,000	$35,000,000

82.2 *Increase funds for rural infrastructure for economic development. (S:Increase funds for rural infrastructure for economic development for Tier 1 counties)(CC:Increase funds for rural infrastructure for economic development for Tier 1 and Tier 2 counties)*

State General Funds		$50,000,000	$30,000,000	$60,000,000

82.1000 Payments to Georgia Environmental Finance Authority				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for water, wastewater, solid waste, energy, and land conservation projects.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$36,753,495	$86,753,495	$86,753,495	$96,753,495
State General Funds	$36,753,495	$86,753,495	$86,753,495	$96,753,495
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,753,495	$86,753,495	$86,753,495	$96,753,495

Payments to OneGeorgia Authority			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for the OneGeorgia Authority.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$20,460,340	$20,460,340	$20,460,340	$20,460,340
State General Funds	$20,460,340	$20,460,340	$20,460,340	$20,460,340
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521
Intergovernmental Transfers	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,605,861	$20,605,861	$20,605,861	$20,605,861
83.1 *Reduce funds for grants to engage nonprofits in Hurricane Helene recovery efforts and recognize funds in the State Forestry Commission and Department of Agriculture to support initiatives recommended by the Governor's Timber Task Force to address challenges facing Georgia's timber and forest products industry.*				
State General Funds	($11,147,208)	($11,147,208)	($11,147,208)	($11,147,208)
83.2 *Increase funds for rural site development.*				
State General Funds	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000

83.1000 Payments to OneGeorgia Authority				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for the OneGeorgia Authority.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$24,313,132	$24,313,132	$24,313,132	$24,313,132
State General Funds	$24,313,132	$24,313,132	$24,313,132	$24,313,132
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521
Intergovernmental Transfers	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,458,653	$24,458,653	$24,458,653	$24,458,653

Section 17: Community Health, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,553,191,485	$5,553,191,485	$5,553,191,485	$5,553,191,485
State General Funds	$4,797,138,562	$4,797,138,562	$4,797,138,562	$4,797,138,562
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$124,062,351	$124,062,351	$124,062,351	$124,062,351
Ambulance Provider Fees	$8,812,014	$8,812,014	$8,812,014	$8,812,014
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$158,995,531	$158,995,531	$158,995,531	$158,995,531
Hospital Provider Fee	$464,183,027	$464,183,027	$464,183,027	$464,183,027
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,676,947,486	$12,676,947,486	$12,676,947,486	$12,676,947,486
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$15,616,473	$15,616,473	$15,616,473	$15,616,473
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$12,119,426,416	$12,119,426,416	$12,119,426,416	$12,119,426,416
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$541,904,597	$541,904,597	$541,904,597	$541,904,597
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,026,794,513	$1,026,794,513	$1,026,794,513	$1,026,794,513

Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263
Hospital Authorities	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263
Sales and Services	$3,600,000	$3,600,000	$3,600,000	$3,600,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,600,000	$3,600,000	$3,600,000	$3,600,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178
State Funds Transfers	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,168,519	$1,168,519	$1,168,519	$1,168,519
Health Insurance Payments	$5,142,505,397	$5,142,505,397	$5,142,505,397	$5,142,505,397
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$280,857,262	$280,857,262	$280,857,262	$280,857,262
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,681,464,662	$24,681,464,662	$24,681,464,662	$24,681,464,662

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,650,253,317	$5,667,907,979	$5,681,617,514	$5,665,754,067
State General Funds	$4,872,466,534	$4,890,121,196	$4,903,830,731	$4,887,967,284
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$124,062,351	$124,062,351	$124,062,351	$124,062,351
Ambulance Provider Fees	$11,458,192	$11,458,192	$11,458,192	$11,458,192
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$131,092,562	$131,092,562	$131,092,562	$131,092,562
Hospital Provider Fee	$511,173,678	$511,173,678	$511,173,678	$511,173,678
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,844,171,129	$12,837,957,777	$12,866,082,331	$12,837,957,777
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$15,616,473	$15,616,473	$15,616,473	$15,616,473
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$12,310,013,752	$12,305,870,252	$12,333,994,806	$12,305,870,252
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$518,540,904	$516,471,052	$516,471,052	$516,471,052
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,026,794,513	$1,026,794,513	$1,026,794,513	$1,026,794,513
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263
Hospital Authorities	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263
Sales and Services	$3,600,000	$3,600,000	$3,600,000	$3,600,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,600,000	$3,600,000	$3,600,000	$3,600,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178
State Funds Transfers	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,168,519	$1,168,519	$1,168,519	$1,168,519
Health Insurance Payments	$5,142,505,397	$5,142,505,397	$5,142,505,397	$5,142,505,397
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$280,857,262	$280,857,262	$280,857,262	$280,857,262
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,945,750,137	$24,957,191,447	$24,999,025,536	$24,955,037,535

Departmental Administration (DCH) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$95,091,814	$95,091,814	$95,091,814	$95,091,814
State General Funds	$95,091,814	$95,091,814	$95,091,814	$95,091,814
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$361,445,486	$361,445,486	$361,445,486	$361,445,486
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$651,094	$651,094	$651,094	$651,094
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$331,339,652	$331,339,652	$331,339,652	$331,339,652
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$29,454,740	$29,454,740	$29,454,740	$29,454,740
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$22,480,104	$22,480,104	$22,480,104	$22,480,104
State Funds Transfers	$22,480,104	$22,480,104	$22,480,104	$22,480,104
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,168,519	$1,168,519	$1,168,519	$1,168,519
Health Insurance Payments	$21,311,585	$21,311,585	$21,311,585	$21,311,585
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$482,133,654	$482,133,654	$482,133,654	$482,133,654

84.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$1,029,134	$1,029,134	$643,209	$998,992

84.2 *Increase funds for a $3,000 salary enhancement for Katie Beckett Medicaid caseworkers for parity with Department of Human Services Medicaid caseworkers.*

State General Funds	$5,349	$5,349	$5,349	$5,349
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$16,045	$16,045	$16,045	$16,045
Total Public Funds:	$21,394	$21,394	$21,394	$21,394

84.3 *Reduce funds for personnel based on the actual start date of new positions.*

State General Funds	($18,772)	($18,772)	($18,772)	($18,772)

84.4 *The Department shall submit a 1915(i) waiver to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to provide a comprehensive suite of services as benefits to members enrolled in the Therapeutic Care Model program. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

84.5 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($107,926)	($107,926)	($215,852)

84.6 *Increase funds to support spinal injury services. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds		$2,500,000	$0	$0

84.1000 Departmental Administration (DCH)				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$96,107,525	$98,499,599	$95,613,674	$95,861,531
State General Funds	$96,107,525	$98,499,599	$95,613,674	$95,861,531
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$361,461,531	$361,461,531	$361,461,531	$361,461,531
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$651,094	$651,094	$651,094	$651,094
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$331,355,697	$331,355,697	$331,355,697	$331,355,697
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$29,454,740	$29,454,740	$29,454,740	$29,454,740
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$22,480,104	$22,480,104	$22,480,104	$22,480,104
State Funds Transfers	$22,480,104	$22,480,104	$22,480,104	$22,480,104
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,168,519	$1,168,519	$1,168,519	$1,168,519
Health Insurance Payments	$21,311,585	$21,311,585	$21,311,585	$21,311,585
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$483,165,410	$485,557,484	$482,671,559	$482,919,416
Georgia Board of Dentistry				**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified applicants as dentists and dental hygienists, regulating the practice of dentistry, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary action when warranted.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,274,815	$1,274,815	$1,274,815	$1,274,815
State General Funds	$1,274,815	$1,274,815	$1,274,815	$1,274,815
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,274,815	$1,274,815	$1,274,815	$1,274,815
85.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*				
State General Funds	$15,071	$15,071	$9,420	$17,224
85.2 *Increase funds for one vehicle and protective equipment for an additional criminal investigator for which funding is appropriated in FY2027.*				
State General Funds	$30,389	$32,789	$32,789	$32,789
85.3 *Reduce funds for personnel based on the actual start date of new positions.*				
State General Funds	($47,331)	($122,059)	($122,059)	($122,059)

85.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($3,162)	($3,162)	($6,324)

85.1000 Georgia Board of Dentistry				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified applicants as dentists and dental hygienists, regulating the practice of dentistry, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary action when warranted.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,272,944	$1,197,454	$1,191,803	$1,196,445
State General Funds	$1,272,944	$1,197,454	$1,191,803	$1,196,445
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,272,944	$1,197,454	$1,191,803	$1,196,445

Georgia State Board of Pharmacy				**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified pharmacists and pharmacies, regulating the practice of pharmacy, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary actions when warranted.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,128,029	$1,128,029	$1,128,029	$1,128,029
State General Funds	$1,128,029	$1,128,029	$1,128,029	$1,128,029
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,128,029	$1,128,029	$1,128,029	$1,128,029

86.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$15,071	$15,071	$9,420	$12,918

86.2 *Reduce funds for personnel based on the actual start date of new positions.*

State General Funds	($40,389)	($89,098)	($89,098)	($89,098)

86.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($2,897)	($2,897)	($5,794)

86.1000 Georgia State Board of Pharmacy				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified pharmacists and pharmacies, regulating the practice of pharmacy, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary actions when warranted.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,102,711	$1,051,105	$1,045,454	$1,046,055
State General Funds	$1,102,711	$1,051,105	$1,045,454	$1,046,055
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,102,711	$1,051,105	$1,045,454	$1,046,055

Health Care Access and Improvement **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and other support services for programs that seek to improve health access and outcomes in rural and underserved areas of Georgia through the State Office of Rural Health, the various commissions of the Office of Health Improvement, and the Office of Health Information Technology and Transparency.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$20,819,637	$20,819,637	$20,819,637	$20,819,637
State General Funds	$20,819,637	$20,819,637	$20,819,637	$20,819,637
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$172,588	$172,588	$172,588	$172,588
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$172,588	$172,588	$172,588	$172,588
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,992,225	$20,992,225	$20,992,225	$20,992,225

87.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$21,530	$21,530	$13,457	$19,377

87.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($2,317)	($2,317)	($4,634)

87.3 *Increase funds to establish a grant program to support the creation of new rural medical and dental clinics.*

State General Funds	$4,800,000	$4,800,000	$3,200,000

87.4 *Increase funds for one-time funding for hospital infrastructure and emergency power. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds	$800,000	$0	$0

87.5 *Increase funds for one-time funding for two portable training ultrasound machines. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds	$155,251	$155,251	$0

87.6 *Increase funds for rural colorectal screenings.*

State General Funds	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000

87.7 *Increase funds for Side by Side Brain Injury Clubhouse.*

State General Funds		$300,000	$300,000

87.1000 Health Care Access and Improvement **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and other support services for programs that seek to improve health access and outcomes in rural and underserved areas of Georgia through the State Office of Rural Health, the various commissions of the Office of Health Improvement, and the Office of Health Information Technology and Transparency.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$20,841,167	$26,844,101	$26,336,028	$24,584,380
State General Funds	$20,841,167	$26,844,101	$26,336,028	$24,584,380
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$172,588	$172,588	$172,588	$172,588
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$172,588	$172,588	$172,588	$172,588
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,013,755	$27,016,689	$26,508,616	$24,756,968

Healthcare Facility Regulation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to inspect and license long term care and health care facilities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,054,557	$27,054,557	$27,054,557	$27,054,557
State General Funds	$27,054,557	$27,054,557	$27,054,557	$27,054,557
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,005,577	$12,005,577	$12,005,577	$12,005,577
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,005,577	$12,005,577	$12,005,577	$12,005,577
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,160,134	$39,160,134	$39,160,134	$39,160,134

88.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$484,425	$484,425	$302,766	$452,130

88.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($87,262)	($87,262)	($174,524)

88.1000 Healthcare Facility Regulation **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to inspect and license long term care and health care facilities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,538,982	$27,451,720	$27,270,061	$27,332,163
State General Funds	$27,538,982	$27,451,720	$27,270,061	$27,332,163
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,005,577	$12,005,577	$12,005,577	$12,005,577
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,005,577	$12,005,577	$12,005,577	$12,005,577
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,644,559	$39,557,297	$39,375,638	$39,437,740

Indigent Care Trust Fund **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support rural and other healthcare providers, primarily hospitals that serve medically indigent Georgians.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,882,042	$52,882,042	$52,882,042	$52,882,042
State General Funds	$52,882,042	$52,882,042	$52,882,042	$52,882,042
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$671,388,987	$671,388,987	$671,388,987	$671,388,987
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$671,388,987	$671,388,987	$671,388,987	$671,388,987
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$286,585,667	$286,585,667	$286,585,667	$286,585,667
Intergovernmental Transfers	$283,385,667	$283,385,667	$283,385,667	$283,385,667
Hospital Authorities	$283,385,667	$283,385,667	$283,385,667	$283,385,667
Sales and Services	$3,200,000	$3,200,000	$3,200,000	$3,200,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,200,000	$3,200,000	$3,200,000	$3,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,010,856,696	$1,010,856,696	$1,010,856,696	$1,010,856,696

89.1000 Indigent Care Trust Fund **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support rural and other healthcare providers, primarily hospitals that serve medically indigent Georgians.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,882,042	$52,882,042	$52,882,042	$52,882,042
State General Funds	$52,882,042	$52,882,042	$52,882,042	$52,882,042
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$671,388,987	$671,388,987	$671,388,987	$671,388,987
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$671,388,987	$671,388,987	$671,388,987	$671,388,987
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$286,585,667	$286,585,667	$286,585,667	$286,585,667
Intergovernmental Transfers	$283,385,667	$283,385,667	$283,385,667	$283,385,667
Hospital Authorities	$283,385,667	$283,385,667	$283,385,667	$283,385,667
Sales and Services	$3,200,000	$3,200,000	$3,200,000	$3,200,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,200,000	$3,200,000	$3,200,000	$3,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,010,856,696	$1,010,856,696	$1,010,856,696	$1,010,856,696

Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health care access primarily to elderly and disabled individuals. There is also hereby appropriated to the Department of Community Health a specific sum of money equal to all the provider fees paid to the Indigent Care Trust Fund created pursuant to Article 6A of chapter 8 of Title 31. The sum of money is appropriated for payments for nursing homes pursuant to Article 6A.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,844,180,261	$2,844,180,261	$2,844,180,261	$2,844,180,261
State General Funds	$2,622,925,268	$2,622,925,268	$2,622,925,268	$2,622,925,268
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,191,806	$6,191,806	$6,191,806	$6,191,806
Ambulance Provider Fees	$8,812,014	$8,812,014	$8,812,014	$8,812,014
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$158,995,531	$158,995,531	$158,995,531	$158,995,531
Hospital Provider Fee	$47,255,642	$47,255,642	$47,255,642	$47,255,642
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,488,511,854	$5,488,511,854	$5,488,511,854	$5,488,511,854
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,787,214	$2,787,214	$2,787,214	$2,787,214

Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$5,485,724,640	$5,485,724,640	$5,485,724,640	$5,485,724,640
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$97,574,403	$97,574,403	$97,574,403	$97,574,403
Intergovernmental Transfers	$97,574,403	$97,574,403	$97,574,403	$97,574,403
Hospital Authorities	$97,574,403	$97,574,403	$97,574,403	$97,574,403
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632
State Funds Transfers	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,697,555,150	$8,697,555,150	$8,697,555,150	$8,697,555,150
90.1 *Increase funds for growth in Medicaid based on projected utilization.*				
State General Funds	$223,976,684	$226,981,080	$241,222,009	$226,981,080
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$440,839,831	$446,753,203	$474,877,757	$446,753,203
Total Public Funds:	$664,816,515	$673,734,283	$716,099,766	$673,734,283
90.2 *Increase funds for the hold harmless prevision in Medicare Part B premiums.*				
State General Funds	$25,818,036	$26,344,701	$26,344,701	$26,344,701
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$50,816,086	$51,852,689	$51,852,689	$51,852,689
Total Public Funds:	$76,634,122	$78,197,390	$78,197,390	$78,197,390
90.3 *Increase funds for the Medicare Part D Clawback payment.*				
State General Funds	$3,196,843	$3,213,974	$3,213,974	$3,213,974
90.4 *Reduce funds for high-cost drugs based on projected utilization.*				
State General Funds	($11,624,428)	($11,624,428)	($11,624,428)	($11,624,428)
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	($22,879,662)	($22,879,662)	($22,879,662)	($22,879,662)
Total Public Funds:	($34,504,090)	($34,504,090)	($34,504,090)	($34,504,090)
90.5 *Reduce funds for Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) savings from FY2026 provider rate enhancements.*				
State General Funds	($26,467)	($26,467)	($26,467)	($26,467)
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	($48,696)	($48,696)	($48,696)	($48,696)
Total Public Funds:	($75,163)	($75,163)	($75,163)	($75,163)
90.6 *Replace funds.*				
State General Funds	($4,783,831)	($4,783,831)	($4,783,831)	($4,783,831)
Hospital Provider Fee	$4,783,831	$4,783,831	$4,783,831	$4,783,831
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0	$0

90.7 *Replace funds.*

State General Funds	$27,902,969	$27,902,969	$27,902,969	$27,902,969
Nursing Home Provider Fees	($27,902,969)	($27,902,969)	($27,902,969)	($27,902,969)
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0	$0

90.8 *Increase funds for ambulance provider fees based on projected revenue.*

Ambulance Provider Fees	$2,646,178	$2,646,178	$2,646,178	$2,646,178

90.9 *Increase funds for supplemental quality incentive payments at skilled nursing facilities.*

State General Funds		$3,000,000	$3,000,000	$3,000,000
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778		$5,900,000	$5,900,000	$5,900,000
Total Public Funds:		$8,900,000	$8,900,000	$8,900,000

90.1000 Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health care access primarily to elderly and disabled individuals. There is also hereby appropriated to the Department of Community Health a specific sum of money equal to all the provider fees paid to the Indigent Care Trust Fund created pursuant to Article 6A of chapter 8 of Title 31. The sum of money is appropriated for payments for nursing homes pursuant to Article 6A.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,088,167,107	$3,094,715,299	$3,108,956,228	$3,094,715,299
State General Funds	$2,887,385,074	$2,893,933,266	$2,908,174,195	$2,893,933,266
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,191,806	$6,191,806	$6,191,806	$6,191,806
Ambulance Provider Fees	$11,458,192	$11,458,192	$11,458,192	$11,458,192
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$131,092,562	$131,092,562	$131,092,562	$131,092,562
Hospital Provider Fee	$52,039,473	$52,039,473	$52,039,473	$52,039,473
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,957,239,413	$5,970,089,388	$5,998,213,942	$5,970,089,388
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,787,214	$2,787,214	$2,787,214	$2,787,214
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$5,954,452,199	$5,967,302,174	$5,995,426,728	$5,967,302,174
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$97,574,403	$97,574,403	$97,574,403	$97,574,403
Intergovernmental Transfers	$97,574,403	$97,574,403	$97,574,403	$97,574,403
Hospital Authorities	$97,574,403	$97,574,403	$97,574,403	$97,574,403
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632
State Funds Transfers	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,410,269,555	$9,429,667,722	$9,472,033,205	$9,429,667,722

Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide healthcare access primarily to low-income individuals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,246,744,451	$2,246,744,451	$2,246,744,451	$2,246,744,451
State General Funds	$1,711,946,521	$1,711,946,521	$1,711,946,521	$1,711,946,521
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$117,870,545	$117,870,545	$117,870,545	$117,870,545

Hospital Provider Fee	$416,927,385	$416,927,385	$416,927,385	$416,927,385
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,756,199,698	$5,756,199,698	$5,756,199,698	$5,756,199,698
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$5,623,100,178	$5,623,100,178	$5,623,100,178	$5,623,100,178
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$133,099,520	$133,099,520	$133,099,520	$133,099,520
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$639,118,193	$639,118,193	$639,118,193	$639,118,193
Intergovernmental Transfers	$639,118,193	$639,118,193	$639,118,193	$639,118,193
Hospital Authorities	$639,118,193	$639,118,193	$639,118,193	$639,118,193
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847
State Funds Transfers	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,655,479,189	$8,655,479,189	$8,655,479,189	$8,655,479,189

91.1 *Reduce funds for Medicaid based on projected utilization.*

State General Funds	($141,294,076)	($149,927,920)	($149,927,920)	($149,927,920)
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	($278,100,629)	($295,094,104)	($295,094,104)	($295,094,104)
Total Public Funds:	($419,394,705)	($445,022,024)	($445,022,024)	($445,022,024)

91.2 *Reduce funds for Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) savings from FY2026 provider rate enhancements.*

State General Funds	($29,825)	($29,825)	($29,825)	($29,825)
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	($55,639)	($55,639)	($55,639)	($55,639)
Total Public Funds:	($85,464)	($85,464)	($85,464)	($85,464)

91.3 *Replace funds.*

State General Funds	($42,206,820)	($42,206,820)	($42,206,820)	($42,206,820)
Hospital Provider Fee	$42,206,820	$42,206,820	$42,206,820	$42,206,820
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0	$0

91.1000 Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide healthcare access primarily to low-income individuals.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,105,420,550	$2,096,786,706	$2,096,786,706	$2,096,786,706
State General Funds	$1,528,415,800	$1,519,781,956	$1,519,781,956	$1,519,781,956
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$117,870,545	$117,870,545	$117,870,545	$117,870,545
Hospital Provider Fee	$459,134,205	$459,134,205	$459,134,205	$459,134,205
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,478,043,430	$5,461,049,955	$5,461,049,955	$5,461,049,955
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$5,344,943,910	$5,327,950,435	$5,327,950,435	$5,327,950,435
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$133,099,520	$133,099,520	$133,099,520	$133,099,520
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$639,118,193	$639,118,193	$639,118,193	$639,118,193
Intergovernmental Transfers	$639,118,193	$639,118,193	$639,118,193	$639,118,193
Hospital Authorities	$639,118,193	$639,118,193	$639,118,193	$639,118,193
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847

State Funds Transfers	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,235,999,020	$8,210,371,701	$8,210,371,701	$8,210,371,701

PeachCare **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health insurance coverage for qualified low-income Georgia children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$122,733,823	$122,733,823	$122,733,823	$122,733,823
State General Funds	$122,733,823	$122,733,823	$122,733,823	$122,733,823
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$379,350,337	$379,350,337	$379,350,337	$379,350,337
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$379,350,337	$379,350,337	$379,350,337	$379,350,337
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783
State Funds Transfers	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$502,235,943	$502,235,943	$502,235,943	$502,235,943

92.1 *Reduce funds for Medicaid based on projected utilization.*

State General Funds	($7,211,990)	($7,849,459)	($7,849,459)	($7,849,459)
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	($23,369,319)	($25,439,171)	($25,439,171)	($25,439,171)
Total Public Funds:	($30,581,309)	($33,288,630)	($33,288,630)	($33,288,630)

92.2 *Reduce funds for Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) savings from FY2026 provider rate enhancements.*

State General Funds	($5,626)	($5,626)	($5,626)	($5,626)
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$5,626	$5,626	$5,626	$5,626
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0	$0

92.1000 PeachCare **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health insurance coverage for qualified low-income Georgia children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$115,516,207	$114,878,738	$114,878,738	$114,878,738
State General Funds	$115,516,207	$114,878,738	$114,878,738	$114,878,738
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$355,986,644	$353,916,792	$353,916,792	$353,916,792
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$355,986,644	$353,916,792	$353,916,792	$353,916,792
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783
State Funds Transfers	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$471,654,634	$468,947,313	$468,947,313	$468,947,313

State Health Benefit Plan **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a healthcare benefit for teachers and state employees that is competitive with other commercial benefit plans in quality of care and access to providers; and to provide for the efficient management of provider fees and utilization rates.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,011,921	$6,011,921	$6,011,921	$6,011,921
State General Funds	$6,011,921	$6,011,921	$6,011,921	$6,011,921
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812
State Funds Transfers	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812
Health Insurance Payments	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,127,205,733	$5,127,205,733	$5,127,205,733	$5,127,205,733

93.1000 State Health Benefit Plan **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a healthcare benefit for teachers and state employees that is competitive with other commercial benefit plans in quality of care and access to providers; and to provide for the efficient management of provider fees and utilization rates.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,011,921	$6,011,921	$6,011,921	$6,011,921
State General Funds	$6,011,921	$6,011,921	$6,011,921	$6,011,921
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812
State Funds Transfers	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812
Health Insurance Payments	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,127,205,733	$5,127,205,733	$5,127,205,733	$5,127,205,733

Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Board Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all agency programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,986,170	$1,986,170	$1,986,170	$1,986,170
State General Funds	$1,986,170	$1,986,170	$1,986,170	$1,986,170
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,986,170	$1,986,170	$1,986,170	$1,986,170

94.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$19,377	$19,377	$12,111	$17,224

94.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($5,168)	($5,168)	($10,336)

94.1000 Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Board Administration				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all agency programs.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,005,547	$2,000,379	$1,993,113	$1,993,058
State General Funds	$2,005,547	$2,000,379	$1,993,113	$1,993,058
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,005,547	$2,000,379	$1,993,113	$1,993,058

Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Graduate Medical Education			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to address the physician workforce needs of Georgia communities through the support and development of medical education programs.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$43,283,730	$43,283,730	$43,283,730	$43,283,730
State General Funds	$43,283,730	$43,283,730	$43,283,730	$43,283,730
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,872,959	$7,872,959	$7,872,959	$7,872,959
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$7,872,959	$7,872,959	$7,872,959	$7,872,959
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$51,156,689	$51,156,689	$51,156,689	$51,156,689

95.1 *Utilize existing funds ($734,438) for grants for Graduate Medical Education (GME) programs based on the use of Medicaid Reimbursements for new residency slots pending approval of a State Plan Amendment to fund the Rural Surgery Initiative and child and adolescent psychiatry slots at Augusta University. (G:YES)(H:NO)(S:NO)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

95.2 *Reduce funds due to delayed approval of a State Plan Amendment.*

State General Funds		($6,844,122)	($6,844,122)	($6,844,122)

95.3 *Increase funds for the Rural Surgery Initiative and child and adolescent psychiatry slots at Augusta University. (S and CC:Increase funds and utilize existing funds ($432,338) for the Rural Surgery Initiative and child and adolescent psychiatry slots at Augusta University)*

State General Funds		$1,166,776	$734,438	$734,438

95.4 *Increase funds for one-time funding for the expansion of graduate medical education programs in South Georgia.*

State General Funds		$17,806,568	$19,931,568	$17,806,568

95.5 *Increase funds for the child and adolescent psychiatry fellowship program at Gateway Behavioral Health.*

State General Funds			$432,338	$432,338

95.6 *Increase funds for one-time funding for existing internal medicine residency program in South Georgia.*

State General Funds				$2,125,000

95.1000 Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Graduate Medical Education	**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to address the physician workforce needs of Georgia communities through the support and development of medical education programs.	

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$43,283,730	$55,412,952	$57,537,952	$57,537,952
State General Funds	$43,283,730	$55,412,952	$57,537,952	$57,537,952
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,872,959	$7,872,959	$7,872,959	$7,872,959
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$7,872,959	$7,872,959	$7,872,959	$7,872,959
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$51,156,689	$63,285,911	$65,410,911	$65,410,911

Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Healthcare Education Programs **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of primary care and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with medical schools in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,195,783	$7,195,783	$7,195,783	$7,195,783
State General Funds	$7,195,783	$7,195,783	$7,195,783	$7,195,783
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,195,783	$7,195,783	$7,195,783	$7,195,783

96.1 *Increase funds to promote rural residency programs. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds		$100,000	$0	$0

96.998 *Change the name of the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Undergraduate Medical Education program to the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Healthcare Education Programs program to include nursing education. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

96.999 ***CC**: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of health practitioners through a public/private partnership with medical and nursing schools in Georgia.*
***Senate**: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of health practitioners through a public/private partnership with medical and nursing schools in Georgia.*
***House**: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of health practitioners through a public/private partnership with medical and nursing schools in Georgia.*
***Governor**: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of health practitioners through a public/private partnership with medical and nursing schools in Georgia.*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

96.1000 Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Healthcare Education Programs **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of health practitioners through a public/private partnership with medical and nursing schools in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,195,783	$7,295,783	$7,195,783	$7,195,783
State General Funds	$7,195,783	$7,295,783	$7,195,783	$7,195,783
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,195,783	$7,295,783	$7,195,783	$7,195,783

Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Healthcare Practitioner Loan Repayment **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of physicians in rural areas of the state, and to provide a program of aid to promising medical students.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,215,000	$6,215,000	$6,215,000	$6,215,000
State General Funds	$6,215,000	$6,215,000	$6,215,000	$6,215,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,215,000	$6,215,000	$6,215,000	$6,215,000

97.1000 Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Healthcare Practitioner Loan Repayment **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of physicians in rural areas of the state, and to provide a program of aid to promising medical students.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,215,000	$6,215,000	$6,215,000	$6,215,000
State General Funds	$6,215,000	$6,215,000	$6,215,000	$6,215,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,215,000	$6,215,000	$6,215,000	$6,215,000

Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Mercer School of Medicine Grant **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Mercer University School of Medicine to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,576,801	$34,576,801	$34,576,801	$34,576,801
State General Funds	$34,576,801	$34,576,801	$34,576,801	$34,576,801
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$34,576,801	$34,576,801	$34,576,801	$34,576,801

98.1 *Increase funds to expand access to healthcare in medically underserved areas in East Central Georgia.*

State General Funds	$1,085,465	$900,000

98.1000 Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Mercer School of Medicine Grant **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Mercer University School of Medicine to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,576,801	$34,576,801	$35,662,266	$35,476,801
State General Funds	$34,576,801	$34,576,801	$35,662,266	$35,476,801
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$34,576,801	$34,576,801	$35,662,266	$35,476,801

Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Morehouse School of Medicine Grant **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Morehouse School of Medicine and affiliated hospitals to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$33,429,696	$33,429,696	$33,429,696	$33,429,696
State General Funds	$33,429,696	$33,429,696	$33,429,696	$33,429,696
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$33,429,696	$33,429,696	$33,429,696	$33,429,696

99.1000 Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Morehouse School of Medicine Grant **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Morehouse School of Medicine and affiliated hospitals to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$33,429,696	$33,429,696	$33,429,696	$33,429,696
State General Funds	$33,429,696	$33,429,696	$33,429,696	$33,429,696
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$33,429,696	$33,429,696	$33,429,696	$33,429,696

Georgia Composite Medical Board **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to license qualified applicants as physicians, physician's assistants, respiratory care professionals, perfusionists, acupuncturists, orthotists, prosthetists, and auricular (ear) detoxification specialists. Also, investigate complaints and discipline those who violate the Medical Practice Act or other laws governing the professional behavior of the Board licensees.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,278,810	$5,278,810	$5,278,810	$5,278,810
State General Funds	$5,278,810	$5,278,810	$5,278,810	$5,278,810
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,578,810	$5,578,810	$5,578,810	$5,578,810

100.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$88,273	$88,273	$55,171	$71,049

100.2 *Reduce funds for personnel based on the actual start date of new positions.*

State General Funds	($24,378)	($20,337)	($20,337)	($20,337)

100.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($17,865)	($17,865)	($35,730)

100.4 *Utilize funds appropriated in HB68 (2025 Legislative Session) for a paralegal. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds		$0	$0	$0

100.1000 Georgia Composite Medical Board				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to license qualified applicants as physicians, physician's assistants, respiratory care professionals, perfusionists, acupuncturists, orthotists, prosthetists, and auricular (ear) detoxification specialists. Also, investigate complaints and discipline those who violate the Medical Practice Act or other laws governing the professional behavior of the Board licensees.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,342,705	$5,328,881	$5,295,779	$5,293,792
State General Funds	$5,342,705	$5,328,881	$5,295,779	$5,293,792
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,642,705	$5,628,881	$5,595,779	$5,593,792

Drugs and Narcotics Agency, Georgia			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the general public by providing an enforcement presence to oversee all laws and regulations pertaining to controlled substances and dangerous drugs.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,304,145	$3,304,145	$3,304,145	$3,304,145
State General Funds	$3,304,145	$3,304,145	$3,304,145	$3,304,145
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,304,145	$3,304,145	$3,304,145	$3,304,145

101.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$38,754	$38,754	$24,222	$38,754

101.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($13,097)	($13,097)	($26,194)

101.1000 Drugs and Narcotics Agency, Georgia				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the general public by providing an enforcement presence to oversee all laws and regulations pertaining to controlled substances and dangerous drugs.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,342,899	$3,329,802	$3,315,270	$3,316,705
State General Funds	$3,342,899	$3,329,802	$3,315,270	$3,316,705
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,342,899	$3,329,802	$3,315,270	$3,316,705

Section 18: Community Supervision, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$232,862,212	$232,862,212	$232,862,212	$232,862,212
State General Funds	$232,862,212	$232,862,212	$232,862,212	$232,862,212
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$636,008	$636,008	$636,008	$636,008
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$636,008	$636,008	$636,008	$636,008
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$283,707	$283,707	$283,707	$283,707
Intergovernmental Transfers	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773
Sales and Services	$171,934	$171,934	$171,934	$171,934
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$171,934	$171,934	$171,934	$171,934
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$845,000	$845,000	$845,000	$845,000
State Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$234,626,927	$234,626,927	$234,626,927	$234,626,927
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$236,849,568	$235,866,373	$232,385,862	$234,834,055
State General Funds	$236,849,568	$235,866,373	$232,385,862	$234,834,055
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$636,008	$636,008	$636,008	$636,008
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$636,008	$636,008	$636,008	$636,008
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$283,707	$283,707	$283,707	$283,707
Intergovernmental Transfers	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773
Sales and Services	$171,934	$171,934	$171,934	$171,934
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$171,934	$171,934	$171,934	$171,934
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$845,000	$845,000	$845,000	$845,000
State Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$238,614,283	$237,631,088	$234,150,577	$236,598,770

Departmental Administration (DCS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,138,823	$11,138,823	$11,138,823	$11,138,823
State General Funds	$11,138,823	$11,138,823	$11,138,823	$11,138,823

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
Sales and Services	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,140,023	$11,140,023	$11,140,023	$11,140,023

102.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$144,251	$144,251	$90,157	$148,557

102.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($41,787)	($41,787)	($83,574)

102.3 *Reduce funds for vacant positions. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds			($83,789)	$0

102.1000 Departmental Administration (DCS) **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,283,074	$11,241,287	$11,103,404	$11,203,806
State General Funds	$11,283,074	$11,241,287	$11,103,404	$11,203,806
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
Sales and Services	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,284,274	$11,242,487	$11,104,604	$11,205,006

Field Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve Georgia citizens through effective and efficient offender supervision in communities, while providing opportunities for successful outcomes.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$215,373,753	$215,373,753	$215,373,753	$215,373,753
State General Funds	$215,373,753	$215,373,753	$215,373,753	$215,373,753
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$447,884	$447,884	$447,884	$447,884
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$447,884	$447,884	$447,884	$447,884
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$121,278	$121,278	$121,278	$121,278
Intergovernmental Transfers	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773
Sales and Services	$9,505	$9,505	$9,505	$9,505
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$9,505	$9,505	$9,505	$9,505

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$845,000	$845,000	$845,000	$845,000
State Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$216,787,915	$216,787,915	$216,787,915	$216,787,915

103.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$3,741,914	$3,741,914	$2,338,697	$3,599,816

103.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($820,539)	($820,539)	($1,641,078)

103.3 *Reduce funds for personnel based on the actual start date of new positions.*

State General Funds	($100,785)	($100,785)	($100,785)

103.4 *Reduce funds for vacant positions. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds		($1,818,135)	$0

103.1000 Field Services **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve Georgia citizens through effective and efficient offender supervision in communities, while providing opportunities for successful outcomes.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$219,115,667	$218,194,343	$214,972,991	$217,231,706
State General Funds	$219,115,667	$218,194,343	$214,972,991	$217,231,706
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$447,884	$447,884	$447,884	$447,884
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$447,884	$447,884	$447,884	$447,884
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$121,278	$121,278	$121,278	$121,278
Intergovernmental Transfers	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773
Sales and Services	$9,505	$9,505	$9,505	$9,505
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$9,505	$9,505	$9,505	$9,505
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$845,000	$845,000	$845,000	$845,000
State Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000

Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$220,529,829	$219,608,505	$216,387,153	$218,645,868

Governor's Office of Transition, Support and Reentry **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a collaboration of governmental and non-governmental stakeholders to develop and execute a systematic reentry plan for Georgia offenders and ensure the delivery of services to reduce recidivism and support the success of returning citizens.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,592,794	$4,592,794	$4,592,794	$4,592,794
State General Funds	$4,592,794	$4,592,794	$4,592,794	$4,592,794
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,592,794	$4,592,794	$4,592,794	$4,592,794

104.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$68,896	$68,896	$43,060	$62,437

104.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($13,873)	($13,873)	($27,746)

104.3 *Reduce funds for vacant positions. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds			($33,326)	$0

104.1000 Governor's Office of Transition, Support and Reentry **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a collaboration of governmental and non-governmental stakeholders to develop and execute a systematic reentry plan for Georgia offenders and ensure the delivery of services to reduce recidivism and support the success of returning citizens.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,661,690	$4,647,817	$4,588,655	$4,627,485
State General Funds	$4,661,690	$4,647,817	$4,588,655	$4,627,485
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,661,690	$4,647,817	$4,588,655	$4,627,485

Misdemeanor Probation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of all governmental and private misdemeanor probation providers through inspection and investigation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,017,668	$1,017,668	$1,017,668	$1,017,668
State General Funds	$1,017,668	$1,017,668	$1,017,668	$1,017,668
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,017,668	$1,017,668	$1,017,668	$1,017,668

105.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$15,071	$15,071	$9,420	$15,071

105.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($4,339)	($4,339)	($8,678)

105.3 *Reduce funds for vacant positions.*

State General Funds			($22,127)	($5,657)

105.1000 Misdemeanor Probation **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of all governmental and private misdemeanor probation providers through inspection and investigation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,032,739	$1,028,400	$1,000,622	$1,018,404
State General Funds	$1,032,739	$1,028,400	$1,000,622	$1,018,404
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,032,739	$1,028,400	$1,000,622	$1,018,404

Family Violence, Georgia Commission on **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the study and evaluation of needs and services relating to family violence in Georgia, develop models for community task forces on family violence, provide training and continuing education on the dynamics of family violence, and develop standards to be used in the certification and regulation of Family Violence Intervention Programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$739,174	$739,174	$739,174	$739,174
State General Funds	$739,174	$739,174	$739,174	$739,174
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$188,124	$188,124	$188,124	$188,124
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$188,124	$188,124	$188,124	$188,124
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229
Sales and Services	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,088,527	$1,088,527	$1,088,527	$1,088,527

106.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$17,224	$17,224	$10,765	$17,224

106.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($1,872)	($1,872)	($3,744)

106.3 *Reduce funds for vacant positions. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds		($27,877)	$0

106.1000 Family Violence, Georgia Commission on **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the study and evaluation of needs and services relating to family violence in Georgia, develop models for community task forces on family violence, provide training and continuing education on the dynamics of family violence, and develop standards to be used in the certification and regulation of Family Violence Intervention Programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$756,398	$754,526	$720,190	$752,654
State General Funds	$756,398	$754,526	$720,190	$752,654
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$188,124	$188,124	$188,124	$188,124
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$188,124	$188,124	$188,124	$188,124
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229
Sales and Services	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,105,751	$1,103,879	$1,069,543	$1,102,007

Section 19: Corrections, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,695,298,277	$1,695,298,277	$1,695,298,277	$1,695,298,277
State General Funds	$1,695,298,277	$1,695,298,277	$1,695,298,277	$1,695,298,277
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$809,589	$809,589	$809,589	$809,589
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$809,589	$809,589	$809,589	$809,589
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$14,855,486	$14,855,486	$14,855,486	$14,855,486
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936
Sales and Services	$14,516,550	$14,516,550	$14,516,550	$14,516,550
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$14,516,550	$14,516,550	$14,516,550	$14,516,550
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,104,596	$1,104,596	$1,104,596	$1,104,596
State Funds Transfers	$1,104,596	$1,104,596	$1,104,596	$1,104,596
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$565,127	$565,127	$565,127	$565,127
Agency to Agency Contracts	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,712,067,948	$1,712,067,948	$1,712,067,948	$1,712,067,948

	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,782,435,308	$1,789,705,561	$1,773,407,310	$1,785,702,547
State General Funds	$1,782,435,308	$1,789,705,561	$1,773,407,310	$1,785,702,547
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$809,589	$809,589	$809,589	$809,589
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$809,589	$809,589	$809,589	$809,589
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$14,855,486	$14,855,486	$14,855,486	$14,855,486
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936
Sales and Services	$14,516,550	$14,516,550	$14,516,550	$14,516,550
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$14,516,550	$14,516,550	$14,516,550	$14,516,550
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,104,596	$1,104,596	$1,104,596	$1,104,596
State Funds Transfers	$1,104,596	$1,104,596	$1,104,596	$1,104,596
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$565,127	$565,127	$565,127	$565,127
Agency to Agency Contracts	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,799,204,979	$1,806,475,232	$1,790,176,981	$1,802,472,218

Departmental Administration (DOC) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by providing an effective and efficient department that administers a balanced correctional system.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$41,565,500	$41,565,500	$41,565,500	$41,565,500
State General Funds	$41,565,500	$41,565,500	$41,565,500	$41,565,500
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$372,424	$372,424	$372,424	$372,424
Sales and Services	$372,424	$372,424	$372,424	$372,424
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$372,424	$372,424	$372,424	$372,424
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$41,937,924	$41,937,924	$41,937,924	$41,937,924

107.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$499,496	$499,496	$312,185	$486,578

107.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($132,033)	($132,033)	($264,066)

107.3 *Reduce funds for vacant positions.*

State General Funds			($1,324,546)	($235,106)

107.4 *Explore all options for additional closed security, single cell, inmate capacity and report to the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, and the Chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees by Friday March 13th, 2026. (CC:YES)*

State General Funds $0

107.1000 Departmental Administration (DOC) **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by providing an effective and efficient department that administers a balanced correctional system.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$42,064,996	$41,932,963	$40,421,106	$41,552,906
State General Funds	$42,064,996	$41,932,963	$40,421,106	$41,552,906
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$372,424	$372,424	$372,424	$372,424
Sales and Services	$372,424	$372,424	$372,424	$372,424
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$372,424	$372,424	$372,424	$372,424
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$42,437,420	$42,305,387	$40,793,530	$41,925,330

Detention Centers **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, vocational training, work details, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for probationers who require more security or supervision than provided by regular community supervision.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$76,423,479	$76,423,479	$76,423,479	$76,423,479
State General Funds	$76,423,479	$76,423,479	$76,423,479	$76,423,479
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,374,456	$1,374,456	$1,374,456	$1,374,456
Sales and Services	$1,374,456	$1,374,456	$1,374,456	$1,374,456
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,374,456	$1,374,456	$1,374,456	$1,374,456
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$77,797,935	$77,797,935	$77,797,935	$77,797,935

108.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds $1,466,193 $1,466,193 $916,371 $1,332,707

108.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds ($278,944) ($278,944) ($557,888)

108.1000 Detention Centers **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, vocational training, work details, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for probationers who require more security or supervision than provided by regular community supervision.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$77,889,672	$77,610,728	$77,060,906	$77,198,298
State General Funds	$77,889,672	$77,610,728	$77,060,906	$77,198,298
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,374,456	$1,374,456	$1,374,456	$1,374,456
Sales and Services	$1,374,456	$1,374,456	$1,374,456	$1,374,456
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,374,456	$1,374,456	$1,374,456	$1,374,456
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$79,264,128	$78,985,184	$78,435,362	$78,572,754

Food and Farm Operations **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to manage timber, raise crops and livestock, and produce dairy items used in preparing meals for offenders.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$30,349,192	$30,349,192	$30,349,192	$30,349,192
State General Funds	$30,349,192	$30,349,192	$30,349,192	$30,349,192
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$568,986	$568,986	$568,986	$568,986
Sales and Services	$568,986	$568,986	$568,986	$568,986
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$568,986	$568,986	$568,986	$568,986
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$30,918,178	$30,918,178	$30,918,178	$30,918,178

109.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$36,601	$36,601	$22,876	$32,295

109.2 *Increase funds for food services at four modular correctional units.*

State General Funds	$182,375	$182,375	$88,240	$88,240

109.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($6,591)	($6,591)	($13,182)

109.4 *Increase funds for food services across state facilities contracted with Georgia Correctional Industries due to rising food costs.*

State General Funds		$2,445,250	$2,445,250	$2,445,250

109.5 *Increase funds for the purchase of meat during processing equipment upgrades.*

State General Funds		$1,079,200	$1,079,200	$1,079,200

109.6 *Increase funds for food and farm equipment and software upgrades.*

State General Funds		$1,015,962	$805,962	$805,962

109.1000 Food and Farm Operations				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to manage timber, raise crops and livestock, and produce dairy items used in preparing meals for offenders.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$30,568,168	$35,101,989	$34,784,129	$34,786,957
State General Funds	$30,568,168	$35,101,989	$34,784,129	$34,786,957
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$568,986	$568,986	$568,986	$568,986
Sales and Services	$568,986	$568,986	$568,986	$568,986
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$568,986	$568,986	$568,986	$568,986
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$31,137,154	$35,670,975	$35,353,115	$35,355,943

Health			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the required constitutional level of physical, dental, and mental health care to all inmates of the state correctional system.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$376,598,234	$376,598,234	$376,598,234	$376,598,234
State General Funds	$376,598,234	$376,598,234	$376,598,234	$376,598,234
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$573,812	$573,812	$573,812	$573,812
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$573,812	$573,812	$573,812	$573,812
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$305,972	$305,972	$305,972	$305,972
Sales and Services	$305,972	$305,972	$305,972	$305,972
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$305,972	$305,972	$305,972	$305,972
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$377,478,018	$377,478,018	$377,478,018	$377,478,018

110.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$53,825	$53,825	$33,641	$55,978

110.2 *Increase funds for the physical health contract for a per diem increase ($10,946,108), outside-the-wire care ($15,000,000), and to reflect the opening of additional beds ($12,923,790). (H:Increase funds for the physical health contract for a per diem increase and additional beds ($16,903,986) and outside-the-wire care ($15,000,000))(S:Increase funds for the physical health contract for additional beds ($5,098,280) and outside-the-wire care ($15,000,000))(CC:Increase funds for the physical health contract for a per diem increase and additional beds ($16,903,986) and outside-the-wire care ($15,000,000))*

State General Funds	$38,869,898	$31,903,986	$20,098,280	$31,903,986

110.3 *Increase funds for the mental health contract to increase staffing ratios.*

State General Funds	$479,411	$479,411	$479,411	$479,411

110.4 *Increase funds for the dental health contract to increase staffing ratios.*

State General Funds	$374,587	$374,587	$374,587	$374,587

110.5 *Utilize existing prior year funds ($20,402,982) for physical health risk share obligations. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

110.6 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($16,702)	($16,702)	($33,404)

110.7 *Increase funds for residential substance abuse treatment centers effective April 1, 2026. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds	$312,500	$0	$0

110.8 *Reduce funds for vacant positions. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds		($46,910)	$0

110.1000 Health **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the required constitutional level of physical, dental, and mental health care to all inmates of the state correctional system.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$416,375,955	$409,705,841	$397,520,541	$409,378,792
State General Funds	$416,375,955	$409,705,841	$397,520,541	$409,378,792
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$573,812	$573,812	$573,812	$573,812
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$573,812	$573,812	$573,812	$573,812
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$305,972	$305,972	$305,972	$305,972
Sales and Services	$305,972	$305,972	$305,972	$305,972
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$305,972	$305,972	$305,972	$305,972
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$417,255,739	$410,585,625	$398,400,325	$410,258,576

Offender Management **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and operate the following agency-wide support services to ensure public safety: canine units, the County Correctional Institutions program, Correctional Emergency Response Teams, inmate classification, inmate diagnostics, the jail coordination unit, the release and agreements unit, and tactical squads.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$58,596,973	$58,596,973	$58,596,973	$58,596,973
State General Funds	$58,596,973	$58,596,973	$58,596,973	$58,596,973
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$58,596,973	$58,596,973	$58,596,973	$58,596,973

111.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$129,180	$129,180	$80,738	$114,109

111.2 *Increase funds for jail subsidy payments to local jails for housing Department of Corrections inmates.*

State General Funds	$6,242,030	$6,242,030	$13,756,909	$10,357,370

111.3 *Increase funds for maintenance and support of the inmate assignment decision support system.*

State General Funds	$125,892	$125,892	$125,892	$125,892

111.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($19,399)	($19,399)	($38,798)

111.5 *Increase funds for rural local county jail reimbursement where more than 20% of jail capacity utilization is occupied by detainees unable to make bail on contraband or drone-related charges.*

State General Funds		$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000

111.6 *Reduce funds for vacant positions. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds			($9,978)	$0

111.1000 Offender Management **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and operate the following agency-wide support services to ensure public safety: canine units, the County Correctional Institutions program, Correctional Emergency Response Teams, inmate classification, inmate diagnostics, the jail coordination unit, the release and agreements unit, and tactical squads.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$65,094,075	$66,574,676	$74,031,135	$70,655,546
State General Funds	$65,094,075	$66,574,676	$74,031,135	$70,655,546
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$65,094,075	$66,574,676	$74,031,135	$70,655,546

Private Prisons **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to contract with private companies to provide cost effective prison facilities that ensure public safety.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$172,485,527	$172,485,527	$172,485,527	$172,485,527
State General Funds	$172,485,527	$172,485,527	$172,485,527	$172,485,527
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$172,485,527	$172,485,527	$172,485,527	$172,485,527

112.1 *Increase funds for Jenkins Correctional Institution and Riverbend Correctional Institution to fully utilize available beds at correct tier rate created in HB68 (2025 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	$1,054,637	$1,055,658	$1,055,658	$1,055,658

112.1000 Private Prisons **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to contract with private companies to provide cost effective prison facilities that ensure public safety.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$173,540,164	$173,541,185	$173,541,185	$173,541,185
State General Funds	$173,540,164	$173,541,185	$173,541,185	$173,541,185
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$173,540,164	$173,541,185	$173,541,185	$173,541,185

State Prisons **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, religious support, vocational training, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for violent and/or repeat offenders, or nonviolent offenders who have exhausted all other forms of punishment in a secure, well-supervised setting; to assist in the reentry of these offenders back into society; and to provide fire services and work details to the Department, state agencies, and local communities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$888,604,327	$888,604,327	$888,604,327	$888,604,327
State General Funds	$888,604,327	$888,604,327	$888,604,327	$888,604,327
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$235,777	$235,777	$235,777	$235,777
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$235,777	$235,777	$235,777	$235,777
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$12,013,995	$12,013,995	$12,013,995	$12,013,995
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936
Sales and Services	$11,675,059	$11,675,059	$11,675,059	$11,675,059
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$11,675,059	$11,675,059	$11,675,059	$11,675,059
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,104,596	$1,104,596	$1,104,596	$1,104,596
State Funds Transfers	$1,104,596	$1,104,596	$1,104,596	$1,104,596
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$565,127	$565,127	$565,127	$565,127
Agency to Agency Contracts	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$901,958,695	$901,958,695	$901,958,695	$901,958,695

113.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$12,050,341	$12,050,341	$7,531,464	$10,758,541

113.2 *Increase funds for additional correctional officer positions to improve staff to offender ratios based on improved retention.*

State General Funds	$4,982,902	$9,737,406	$9,737,406	$9,737,406

113.3 *Increase funds for start-up costs for three security threat group regional coordinators.*

State General Funds	$137,802	$137,802	$137,802	$137,802

113.4 *Increase funds for start-up costs for six canine handlers.*

State General Funds	$964,650	$964,650	$964,650	$964,650

113.5 *Increase funds for managed access and drone detection systems to prevent contraband in facilities.*

State General Funds	$13,387,475	$13,387,475	$13,387,475	$13,387,475

113.6 *Increase funds for a pilot program at Autry State Prison to provide for peer led programming.*

State General Funds	$150,000	$0	$0	$0

113.7 *Increase funds for additional programming at Metro Reentry Facility.*

State General Funds	$93,179	$93,179	$93,179	$93,179

113.8 *Increase funds for required staff needed to meet accreditation requirements to operate a high school diploma program. (CC:NO; Continue to evaluate diploma and GED programs)*

State General Funds	$93,672	$93,672	$0	$0

113.9 *Increase funds for operations at five modular correctional units.*

State General Funds	$880,104	$880,104	$327,017	$473,701

113.10 *Increase funds for operations at Lee Arrendale State Prison.*

State General Funds	$1,542,179	$3,879,259	$1,542,179	$1,542,179

113.11 *Increase funds for the purchase of public safety supplies and equipment. (H:Increase funds for the purchase of public safety supplies, opioid reversal medication, and equipment)(S and CC:Increase funds for the purchase of public safety supplies and equipment and pursue Opioid Settlement Funds for opioid reversal medication)*

State General Funds	$2,450,500	$2,484,443	$2,450,500	$2,450,500

113.12 *Increase funds for rent at the Arnall North Basic Correctional Officer Training Building. (H and S:Increase funds for rent at the Arnall North Basic Correctional Officer Training Building ($168,000), the Book Repository ($17,136), and a warden residency in Metro Atlanta ($34,100))*

State General Funds	$14,000	$219,236	$219,236	$219,236

113.13 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($2,364,652)	($2,364,652)	($4,729,304)

113.14 *Increase funds for offender call monitoring contract due to an increase in usage.*

State General Funds		$764,220	$764,220	$764,220

113.15 *Increase funds for data intelligence maintenance and integration costs.*

State General Funds		$1,900,000	$950,000	$1,150,000

113.16 *Increase funds for contracted food services due to rising food and labor costs.*

State General Funds		$284,398	$132,042	$132,042

113.17 *Increase funds for central repair funds for capital projects.*

State General Funds		$725,992	$725,992	$725,992

113.18 *Increase funds for a ladder truck for Hays State Prison.*

State General Funds	$400,000	$1,000,000

113.1000 State Prisons **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, religious support, vocational training, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for violent and/or repeat offenders, or nonviolent offenders who have exhausted all other forms of punishment in a secure, well-supervised setting; to assist in the reentry of these offenders back into society; and to provide fire services and work details to the Department, state agencies, and local communities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$925,351,131	$933,841,852	$925,602,837	$927,411,946
State General Funds	$925,351,131	$933,841,852	$925,602,837	$927,411,946
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$235,777	$235,777	$235,777	$235,777
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$235,777	$235,777	$235,777	$235,777
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$12,013,995	$12,013,995	$12,013,995	$12,013,995
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936
Sales and Services	$11,675,059	$11,675,059	$11,675,059	$11,675,059
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$11,675,059	$11,675,059	$11,675,059	$11,675,059
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,104,596	$1,104,596	$1,104,596	$1,104,596
State Funds Transfers	$1,104,596	$1,104,596	$1,104,596	$1,104,596
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$565,127	$565,127	$565,127	$565,127
Agency to Agency Contracts	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$938,705,499	$947,196,220	$938,957,205	$940,766,314

Transition Centers **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide "work release," allowing inmates to obtain and maintain a paying job in the community, while still receiving housing, academic education, counseling, and substance abuse treatment in a structured center.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$50,675,045	$50,675,045	$50,675,045	$50,675,045
State General Funds	$50,675,045	$50,675,045	$50,675,045	$50,675,045
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$219,653	$219,653	$219,653	$219,653
Sales and Services	$219,653	$219,653	$219,653	$219,653
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$219,653	$219,653	$219,653	$219,653
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$50,894,698	$50,894,698	$50,894,698	$50,894,698

114.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$828,905	$828,905	$518,066	$764,315

114.2 *Increase funds for rent at the LaGrange and Clayton Transition Centers.*

State General Funds	$47,197	$47,197	$47,197	$47,197

114.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($154,820)	($154,820)	($309,640)

114.4 *Reduce funds for vacant positions. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds	($640,017)	$0

114.1000 Transition Centers				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide "work release," allowing inmates to obtain and maintain a paying job in the community, while still receiving housing, academic education, counseling, and substance abuse treatment in a structured center.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$51,551,147	$51,396,327	$50,445,471	$51,176,917
State General Funds	$51,551,147	$51,396,327	$50,445,471	$51,176,917
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$219,653	$219,653	$219,653	$219,653
Sales and Services	$219,653	$219,653	$219,653	$219,653
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$219,653	$219,653	$219,653	$219,653
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$51,770,800	$51,615,980	$50,665,124	$51,396,570

Section 20: Defense, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,466,401	$12,466,401	$12,466,401	$12,466,401
State General Funds	$12,466,401	$12,466,401	$12,466,401	$12,466,401
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$77,025,266	$77,025,266	$77,025,266	$77,025,266
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$77,025,266	$77,025,266	$77,025,266	$77,025,266
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,339,739	$22,339,739	$22,339,739	$22,339,739
Intergovernmental Transfers	$19,945,292	$19,945,292	$19,945,292	$19,945,292
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$19,945,292	$19,945,292	$19,945,292	$19,945,292
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Royalties and Rents	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Sales and Services	$2,259,344	$2,259,344	$2,259,344	$2,259,344
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,259,344	$2,259,344	$2,259,344	$2,259,344
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$111,831,406	$111,831,406	$111,831,406	$111,831,406

	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,111,563	$13,082,717	$12,613,005	$12,958,246
State General Funds	$13,111,563	$13,082,717	$12,613,005	$12,958,246
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$77,025,266	$77,025,266	$77,025,266	$77,025,266
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$77,025,266	$77,025,266	$77,025,266	$77,025,266
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,339,739	$22,339,739	$22,339,739	$22,339,739
Intergovernmental Transfers	$19,945,292	$19,945,292	$19,945,292	$19,945,292
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$19,945,292	$19,945,292	$19,945,292	$19,945,292
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Royalties and Rents	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Sales and Services	$2,259,344	$2,259,344	$2,259,344	$2,259,344
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,259,344	$2,259,344	$2,259,344	$2,259,344
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$112,476,568	$112,447,722	$111,978,010	$112,323,251

Departmental Administration (DOD) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration to the organized militia in the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,438,364	$1,438,364	$1,438,364	$1,438,364
State General Funds	$1,438,364	$1,438,364	$1,438,364	$1,438,364
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$982,494	$982,494	$982,494	$982,494
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$982,494	$982,494	$982,494	$982,494
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,420,858	$2,420,858	$2,420,858	$2,420,858

115.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$38,754	$38,754	$24,222	$38,754

115.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($5,096)	($5,096)	($10,192)

115.3 *Reduce funds for vacant positions.*

State General Funds			($4,273)	($4,273)

115.1000 Departmental Administration (DOD) **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration to the organized militia in the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,477,118	$1,472,022	$1,453,217	$1,462,653
State General Funds	$1,477,118	$1,472,022	$1,453,217	$1,462,653
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$982,494	$982,494	$982,494	$982,494
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$982,494	$982,494	$982,494	$982,494
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,459,612	$2,454,516	$2,435,711	$2,445,147

Military Readiness **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and maintain facilities for the training of Army National Guard, Air National Guard, and State Defense Force personnel, and to provide an organized militia that can be activated and deployed at the direction of the President or Governor for a man-made crisis or natural disaster.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,146,980	$6,146,980	$6,146,980	$6,146,980
State General Funds	$6,146,980	$6,146,980	$6,146,980	$6,146,980
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$63,495,500	$63,495,500	$63,495,500	$63,495,500
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$63,495,500	$63,495,500	$63,495,500	$63,495,500
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,335,861	$22,335,861	$22,335,861	$22,335,861
Intergovernmental Transfers	$19,945,292	$19,945,292	$19,945,292	$19,945,292
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$19,945,292	$19,945,292	$19,945,292	$19,945,292
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Royalties and Rents	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Sales and Services	$2,255,466	$2,255,466	$2,255,466	$2,255,466
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,255,466	$2,255,466	$2,255,466	$2,255,466
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$91,978,341	$91,978,341	$91,978,341	$91,978,341

116.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$531,791	$531,791	$332,370	$480,119

116.2 *Increase funds for increased operations costs.*

State General Funds	$863,812	$863,812	$863,812	$863,812

116.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($11,782)	($11,782)	($23,564)

116.1000 Military Readiness				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and maintain facilities for the training of Army National Guard, Air National Guard, and State Defense Force personnel, and to provide an organized militia that can be activated and deployed at the direction of the President or Governor for a man-made crisis or natural disaster.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,542,583	$7,530,801	$7,331,380	$7,467,347
State General Funds	$7,542,583	$7,530,801	$7,331,380	$7,467,347
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$63,495,500	$63,495,500	$63,495,500	$63,495,500
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$63,495,500	$63,495,500	$63,495,500	$63,495,500
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,335,861	$22,335,861	$22,335,861	$22,335,861
Intergovernmental Transfers	$19,945,292	$19,945,292	$19,945,292	$19,945,292
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$19,945,292	$19,945,292	$19,945,292	$19,945,292
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Royalties and Rents	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Sales and Services	$2,255,466	$2,255,466	$2,255,466	$2,255,466
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,255,466	$2,255,466	$2,255,466	$2,255,466
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$93,373,944	$93,362,162	$93,162,741	$93,298,708

Youth Educational Services			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational and vocational opportunities to at-risk youth through Youth Challenge Academies and Starbase programs.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,881,057	$4,881,057	$4,881,057	$4,881,057
State General Funds	$4,881,057	$4,881,057	$4,881,057	$4,881,057
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,547,272	$12,547,272	$12,547,272	$12,547,272
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,547,272	$12,547,272	$12,547,272	$12,547,272
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878
Sales and Services	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$17,432,207	$17,432,207	$17,432,207	$17,432,207

117.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$249,748	$249,748	$156,093	$238,983

117.2 *Reduce funds for the state funds match to reflect a loss of federal funding from lower graduation targets.*

State General Funds	($1,038,943)	($1,038,943)	($1,038,943)	($1,038,943)

117.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($11,968)	($11,968)	($23,936)

117.4 *Reduce funds for vacant positions.*

State General Funds		($157,831)	($28,915)

117.1000 Youth Educational Services			**Appropriation (HB 973)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational and vocational opportunities to at-risk youth through Youth Challenge Academies and Starbase programs.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,091,862	$4,079,894	$3,828,408	$4,028,246
State General Funds	$4,091,862	$4,079,894	$3,828,408	$4,028,246
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,547,272	$12,547,272	$12,547,272	$12,547,272
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,547,272	$12,547,272	$12,547,272	$12,547,272
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878
Sales and Services	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$16,643,012	$16,631,044	$16,379,558	$16,579,396

Section 21: Driver Services, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$86,415,442	$86,415,442	$86,415,442	$86,415,442
State General Funds	$86,415,442	$86,415,442	$86,415,442	$86,415,442
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121
Sales and Services	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$89,259,563	$89,259,563	$89,259,563	$89,259,563

	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$93,157,197	$92,880,742	$90,711,288	$91,321,307
State General Funds	$93,157,197	$92,880,742	$90,711,288	$91,321,307
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121
Sales and Services	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$96,001,318	$95,724,863	$93,555,409	$94,165,428

Departmental Administration (DDS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is for administration of license issuance, motor vehicle registration, and commercial truck compliance.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,851,981	$10,851,981	$10,851,981	$10,851,981
State General Funds	$10,851,981	$10,851,981	$10,851,981	$10,851,981
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857
Sales and Services	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,352,838	$11,352,838	$11,352,838	$11,352,838

118.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$114,109	$114,109	$71,319	$105,497

118.2 *Increase funds to comply with federal Commercial Driver's License (CDL) mandates regarding national registry notifications.*

State General Funds	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000

118.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($29,475)	($29,475)	($58,950)

118.1000 Departmental Administration (DDS) **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is for administration of license issuance, motor vehicle registration, and commercial truck compliance.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,116,090	$11,086,615	$11,043,825	$11,048,528
State General Funds	$11,116,090	$11,086,615	$11,043,825	$11,048,528
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857
Sales and Services	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,616,947	$11,587,472	$11,544,682	$11,549,385

License Issuance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to issue and renew drivers' licenses, maintain driver records, operate Customer Service Centers, provide online access to services, provide motorcycle safety instruction, produce driver manuals, and investigate driver's license fraud.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$74,559,504	$74,559,504	$74,559,504	$74,559,504
State General Funds	$74,559,504	$74,559,504	$74,559,504	$74,559,504
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835
Sales and Services	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$76,387,339	$76,387,339	$76,387,339	$76,387,339

119.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$1,746,083	$1,746,083	$1,091,302	$1,588,914

119.2 *Utilize existing funds ($635,437) previously appropriated for Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) fees and increase funds to meet an increase in card production volume.*

State General Funds	$1,337,959	$1,337,959	$1,337,959	$1,337,959

119.3 *Increase funds for armed guard services for new and higher-traffic locations.*

State General Funds	$150,426	$150,426	$150,426	$150,426

119.4 *Increase funds for rent at the Conyers, Fayetteville, Marietta, Kennesaw, Lawrenceville, Macon, Decatur, Locust Grove, and Toccoa Customer Service Centers.*

State General Funds	$139,865	$139,865	$139,865	$139,865

119.5 *Increase funds for Georgia Technology Authority (GTA) security services and additional staffing infrastructure.*

State General Funds	$185,437	$185,437	$185,437	$185,437

119.6 *Increase funds for maintenance and support of the Driver Record and Integrated Vehicle Enterprise System (DRIVES) for cloud migration.*

State General Funds	$428,499	$428,499	$428,499	$428,499

119.7 *Increase funds for personnel due to decreased turnover.*

State General Funds	$2,461,388	$2,461,388	$1,000,000	$1,346,342

119.8 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($243,080)	($243,080)	($486,160)

119.1000 License Issuance			**Appropriation (HB 973)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to issue and renew drivers' licenses, maintain driver records, operate Customer Service Centers, provide online access to services, provide motorcycle safety instruction, produce driver manuals, and investigate driver's license fraud.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$81,009,161	$80,766,081	$78,649,912	$79,250,786
State General Funds	$81,009,161	$80,766,081	$78,649,912	$79,250,786
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835
Sales and Services	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$82,836,996	$82,593,916	$80,477,747	$81,078,621

Regulatory Compliance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate driver safety and education programs for both novice, problem drivers, and commercial drivers by approving driver education curricula and auditing third-party driver education providers for compliance with state laws and regulations; to certify ignition interlock device providers; and to monitor the status of all commercial driver license convictions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,003,957	$1,003,957	$1,003,957	$1,003,957
State General Funds	$1,003,957	$1,003,957	$1,003,957	$1,003,957
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429
Sales and Services	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,519,386	$1,519,386	$1,519,386	$1,519,386

120.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$27,989	$27,989	$17,494	$25,836

120.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($3,900)	($3,900)	($7,800)

120.1000 Regulatory Compliance **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate driver safety and education programs for both novice, problem drivers, and commercial drivers by approving driver education curricula and auditing third-party driver education providers for compliance with state laws and regulations; to certify ignition interlock device providers; and to monitor the status of all commercial driver license convictions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,031,946	$1,028,046	$1,017,551	$1,021,993
State General Funds	$1,031,946	$1,028,046	$1,017,551	$1,021,993
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429
Sales and Services	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,547,375	$1,543,475	$1,532,980	$1,537,422

Section 22: Early Care and Learning, Department of

Section Total - Continuation

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$640,395,675	$640,395,675	$640,395,675	$640,395,675
State General Funds	$77,355,059	$77,355,059	$77,355,059	$77,355,059
Lottery Proceeds	$563,040,616	$563,040,616	$563,040,616	$563,040,616
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$607,659,885	$607,659,885	$607,659,885	$607,659,885
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$170,175,000	$170,175,000	$170,175,000	$170,175,000

CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$344,735,865	$344,735,865	$344,735,865	$344,735,865
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,248,105,560	$1,248,105,560	$1,248,105,560	$1,248,105,560

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$659,219,354	$659,213,592	$652,154,714	$659,169,076
State General Funds	$78,804,028	$78,798,266	$78,254,904	$78,758,056
Lottery Proceeds	$580,415,326	$580,415,326	$573,899,810	$580,411,020
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$607,659,885	$607,659,885	$607,659,885	$607,659,885
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$170,175,000	$170,175,000	$170,175,000	$170,175,000
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$344,735,865	$344,735,865	$344,735,865	$344,735,865
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,266,929,239	$1,266,923,477	$1,259,864,599	$1,266,878,961

Child Care Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate, license, and train child care providers; to support the infant and toddler and afterschool networks; and to provide inclusion services for children with disabilities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$77,355,059	$77,355,059	$77,355,059	$77,355,059
State General Funds	$77,355,059	$77,355,059	$77,355,059	$77,355,059
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$380,291,147	$380,291,147	$380,291,147	$380,291,147
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$287,542,127	$287,542,127	$287,542,127	$287,542,127
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$457,646,206	$457,646,206	$457,646,206	$457,646,206

121.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$1,255,199	$1,255,199	$784,500	$1,225,057

121.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($5,762)	($5,762)	($11,524)

121.1000 Child Care Services				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate, license, and train child care providers; to support the infant and toddler and afterschool networks; and to provide inclusion services for children with disabilities.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$78,610,258	$78,604,496	$78,133,797	$78,568,592
State General Funds	$78,610,258	$78,604,496	$78,133,797	$78,568,592
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$380,291,147	$380,291,147	$380,291,147	$380,291,147
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$287,542,127	$287,542,127	$287,542,127	$287,542,127
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$458,901,405	$458,895,643	$458,424,944	$458,859,739

Nutrition Services				**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that USDA-compliant meals are served to eligible children and adults in day care settings and to eligible youth during the summer.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000

122.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$127,027	$127,027	$79,392	$124,874

122.1000 Nutrition Services				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that USDA-compliant meals are served to eligible children and adults in day care settings and to eligible youth during the summer.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$127,027	$127,027	$79,392	$124,874
State General Funds	$127,027	$127,027	$79,392	$124,874
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$170,127,027	$170,127,027	$170,079,392	$170,124,874

Pre-Kindergarten Program				**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding, training, technical assistance, and oversight of Pre-Kindergarten programs operated by public and private providers throughout the state and to improve the quality of early learning and increase school readiness for Georgia's four-year-olds.				

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$563,040,616	$563,040,616	$563,040,616	$563,040,616
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$563,040,616	$563,040,616	$563,040,616	$563,040,616
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$563,215,616	$563,215,616	$563,215,616	$563,215,616

123.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

Lottery Proceeds	$150,710	$150,710	$94,194	$146,404

123.2 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 for formula earned teachers and assistant teachers. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 for formula earned teachers and assistant teachers)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 for formula earned teachers and assistant teachers)*

Lottery Proceeds	$17,224,000	$17,224,000	$10,765,000	$17,224,000

123.3 *Utilize existing funds ($881,000) to expand Rising Pre-K program and add 25 new classes for Summer 2026. (CC:YES)*

Lottery Proceeds	$0

123.4 *Utilize existing funds ($2,428,268) to expand the extended day program to the Pre-K priority group. (CC:YES)*

Lottery Proceeds	$0

123.1000 Pre-Kindergarten Program **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding, training, technical assistance, and oversight of Pre-Kindergarten programs operated by public and private providers throughout the state and to improve the quality of early learning and increase school readiness for Georgia's four-year-olds.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$580,415,326	$580,415,326	$573,899,810	$580,411,020
Lottery Proceeds	$580,415,326	$580,415,326	$573,899,810	$580,411,020
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$580,590,326	$580,590,326	$574,074,810	$580,586,020

Quality Initiatives **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to implement innovative strategies and programs that focus on improving the quality of and access to early education, child care, and nutrition for Georgia's children and families.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$57,193,738	$57,193,738	$57,193,738	$57,193,738
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$57,193,738	$57,193,738	$57,193,738	$57,193,738

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$57,243,738	$57,243,738	$57,243,738	$57,243,738

124.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$66,743	$66,743	$41,715	$64,590

124.1000 Quality Initiatives **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to implement innovative strategies and programs that focus on improving the quality of and access to early education, child care, and nutrition for Georgia's children and families.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$66,743	$66,743	$41,715	$64,590
State General Funds	$66,743	$66,743	$41,715	$64,590
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$57,193,738	$57,193,738	$57,193,738	$57,193,738
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$57,193,738	$57,193,738	$57,193,738	$57,193,738
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$57,310,481	$57,310,481	$57,285,453	$57,308,328

Section 23: Economic Development, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$38,416,004	$38,416,004	$38,416,004	$38,416,004
State General Funds	$38,416,004	$38,416,004	$38,416,004	$38,416,004
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$926,190	$926,190	$926,190	$926,190
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$926,190	$926,190	$926,190	$926,190
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,342,194	$39,342,194	$39,342,194	$39,342,194
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$51,864,025	$52,265,096	$48,038,342	$47,062,749
State General Funds	$51,864,025	$52,265,096	$48,038,342	$47,062,749
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$926,190	$926,190	$926,190	$926,190
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$926,190	$926,190	$926,190	$926,190
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$52,790,215	$53,191,286	$48,964,532	$47,988,939

Departmental Administration (DEcD) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to influence, affect, and enhance economic development in Georgia and provide information to people and companies to promote the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,883,113	$5,883,113	$5,883,113	$5,883,113
State General Funds	$5,883,113	$5,883,113	$5,883,113	$5,883,113
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,883,113	$5,883,113	$5,883,113	$5,883,113

125.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$49,519	$49,519	$30,950	$49,519

125.2 *Increase funds to promote Georgia tourism, update agency marketing materials, and enhance recruiting efforts. (CC:Increase funds to promote Georgia through search engine optimization, updated department website, and marketing)*

State General Funds	$3,000,000	$3,000,000	$0	$1,000,000

125.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($17,528)	($17,528)	($35,056)

125.4 *Increase funds for entrepreneurial support for small businesses. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds		$100,000	$0	$0

125.1000 Departmental Administration (DEcD) **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to influence, affect, and enhance economic development in Georgia and provide information to people and companies to promote the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,932,632	$9,015,104	$5,896,535	$6,897,576
State General Funds	$8,932,632	$9,015,104	$5,896,535	$6,897,576
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,932,632	$9,015,104	$5,896,535	$6,897,576

Film, Video, and Music **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to increase industry awareness of Georgia business opportunities, financial incentives, infrastructure resources, and natural resources in order to attract film, video, music, and electronic gaming industry projects and businesses to the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,168,059	$1,168,059	$1,168,059	$1,168,059
State General Funds	$1,168,059	$1,168,059	$1,168,059	$1,168,059
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,168,059	$1,168,059	$1,168,059	$1,168,059

126.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$12,918	$12,918	$8,074	$12,918

126.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($4,064)	($4,064)	($8,128)

126.1000 Film, Video, and Music **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to increase industry awareness of Georgia business opportunities, financial incentives, infrastructure resources, and natural resources in order to attract film, video, music, and electronic gaming industry projects and businesses to the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,180,977	$1,176,913	$1,172,069	$1,172,849
State General Funds	$1,180,977	$1,176,913	$1,172,069	$1,172,849
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,180,977	$1,176,913	$1,172,069	$1,172,849

Arts, Georgia Council for the **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for Council operations and maintain the Georgia State Art Collection and Capitol Galleries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$610,794	$610,794	$610,794	$610,794
State General Funds	$610,794	$610,794	$610,794	$610,794
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$610,794	$610,794	$610,794	$610,794

127.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds		$15,071	$9,420	$15,071

127.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($2,406)	($2,406)	($4,812)

127.1000 Arts, Georgia Council for the **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for Council operations and maintain the Georgia State Art Collection and Capitol Galleries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$610,794	$623,459	$617,808	$621,053
State General Funds	$610,794	$623,459	$617,808	$621,053
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$610,794	$623,459	$617,808	$621,053

Georgia Council for the Arts - Special Project **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to increase arts participation and support throughout the state with grants for non-profit arts and cultural organizations through Partner Grants, Project Grants, Education Grants and the 'Grassroots' arts program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$976,356	$976,356	$976,356	$976,356
State General Funds	$976,356	$976,356	$976,356	$976,356
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$659,400	$659,400	$659,400	$659,400
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$659,400	$659,400	$659,400	$659,400
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,635,756	$1,635,756	$1,635,756	$1,635,756

128.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (H and S:NO; Reflect in Georgia Council for the Arts program)*

State General Funds	$15,071	$0	$0	$0

128.2 *Increase funds for one-time increase for community art grants.*

State General Funds		$250,250	$1,250,250	$250,250

128.1000 Georgia Council for the Arts - Special Project **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to increase arts participation and support throughout the state with grants for non-profit arts and cultural organizations through Partner Grants, Project Grants, Education Grants and the 'Grassroots' arts program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$991,427	$1,226,606	$2,226,606	$1,226,606
State General Funds	$991,427	$1,226,606	$2,226,606	$1,226,606
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$659,400	$659,400	$659,400	$659,400
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$659,400	$659,400	$659,400	$659,400
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,650,827	$1,886,006	$2,886,006	$1,886,006

Global Commerce **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote Georgia as a state that is appealing to businesses along with being competitive in the international trade market; recruit, retain, and expand businesses in Georgia through a network of statewide and regional project managers, foreign and domestic marketing, and participation in Georgia Allies; and help develop international markets for Georgia products and attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing international technical and educational assistance to businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,298,921	$11,298,921	$11,298,921	$11,298,921
State General Funds	$11,298,921	$11,298,921	$11,298,921	$11,298,921
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,298,921	$11,298,921	$11,298,921	$11,298,921

129.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$92,579	$92,579	$57,862	$90,426

129.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($29,125)	($29,125)	($58,250)

129.1000 Global Commerce **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote Georgia as a state that is appealing to businesses along with being competitive in the international trade market; recruit, retain, and expand businesses in Georgia through a network of statewide and regional project managers, foreign and domestic marketing, and participation in Georgia Allies; and help develop international markets for Georgia products and attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing international technical and educational assistance to businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,391,500	$11,362,375	$11,327,658	$11,331,097
State General Funds	$11,391,500	$11,362,375	$11,327,658	$11,331,097
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,391,500	$11,362,375	$11,327,658	$11,331,097

Innovation and Technology **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to market and promote strategic industries to existing and potential Georgia businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,758,197	$2,758,197	$2,758,197	$2,758,197
State General Funds	$2,758,197	$2,758,197	$2,758,197	$2,758,197
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,758,197	$2,758,197	$2,758,197	$2,758,197

130.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$27,989	$27,989	$17,494	$23,683

130.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($7,218)	($7,218)	($14,436)

130.1000 Innovation and Technology **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to market and promote strategic industries to existing and potential Georgia businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,786,186	$2,778,968	$2,768,473	$2,767,444
State General Funds	$2,786,186	$2,778,968	$2,768,473	$2,767,444
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,786,186	$2,778,968	$2,768,473	$2,767,444

International Relations and Trade **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop international markets for Georgia products and to attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing technical and educational assistance to businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,879,577	$2,879,577	$2,879,577	$2,879,577
State General Funds	$2,879,577	$2,879,577	$2,879,577	$2,879,577
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$266,790	$266,790	$266,790	$266,790
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$266,790	$266,790	$266,790	$266,790
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,146,367	$3,146,367	$3,146,367	$3,146,367

131.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$21,530	$21,530	$13,457	$21,530

131.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($5,804)	($5,804)	($11,608)

131.1000 International Relations and Trade **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop international markets for Georgia products and to attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing technical and educational assistance to businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,901,107	$2,895,303	$2,887,230	$2,889,499
State General Funds	$2,901,107	$2,895,303	$2,887,230	$2,889,499
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$266,790	$266,790	$266,790	$266,790
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$266,790	$266,790	$266,790	$266,790
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,167,897	$3,162,093	$3,154,020	$3,156,289

Rural Development **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote rural economic development opportunities and to recruit, retain and expand businesses in rural communities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

Small and Minority Business Development **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist entrepreneurs and small and minority businesses by providing technical assistance on planning, advocacy, business needs, and identifying potential markets and suppliers; and to provide assistance to local communities in growing small businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,080,487	$1,080,487	$1,080,487	$1,080,487
State General Funds	$1,080,487	$1,080,487	$1,080,487	$1,080,487
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,080,487	$1,080,487	$1,080,487	$1,080,487

133.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$15,071	$15,071	$9,420	$12,918

133.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($3,882)	($3,882)	($7,764)

133.1000 Small and Minority Business Development **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist entrepreneurs and small and minority businesses by providing technical assistance on planning, advocacy, business needs, and identifying potential markets and suppliers; and to provide assistance to local communities in growing small businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,095,558	$1,091,676	$1,086,025	$1,085,641
State General Funds	$1,095,558	$1,091,676	$1,086,025	$1,085,641
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,095,558	$1,091,676	$1,086,025	$1,085,641

Tourism **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide information to visitors about tourism opportunities throughout the state, operate and maintain state welcome centers, fund the Georgia Historical Society and Georgia Humanities Council, and work with communities to develop and market tourism products in order to attract more tourism to the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,760,500	$11,760,500	$11,760,500	$11,760,500
State General Funds	$11,760,500	$11,760,500	$11,760,500	$11,760,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,760,500	$11,760,500	$11,760,500	$11,760,500

134.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$103,344	$103,344	$64,590	$99,038

134.2 *Increase funds for Georgia Humanities Council to support America250 Anniversary initiatives.*

State General Funds	$110,000	$250,250	$250,250	$250,250

134.3 *Increase funds for the Georgia World Congress Center Authority for infrastructure and security costs related to the 2028 Super Bowl. (S and CC:Increase funds for the Georgia World Congress Center Authority for infrastructure and security costs related to the 2028 Super Bowl which occurs in 23 months)*

State General Funds	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$5,000,000	$5,000,000

134.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($19,402)	($19,402)	($38,804)

134.5 *Increase funds to promote Georgia tourism.*

State General Funds			$3,000,000	$2,000,000

134.1000 Tourism			**Appropriation (HB 973)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide information to visitors about tourism opportunities throughout the state, operate and maintain state welcome centers, fund the Georgia Historical Society and Georgia Humanities Council, and work with communities to develop and market tourism products in order to attract more tourism to the state.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,973,844	$22,094,692	$20,055,938	$19,070,984
State General Funds	$21,973,844	$22,094,692	$20,055,938	$19,070,984
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,973,844	$22,094,692	$20,055,938	$19,070,984

Section 24: Education, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,701,947,205	$13,701,947,205	$13,701,947,205	$13,701,947,205
State General Funds	$13,701,947,205	$13,701,947,205	$13,701,947,205	$13,701,947,205
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,457,954,507	$2,457,954,507	$2,457,954,507	$2,457,954,507
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,457,842,006	$2,457,842,006	$2,457,842,006	$2,457,842,006
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$112,501	$112,501	$112,501	$112,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$47,783,992	$47,783,992	$47,783,992	$47,783,992
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300
Intergovernmental Transfers	$21,489,500	$21,489,500	$21,489,500	$21,489,500
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$21,489,500	$21,489,500	$21,489,500	$21,489,500
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$643,082	$643,082	$643,082	$643,082
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$643,082	$643,082	$643,082	$643,082
Sales and Services	$25,248,110	$25,248,110	$25,248,110	$25,248,110

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,248,110	$25,248,110	$25,248,110	$25,248,110
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$16,207,685,704	$16,207,685,704	$16,207,685,704	$16,207,685,704
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,164,793,971	$14,164,244,029	$14,025,301,406	$14,165,908,230
State General Funds	$13,792,596,650	$13,792,046,708	$13,653,104,085	$13,793,710,909
Revenue Shortfall Reserve for K-12 Needs	$372,197,321	$372,197,321	$372,197,321	$372,197,321
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,457,954,507	$2,457,954,507	$2,457,954,507	$2,457,954,507
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,457,842,006	$2,457,842,006	$2,457,842,006	$2,457,842,006
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$112,501	$112,501	$112,501	$112,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$47,783,992	$47,783,992	$47,783,992	$47,783,992
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300
Intergovernmental Transfers	$21,489,500	$21,489,500	$21,489,500	$21,489,500
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$21,489,500	$21,489,500	$21,489,500	$21,489,500
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$643,082	$643,082	$643,082	$643,082
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$643,082	$643,082	$643,082	$643,082
Sales and Services	$25,248,110	$25,248,110	$25,248,110	$25,248,110
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,248,110	$25,248,110	$25,248,110	$25,248,110
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$16,670,532,470	$16,669,982,528	$16,531,039,905	$16,671,646,729

Agricultural Education **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems with developing and funding agricultural education programs, and to provide afterschool and summer educational and leadership opportunities for students.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,262,584	$16,262,584	$16,262,584	$16,262,584
State General Funds	$16,262,584	$16,262,584	$16,262,584	$16,262,584
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$461,806	$461,806	$461,806	$461,806
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$461,806	$461,806	$461,806	$461,806
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,305,500	$1,305,500	$1,305,500	$1,305,500
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,305,500	$1,305,500	$1,305,500	$1,305,500
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,305,500	$1,305,500	$1,305,500	$1,305,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,029,890	$18,029,890	$18,029,890	$18,029,890

135.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$25,836	$25,836	$16,148	$23,683

135.2 *Eliminate funds for camp-affiliated staff. (See HB68 (2025 Legislative Session) intent language considered nonbinding by the Governor)*

State General Funds	($268,157)	($268,157)	($268,157)	($268,157)

135.3 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 for area teachers and young farmers. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 for area teachers and young farmers)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 for area teachers and young farmers)*

State General Funds	$172,465	$172,465	$107,791	$172,465

135.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($4,280)	($4,280)	($8,560)

135.5 *Increase funds for storm damage repairs at FFA Camps.*

State General Funds				$591,965

135.1000 Agricultural Education **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems with developing and funding agricultural education programs, and to provide afterschool and summer educational and leadership opportunities for students.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,192,728	$16,188,448	$16,114,086	$16,773,980
State General Funds	$16,192,728	$16,188,448	$16,114,086	$16,773,980
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$461,806	$461,806	$461,806	$461,806
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$461,806	$461,806	$461,806	$461,806
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,305,500	$1,305,500	$1,305,500	$1,305,500
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,305,500	$1,305,500	$1,305,500	$1,305,500
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,305,500	$1,305,500	$1,305,500	$1,305,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$17,960,034	$17,955,754	$17,881,392	$18,541,286

Business and Finance Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for business, finance, facilities, and pupil transportation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,323,145	$8,323,145	$8,323,145	$8,323,145
State General Funds	$8,323,145	$8,323,145	$8,323,145	$8,323,145
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,100,020	$3,100,020	$3,100,020	$3,100,020
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,100,020	$3,100,020	$3,100,020	$3,100,020
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$21,851,693	$21,851,693	$21,851,693	$21,851,693
Intergovernmental Transfers	$20,000,000	$20,000,000	$20,000,000	$20,000,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$20,000,000	$20,000,000	$20,000,000	$20,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$608,082	$608,082	$608,082	$608,082
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$608,082	$608,082	$608,082	$608,082

Sales and Services	$1,243,611	$1,243,611	$1,243,611	$1,243,611
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,243,611	$1,243,611	$1,243,611	$1,243,611
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$33,274,858	$33,274,858	$33,274,858	$33,274,858

136.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$139,945	$139,945	$87,466	$133,486

136.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($31,307)	($31,307)	($62,614)

136.3 *Increase funds for facilities.*

State General Funds		$1,150,000	$100,000	$650,000

136.1000 Business and Finance Administration **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for business, finance, facilities, and pupil transportation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,463,090	$9,581,783	$8,479,304	$9,044,017
State General Funds	$8,463,090	$9,581,783	$8,479,304	$9,044,017
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,100,020	$3,100,020	$3,100,020	$3,100,020
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,100,020	$3,100,020	$3,100,020	$3,100,020
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$21,851,693	$21,851,693	$21,851,693	$21,851,693
Intergovernmental Transfers	$20,000,000	$20,000,000	$20,000,000	$20,000,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$20,000,000	$20,000,000	$20,000,000	$20,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$608,082	$608,082	$608,082	$608,082
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$608,082	$608,082	$608,082	$608,082
Sales and Services	$1,243,611	$1,243,611	$1,243,611	$1,243,611
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,243,611	$1,243,611	$1,243,611	$1,243,611
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$33,414,803	$34,533,496	$33,431,017	$33,995,730

Central Office **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the State Board of Education, Departmental programs, and local school systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,243,123	$5,243,123	$5,243,123	$5,243,123
State General Funds	$5,243,123	$5,243,123	$5,243,123	$5,243,123
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$54,207,947	$54,207,947	$54,207,947	$54,207,947
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$54,207,947	$54,207,947	$54,207,947	$54,207,947
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$537,000	$537,000	$537,000	$537,000

Sales and Services	$537,000	$537,000	$537,000	$537,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$537,000	$537,000	$537,000	$537,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$59,988,070	$59,988,070	$59,988,070	$59,988,070

137.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$249,748	$249,748	$156,093	$241,136

137.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($13,453)	($13,453)	($26,906)

137.1000 Central Office				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the State Board of Education, Departmental programs, and local school systems.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,492,871	$5,479,418	$5,385,763	$5,457,353
State General Funds	$5,492,871	$5,479,418	$5,385,763	$5,457,353
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$54,207,947	$54,207,947	$54,207,947	$54,207,947
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$54,207,947	$54,207,947	$54,207,947	$54,207,947
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$537,000	$537,000	$537,000	$537,000
Sales and Services	$537,000	$537,000	$537,000	$537,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$537,000	$537,000	$537,000	$537,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$60,237,818	$60,224,365	$60,130,710	$60,202,300

Charter Schools **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize charter systems and completion schools, and to provide funds for competitive grants for planning, implementation, facilities, and operations of charter systems and locally authorized charter schools.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,711,471	$7,711,471	$7,711,471	$7,711,471
State General Funds	$7,711,471	$7,711,471	$7,711,471	$7,711,471
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,711,471	$7,711,471	$7,711,471	$7,711,471

138.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$2,153	$2,153	$1,346	$2,153

138.2 *Reduce funds for grants to reflect the count of eligible locally authorized charter schools based on school opening dates.*

State General Funds	($500,000)	($500,000)	($500,000)	($500,000)

138.3 *Increase funds for one-time funding for a completion schools planning grant for Southern Rivers Completion High School to support the opening of up to six locations.*

State General Funds	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$500,000	$500,000

138.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($996)	($996)	($1,992)	

138.1000 Charter Schools **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize charter systems and completion schools, and to provide funds for competitive grants for planning, implementation, facilities, and operations of charter systems and locally authorized charter schools.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,213,624	$8,212,628	$7,711,821	$7,711,632
State General Funds	$8,213,624	$8,212,628	$7,711,821	$7,711,632
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,213,624	$8,212,628	$7,711,821	$7,711,632

Communities in Schools **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support Performance Learning Centers and maintain a network of local affiliate organizations across the state, and to partner with other state and national organizations to support student success in school and beyond.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,940,100	$1,940,100	$1,940,100	$1,940,100
State General Funds	$1,940,100	$1,940,100	$1,940,100	$1,940,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,940,100	$1,940,100	$1,940,100	$1,940,100

139.1000 Communities in Schools **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support Performance Learning Centers and maintain a network of local affiliate organizations across the state, and to partner with other state and national organizations to support student success in school and beyond.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,940,100	$1,940,100	$1,940,100	$1,940,100
State General Funds	$1,940,100	$1,940,100	$1,940,100	$1,940,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,940,100	$1,940,100	$1,940,100	$1,940,100

Curriculum Development **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop a statewide, standards-based curriculum to guide instruction and assessment, and to provide training and instructional resources to teachers for implementing this curriculum.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,836,755	$11,836,755	$11,836,755	$11,836,755
State General Funds	$11,836,755	$11,836,755	$11,836,755	$11,836,755

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,513,979	$7,513,979	$7,513,979	$7,513,979
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$7,513,979	$7,513,979	$7,513,979	$7,513,979
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,400,734	$19,400,734	$19,400,734	$19,400,734

140.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$94,732	$94,732	$59,208	$90,426

140.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($16,082)	($16,082)	($32,164)

140.3 *Increase funds for college preparatory exams based on increased utilization.*

State General Funds		$1,381,361	$1,381,361	$1,381,361

140.1000 Curriculum Development **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop a statewide, standards-based curriculum to guide instruction and assessment, and to provide training and instructional resources to teachers for implementing this curriculum.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,931,487	$13,296,766	$13,261,242	$13,276,378
State General Funds	$11,931,487	$13,296,766	$13,261,242	$13,276,378
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,513,979	$7,513,979	$7,513,979	$7,513,979
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$7,513,979	$7,513,979	$7,513,979	$7,513,979
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,495,466	$20,860,745	$20,825,221	$20,840,357

Federal Programs **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate federally funded programs and allocate federal funds to school systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,280,135,111	$1,280,135,111	$1,280,135,111	$1,280,135,111
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,280,135,111	$1,280,135,111	$1,280,135,111	$1,280,135,111
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,280,135,111	$1,280,135,111	$1,280,135,111	$1,280,135,111

141.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$180,852	$180,852	$113,033	$172,240

141.1000 Federal Programs			**Appropriation (HB 973)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate federally funded programs and allocate federal funds to school systems.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$180,852	$180,852	$113,033	$172,240
State General Funds	$180,852	$180,852	$113,033	$172,240
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,280,135,111	$1,280,135,111	$1,280,135,111	$1,280,135,111
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,280,135,111	$1,280,135,111	$1,280,135,111	$1,280,135,111
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,280,315,963	$1,280,315,963	$1,280,248,144	$1,280,307,351

Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS), which provides services, education, and resources for students ages three to twenty-one with autism or severe emotional behavioral problems and their families.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$47,692,687	$47,692,687	$47,692,687	$47,692,687
State General Funds	$47,692,687	$47,692,687	$47,692,687	$47,692,687
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,160,000	$7,160,000	$7,160,000	$7,160,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$7,160,000	$7,160,000	$7,160,000	$7,160,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$54,852,687	$54,852,687	$54,852,687	$54,852,687

142.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$2,153	$2,153	$1,346	$2,153

142.2 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 for formula earned certified educators and administrative staff. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 for formula earned certified educators and administrative staff)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 for formula earned certified educators and administrative staff)*

State General Funds	$2,074,893	$2,074,893	$1,296,809	$2,074,893

142.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($760)	($760)	($1,520)

142.1000 Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS)			**Appropriation (HB 973)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS), which provides services, education, and resources for students ages three to twenty-one with autism or severe emotional behavioral problems and their families.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$49,769,733	$49,768,973	$48,990,082	$49,768,213
State General Funds	$49,769,733	$49,768,973	$48,990,082	$49,768,213
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,160,000	$7,160,000	$7,160,000	$7,160,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$7,160,000	$7,160,000	$7,160,000	$7,160,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$56,929,733	$56,928,973	$56,150,082	$56,928,213

Georgia Virtual School			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the accessibility and breadth of course offerings so that Georgia students can recover credits, access supplementary resources, enhance their studies, or earn additional credits in a manner not involving on-site interaction with a teacher.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,079,735	$3,079,735	$3,079,735	$3,079,735
State General Funds	$3,079,735	$3,079,735	$3,079,735	$3,079,735
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$9,319,806	$9,319,806	$9,319,806	$9,319,806
Sales and Services	$9,319,806	$9,319,806	$9,319,806	$9,319,806
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$9,319,806	$9,319,806	$9,319,806	$9,319,806
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,399,541	$12,399,541	$12,399,541	$12,399,541

143.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$131,333	$131,333	$82,084	$124,874

143.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($13,677)	($13,677)	($27,354)

143.1000 Georgia Virtual School			**Appropriation (HB 973)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the accessibility and breadth of course offerings so that Georgia students can recover credits, access supplementary resources, enhance their studies, or earn additional credits in a manner not involving on-site interaction with a teacher.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,211,068	$3,197,391	$3,148,142	$3,177,255
State General Funds	$3,211,068	$3,197,391	$3,148,142	$3,177,255
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$9,319,806	$9,319,806	$9,319,806	$9,319,806
Sales and Services	$9,319,806	$9,319,806	$9,319,806	$9,319,806
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$9,319,806	$9,319,806	$9,319,806	$9,319,806
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,530,874	$12,517,197	$12,467,948	$12,497,061

Information Technology Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to manage enterprise technology for the department, provide internet access to local school systems, support data collection and reporting needs, and support technology programs that assist local school systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$22,683,485	$22,683,485	$22,683,485	$22,683,485
State General Funds	$22,683,485	$22,683,485	$22,683,485	$22,683,485
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,676,565	$1,676,565	$1,676,565	$1,676,565
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,676,565	$1,676,565	$1,676,565	$1,676,565
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,360,050	$24,360,050	$24,360,050	$24,360,050

144.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$142,098	$142,098	$88,812	$135,639

144.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($50,276)	($50,276)	($100,552)

144.1000 Information Technology Services **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to manage enterprise technology for the department, provide internet access to local school systems, support data collection and reporting needs, and support technology programs that assist local school systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$22,825,583	$22,775,307	$22,722,021	$22,718,572
State General Funds	$22,825,583	$22,775,307	$22,722,021	$22,718,572
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,676,565	$1,676,565	$1,676,565	$1,676,565
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,676,565	$1,676,565	$1,676,565	$1,676,565
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,502,148	$24,451,872	$24,398,586	$24,395,137

Literacy Coach Initiative **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for RESA-based literacy coaches to support the Georgia Council on Literacy's literacy coaching initiative.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,480,000	$18,480,000	$18,480,000	$18,480,000
State General Funds	$18,480,000	$18,480,000	$18,480,000	$18,480,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,480,000	$18,480,000	$18,480,000	$18,480,000

145.1000 Literacy Coach Initiative **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for RESA-based literacy coaches to support the Georgia Council on Literacy's literacy coaching initiative.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,480,000	$18,480,000	$18,480,000	$18,480,000
State General Funds	$18,480,000	$18,480,000	$18,480,000	$18,480,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,480,000	$18,480,000	$18,480,000	$18,480,000

Non Quality Basic Education Formula Grants **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund specific initiatives including: children in residential education facilities and sparsity grants.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$35,385,807	$35,385,807	$35,385,807	$35,385,807
State General Funds	$35,385,807	$35,385,807	$35,385,807	$35,385,807
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$35,385,807	$35,385,807	$35,385,807	$35,385,807

146.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$2,153	$2,153	$1,346	$2,153

146.2 *Increase funds for sparsity to reflect accurate count of eligible schools.*

State General Funds	$557,245	$557,245	$557,245	$557,245

146.3 *Reduce formula funds to reflect a data correction for Residential Treatment Facilities.*

State General Funds	($35,200)	($35,200)	($35,200)	($35,200)

146.4 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 for custodians. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 for custodians)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 for custodians)*

State General Funds	$19,581,535	$19,581,535	$12,238,460	$19,581,535

146.5 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($528)	($528)	($1,056)

146.1000 Non Quality Basic Education Formula Grants **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund specific initiatives including: children in residential education facilities and sparsity grants.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$55,491,540	$55,491,012	$48,147,130	$55,490,484
State General Funds	$55,491,540	$55,491,012	$48,147,130	$55,490,484
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$55,491,540	$55,491,012	$48,147,130	$55,490,484

Nutrition **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide leadership, training, technical assistance, and resources, so local program personnel can deliver meals that support nutritional well-being and performance at school and comply with federal standards.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,680,252	$39,680,252	$39,680,252	$39,680,252
State General Funds	$39,680,252	$39,680,252	$39,680,252	$39,680,252
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,028,297,007	$1,028,297,007	$1,028,297,007	$1,028,297,007
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,028,297,007	$1,028,297,007	$1,028,297,007	$1,028,297,007
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,068,161,259	$1,068,161,259	$1,068,161,259	$1,068,161,259

147.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$133,486	$133,486	$83,429	$127,027

147.2 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 for nutrition workers. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 for nutrition workers)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 for nutrition workers)*

State General Funds	$28,613,370	$28,613,370	$17,883,357	$28,613,370

147.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($1,833)	($1,833)	($3,666)	

147.1000 Nutrition **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide leadership, training, technical assistance, and resources, so local program personnel can deliver meals that support nutritional well-being and performance at school and comply with federal standards.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$68,427,108	$68,425,275	$57,645,205	$68,416,983
State General Funds	$68,427,108	$68,425,275	$57,645,205	$68,416,983
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,028,297,007	$1,028,297,007	$1,028,297,007	$1,028,297,007
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,028,297,007	$1,028,297,007	$1,028,297,007	$1,028,297,007
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,096,908,115	$1,096,906,282	$1,086,126,212	$1,096,897,990

Preschool Disabilities Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide early educational services to three- and four-year-old students with disabilities so that they enter school better prepared to succeed.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$61,471,592	$61,471,592	$61,471,592	$61,471,592
State General Funds	$61,471,592	$61,471,592	$61,471,592	$61,471,592
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$61,471,592	$61,471,592	$61,471,592	$61,471,592

148.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 for formula earned certified educators. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 for formula earned certified educators)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 for formula earned certified educators)*

State General Funds	$2,098,108	$2,098,108	$1,311,318	$2,098,108

148.1000 Preschool Disabilities Services **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide early educational services to three- and four-year-old students with disabilities so that they enter school better prepared to succeed.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$63,569,700	$63,569,700	$62,782,910	$63,569,700
State General Funds	$63,569,700	$63,569,700	$62,782,910	$63,569,700
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$63,569,700	$63,569,700	$62,782,910	$63,569,700

Pupil Transportation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems in their efforts to provide safe and efficient transportation for students to and from school and school related activities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$364,145,902	$364,145,902	$364,145,902	$364,145,902
State General Funds	$364,145,902	$364,145,902	$364,145,902	$364,145,902
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$364,145,902	$364,145,902	$364,145,902	$364,145,902

149.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 for bus drivers. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 for bus drivers)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 for bus drivers)*

State General Funds	$24,307,370	$24,307,370	$15,192,107	$24,307,370

149.1000 Pupil Transportation **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems in their efforts to provide safe and efficient transportation for students to and from school and school related activities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$388,453,272	$388,453,272	$379,338,009	$388,453,272
State General Funds	$388,453,272	$388,453,272	$379,338,009	$388,453,272
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$388,453,272	$388,453,272	$379,338,009	$388,453,272

Quality Basic Education Equalization **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide additional financial assistance to local school systems ranking below the statewide average of per pupil tax wealth as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-165.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$909,708,064	$909,708,064	$909,708,064	$909,708,064
State General Funds	$909,708,064	$909,708,064	$909,708,064	$909,708,064
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$909,708,064	$909,708,064	$909,708,064	$909,708,064

150.1000 Quality Basic Education Equalization **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide additional financial assistance to local school systems ranking below the statewide average of per pupil tax wealth as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-165.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$909,708,064	$909,708,064	$909,708,064	$909,708,064
State General Funds	$909,708,064	$909,708,064	$909,708,064	$909,708,064
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$909,708,064	$909,708,064	$909,708,064	$909,708,064

Quality Basic Education Local Five Mill Share **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this program is to recognize the required local portion of the Quality Basic Education program as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-164.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	($2,868,165,769)	($2,868,165,769)	($2,868,165,769)	($2,868,165,769)
State General Funds	($2,868,165,769)	($2,868,165,769)	($2,868,165,769)	($2,868,165,769)
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	($2,868,165,769)	($2,868,165,769)	($2,868,165,769)	($2,868,165,769)

151.1 *Adjust funds for the Local Five Mill Share for four new State Commission Charter Schools.*

State General Funds	($2,365,230)	($1,916,073)	($2,648,024)	($1,916,073)

151.1000 Quality Basic Education Local Five Mill Share **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this program is to recognize the required local portion of the Quality Basic Education program as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-164.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	($2,870,530,999)	($2,870,081,842)	($2,870,813,793)	($2,870,081,842)
State General Funds	($2,870,530,999)	($2,870,081,842)	($2,870,813,793)	($2,870,081,842)
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	($2,870,530,999)	($2,870,081,842)	($2,870,813,793)	($2,870,081,842)

Quality Basic Education Program **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide formula funds to school systems based on full time equivalent students for the instruction of students in grades K-12 as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-161.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,693,944,090	$14,693,944,090	$14,693,944,090	$14,693,944,090
State General Funds	$14,693,944,090	$14,693,944,090	$14,693,944,090	$14,693,944,090
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,693,944,090	$14,693,944,090	$14,693,944,090	$14,693,944,090

152.1 *Increase formula funds for a midterm adjustment based on enrollment growth.*

State General Funds	$43,468,888	$43,876,076	$43,876,076	$43,876,076

152.2 *Increase funds for the Special Needs Scholarship based on enrollment growth.*

State General Funds	$14,479,551	$16,084,424	$14,479,551	$16,084,424

152.3 *Increase formula funds for the State Commission Charter School supplement for a total supplement of $292,144,723. (S and CC:Increase formula funds for the State Commission Charter School supplement for a total supplement of $292,372,267)*

State General Funds	$26,864,376	$27,091,920	$27,091,920	$27,091,920

152.4 *Increase formula funds for a midterm adjustment to the charter system grant.*

State General Funds	$44,952	$57,601	$60,958	$60,958

152.5 *Increase formula funds for a midterm adjustment to the local charter school grant. (S:Reduce formula funds for a midterm adjustment to the local charter school grant)(CC:Increase formula funds for a midterm adjustment to the local charter school grant)*

State General Funds	$58,834	$58,834	($6,989)	$36,000

152.6 *Increase formula funds for a midterm adjustment to the State Commission Charter School supplement for training and experience.*

State General Funds	$3,858,206	$3,858,206	$3,858,206	$3,858,206

152.7 *Increase formula funds for the Completion Special Schools Supplement.*

State General Funds	$1,627,924	$1,716,013	$1,627,915	$1,716,013

152.8 *Increase funds for the employer share of TRS for non-certified school management positions pursuant to O.C.G.A. 47-3-63.*

State General Funds	$1,400,000	$1,400,000	$1,411,571	$1,400,000

152.9 *Increase funds to reflect corrected data for certified SHBP enrollee count.*

State General Funds	$248,820	$248,820	$248,820	$248,820

152.10 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 for formula earned certified educators and administrative staff. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 for formula earned certified educators and administrative staff)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 for formula earned certified educators and administrative staff)*

State General Funds	$286,593,177	$286,593,177	$179,120,736	$286,593,177

152.11 *Replace funds.*

State General Funds	($372,197,321)	($372,197,321)	($372,197,321)	($372,197,321)
Revenue Shortfall Reserve for K-12 Needs	$372,197,321	$372,197,321	$372,197,321	$372,197,321
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0	$0

152.1000 Quality Basic Education Program **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide formula funds to school systems based on full time equivalent students for the instruction of students in grades K-12 as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-161.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,072,588,818	$15,074,929,161	$14,965,712,854	$15,074,909,684
State General Funds	$14,700,391,497	$14,702,731,840	$14,593,515,533	$14,702,712,363

Revenue Shortfall Reserve for K-12 Needs	$372,197,321	$372,197,321	$372,197,321	$372,197,321
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,072,588,818	$15,074,929,161	$14,965,712,854	$15,074,909,684

Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia's sixteen Regional Education Service Agencies with funds to assist local school systems with improving the effectiveness of their educational programs by providing curriculum consultation, skill enhancement, professional development, technology training, and other shared services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,497,495	$16,497,495	$16,497,495	$16,497,495
State General Funds	$16,497,495	$16,497,495	$16,497,495	$16,497,495
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$16,497,495	$16,497,495	$16,497,495	$16,497,495

153.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$2,153	$2,153	$1,346	$2,153

153.2 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 for formula earned certified educators and administrative staff. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 for formula earned certified educators and administrative staff)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 for formula earned certified educators and administrative staff)*

State General Funds	$389,568	$389,568	$243,480	$389,568

153.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($776)	($776)	($1,552)

153.1000 Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs) **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia's sixteen Regional Education Service Agencies with funds to assist local school systems with improving the effectiveness of their educational programs by providing curriculum consultation, skill enhancement, professional development, technology training, and other shared services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,889,216	$16,888,440	$16,741,545	$16,887,664
State General Funds	$16,889,216	$16,888,440	$16,741,545	$16,887,664
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$16,889,216	$16,888,440	$16,741,545	$16,887,664

School Improvement **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide research, technical assistance, resources, teacher professional learning, and leadership training for low-performing schools and local educational agencies to help them design and implement school improvement strategies to improve graduation rates and overall student achievement.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,894,216	$10,894,216	$10,894,216	$10,894,216
State General Funds	$10,894,216	$10,894,216	$10,894,216	$10,894,216
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,025,627	$5,025,627	$5,025,627	$5,025,627
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,025,627	$5,025,627	$5,025,627	$5,025,627
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,919,843	$15,919,843	$15,919,843	$15,919,843

154.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$144,251	$144,251	$90,157	$135,639

154.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($34,611)	($34,611)	($69,222)

154.1000 School Improvement **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide research, technical assistance, resources, teacher professional learning, and leadership training for low-performing schools and local educational agencies to help them design and implement school improvement strategies to improve graduation rates and overall student achievement.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,038,467	$11,003,856	$10,949,762	$10,960,633
State General Funds	$11,038,467	$11,003,856	$10,949,762	$10,960,633
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,025,627	$5,025,627	$5,025,627	$5,025,627
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,025,627	$5,025,627	$5,025,627	$5,025,627
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$16,064,094	$16,029,483	$15,975,389	$15,986,260

School Nurse **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for school nurses who provide health procedures for students at school.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$42,993,857	$42,993,857	$42,993,857	$42,993,857
State General Funds	$42,993,857	$42,993,857	$42,993,857	$42,993,857
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$42,993,857	$42,993,857	$42,993,857	$42,993,857

155.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 for school nurses. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 for school nurses)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 for school nurses)*

State General Funds	$3,154,018	$3,154,018	$1,971,262	$3,154,018

155.1000 School Nurse **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for school nurses who provide health procedures for students at school.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$46,147,875	$46,147,875	$44,965,119	$46,147,875
State General Funds	$46,147,875	$46,147,875	$44,965,119	$46,147,875
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$46,147,875	$46,147,875	$44,965,119	$46,147,875

School Security Grants **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to local school systems to support school security needs and to provide for student mental health support.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$116,018,875	$116,018,875	$116,018,875	$116,018,875
State General Funds	$116,018,875	$116,018,875	$116,018,875	$116,018,875
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$116,018,875	$116,018,875	$116,018,875	$116,018,875

156.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$2,153	$2,153	$1,346	$2,153

156.2 *Reduce funds based on projected expenditures for student advocacy specialist grants.*

State General Funds		($6,157,248)	($6,157,248)	($6,157,248)

156.3 *Increase funds for one-time funding for an emergency response system pilot program. (S and CC:Increase funds for one-time funding for an emergency response system pilot program at five schools)*

State General Funds		$550,000	$550,000	$550,000

156.1000 School Security Grants **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to local school systems to support school security needs and to provide for student mental health support.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$116,021,028	$110,413,780	$110,412,973	$110,413,780
State General Funds	$116,021,028	$110,413,780	$110,412,973	$110,413,780
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$116,021,028	$110,413,780	$110,412,973	$110,413,780

State Charter School Commission Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to focus on the development and support of charter schools in order to better meet the growing and diverse needs of students in this state and to further ensure that state and local charter schools of the highest academic quality are approved and supported throughout the state in an efficient manner.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$618,351	$618,351	$618,351	$618,351
State General Funds	$618,351	$618,351	$618,351	$618,351
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,952,839	$8,952,839	$8,952,839	$8,952,839
Sales and Services	$8,952,839	$8,952,839	$8,952,839	$8,952,839
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,952,839	$8,952,839	$8,952,839	$8,952,839
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,571,190	$9,571,190	$9,571,190	$9,571,190

157.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$38,754	$38,754	$24,222	$36,601

157.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($937)	($937)	($1,874)

157.1000 State Charter School Commission Administration **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to focus on the development and support of charter schools in order to better meet the growing and diverse needs of students in this state and to further ensure that state and local charter schools of the highest academic quality are approved and supported throughout the state in an efficient manner.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$657,105	$656,168	$641,636	$653,078
State General Funds	$657,105	$656,168	$641,636	$653,078
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,952,839	$8,952,839	$8,952,839	$8,952,839
Sales and Services	$8,952,839	$8,952,839	$8,952,839	$8,952,839
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,952,839	$8,952,839	$8,952,839	$8,952,839
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,609,944	$9,609,007	$9,594,475	$9,605,917

State Schools **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare sensory-impaired and multi-disabled students to become productive citizens by providing a learning environment addressing their academic, vocational, and social development.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,091,861	$39,091,861	$39,091,861	$39,091,861
State General Funds	$39,091,861	$39,091,861	$39,091,861	$39,091,861
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,146,556	$1,146,556	$1,146,556	$1,146,556
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,034,055	$1,034,055	$1,034,055	$1,034,055
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$112,501	$112,501	$112,501	$112,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,111,904	$1,111,904	$1,111,904	$1,111,904
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
Sales and Services	$673,604	$673,604	$673,604	$673,604
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$673,604	$673,604	$673,604	$673,604
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$41,350,321	$41,350,321	$41,350,321	$41,350,321

158.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$585,616	$585,616	$366,010	$557,627

158.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($120,712)	($120,712)	($241,424)

158.1000 State Schools **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare sensory-impaired and multi-disabled students to become productive citizens by providing a learning environment addressing their academic, vocational, and social development.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,677,477	$39,556,765	$39,337,159	$39,408,064
State General Funds	$39,677,477	$39,556,765	$39,337,159	$39,408,064
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,146,556	$1,146,556	$1,146,556	$1,146,556
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,034,055	$1,034,055	$1,034,055	$1,034,055
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$112,501	$112,501	$112,501	$112,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,111,904	$1,111,904	$1,111,904	$1,111,904
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
Sales and Services	$673,604	$673,604	$673,604	$673,604
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$673,604	$673,604	$673,604	$673,604
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$41,935,937	$41,815,225	$41,595,619	$41,666,524

Student Support Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for additional school-based social workers above what is earned in the Quality Basic Education formula and for grants to providers of out-of-school care.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$49,741,982	$49,741,982	$49,741,982	$49,741,982
State General Funds	$49,741,982	$49,741,982	$49,741,982	$49,741,982
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$49,741,982	$49,741,982	$49,741,982	$49,741,982

159.1 *Increase funds to fully fund grants for social work services.*

State General Funds	$1,378,375	$1,378,375	$1,378,375	$1,378,375

159.2 *Increase funds for mental health support grants to reflect accurate count of middle and high schools.*

State General Funds	$1,300,000	$1,300,000	$1,300,000	$1,300,000

159.3 *Increase funds for one-time funding for grants to districts to pilot programs that assist in maximizing reimbursement for mental health services.*

State General Funds	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000

159.4 *Increase funds for out-of-school care.*

State General Funds			$3,500,000	$2,500,000

159.1000 Student Support Services **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for additional school-based social workers above what is earned in the Quality Basic Education formula and for grants to providers of out-of-school care.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$53,170,357	$53,170,357	$56,670,357	$55,670,357
State General Funds	$53,170,357	$53,170,357	$56,670,357	$55,670,357
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$53,170,357	$53,170,357	$56,670,357	$55,670,357

Technology/Career Education **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to equip students with academic, vocational, technical, and leadership skills and to extend learning opportunities beyond the traditional school day and year.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,167,196	$26,167,196	$26,167,196	$26,167,196
State General Funds	$26,167,196	$26,167,196	$26,167,196	$26,167,196
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$51,180,613	$51,180,613	$51,180,613	$51,180,613
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$51,180,613	$51,180,613	$51,180,613	$51,180,613
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,471,250	$4,471,250	$4,471,250	$4,471,250
Sales and Services	$4,471,250	$4,471,250	$4,471,250	$4,471,250
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,471,250	$4,471,250	$4,471,250	$4,471,250
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$81,819,059	$81,819,059	$81,819,059	$81,819,059

160.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$64,590	$64,590	$40,369	$62,437

160.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($8,080)	($8,080)	($16,160)

160.3 *Increase funds for one-time funding for youth leadership programming.*

State General Funds		$50,000	$0	$50,000

160.1000 Technology/Career Education			**Appropriation (HB 973)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to equip students with academic, vocational, technical, and leadership skills and to extend learning opportunities beyond the traditional school day and year.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,231,786	$26,273,706	$26,199,485	$26,263,473
State General Funds	$26,231,786	$26,273,706	$26,199,485	$26,263,473
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$51,180,613	$51,180,613	$51,180,613	$51,180,613
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$51,180,613	$51,180,613	$51,180,613	$51,180,613
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,471,250	$4,471,250	$4,471,250	$4,471,250
Sales and Services	$4,471,250	$4,471,250	$4,471,250	$4,471,250
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,471,250	$4,471,250	$4,471,250	$4,471,250
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$81,883,649	$81,925,569	$81,851,348	$81,915,336

Testing			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the statewide student assessment program and provide related testing instruments and training to local schools.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$19,048,403	$19,048,403	$19,048,403	$19,048,403
State General Funds	$19,048,403	$19,048,403	$19,048,403	$19,048,403
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$18,049,276	$18,049,276	$18,049,276	$18,049,276
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$18,049,276	$18,049,276	$18,049,276	$18,049,276
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$37,097,679	$37,097,679	$37,097,679	$37,097,679

161.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$51,672	$51,672	$32,295	$47,366

161.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($15,247)	($15,247)	($30,494)

161.1000 Testing				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the statewide student assessment program and provide related testing instruments and training to local schools.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$19,100,075	$19,084,828	$19,065,451	$19,065,275
State General Funds	$19,100,075	$19,084,828	$19,065,451	$19,065,275
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$18,049,276	$18,049,276	$18,049,276	$18,049,276

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$18,049,276	$18,049,276	$18,049,276	$18,049,276
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$37,149,351	$37,134,104	$37,114,727	$37,114,551

Tuition for Multiple Disability Students **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to partially reimburse school systems for private residential placements when the school system is unable to provide an appropriate program for a multi-disabled student.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,451,946	$1,451,946	$1,451,946	$1,451,946
State General Funds	$1,451,946	$1,451,946	$1,451,946	$1,451,946
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,451,946	$1,451,946	$1,451,946	$1,451,946

162.1000 Tuition for Multiple Disability Students **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to partially reimburse school systems for private residential placements when the school system is unable to provide an appropriate program for a multi-disabled student.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,451,946	$1,451,946	$1,451,946	$1,451,946
State General Funds	$1,451,946	$1,451,946	$1,451,946	$1,451,946
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,451,946	$1,451,946	$1,451,946	$1,451,946

The formula calculation for Quality Basic Education funding assumes a base unit cost of $3,243.93. In addition, all local school system allotments for Quality Basic Education shall be made in accordance with funds appropriated by this Act.

Section 25: Employees' Retirement System of Georgia

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$80,436,844	$80,436,844	$80,436,844	$80,436,844
State General Funds	$80,436,844	$80,436,844	$80,436,844	$80,436,844
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536
Sales and Services	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$32,128,206	$32,128,206	$32,128,206	$32,128,206
State Funds Transfers	$32,128,206	$32,128,206	$32,128,206	$32,128,206
Retirement Payments	$32,128,206	$32,128,206	$32,128,206	$32,128,206
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$117,855,586	$117,855,586	$117,855,586	$117,855,586

	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$77,610,154	$127,610,154	$177,610,154	$177,610,154
State General Funds	$77,610,154	$127,610,154	$177,610,154	$177,610,154
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536
Sales and Services	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$32,128,206	$32,128,206	$32,128,206	$32,128,206

State Funds Transfers	$32,128,206	$32,128,206	$32,128,206	$32,128,206
Retirement Payments	$32,128,206	$32,128,206	$32,128,206	$32,128,206
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$115,028,896	$165,028,896	$215,028,896	$215,028,896

Deferred Compensation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide excellent service to participants in the deferred compensation program for all employees of the state, giving them an effective supplement for their retirement planning.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536
Sales and Services	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536

163.1000 Deferred Compensation **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide excellent service to participants in the deferred compensation program for all employees of the state, giving them an effective supplement for their retirement planning.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536
Sales and Services	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536

Georgia Military Pension Fund **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirement allowances and other benefits for members of the Georgia National Guard.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,781,444	$2,781,444	$2,781,444	$2,781,444
State General Funds	$2,781,444	$2,781,444	$2,781,444	$2,781,444
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,781,444	$2,781,444	$2,781,444	$2,781,444

164.1 *Reduce funds for the actuarially determined employer contribution in accordance with the most recent actuarial report.*

State General Funds	($690)	($690)	($690)	($690)

164.1000 Georgia Military Pension Fund **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirement allowances and other benefits for members of the Georgia National Guard.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,780,754	$2,780,754	$2,780,754	$2,780,754
State General Funds	$2,780,754	$2,780,754	$2,780,754	$2,780,754
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,780,754	$2,780,754	$2,780,754	$2,780,754

Public School Employees Retirement System **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to account for the receipt of retirement contributions, ensure sound investing of system funds, and provide timely and accurate payment of retirement benefits.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$40,895,000	$40,895,000	$40,895,000	$40,895,000
State General Funds	$40,895,000	$40,895,000	$40,895,000	$40,895,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,895,000	$40,895,000	$40,895,000	$40,895,000

165.1 *Reduce funds for the actuarially determined employer contribution in accordance with the most recent actuarial report.*

State General Funds	($2,826,000)	($2,826,000)	($2,826,000)	($2,826,000)

165.1000 Public School Employees Retirement System **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to account for the receipt of retirement contributions, ensure sound investing of system funds, and provide timely and accurate payment of retirement benefits.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$38,069,000	$38,069,000	$38,069,000	$38,069,000
State General Funds	$38,069,000	$38,069,000	$38,069,000	$38,069,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$38,069,000	$38,069,000	$38,069,000	$38,069,000

System Administration (ERS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to collect employee and employer contributions, invest the accumulated funds, and disburse retirement benefits to members and beneficiaries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$36,760,400	$36,760,400	$36,760,400	$36,760,400
State General Funds	$36,760,400	$36,760,400	$36,760,400	$36,760,400
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$32,128,206	$32,128,206	$32,128,206	$32,128,206
State Funds Transfers	$32,128,206	$32,128,206	$32,128,206	$32,128,206
Retirement Payments	$32,128,206	$32,128,206	$32,128,206	$32,128,206
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$68,888,606	$68,888,606	$68,888,606	$68,888,606

166.1 *Increase funds to strategically invest in increasing the funded ratio in order to improve long-term financial viability of the pension system and support state retirees. (CC:Increase funds to strategically invest in increasing the funded ratio in order to improve long-term financial viability of the pension system with the goal of restoring Cost-of-Living-Adjustments)*

State General Funds		$50,000,000	$100,000,000	$100,000,000

166.1000 System Administration (ERS) **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to collect employee and employer contributions, invest the accumulated funds, and disburse retirement benefits to members and beneficiaries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$36,760,400	$86,760,400	$136,760,400	$136,760,400
State General Funds	$36,760,400	$86,760,400	$136,760,400	$136,760,400
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$32,128,206	$32,128,206	$32,128,206	$32,128,206
State Funds Transfers	$32,128,206	$32,128,206	$32,128,206	$32,128,206
Retirement Payments	$32,128,206	$32,128,206	$32,128,206	$32,128,206
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$68,888,606	$118,888,606	$168,888,606	$168,888,606

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution rate for the Employees' Retirement System shall not exceed 29.20% for New Plan employees and 24.45% for Old Plan employees. For the GSEPS employees, the employer contribution rate shall not exceed 25.51% for the pension portion of the benefit and 9.0% in employer match contributions for the 401(k) portion of the benefit. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution for Public School Employees' Retirement System shall not exceed $997.99 per member for State Fiscal Year 2026.

Section 26: Forestry Commission, State

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$54,010,299	$54,010,299	$54,010,299	$54,010,299
State General Funds	$54,010,299	$54,010,299	$54,010,299	$54,010,299
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$6,986,349	$6,986,349	$6,986,349	$6,986,349
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,986,349	$6,986,349	$6,986,349	$6,986,349
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,914,100	$8,914,100	$8,914,100	$8,914,100
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,572,500	$2,572,500	$2,572,500	$2,572,500
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,572,500	$2,572,500	$2,572,500	$2,572,500
Royalties and Rents	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Sales and Services	$6,241,600	$6,241,600	$6,241,600	$6,241,600
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,241,600	$6,241,600	$6,241,600	$6,241,600
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087
State Funds Transfers	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087
Agency to Agency Contracts	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$70,473,835	$70,473,835	$70,473,835	$70,473,835

	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$66,309,087	$66,754,062	$64,325,347	$63,969,861
State General Funds	$66,309,087	$66,754,062	$64,325,347	$63,969,861
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$6,986,349	$6,986,349	$6,986,349	$6,986,349
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,986,349	$6,986,349	$6,986,349	$6,986,349
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,914,100	$8,914,100	$8,914,100	$8,914,100
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,572,500	$2,572,500	$2,572,500	$2,572,500
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,572,500	$2,572,500	$2,572,500	$2,572,500

Royalties and Rents	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Sales and Services	$6,241,600	$6,241,600	$6,241,600	$6,241,600
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,241,600	$6,241,600	$6,241,600	$6,241,600
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087
State Funds Transfers	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087
Agency to Agency Contracts	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$82,772,623	$83,217,598	$80,788,883	$80,433,397

Commission Administration (SFC) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer workforce needs, handle purchasing, accounts receivable and payable, meet information technology needs, and provide oversight that emphasizes customer values and process innovation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,171,601	$7,171,601	$7,171,601	$7,171,601
State General Funds	$7,171,601	$7,171,601	$7,171,601	$7,171,601
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$123,800	$123,800	$123,800	$123,800
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$123,800	$123,800	$123,800	$123,800
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780
Sales and Services	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,803,181	$7,803,181	$7,803,181	$7,803,181

167.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$77,508	$77,508	$48,443	$71,049

167.2 *Increase funds for grants to counties with more than 20,000 acres of state-owned land pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-14-1.*

State General Funds	$148,545	$148,545	$148,545	$148,545

167.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($18,794)	($18,794)	($37,588)

167.4 *Increase funds to support leadership programming for agriculture, forestry, and veterinary medicine professionals.*

State General Funds		$100,000	$100,000	$100,000

167.1000 Commission Administration (SFC)			**Appropriation (HB 973)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to administer workforce needs, handle purchasing, accounts receivable and payable, meet information technology needs, and provide oversight that emphasizes customer values and process innovation.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,397,654	$7,478,860	$7,449,795	$7,453,607
State General Funds	$7,397,654	$7,478,860	$7,449,795	$7,453,607
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$123,800	$123,800	$123,800	$123,800
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$123,800	$123,800	$123,800	$123,800
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780
Sales and Services	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,029,234	$8,110,440	$8,081,375	$8,085,187

Forest Management			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure the stewardship of forest lands; to collect and analyze state forestry inventory data; to administer federal forestry cost share assistance programs; to study forest health and invasive species control issues; to manage state-owned forests; to educate private forest landowners and timber harvesters about best management practices; to assist communities with management of forested greenspace; to promote and obtain conservation easements; to manage Georgia's Carbon Registry; to promote retention, investment, and/or expansion of new emerging and existing forest and forest biomass industries, and, during extreme fire danger, to provide logistical, overhead, and direct fire suppression assistance to the Forest Protection program.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,682,080	$4,682,080	$4,682,080	$4,682,080
State General Funds	$4,682,080	$4,682,080	$4,682,080	$4,682,080
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,682,151	$3,682,151	$3,682,151	$3,682,151
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,682,151	$3,682,151	$3,682,151	$3,682,151
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$798,145	$798,145	$798,145	$798,145
Intergovernmental Transfers	$187,000	$187,000	$187,000	$187,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$187,000	$187,000	$187,000	$187,000
Sales and Services	$611,145	$611,145	$611,145	$611,145
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$611,145	$611,145	$611,145	$611,145
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587
State Funds Transfers	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587
Agency to Agency Contracts	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,503,963	$9,503,963	$9,503,963	$9,503,963

168.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$174,393	$174,393	$108,996	$167,934

168.2 *Increase funds for the Georgia Forestry Innovation Initiative in partnership with Georgia Tech to support the timber industry's expansion into emerging markets through research, product testing, and private partnerships.*

State General Funds	$10,900,000	$10,900,000	$8,900,000	$8,900,000

168.3 *Transfer funds for a duplicative county grant from the Forest Management program to the Forest Protection program to offset increased fire suppression costs.*

State General Funds	($60,000)	($60,000)	($60,000)	($60,000)

168.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($19,312)	($19,312)	($38,624)

168.1000 Forest Management **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure the stewardship of forest lands; to collect and analyze state forestry inventory data; to administer federal forestry cost share assistance programs; to study forest health and invasive species control issues; to manage state-owned forests; to educate private forest landowners and timber harvesters about best management practices; to assist communities with management of forested greenspace; to promote and obtain conservation easements; to manage Georgia's Carbon Registry; to promote retention, investment, and/or expansion of new emerging and existing forest and forest biomass industries, and, during extreme fire danger, to provide logistical, overhead, and direct fire suppression assistance to the Forest Protection program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,696,473	$15,677,161	$13,611,764	$13,651,390
State General Funds	$15,696,473	$15,677,161	$13,611,764	$13,651,390
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,682,151	$3,682,151	$3,682,151	$3,682,151
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,682,151	$3,682,151	$3,682,151	$3,682,151
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$798,145	$798,145	$798,145	$798,145
Intergovernmental Transfers	$187,000	$187,000	$187,000	$187,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$187,000	$187,000	$187,000	$187,000
Sales and Services	$611,145	$611,145	$611,145	$611,145
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$611,145	$611,145	$611,145	$611,145
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587
State Funds Transfers	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587
Agency to Agency Contracts	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,518,356	$20,499,044	$18,433,647	$18,473,273

Forest Protection **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an aggressive and efficient response and suppression of forest fires in the unincorporated areas of the State; to mitigate hazardous forest fuels; to issue burn permits, to provide statewide education in the prevention of wildfires; to perform wildfire arson investigations; to promote community wildland fire planning and protection through cooperative agreements with fire departments; to train and certify firefighters in wildland firefighting; to provide assistance and support to rural fire departments including selling wildland fire engines and tankers; and to support the Forest Management program during periods of low fire danger.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$41,181,198	$41,181,198	$41,181,198	$41,181,198
State General Funds	$41,181,198	$41,181,198	$41,181,198	$41,181,198
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,046,681	$3,046,681	$3,046,681	$3,046,681
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,046,681	$3,046,681	$3,046,681	$3,046,681
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,541,312	$6,541,312	$6,541,312	$6,541,312
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,385,500	$2,385,500	$2,385,500	$2,385,500
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,385,500	$2,385,500	$2,385,500	$2,385,500
Royalties and Rents	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Sales and Services	$4,055,812	$4,055,812	$4,055,812	$4,055,812
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,055,812	$4,055,812	$4,055,812	$4,055,812
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000
State Funds Transfers	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$50,984,191	$50,984,191	$50,984,191	$50,984,191

169.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$878,424	$878,424	$549,015	$826,752

169.2 *Increase funds for the operation of a new helicopter purchased in FY2025.*

State General Funds	$107,000	$107,000	$107,000	$107,000

169.3 *Transfer funds from the Forest Management program to the Forest Protection program and utilize existing funds ($1,010,738) to offset increased fire suppression costs resulting from increased maintenance costs and workload (Total Funds: $1,070,738).*

State General Funds	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000

169.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($149,212)	($149,212)	($298,424)

169.5 *Increase funds for on-call pay effective April 1, 2026. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds		$532,293	$532,293	$0

169.1000 Forest Protection			**Appropriation (HB 973)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an aggressive and efficient response and suppression of forest fires in the unincorporated areas of the State; to mitigate hazardous forest fuels; to issue burn permits, to provide statewide education in the prevention of wildfires; to perform wildfire arson investigations; to promote community wildland fire planning and protection through cooperative agreements with fire departments; to train and certify firefighters in wildland firefighting; to provide assistance and support to rural fire departments including selling wildland fire engines and tankers; and to support the Forest Management program during periods of low fire danger.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$42,226,622	$42,609,703	$42,280,294	$41,876,526
State General Funds	$42,226,622	$42,609,703	$42,280,294	$41,876,526
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,046,681	$3,046,681	$3,046,681	$3,046,681
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,046,681	$3,046,681	$3,046,681	$3,046,681
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,541,312	$6,541,312	$6,541,312	$6,541,312
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,385,500	$2,385,500	$2,385,500	$2,385,500
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,385,500	$2,385,500	$2,385,500	$2,385,500
Royalties and Rents	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Sales and Services	$4,055,812	$4,055,812	$4,055,812	$4,055,812
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,055,812	$4,055,812	$4,055,812	$4,055,812
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000
State Funds Transfers	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$52,029,615	$52,412,696	$52,083,287	$51,679,519

Special Project - Forest Protection			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for overtime pay earned by firefighters while awaiting reimbursements from the federal government or other states.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$975,420	$975,420	$975,420	$975,420
State General Funds	$975,420	$975,420	$975,420	$975,420
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$975,420	$975,420	$975,420	$975,420

170.1000 Special Project - Forest Protection			**Appropriation (HB 973)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for overtime pay earned by firefighters while awaiting reimbursements from the federal government or other states.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$975,420	$975,420	$975,420	$975,420
State General Funds	$975,420	$975,420	$975,420	$975,420
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$975,420	$975,420	$975,420	$975,420

Tree Seedling Nursery			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to produce an adequate quantity of high quality forest tree seedlings for sale at reasonable cost to Georgia landowners.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$133,717	$133,717	$133,717	$133,717
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$133,717	$133,717	$133,717	$133,717
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863
Sales and Services	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500
State Funds Transfers	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500
Agency to Agency Contracts	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,207,080	$1,207,080	$1,207,080	$1,207,080

171.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$12,918	$12,918	$8,074	$12,918

171.1000 Tree Seedling Nursery			**Appropriation (HB 973)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to produce an adequate quantity of high quality forest tree seedlings for sale at reasonable cost to Georgia landowners.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,918	$12,918	$8,074	$12,918
State General Funds	$12,918	$12,918	$8,074	$12,918
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$133,717	$133,717	$133,717	$133,717
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$133,717	$133,717	$133,717	$133,717
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863
Sales and Services	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500
State Funds Transfers	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500
Agency to Agency Contracts	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,219,998	$1,219,998	$1,215,154	$1,219,998

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	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$63,573,254	$63,573,254	$63,573,254	$63,573,254
State General Funds	$63,573,254	$63,573,254	$63,573,254	$63,573,254
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$31,454,912	$31,454,912	$31,454,912	$31,454,912

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$30,294,182	$30,294,182	$30,294,182	$30,294,182
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$1,160,730	$1,160,730	$1,160,730	$1,160,730
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$817,856	$817,856	$817,856	$817,856
Sales and Services	$817,856	$817,856	$817,856	$817,856
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$817,856	$817,856	$817,856	$817,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$95,846,022	$95,846,022	$95,846,022	$95,846,022

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$93,154,021	$92,844,556	$72,946,573	$71,394,032
State General Funds	$93,154,021	$92,844,556	$72,946,573	$71,394,032
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$31,454,912	$31,454,912	$31,454,912	$31,454,912
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$30,294,182	$30,294,182	$30,294,182	$30,294,182
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$1,160,730	$1,160,730	$1,160,730	$1,160,730
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$817,856	$817,856	$817,856	$817,856
Sales and Services	$817,856	$817,856	$817,856	$817,856
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$817,856	$817,856	$817,856	$817,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$125,426,789	$125,117,324	$105,219,341	$103,666,800

Governor's Emergency Fund **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide emergency funds to draw on when disasters create extraordinary demands on government.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,062,041	$11,062,041	$11,062,041	$11,062,041
State General Funds	$11,062,041	$11,062,041	$11,062,041	$11,062,041
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,062,041	$11,062,041	$11,062,041	$11,062,041

172.1 *Increase funds to meet projected need.*

State General Funds	$3,500,000	$3,500,000	$3,500,000	$3,500,000

172.1000 Governor's Emergency Fund **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide emergency funds to draw on when disasters create extraordinary demands on government.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,562,041	$14,562,041	$14,562,041	$14,562,041
State General Funds	$14,562,041	$14,562,041	$14,562,041	$14,562,041
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,562,041	$14,562,041	$14,562,041	$14,562,041

Governor's Office **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide numerous duties including, but not limited to: granting commissions, appointments and vacancies, maintaining order, and temporary transfer of institutions between departments or agencies. The Mansion allowance per O.C.G.A. 45-7-4 shall be $60,000.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,901,111	$6,901,111	$6,901,111	$6,901,111
State General Funds	$6,901,111	$6,901,111	$6,901,111	$6,901,111
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,901,111	$6,901,111	$6,901,111	$6,901,111

173.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$60,284	$60,284	$37,678	$49,519

173.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($58,146)	($58,146)	($116,292)

173.1000 Governor's Office **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide numerous duties including, but not limited to: granting commissions, appointments and vacancies, maintaining order, and temporary transfer of institutions between departments or agencies. The Mansion allowance per O.C.G.A. 45-7-4 shall be $60,000.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,961,395	$6,903,249	$6,880,643	$6,834,338
State General Funds	$6,961,395	$6,903,249	$6,880,643	$6,834,338
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,961,395	$6,903,249	$6,880,643	$6,834,338

Planning and Budget, Governor's Office of **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve state government operations and services by leading and assisting in the evaluation, development, and implementation of budgets, plans, programs, and policies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,053,931	$9,053,931	$9,053,931	$9,053,931
State General Funds	$9,053,931	$9,053,931	$9,053,931	$9,053,931
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,053,931	$9,053,931	$9,053,931	$9,053,931

174.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$96,885	$96,885	$60,554	$88,273

174.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($25,657)	($25,657)	($51,314)

174.1000 Planning and Budget, Governor's Office of **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve state government operations and services by leading and assisting in the evaluation, development, and implementation of budgets, plans, programs, and policies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,150,816	$9,125,159	$9,088,828	$9,090,890
State General Funds	$9,150,816	$9,125,159	$9,088,828	$9,090,890
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,150,816	$9,125,159	$9,088,828	$9,090,890

Georgia Data Analytic Center **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to consolidate data and analytics from across state government to provide transparency and accountability to lawmakers, agencies, researchers, and the public.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,999,667	$1,999,667	$1,999,667	$1,999,667
State General Funds	$1,999,667	$1,999,667	$1,999,667	$1,999,667
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,999,667	$1,999,667	$1,999,667	$1,999,667

175.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$8,612	$8,612	$5,383	$8,612

175.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($3,732)	($3,732)	($7,464)

175.1000 Georgia Data Analytic Center **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to consolidate data and analytics from across state government to provide transparency and accountability to lawmakers, agencies, researchers, and the public.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,008,279	$2,004,547	$2,001,318	$2,000,815
State General Funds	$2,008,279	$2,004,547	$2,001,318	$2,000,815
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,008,279	$2,004,547	$2,001,318	$2,000,815

Office of Health Strategy and Coordination **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to share healthcare information and coordinate policy between state agencies, healthcare providers, and the public; coordinate the state's healthcare system; and develop innovative approaches for lowering costs while improving access to quality healthcare.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,991,567	$1,991,567	$1,991,567	$1,991,567
State General Funds	$1,991,567	$1,991,567	$1,991,567	$1,991,567
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,991,567	$1,991,567	$1,991,567	$1,991,567

176.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$4,306	$4,306	$2,692	$2,153

176.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($1,895)	($1,895)	($3,790)

176.3 *Reduce funds.*

State General Funds		($500,250)	($1,459,927)	($500,250)

176.1000 Office of Health Strategy and Coordination **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to share healthcare information and coordinate policy between state agencies, healthcare providers, and the public; coordinate the state's healthcare system; and develop innovative approaches for lowering costs while improving access to quality healthcare.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,995,873	$1,493,728	$532,437	$1,489,680
State General Funds	$1,995,873	$1,493,728	$532,437	$1,489,680
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,995,873	$1,493,728	$532,437	$1,489,680

Child Advocate, Office of the **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide independent oversight of persons, organizations, and agencies responsible for the protection and well-being of children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,475,882	$1,475,882	$1,475,882	$1,475,882
State General Funds	$1,475,882	$1,475,882	$1,475,882	$1,475,882
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,475,882	$1,475,882	$1,475,882	$1,475,882

177.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$19,377	$19,377	$12,111	$17,224

177.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($5,644)	($5,644)	($11,288)

177.1000 Child Advocate, Office of the				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide independent oversight of persons, organizations, and agencies responsible for the protection and well-being of children.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,495,259	$1,489,615	$1,482,349	$1,481,818
State General Funds	$1,495,259	$1,489,615	$1,482,349	$1,481,818
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,495,259	$1,489,615	$1,482,349	$1,481,818

Equal Opportunity, Georgia Commission on			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the Georgia Fair Employment Practices Act of 1978, as amended, and the Fair Housing Act, which makes it unlawful to discriminate against any individual.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,400,557	$1,400,557	$1,400,557	$1,400,557
State General Funds	$1,400,557	$1,400,557	$1,400,557	$1,400,557
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$441,000	$441,000	$441,000	$441,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$441,000	$441,000	$441,000	$441,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,841,557	$1,841,557	$1,841,557	$1,841,557

178.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$36,601	$36,601	$22,876	$32,295

178.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($5,379)	($5,379)	($10,758)

178.1000 Equal Opportunity, Georgia Commission on				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the Georgia Fair Employment Practices Act of 1978, as amended, and the Fair Housing Act, which makes it unlawful to discriminate against any individual.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,437,158	$1,431,779	$1,418,054	$1,422,094
State General Funds	$1,437,158	$1,431,779	$1,418,054	$1,422,094
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$441,000	$441,000	$441,000	$441,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$441,000	$441,000	$441,000	$441,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,878,158	$1,872,779	$1,859,054	$1,863,094

Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, Georgia **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a disaster, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery program by coordinating federal, state, and other resources and supporting local governments to respond to major disasters and emergency events, and to coordinate state resources for the preparation and prevention of threats and acts of terrorism and to serve as the State's point of contact for the federal Department of Homeland Security.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,004,456	$5,004,456	$5,004,456	$5,004,456
State General Funds	$5,004,456	$5,004,456	$5,004,456	$5,004,456
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$29,703,182	$29,703,182	$29,703,182	$29,703,182
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,703,182	$29,703,182	$29,703,182	$29,703,182
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
Sales and Services	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$35,515,494	$35,515,494	$35,515,494	$35,515,494

179.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$333,715	$333,715	$208,572	$299,267

179.2 *Increase funds to meet federal matching requirements for emergency preparedness.*

State General Funds	$5,701,661	$5,701,661	$0	$694,873

179.3 *Utilize existing funds ($5,000,000) and increase funds to facilitate the transition to Next Generation 911 emergency services. (S:Utilize existing BEAD allocation funds of up to $900,000,000, utilize existing state funds ($5,000,000), and increase funds to facilitate GIS mapping and Next Generation 911 preparedness)(CC:Utilize available BEAD allocation funds of up to $900,000,000, utilize existing state funds ($5,000,000) and increase funds for one-time funding to facilitate GIS mapping and Next Generation 911 preparedness)*

State General Funds	$9,973,667	$9,973,667	$5,000,000	$2,000,000

179.4 *Transfer funds from the Department of Public Safety to the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency for the protection of communities through the Nonprofit Security Grant Program. (S and CC:Transfer funds from the Department of Public Safety to the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency ($1,000,000) and increase funds for the protection of communities through the Nonprofit Security Grant Program)*

State General Funds	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$3,000,000	$3,000,000

179.5 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($18,970)	($18,970)	($37,940)

179.6 *Increase funds for emergency services.*

State General Funds		$500,000	$500,000	$250,000

179.7 *Increase funds for rural fire department support.*

State General Funds	$250,000	$250,000

179.1000 Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, Georgia **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a disaster, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery program by coordinating federal, state, and other resources and supporting local governments to respond to major disasters and emergency events, and to coordinate state resources for the preparation and prevention of threats and acts of terrorism and to serve as the State's point of contact for the federal Department of Homeland Security.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$22,013,499	$22,494,529	$13,944,058	$11,460,656
State General Funds	$22,013,499	$22,494,529	$13,944,058	$11,460,656
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$29,703,182	$29,703,182	$29,703,182	$29,703,182
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,703,182	$29,703,182	$29,703,182	$29,703,182
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
Sales and Services	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$52,524,537	$53,005,567	$44,455,096	$41,971,694

Office of the State Inspector General **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to foster and promote accountability and integrity in state government by investigating and preventing fraud, waste, and abuse.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,829,910	$1,829,910	$1,829,910	$1,829,910
State General Funds	$1,829,910	$1,829,910	$1,829,910	$1,829,910
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,829,910	$1,829,910	$1,829,910	$1,829,910

180.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$25,836	$25,836	$16,148	$21,530

180.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($7,052)	($7,052)	($14,104)

180.1000 Office of the State Inspector General **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to foster and promote accountability and integrity in state government by investigating and preventing fraud, waste, and abuse.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,855,746	$1,848,694	$1,839,006	$1,837,336
State General Funds	$1,855,746	$1,848,694	$1,839,006	$1,837,336
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,855,746	$1,848,694	$1,839,006	$1,837,336

Professional Standards Commission, Georgia **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to direct the preparation of, certify, recognize, and recruit Georgia educators, and to enforce standards regarding educator professional preparation, performance, and ethics.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,952,136	$8,952,136	$8,952,136	$8,952,136
State General Funds	$8,952,136	$8,952,136	$8,952,136	$8,952,136
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,310,730	$1,310,730	$1,310,730	$1,310,730
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$1,160,730	$1,160,730	$1,160,730	$1,160,730
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
Sales and Services	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,272,866	$10,272,866	$10,272,866	$10,272,866

181.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$157,169	$157,169	$98,231	$150,710

181.2 *Reduce funds for personnel based on the actual start date of new positions.*

State General Funds	($49,775)	($49,775)	($56,290)	($56,290)

181.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($32,930)	($32,930)	($65,860)

181.1000 Professional Standards Commission, Georgia **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to direct the preparation of, certify, recognize, and recruit Georgia educators, and to enforce standards regarding educator professional preparation, performance, and ethics.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,059,530	$9,026,600	$8,961,147	$8,980,696
State General Funds	$9,059,530	$9,026,600	$8,961,147	$8,980,696
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,310,730	$1,310,730	$1,310,730	$1,310,730
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$1,160,730	$1,160,730	$1,160,730	$1,160,730
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000

Sales and Services	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,380,260	$10,347,330	$10,281,877	$10,301,426

Student Achievement, Governor's Office of **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support educational accountability, evaluation, and reporting efforts, establishment of standards on state assessments, the preparation and release of the state's education report card and scoreboard, and education research to inform policy and budget efforts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,352,825	$4,352,825	$4,352,825	$4,352,825
State General Funds	$4,352,825	$4,352,825	$4,352,825	$4,352,825
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,352,825	$4,352,825	$4,352,825	$4,352,825

182.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$30,142	$30,142	$18,839	$30,142

182.2 *Add funds for start-up costs and implementation of new responsibilities to support Top State for Talent initiatives including a Career Navigator system. (CC:NO; Reflect funds at Technical College System of Georgia)*

State General Funds	$9,000,000	$9,000,000	$0	$0

182.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($17,610)	($17,610)	($35,220)

182.1000 Student Achievement, Governor's Office of **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support educational accountability, evaluation, and reporting efforts, establishment of standards on state assessments, the preparation and release of the state's education report card and scoreboard, and education research to inform policy and budget efforts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,382,967	$13,365,357	$4,354,054	$4,347,747
State General Funds	$13,382,967	$13,365,357	$4,354,054	$4,347,747
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,382,967	$13,365,357	$4,354,054	$4,347,747

Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's Honors Program **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide gifted high school students a summer program of challenging and enriching educational opportunities not usually available during the regular school year.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,658,765	$1,658,765	$1,658,765	$1,658,765
State General Funds	$1,658,765	$1,658,765	$1,658,765	$1,658,765
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,658,765	$1,658,765	$1,658,765	$1,658,765

183.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$6,459	$6,459	$4,037	$4,306

183.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($1,359)	($1,359)	($2,718)

183.1000 Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's Honors Program **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide gifted high school students a summer program of challenging and enriching educational opportunities not usually available during the regular school year.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,665,224	$1,663,865	$1,661,443	$1,660,353
State General Funds	$1,665,224	$1,663,865	$1,661,443	$1,660,353
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,665,224	$1,663,865	$1,661,443	$1,660,353

Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's School Leadership Academy **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide high-quality, selective, statewide leadership preparation and support designed to develop high-capacity school leaders across Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,615,233	$2,615,233	$2,615,233	$2,615,233
State General Funds	$2,615,233	$2,615,233	$2,615,233	$2,615,233
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,615,233	$2,615,233	$2,615,233	$2,615,233

184.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$15,071	$15,071	$9,420	$15,071

184.2 *Reduce funds for personnel to recognize three unfilled positions. (H:Reduce funds to reflect elimination of the Governor's School Leadership Academy effective April 1, 2026)(S and CC:Reduce funds for personnel to recognize three unfilled positions)*

State General Funds	($314,719)	($445,071)	($314,719)	($314,719)

184.1000 Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's School Leadership Academy **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide high-quality, selective, statewide leadership preparation and support designed to develop high-capacity school leaders across Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,315,585	$2,185,233	$2,309,934	$2,315,585
State General Funds	$2,315,585	$2,185,233	$2,309,934	$2,315,585
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,315,585	$2,185,233	$2,309,934	$2,315,585

Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Literacy Initiative Coordination **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for personnel and operations for the Georgia Council on Literacy and support the implementation of effective literacy methods, including competency-based research and training, literacy coach coordination, universal reading screeners for K through 3, and digital curriculum for Pre-K through 5.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,275,173	$5,275,173	$5,275,173	$5,275,173
State General Funds	$5,275,173	$5,275,173	$5,275,173	$5,275,173
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,275,173	$5,275,173	$5,275,173	$5,275,173

185.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$4,306	$4,306	$2,692	$2,153

185.2 *Reduce funds to reflect dyslexia screener savings. (S and CC:Reduce funds to reflect universal screener savings)*

State General Funds	($282,688)	($282,688)	($297,438)	($297,438)

185.3 *Reduce funds for personnel to recognize one unfilled position.*

State General Funds	($46,142)	($46,142)	($92,188)	($92,188)

185.4 *Increase funds for one-time funding for America250 literacy initiatives. (S and CC:YES; Utilize existing funds ($300,250) for one-time funding for America250 literacy initiatives)*

State General Funds	$300,000	$300,250	$0	$0

185.5 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($739)	($739)	($1,478)

185.6 *Reduce funds to reflect research contract savings.*

State General Funds			($976,239)	($976,239)

185.1000 Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Literacy Initiative Coordination **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for personnel and operations for the Georgia Council on Literacy and support the implementation of effective literacy methods, including competency-based research and training, literacy coach coordination, universal reading screeners for K through 3, and digital curriculum for Pre-K through 5.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,250,649	$5,250,160	$3,911,261	$3,909,983
State General Funds	$5,250,649	$5,250,160	$3,911,261	$3,909,983
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,250,649	$5,250,160	$3,911,261	$3,909,983

The Mansion allowance shall be $60,000.

Section 28: Human Services, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,059,937,900	$1,059,937,900	$1,059,937,900	$1,059,937,900
State General Funds	$1,058,580,854	$1,058,580,854	$1,058,580,854	$1,058,580,854
State Children's Trust Funds	$1,222,837	$1,222,837	$1,222,837	$1,222,837
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$134,209	$134,209	$134,209	$134,209
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,416,971,767	$1,416,971,767	$1,416,971,767	$1,416,971,767
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$595,002,086	$595,002,086	$595,002,086	$595,002,086
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$11,785,851	$11,785,851	$11,785,851	$11,785,851
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$92,059,094	$92,059,094	$92,059,094	$92,059,094
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$75,051,873	$75,051,873	$75,051,873	$75,051,873
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$216,761,365	$216,761,365	$216,761,365	$216,761,365
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$20,801,231	$20,801,231	$20,801,231	$20,801,231
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$405,510,267	$405,510,267	$405,510,267	$405,510,267
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$402,866,078	$402,866,078	$402,866,078	$402,866,078
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	$2,644,189	$2,644,189	$2,644,189	$2,644,189
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$26,579,193	$26,579,193	$26,579,193	$26,579,193
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services	$25,079,193	$25,079,193	$25,079,193	$25,079,193
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,079,193	$25,079,193	$25,079,193	$25,079,193
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,531,932	$1,531,932	$1,531,932	$1,531,932
State Funds Transfers	$804,906	$804,906	$804,906	$804,906
Agency to Agency Contracts	$804,906	$804,906	$804,906	$804,906
Agency Funds Transfers	$727,026	$727,026	$727,026	$727,026
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$727,026	$727,026	$727,026	$727,026
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,505,020,792	$2,505,020,792	$2,505,020,792	$2,505,020,792

	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,132,573,307	$1,188,568,665	$1,165,284,887	$1,170,598,249
State General Funds	$1,131,216,261	$1,187,211,619	$1,163,927,841	$1,169,241,203
State Children's Trust Funds	$1,222,837	$1,222,837	$1,222,837	$1,222,837
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$134,209	$134,209	$134,209	$134,209
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,437,711,524	$1,440,508,910	$1,440,554,729	$1,440,397,082

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$612,921,009	$612,921,009	$612,921,009	$612,921,009
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$11,785,851	$11,785,851	$11,785,851	$11,785,851
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$94,879,928	$97,677,314	$97,723,133	$97,565,486
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$75,051,873	$75,051,873	$75,051,873	$75,051,873
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$216,761,365	$216,761,365	$216,761,365	$216,761,365
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$20,801,231	$20,801,231	$20,801,231	$20,801,231
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$405,510,267	$405,510,267	$405,510,267	$405,510,267
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$402,866,078	$402,866,078	$402,866,078	$402,866,078
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	$2,644,189	$2,644,189	$2,644,189	$2,644,189
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$26,579,193	$26,579,193	$26,579,193	$26,579,193
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services	$25,079,193	$25,079,193	$25,079,193	$25,079,193
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,079,193	$25,079,193	$25,079,193	$25,079,193
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,531,932	$1,531,932	$1,531,932	$1,531,932
State Funds Transfers	$804,906	$804,906	$804,906	$804,906
Agency to Agency Contracts	$804,906	$804,906	$804,906	$804,906
Agency Funds Transfers	$727,026	$727,026	$727,026	$727,026
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$727,026	$727,026	$727,026	$727,026
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,598,395,956	$2,657,188,700	$2,633,950,741	$2,639,106,456

Adoptions Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support and facilitate the safe permanent placement of children by prescreening families and providing support and financial services after adoption.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$45,396,313	$45,396,313	$45,396,313	$45,396,313
State General Funds	$45,396,313	$45,396,313	$45,396,313	$45,396,313
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$81,791,478	$81,791,478	$81,791,478	$81,791,478
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$72,670,077	$72,670,077	$72,670,077	$72,670,077
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$9,121,401	$9,121,401	$9,121,401	$9,121,401
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$9,121,401	$9,121,401	$9,121,401	$9,121,401
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$127,187,791	$127,187,791	$127,187,791	$127,187,791

186.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$105,497	$105,497	$65,936	$68,896

186.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($96,902)	($96,902)	($193,804)

186.1000 Adoptions Services			**Appropriation (HB 973)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to support and facilitate the safe permanent placement of children by prescreening families and providing support and financial services after adoption.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$45,501,810	$45,404,908	$45,365,347	$45,271,405
State General Funds	$45,501,810	$45,404,908	$45,365,347	$45,271,405
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$81,791,478	$81,791,478	$81,791,478	$81,791,478
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$72,670,077	$72,670,077	$72,670,077	$72,670,077
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$9,121,401	$9,121,401	$9,121,401	$9,121,401
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$9,121,401	$9,121,401	$9,121,401	$9,121,401
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$127,293,288	$127,196,386	$127,156,825	$127,062,883

Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to promote child abuse and neglect prevention programs and support child victims of abuse.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,277,622	$4,277,622	$4,277,622	$4,277,622
State General Funds	$3,054,785	$3,054,785	$3,054,785	$3,054,785
State Children's Trust Funds	$1,222,837	$1,222,837	$1,222,837	$1,222,837
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,556,577	$7,556,577	$7,556,577	$7,556,577
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$4,590,487	$4,590,487	$4,590,487	$4,590,487
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$2,966,090	$2,966,090	$2,966,090	$2,966,090
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$2,966,090	$2,966,090	$2,966,090	$2,966,090
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,834,199	$11,834,199	$11,834,199	$11,834,199

187.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$25,836	$25,836	$16,148	$25,836

187.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($42,215)	($42,215)	($84,430)

187.1000 Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to promote child abuse and neglect prevention programs and support child victims of abuse.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,303,458	$4,261,243	$4,251,555	$4,219,028
State General Funds	$3,080,621	$3,038,406	$3,028,718	$2,996,191
State Children's Trust Funds	$1,222,837	$1,222,837	$1,222,837	$1,222,837
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,556,577	$7,556,577	$7,556,577	$7,556,577
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$4,590,487	$4,590,487	$4,590,487	$4,590,487
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$2,966,090	$2,966,090	$2,966,090	$2,966,090
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$2,966,090	$2,966,090	$2,966,090	$2,966,090
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,860,035	$11,817,820	$11,808,132	$11,775,605

Child Support Services			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to encourage and enforce the parental responsibility of paying financial support.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,390,191	$34,390,191	$34,390,191	$34,390,191
State General Funds	$34,390,191	$34,390,191	$34,390,191	$34,390,191
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$112,766,952	$112,766,952	$112,766,952	$112,766,952
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$112,766,952	$112,766,952	$112,766,952	$112,766,952
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000
Sales and Services	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760
State Funds Transfers	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760
Agency to Agency Contracts	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$150,952,903	$150,952,903	$150,952,903	$150,952,903

188.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$2,336,005	$2,336,005	$1,460,004	$2,178,836

188.2 *Increase funds to maintain software applications on the Georgia Technology Authority mainframe.*

State General Funds	$2,633,924	$2,633,924	$2,633,924	$2,633,924
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$4,939,154	$4,939,154	$4,939,154	$4,939,154
Total Public Funds:	$7,573,078	$7,573,078	$7,573,078	$7,573,078

188.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($94,412)	($94,412)	($188,824)

188.1000 Child Support Services				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to encourage and enforce the parental responsibility of paying financial support.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,360,120	$39,265,708	$38,389,707	$39,014,127
State General Funds	$39,360,120	$39,265,708	$38,389,707	$39,014,127
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$117,706,106	$117,706,106	$117,706,106	$117,706,106
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$117,706,106	$117,706,106	$117,706,106	$117,706,106
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000
Sales and Services	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760
State Funds Transfers	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760
Agency to Agency Contracts	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$160,861,986	$160,767,574	$159,891,573	$160,515,993

Child Welfare Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate allegations of child abuse, abandonment, and neglect, and to provide services to protect the child and strengthen the family.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$246,970,227	$246,970,227	$246,970,227	$246,970,227
State General Funds	$246,970,227	$246,970,227	$246,970,227	$246,970,227
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$296,862,325	$296,862,325	$296,862,325	$296,862,325
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$34,011,865	$34,011,865	$34,011,865	$34,011,865
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$46,855,776	$46,855,776	$46,855,776	$46,855,776
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$580,858	$580,858	$580,858	$580,858
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$3,665,164	$3,665,164	$3,665,164	$3,665,164
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$211,748,662	$211,748,662	$211,748,662	$211,748,662
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$209,104,473	$209,104,473	$209,104,473	$209,104,473
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	$2,644,189	$2,644,189	$2,644,189	$2,644,189
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$159,146	$159,146	$159,146	$159,146
State Funds Transfers	$159,146	$159,146	$159,146	$159,146
Agency to Agency Contracts	$159,146	$159,146	$159,146	$159,146
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$543,991,698	$543,991,698	$543,991,698	$543,991,698

189.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$6,886,371	$6,886,371	$4,303,982	$5,703,297

189.2 *Transfer funds for community action teams to deter child welfare involvement from the Out-of-Home Care program to the Child Welfare Services program to align budgets with expenditures.*

State General Funds	$371,500	$371,500	$371,500	$371,500

189.3 *Reduce funds for a technology platform for community service referrals to reflect projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($50,000)	($50,000)	($50,000)	($50,000)

189.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($806,546)	($806,546)	($1,613,092)

189.1000 Child Welfare Services **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate allegations of child abuse, abandonment, and neglect, and to provide services to protect the child and strengthen the family.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$254,178,098	$253,371,552	$250,789,163	$251,381,932
State General Funds	$254,178,098	$253,371,552	$250,789,163	$251,381,932
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$296,862,325	$296,862,325	$296,862,325	$296,862,325
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$34,011,865	$34,011,865	$34,011,865	$34,011,865
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$46,855,776	$46,855,776	$46,855,776	$46,855,776
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$580,858	$580,858	$580,858	$580,858
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$3,665,164	$3,665,164	$3,665,164	$3,665,164
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$211,748,662	$211,748,662	$211,748,662	$211,748,662
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$209,104,473	$209,104,473	$209,104,473	$209,104,473
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	$2,644,189	$2,644,189	$2,644,189	$2,644,189
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$159,146	$159,146	$159,146	$159,146
State Funds Transfers	$159,146	$159,146	$159,146	$159,146
Agency to Agency Contracts	$159,146	$159,146	$159,146	$159,146
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$551,199,569	$550,393,023	$547,810,634	$548,403,403

Community Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services and activities through local agencies to assist low-income Georgians with employment, education, nutrition, and housing services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,527,897	$11,527,897	$11,527,897	$11,527,897
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$11,527,897	$11,527,897	$11,527,897	$11,527,897
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,527,897	$11,527,897	$11,527,897	$11,527,897

190.1000 Community Services				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services and activities through local agencies to assist low-income Georgians with employment, education, nutrition, and housing services.				
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,527,897	$11,527,897	$11,527,897	$11,527,897
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$11,527,897	$11,527,897	$11,527,897	$11,527,897
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,527,897	$11,527,897	$11,527,897	$11,527,897

Departmental Administration (DHS)			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration and support for the Divisions and Operating Office in meeting the needs of the people of Georgia.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$62,135,630	$62,135,630	$62,135,630	$62,135,630
State General Funds	$62,135,630	$62,135,630	$62,135,630	$62,135,630
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$50,198,966	$50,198,966	$50,198,966	$50,198,966
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$31,910,495	$31,910,495	$31,910,495	$31,910,495
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$165,047	$165,047	$165,047	$165,047
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$6,380,087	$6,380,087	$6,380,087	$6,380,087
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$344,280	$344,280	$344,280	$344,280
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$6,532,450	$6,532,450	$6,532,450	$6,532,450
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$4,841,607	$4,841,607	$4,841,607	$4,841,607
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$4,841,607	$4,841,607	$4,841,607	$4,841,607
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$13,602,976	$13,602,976	$13,602,976	$13,602,976
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services	$12,102,976	$12,102,976	$12,102,976	$12,102,976
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$12,102,976	$12,102,976	$12,102,976	$12,102,976
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$125,937,572	$125,937,572	$125,937,572	$125,937,572

191.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$1,095,877	$1,095,877	$684,924	$1,054,970

191.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($254,951)	($254,951)	($509,902)

191.1000 Departmental Administration (DHS)				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration and support for the Divisions and Operating Office in meeting the needs of the people of Georgia.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$63,231,507	$62,976,556	$62,565,603	$62,680,698
State General Funds	$63,231,507	$62,976,556	$62,565,603	$62,680,698
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$50,198,966	$50,198,966	$50,198,966	$50,198,966
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$31,910,495	$31,910,495	$31,910,495	$31,910,495
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$165,047	$165,047	$165,047	$165,047
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$6,380,087	$6,380,087	$6,380,087	$6,380,087
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$344,280	$344,280	$344,280	$344,280
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$6,532,450	$6,532,450	$6,532,450	$6,532,450
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$4,841,607	$4,841,607	$4,841,607	$4,841,607
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$4,841,607	$4,841,607	$4,841,607	$4,841,607
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$13,602,976	$13,602,976	$13,602,976	$13,602,976
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services	$12,102,976	$12,102,976	$12,102,976	$12,102,976
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$12,102,976	$12,102,976	$12,102,976	$12,102,976
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$127,033,449	$126,778,498	$126,367,545	$126,482,640

Elder Abuse Investigations and Prevention **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to prevent disabled adults and elder persons from abuse, exploitation and neglect, and investigate situations where it might have occurred.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$30,886,034	$30,886,034	$30,886,034	$30,886,034
State General Funds	$30,886,034	$30,886,034	$30,886,034	$30,886,034
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,689,877	$7,689,877	$7,689,877	$7,689,877
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,719,817	$2,719,817	$2,719,817	$2,719,817
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$4,970,060	$4,970,060	$4,970,060	$4,970,060
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$38,575,911	$38,575,911	$38,575,911	$38,575,911

192.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$632,982	$632,982	$395,614	$645,900

192.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($142,818)	($142,818)	($285,636)

192.1000 Elder Abuse Investigations and Prevention			**Appropriation (HB 973)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to prevent disabled adults and elder persons from abuse, exploitation and neglect, and investigate situations where it might have occurred.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$31,519,016	$31,376,198	$31,138,830	$31,246,298
State General Funds	$31,519,016	$31,376,198	$31,138,830	$31,246,298
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,689,877	$7,689,877	$7,689,877	$7,689,877
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,719,817	$2,719,817	$2,719,817	$2,719,817
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$4,970,060	$4,970,060	$4,970,060	$4,970,060
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,208,893	$39,066,075	$38,828,707	$38,936,175

Elder Community Living Services			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgians who need nursing home level of care the option of remaining in their own communities.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$53,817,460	$53,817,460	$53,817,460	$53,817,460
State General Funds	$53,817,460	$53,817,460	$53,817,460	$53,817,460
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$58,947,806	$58,947,806	$58,947,806	$58,947,806
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$46,556,799	$46,556,799	$46,556,799	$46,556,799
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$12,141,007	$12,141,007	$12,141,007	$12,141,007
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
State Funds Transfers	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$113,015,266	$113,015,266	$113,015,266	$113,015,266

193.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$120,568	$120,568	$75,355	$71,049

193.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($8,685)	($8,685)	($17,370)

193.1000 Elder Community Living Services			**Appropriation (HB 973)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgians who need nursing home level of care the option of remaining in their own communities.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$53,938,028	$53,929,343	$53,884,130	$53,871,139
State General Funds	$53,938,028	$53,929,343	$53,884,130	$53,871,139
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$58,947,806	$58,947,806	$58,947,806	$58,947,806

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$46,556,799	$46,556,799	$46,556,799	$46,556,799
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$12,141,007	$12,141,007	$12,141,007	$12,141,007
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
State Funds Transfers	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$113,135,834	$113,127,149	$113,081,936	$113,068,945

Energy Assistance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist low-income households in meeting their immediate home energy needs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$72,852,525	$72,852,525	$72,852,525	$72,852,525
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$72,852,525	$72,852,525	$72,852,525	$72,852,525
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$72,852,525	$72,852,525	$72,852,525	$72,852,525

194.1000 Energy Assistance **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist low-income households in meeting their immediate home energy needs.

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$72,852,525	$72,852,525	$72,852,525	$72,852,525
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$72,852,525	$72,852,525	$72,852,525	$72,852,525
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$72,852,525	$72,852,525	$72,852,525	$72,852,525

Federal Eligibility Benefit Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to verify eligibility and provide support services for Medicaid, Food Stamp, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$162,674,638	$162,674,638	$162,674,638	$162,674,638
State General Funds	$162,674,638	$162,674,638	$162,674,638	$162,674,638
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$323,240,242	$323,240,242	$323,240,242	$323,240,242
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$90,147,771	$90,147,771	$90,147,771	$90,147,771
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$92,907	$92,907	$92,907	$92,907
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$7,222,080	$7,222,080	$7,222,080	$7,222,080
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$1,855,068	$1,855,068	$1,855,068	$1,855,068
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$208,061,092	$208,061,092	$208,061,092	$208,061,092
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$15,861,324	$15,861,324	$15,861,324	$15,861,324
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$15,861,324	$15,861,324	$15,861,324	$15,861,324
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$485,914,880	$485,914,880	$485,914,880	$485,914,880

195.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$9,719,718	$9,719,718	$6,074,824	$9,438,752

195.2 *Increase funds for Gateway system modifications to reduce the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) payment error rate and ensure federal compliance.*

State General Funds	$6,207,774	$6,207,774	$6,207,774	$6,207,774
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,979,769	$12,979,769	$12,979,769	$12,979,769
Total Public Funds:	$19,187,543	$19,187,543	$19,187,543	$19,187,543

195.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($310,073)	($310,073)	($620,146)

195.1000 Federal Eligibility Benefit Services **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to verify eligibility and provide support services for Medicaid, Food Stamp, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$178,602,130	$178,292,057	$174,647,163	$177,701,018
State General Funds	$178,602,130	$178,292,057	$174,647,163	$177,701,018
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$336,220,011	$336,220,011	$336,220,011	$336,220,011
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$103,127,540	$103,127,540	$103,127,540	$103,127,540
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$92,907	$92,907	$92,907	$92,907
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$7,222,080	$7,222,080	$7,222,080	$7,222,080
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$1,855,068	$1,855,068	$1,855,068	$1,855,068
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$208,061,092	$208,061,092	$208,061,092	$208,061,092
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$15,861,324	$15,861,324	$15,861,324	$15,861,324
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$15,861,324	$15,861,324	$15,861,324	$15,861,324
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$514,822,141	$514,512,068	$510,867,174	$513,921,029

Out-of-Home Care **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide safe and appropriate temporary homes for children removed from their families due to neglect, abuse, or abandonment.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$368,397,670	$368,397,670	$368,397,670	$368,397,670
State General Funds	$368,397,670	$368,397,670	$368,397,670	$368,397,670
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$126,610,511	$126,610,511	$126,610,511	$126,610,511
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$147,131	$147,131	$147,131	$147,131
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$31,087,327	$31,087,327	$31,087,327	$31,087,327

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$95,376,053	$95,376,053	$95,376,053	$95,376,053
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$95,376,053	$95,376,053	$95,376,053	$95,376,053
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$495,008,181	$495,008,181	$495,008,181	$495,008,181

196.1 *Increase funds for utilization growth and increased costs of care. (H and S:Increase funds for utilization growth and increased cost of care prioritizing reunification services, assessments, and specialized services for high-acuity youth)*

State General Funds	$41,543,336	$82,741,347	$83,416,146	$81,094,424
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$2,820,834	$5,618,220	$5,664,039	$5,506,392
Total Public Funds:	$44,364,170	$88,359,567	$89,080,185	$86,600,816

196.2 *Transfer funds for community action teams to deter child welfare involvement from the Out-of-Home Care program to the Child Welfare Services program to align budgets with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($371,500)	($371,500)	($371,500)	($371,500)

196.1000 Out-of-Home Care **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide safe and appropriate temporary homes for children removed from their families due to neglect, abuse, or abandonment.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$409,569,506	$450,767,517	$451,442,316	$449,120,594
State General Funds	$409,569,506	$450,767,517	$451,442,316	$449,120,594
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$129,431,345	$132,228,731	$132,274,550	$132,116,903
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$147,131	$147,131	$147,131	$147,131
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$33,908,161	$36,705,547	$36,751,366	$36,593,719
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$95,376,053	$95,376,053	$95,376,053	$95,376,053
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$95,376,053	$95,376,053	$95,376,053	$95,376,053
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$539,000,851	$582,996,248	$583,716,866	$581,237,497

Out-of-School Care Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the provision of out-of-school services and draw down TANF maintenance of effort funds.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000

197.1000 Out-of-School Care Services **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the provision of out-of-school services and draw down TANF maintenance of effort funds.

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000

Refugee Assistance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide employment, health screening, medical, cash, and social services assistance to refugees.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$20,174,463	$20,174,463	$20,174,463	$20,174,463
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$20,174,463	$20,174,463	$20,174,463	$20,174,463
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,174,463	$20,174,463	$20,174,463	$20,174,463

198.1000 Refugee Assistance **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide employment, health screening, medical, cash, and social services assistance to refugees.

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$20,174,463	$20,174,463	$20,174,463	$20,174,463
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$20,174,463	$20,174,463	$20,174,463	$20,174,463
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,174,463	$20,174,463	$20,174,463	$20,174,463

Residential Child Care Licensing **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health and safety of children who receive full-time care outside of their homes by licensing, monitoring, and inspecting residential care providers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,569,435	$2,569,435	$2,569,435	$2,569,435
State General Funds	$2,569,435	$2,569,435	$2,569,435	$2,569,435
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$513,824	$513,824	$513,824	$513,824
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$513,824	$513,824	$513,824	$513,824
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,083,259	$3,083,259	$3,083,259	$3,083,259

199.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$58,131	$58,131	$36,332	$55,978

199.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($16,149)	($16,149)	($32,298)

199.1000 Residential Child Care Licensing				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health and safety of children who receive full-time care outside of their homes by licensing, monitoring, and inspecting residential care providers.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,627,566	$2,611,417	$2,589,618	$2,593,115
State General Funds	$2,627,566	$2,611,417	$2,589,618	$2,593,115
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$513,824	$513,824	$513,824	$513,824
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$513,824	$513,824	$513,824	$513,824
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,141,390	$3,125,241	$3,103,442	$3,106,939

Support for Needy Families - Basic Assistance				**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide cash assistance to needy families in compliance with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000
State General Funds	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,523,008	$36,523,008	$36,523,008	$36,523,008

200.1000 Support for Needy Families - Basic Assistance				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide cash assistance to needy families in compliance with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000
State General Funds	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,523,008	$36,523,008	$36,523,008	$36,523,008

Support for Needy Families - Work Assistance				**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist needy Georgian families in achieving self-sufficiency by obtaining and keeping employment as well as complying with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
State General Funds	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$20,377,236	$20,377,236	$20,377,236	$20,377,236
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,735,114	$6,735,114	$6,735,114	$6,735,114
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$13,642,122	$13,642,122	$13,642,122	$13,642,122

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$13,642,122	$13,642,122	$13,642,122	$13,642,122
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,477,236	$20,477,236	$20,477,236	$20,477,236

201.1000 Support for Needy Families - Work Assistance **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist needy Georgian families in achieving self-sufficiency by obtaining and keeping employment as well as complying with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
State General Funds	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$20,377,236	$20,377,236	$20,377,236	$20,377,236
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,735,114	$6,735,114	$6,735,114	$6,735,114
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$13,642,122	$13,642,122	$13,642,122	$13,642,122
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$13,642,122	$13,642,122	$13,642,122	$13,642,122
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,477,236	$20,477,236	$20,477,236	$20,477,236

Council On Aging **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist older individuals, at-risk adults, persons with disabilities, their families and caregivers in achieving safe, healthy, independent and self-reliant lives.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$466,562	$466,562	$466,562	$466,562
State General Funds	$466,562	$466,562	$466,562	$466,562
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$466,562	$466,562	$466,562	$466,562

202.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$6,459	$6,459	$4,037	$4,306

202.2 *Eliminate funds for personnel. (See HB68 (2025 Legislative Session) intent language considered nonbinding by the Governor)*

State General Funds	($56,379)	($56,379)	($56,379)	($56,379)

202.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($1,735)	($1,735)	($3,470)

202.1000 Council On Aging **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist older individuals, at-risk adults, persons with disabilities, their families and caregivers in achieving safe, healthy, independent and self-reliant lives.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$416,642	$414,907	$412,485	$411,019
State General Funds	$416,642	$414,907	$412,485	$411,019
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$416,642	$414,907	$412,485	$411,019

Family Connection **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a statewide network of county collaboratives that work to improve conditions for children and families.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,359,889	$10,359,889	$10,359,889	$10,359,889
State General Funds	$10,359,889	$10,359,889	$10,359,889	$10,359,889
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,336,965	$1,336,965	$1,336,965	$1,336,965
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$1,336,965	$1,336,965	$1,336,965	$1,336,965
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,696,854	$11,696,854	$11,696,854	$11,696,854

203.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$4,306	$4,306	$2,692	$4,306

203.1000 Family Connection **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a statewide network of county collaboratives that work to improve conditions for children and families.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,364,195	$10,364,195	$10,362,581	$10,364,195
State General Funds	$10,364,195	$10,364,195	$10,362,581	$10,364,195
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,336,965	$1,336,965	$1,336,965	$1,336,965
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$1,336,965	$1,336,965	$1,336,965	$1,336,965
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,701,160	$11,701,160	$11,699,546	$11,701,160

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Business Enterprise Program **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people who are blind in becoming successful contributors to the state's economy.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$335,520	$335,520	$335,520	$335,520
State General Funds	$335,520	$335,520	$335,520	$335,520
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,779,295	$2,779,295	$2,779,295	$2,779,295
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,779,295	$2,779,295	$2,779,295	$2,779,295
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,114,815	$3,114,815	$3,114,815	$3,114,815

204.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$21,530	$21,530	$13,457	$19,377

204.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($1,560)	($1,560)	($3,120)

204.1000 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Business Enterprise Program				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people who are blind in becoming successful contributors to the state's economy.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$357,050	$355,490	$347,417	$351,777
State General Funds	$357,050	$355,490	$347,417	$351,777
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,779,295	$2,779,295	$2,779,295	$2,779,295
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,779,295	$2,779,295	$2,779,295	$2,779,295
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,136,345	$3,134,785	$3,126,712	$3,131,072

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Departmental Administration				**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to help people with disabilities to become fully productive members of society by achieving independence and meaningful employment.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,587,333	$3,587,333	$3,587,333	$3,587,333
State General Funds	$3,587,333	$3,587,333	$3,587,333	$3,587,333
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$8,866,476	$8,866,476	$8,866,476	$8,866,476
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$8,866,476	$8,866,476	$8,866,476	$8,866,476
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597
Sales and Services	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,738,406	$12,738,406	$12,738,406	$12,738,406

205.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$150,710	$150,710	$94,194	$137,792

205.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($40,690)	($40,690)	($81,380)

205.1000 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Departmental Administration	**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to help people with disabilities to become fully productive members of society by achieving independence and meaningful employment.	

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,738,043	$3,697,353	$3,640,837	$3,643,745
State General Funds	$3,738,043	$3,697,353	$3,640,837	$3,643,745
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$8,866,476	$8,866,476	$8,866,476	$8,866,476
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$8,866,476	$8,866,476	$8,866,476	$8,866,476
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597
Sales and Services	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,889,116	$12,848,426	$12,791,910	$12,794,818

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Disability Adjudication Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to efficiently process applications for federal disability programs so that eligible Georgia citizens can obtain support.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$64,972,843	$64,972,843	$64,972,843	$64,972,843
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$64,972,843	$64,972,843	$64,972,843	$64,972,843
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$64,972,843	$64,972,843	$64,972,843	$64,972,843

206.1000 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Disability Adjudication Services **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to efficiently process applications for federal disability programs so that eligible Georgia citizens can obtain support.

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$64,972,843	$64,972,843	$64,972,843	$64,972,843
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$64,972,843	$64,972,843	$64,972,843	$64,972,843
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$64,972,843	$64,972,843	$64,972,843	$64,972,843

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Georgia Industries for the Blind **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to employ people who are blind in manufacturing and packaging facilities in Bainbridge and Griffin.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,810,758	$4,810,758	$4,810,758	$4,810,758
Sales and Services	$4,810,758	$4,810,758	$4,810,758	$4,810,758
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,810,758	$4,810,758	$4,810,758	$4,810,758
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,810,758	$4,810,758	$4,810,758	$4,810,758

207.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$77,508	$77,508	$48,443	$73,202

207.1000 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Georgia Industries for the Blind				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to employ people who are blind in manufacturing and packaging facilities in Bainbridge and Griffin.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$77,508	$77,508	$48,443	$73,202
State General Funds	$77,508	$77,508	$48,443	$73,202
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,810,758	$4,810,758	$4,810,758	$4,810,758
Sales and Services	$4,810,758	$4,810,758	$4,810,758	$4,810,758
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,810,758	$4,810,758	$4,810,758	$4,810,758
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,888,266	$4,888,266	$4,859,201	$4,883,960

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Vocational Rehabilitation Program			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people with disabilities so that they may go to work.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$25,147,327	$25,147,327	$25,147,327	$25,147,327
State General Funds	$25,147,327	$25,147,327	$25,147,327	$25,147,327
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$95,952,501	$95,952,501	$95,952,501	$95,952,501
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$95,952,501	$95,952,501	$95,952,501	$95,952,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,480,862	$4,480,862	$4,480,862	$4,480,862
Sales and Services	$4,480,862	$4,480,862	$4,480,862	$4,480,862
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,480,862	$4,480,862	$4,480,862	$4,480,862
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$727,026	$727,026	$727,026	$727,026
Agency Funds Transfers	$727,026	$727,026	$727,026	$727,026
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$727,026	$727,026	$727,026	$727,026
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$126,307,716	$126,307,716	$126,307,716	$126,307,716

208.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$1,115,254	$1,115,254	$697,034	$1,052,817

208.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($110,518)	($110,518)	($221,036)

208.3 *Increase funds to supply new and used durable medical equipment and assistive technology.*

State General Funds	$125,000	$225,000	$225,000

208.1000 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Vocational Rehabilitation Program	**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people with disabilities so that they may go to work.	

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,262,581	$26,277,063	$25,958,843	$26,204,108
State General Funds	$26,262,581	$26,277,063	$25,958,843	$26,204,108
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$95,952,501	$95,952,501	$95,952,501	$95,952,501
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$95,952,501	$95,952,501	$95,952,501	$95,952,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,480,862	$4,480,862	$4,480,862	$4,480,862
Sales and Services	$4,480,862	$4,480,862	$4,480,862	$4,480,862
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,480,862	$4,480,862	$4,480,862	$4,480,862
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$727,026	$727,026	$727,026	$727,026
Agency Funds Transfers	$727,026	$727,026	$727,026	$727,026
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$727,026	$727,026	$727,026	$727,026
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$127,422,970	$127,437,452	$127,119,232	$127,364,497

Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds to the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission for the purposes of providing care, rehabilitative services, residential housing, health services, and social services to sexually exploited children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,356,049	$8,356,049	$8,356,049	$8,356,049
State General Funds	$8,221,840	$8,221,840	$8,221,840	$8,221,840
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$134,209	$134,209	$134,209	$134,209
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,356,049	$8,356,049	$8,356,049	$8,356,049

209.1000 Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds to the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission for the purposes of providing care, rehabilitative services, residential housing, health services, and social services to sexually exploited children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,356,049	$8,356,049	$8,356,049	$8,356,049
State General Funds	$8,221,840	$8,221,840	$8,221,840	$8,221,840
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$134,209	$134,209	$134,209	$134,209
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,356,049	$8,356,049	$8,356,049	$8,356,049

Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention - Special Project **Continuation Budget**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

500.1 *Increase funds for an integrated child welfare reporting system. (S:YES; Reflect funds in Georgia Bureau of Investigation)(CC:Increase funds to begin an integrated child welfare reporting system)*

State General Funds	$15,000,000	$0	$3,000,000

500.999 ***CC****: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund an integrated child welfare reporting system.*
Senate*: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund an integrated child welfare reporting system.*
House*: The purpose of this appropriation is to.....*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

500.1000 Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention - Special Project			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund an integrated child welfare reporting system.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,000,000	$0	$3,000,000
State General Funds	$15,000,000	$0	$3,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,000,000	$0	$3,000,000

Out-of-Home Care - Special Project		**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

501.1 *Increase funds to restore the cancelation of state office contracts for supportive services ($1,349,601) and implement funds to place foster youth closer to their biological families as directed in the FY2026 budget ($250,000). (S and CC:Increase funds to restore the cancelation of state office contracts for supportive services ($674,400) and implement funds to place foster youth closer to their biological families as directed in the FY2026 budget ($250,000))*

State General Funds	$1,599,601	$924,800	$924,800

501.999 ***CC****: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide preventative and wrap-around services for children and youth in Out-of-Home care.*
Senate*: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide preventative and wrap-around services for children and youth in Out-of-Home care.*
House*: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide preventative and wrap-around services for children and youth in Out-of-Home care.*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

501.1000 Out-of-Home Care - Special Project			**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide preventative and wrap-around services for children and youth in Out-of-Home care.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,599,601	$924,800	$924,800
State General Funds	$1,599,601	$924,800	$924,800
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,599,601	$924,800	$924,800

All Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefit payments are calculated utilizing a factor of 66.0% of the standards of need; such payments shall be made from the date of certification and not from the date of application; and the following maximum benefits and maximum standards of need shall apply:
For an assistance group of one, the standard of need is $235, and the maximum monthly amount is $155.
For an assistance group of two, the standard of need is $356, and the maximum monthly amount is $235.
For an assistance group of three, the standard of need is $424, and the maximum monthly amount is $280.

For an assistance group of four, the standard of need is $500, and the maximum monthly amount is $330.
For an assistance group of five, the standard of need is $573, and the maximum monthly amount is $378.
For an assistance group of six, the standard of need is $621, and the maximum monthly amount is $410.
For an assistance group of seven, the standard of need is $672, and the maximum monthly amount is $444.
For an assistance group of eight, the standard of need is $713, and the maximum monthly amount is $470.
For an assistance group of nine, the standard of need is $751, and the maximum monthly amount is $496.
For an assistance group of ten, the standard of need is $804, and the maximum monthly amount is $530.
For an assistance group of eleven, the standard of need is $860, and the maximum monthly amount is $568.
Provided, the Department of Human Services is authorized to make supplemental payments on these maximum monthly amounts up to the amount that is equal to the minimum hourly wage for clients who are enrolled in subsidized work experience and subsidized employment.

Section 29: Insurance, Office of the Commissioner of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$172,606,128	$172,606,128	$172,606,128	$172,606,128
State General Funds	$172,606,128	$172,606,128	$172,606,128	$172,606,128
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,016,575,819	$1,016,575,819	$1,016,575,819	$1,016,575,819
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,016,575,819	$1,016,575,819	$1,016,575,819	$1,016,575,819
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$242,619,928	$242,619,928	$242,619,928	$242,619,928
Intergovernmental Transfers	$617,205	$617,205	$617,205	$617,205
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$617,205	$617,205	$617,205	$617,205
Sales and Services	$242,002,723	$242,002,723	$242,002,723	$242,002,723
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$242,002,723	$242,002,723	$242,002,723	$242,002,723
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,293,817	$1,293,817	$1,293,817	$1,293,817
State Funds Transfers	$1,293,817	$1,293,817	$1,293,817	$1,293,817
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,293,817	$1,293,817	$1,293,817	$1,293,817
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,433,095,692	$1,433,095,692	$1,433,095,692	$1,433,095,692

	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$144,913,401	$144,847,190	$144,665,532	$119,748,684
State General Funds	$144,913,401	$144,847,190	$144,665,532	$119,748,684
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,016,575,819	$1,016,575,819	$1,016,575,819	$1,016,575,819
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,016,575,819	$1,016,575,819	$1,016,575,819	$1,016,575,819
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$245,797,080	$245,797,080	$245,797,080	$245,797,080
Intergovernmental Transfers	$617,205	$617,205	$617,205	$617,205
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$617,205	$617,205	$617,205	$617,205
Sales and Services	$245,179,875	$245,179,875	$245,179,875	$245,179,875
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$245,179,875	$245,179,875	$245,179,875	$245,179,875
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,293,817	$1,293,817	$1,293,817	$1,293,817
State Funds Transfers	$1,293,817	$1,293,817	$1,293,817	$1,293,817

Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,293,817	$1,293,817	$1,293,817	$1,293,817
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,408,580,117	$1,408,513,906	$1,408,332,248	$1,383,415,400

Departmental Administration (COI) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to be responsible for protecting the rights of Georgia citizens in insurance and maintain a fire-safe environment.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,594,229	$2,594,229	$2,594,229	$2,594,229
State General Funds	$2,594,229	$2,594,229	$2,594,229	$2,594,229
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$49,600	$49,600	$49,600	$49,600
Intergovernmental Transfers	$49,600	$49,600	$49,600	$49,600
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$49,600	$49,600	$49,600	$49,600
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,643,829	$2,643,829	$2,643,829	$2,643,829

210.1 *Replace funds in recognition of increased appointment fees generated by the Insurance Regulation program.*

State General Funds	($2,594,229)	($2,594,229)	($2,594,229)	($2,594,229)
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,594,229	$2,594,229	$2,594,229	$2,594,229
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0	$0

210.1000 Departmental Administration (COI) **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to be responsible for protecting the rights of Georgia citizens in insurance and maintain a fire-safe environment.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,643,829	$2,643,829	$2,643,829	$2,643,829
Intergovernmental Transfers	$49,600	$49,600	$49,600	$49,600
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$49,600	$49,600	$49,600	$49,600
Sales and Services	$2,594,229	$2,594,229	$2,594,229	$2,594,229
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,594,229	$2,594,229	$2,594,229	$2,594,229
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,643,829	$2,643,829	$2,643,829	$2,643,829

Enforcement **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide legal advice and to initiate legal proceedings with regard to enforcement of specific provisions of state law relating to insurance, fire safety, and fraud.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$582,923	$582,923	$582,923	$582,923
State General Funds	$582,923	$582,923	$582,923	$582,923
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$582,923	$582,923	$582,923	$582,923

211.1 *Replace funds in recognition of increased appointment fees generated by the Insurance Regulation program.*

State General Funds	($582,923)	($582,923)	($582,923)	($582,923)
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$582,923	$582,923	$582,923	$582,923
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0	$0

211.1000 Enforcement **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide legal advice and to initiate legal proceedings with regard to enforcement of specific provisions of state law relating to insurance, fire safety, and fraud.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$582,923	$582,923	$582,923	$582,923
Sales and Services	$582,923	$582,923	$582,923	$582,923
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$582,923	$582,923	$582,923	$582,923
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$582,923	$582,923	$582,923	$582,923

Fire Safety **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote fire safety awareness through education and training, and to protect the public from fire and limit the loss of life and property by setting the minimum fire safety standards in the state, enforcing and regulating fire safety rules for public buildings and manufactured housing, and regulating the storage, transportation, and handling of hazardous materials, and elevators, boilers and carnivals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,129,615	$16,129,615	$16,129,615	$16,129,615
State General Funds	$16,129,615	$16,129,615	$16,129,615	$16,129,615
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$742,458	$742,458	$742,458	$742,458
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$742,458	$742,458	$742,458	$742,458
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,096,572	$3,096,572	$3,096,572	$3,096,572
Sales and Services	$3,096,572	$3,096,572	$3,096,572	$3,096,572
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,096,572	$3,096,572	$3,096,572	$3,096,572
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,293,817	$1,293,817	$1,293,817	$1,293,817
State Funds Transfers	$1,293,817	$1,293,817	$1,293,817	$1,293,817
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,293,817	$1,293,817	$1,293,817	$1,293,817
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,262,462	$21,262,462	$21,262,462	$21,262,462

212.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$284,196	$284,196	$177,623	$256,207

212.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($46,182)	($46,182)	($92,364)	

212.1000 Fire Safety **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote fire safety awareness through education and training, and to protect the public from fire and limit the loss of life and property by setting the minimum fire safety standards in the state, enforcing and regulating fire safety rules for public buildings and manufactured housing, and regulating the storage, transportation, and handling of hazardous materials, and elevators, boilers and carnivals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,413,811	$16,367,629	$16,261,056	$16,293,458
State General Funds	$16,413,811	$16,367,629	$16,261,056	$16,293,458
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$742,458	$742,458	$742,458	$742,458
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$742,458	$742,458	$742,458	$742,458
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,096,572	$3,096,572	$3,096,572	$3,096,572
Sales and Services	$3,096,572	$3,096,572	$3,096,572	$3,096,572
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,096,572	$3,096,572	$3,096,572	$3,096,572
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,293,817	$1,293,817	$1,293,817	$1,293,817
State Funds Transfers	$1,293,817	$1,293,817	$1,293,817	$1,293,817
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,293,817	$1,293,817	$1,293,817	$1,293,817
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,546,658	$21,500,476	$21,393,903	$21,426,305

Insurance Regulation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that licensed insurance entities maintain solvency and conform to state law by conducting financial and market examinations, investigating policyholder complaints, monitoring for compliance with state laws and regulations, reviewing and approving premium rates, and disseminating information to the public and the insurance industry about the state's insurance laws and regulations.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$14,956,883	$14,956,883	$14,956,883	$14,956,883
Sales and Services	$14,956,883	$14,956,883	$14,956,883	$14,956,883
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$14,956,883	$14,956,883	$14,956,883	$14,956,883
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,956,883	$14,956,883	$14,956,883	$14,956,883

213.1000 Insurance Regulation **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that licensed insurance entities maintain solvency and conform to state law by conducting financial and market examinations, investigating policyholder complaints, monitoring for compliance with state laws and regulations, reviewing and approving premium rates, and disseminating information to the public and the insurance industry about the state's insurance laws and regulations.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$14,956,883	$14,956,883	$14,956,883	$14,956,883
Sales and Services	$14,956,883	$14,956,883	$14,956,883	$14,956,883

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$14,956,883	$14,956,883	$14,956,883	$14,956,883
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,956,883	$14,956,883	$14,956,883	$14,956,883

Reinsurance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide affordable healthcare insurance premiums and to operate a healthcare exchange for individuals to review and enroll in healthcare insurance.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$145,875,196	$145,875,196	$145,875,196	$145,875,196
State General Funds	$145,875,196	$145,875,196	$145,875,196	$145,875,196
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,015,833,361	$1,015,833,361	$1,015,833,361	$1,015,833,361
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,015,833,361	$1,015,833,361	$1,015,833,361	$1,015,833,361
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$223,949,268	$223,949,268	$223,949,268	$223,949,268
Sales and Services	$223,949,268	$223,949,268	$223,949,268	$223,949,268
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$223,949,268	$223,949,268	$223,949,268	$223,949,268
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,385,657,825	$1,385,657,825	$1,385,657,825	$1,385,657,825

214.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$111,956	$111,956	$69,973	$116,262

214.2 *Reduce funds based on projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($25,000,000)	($25,000,000)	($25,000,000)	($50,000,000)

214.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($397)	($397)	($794)

214.1000 Reinsurance **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide affordable healthcare insurance premiums and to operate a healthcare exchange for individuals to review and enroll in healthcare insurance.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$120,987,152	$120,986,755	$120,944,772	$95,990,664
State General Funds	$120,987,152	$120,986,755	$120,944,772	$95,990,664
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,015,833,361	$1,015,833,361	$1,015,833,361	$1,015,833,361
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,015,833,361	$1,015,833,361	$1,015,833,361	$1,015,833,361
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$223,949,268	$223,949,268	$223,949,268	$223,949,268
Sales and Services	$223,949,268	$223,949,268	$223,949,268	$223,949,268
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$223,949,268	$223,949,268	$223,949,268	$223,949,268
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,360,769,781	$1,360,769,384	$1,360,727,401	$1,335,773,293

Special Fraud **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to identify and take appropriate action to deter insurance fraud.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,424,165	$7,424,165	$7,424,165	$7,424,165
State General Funds	$7,424,165	$7,424,165	$7,424,165	$7,424,165
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$567,605	$567,605	$567,605	$567,605
Intergovernmental Transfers	$567,605	$567,605	$567,605	$567,605
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$567,605	$567,605	$567,605	$567,605
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,991,770	$7,991,770	$7,991,770	$7,991,770

215.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$88,273	$88,273	$55,171	$79,661

215.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($19,632)	($19,632)	($39,264)

215.1000 Special Fraud **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to identify and take appropriate action to deter insurance fraud.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,512,438	$7,492,806	$7,459,704	$7,464,562
State General Funds	$7,512,438	$7,492,806	$7,459,704	$7,464,562
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$567,605	$567,605	$567,605	$567,605
Intergovernmental Transfers	$567,605	$567,605	$567,605	$567,605
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$567,605	$567,605	$567,605	$567,605
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,080,043	$8,060,411	$8,027,309	$8,032,167

Section 30: Investigation, Georgia Bureau of

Section Total - Continuation

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$260,647,384	$260,647,384	$260,647,384	$260,647,384
State General Funds	$260,647,384	$260,647,384	$260,647,384	$260,647,384
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$57,272,157	$57,272,157	$57,272,157	$57,272,157
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$56,573,194	$56,573,194	$56,573,194	$56,573,194
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$369,946	$369,946	$369,946	$369,946
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$329,017	$329,017	$329,017	$329,017
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$329,017	$329,017	$329,017	$329,017
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$32,766,903	$32,766,903	$32,766,903	$32,766,903
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,210,738	$2,210,738	$2,210,738	$2,210,738

Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,210,738	$2,210,738	$2,210,738	$2,210,738
Sales and Services	$30,556,165	$30,556,165	$30,556,165	$30,556,165
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$30,556,165	$30,556,165	$30,556,165	$30,556,165
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
State Funds Transfers	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
Agency to Agency Contracts	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$350,949,747	$350,949,747	$350,949,747	$350,949,747

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$262,805,780	$267,886,701	$279,285,629	$266,710,311
State General Funds	$262,805,780	$267,886,701	$279,285,629	$266,710,311
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$57,272,157	$57,272,157	$57,272,157	$57,272,157
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$56,573,194	$56,573,194	$56,573,194	$56,573,194
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$369,946	$369,946	$369,946	$369,946
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$329,017	$329,017	$329,017	$329,017
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$329,017	$329,017	$329,017	$329,017
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$32,766,903	$32,766,903	$32,766,903	$32,766,903
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,210,738	$2,210,738	$2,210,738	$2,210,738
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,210,738	$2,210,738	$2,210,738	$2,210,738
Sales and Services	$30,556,165	$30,556,165	$30,556,165	$30,556,165
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$30,556,165	$30,556,165	$30,556,165	$30,556,165
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
State Funds Transfers	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
Agency to Agency Contracts	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$353,108,143	$358,189,064	$369,587,992	$357,012,674

Bureau Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the highest quality investigative, scientific, information services, and resources for the purpose of maintaining law and order and protecting life and property.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,541,503	$10,541,503	$10,541,503	$10,541,503
State General Funds	$10,541,503	$10,541,503	$10,541,503	$10,541,503
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,600	$12,600	$12,600	$12,600
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,600	$12,600	$12,600	$12,600
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
State Funds Transfers	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303

Agency to Agency Contracts	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,907,406	$10,907,406	$10,907,406	$10,907,406

216.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$92,579	$92,579	$57,862	$88,273

216.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($26,234)	($26,234)	($52,468)

216.3 *Reduce funds for vacant positions. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds			($162,652)	$0

216.1000 Bureau Administration **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the highest quality investigative, scientific, information services, and resources for the purpose of maintaining law and order and protecting life and property.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,634,082	$10,607,848	$10,410,479	$10,577,308
State General Funds	$10,634,082	$10,607,848	$10,410,479	$10,577,308
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,600	$12,600	$12,600	$12,600
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,600	$12,600	$12,600	$12,600
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
State Funds Transfers	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
Agency to Agency Contracts	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,999,985	$10,973,751	$10,776,382	$10,943,211

Criminal Justice Information Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the State of Georgia with essential information and identification services through the operation of the Automated Fingerprint Identification System, Criminal History System, Criminal Justice Information Services network, Protective Order Registry, Sexual Violent Offender Registry, and the Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,596,576	$7,596,576	$7,596,576	$7,596,576
State General Funds	$7,596,576	$7,596,576	$7,596,576	$7,596,576
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
Sales and Services	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,096,576	$19,096,576	$19,096,576	$19,096,576

217.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$217,453	$217,453	$135,909	$204,535

217.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($31,930)	($31,930)	($63,860)

217.3 *Reduce funds for vacant positions. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds			($322,550)	$0

217.4 *Increase funds for an integrated child welfare reporting system. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds			$14,000,000	$0

217.1000 Criminal Justice Information Services **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the State of Georgia with essential information and identification services through the operation of the Automated Fingerprint Identification System, Criminal History System, Criminal Justice Information Services network, Protective Order Registry, Sexual Violent Offender Registry, and the Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,814,029	$7,782,099	$21,378,005	$7,737,251
State General Funds	$7,814,029	$7,782,099	$21,378,005	$7,737,251
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
Sales and Services	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,314,029	$19,282,099	$32,878,005	$19,237,251

Forensic Scientific Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forensic analysis and testimony in the areas of chemistry (drug identification), firearms, digital imaging, forensic biology (serology/DNA), latent prints, pathology, questioned documents, photography, toxicology, implied consent, and trace evidence in support of the criminal justice system; to provide medical examiner (autopsy) services; and to analyze and enter samples into national databases such as AFIS, CODIS, and NIBIN.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$68,288,507	$68,288,507	$68,288,507	$68,288,507
State General Funds	$68,288,507	$68,288,507	$68,288,507	$68,288,507
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,229,366	$2,229,366	$2,229,366	$2,229,366
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,229,366	$2,229,366	$2,229,366	$2,229,366
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856

Sales and Services	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$70,523,729	$70,523,729	$70,523,729	$70,523,729

218.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$800,916	$800,916	$500,573	$781,539

218.2 *Increase funds to replace software that allows for connectivity to federal DNA database.*

State General Funds	$618,170	$618,170	$618,170	$618,170

218.3 *Reduce funds for personnel based on the actual start date of new positions.*

State General Funds	($163,345)	($209,159)	($209,159)	($209,159)

218.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($226,868)	($226,868)	($453,736)

218.5 *Reduce funds for vacant positions. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds			($217,449)	$0

218.1000 Forensic Scientific Services **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forensic analysis and testimony in the areas of chemistry (drug identification), firearms, digital imaging, forensic biology (serology/DNA), latent prints, pathology, questioned documents, photography, toxicology, implied consent, and trace evidence in support of the criminal justice system; to provide medical examiner (autopsy) services; and to analyze and enter samples into national databases such as AFIS, CODIS, and NIBIN.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$69,544,248	$69,271,566	$68,753,774	$69,025,321
State General Funds	$69,544,248	$69,271,566	$68,753,774	$69,025,321
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,229,366	$2,229,366	$2,229,366	$2,229,366
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,229,366	$2,229,366	$2,229,366	$2,229,366
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856
Sales and Services	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$71,779,470	$71,506,788	$70,988,996	$71,260,543

Regional Investigative Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to identify, collect, preserve, and process evidence located during crime scene investigations, and to assist in the investigation, identification, arrest and prosecution of individuals. The purpose of this appropriation is also to coordinate and operate the following specialized

units: bingo unit, anti-terrorist team, forensic art, bomb disposal unit, high technology investigations unit, communications center, regional drug enforcement, and polygraph examinations.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$80,706,986	$80,706,986	$80,706,986	$80,706,986
State General Funds	$80,706,986	$80,706,986	$80,706,986	$80,706,986
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,812,153	$1,812,153	$1,812,153	$1,812,153
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,812,153	$1,812,153	$1,812,153	$1,812,153
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,885,738	$1,885,738	$1,885,738	$1,885,738
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,820,738	$1,820,738	$1,820,738	$1,820,738
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,820,738	$1,820,738	$1,820,738	$1,820,738
Sales and Services	$65,000	$65,000	$65,000	$65,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$65,000	$65,000	$65,000	$65,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$84,404,877	$84,404,877	$84,404,877	$84,404,877

219.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$988,227	$988,227	$617,642	$977,462

219.2 *Increase funds for personnel to annualize costs for three human trafficking positions.*

State General Funds	$294,420	$294,420	$294,420	$294,420

219.3 *Eliminate funds for one-time connectivity to the statewide gang case management system. (S:Reduce funds for statewide gang case management system and recognize existing funds ($200,000) for one-time connectivity to gang case management system)(CC:Reduce funds for statewide gang case management system and recognize existing funds ($300,000) for one-time connectivity to gang case management system)*

State General Funds	($800,000)	$0	($800,000)	($700,000)

219.4 *Reduce funds for personnel based on the actual start date of new positions.*

State General Funds	($78,185)	($203,214)	($125,799)	($125,799)

219.5 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($272,199)	($272,199)	($544,398)

219.6 *Utilize existing funds ($416,754) for equipment and vehicles. (S:YES)(CC:YES)*

State General Funds			$0	$0

219.999 ***CC****: The purpose of this appropriation is to identify, collect, preserve, and process evidence located during crime scene investigations, and to assist in the investigation, identification, arrest and prosecution of individuals. The purpose of this appropriation is also to coordinate and operate the following specialized units: anti-terrorist team, forensic art, bomb disposal unit, high technology investigations unit, human exploitation and trafficking unit,*

communications center, regional drug enforcement, and polygraph examinations.

***Senate**: The purpose of this appropriation is to identify, collect, preserve, and process evidence located during crime scene investigations, and to assist in the investigation, identification, arrest and prosecution of individuals. The purpose of this appropriation is also to coordinate and operate the following specialized units: anti-terrorist team, forensic art, bomb disposal unit, high technology investigations unit, human exploitation and trafficking unit, communications center, regional drug enforcement, and polygraph examinations.*

State General Funds	$0	$0

219.1000 Regional Investigative Services **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to identify, collect, preserve, and process evidence located during crime scene investigations, and to assist in the investigation, identification, arrest and prosecution of individuals. The purpose of this appropriation is also to coordinate and operate the following specialized units: anti-terrorist team, forensic art, bomb disposal unit, high technology investigations unit, human exploitation and trafficking unit, communications center, regional drug enforcement, and polygraph examinations.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$81,111,448	$81,514,220	$80,421,050	$80,608,671
State General Funds	$81,111,448	$81,514,220	$80,421,050	$80,608,671
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,812,153	$1,812,153	$1,812,153	$1,812,153
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,812,153	$1,812,153	$1,812,153	$1,812,153
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,885,738	$1,885,738	$1,885,738	$1,885,738
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,820,738	$1,820,738	$1,820,738	$1,820,738
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,820,738	$1,820,738	$1,820,738	$1,820,738
Sales and Services	$65,000	$65,000	$65,000	$65,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$65,000	$65,000	$65,000	$65,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$84,809,339	$85,212,111	$84,118,941	$84,306,562

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and coordinate criminal justice efforts throughout Georgia, help create safe and secure communities, and award grants.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$19,866,465	$19,866,465	$19,866,465	$19,866,465
State General Funds	$19,866,465	$19,866,465	$19,866,465	$19,866,465
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$53,218,038	$53,218,038	$53,218,038	$53,218,038
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$52,519,075	$52,519,075	$52,519,075	$52,519,075
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$369,946	$369,946	$369,946	$369,946
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$329,017	$329,017	$329,017	$329,017
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$329,017	$329,017	$329,017	$329,017
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$19,285,309	$19,285,309	$19,285,309	$19,285,309
Intergovernmental Transfers	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$18,985,309	$18,985,309	$18,985,309	$18,985,309
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$18,985,309	$18,985,309	$18,985,309	$18,985,309
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$92,369,812	$92,369,812	$92,369,812	$92,369,812

220.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$279,890	$279,890	$174,932	$269,125

220.2 *Reduce funds for operations. (HB68 (2025 Legislative Session) intent language considered non-binding by the Governor)*

State General Funds	($33,558)	($33,558)	($33,558)	($33,558)

220.3 *Reduce funds for personnel based on the actual start date of new positions.*

State General Funds	($54,532)	($20,951)	($20,951)	($20,951)

220.4 *Utilize existing funds ($133,867) from rental savings for grant system connectivity. (G:YES)(H and S:Utilize existing funds ($133,867) from rental savings and increase funds for grant system connectivity (Total: $435,330))*

State General Funds	$0	$301,463	$301,463	$301,463

220.5 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($29,548)	($29,548)	($59,096)

220.6 *Increase funds for eight Child Advocacy Centers and 19 satellite office locations that meet minimum standards to provide specialized services not currently state funded effective April 1, 2026.*

State General Funds		$185,241	$185,241	$185,241

220.7 *Reduce funds for vacant positions. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds			($155,390)	$0

220.8 *Increase funds for one-time funding for gang-prevention activities.*

State General Funds				$100,000

220.1000 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and coordinate criminal justice efforts throughout Georgia, help create safe and secure communities, and award grants.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$20,058,265	$20,549,002	$20,288,654	$20,608,689
State General Funds	$20,058,265	$20,549,002	$20,288,654	$20,608,689
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$53,218,038	$53,218,038	$53,218,038	$53,218,038
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$52,519,075	$52,519,075	$52,519,075	$52,519,075
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$369,946	$369,946	$369,946	$369,946
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$329,017	$329,017	$329,017	$329,017
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$329,017	$329,017	$329,017	$329,017
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$19,285,309	$19,285,309	$19,285,309	$19,285,309

Intergovernmental Transfers	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$18,985,309	$18,985,309	$18,985,309	$18,985,309
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$18,985,309	$18,985,309	$18,985,309	$18,985,309
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$92,561,612	$93,052,349	$92,792,001	$93,112,036

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Council of Accountability Court Judges **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$38,674,273	$38,674,273	$38,674,273	$38,674,273
State General Funds	$38,674,273	$38,674,273	$38,674,273	$38,674,273
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$38,674,273	$38,674,273	$38,674,273	$38,674,273

221.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$21,530	$21,530	$13,457	$19,377

221.2 *Reduce funds for personnel based on the actual start date of new positions.*

State General Funds	($25,169)	($25,169)	($25,169)	($25,169)

221.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($6,244)	($6,244)	($12,488)

221.4 *Reduce funds for vacant positions. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds			($101,365)	$0

221.1000 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Council of Accountability Court Judges **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$38,670,634	$38,664,390	$38,554,952	$38,655,993
State General Funds	$38,670,634	$38,664,390	$38,554,952	$38,655,993
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$38,670,634	$38,664,390	$38,554,952	$38,655,993

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Family Violence **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide certified domestic violence shelters and sexual assault centers with funds so as to provide the necessary services to primary and secondary victims of domestic violence and sexual assault statewide.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,973,074	$34,973,074	$34,973,074	$34,973,074
State General Funds	$34,973,074	$34,973,074	$34,973,074	$34,973,074
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$34,973,074	$34,973,074	$34,973,074	$34,973,074

222.1 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($498)	($498)	($996)

222.2 *Increase funds for one-time funding to domestic violence shelters and sexual assault centers for operational and facility needs.*

State General Funds	$4,525,000	$4,525,000	$4,525,000

222.3 *Reduce funds for vacant positions. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds		($18,861)	$0

222.1000 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Family Violence **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide certified domestic violence shelters and sexual assault centers with funds so as to provide the necessary services to primary and secondary victims of domestic violence and sexual assault statewide.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,973,074	$39,497,576	$39,478,715	$39,497,078
State General Funds	$34,973,074	$39,497,576	$39,478,715	$39,497,078
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$34,973,074	$39,497,576	$39,478,715	$39,497,078

Section 31: Juvenile Justice, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$395,229,317	$395,229,317	$395,229,317	$395,229,317
State General Funds	$395,229,317	$395,229,317	$395,229,317	$395,229,317
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,090,662	$7,090,662	$7,090,662	$7,090,662
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,571,547	$6,571,547	$6,571,547	$6,571,547
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$519,115	$519,115	$519,115	$519,115
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$468,891	$468,891	$468,891	$468,891
State Funds Transfers	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
Agency to Agency Contracts	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
Federal Funds Transfers	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298

FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$402,848,870	$402,848,870	$402,848,870	$402,848,870
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$403,862,807	$402,780,686	$385,015,212	$400,465,583
State General Funds	$403,862,807	$402,780,686	$385,015,212	$400,465,583
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,090,662	$7,090,662	$7,090,662	$7,090,662
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,571,547	$6,571,547	$6,571,547	$6,571,547
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$519,115	$519,115	$519,115	$519,115
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$468,891	$468,891	$468,891	$468,891
State Funds Transfers	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
Agency to Agency Contracts	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
Federal Funds Transfers	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$411,482,360	$410,400,239	$392,634,765	$408,085,136

Community Service **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public, hold youth accountable for their actions, assist youth in becoming law-abiding citizens and transition youth from secure detention, and provide the following alternative detention options: non-secure detention shelters, housebound detention, emergency shelters, a short-term stay in a residential placement, tracking services, wraparound services, electronic monitoring, or detention in an alternative program. Additionally, Community Supervision supervises youth directly in the community according to their risk and need levels, provides transitional and treatment services to those youth either directly or by brokering or making appropriate referrals for services, and provides agency-wide services, including intake, court services, and case management.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$105,394,014	$105,394,014	$105,394,014	$105,394,014
State General Funds	$105,394,014	$105,394,014	$105,394,014	$105,394,014
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$663,141	$663,141	$663,141	$663,141
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$144,026	$144,026	$144,026	$144,026
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$519,115	$519,115	$519,115	$519,115
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
Federal Funds Transfers	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$106,338,453	$106,338,453	$106,338,453	$106,338,453

223.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$1,440,357	$1,440,357	$900,224	$1,386,532

223.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($271,960)	($271,960)	($543,920)

223.3 *Reduce funds for vacant positions.*

State General Funds			($1,304,958)	($600,000)

223.1000 Community Service **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public, hold youth accountable for their actions, assist youth in becoming law-abiding citizens and transition youth from secure detention, and provide the following alternative detention options: non-secure detention shelters, housebound detention, emergency shelters, a short-term stay in a residential placement, tracking services, wraparound services, electronic monitoring, or detention in an alternative program. Additionally, Community Supervision supervises youth directly in the community according to their risk and need levels, provides transitional and treatment services to those youth either directly or by brokering or making appropriate referrals for services, and provides agency-wide services, including intake, court services, and case management.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$106,834,371	$106,562,411	$104,717,320	$105,636,626
State General Funds	$106,834,371	$106,562,411	$104,717,320	$105,636,626
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$663,141	$663,141	$663,141	$663,141
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$144,026	$144,026	$144,026	$144,026
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$519,115	$519,115	$519,115	$519,115
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
Federal Funds Transfers	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$107,778,810	$107,506,850	$105,661,759	$106,581,065

Departmental Administration (DJJ) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by holding youthful offenders accountable for their actions through the delivery of effective services in appropriate settings.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$28,597,656	$28,597,656	$28,597,656	$28,597,656
State General Funds	$28,597,656	$28,597,656	$28,597,656	$28,597,656
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$28,597,656	$28,597,656	$28,597,656	$28,597,656

224.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$355,245	$355,245	$222,029	$344,480

224.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($93,301)	($93,301)	($186,602)

224.3 *Reduce funds for vacant positions. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds			($254,758)	$0

224.1000 Departmental Administration (DJJ) **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by holding youthful offenders accountable for their actions through the delivery of effective services in appropriate settings.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$28,952,901	$28,859,600	$28,471,626	$28,755,534
State General Funds	$28,952,901	$28,859,600	$28,471,626	$28,755,534
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$28,952,901	$28,859,600	$28,471,626	$28,755,534

Secure Commitment (YDCs) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions, and provide secure care and supervision of youth including academic, recreational, vocational, medical, mental health, counseling, and religious services for those youth committed to the Department's custody, or convicted of an offense under Senate Bill 440.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$101,188,032	$101,188,032	$101,188,032	$101,188,032
State General Funds	$101,188,032	$101,188,032	$101,188,032	$101,188,032
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,220,618	$3,220,618	$3,220,618	$3,220,618
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,220,618	$3,220,618	$3,220,618	$3,220,618
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
State Funds Transfers	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
Agency to Agency Contracts	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$104,656,243	$104,656,243	$104,656,243	$104,656,243

225.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$1,681,493	$1,681,493	$1,050,934	$1,468,346

225.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($278,545)	($278,545)	($557,090)

225.3 *Reduce funds for vacant positions. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds		($3,862,820)	$0

225.1000 Secure Commitment (YDCs) **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions, and provide secure care and supervision of youth including academic, recreational, vocational, medical, mental health, counseling, and religious services for those youth committed to the Department's custody, or convicted of an offense under Senate Bill 440.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$102,869,525	$102,590,980	$98,097,601	$102,099,288
State General Funds	$102,869,525	$102,590,980	$98,097,601	$102,099,288
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,220,618	$3,220,618	$3,220,618	$3,220,618
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,220,618	$3,220,618	$3,220,618	$3,220,618
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
State Funds Transfers	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
Agency to Agency Contracts	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$106,337,736	$106,059,191	$101,565,812	$105,567,499

Secure Detention (RYDCs) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions and, provide temporary, secure care, and supervision of youth who are charged with crimes or who have been found guilty of crimes and are awaiting disposition of their cases by juvenile courts or awaiting placement in one of the Department's treatment programs or facilities, or sentenced to the Short Term Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$160,049,615	$160,049,615	$160,049,615	$160,049,615
State General Funds	$160,049,615	$160,049,615	$160,049,615	$160,049,615
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,206,903	$3,206,903	$3,206,903	$3,206,903
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,206,903	$3,206,903	$3,206,903	$3,206,903
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$163,256,518	$163,256,518	$163,256,518	$163,256,518

226.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$2,611,589	$2,611,589	$1,632,244	$2,256,344

226.2 *Increase funds for personnel due to decreased turnover.*

State General Funds	$2,544,806	$2,544,806	$0	$2,544,806

226.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($438,315)	($438,315)	($876,630)

226.4 *Reduce funds for vacant positions. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds			($7,514,879)	$0

226.1000 Secure Detention (RYDCs)				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions and, provide temporary, secure care, and supervision of youth who are charged with crimes or who have been found guilty of crimes and are awaiting disposition of their cases by juvenile courts or awaiting placement in one of the Department's treatment programs or facilities, or sentenced to the Short Term Program.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$165,206,010	$164,767,695	$153,728,665	$163,974,135
State General Funds	$165,206,010	$164,767,695	$153,728,665	$163,974,135
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,206,903	$3,206,903	$3,206,903	$3,206,903
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,206,903	$3,206,903	$3,206,903	$3,206,903
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$168,412,913	$167,974,598	$156,935,568	$167,181,038

Section 32: Labor, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,930,190	$8,930,190	$8,930,190	$8,930,190
State General Funds	$8,930,190	$8,930,190	$8,930,190	$8,930,190
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$75,340,557	$75,340,557	$75,340,557	$75,340,557
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$75,340,557	$75,340,557	$75,340,557	$75,340,557
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$7,347,618	$7,347,618	$7,347,618	$7,347,618
Royalties and Rents	$55,556	$55,556	$55,556	$55,556
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$55,556	$55,556	$55,556	$55,556
Sales and Services	$7,292,062	$7,292,062	$7,292,062	$7,292,062
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$7,292,062	$7,292,062	$7,292,062	$7,292,062
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$4,548,505	$4,548,505	$4,548,505	$4,548,505
State Funds Transfers	$4,548,505	$4,548,505	$4,548,505	$4,548,505
Agency to Agency Contracts	$4,548,505	$4,548,505	$4,548,505	$4,548,505
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$96,166,870	$96,166,870	$96,166,870	$96,166,870

	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,195,741	$12,169,086	$11,186,881	$11,852,567
State General Funds	$12,195,741	$12,169,086	$11,186,881	$11,852,567
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$75,340,557	$75,340,557	$75,340,557	$75,340,557
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$75,340,557	$75,340,557	$75,340,557	$75,340,557
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$7,347,618	$7,347,618	$7,347,618	$7,347,618

Royalties and Rents	$55,556	$55,556	$55,556	$55,556
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$55,556	$55,556	$55,556	$55,556
Sales and Services	$7,292,062	$7,292,062	$7,292,062	$7,292,062
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$7,292,062	$7,292,062	$7,292,062	$7,292,062
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$4,548,505	$4,548,505	$4,548,505	$4,548,505
State Funds Transfers	$4,548,505	$4,548,505	$4,548,505	$4,548,505
Agency to Agency Contracts	$4,548,505	$4,548,505	$4,548,505	$4,548,505
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$99,432,421	$99,405,766	$98,423,561	$99,089,247

Departmental Administration (DOL) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this program is to provide administrative support for the Labor Market Information and Unemployment Insurance programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,101,946	$2,101,946	$2,101,946	$2,101,946
State General Funds	$2,101,946	$2,101,946	$2,101,946	$2,101,946
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$20,539,169	$20,539,169	$20,539,169	$20,539,169
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$20,539,169	$20,539,169	$20,539,169	$20,539,169
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$7,347,618	$7,347,618	$7,347,618	$7,347,618
Royalties and Rents	$55,556	$55,556	$55,556	$55,556
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$55,556	$55,556	$55,556	$55,556
Sales and Services	$7,292,062	$7,292,062	$7,292,062	$7,292,062
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$7,292,062	$7,292,062	$7,292,062	$7,292,062
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$29,988,733	$29,988,733	$29,988,733	$29,988,733

227.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$271,278	$271,278	$169,549	$264,819

227.2 *Increase funds to replace aging laptops by utilizing Georgia Technology Authority's end user computing service. (S and CC:Increase funds to replace aging laptops by utilizing Georgia Technology Authority's end user computing service to begin July 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	$1,090,782	$1,090,782	$833,213	$833,213

227.3 *Increase funds for rent at the Athens and Thomasville career centers while working with the State Properties Commission to fill vacancies.*

State General Funds	$611,691	$611,691	$611,691	$611,691

227.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($6,109)	($6,109)	($12,218)

227.5 *Reduce funds for personnel based on the actual start date of new positions. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds	($138,483)	$0

227.1000 Departmental Administration (DOL)			**Appropriation (HB 973)**	
The purpose of this program is to provide administrative support for the Labor Market Information and Unemployment Insurance programs.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,075,697	$4,069,588	$3,571,807	$3,799,451
State General Funds	$4,075,697	$4,069,588	$3,571,807	$3,799,451
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$20,539,169	$20,539,169	$20,539,169	$20,539,169
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$20,539,169	$20,539,169	$20,539,169	$20,539,169
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$7,347,618	$7,347,618	$7,347,618	$7,347,618
Royalties and Rents	$55,556	$55,556	$55,556	$55,556
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$55,556	$55,556	$55,556	$55,556
Sales and Services	$7,292,062	$7,292,062	$7,292,062	$7,292,062
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$7,292,062	$7,292,062	$7,292,062	$7,292,062
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$31,962,484	$31,956,375	$31,458,594	$31,686,238

Labor Market Information **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to collect, analyze, and publish a wide array of information about the state's labor market.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,121,776	$2,121,776	$2,121,776	$2,121,776
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,121,776	$2,121,776	$2,121,776	$2,121,776
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,121,776	$2,121,776	$2,121,776	$2,121,776

228.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$45,213	$45,213	$28,259	$45,213

228.1000 Labor Market Information			**Appropriation (HB 973)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to collect, analyze, and publish a wide array of information about the state's labor market.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$45,213	$45,213	$28,259	$45,213
State General Funds	$45,213	$45,213	$28,259	$45,213
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,121,776	$2,121,776	$2,121,776	$2,121,776
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,121,776	$2,121,776	$2,121,776	$2,121,776
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,166,989	$2,166,989	$2,150,035	$2,166,989

Unemployment Insurance			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance Georgia's economic strength by collecting unemployment insurance taxes from Georgia's employers and distributing unemployment benefits to eligible claimants.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,828,244	$6,828,244	$6,828,244	$6,828,244
State General Funds	$6,828,244	$6,828,244	$6,828,244	$6,828,244
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$52,679,612	$52,679,612	$52,679,612	$52,679,612
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$52,679,612	$52,679,612	$52,679,612	$52,679,612
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$4,548,505	$4,548,505	$4,548,505	$4,548,505
State Funds Transfers	$4,548,505	$4,548,505	$4,548,505	$4,548,505
Agency to Agency Contracts	$4,548,505	$4,548,505	$4,548,505	$4,548,505
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$64,056,361	$64,056,361	$64,056,361	$64,056,361

229.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$1,246,587	$1,246,587	$779,117	$1,220,751

229.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($20,546)	($20,546)	($41,092)

229.1000 Unemployment Insurance				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance Georgia's economic strength by collecting unemployment insurance taxes from Georgia's employers and distributing unemployment benefits to eligible claimants.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,074,831	$8,054,285	$7,586,815	$8,007,903
State General Funds	$8,074,831	$8,054,285	$7,586,815	$8,007,903
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$52,679,612	$52,679,612	$52,679,612	$52,679,612
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$52,679,612	$52,679,612	$52,679,612	$52,679,612
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$4,548,505	$4,548,505	$4,548,505	$4,548,505
State Funds Transfers	$4,548,505	$4,548,505	$4,548,505	$4,548,505
Agency to Agency Contracts	$4,548,505	$4,548,505	$4,548,505	$4,548,505
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$65,302,948	$65,282,402	$64,814,932	$65,236,020

Section 33: Law, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$49,495,901	$49,495,901	$49,495,901	$49,495,901
State General Funds	$49,495,901	$49,495,901	$49,495,901	$49,495,901
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$973,040	$973,040	$973,040	$973,040
Sales and Services	$973,040	$973,040	$973,040	$973,040
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$973,040	$973,040	$973,040	$973,040
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Funds Transfers	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$133,302,273	$133,302,273	$133,302,273	$133,302,273
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$50,166,492	$50,002,895	$49,199,288	$49,599,167
State General Funds	$50,166,492	$50,002,895	$49,199,288	$49,599,167
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$973,040	$973,040	$973,040	$973,040
Sales and Services	$973,040	$973,040	$973,040	$973,040
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$973,040	$973,040	$973,040	$973,040
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Funds Transfers	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$133,972,864	$133,809,267	$133,005,660	$133,405,539

Law, Department of **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the attorney and legal advisor for all state agencies, departments, authorities, and the Governor; to provide binding opinions on legal questions concerning the state of Georgia and its agencies; and to prepare all contracts and agreements regarding any matter in which the state of Georgia is involved.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$47,802,872	$47,802,872	$47,802,872	$47,802,872
State General Funds	$47,802,872	$47,802,872	$47,802,872	$47,802,872
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$973,040	$973,040	$973,040	$973,040
Sales and Services	$973,040	$973,040	$973,040	$973,040
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$973,040	$973,040	$973,040	$973,040
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Funds Transfers	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$127,975,912	$127,975,912	$127,975,912	$127,975,912

230.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$673,889	$673,889	$421,181	$617,911

230.2 *Reduce funds for personnel based on the actual start date of new positions.*

State General Funds	($93,724)	($43,724)	($93,724)	($93,724)

230.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($192,931)	($192,931)	($385,862)

230.4 *Reduce funds for vacant positions.*

State General Funds			($410,463)	($82,000)

230.1000 Law, Department of **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the attorney and legal advisor for all state agencies, departments, authorities, and the Governor; to provide binding opinions on legal questions concerning the state of Georgia and its agencies; and to prepare all contracts and agreements regarding any matter in which the state of Georgia is involved.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$48,383,037	$48,240,106	$47,526,935	$47,859,197
State General Funds	$48,383,037	$48,240,106	$47,526,935	$47,859,197
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$973,040	$973,040	$973,040	$973,040
Sales and Services	$973,040	$973,040	$973,040	$973,040
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$973,040	$973,040	$973,040	$973,040
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Funds Transfers	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$128,556,077	$128,413,146	$127,699,975	$128,032,237

Medicaid Fraud Control Unit **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the center for the identification, arrest, and prosecution of providers of health services and patients who defraud the Medicaid Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,693,029	$1,693,029	$1,693,029	$1,693,029
State General Funds	$1,693,029	$1,693,029	$1,693,029	$1,693,029
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,326,361	$5,326,361	$5,326,361	$5,326,361

231.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$90,426	$90,426	$56,517	$88,273

231.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($20,666)	($20,666)	($41,332)

231.3 *Reduce funds for vacant positions. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds			($56,527)	$0

231.1000 Medicaid Fraud Control Unit **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the center for the identification, arrest, and prosecution of providers of health services and patients who defraud the Medicaid Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,783,455	$1,762,789	$1,672,353	$1,739,970
State General Funds	$1,783,455	$1,762,789	$1,672,353	$1,739,970
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,416,787	$5,396,121	$5,305,685	$5,373,302

There is hereby appropriated to the Department of Law the sum of $625,000 of the moneys collected in accordance with O.C.G.A. Title 10, Chapter 1, Article 28. The sum of money is appropriated for use by the Department of Law for consumer protection for all the purposes for which such moneys may be appropriated pursuant to Article 28.

Section 34: Natural Resources, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$181,105,001	$181,105,001	$181,105,001	$181,105,001
State General Funds	$157,501,746	$157,501,746	$157,501,746	$157,501,746
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$1,993,465	$1,993,465	$1,993,465	$1,993,465
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$9,838,299	$9,838,299	$9,838,299	$9,838,299
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$11,771,491	$11,771,491	$11,771,491	$11,771,491
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$70,919,242	$70,919,242	$70,919,242	$70,919,242
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$70,919,242	$70,919,242	$70,919,242	$70,919,242
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$101,403,632	$101,403,632	$101,403,632	$101,403,632
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$348,542	$348,542	$348,542	$348,542
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$348,542	$348,542	$348,542	$348,542
Intergovernmental Transfers	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572

Royalties and Rents	$45,165	$45,165	$45,165	$45,165
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$45,165	$45,165	$45,165	$45,165
Sales and Services	$100,955,696	$100,955,696	$100,955,696	$100,955,696
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$100,955,696	$100,955,696	$100,955,696	$100,955,696
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
State Funds Transfers	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
Agency to Agency Contracts	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$353,839,972	$353,839,972	$353,839,972	$353,839,972

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$194,297,144	$209,413,081	$205,152,696	$210,112,679
State General Funds	$170,693,889	$185,809,826	$181,549,441	$186,509,424
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$1,993,465	$1,993,465	$1,993,465	$1,993,465
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$9,838,299	$9,838,299	$9,838,299	$9,838,299
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$11,771,491	$11,771,491	$11,771,491	$11,771,491
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$70,919,242	$70,919,242	$70,919,242	$70,919,242
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$70,919,242	$70,919,242	$70,919,242	$70,919,242
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$101,403,632	$101,403,632	$101,403,632	$101,403,632
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$348,542	$348,542	$348,542	$348,542
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$348,542	$348,542	$348,542	$348,542
Intergovernmental Transfers	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Royalties and Rents	$45,165	$45,165	$45,165	$45,165
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$45,165	$45,165	$45,165	$45,165
Sales and Services	$100,955,696	$100,955,696	$100,955,696	$100,955,696
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$100,955,696	$100,955,696	$100,955,696	$100,955,696
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
State Funds Transfers	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
Agency to Agency Contracts	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$367,032,115	$382,148,052	$377,887,667	$382,847,650

Coastal Resources **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to preserve the natural, environmental, historic, archaeological, and recreational resources of the state's coastal zone by balancing economic development with resource preservation and improvement by assessing and restoring coastal wetlands, by regulating development within the coastal zone, by promulgating and enforcing rules and regulations to protect the coastal wetlands, by monitoring the population status of commercially and recreationally fished species and developing fishery management plans, by providing fishing education, and by constructing and maintaining artificial reefs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,672,283	$4,672,283	$4,672,283	$4,672,283
State General Funds	$4,672,283	$4,672,283	$4,672,283	$4,672,283
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,096,144	$5,096,144	$5,096,144	$5,096,144
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,096,144	$5,096,144	$5,096,144	$5,096,144
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$107,925	$107,925	$107,925	$107,925
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$70,760	$70,760	$70,760	$70,760
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$70,760	$70,760	$70,760	$70,760
Royalties and Rents	$37,165	$37,165	$37,165	$37,165
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$37,165	$37,165	$37,165	$37,165
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,876,352	$9,876,352	$9,876,352	$9,876,352

232.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$142,098	$142,098	$88,812	$129,180

232.2 *Increase funds to replace Coastal Resources Database to streamline permitting application processing.*

State General Funds	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000

232.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($11,387)	($11,387)	($22,774)

232.4 *Increase funds for Tybee Island North Beach dune emergency stabilization.*

State General Funds		$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000

232.5 *Increase funds to establish a new center to promote the conservation, preservation, and protection of the Altamaha River and Coastal Georgia. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds		$250,000	$0	$0

232.1000 Coastal Resources **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to preserve the natural, environmental, historic, archaeological, and recreational resources of the state's coastal zone by balancing economic development with resource preservation and improvement by assessing and restoring coastal wetlands, by regulating development within the coastal zone, by promulgating and enforcing rules and regulations to protect the coastal wetlands, by monitoring the population status of commercially and recreationally fished species and developing fishery management plans, by providing fishing education, and by constructing and maintaining artificial reefs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,314,381	$6,552,994	$6,249,708	$6,278,689
State General Funds	$5,314,381	$6,552,994	$6,249,708	$6,278,689
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,096,144	$5,096,144	$5,096,144	$5,096,144
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,096,144	$5,096,144	$5,096,144	$5,096,144

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$107,925	$107,925	$107,925	$107,925
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$70,760	$70,760	$70,760	$70,760
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$70,760	$70,760	$70,760	$70,760
Royalties and Rents	$37,165	$37,165	$37,165	$37,165
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$37,165	$37,165	$37,165	$37,165
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,518,450	$11,757,063	$11,453,777	$11,482,758

Departmental Administration (DNR) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,515,482	$13,515,482	$13,515,482	$13,515,482
State General Funds	$13,515,482	$13,515,482	$13,515,482	$13,515,482
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,515,482	$13,515,482	$13,515,482	$13,515,482

233.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$155,016	$155,016	$96,885	$155,016

233.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($40,174)	($40,174)	($80,348)

233.1000 Departmental Administration (DNR) **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,670,498	$13,630,324	$13,572,193	$13,590,150
State General Funds	$13,670,498	$13,630,324	$13,572,193	$13,590,150
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,670,498	$13,630,324	$13,572,193	$13,590,150

Environmental Protection **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the quality of Georgia's air by controlling, monitoring and regulating pollution from large, small, mobile, and area sources (including pollution from motor vehicle emissions) by performing ambient air monitoring, and by participating in the Clean Air Campaign; to protect Georgia's land by permitting, managing, and planning for solid waste facilities, by implementing waste reduction strategies, by administering the Solid Waste Trust Fund and the Underground Storage Tank program, by cleaning up scrap tire piles, and by permitting and regulating surface mining operations; to protect Georgia and its citizens from hazardous materials by investigating and remediating hazardous sites, and by utilizing the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund to manage the state's hazardous sites inventory, to oversee site cleanup and brownfield remediation, to remediate abandoned sites, to respond to environmental emergencies, and to monitor and regulate the hazardous materials industry in Georgia. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure the quality and quantity of Georgia's water supplies by managing floodplains, by ensuring the safety of dams, by monitoring, regulating, and certifying water quality, and by regulating the amount of water used.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$35,087,578	$35,087,578	$35,087,578	$35,087,578
State General Funds	$35,087,578	$35,087,578	$35,087,578	$35,087,578
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$29,887,490	$29,887,490	$29,887,490	$29,887,490
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,887,490	$29,887,490	$29,887,490	$29,887,490
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,411,856	$60,411,856	$60,411,856	$60,411,856
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$277,782	$277,782	$277,782	$277,782
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$277,782	$277,782	$277,782	$277,782
Sales and Services	$60,134,074	$60,134,074	$60,134,074	$60,134,074
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,134,074	$60,134,074	$60,134,074	$60,134,074
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
State Funds Transfers	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
Agency to Agency Contracts	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$125,799,021	$125,799,021	$125,799,021	$125,799,021

234.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$1,567,384	$1,567,384	$979,615	$1,507,100

234.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($93,960)	($93,960)	($187,920)

234.3 *Increase funds for one-time funding to support air emissions program operations to allow preservation of existing revenue to delay a fiscal shortfall.*

State General Funds	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000

234.1000 Environmental Protection **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the quality of Georgia's air by controlling, monitoring and regulating pollution from large, small, mobile, and area sources (including pollution from motor vehicle emissions) by performing ambient air monitoring, and by participating in the Clean Air Campaign; to protect Georgia's land by permitting, managing, and planning for solid waste facilities, by implementing waste reduction strategies, by administering the Solid Waste Trust Fund and the Underground Storage Tank program, by cleaning up scrap tire piles, and by permitting and regulating surface mining operations; to protect Georgia and its citizens from hazardous materials by investigating and remediating hazardous sites, and by utilizing the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund to manage the state's hazardous sites inventory, to oversee site cleanup and brownfield remediation, to remediate abandoned sites, to respond to environmental emergencies, and to monitor and regulate the hazardous materials industry in Georgia. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure the quality and quantity of Georgia's water supplies by managing floodplains, by ensuring the safety of dams, by monitoring, regulating, and certifying water quality, and by regulating the amount of water used.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$36,654,962	$37,561,002	$36,973,233	$37,406,758
State General Funds	$36,654,962	$37,561,002	$36,973,233	$37,406,758
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$29,887,490	$29,887,490	$29,887,490	$29,887,490

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,887,490	$29,887,490	$29,887,490	$29,887,490
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,411,856	$60,411,856	$60,411,856	$60,411,856
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$277,782	$277,782	$277,782	$277,782
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$277,782	$277,782	$277,782	$277,782
Sales and Services	$60,134,074	$60,134,074	$60,134,074	$60,134,074
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,134,074	$60,134,074	$60,134,074	$60,134,074
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
State Funds Transfers	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
Agency to Agency Contracts	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$127,366,405	$128,272,445	$127,684,676	$128,118,201

Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding through grant and loan opportunities for land conservation, parks, trails, and outdoor recreation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,012,109	$23,012,109	$23,012,109	$23,012,109
State General Funds	$23,012,109	$23,012,109	$23,012,109	$23,012,109
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$23,012,109	$23,012,109	$23,012,109	$23,012,109

235.1000 Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding through grant and loan opportunities for land conservation, parks, trails, and outdoor recreation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,012,109	$23,012,109	$23,012,109	$23,012,109
State General Funds	$23,012,109	$23,012,109	$23,012,109	$23,012,109
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$23,012,109	$23,012,109	$23,012,109	$23,012,109

Hazardous Waste Trust Fund **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund investigations and cleanup of abandoned landfills and other hazardous sites, to meet cost-sharing requirements for Superfund sites identified by the US Environmental Protection Agency, to fund related operations and oversight positions within the Environmental Protection Division, and to reimburse local governments for landfill remediation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,771,491	$11,771,491	$11,771,491	$11,771,491
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$11,771,491	$11,771,491	$11,771,491	$11,771,491
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,771,491	$11,771,491	$11,771,491	$11,771,491

236.1000 Hazardous Waste Trust Fund **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund investigations and cleanup of abandoned landfills and other hazardous sites, to meet cost-sharing requirements for Superfund sites identified by the US Environmental Protection Agency, to fund related operations and oversight positions within the Environmental Protection Division, and to reimburse local governments for landfill remediation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,771,491	$11,771,491	$11,771,491	$11,771,491
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$11,771,491	$11,771,491	$11,771,491	$11,771,491
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,771,491	$11,771,491	$11,771,491	$11,771,491

Law Enforcement **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce all state and federal laws and departmental regulations relative to protecting Georgia's wildlife, natural, archeological, and cultural resources, DNR properties, boating safety, and litter and waste laws; to teach hunter and boater education classes; and to assist other law enforcement agencies upon request in providing public safety for the citizens and visitors of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,310,618	$34,310,618	$34,310,618	$34,310,618
State General Funds	$34,310,618	$34,310,618	$34,310,618	$34,310,618
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,751,293	$2,751,293	$2,751,293	$2,751,293
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,751,293	$2,751,293	$2,751,293	$2,751,293
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$37,065,568	$37,065,568	$37,065,568	$37,065,568

237.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$505,955	$505,955	$316,222	$454,283

237.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($124,142)	($124,142)	($248,284)

237.1000 Law Enforcement **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce all state and federal laws and departmental regulations relative to protecting Georgia's wildlife, natural, archeological, and cultural resources, DNR properties, boating safety, and litter and waste laws; to teach hunter and boater education classes; and to assist other law enforcement agencies upon request in providing public safety for the citizens and visitors of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,816,573	$34,692,431	$34,502,698	$34,516,617
State General Funds	$34,816,573	$34,692,431	$34,502,698	$34,516,617
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,751,293	$2,751,293	$2,751,293	$2,751,293
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,751,293	$2,751,293	$2,751,293	$2,751,293
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$37,571,523	$37,447,381	$37,257,648	$37,271,567

Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to manage, operate, market, and maintain the state's golf courses, parks, lodges, conference centers, and historic sites.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,457,853	$23,457,853	$23,457,853	$23,457,853
State General Funds	$23,457,853	$23,457,853	$23,457,853	$23,457,853
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,204,029	$3,204,029	$3,204,029	$3,204,029
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,204,029	$3,204,029	$3,204,029	$3,204,029
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791
Sales and Services	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$59,053,673	$59,053,673	$59,053,673	$59,053,673

238.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$686,807	$686,807	$429,255	$656,665

238.2 *Increase funds for erosion control at Crooked River State Park, contingent on the award of a Hazard Mitigation Grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.*

State General Funds	$1,250,000	$1,250,000	$1,250,000	$1,250,000

238.3 *Increase funds for financial and operational review and planning for Stone Mountain Memorial Association.*

State General Funds	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000

238.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($31,457)	($31,457)	($62,914)

238.5 *Increase funds for recreational activities.*

State General Funds		$5,811,250	$7,311,250	$8,361,250

238.6 *Increase funds for Fort Yargo dock replacement.*

State General Funds		$100,000	$0	$80,000

238.7 *Increase funds for the Vince Dooley Battlefield Fund pursuant to HB454 (2025 Legislative Session). (CC:Increase funds for one-time funding for the Vince Dooley Battlefield Fund pursuant to HB454 (2025 Legislative Session))*

State General Funds		$1,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000

238.8 *Increase funds for state-owned building housing the RiverCenter for urgent life safety repairs.*

State General Funds			$1,250,000	$1,250,000

238.1000 Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites			**Appropriation (HB 973)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to manage, operate, market, and maintain the state's golf courses, parks, lodges, conference centers, and historic sites.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$25,894,660	$32,774,453	$36,166,901	$37,492,854
State General Funds	$25,894,660	$32,774,453	$36,166,901	$37,492,854
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,204,029	$3,204,029	$3,204,029	$3,204,029
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,204,029	$3,204,029	$3,204,029	$3,204,029
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791
Sales and Services	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$61,490,480	$68,370,273	$71,762,721	$73,088,674

Solid Waste Trust Fund **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the administration of the scrap tire management activity; to enable emergency, preventative, and corrective actions at solid waste disposal facilities; to assist local governments with the development of solid waste management plans; and to promote statewide recycling and waste reduction programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,838,299	$9,838,299	$9,838,299	$9,838,299
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$9,838,299	$9,838,299	$9,838,299	$9,838,299
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,838,299	$9,838,299	$9,838,299	$9,838,299

239.1000 Solid Waste Trust Fund			**Appropriation (HB 973)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the administration of the scrap tire management activity; to enable emergency, preventative, and corrective actions at solid waste disposal facilities; to assist local governments with the development of solid waste management plans; and to promote statewide recycling and waste reduction programs.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,838,299	$9,838,299	$9,838,299	$9,838,299
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$9,838,299	$9,838,299	$9,838,299	$9,838,299
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,838,299	$9,838,299	$9,838,299	$9,838,299

Wildlife Resources **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate hunting, fishing, and the operation of watercraft in Georgia; to provide hunter and boating education; to protect non-game and endangered wildlife; to promulgate statewide hunting, fishing, trapping, and coastal commercial fishing regulations; to operate the state's archery and shooting ranges; to license hunters and anglers; and to register boats.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$25,439,288	$25,439,288	$25,439,288	$25,439,288
State General Funds	$23,445,823	$23,445,823	$23,445,823	$23,445,823
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$1,993,465	$1,993,465	$1,993,465	$1,993,465
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$29,980,286	$29,980,286	$29,980,286	$29,980,286
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,980,286	$29,980,286	$29,980,286	$29,980,286
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,488,403	$8,488,403	$8,488,403	$8,488,403

Intergovernmental Transfers	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Royalties and Rents	$8,000	$8,000	$8,000	$8,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$8,000	$8,000	$8,000	$8,000
Sales and Services	$8,429,831	$8,429,831	$8,429,831	$8,429,831
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,429,831	$8,429,831	$8,429,831	$8,429,831
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$63,907,977	$63,907,977	$63,907,977	$63,907,977

240.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$884,883	$884,883	$553,052	$843,976

240.2 *Increase funds for a road paving project on Sapelo Island.*

State General Funds	$5,000,000	$5,000,000	$5,000,000	$5,000,000

240.3 *Increase funds for land acquisitions to expand wildlife management areas, statewide. (H:Increase funds to expand, improve, and update wildlife management areas statewide)(S:Increase funds for land acquisitions to expand wildlife management areas, statewide)(CC:Increase funds to expand, improve, and update wildlife management areas statewide)*

State General Funds	$2,000,000	$8,182,083	$2,000,000	$5,000,000

240.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($76,276)	($76,276)	($152,552)

240.5 *Increase funds to mitigate the spread of invasive plant species in southwest Georgia.*

State General Funds		$150,000	$150,000	$75,000

240.1000 Wildlife Resources **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate hunting, fishing, and the operation of watercraft in Georgia; to provide hunter and boating education; to protect non-game and endangered wildlife; to promulgate statewide hunting, fishing, trapping, and coastal commercial fishing regulations; to operate the state's archery and shooting ranges; to license hunters and anglers; and to register boats.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$33,324,171	$39,579,978	$33,066,064	$36,205,712
State General Funds	$31,330,706	$37,586,513	$31,072,599	$34,212,247
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$1,993,465	$1,993,465	$1,993,465	$1,993,465
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$29,980,286	$29,980,286	$29,980,286	$29,980,286
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,980,286	$29,980,286	$29,980,286	$29,980,286
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,488,403	$8,488,403	$8,488,403	$8,488,403
Intergovernmental Transfers	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572

Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Royalties and Rents	$8,000	$8,000	$8,000	$8,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$8,000	$8,000	$8,000	$8,000
Sales and Services	$8,429,831	$8,429,831	$8,429,831	$8,429,831
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,429,831	$8,429,831	$8,429,831	$8,429,831
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$71,792,860	$78,048,667	$71,534,753	$74,674,401

Provided, that to the extent State Parks and Historic Sites receipts are realized in excess of the amount of such funds contemplated in this Act, the Office of Planning and Budget is authorized to use up to 50 percent of the excess receipts to supplant State funds and the balance may be amended into the budget of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites Division for the most critical needs of the Division. This provision shall not apply to revenues collected from a state park's parking pass implemented by the Department.

Section 35: Pardons and Paroles, State Board of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,407,799	$21,407,799	$21,407,799	$21,407,799
State General Funds	$21,407,799	$21,407,799	$21,407,799	$21,407,799
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,407,799	$21,407,799	$21,407,799	$21,407,799
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,788,880	$21,705,866	$21,445,833	$21,614,240
State General Funds	$21,788,880	$21,705,866	$21,445,833	$21,614,240
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,788,880	$21,705,866	$21,445,833	$21,614,240

Board Administration (SBPP) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,405,193	$2,405,193	$2,405,193	$2,405,193
State General Funds	$2,405,193	$2,405,193	$2,405,193	$2,405,193
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,405,193	$2,405,193	$2,405,193	$2,405,193

241.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$27,989	$27,989	$17,494	$27,989

241.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($8,098)	($8,098)	($16,196)

241.1000 Board Administration (SBPP)				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,433,182	$2,425,084	$2,414,589	$2,416,986
State General Funds	$2,433,182	$2,425,084	$2,414,589	$2,416,986
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,433,182	$2,425,084	$2,414,589	$2,416,986

Clemency Decisions **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Board in exercising its constitutional authority over executive clemency. This includes setting tentative parole dates for offenders in the correctional system and all aspects of parole status of offenders in the community including warrants, violations, commutations, and revocations. The Board coordinates all interstate compact release matters regarding the acceptance and placement of parolees into and from the State of Georgia and administers the pardon process by reviewing all applications and granting or denying these applications based on specific criteria.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,272,571	$18,272,571	$18,272,571	$18,272,571
State General Funds	$18,272,571	$18,272,571	$18,272,571	$18,272,571
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,272,571	$18,272,571	$18,272,571	$18,272,571

242.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$338,021	$338,021	$211,264	$331,562

242.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($72,706)	($72,706)	($145,412)

242.3 *Reduce funds for vacant positions.*

State General Funds			($111,828)	($111,828)

242.4 *Increase funds to review the status of non-ambulatory, medically fragile, bed-ridden, and terminally ill inmates.*

State General Funds				$111,828

242.1000 Clemency Decisions				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Board in exercising its constitutional authority over executive clemency. This includes setting tentative parole dates for offenders in the correctional system and all aspects of parole status of offenders in the community including warrants, violations, commutations, and revocations. The Board coordinates all interstate compact release matters regarding the acceptance and placement of parolees into and from the State of Georgia and administers the pardon process by reviewing all applications and granting or denying these applications based on specific criteria.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,610,592	$18,537,886	$18,299,301	$18,458,721
State General Funds	$18,610,592	$18,537,886	$18,299,301	$18,458,721
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,610,592	$18,537,886	$18,299,301	$18,458,721

Victim Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide notification to victims of changes in offender status or placement, conduct outreach and information gathering from victims during clemency proceedings, host victims visitors' days, and act as a liaison for victims to the state corrections, community supervision, and pardons and paroles systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$730,035	$730,035	$730,035	$730,035
State General Funds	$730,035	$730,035	$730,035	$730,035
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$730,035	$730,035	$730,035	$730,035

243.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$15,071	$15,071	$9,420	$12,918

243.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($2,210)	($2,210)	($4,420)

243.3 *Reduce funds for vacant positions. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds			($5,302)	$0

243.1000 Victim Services **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide notification to victims of changes in offender status or placement, conduct outreach and information gathering from victims during clemency proceedings, host victims visitors' days, and act as a liaison for victims to the state corrections, community supervision, and pardons and paroles systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$745,106	$742,896	$731,943	$738,533
State General Funds	$745,106	$742,896	$731,943	$738,533
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$745,106	$742,896	$731,943	$738,533

Section 36: Properties Commission, State

Section Total - Continuation

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
State Funds Transfers	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000

	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
State Funds Transfers	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000

Properties Commission, State **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain long-term plans for state buildings and land; to compile an accessible database of state-owned and leased real property with information about utilization, demand management, and space standards; and to negotiate better rates in the leasing market and property acquisitions and dispositions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
State Funds Transfers	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000

244.1000 Properties Commission, State **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain long-term plans for state buildings and land; to compile an accessible database of state-owned and leased real property with information about utilization, demand management, and space standards; and to negotiate better rates in the leasing market and property acquisitions and dispositions.

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
State Funds Transfers	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000

Section 37: Public Defender Council, Georgia

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$82,937,857	$82,937,857	$82,937,857	$82,937,857
State General Funds	$82,937,857	$82,937,857	$82,937,857	$82,937,857
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$44,840,000	$44,840,000	$44,840,000	$44,840,000
Interest and Investment Income	$1,340,000	$1,340,000	$1,340,000	$1,340,000
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$1,340,000	$1,340,000	$1,340,000	$1,340,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$41,500,000	$41,500,000	$41,500,000	$41,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$41,500,000	$41,500,000	$41,500,000	$41,500,000
Sales and Services	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$127,777,857	$127,777,857	$127,777,857	$127,777,857
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$90,177,663	$86,414,063	$85,769,779	$87,644,063
State General Funds	$90,177,663	$86,414,063	$85,769,779	$87,644,063
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$44,840,000	$44,840,000	$44,840,000	$44,840,000
Interest and Investment Income	$1,340,000	$1,340,000	$1,340,000	$1,340,000
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$1,340,000	$1,340,000	$1,340,000	$1,340,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$41,500,000	$41,500,000	$41,500,000	$41,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$41,500,000	$41,500,000	$41,500,000	$41,500,000
Sales and Services	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$135,017,663	$131,254,063	$130,609,779	$132,484,063

Public Defender Council **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Office of the Georgia Capital Defender, Office of the Mental Health Advocate, Central Office, and the administration of the Conflict Division.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,424,496	$9,424,496	$9,424,496	$9,424,496
State General Funds	$9,424,496	$9,424,496	$9,424,496	$9,424,496
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,840,000	$1,840,000	$1,840,000	$1,840,000
Interest and Investment Income	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Sales and Services	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,264,496	$11,264,496	$11,264,496	$11,264,496

245.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$135,639	$135,639	$84,775	$131,333

245.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($36,851)	($36,851)	($73,702)

245.1000 Public Defender Council				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Office of the Georgia Capital Defender, Office of the Mental Health Advocate, Central Office, and the administration of the Conflict Division.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,560,135	$9,523,284	$9,472,420	$9,482,127
State General Funds	$9,560,135	$9,523,284	$9,472,420	$9,482,127
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,840,000	$1,840,000	$1,840,000	$1,840,000
Interest and Investment Income	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Sales and Services	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,400,135	$11,363,284	$11,312,420	$11,322,127

Public Defenders			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to assure that adequate and effective legal representation is provided, independently of political considerations or private interests, to indigent persons who are entitled to representation under this chapter; provided that staffing for circuits are based on O.C.G.A. 17-12; including providing representation to clients in cases where the Capital Defender or a circuit public defender has a conflict of interest.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$73,513,361	$73,513,361	$73,513,361	$73,513,361
State General Funds	$73,513,361	$73,513,361	$73,513,361	$73,513,361
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$43,000,000	$43,000,000	$43,000,000	$43,000,000
Interest and Investment Income	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$41,500,000	$41,500,000	$41,500,000	$41,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$41,500,000	$41,500,000	$41,500,000	$41,500,000
Sales and Services	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$116,513,361	$116,513,361	$116,513,361	$116,513,361

246.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*				
State General Funds	$1,582,455	$1,582,455	$989,035	$1,464,040
246.2 *Increase funds to offset the loss of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to continue representation in large multi-defendant cases.*				
State General Funds	$5,521,712	$0	$2,074,046	$3,742,701
246.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*				
State General Funds		($279,083)	($279,083)	($558,166)

246.4 *Increase funds for personnel to align Assistant Public Defender salaries to Assistant District Attorney salaries at the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council effective April 1, 2026. (CC:YES; Increase funds to align assistant public defender salaries to assistant district attorney salaries at the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council upon adoption of parity pay scale by the Georgia Public Defender Council)*

State General Funds	$2,074,046	$0	$0

246.1000 Public Defenders **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assure that adequate and effective legal representation is provided, independently of political considerations or private interests, to indigent persons who are entitled to representation under this chapter; provided that staffing for circuits are based on O.C.G.A. 17-12; including providing representation to clients in cases where the Capital Defender or a circuit public defender has a conflict of interest.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$80,617,528	$76,890,779	$76,297,359	$78,161,936
State General Funds	$80,617,528	$76,890,779	$76,297,359	$78,161,936
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$43,000,000	$43,000,000	$43,000,000	$43,000,000
Interest and Investment Income	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$41,500,000	$41,500,000	$41,500,000	$41,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$41,500,000	$41,500,000	$41,500,000	$41,500,000
Sales and Services	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$123,617,528	$119,890,779	$119,297,359	$121,161,936

Section 38: Public Health, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$435,017,588	$435,017,588	$435,017,588	$435,017,588
State General Funds	$402,752,216	$402,752,216	$402,752,216	$402,752,216
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$13,864,628	$13,864,628	$13,864,628	$13,864,628
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$2,010,871	$2,010,871	$2,010,871	$2,010,871
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$16,389,873	$16,389,873	$16,389,873	$16,389,873
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$482,967,325	$482,967,325	$482,967,325	$482,967,325
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$440,878,507	$440,878,507	$440,878,507	$440,878,507
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$17,179,690	$17,179,690	$17,179,690	$17,179,690
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$4,567,734	$4,567,734	$4,567,734	$4,567,734
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$19,231,702	$19,231,702	$19,231,702	$19,231,702
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$502,000	$502,000	$502,000	$502,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$502,000	$502,000	$502,000	$502,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$14,679,702	$14,679,702	$14,679,702	$14,679,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$14,679,702	$14,679,702	$14,679,702	$14,679,702
Sales and Services	$4,050,000	$4,050,000	$4,050,000	$4,050,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,050,000	$4,050,000	$4,050,000	$4,050,000

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,341,375	$2,341,375	$2,341,375	$2,341,375
State Funds Transfers	$870,141	$870,141	$870,141	$870,141
Agency to Agency Contracts	$870,141	$870,141	$870,141	$870,141
Agency Funds Transfers	$1,471,234	$1,471,234	$1,471,234	$1,471,234
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,471,234	$1,471,234	$1,471,234	$1,471,234
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$939,557,990	$939,557,990	$939,557,990	$939,557,990

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$446,424,182	$445,412,048	$439,143,128	$441,689,465
State General Funds	$414,143,739	$413,131,605	$406,862,685	$409,409,022
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$13,879,699	$13,879,699	$13,879,699	$13,879,699
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$2,010,871	$2,010,871	$2,010,871	$2,010,871
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$16,389,873	$16,389,873	$16,389,873	$16,389,873
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$482,967,325	$482,967,325	$482,967,325	$482,967,325
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$440,878,507	$440,878,507	$440,878,507	$440,878,507
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$17,179,690	$17,179,690	$17,179,690	$17,179,690
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$4,567,734	$4,567,734	$4,567,734	$4,567,734
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$19,231,702	$19,231,702	$19,231,702	$19,231,702
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$502,000	$502,000	$502,000	$502,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$502,000	$502,000	$502,000	$502,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$14,679,702	$14,679,702	$14,679,702	$14,679,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$14,679,702	$14,679,702	$14,679,702	$14,679,702
Sales and Services	$4,050,000	$4,050,000	$4,050,000	$4,050,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,050,000	$4,050,000	$4,050,000	$4,050,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,341,375	$2,341,375	$2,341,375	$2,341,375
State Funds Transfers	$870,141	$870,141	$870,141	$870,141
Agency to Agency Contracts	$870,141	$870,141	$870,141	$870,141
Agency Funds Transfers	$1,471,234	$1,471,234	$1,471,234	$1,471,234
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,471,234	$1,471,234	$1,471,234	$1,471,234
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$950,964,584	$949,952,450	$943,683,530	$946,229,867

Adolescent and Adult Health Promotion **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote the health and well-being of Georgians. Activities include preventing teenage pregnancies, tobacco use prevention, cancer screening and prevention, and family planning services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$25,194,276	$25,194,276	$25,194,276	$25,194,276
State General Funds	$18,297,702	$18,297,702	$18,297,702	$18,297,702
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,896,574	$6,896,574	$6,896,574	$6,896,574

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$30,989,391	$30,989,391	$30,989,391	$30,989,391
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$10,569,922	$10,569,922	$10,569,922	$10,569,922
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$78,075	$78,075	$78,075	$78,075
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000
State Funds Transfers	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$56,878,667	$56,878,667	$56,878,667	$56,878,667

247.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$118,415	$118,415	$74,010	$118,415

247.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($11,137)	($11,137)	($22,274)

247.3 *Increase funds for charitable dental care.*

State General Funds		$150,000	$150,000	$150,000

247.4 *Increase funds.*

Tobacco Settlement Funds			$8,547	$5,790

247.1000 Adolescent and Adult Health Promotion **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote the health and well-being of Georgians. Activities include preventing teenage pregnancies, tobacco use prevention, cancer screening and prevention, and family planning services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$25,312,691	$25,451,554	$25,415,696	$25,446,207
State General Funds	$18,416,117	$18,554,980	$18,510,575	$18,543,843
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,896,574	$6,896,574	$6,905,121	$6,902,364
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$30,989,391	$30,989,391	$30,989,391	$30,989,391
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$10,569,922	$10,569,922	$10,569,922	$10,569,922
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$78,075	$78,075	$78,075	$78,075
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000
State Funds Transfers	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$56,997,082	$57,135,945	$57,100,087	$57,130,598

Adult Essential Health Treatment Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide treatment and services to low-income Georgians with cancer, and Georgians at risk of stroke or heart attacks.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,716,158	$6,716,158	$6,716,158	$6,716,158
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,716,158	$6,716,158	$6,716,158	$6,716,158
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$957,168	$957,168	$957,168	$957,168
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$957,168	$957,168	$957,168	$957,168
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,673,326	$7,673,326	$7,673,326	$7,673,326

248.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

Tobacco Settlement Funds	$15,071	$15,071	$9,419	$15,071

248.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($2,895)	$0	$0
Tobacco Settlement Funds		($2,895)	($5,790)
Total Public Funds:	($2,895)	($2,895)	($5,790)

248.1000 Adult Essential Health Treatment Services **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide treatment and services to low-income Georgians with cancer, and Georgians at risk of stroke or heart attacks.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,731,229	$6,728,334	$6,722,682	$6,725,439
State General Funds	$0	($2,895)	$0	$0
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,731,229	$6,731,229	$6,722,682	$6,725,439
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$957,168	$957,168	$957,168	$957,168
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$957,168	$957,168	$957,168	$957,168
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,688,397	$7,685,502	$7,679,850	$7,682,607

Departmental Administration (DPH) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$32,249,062	$32,249,062	$32,249,062	$32,249,062
State General Funds	$32,117,267	$32,117,267	$32,117,267	$32,117,267
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$131,795	$131,795	$131,795	$131,795
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,814,613	$5,814,613	$5,814,613	$5,814,613
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$4,606,000	$4,606,000	$4,606,000	$4,606,000
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$1,208,613	$1,208,613	$1,208,613	$1,208,613
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$230,000	$230,000	$230,000	$230,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$230,000	$230,000	$230,000	$230,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$230,000	$230,000	$230,000	$230,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$38,293,675	$38,293,675	$38,293,675	$38,293,675

249.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$589,922	$589,922	$368,702	$583,463

249.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($141,854)	($141,854)	($283,708)

249.3 *The department is directed to develop a strategy to promote awareness and prevention measures for colorectal and prostate cancer and report findings to the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, the House Budget and Research Office, the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office, and the Office of Planning and Budget by September 1, 2026. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

249.1000 Departmental Administration (DPH) **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$32,838,984	$32,697,130	$32,475,910	$32,548,817
State General Funds	$32,707,189	$32,565,335	$32,344,115	$32,417,022
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$131,795	$131,795	$131,795	$131,795
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,814,613	$5,814,613	$5,814,613	$5,814,613
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$4,606,000	$4,606,000	$4,606,000	$4,606,000
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$1,208,613	$1,208,613	$1,208,613	$1,208,613
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$230,000	$230,000	$230,000	$230,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$230,000	$230,000	$230,000	$230,000

Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$230,000	$230,000	$230,000	$230,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$38,883,597	$38,741,743	$38,520,523	$38,593,430

Emergency Preparedness / Trauma System Improvement **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare for natural disasters, bioterrorism, and other emergencies, as well as improving the capacity of the state's trauma system.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,548,028	$6,548,028	$6,548,028	$6,548,028
State General Funds	$6,548,028	$6,548,028	$6,548,028	$6,548,028
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$35,111,108	$35,111,108	$35,111,108	$35,111,108
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$34,386,808	$34,386,808	$34,386,808	$34,386,808
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$724,300	$724,300	$724,300	$724,300
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$460,141	$460,141	$460,141	$460,141
State Funds Transfers	$460,141	$460,141	$460,141	$460,141
Agency to Agency Contracts	$460,141	$460,141	$460,141	$460,141
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$42,119,277	$42,119,277	$42,119,277	$42,119,277

250.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$249,748	$249,748	$156,093	$247,595

250.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($15,166)	($15,166)	($30,332)

250.1000 Emergency Preparedness / Trauma System Improvement **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare for natural disasters, bioterrorism, and other emergencies, as well as improving the capacity of the state's trauma system.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,797,776	$6,782,610	$6,688,955	$6,765,291
State General Funds	$6,797,776	$6,782,610	$6,688,955	$6,765,291
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$35,111,108	$35,111,108	$35,111,108	$35,111,108
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$34,386,808	$34,386,808	$34,386,808	$34,386,808
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$724,300	$724,300	$724,300	$724,300
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$460,141	$460,141	$460,141	$460,141
State Funds Transfers	$460,141	$460,141	$460,141	$460,141
Agency to Agency Contracts	$460,141	$460,141	$460,141	$460,141
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$42,369,025	$42,353,859	$42,260,204	$42,336,540

Epidemiology			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor, investigate, and respond to disease, injury, and other events of public health concern.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,364,236	$8,364,236	$8,364,236	$8,364,236
State General Funds	$8,244,135	$8,244,135	$8,244,135	$8,244,135
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$120,101	$120,101	$120,101	$120,101
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$15,459,874	$15,459,874	$15,459,874	$15,459,874
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$15,459,874	$15,459,874	$15,459,874	$15,459,874
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$23,824,110	$23,824,110	$23,824,110	$23,824,110

251.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$258,360	$258,360	$161,475	$247,595

251.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($12,116)	($12,116)	($24,232)

251.1000 Epidemiology			**Appropriation (HB 973)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor, investigate, and respond to disease, injury, and other events of public health concern.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,622,596	$8,610,480	$8,513,595	$8,587,599
State General Funds	$8,502,495	$8,490,379	$8,393,494	$8,467,498
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$120,101	$120,101	$120,101	$120,101
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$15,459,874	$15,459,874	$15,459,874	$15,459,874
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$15,459,874	$15,459,874	$15,459,874	$15,459,874
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,082,470	$24,070,354	$23,973,469	$24,047,473

Immunization			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide immunization, consultation, training, assessment, vaccines, and technical assistance.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,499,795	$2,499,795	$2,499,795	$2,499,795
State General Funds	$2,499,795	$2,499,795	$2,499,795	$2,499,795
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,000,391	$11,000,391	$11,000,391	$11,000,391
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,000,391	$11,000,391	$11,000,391	$11,000,391
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$12,649,702	$12,649,702	$12,649,702	$12,649,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$12,649,702	$12,649,702	$12,649,702	$12,649,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$12,649,702	$12,649,702	$12,649,702	$12,649,702
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$26,149,888	$26,149,888	$26,149,888	$26,149,888

252.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$96,885	$96,885	$60,554	$101,191

252.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($3,483)	($3,483)	($6,966)

252.1000 Immunization			**Appropriation (HB 973)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide immunization, consultation, training, assessment, vaccines, and technical assistance.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,596,680	$2,593,197	$2,556,866	$2,594,020
State General Funds	$2,596,680	$2,593,197	$2,556,866	$2,594,020
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,000,391	$11,000,391	$11,000,391	$11,000,391
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,000,391	$11,000,391	$11,000,391	$11,000,391
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$12,649,702	$12,649,702	$12,649,702	$12,649,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$12,649,702	$12,649,702	$12,649,702	$12,649,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$12,649,702	$12,649,702	$12,649,702	$12,649,702
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$26,246,773	$26,243,290	$26,206,959	$26,244,113

Infant and Child Essential Health Treatment Services			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to avoid unnecessary health problems in later life by providing comprehensive health services to infants and children.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$35,235,681	$35,235,681	$35,235,681	$35,235,681
State General Funds	$35,235,681	$35,235,681	$35,235,681	$35,235,681
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$38,374,024	$38,374,024	$38,374,024	$38,374,024
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$26,879,427	$26,879,427	$26,879,427	$26,879,427
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$10,818,769	$10,818,769	$10,818,769	$10,818,769
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$675,828	$675,828	$675,828	$675,828
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,217,000	$1,217,000	$1,217,000	$1,217,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$217,000	$217,000	$217,000	$217,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$217,000	$217,000	$217,000	$217,000
Sales and Services	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$74,826,705	$74,826,705	$74,826,705	$74,826,705

253.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$83,967	$83,967	$52,480	$83,967

253.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($7,786)	($7,786)	($15,572)

253.1000 Infant and Child Essential Health Treatment Services				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to avoid unnecessary health problems in later life by providing comprehensive health services to infants and children.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$35,319,648	$35,311,862	$35,280,375	$35,304,076
State General Funds	$35,319,648	$35,311,862	$35,280,375	$35,304,076
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$38,374,024	$38,374,024	$38,374,024	$38,374,024
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$26,879,427	$26,879,427	$26,879,427	$26,879,427
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$10,818,769	$10,818,769	$10,818,769	$10,818,769
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$675,828	$675,828	$675,828	$675,828
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,217,000	$1,217,000	$1,217,000	$1,217,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$217,000	$217,000	$217,000	$217,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$217,000	$217,000	$217,000	$217,000
Sales and Services	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$74,910,672	$74,902,886	$74,871,399	$74,895,100

Infant and Child Health Promotion			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote health and nutrition for infants and children.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,630,765	$16,630,765	$16,630,765	$16,630,765
State General Funds	$16,630,765	$16,630,765	$16,630,765	$16,630,765
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$214,597,390	$214,597,390	$214,597,390	$214,597,390
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$208,492,719	$208,492,719	$208,492,719	$208,492,719
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$5,558,546	$5,558,546	$5,558,546	$5,558,546
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$546,125	$546,125	$546,125	$546,125
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$231,228,155	$231,228,155	$231,228,155	$231,228,155

254.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$243,289	$243,289	$152,056	$223,912

254.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($3,507)	($3,507)	($7,014)

254.1000 Infant and Child Health Promotion			**Appropriation (HB 973)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote health and nutrition for infants and children.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,874,054	$16,870,547	$16,779,314	$16,847,663
State General Funds	$16,874,054	$16,870,547	$16,779,314	$16,847,663
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$214,597,390	$214,597,390	$214,597,390	$214,597,390
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$208,492,719	$208,492,719	$208,492,719	$208,492,719
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$5,558,546	$5,558,546	$5,558,546	$5,558,546
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$546,125	$546,125	$546,125	$546,125
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$231,471,444	$231,467,937	$231,376,704	$231,445,053

Infectious Disease Control			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure quality prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, and other infectious diseases.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$46,149,968	$46,149,968	$46,149,968	$46,149,968
State General Funds	$46,149,968	$46,149,968	$46,149,968	$46,149,968
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$100,912,495	$100,912,495	$100,912,495	$100,912,495
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$100,912,495	$100,912,495	$100,912,495	$100,912,495
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$147,062,463	$147,062,463	$147,062,463	$147,062,463

255.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$465,048	$465,048	$290,655	$445,671

255.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($20,976)	($20,976)	($41,952)

255.1000 Infectious Disease Control				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure quality prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, and other infectious diseases.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$46,615,016	$46,594,040	$46,419,647	$46,553,687
State General Funds	$46,615,016	$46,594,040	$46,419,647	$46,553,687
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$100,912,495	$100,912,495	$100,912,495	$100,912,495
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$100,912,495	$100,912,495	$100,912,495	$100,912,495
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$147,527,511	$147,506,535	$147,332,142	$147,466,182

Inspections and Environmental Hazard Control				**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to detect and prevent environmental hazards, as well as providing inspection and enforcement of health regulations for food service establishments, sewage management facilities, and swimming pools.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,088,599	$9,088,599	$9,088,599	$9,088,599
State General Funds	$9,088,599	$9,088,599	$9,088,599	$9,088,599
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,606,558	$4,606,558	$4,606,558	$4,606,558
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,426,558	$3,426,558	$3,426,558	$3,426,558
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$1,180,000	$1,180,000	$1,180,000	$1,180,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000
Sales and Services	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,445,157	$14,445,157	$14,445,157	$14,445,157

256.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$146,404	$146,404	$91,503	$146,404

256.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($22,317)	($22,317)	($44,634)

256.1000 Inspections and Environmental Hazard Control				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to detect and prevent environmental hazards, as well as providing inspection and enforcement of health regulations for food service establishments, sewage management facilities, and swimming pools.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,235,003	$9,212,686	$9,157,785	$9,190,369
State General Funds	$9,235,003	$9,212,686	$9,157,785	$9,190,369
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,606,558	$4,606,558	$4,606,558	$4,606,558

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,426,558	$3,426,558	$3,426,558	$3,426,558
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$1,180,000	$1,180,000	$1,180,000	$1,180,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000
Sales and Services	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,591,561	$14,569,244	$14,514,343	$14,546,927

Public Health Formula Grants to Counties **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide general grant-in-aid to county boards of health delivering local public health services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$210,308,336	$210,308,336	$210,308,336	$210,308,336
State General Funds	$210,308,336	$210,308,336	$210,308,336	$210,308,336
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$25,000,000	$25,000,000	$25,000,000	$25,000,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$25,000,000	$25,000,000	$25,000,000	$25,000,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$237,108,336	$237,108,336	$237,108,336	$237,108,336

257.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$9,010,305	$9,010,305	$5,631,441	$8,495,738

257.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($899,234)	($899,234)	($1,798,468)

257.3 *Reduce funds for prior statewide changes and telehealth costs.*

State General Funds			($2,000,000)	($2,000,000)

257.1000 Public Health Formula Grants to Counties **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide general grant-in-aid to county boards of health delivering local public health services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$219,318,641	$218,419,407	$213,040,543	$215,005,606
State General Funds	$219,318,641	$218,419,407	$213,040,543	$215,005,606
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$25,000,000	$25,000,000	$25,000,000	$25,000,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$25,000,000	$25,000,000	$25,000,000	$25,000,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000

Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$246,118,641	$245,219,407	$239,840,543	$241,805,606

Vital Records **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to register, enter, archive and provide to the public in a timely manner vital records and associated documents.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,080,867	$5,080,867	$5,080,867	$5,080,867
State General Funds	$5,080,867	$5,080,867	$5,080,867	$5,080,867
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,300,000	$2,300,000	$2,300,000	$2,300,000
Sales and Services	$2,300,000	$2,300,000	$2,300,000	$2,300,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,300,000	$2,300,000	$2,300,000	$2,300,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,380,867	$7,380,867	$7,380,867	$7,380,867

258.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$118,415	$118,415	$74,010	$120,568

258.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($17,050)	($17,050)	($34,100)

258.1000 Vital Records **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to register, enter, archive and provide to the public in a timely manner vital records and associated documents.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,199,282	$5,182,232	$5,137,827	$5,167,335
State General Funds	$5,199,282	$5,182,232	$5,137,827	$5,167,335
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,300,000	$2,300,000	$2,300,000	$2,300,000
Sales and Services	$2,300,000	$2,300,000	$2,300,000	$2,300,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,300,000	$2,300,000	$2,300,000	$2,300,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,499,282	$7,482,232	$7,437,827	$7,467,335

Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide disbursements from the Trust Fund to offset the costs of care and rehabilitative services to citizens of the state who have survived brain or spinal cord injuries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,010,871	$2,010,871	$2,010,871	$2,010,871
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$2,010,871	$2,010,871	$2,010,871	$2,010,871
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$144,313	$144,313	$144,313	$144,313

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$144,313	$144,313	$144,313	$144,313
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,155,184	$2,155,184	$2,155,184	$2,155,184

259.1000 Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide disbursements from the Trust Fund to offset the costs of care and rehabilitative services to citizens of the state who have survived brain or spinal cord injuries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,010,871	$2,010,871	$2,010,871	$2,010,871
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$2,010,871	$2,010,871	$2,010,871	$2,010,871
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$144,313	$144,313	$144,313	$144,313
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$144,313	$144,313	$144,313	$144,313
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,155,184	$2,155,184	$2,155,184	$2,155,184

Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to establish, maintain, and administer a trauma center network, to coordinate the best use of existing trauma facilities and to direct patients to the best available facility for treatment of traumatic injury and participate in the accountability mechanism for the entire Georgia trauma system, primarily overseeing the flow of funds for system improvement.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$28,940,946	$28,940,946	$28,940,946	$28,940,946
State General Funds	$12,551,073	$12,551,073	$12,551,073	$12,551,073
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$16,389,873	$16,389,873	$16,389,873	$16,389,873
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,471,234	$1,471,234	$1,471,234	$1,471,234
Agency Funds Transfers	$1,471,234	$1,471,234	$1,471,234	$1,471,234
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,471,234	$1,471,234	$1,471,234	$1,471,234
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$30,412,180	$30,412,180	$30,412,180	$30,412,180

260.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$10,765	$10,765	$6,729	$10,765

260.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($4,613)	($4,613)	($9,226)

260.1000 Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to establish, maintain, and administer a trauma center network, to coordinate the best use of existing trauma facilities and to direct patients to the best available facility for treatment of traumatic injury and participate in the accountability mechanism for the entire Georgia trauma system, primarily overseeing the flow of funds for system improvement.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$28,951,711	$28,947,098	$28,943,062	$28,942,485
State General Funds	$12,561,838	$12,557,225	$12,553,189	$12,552,612
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$16,389,873	$16,389,873	$16,389,873	$16,389,873
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,471,234	$1,471,234	$1,471,234	$1,471,234
Agency Funds Transfers	$1,471,234	$1,471,234	$1,471,234	$1,471,234
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,471,234	$1,471,234	$1,471,234	$1,471,234
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$30,422,945	$30,418,332	$30,414,296	$30,413,719

Section 39: Public Safety, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$256,072,312	$256,072,312	$256,072,312	$256,072,312
State General Funds	$256,072,312	$256,072,312	$256,072,312	$256,072,312
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$34,695,566	$34,695,566	$34,695,566	$34,695,566
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$34,695,566	$34,695,566	$34,695,566	$34,695,566
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$24,143,879	$24,143,879	$24,143,879	$24,143,879
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,299,590	$2,299,590	$2,299,590	$2,299,590
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,299,590	$2,299,590	$2,299,590	$2,299,590
Sales and Services	$21,224,289	$21,224,289	$21,224,289	$21,224,289
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$21,224,289	$21,224,289	$21,224,289	$21,224,289
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,728,369	$1,728,369	$1,728,369	$1,728,369
State Funds Transfers	$1,728,369	$1,728,369	$1,728,369	$1,728,369
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
Agency to Agency Contracts	$520,786	$520,786	$520,786	$520,786
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$316,640,126	$316,640,126	$316,640,126	$316,640,126

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TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$259,940,000	$260,804,683	$252,705,388	$256,790,525
State General Funds	$259,940,000	$260,804,683	$252,705,388	$256,790,525
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$34,695,566	$34,695,566	$34,695,566	$34,695,566
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$34,695,566	$34,695,566	$34,695,566	$34,695,566
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$24,143,879	$24,143,879	$24,143,879	$24,143,879
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,299,590	$2,299,590	$2,299,590	$2,299,590
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,299,590	$2,299,590	$2,299,590	$2,299,590
Sales and Services	$21,224,289	$21,224,289	$21,224,289	$21,224,289
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$21,224,289	$21,224,289	$21,224,289	$21,224,289
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,728,369	$1,728,369	$1,728,369	$1,728,369

State Funds Transfers	$1,728,369	$1,728,369	$1,728,369	$1,728,369
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
Agency to Agency Contracts	$520,786	$520,786	$520,786	$520,786
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$320,507,814	$321,372,497	$313,273,202	$317,358,339

Aviation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide aerial support for search and rescue missions and search and apprehension missions in criminal pursuits within the State of Georgia; to provide transport flights to conduct state business, for emergency medical transport, and to support local and federal agencies in public safety efforts with aerial surveillance and observation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,200,659	$5,200,659	$5,200,659	$5,200,659
State General Funds	$5,200,659	$5,200,659	$5,200,659	$5,200,659
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,200,659	$5,200,659	$5,200,659	$5,200,659

261.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$43,060	$43,060	$26,913	$38,754

261.2 *Reduce funds for personnel based on the actual start date of new positions.*

State General Funds	($6,352)	($6,352)	($6,352)	($6,352)

261.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($13,518)	($13,518)	($27,036)

261.4 *Reduce funds for vacant positions. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds			($78,636)	$0

261.1000 Aviation **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide aerial support for search and rescue missions and search and apprehension missions in criminal pursuits within the State of Georgia; to provide transport flights to conduct state business, for emergency medical transport, and to support local and federal agencies in public safety efforts with aerial surveillance and observation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,237,367	$5,223,849	$5,129,066	$5,206,025
State General Funds	$5,237,367	$5,223,849	$5,129,066	$5,206,025
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,237,367	$5,223,849	$5,129,066	$5,206,025

Capitol Police Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect life and property in the Capitol Square area, enforce traffic regulations around the Capitol, monitor entrances of state buildings, screen packages and personal items of individuals entering state facilities, and provide general security for elected officials, government employees, and visitors to the Capitol.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077
Sales and Services	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
State Funds Transfers	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,612,660	$9,612,660	$9,612,660	$9,612,660

262.1000 Capitol Police Services **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect life and property in the Capitol Square area, enforce traffic regulations around the Capitol, monitor entrances of state buildings, screen packages and personal items of individuals entering state facilities, and provide general security for elected officials, government employees, and visitors to the Capitol.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077
Sales and Services	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
State Funds Transfers	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,612,660	$9,612,660	$9,612,660	$9,612,660

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide inspection, regulation, and enforcement for size, weight, and safety standards as well as traffic and criminal laws for commercial motor carriers, limousines, non-consensual tow trucks, household goods movers, all buses, and large passenger vehicles as well as providing High Occupancy Vehicle and High Occupancy Toll lane use restriction enforcement.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,175,493	$23,175,493	$23,175,493	$23,175,493
State General Funds	$23,175,493	$23,175,493	$23,175,493	$23,175,493
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,348,744	$11,348,744	$11,348,744	$11,348,744
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,348,744	$11,348,744	$11,348,744	$11,348,744
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$11,132,727	$11,132,727	$11,132,727	$11,132,727
Intergovernmental Transfers	$370,923	$370,923	$370,923	$370,923
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$370,923	$370,923	$370,923	$370,923

Sales and Services	$10,761,804	$10,761,804	$10,761,804	$10,761,804
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$10,761,804	$10,761,804	$10,761,804	$10,761,804
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$45,656,964	$45,656,964	$45,656,964	$45,656,964

263.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$635,135	$635,135	$396,960	$624,370

263.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($52,528)	($52,528)	($105,056)

263.3 *Reduce funds for vacant positions. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds			($390,344)	$0

263.998 *Change the name of the Motor Carrier Compliance program to the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement program pursuant to HB116 (2025 Legislative Session). (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

263.1000 Commercial Vehicle Enforcement **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide inspection, regulation, and enforcement for size, weight, and safety standards as well as traffic and criminal laws for commercial motor carriers, limousines, non-consensual tow trucks, household goods movers, all buses, and large passenger vehicles as well as providing High Occupancy Vehicle and High Occupancy Toll lane use restriction enforcement.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,810,628	$23,758,100	$23,129,581	$23,694,807
State General Funds	$23,810,628	$23,758,100	$23,129,581	$23,694,807
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,348,744	$11,348,744	$11,348,744	$11,348,744
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,348,744	$11,348,744	$11,348,744	$11,348,744
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$11,132,727	$11,132,727	$11,132,727	$11,132,727
Intergovernmental Transfers	$370,923	$370,923	$370,923	$370,923
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$370,923	$370,923	$370,923	$370,923
Sales and Services	$10,761,804	$10,761,804	$10,761,804	$10,761,804
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$10,761,804	$10,761,804	$10,761,804	$10,761,804
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$46,292,099	$46,239,571	$45,611,052	$46,176,278

Departmental Administration (DPS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department and administratively attached agencies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,560,862	$10,560,862	$10,560,862	$10,560,862
State General Funds	$10,560,862	$10,560,862	$10,560,862	$10,560,862
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510
Sales and Services	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,564,372	$10,564,372	$10,564,372	$10,564,372

264.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$152,863	$152,863	$95,540	$161,475

264.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($36,320)	($36,320)	($72,640)

264.3 *Reduce funds for vacant positions.*

State General Funds			($916,862)	($700,000)

264.1000 Departmental Administration (DPS) **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department and administratively attached agencies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,713,725	$10,677,405	$9,703,220	$9,949,697
State General Funds	$10,713,725	$10,677,405	$9,703,220	$9,949,697
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510
Sales and Services	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,717,235	$10,680,915	$9,706,730	$9,953,207

Field Offices and Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide enforcement for traffic and criminal laws through the Department of Public Safety's Uniform Division, and support a variety of specialized teams and offices, which include the Motorcycle Unit, Criminal Interdiction Unit, the Crisis Negotiations Team, the Special Projects Adjutant Office, Headquarters Adjutant Office, Special Investigations Office, the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Unit, and the Training Unit.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$161,998,462	$161,998,462	$161,998,462	$161,998,462
State General Funds	$161,998,462	$161,998,462	$161,998,462	$161,998,462
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,494,501	$2,494,501	$2,494,501	$2,494,501
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,494,501	$2,494,501	$2,494,501	$2,494,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$673,900	$673,900	$673,900	$673,900
Sales and Services	$53,900	$53,900	$53,900	$53,900

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$53,900	$53,900	$53,900	$53,900
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786
State Funds Transfers	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786
Agency to Agency Contracts	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$165,542,649	$165,542,649	$165,542,649	$165,542,649

265.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$2,415,666	$2,415,666	$1,509,792	$2,288,639

265.2 *Transfer funds from the Department of Public Safety to the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency for the protection of communities through the Nonprofit Security Grant Program.*

State General Funds	($1,000,000)	($1,000,000)	($1,000,000)	($1,000,000)

265.3 *Increase funds for ballistic helmet radio patches.*

State General Funds	$180,000	$180,000	$180,000	$180,000

265.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($569,699)	($569,699)	($1,139,398)

265.5 *Reduce funds for vacant positions. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds			($983,785)	$0

265.1000 Field Offices and Services **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide enforcement for traffic and criminal laws through the Department of Public Safety's Uniform Division, and support a variety of specialized teams and offices, which include the Motorcycle Unit, Criminal Interdiction Unit, the Crisis Negotiations Team, the Special Projects Adjutant Office, Headquarters Adjutant Office, Special Investigations Office, the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Unit, and the Training Unit.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$163,594,128	$163,024,429	$161,134,770	$162,327,703
State General Funds	$163,594,128	$163,024,429	$161,134,770	$162,327,703
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,494,501	$2,494,501	$2,494,501	$2,494,501
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,494,501	$2,494,501	$2,494,501	$2,494,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$673,900	$673,900	$673,900	$673,900
Sales and Services	$53,900	$53,900	$53,900	$53,900
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$53,900	$53,900	$53,900	$53,900
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000

Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786
State Funds Transfers	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786
Agency to Agency Contracts	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$167,138,315	$166,568,616	$164,678,957	$165,871,890

Law Enforcement Training **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the training of State Troopers through Georgia State Patrol trooper schools.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,772,892	$9,772,892	$9,772,892	$9,772,892
State General Funds	$9,772,892	$9,772,892	$9,772,892	$9,772,892
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,772,892	$9,772,892	$9,772,892	$9,772,892

266.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$64,590	$64,590	$40,369	$47,366

266.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($30,618)	($30,618)	($61,236)

266.3 *Reduce funds for vacant positions.*

State General Funds			($3,222,841)	($1,300,000)

266.1000 Law Enforcement Training **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the training of State Troopers through Georgia State Patrol trooper schools.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,837,482	$9,806,864	$6,559,802	$8,459,022
State General Funds	$9,837,482	$9,806,864	$6,559,802	$8,459,022
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,837,482	$9,806,864	$6,559,802	$8,459,022

Office of Public Safety Officer Support **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide peer counselors and critical incident support services to requesting local and state public entities that employ public safety officers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,101,414	$2,101,414	$2,101,414	$2,101,414
State General Funds	$2,101,414	$2,101,414	$2,101,414	$2,101,414
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,101,414	$2,101,414	$2,101,414	$2,101,414

267.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$34,448	$34,448	$21,530	$34,448

267.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($8,564)	($8,564)	($17,128)

267.1000 Office of Public Safety Officer Support **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide peer counselors and critical incident support services to requesting local and state public entities that employ public safety officers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,135,862	$2,127,298	$2,114,380	$2,118,734
State General Funds	$2,135,862	$2,127,298	$2,114,380	$2,118,734
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,135,862	$2,127,298	$2,114,380	$2,118,734

Firefighter Standards and Training Council, Georgia **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide professionally trained, competent, and ethical firefighters with the proper equipment and facilities to ensure a fire-safe environment for Georgia citizens, and establish professional standards for fire service training including consulting, testing, and certification of Georgia firefighters.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,854,276	$1,854,276	$1,854,276	$1,854,276
State General Funds	$1,854,276	$1,854,276	$1,854,276	$1,854,276
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,854,276	$1,854,276	$1,854,276	$1,854,276

268.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$27,989	$27,989	$17,494	$27,989

268.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($6,802)	($6,802)	($13,604)

268.3 *Increase funds for start-up costs for one safety and compliance specialist. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds		$60,000	$0	$0

268.1000 Firefighter Standards and Training Council, Georgia **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide professionally trained, competent, and ethical firefighters with the proper equipment and facilities to ensure a fire-safe environment for Georgia citizens, and establish professional standards for fire service training including consulting, testing, and certification of Georgia firefighters.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,882,265	$1,935,463	$1,864,968	$1,868,661
State General Funds	$1,882,265	$1,935,463	$1,864,968	$1,868,661
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,882,265	$1,935,463	$1,864,968	$1,868,661

Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, Georgia **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to set standards for the law enforcement community; ensure adequate training at the highest level for all of Georgia's law enforcement officers and public safety professionals; and, certify individuals when all requirements are met. Investigate officers and public safety professionals when an allegation of unethical and/or illegal conduct is made, and sanction these individuals by disciplining officers and public safety professionals when necessary.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,322,125	$6,322,125	$6,322,125	$6,322,125
State General Funds	$6,322,125	$6,322,125	$6,322,125	$6,322,125
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,322,125	$6,322,125	$6,322,125	$6,322,125

269.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$88,273	$88,273	$55,171	$83,967

269.2 *Increase funds for rent at the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council Headquarters.*

State General Funds	$9,180	$9,180	$9,180	$9,180

269.3 *Increase funds for a content management service.*

State General Funds	$24,587	$24,587	$24,587	$24,587

269.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($22,218)	($22,218)	($44,436)

269.1000 Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, Georgia **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to set standards for the law enforcement community; ensure adequate training at the highest level for all of Georgia's law enforcement officers and public safety professionals; and, certify individuals when all requirements are met. Investigate officers and public safety professionals when an allegation of unethical and/or illegal conduct is made, and sanction these individuals by disciplining officers and public safety professionals when necessary.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,444,165	$6,421,947	$6,388,845	$6,395,423
State General Funds	$6,444,165	$6,421,947	$6,388,845	$6,395,423
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,444,165	$6,421,947	$6,388,845	$6,395,423

Public Safety Training Center, Georgia **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop, deliver, and facilitate training that results in professional and competent public safety services for the people of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$30,741,590	$30,741,590	$30,741,590	$30,741,590
State General Funds	$30,741,590	$30,741,590	$30,741,590	$30,741,590
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,061,179	$1,061,179	$1,061,179	$1,061,179
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,061,179	$1,061,179	$1,061,179	$1,061,179
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,420,753	$3,420,753	$3,420,753	$3,420,753
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,928,667	$1,928,667	$1,928,667	$1,928,667
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,928,667	$1,928,667	$1,928,667	$1,928,667
Sales and Services	$1,492,086	$1,492,086	$1,492,086	$1,492,086
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,492,086	$1,492,086	$1,492,086	$1,492,086
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$35,223,522	$35,223,522	$35,223,522	$35,223,522

270.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$501,649	$501,649	$313,531	$447,824

270.2 *Increase funds for the new Metro Academy in Austell effective November 3, 2025.*

State General Funds	$582,527	$582,527	$582,527	$582,527

270.3 *Increase funds for rent at the Columbus Academy.*

State General Funds	$14,025	$14,025	$14,025	$14,025

270.4 *Increase funds for rent at the Tifton Academy.*

State General Funds	$25,931	$25,931	$25,931	$25,931

270.5 *Increase funds for rent at the Rome Academy.*

State General Funds	$22,445	$22,445	$22,445	$22,445

270.6 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($100,966)	($100,966)	($201,932)

270.7 *Increase funds for simulated firearms training. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds	$900,000	$900,000	$0

270.8 *Increase funds for hearing protection equipment grants for law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000

270.9 *Reduce funds for vacant positions. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds		($941,078)	$0

270.1000 Public Safety Training Center, Georgia **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop, deliver, and facilitate training that results in professional and competent public safety services for the people of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$31,888,167	$33,437,201	$32,308,005	$32,382,410
State General Funds	$31,888,167	$33,437,201	$32,308,005	$32,382,410
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,061,179	$1,061,179	$1,061,179	$1,061,179
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,061,179	$1,061,179	$1,061,179	$1,061,179
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,420,753	$3,420,753	$3,420,753	$3,420,753
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,928,667	$1,928,667	$1,928,667	$1,928,667
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,928,667	$1,928,667	$1,928,667	$1,928,667
Sales and Services	$1,492,086	$1,492,086	$1,492,086	$1,492,086
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,492,086	$1,492,086	$1,492,086	$1,492,086
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,370,099	$37,919,133	$36,789,937	$36,864,342

Highway Safety, Office of **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to educate the public on highway safety issues, and facilitate the implementation of programs to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities on Georgia roadways.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$892,229	$892,229	$892,229	$892,229
State General Funds	$892,229	$892,229	$892,229	$892,229
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$19,791,142	$19,791,142	$19,791,142	$19,791,142
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$19,791,142	$19,791,142	$19,791,142	$19,791,142
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912
Sales and Services	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
State Funds Transfers	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,336,283	$21,336,283	$21,336,283	$21,336,283

271.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$47,366	$47,366	$29,604	$47,366

271.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($2,786)	($2,786)	($5,572)

271.1000 Highway Safety, Office of **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to educate the public on highway safety issues, and facilitate the implementation of programs to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities on Georgia roadways.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$939,595	$936,809	$919,047	$934,023
State General Funds	$939,595	$936,809	$919,047	$934,023
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$19,791,142	$19,791,142	$19,791,142	$19,791,142
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$19,791,142	$19,791,142	$19,791,142	$19,791,142
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912
Sales and Services	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
State Funds Transfers	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,383,649	$21,380,863	$21,363,101	$21,378,077

Highway Safety, Office of: Georgia Driver's Education Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide driver's education grant scholarships for Georgia drivers ages 15-17 to help satisfy driver's education requirements and reduce motor vehicle crashes in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,452,310	$3,452,310	$3,452,310	$3,452,310
State General Funds	$3,452,310	$3,452,310	$3,452,310	$3,452,310
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,452,310	$3,452,310	$3,452,310	$3,452,310

272.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$4,306	$4,306	$2,692	$4,306

272.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($1,298)	($1,298)	($2,596)

272.1000 Highway Safety, Office of: Georgia Driver's Education Commission				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide driver's education grant scholarships for Georgia drivers ages 15-17 to help satisfy driver's education requirements and reduce motor vehicle crashes in Georgia.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,456,616	$3,455,318	$3,453,704	$3,454,020
State General Funds	$3,456,616	$3,455,318	$3,453,704	$3,454,020
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,456,616	$3,455,318	$3,453,704	$3,454,020

Section 40: Public Service Commission

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,180,213	$13,180,213	$13,180,213	$13,180,213
State General Funds	$13,180,213	$13,180,213	$13,180,213	$13,180,213
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,411,313	$14,411,313	$14,411,313	$14,411,313

	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,349,187	$13,365,075	$13,298,871	$13,304,351
State General Funds	$13,349,187	$13,365,075	$13,298,871	$13,304,351
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,580,287	$14,596,175	$14,529,971	$14,535,451

Commission Administration (PSC)			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist the Commissioners and staff in achieving the agency's goals.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,020,221	$2,020,221	$2,020,221	$2,020,221
State General Funds	$2,020,221	$2,020,221	$2,020,221	$2,020,221
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,020,221	$2,020,221	$2,020,221	$2,020,221

273.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$23,683	$23,683	$14,802	$23,683

273.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($7,988)	($7,988)	($15,976)

273.1000 Commission Administration (PSC)				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist the Commissioners and staff in achieving the agency's goals.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,043,904	$2,035,916	$2,027,035	$2,027,928
State General Funds	$2,043,904	$2,035,916	$2,027,035	$2,027,928
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,043,904	$2,035,916	$2,027,035	$2,027,928

Facility Protection **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce state and federal regulations pertaining to buried utility facility infrastructure and to promote safety through training and inspections.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,914,149	$1,914,149	$1,914,149	$1,914,149
State General Funds	$1,914,149	$1,914,149	$1,914,149	$1,914,149
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,145,249	$3,145,249	$3,145,249	$3,145,249

274.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$47,366	$47,366	$29,604	$45,213

274.2 *Reduce funds to reflect savings based on the start date of new pipeline safety inspector.*

State General Funds	($7,572)	($7,572)	($7,572)	($7,572)

274.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($8,069)	($8,069)	($16,138)

274.1000 Facility Protection				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce state and federal regulations pertaining to buried utility facility infrastructure and to promote safety through training and inspections.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,953,943	$1,945,874	$1,928,112	$1,935,652
State General Funds	$1,953,943	$1,945,874	$1,928,112	$1,935,652

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,185,043	$3,176,974	$3,159,212	$3,166,752

Utilities Regulation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor the rates and service standards of electric, natural gas, and telecommunications companies, approve supply plans for electric and natural gas companies, monitor utility system and telecommunications network planning, arbitrate complaints among competitors, provide consumer protection and education, and certify competitive natural gas and telecommunications providers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,245,843	$9,245,843	$9,245,843	$9,245,843
State General Funds	$9,245,843	$9,245,843	$9,245,843	$9,245,843
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,245,843	$9,245,843	$9,245,843	$9,245,843

275.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$105,497	$105,497	$65,936	$99,038

275.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($36,055)	($36,055)	($72,110)

275.3 *Increase funds for one engineer effective April 1, 2026.*

State General Funds	$36,125	$36,125	$36,125

275.4 *Increase funds for one financial analyst effective April 1, 2026.*

State General Funds	$31,875	$31,875	$31,875

275.1000 Utilities Regulation **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor the rates and service standards of electric, natural gas, and telecommunications companies, approve supply plans for electric and natural gas companies, monitor utility system and telecommunications network planning, arbitrate complaints among competitors, provide consumer protection and education, and certify competitive natural gas and telecommunications providers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,351,340	$9,383,285	$9,343,724	$9,340,771
State General Funds	$9,351,340	$9,383,285	$9,343,724	$9,340,771
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,351,340	$9,383,285	$9,343,724	$9,340,771

Section 41: Regents, University System of Georgia

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,600,383,387	$3,600,383,387	$3,600,383,387	$3,600,383,387
State General Funds	$3,600,383,387	$3,600,383,387	$3,600,383,387	$3,600,383,387
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,204,301,725	$2,204,301,725	$2,204,301,725	$2,204,301,725
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,204,301,725	$2,204,301,725	$2,204,301,725	$2,204,301,725
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,014,832,925	$5,014,832,925	$5,014,832,925	$5,014,832,925
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,333,732,293	$1,333,732,293	$1,333,732,293	$1,333,732,293
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$1,104,814,673	$1,104,814,673	$1,104,814,673	$1,104,814,673
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$228,917,620	$228,917,620	$228,917,620	$228,917,620
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$542,285,570	$542,285,570	$542,285,570	$542,285,570
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$542,285,570	$542,285,570	$542,285,570	$542,285,570
Sales and Services	$3,138,815,062	$3,138,815,062	$3,138,815,062	$3,138,815,062
Record Center Storage Fees	$912,482	$912,482	$912,482	$912,482
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$440,001,366	$440,001,366	$440,001,366	$440,001,366
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$2,697,901,214	$2,697,901,214	$2,697,901,214	$2,697,901,214
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,819,518,037	$10,819,518,037	$10,819,518,037	$10,819,518,037
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,030,330,560	$4,006,105,410	$3,774,403,652	$3,723,647,519
State General Funds	$4,030,330,560	$4,006,105,410	$3,774,403,652	$3,723,647,519
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,204,301,725	$2,204,301,725	$2,204,301,725	$2,204,301,725
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,204,301,725	$2,204,301,725	$2,204,301,725	$2,204,301,725
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,014,832,925	$5,014,832,925	$5,014,832,925	$5,014,832,925
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,333,732,293	$1,333,732,293	$1,333,732,293	$1,333,732,293
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$1,104,814,673	$1,104,814,673	$1,104,814,673	$1,104,814,673
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$228,917,620	$228,917,620	$228,917,620	$228,917,620
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$542,285,570	$542,285,570	$542,285,570	$542,285,570
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$542,285,570	$542,285,570	$542,285,570	$542,285,570
Sales and Services	$3,138,815,062	$3,138,815,062	$3,138,815,062	$3,138,815,062
Record Center Storage Fees	$912,482	$912,482	$912,482	$912,482
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$440,001,366	$440,001,366	$440,001,366	$440,001,366
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$2,697,901,214	$2,697,901,214	$2,697,901,214	$2,697,901,214
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,249,465,210	$11,225,240,060	$10,993,538,302	$10,942,782,169

Agricultural Experiment Station **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve production, processing, new product development, food safety, storage, and marketing to increase profitability and global competitiveness of Georgia's agribusiness.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$55,392,661	$55,392,661	$55,392,661	$55,392,661
State General Funds	$55,392,661	$55,392,661	$55,392,661	$55,392,661
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$46,453,199	$46,453,199	$46,453,199	$46,453,199
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$46,453,199	$46,453,199	$46,453,199	$46,453,199
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$38,020,201	$38,020,201	$38,020,201	$38,020,201
Intergovernmental Transfers	$26,135,196	$26,135,196	$26,135,196	$26,135,196
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$26,135,196	$26,135,196	$26,135,196	$26,135,196
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$5,500,000	$5,500,000	$5,500,000	$5,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$5,500,000	$5,500,000	$5,500,000	$5,500,000
Sales and Services	$6,385,005	$6,385,005	$6,385,005	$6,385,005
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,385,005	$6,385,005	$6,385,005	$6,385,005
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$139,866,061	$139,866,061	$139,866,061	$139,866,061

276.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$1,272,423	$1,272,423	$795,265	$1,272,423

276.2 *Reduce funds for personnel based on the actual start date of new positions.*

State General Funds	($120,000)	($180,000)	($180,000)	($180,000)

276.3 *Increase funds for one-time funding for operational and equipment needs to support blueberry breeder research. (S and CC:Increase funds to match one-time matching funds ($726,804) for operational and equipment needs to support blueberry breeder research)*

State General Funds		$500,000	$838,000	$838,000

276.4 *Increase funds for improvements at Grand Farm.*

State General Funds				$1,600,000

276.1000 Agricultural Experiment Station **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve production, processing, new product development, food safety, storage, and marketing to increase profitability and global competitiveness of Georgia's agribusiness.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$56,545,084	$56,985,084	$56,845,926	$58,923,084
State General Funds	$56,545,084	$56,985,084	$56,845,926	$58,923,084
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$46,453,199	$46,453,199	$46,453,199	$46,453,199
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$46,453,199	$46,453,199	$46,453,199	$46,453,199
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$38,020,201	$38,020,201	$38,020,201	$38,020,201
Intergovernmental Transfers	$26,135,196	$26,135,196	$26,135,196	$26,135,196
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$26,135,196	$26,135,196	$26,135,196	$26,135,196
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$5,500,000	$5,500,000	$5,500,000	$5,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$5,500,000	$5,500,000	$5,500,000	$5,500,000

Sales and Services	$6,385,005	$6,385,005	$6,385,005	$6,385,005
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,385,005	$6,385,005	$6,385,005	$6,385,005
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$141,018,484	$141,458,484	$141,319,326	$143,396,484

Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories Contract **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide diagnostic services, disease research, and educational outreach for veterinarians and animal owners to ensure the safety of Georgia's food supply and the health of Georgia's production, equine, and companion animals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$991,572	$991,572	$991,572	$991,572
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$991,572	$991,572	$991,572	$991,572
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,628,831	$8,628,831	$8,628,831	$8,628,831
Intergovernmental Transfers	$633,428	$633,428	$633,428	$633,428
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$633,428	$633,428	$633,428	$633,428
Sales and Services	$7,995,403	$7,995,403	$7,995,403	$7,995,403
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$7,995,403	$7,995,403	$7,995,403	$7,995,403
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,620,403	$9,620,403	$9,620,403	$9,620,403

277.1000 Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories Contract **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide diagnostic services, disease research, and educational outreach for veterinarians and animal owners to ensure the safety of Georgia's food supply and the health of Georgia's production, equine, and companion animals.

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$991,572	$991,572	$991,572	$991,572
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$991,572	$991,572	$991,572	$991,572
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,628,831	$8,628,831	$8,628,831	$8,628,831
Intergovernmental Transfers	$633,428	$633,428	$633,428	$633,428
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$633,428	$633,428	$633,428	$633,428
Sales and Services	$7,995,403	$7,995,403	$7,995,403	$7,995,403
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$7,995,403	$7,995,403	$7,995,403	$7,995,403
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,620,403	$9,620,403	$9,620,403	$9,620,403

Cooperative Extension Service **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide training, educational programs, and outreach to Georgians in agricultural, horticultural, food, and family and consumer sciences, and to manage the 4-H youth program for the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,136,614	$52,136,614	$52,136,614	$52,136,614
State General Funds	$52,136,614	$52,136,614	$52,136,614	$52,136,614
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,140,781	$11,140,781	$11,140,781	$11,140,781
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,140,781	$11,140,781	$11,140,781	$11,140,781

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$29,713,277	$29,713,277	$29,713,277	$29,713,277
Intergovernmental Transfers	$11,533,874	$11,533,874	$11,533,874	$11,533,874
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$11,533,874	$11,533,874	$11,533,874	$11,533,874
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$17,879,403	$17,879,403	$17,879,403	$17,879,403
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$17,879,403	$17,879,403	$17,879,403	$17,879,403
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$92,990,672	$92,990,672	$92,990,672	$92,990,672

278.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$1,679,340	$1,679,340	$1,049,588	$1,679,340

278.2 *Reduce funds for personnel based on the actual start date of new positions.*

State General Funds	($87,500)	($112,500)	($137,500)	($137,500)

278.3 *Increase funds for Research and Education Center infrastructure and facility upgrades, statewide.*

State General Funds			$7,000,000	$6,000,000

278.1000 Cooperative Extension Service **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide training, educational programs, and outreach to Georgians in agricultural, horticultural, food, and family and consumer sciences, and to manage the 4-H youth program for the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$53,728,454	$53,703,454	$60,048,702	$59,678,454
State General Funds	$53,728,454	$53,703,454	$60,048,702	$59,678,454
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,140,781	$11,140,781	$11,140,781	$11,140,781
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,140,781	$11,140,781	$11,140,781	$11,140,781
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$29,713,277	$29,713,277	$29,713,277	$29,713,277
Intergovernmental Transfers	$11,533,874	$11,533,874	$11,533,874	$11,533,874
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$11,533,874	$11,533,874	$11,533,874	$11,533,874
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$17,879,403	$17,879,403	$17,879,403	$17,879,403
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$17,879,403	$17,879,403	$17,879,403	$17,879,403
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$94,582,512	$94,557,512	$100,902,760	$100,532,512

Enterprise Innovation Institute **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to advise Georgia manufacturers, entrepreneurs, and government officials on best business practices and technology-driven economic development, and to provide the state share to federal incentive and assistance programs for entrepreneurs and innovative businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,089,185	$13,089,185	$13,089,185	$13,089,185
State General Funds	$13,089,185	$13,089,185	$13,089,185	$13,089,185
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,500,000	$12,500,000	$12,500,000	$12,500,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,500,000	$12,500,000	$12,500,000	$12,500,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,100,000	$6,100,000	$6,100,000	$6,100,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,600,000	$1,600,000	$1,600,000	$1,600,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,600,000	$1,600,000	$1,600,000	$1,600,000
Sales and Services	$4,500,000	$4,500,000	$4,500,000	$4,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,500,000	$4,500,000	$4,500,000	$4,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$31,689,185	$31,689,185	$31,689,185	$31,689,185

279.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$378,928	$378,928	$236,830	$378,928

279.1000 Enterprise Innovation Institute **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to advise Georgia manufacturers, entrepreneurs, and government officials on best business practices and technology-driven economic development, and to provide the state share to federal incentive and assistance programs for entrepreneurs and innovative businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,468,113	$13,468,113	$13,326,015	$13,468,113
State General Funds	$13,468,113	$13,468,113	$13,326,015	$13,468,113
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,500,000	$12,500,000	$12,500,000	$12,500,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,500,000	$12,500,000	$12,500,000	$12,500,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,100,000	$6,100,000	$6,100,000	$6,100,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,600,000	$1,600,000	$1,600,000	$1,600,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,600,000	$1,600,000	$1,600,000	$1,600,000
Sales and Services	$4,500,000	$4,500,000	$4,500,000	$4,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,500,000	$4,500,000	$4,500,000	$4,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$32,068,113	$32,068,113	$31,926,015	$32,068,113

Forestry Cooperative Extension **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for faculty to support instruction and outreach about conservation and sustainable management of forests and other natural resources.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,131,781	$1,131,781	$1,131,781	$1,131,781
State General Funds	$1,131,781	$1,131,781	$1,131,781	$1,131,781
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,003,095	$1,003,095	$1,003,095	$1,003,095
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,003,095	$1,003,095	$1,003,095	$1,003,095
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,089,486	$1,089,486	$1,089,486	$1,089,486

Intergovernmental Transfers	$759,486	$759,486	$759,486	$759,486
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$759,486	$759,486	$759,486	$759,486
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services	$180,000	$180,000	$180,000	$180,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$180,000	$180,000	$180,000	$180,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,224,362	$3,224,362	$3,224,362	$3,224,362

280.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$36,601	$36,601	$22,876	$36,601

280.1000 Forestry Cooperative Extension **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for faculty to support instruction and outreach about conservation and sustainable management of forests and other natural resources.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,168,382	$1,168,382	$1,154,657	$1,168,382
State General Funds	$1,168,382	$1,168,382	$1,154,657	$1,168,382
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,003,095	$1,003,095	$1,003,095	$1,003,095
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,003,095	$1,003,095	$1,003,095	$1,003,095
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,089,486	$1,089,486	$1,089,486	$1,089,486
Intergovernmental Transfers	$759,486	$759,486	$759,486	$759,486
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$759,486	$759,486	$759,486	$759,486
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services	$180,000	$180,000	$180,000	$180,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$180,000	$180,000	$180,000	$180,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,260,963	$3,260,963	$3,247,238	$3,260,963

Forestry Research **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct research about economically and environmentally sound forest resources management and to assist non-industrial forest landowners and natural resources professionals in complying with state and federal regulations.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,302,080	$3,302,080	$3,302,080	$3,302,080
State General Funds	$3,302,080	$3,302,080	$3,302,080	$3,302,080
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,328,944	$5,328,944	$5,328,944	$5,328,944
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,328,944	$5,328,944	$5,328,944	$5,328,944
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$11,780,836	$11,780,836	$11,780,836	$11,780,836
Intergovernmental Transfers	$9,421,056	$9,421,056	$9,421,056	$9,421,056

University System of Georgia Research Funds	$9,421,056	$9,421,056	$9,421,056	$9,421,056
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$728,575	$728,575	$728,575	$728,575
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$728,575	$728,575	$728,575	$728,575
Sales and Services	$1,631,205	$1,631,205	$1,631,205	$1,631,205
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,631,205	$1,631,205	$1,631,205	$1,631,205
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,411,860	$20,411,860	$20,411,860	$20,411,860

281.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$148,557	$148,557	$92,849	$148,557

281.1000 Forestry Research **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct research about economically and environmentally sound forest resources management and to assist non-industrial forest landowners and natural resources professionals in complying with state and federal regulations.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,450,637	$3,450,637	$3,394,929	$3,450,637
State General Funds	$3,450,637	$3,450,637	$3,394,929	$3,450,637
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,328,944	$5,328,944	$5,328,944	$5,328,944
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,328,944	$5,328,944	$5,328,944	$5,328,944
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$11,780,836	$11,780,836	$11,780,836	$11,780,836
Intergovernmental Transfers	$9,421,056	$9,421,056	$9,421,056	$9,421,056
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$9,421,056	$9,421,056	$9,421,056	$9,421,056
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$728,575	$728,575	$728,575	$728,575
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$728,575	$728,575	$728,575	$728,575
Sales and Services	$1,631,205	$1,631,205	$1,631,205	$1,631,205
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,631,205	$1,631,205	$1,631,205	$1,631,205
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,560,417	$20,560,417	$20,504,709	$20,560,417

Georgia Archives **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain the state's archives; document and interpret the history of the Georgia State Capitol building; and assist State Agencies with adequately documenting their activities, administering their records management programs, scheduling their records, and transferring their non-current records to the State Records Center.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,567,521	$4,567,521	$4,567,521	$4,567,521
State General Funds	$4,567,521	$4,567,521	$4,567,521	$4,567,521
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,176,115	$1,176,115	$1,176,115	$1,176,115
Intergovernmental Transfers	$140,115	$140,115	$140,115	$140,115
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$140,115	$140,115	$140,115	$140,115
Sales and Services	$1,036,000	$1,036,000	$1,036,000	$1,036,000

Record Center Storage Fees	$912,482	$912,482	$912,482	$912,482
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$123,518	$123,518	$123,518	$123,518
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,743,636	$5,743,636	$5,743,636	$5,743,636

282.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$51,672	$51,672	$32,295	$51,672

282.1000 Georgia Archives **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain the state's archives; document and interpret the history of the Georgia State Capitol building; and assist State Agencies with adequately documenting their activities, administering their records management programs, scheduling their records, and transferring their non-current records to the State Records Center.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,619,193	$4,619,193	$4,599,816	$4,619,193
State General Funds	$4,619,193	$4,619,193	$4,599,816	$4,619,193
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,176,115	$1,176,115	$1,176,115	$1,176,115
Intergovernmental Transfers	$140,115	$140,115	$140,115	$140,115
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$140,115	$140,115	$140,115	$140,115
Sales and Services	$1,036,000	$1,036,000	$1,036,000	$1,036,000
Record Center Storage Fees	$912,482	$912,482	$912,482	$912,482
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$123,518	$123,518	$123,518	$123,518
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,795,308	$5,795,308	$5,775,931	$5,795,308

Georgia Cyber Innovation and Training Center **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance cybersecurity technology for private and public industries through unique education, training, research, and practical applications.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,013,318	$2,013,318	$2,013,318	$2,013,318
State General Funds	$2,013,318	$2,013,318	$2,013,318	$2,013,318
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$199,458	$199,458	$199,458	$199,458
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$199,458	$199,458	$199,458	$199,458
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,999,550	$1,999,550	$1,999,550	$1,999,550
Intergovernmental Transfers	$194,560	$194,560	$194,560	$194,560
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$194,560	$194,560	$194,560	$194,560
Sales and Services	$1,804,990	$1,804,990	$1,804,990	$1,804,990
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,804,990	$1,804,990	$1,804,990	$1,804,990
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,212,326	$4,212,326	$4,212,326	$4,212,326

283.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$49,519	$49,519	$30,950	$49,519

283.1000 Georgia Cyber Innovation and Training Center **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance cybersecurity technology for private and public industries through unique education, training, research, and practical applications.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,062,837	$2,062,837	$2,044,268	$2,062,837
State General Funds	$2,062,837	$2,062,837	$2,044,268	$2,062,837
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$199,458	$199,458	$199,458	$199,458
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$199,458	$199,458	$199,458	$199,458
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,999,550	$1,999,550	$1,999,550	$1,999,550
Intergovernmental Transfers	$194,560	$194,560	$194,560	$194,560
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$194,560	$194,560	$194,560	$194,560
Sales and Services	$1,804,990	$1,804,990	$1,804,990	$1,804,990
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,804,990	$1,804,990	$1,804,990	$1,804,990
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,261,845	$4,261,845	$4,243,276	$4,261,845

Georgia Research Alliance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand research and commercialization capacity in public and private universities in Georgia to launch new companies and create jobs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,138,976	$5,138,976	$5,138,976	$5,138,976
State General Funds	$5,138,976	$5,138,976	$5,138,976	$5,138,976
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,138,976	$5,138,976	$5,138,976	$5,138,976

284.1000 Georgia Research Alliance **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand research and commercialization capacity in public and private universities in Georgia to launch new companies and create jobs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,138,976	$5,138,976	$5,138,976	$5,138,976
State General Funds	$5,138,976	$5,138,976	$5,138,976	$5,138,976
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,138,976	$5,138,976	$5,138,976	$5,138,976

Georgia Tech Research Institute **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding to laboratories and research centers affiliated with the Georgia Institute of Technology whose scientific, engineering, industrial, or policy research promotes economic development, health, and safety in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,534,889	$7,534,889	$7,534,889	$7,534,889
State General Funds	$7,534,889	$7,534,889	$7,534,889	$7,534,889

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$665,160,311	$665,160,311	$665,160,311	$665,160,311
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$665,160,311	$665,160,311	$665,160,311	$665,160,311
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$379,613,855	$379,613,855	$379,613,855	$379,613,855
Intergovernmental Transfers	$17,955,922	$17,955,922	$17,955,922	$17,955,922
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$17,955,922	$17,955,922	$17,955,922	$17,955,922
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$353,058,598	$353,058,598	$353,058,598	$353,058,598
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$353,058,598	$353,058,598	$353,058,598	$353,058,598
Sales and Services	$8,599,335	$8,599,335	$8,599,335	$8,599,335
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,599,335	$8,599,335	$8,599,335	$8,599,335
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,052,309,055	$1,052,309,055	$1,052,309,055	$1,052,309,055

285.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$5,429,866	$5,429,866	$3,393,667	$5,429,866

285.1000 Georgia Tech Research Institute **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding to laboratories and research centers affiliated with the Georgia Institute of Technology whose scientific, engineering, industrial, or policy research promotes economic development, health, and safety in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,964,755	$12,964,755	$10,928,556	$12,964,755
State General Funds	$12,964,755	$12,964,755	$10,928,556	$12,964,755
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$665,160,311	$665,160,311	$665,160,311	$665,160,311
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$665,160,311	$665,160,311	$665,160,311	$665,160,311
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$379,613,855	$379,613,855	$379,613,855	$379,613,855
Intergovernmental Transfers	$17,955,922	$17,955,922	$17,955,922	$17,955,922
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$17,955,922	$17,955,922	$17,955,922	$17,955,922
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$353,058,598	$353,058,598	$353,058,598	$353,058,598
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$353,058,598	$353,058,598	$353,058,598	$353,058,598
Sales and Services	$8,599,335	$8,599,335	$8,599,335	$8,599,335
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,599,335	$8,599,335	$8,599,335	$8,599,335
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,057,738,921	$1,057,738,921	$1,055,702,722	$1,057,738,921

Marine Institute **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support research on coastal processes involving the unique ecosystems of the Georgia coastline and to provide access and facilities for graduate and undergraduate classes to conduct field research on the Georgia coast.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,177,550	$1,177,550	$1,177,550	$1,177,550
State General Funds	$1,177,550	$1,177,550	$1,177,550	$1,177,550
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$461,183	$461,183	$461,183	$461,183

Intergovernmental Transfers	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$93,333	$93,333	$93,333	$93,333
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$93,333	$93,333	$93,333	$93,333
Sales and Services	$67,850	$67,850	$67,850	$67,850
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$67,850	$67,850	$67,850	$67,850
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,638,733	$1,638,733	$1,638,733	$1,638,733

286.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$27,989	$27,989	$17,494	$27,989

286.1000 Marine Institute **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support research on coastal processes involving the unique ecosystems of the Georgia coastline and to provide access and facilities for graduate and undergraduate classes to conduct field research on the Georgia coast.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,205,539	$1,205,539	$1,195,044	$1,205,539
State General Funds	$1,205,539	$1,205,539	$1,195,044	$1,205,539
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$461,183	$461,183	$461,183	$461,183
Intergovernmental Transfers	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$93,333	$93,333	$93,333	$93,333
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$93,333	$93,333	$93,333	$93,333
Sales and Services	$67,850	$67,850	$67,850	$67,850
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$67,850	$67,850	$67,850	$67,850
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,666,722	$1,666,722	$1,656,227	$1,666,722

Marine Resources Extension Center **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund outreach, education, and research to enhance coastal environmental and economic sustainability.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,806,088	$1,806,088	$1,806,088	$1,806,088
State General Funds	$1,806,088	$1,806,088	$1,806,088	$1,806,088
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,278,001	$1,278,001	$1,278,001	$1,278,001
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,278,001	$1,278,001	$1,278,001	$1,278,001
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,921,999	$1,921,999	$1,921,999	$1,921,999
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,121,999	$1,121,999	$1,121,999	$1,121,999
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$1,121,999	$1,121,999	$1,121,999	$1,121,999
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000

Sales and Services	$650,000	$650,000	$650,000	$650,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$650,000	$650,000	$650,000	$650,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,006,088	$5,006,088	$5,006,088	$5,006,088

287.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$71,049	$71,049	$44,406	$71,049

287.1000 Marine Resources Extension Center **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund outreach, education, and research to enhance coastal environmental and economic sustainability.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,877,137	$1,877,137	$1,850,494	$1,877,137
State General Funds	$1,877,137	$1,877,137	$1,850,494	$1,877,137
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,278,001	$1,278,001	$1,278,001	$1,278,001
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,278,001	$1,278,001	$1,278,001	$1,278,001
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,921,999	$1,921,999	$1,921,999	$1,921,999
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,121,999	$1,121,999	$1,121,999	$1,121,999
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$1,121,999	$1,121,999	$1,121,999	$1,121,999
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services	$650,000	$650,000	$650,000	$650,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$650,000	$650,000	$650,000	$650,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,077,137	$5,077,137	$5,050,494	$5,077,137

Medical College of Georgia Hospital and Clinics **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support graduate medical education at the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University and provide patient care, including ambulatory, trauma, cancer, neonatal intensive, and emergency and express care.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$37,328,820	$37,328,820	$37,328,820	$37,328,820
State General Funds	$37,328,820	$37,328,820	$37,328,820	$37,328,820
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$37,328,820	$37,328,820	$37,328,820	$37,328,820

288.1 *Increase funds to expand the current partnership with Clark Atlanta University for prostate cancer research.*

State General Funds		$200,000	$200,000	$100,000

288.1000 Medical College of Georgia Hospital and Clinics **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support graduate medical education at the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University and provide patient care, including ambulatory, trauma, cancer, neonatal intensive, and emergency and express care.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$37,328,820	$37,528,820	$37,528,820	$37,428,820
State General Funds	$37,328,820	$37,528,820	$37,528,820	$37,428,820
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$37,328,820	$37,528,820	$37,528,820	$37,428,820

Public Libraries **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to award grants from the Public Library Fund, promote literacy, and provide library services that facilitate access to information for all Georgians regardless of geographic location or special needs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,671,821	$52,671,821	$52,671,821	$52,671,821
State General Funds	$52,671,821	$52,671,821	$52,671,821	$52,671,821
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,082,311	$4,082,311	$4,082,311	$4,082,311
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$4,082,311	$4,082,311	$4,082,311	$4,082,311
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$56,754,132	$56,754,132	$56,754,132	$56,754,132

289.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$114,109	$114,109	$450,785	$721,255

289.2 *Increase funds for the Public Information Network for Electronic Services (PINES) program to offset the rising cost burden of providing increased access to library resources to residents throughout the state.*

State General Funds		$146,233	$146,233	$146,233

289.1000 Public Libraries **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to award grants from the Public Library Fund, promote literacy, and provide library services that facilitate access to information for all Georgians regardless of geographic location or special needs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,785,930	$52,932,163	$53,268,839	$53,539,309
State General Funds	$52,785,930	$52,932,163	$53,268,839	$53,539,309
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,082,311	$4,082,311	$4,082,311	$4,082,311
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$4,082,311	$4,082,311	$4,082,311	$4,082,311
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$56,868,241	$57,014,474	$57,351,150	$57,621,620

Public Service / Special Funding Initiatives **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund leadership, service, and education initiatives that require funding beyond what is provided by formula.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$35,567,095	$35,567,095	$35,567,095	$35,567,095
State General Funds	$35,567,095	$35,567,095	$35,567,095	$35,567,095
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$35,567,095	$35,567,095	$35,567,095	$35,567,095

290.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$415,529	$415,529	$259,706	$415,529

290.2 *Increase funds for one-time funding to establish a robotics academy at the Savannah campus of the Georgia Institute of Technology.*

State General Funds				$10,000,000

290.1000 Public Service / Special Funding Initiatives **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund leadership, service, and education initiatives that require funding beyond what is provided by formula.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$35,982,624	$35,982,624	$35,826,801	$45,982,624
State General Funds	$35,982,624	$35,982,624	$35,826,801	$45,982,624
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$35,982,624	$35,982,624	$35,826,801	$45,982,624

Regents Central Office **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to institutions of the University System of Georgia and to fund membership in the Southern Regional Education Board.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,385,591	$11,385,591	$11,385,591	$11,385,591
State General Funds	$11,385,591	$11,385,591	$11,385,591	$11,385,591
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
Sales and Services	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,705,591	$11,705,591	$11,705,591	$11,705,591

291.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$81,814	$81,814	$51,134	$81,814

291.2 *Add funds for state match for endowment ($300,000,000) and scholarship funds ($25,000,000) for the needs-based DREAMS Scholarship program. (H and S:Add funds for state match for endowment for the needs-based DREAMS Scholarship program)(CC:YES; Recognize funds for the needs-based DREAMS scholarship program in the Georgia Student Finance Commission)*

State General Funds	$325,000,000	$300,000,000	$100,000,000	$0

291.3 *Reduce funds based on delayed implementation of alternative college admissions tests.*

State General Funds		($15,000)	($15,000)	($15,000)

291.4 *Increase funds to support GALILEO access.*

State General Funds		$67,000	$105,770	$105,770

291.1000 Regents Central Office			**Appropriation (HB 973)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to institutions of the University System of Georgia and to fund membership in the Southern Regional Education Board.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$336,467,405	$311,519,405	$111,527,495	$11,558,175
State General Funds	$336,467,405	$311,519,405	$111,527,495	$11,558,175
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
Sales and Services	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$336,787,405	$311,839,405	$111,847,495	$11,878,175

Skidaway Institute of Oceanography			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund research and educational programs regarding marine and ocean science and aquatic environments.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,423,225	$3,423,225	$3,423,225	$3,423,225
State General Funds	$3,423,225	$3,423,225	$3,423,225	$3,423,225
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,811,440	$3,811,440	$3,811,440	$3,811,440
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,811,440	$3,811,440	$3,811,440	$3,811,440
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,061,472	$3,061,472	$3,061,472	$3,061,472
Intergovernmental Transfers	$939,180	$939,180	$939,180	$939,180
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$939,180	$939,180	$939,180	$939,180
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
Sales and Services	$1,572,292	$1,572,292	$1,572,292	$1,572,292
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,572,292	$1,572,292	$1,572,292	$1,572,292
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,296,137	$10,296,137	$10,296,137	$10,296,137

292.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$94,732	$94,732	$59,208	$94,732

292.1000 Skidaway Institute of Oceanography			**Appropriation (HB 973)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund research and educational programs regarding marine and ocean science and aquatic environments.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,517,957	$3,517,957	$3,482,433	$3,517,957
State General Funds	$3,517,957	$3,517,957	$3,482,433	$3,517,957
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,811,440	$3,811,440	$3,811,440	$3,811,440
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,811,440	$3,811,440	$3,811,440	$3,811,440
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,061,472	$3,061,472	$3,061,472	$3,061,472
Intergovernmental Transfers	$939,180	$939,180	$939,180	$939,180

University System of Georgia Research Funds	$939,180	$939,180	$939,180	$939,180
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
Sales and Services	$1,572,292	$1,572,292	$1,572,292	$1,572,292
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,572,292	$1,572,292	$1,572,292	$1,572,292
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,390,869	$10,390,869	$10,355,345	$10,390,869

Teaching **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds to the Board of Regents for annual allocations to University System of Georgia institutions for student instruction and to establish and operate other initiatives that promote, support, or extend student learning.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,282,472,916	$3,282,472,916	$3,282,472,916	$3,282,472,916
State General Funds	$3,282,472,916	$3,282,472,916	$3,282,472,916	$3,282,472,916
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,451,294,435	$1,451,294,435	$1,451,294,435	$1,451,294,435
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,451,294,435	$1,451,294,435	$1,451,294,435	$1,451,294,435
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,494,754,298	$4,494,754,298	$4,494,754,298	$4,494,754,298
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,262,405,655	$1,262,405,655	$1,262,405,655	$1,262,405,655
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$1,033,488,035	$1,033,488,035	$1,033,488,035	$1,033,488,035
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$228,917,620	$228,917,620	$228,917,620	$228,917,620
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$180,155,064	$180,155,064	$180,155,064	$180,155,064
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$180,155,064	$180,155,064	$180,155,064	$180,155,064
Sales and Services	$3,052,193,579	$3,052,193,579	$3,052,193,579	$3,052,193,579
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$354,292,365	$354,292,365	$354,292,365	$354,292,365
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$2,697,901,214	$2,697,901,214	$2,697,901,214	$2,697,901,214
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,228,521,649	$9,228,521,649	$9,228,521,649	$9,228,521,649

293.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$94,514,547	$94,514,547	$59,071,592	$93,646,888

293.1000 Teaching **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds to the Board of Regents for annual allocations to University System of Georgia institutions for student instruction and to establish and operate other initiatives that promote, support, or extend student learning.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,376,987,463	$3,376,987,463	$3,341,544,508	$3,376,119,804
State General Funds	$3,376,987,463	$3,376,987,463	$3,341,544,508	$3,376,119,804
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,451,294,435	$1,451,294,435	$1,451,294,435	$1,451,294,435
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,451,294,435	$1,451,294,435	$1,451,294,435	$1,451,294,435
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,494,754,298	$4,494,754,298	$4,494,754,298	$4,494,754,298

Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,262,405,655	$1,262,405,655	$1,262,405,655	$1,262,405,655
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$1,033,488,035	$1,033,488,035	$1,033,488,035	$1,033,488,035
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$228,917,620	$228,917,620	$228,917,620	$228,917,620
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$180,155,064	$180,155,064	$180,155,064	$180,155,064
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$180,155,064	$180,155,064	$180,155,064	$180,155,064
Sales and Services	$3,052,193,579	$3,052,193,579	$3,052,193,579	$3,052,193,579
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$354,292,365	$354,292,365	$354,292,365	$354,292,365
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$2,697,901,214	$2,697,901,214	$2,697,901,214	$2,697,901,214
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,323,036,196	$9,323,036,196	$9,287,593,241	$9,322,168,537

Veterinary Medicine Experiment Station **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and conduct research at the University of Georgia on animal disease problems of present and potential concern to Georgia's livestock and poultry industries and to provide training and education in disease research, surveillance, and intervention.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,346,504	$5,346,504	$5,346,504	$5,346,504
State General Funds	$5,346,504	$5,346,504	$5,346,504	$5,346,504
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,058,178	$1,058,178	$1,058,178	$1,058,178
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,058,178	$1,058,178	$1,058,178	$1,058,178
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,191,822	$2,191,822	$2,191,822	$2,191,822
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,191,822	$2,191,822	$2,191,822	$2,191,822
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$2,191,822	$2,191,822	$2,191,822	$2,191,822
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,596,504	$8,596,504	$8,596,504	$8,596,504

294.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$77,508	$77,508	$48,443	$77,508

294.1000 Veterinary Medicine Experiment Station **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and conduct research at the University of Georgia on animal disease problems of present and potential concern to Georgia's livestock and poultry industries and to provide training and education in disease research, surveillance, and intervention.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,424,012	$5,424,012	$5,394,947	$5,424,012
State General Funds	$5,424,012	$5,424,012	$5,394,947	$5,424,012
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,058,178	$1,058,178	$1,058,178	$1,058,178
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,058,178	$1,058,178	$1,058,178	$1,058,178
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,191,822	$2,191,822	$2,191,822	$2,191,822
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,191,822	$2,191,822	$2,191,822	$2,191,822
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$2,191,822	$2,191,822	$2,191,822	$2,191,822
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,674,012	$8,674,012	$8,644,947	$8,674,012

Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide clinical instruction for veterinary medicine students, support research that enhances the health and welfare of production and companion animals in Georgia, and address the shortage of veterinarians in Georgia and the nation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$600,851	$600,851	$600,851	$600,851
State General Funds	$600,851	$600,851	$600,851	$600,851
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$34,000,000	$34,000,000	$34,000,000	$34,000,000
Sales and Services	$34,000,000	$34,000,000	$34,000,000	$34,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$34,000,000	$34,000,000	$34,000,000	$34,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$34,600,851	$34,600,851	$34,600,851	$34,600,851

295.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$456,436	$456,436	$285,273	$456,436

295.1000 Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide clinical instruction for veterinary medicine students, support research that enhances the health and welfare of production and companion animals in Georgia, and address the shortage of veterinarians in Georgia and the nation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,057,287	$1,057,287	$886,124	$1,057,287
State General Funds	$1,057,287	$1,057,287	$886,124	$1,057,287
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$34,000,000	$34,000,000	$34,000,000	$34,000,000
Sales and Services	$34,000,000	$34,000,000	$34,000,000	$34,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$34,000,000	$34,000,000	$34,000,000	$34,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$35,057,287	$35,057,287	$34,886,124	$35,057,287

Payments to Georgia Commission on the Holocaust **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to teach the lessons of the Holocaust to present and future generations of Georgians in order to create an awareness of the enormity of the crimes of prejudice and inhumanity.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$627,460	$627,460	$627,460	$627,460
State General Funds	$627,460	$627,460	$627,460	$627,460
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$627,460	$627,460	$627,460	$627,460

296.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$6,459	$6,459	$4,037	$6,459

296.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($1,861)	($1,861)	($3,722)

296.1000 Payments to Georgia Commission on the Holocaust **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to teach the lessons of the Holocaust to present and future generations of Georgians in order to create an awareness of the enormity of the crimes of prejudice and inhumanity.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$633,919	$632,058	$629,636	$630,197
State General Funds	$633,919	$632,058	$629,636	$630,197
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$633,919	$632,058	$629,636	$630,197

Payments to Georgia Military College Junior Military College **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for Georgia Military College's Junior Military College and pooled expenses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,939,264	$3,939,264	$3,939,264	$3,939,264
State General Funds	$3,939,264	$3,939,264	$3,939,264	$3,939,264
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,939,264	$3,939,264	$3,939,264	$3,939,264

297.1000 Payments to Georgia Military College Junior Military College **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for Georgia Military College's Junior Military College and pooled expenses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,939,264	$3,939,264	$3,939,264	$3,939,264
State General Funds	$3,939,264	$3,939,264	$3,939,264	$3,939,264
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,939,264	$3,939,264	$3,939,264	$3,939,264

Payments to Georgia Military College Preparatory School **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide quality basic education funding for grades kindergarten through twelve at Georgia Military College's Preparatory School.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,457,184	$6,457,184	$6,457,184	$6,457,184
State General Funds	$6,457,184	$6,457,184	$6,457,184	$6,457,184
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,457,184	$6,457,184	$6,457,184	$6,457,184

298.1000 Payments to Georgia Military College Preparatory School **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide quality basic education funding for grades kindergarten through twelve at Georgia Military College's Preparatory School.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,457,184	$6,457,184	$6,457,184	$6,457,184
State General Funds	$6,457,184	$6,457,184	$6,457,184	$6,457,184
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,457,184	$6,457,184	$6,457,184	$6,457,184

Payments to Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to create, produce, and distribute high quality programs and services that educate, inform, and entertain audiences, and enrich the quality of their lives.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,271,993	$13,271,993	$13,271,993	$13,271,993
State General Funds	$13,271,993	$13,271,993	$13,271,993	$13,271,993
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,271,993	$13,271,993	$13,271,993	$13,271,993

299.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$247,595	$247,595	$154,747	$236,830

299.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($36,522)	($36,522)	($73,044)

299.1000 Payments to Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to create, produce, and distribute high quality programs and services that educate, inform, and entertain audiences, and enrich the quality of their lives.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,519,588	$13,483,066	$13,390,218	$13,435,779
State General Funds	$13,519,588	$13,483,066	$13,390,218	$13,435,779
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,519,588	$13,483,066	$13,390,218	$13,435,779

Section 42: Revenue, Department of

Section Total - Continuation

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$243,463,186	$243,463,186	$243,463,186	$243,463,186
State General Funds	$240,354,432	$240,354,432	$240,354,432	$240,354,432
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$433,783	$433,783	$433,783	$433,783
Fireworks Trust Funds	$2,674,971	$2,674,971	$2,674,971	$2,674,971
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,058,059	$1,058,059	$1,058,059	$1,058,059
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$687,912	$687,912	$687,912	$687,912
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671
Sales and Services	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$246,768,916	$246,768,916	$246,768,916	$246,768,916

	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$264,551,596	$264,120,454	$263,337,305	$1,113,616,110
State General Funds	$261,442,842	$261,011,700	$260,228,551	$1,110,507,356
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$433,783	$433,783	$433,783	$433,783
Fireworks Trust Funds	$2,674,971	$2,674,971	$2,674,971	$2,674,971
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,058,059	$1,058,059	$1,058,059	$1,058,059
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$687,912	$687,912	$687,912	$687,912
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671
Sales and Services	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$267,857,326	$267,426,184	$266,643,035	$1,116,921,840

Departmental Administration (DOR) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer and enforce the tax laws of the State of Georgia and provide general support services to the operating programs of the Department of Revenue.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,348,537	$14,348,537	$14,348,537	$14,348,537
State General Funds	$14,348,537	$14,348,537	$14,348,537	$14,348,537
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,348,537	$14,348,537	$14,348,537	$14,348,537

300.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$165,781	$165,781	$103,614	$161,475

300.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($45,208)	($45,208)	($90,416)

300.1000 Departmental Administration (DOR) **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer and enforce the tax laws of the State of Georgia and provide general support services to the operating programs of the Department of Revenue.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,514,318	$14,469,110	$14,406,943	$14,419,596
State General Funds	$14,514,318	$14,469,110	$14,406,943	$14,419,596
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,514,318	$14,469,110	$14,406,943	$14,419,596

Forestland Protection Grants **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide reimbursement for forestland conservation use property and qualified timberland property to counties, municipalities, and school districts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$33,989,695	$33,989,695	$33,989,695	$33,989,695
State General Funds	$33,989,695	$33,989,695	$33,989,695	$33,989,695
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$33,989,695	$33,989,695	$33,989,695	$33,989,695

301.1 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($3,800)	($3,800)	($7,600)

301.1000 Forestland Protection Grants **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide reimbursement for forestland conservation use property and qualified timberland property to counties, municipalities, and school districts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$33,989,695	$33,985,895	$33,985,895	$33,982,095
State General Funds	$33,989,695	$33,985,895	$33,985,895	$33,982,095
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$33,989,695	$33,985,895	$33,985,895	$33,982,095

Industry Regulation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of the distribution, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages and tobacco products.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,921,056	$9,921,056	$9,921,056	$9,921,056
State General Funds	$9,487,273	$9,487,273	$9,487,273	$9,487,273
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$433,783	$433,783	$433,783	$433,783
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887
Sales and Services	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,777,090	$10,777,090	$10,777,090	$10,777,090

302.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$152,863	$152,863	$95,540	$150,710

302.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($31,248)	($31,248)	($62,496)

302.1000 Industry Regulation				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of the distribution, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages and tobacco products.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,073,919	$10,042,671	$9,985,348	$10,009,270
State General Funds	$9,640,136	$9,608,888	$9,551,565	$9,575,487
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$433,783	$433,783	$433,783	$433,783
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887
Sales and Services	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,929,953	$10,898,705	$10,841,382	$10,865,304

Local Government Services			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local tax officials with the administration of state tax laws and administer the unclaimed property unit.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$24,537,013	$24,537,013	$24,537,013	$24,537,013
State General Funds	$21,862,042	$21,862,042	$21,862,042	$21,862,042
Fireworks Trust Funds	$2,674,971	$2,674,971	$2,674,971	$2,674,971
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000
Sales and Services	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,957,013	$24,957,013	$24,957,013	$24,957,013

303.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$122,721	$122,721	$76,701	$111,956

303.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($13,090)	($13,090)	($26,180)

303.1000 Local Government Services				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local tax officials with the administration of state tax laws and administer the unclaimed property unit.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$24,659,734	$24,646,644	$24,600,624	$24,622,789
State General Funds	$21,984,763	$21,971,673	$21,925,653	$21,947,818
Fireworks Trust Funds	$2,674,971	$2,674,971	$2,674,971	$2,674,971
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000
Sales and Services	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$25,079,734	$25,066,644	$25,020,624	$25,042,789

Local Tax Officials Retirement and FICA			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide state retirement benefits and employer share of FICA to local tax officials.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,169,007	$9,169,007	$9,169,007	$9,169,007
State General Funds	$9,169,007	$9,169,007	$9,169,007	$9,169,007
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,169,007	$9,169,007	$9,169,007	$9,169,007

304.1000 Local Tax Officials Retirement and FICA				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide state retirement benefits and employer share of FICA to local tax officials.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,169,007	$9,169,007	$9,169,007	$9,169,007
State General Funds	$9,169,007	$9,169,007	$9,169,007	$9,169,007
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,169,007	$9,169,007	$9,169,007	$9,169,007

Motor Vehicle Registration and Titling			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to establish motor vehicle ownership by maintaining title and registration records and validate rebuilt vehicles for road-worthiness for new title issuance.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$46,275,032	$46,275,032	$46,275,032	$46,275,032
State General Funds	$46,275,032	$46,275,032	$46,275,032	$46,275,032
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$46,275,032	$46,275,032	$46,275,032	$46,275,032

305.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$236,830	$236,830	$148,019	$228,218

305.2 *Increase funds for a software upgrade to the Driver Record and Integrated Vehicle Enterprise System (DRIVES).*

State General Funds	$6,500,000	$6,500,000	$6,500,000	$6,500,000

305.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($48,178)	($48,178)	($96,356)

305.1000 Motor Vehicle Registration and Titling **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to establish motor vehicle ownership by maintaining title and registration records and validate rebuilt vehicles for road-worthiness for new title issuance.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$53,011,862	$52,963,684	$52,874,873	$52,906,894
State General Funds	$53,011,862	$52,963,684	$52,874,873	$52,906,894
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$53,011,862	$52,963,684	$52,874,873	$52,906,894

Office of Special Investigations **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate fraudulent taxpayer and criminal activities involving department efforts; and conduct checkpoints in areas where reports indicate the use of dyed fuels in on-road vehicles.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,984,179	$5,984,179	$5,984,179	$5,984,179
State General Funds	$5,984,179	$5,984,179	$5,984,179	$5,984,179
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$416,081	$416,081	$416,081	$416,081
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$416,081	$416,081	$416,081	$416,081
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,400,260	$6,400,260	$6,400,260	$6,400,260

306.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$62,437	$62,437	$39,024	$62,437

306.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($12,392)	($12,392)	($24,784)

306.1000 Office of Special Investigations **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate fraudulent taxpayer and criminal activities involving department efforts; and conduct checkpoints in areas where reports indicate the use of dyed fuels in on-road vehicles.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,046,616	$6,034,224	$6,010,811	$6,021,832
State General Funds	$6,046,616	$6,034,224	$6,010,811	$6,021,832
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$416,081	$416,081	$416,081	$416,081

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$416,081	$416,081	$416,081	$416,081
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,462,697	$6,450,305	$6,426,892	$6,437,913

Tax Compliance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to audit tax accounts, ensure compliance, and collect on delinquent accounts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$66,839,660	$66,839,660	$66,839,660	$66,839,660
State General Funds	$66,839,660	$66,839,660	$66,839,660	$66,839,660
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784
Sales and Services	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$68,181,444	$68,181,444	$68,181,444	$68,181,444

307.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$882,730	$882,730	$551,707	$852,588

307.2 *Increase funds for a software upgrade to the Integrated Tax System (ITS).*

State General Funds	$12,500,000	$12,500,000	$12,500,000	$12,500,000

307.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($183,001)	($183,001)	($366,002)

307.1000 Tax Compliance **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to audit tax accounts, ensure compliance, and collect on delinquent accounts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$80,222,390	$80,039,389	$79,708,366	$79,826,246
State General Funds	$80,222,390	$80,039,389	$79,708,366	$79,826,246
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784
Sales and Services	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$81,564,174	$81,381,173	$81,050,150	$81,168,030

Tax Policy **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct all administrative appeals of tax assessments; draft regulations for taxes collected by the department; support the State Board of Equalization; and draft letter rulings and provide research and analysis related to all tax law and policy inquiries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,866,429	$4,866,429	$4,866,429	$4,866,429
State General Funds	$4,866,429	$4,866,429	$4,866,429	$4,866,429
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,866,429	$4,866,429	$4,866,429	$4,866,429

308.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$55,978	$55,978	$34,987	$55,978

308.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($16,337)	($16,337)	($32,674)

308.1000 Tax Policy **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct all administrative appeals of tax assessments; draft regulations for taxes collected by the department; support the State Board of Equalization; and draft letter rulings and provide research and analysis related to all tax law and policy inquiries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,922,407	$4,906,070	$4,885,079	$4,889,733
State General Funds	$4,922,407	$4,906,070	$4,885,079	$4,889,733
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,922,407	$4,906,070	$4,885,079	$4,889,733

Taxpayer Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that all tax payments are processed in accordance with the law; that all returns are reviewed and taxpayer information is recorded accurately; to provide assistance to customer inquiries about the administration of individual income tax, sales and use tax, withholding tax, corporate tax, motor fuel and motor carrier taxes, and all registration functions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,532,578	$27,532,578	$27,532,578	$27,532,578
State General Funds	$27,532,578	$27,532,578	$27,532,578	$27,532,578
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$271,831	$271,831	$271,831	$271,831
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$271,831	$271,831	$271,831	$271,831
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,804,409	$27,804,409	$27,804,409	$27,804,409

309.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$409,070	$409,070	$255,669	$391,846

309.2 *Utilize $1,170,000,000 in prior year undesignated state surplus to provide a one-time additional refund for tax year 2025 of $250 for single filers, $375 for head of household filers, and $500 for married filing jointly. (G:YES)(H:NO; Utilize undesignated state surplus to provide one-time property tax relief for homeowners and permanent relief through the passage of HR1114 (2026 Legislative Session))(S and CC:YES; Utilize $1,170,000,000 in prior*

year undesignated state surplus to provide a one-time additional refund for tax year 2025 of $250 for single filers, $375 for head of household filers, and $500 for married filing jointly)

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

309.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($77,888)	($77,888)	($155,776)

309.1000 Taxpayer Services **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that all tax payments are processed in accordance with the law; that all returns are reviewed and taxpayer information is recorded accurately; to provide assistance to customer inquiries about the administration of individual income tax, sales and use tax, withholding tax, corporate tax, motor fuel and motor carrier taxes, and all registration functions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,941,648	$27,863,760	$27,710,359	$27,768,648
State General Funds	$27,941,648	$27,863,760	$27,710,359	$27,768,648
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$271,831	$271,831	$271,831	$271,831
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$271,831	$271,831	$271,831	$271,831
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$28,213,479	$28,135,591	$27,982,190	$28,040,479

Homeowner Tax Relief Grants (HTRG) **Continuation Budget**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

502.1 *Utilize undesignated state surplus funds ($850,000,000) for the Homeowner Tax Relief Grant (HTRG) program to allow for the maximum exemption on the assessed home value as authorized in the Georgia Constitution Article VII, Section IIA for each qualifying homestead for the tax year beginning January 1, 2026. (H:YES)(S:YES)(CC:Increase funds for the Homeowner Tax Relief Grant (HTRG) program to allow for the maximum exemption on the assessed home value as authorized in the Georgia Constitution Article VII, Section IIA for each qualifying homestead for the tax year beginning January 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$850,000,000

502.999 ***CC****: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide homeowner tax relief grants to counties and local school districts, the eligible assessed value of each qualified homestead in the state shall be $18,000 for the taxable year beginning January 1, 2026 and is separate and distinct from the homestead exemption of $2,000 in O.C.G.A. 48-5-44.*

Senate*: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide homeowner tax relief grants to counties and local school districts, the eligible assessed value of each qualified homestead in the state shall be $18,000 for the taxable year beginning January 1, 2026 and is separate and distinct from the homestead exemption of $2,000 in O.C.G.A. 48-5-44.*

House*: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide homeowner tax relief grants to counties and local school districts, the eligible assessed value of*

each qualified homestead in the state shall be $18,000 for the taxable year beginning January 1, 2026 and is separate and distinct from the homestead exemption of $2,000 in O.C.G.A. 48-5-44.

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

502.1000 Homeowner Tax Relief Grants (HTRG) **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide homeowner tax relief grants to counties and local school districts, the eligible assessed value of each qualified homestead in the state shall be $18,000 for the taxable year beginning January 1, 2026 and is separate and distinct from the homestead exemption of $2,000 in O.C.G.A. 48-5-44.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$850,000,000
State General Funds	$0	$0	$850,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$0	$0	$850,000,000

Section 43: Secretary of State

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$35,895,388	$35,895,388	$35,895,388	$35,895,388
State General Funds	$35,895,388	$35,895,388	$35,895,388	$35,895,388
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$98,227	$98,227	$98,227	$98,227
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$98,227	$98,227	$98,227	$98,227
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$18,655,500	$18,655,500	$18,655,500	$18,655,500
Sales and Services	$18,655,500	$18,655,500	$18,655,500	$18,655,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$18,655,500	$18,655,500	$18,655,500	$18,655,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$54,649,115	$54,649,115	$54,649,115	$54,649,115
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$42,784,370	$57,681,609	$57,988,244	$58,066,870
State General Funds	$42,784,370	$57,681,609	$57,988,244	$58,066,870
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$98,227	$98,227	$98,227	$98,227
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$98,227	$98,227	$98,227	$98,227
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$18,655,500	$18,655,500	$18,655,500	$18,655,500
Sales and Services	$18,655,500	$18,655,500	$18,655,500	$18,655,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$18,655,500	$18,655,500	$18,655,500	$18,655,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$61,538,097	$76,435,336	$76,741,971	$76,820,597

Corporations **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to accept and review filings made pursuant to statutes; to issue certifications of records on file; and to provide general information to the public on all filed entities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000

Sales and Services	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000

310.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$73,202	$73,202	$45,752	$66,743

310.1000 Corporations **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to accept and review filings made pursuant to statutes; to issue certifications of records on file; and to provide general information to the public on all filed entities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$73,202	$73,202	$45,752	$66,743
State General Funds	$73,202	$73,202	$45,752	$66,743
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000
Sales and Services	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,073,202	$15,073,202	$15,045,752	$15,066,743

Elections **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer all duties imposed upon the Secretary of State by providing all required filing and public information services, performing all certification and commissioning duties required by law, and assisting candidates, local governments, and citizens in interpreting and complying with all election, voter registration, and financial disclosure laws.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,297,307	$8,297,307	$8,297,307	$8,297,307
State General Funds	$8,297,307	$8,297,307	$8,297,307	$8,297,307
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$98,227	$98,227	$98,227	$98,227
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$98,227	$98,227	$98,227	$98,227
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,445,534	$8,445,534	$8,445,534	$8,445,534

311.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$68,896	$68,896	$43,060	$60,284

311.2 *Increase funds to utilize text-based ballot scanning technology for vote tabulation for compliance with SB189 (2024 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000

311.3 *Increase funds for a hand recount of ballots in statewide elections in the 2026 election cycle.*

State General Funds	$5,000,000	$5,000,000	$5,000,000	$5,000,000

311.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($15,321)	($15,321)	($30,642)

311.5 *Increase funds for grants to county election offices.*

State General Funds		$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000

311.1000 Elections **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer all duties imposed upon the Secretary of State by providing all required filing and public information services, performing all certification and commissioning duties required by law, and assisting candidates, local governments, and citizens in interpreting and complying with all election, voter registration, and financial disclosure laws.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,166,203	$30,150,882	$30,125,046	$30,126,949
State General Funds	$15,166,203	$30,150,882	$30,125,046	$30,126,949
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$98,227	$98,227	$98,227	$98,227
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$98,227	$98,227	$98,227	$98,227
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,314,430	$30,299,109	$30,273,273	$30,275,176

Investigations **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the laws and regulations related to professional licenses, elections, and securities; to investigate complaints; and to conduct inspections of applicants and existing license holders.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,373,179	$4,373,179	$4,373,179	$4,373,179
State General Funds	$4,373,179	$4,373,179	$4,373,179	$4,373,179
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,373,179	$4,373,179	$4,373,179	$4,373,179

312.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$77,508	$77,508	$48,443	$77,508

312.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($18,853)	($18,853)	($37,706)

312.1000 Investigations				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the laws and regulations related to professional licenses, elections, and securities; to investigate complaints; and to conduct inspections of applicants and existing license holders.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,450,687	$4,431,834	$4,402,769	$4,412,981
State General Funds	$4,450,687	$4,431,834	$4,402,769	$4,412,981
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,450,687	$4,431,834	$4,402,769	$4,412,981

Office Administration (SOS)				**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the Office of Secretary of State and its attached agencies.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,476,378	$3,476,378	$3,476,378	$3,476,378
State General Funds	$3,476,378	$3,476,378	$3,476,378	$3,476,378
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500
Sales and Services	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,481,878	$3,481,878	$3,481,878	$3,481,878

313.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$62,437	$62,437	$39,024	$58,131

313.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($10,236)	($10,236)	($20,472)

313.1000 Office Administration (SOS)				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the Office of Secretary of State and its attached agencies.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,538,815	$3,528,579	$3,505,166	$3,514,037
State General Funds	$3,538,815	$3,528,579	$3,505,166	$3,514,037
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500
Sales and Services	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,544,315	$3,534,079	$3,510,666	$3,519,537

Professional Licensing Boards **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public health and welfare by supporting all operations of Boards which license professions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,628,027	$10,628,027	$10,628,027	$10,628,027
State General Funds	$10,628,027	$10,628,027	$10,628,027	$10,628,027
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
Sales and Services	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,128,027	$13,128,027	$13,128,027	$13,128,027

314.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$247,595	$247,595	$154,747	$226,065

314.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($34,360)	($34,360)	($68,720)

314.1000 Professional Licensing Boards **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public health and welfare by supporting all operations of Boards which license professions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,875,622	$10,841,262	$10,748,414	$10,785,372
State General Funds	$10,875,622	$10,841,262	$10,748,414	$10,785,372
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
Sales and Services	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,375,622	$13,341,262	$13,248,414	$13,285,372

Securities **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the administration and enforcement of the Georgia Securities Act, the Georgia Charitable Solicitations Act, and the Georgia Cemetery Act. Functions under each act include registration, examination, investigation, and administrative enforcement actions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,179,844	$1,179,844	$1,179,844	$1,179,844
State General Funds	$1,179,844	$1,179,844	$1,179,844	$1,179,844
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Sales and Services	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,179,844	$2,179,844	$2,179,844	$2,179,844

315.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$27,989	$27,989	$17,494	$21,530

315.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($3,794)	($3,794)	($7,588)

315.1000 Securities **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the administration and enforcement of the Georgia Securities Act, the Georgia Charitable Solicitations Act, and the Georgia Cemetery Act. Functions under each act include registration, examination, investigation, and administrative enforcement actions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,207,833	$1,204,039	$1,193,544	$1,193,786
State General Funds	$1,207,833	$1,204,039	$1,193,544	$1,193,786
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Sales and Services	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,207,833	$2,204,039	$2,193,544	$2,193,786

Special Project - Office Administration (SOS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide start-up funds for the Victim Centered Address Confidentiality Program pursuant to SB324 (2024 Session).

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
State General Funds	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000

316.1000 Special Project - Office Administration (SOS) **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide start-up funds for the Victim Centered Address Confidentiality Program pursuant to SB324 (2024 Session).

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
State General Funds	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000

Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide access to low THC oil for registered Georgia patients by regulating the production, transport, and sale of low THC oil; to develop a network of low THC oil; and to study the use, efficacy, and best practices of low THC oil use in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,806,873	$1,806,873	$1,806,873	$1,806,873
State General Funds	$1,806,873	$1,806,873	$1,806,873	$1,806,873
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,806,873	$1,806,873	$1,806,873	$1,806,873

317.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$17,224	$17,224	$10,765	$17,224

317.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($4,722)	($4,722)	($9,444)

317.1000 Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide access to low THC oil for registered Georgia patients by regulating the production, transport, and sale of low THC oil; to develop a network of low THC oil; and to study the use, efficacy, and best practices of low THC oil use in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,824,097	$1,819,375	$1,812,916	$1,814,653
State General Funds	$1,824,097	$1,819,375	$1,812,916	$1,814,653
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,824,097	$1,819,375	$1,812,916	$1,814,653

Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Board **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for professional engineers and land surveyors.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,361,143	$1,361,143	$1,361,143	$1,361,143
State General Funds	$1,361,143	$1,361,143	$1,361,143	$1,361,143
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,361,143	$1,361,143	$1,361,143	$1,361,143

318.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$17,224	$17,224	$10,765	$15,071

318.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($4,804)	($4,804)	($9,608)

318.1000 Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Board				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for professional engineers and land surveyors.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,378,367	$1,373,563	$1,367,104	$1,366,606
State General Funds	$1,378,367	$1,373,563	$1,367,104	$1,366,606
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,378,367	$1,373,563	$1,367,104	$1,366,606

Real Estate Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for real estate brokers and salespersons, and provide administrative support to the Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board in their administration of the Real Estate Appraisal Act.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,133,354	$3,133,354	$3,133,354	$3,133,354
State General Funds	$3,133,354	$3,133,354	$3,133,354	$3,133,354
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,233,354	$3,233,354	$3,233,354	$3,233,354

319.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$34,448	$34,448	$21,530	$30,142

319.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($8,687)	($8,687)	($17,374)

319.1000 Real Estate Commission				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for real estate brokers and salespersons, and provide administrative support to the Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board in their administration of the Real Estate Appraisal Act.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,167,802	$3,159,115	$3,146,197	$3,146,122
State General Funds	$3,167,802	$3,159,115	$3,146,197	$3,146,122
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,267,802	$3,259,115	$3,246,197	$3,246,122

State Elections Board **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the promulgation and enforcement of rules and regulations related to elections and the investigation of any violations thereof.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,389,283	$1,389,283	$1,389,283	$1,389,283
State General Funds	$1,389,283	$1,389,283	$1,389,283	$1,389,283
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,389,283	$1,389,283	$1,389,283	$1,389,283

320.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$6,459	$6,459	$4,037	$4,306

320.2 *Reduce funds to align budget with projected expenditures. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds	($544,000)	($544,000)	$0	$0

320.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($1,984)	($1,984)	($3,968)

320.1000 State Elections Board **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the promulgation and enforcement of rules and regulations related to elections and the investigation of any violations thereof.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$851,742	$849,758	$1,391,336	$1,389,621
State General Funds	$851,742	$849,758	$1,391,336	$1,389,621
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$851,742	$849,758	$1,391,336	$1,389,621

Section 44: Student Finance Commission and Authority, Georgia

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,394,811,214	$1,394,811,214	$1,394,811,214	$1,394,811,214
State General Funds	$295,364,875	$295,364,875	$295,364,875	$295,364,875
Lottery Proceeds	$1,099,446,339	$1,099,446,339	$1,099,446,339	$1,099,446,339
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,197,899	$5,197,899	$5,197,899	$5,197,899
Reserved Fund Balances	$4,531,699	$4,531,699	$4,531,699	$4,531,699
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$4,531,699	$4,531,699	$4,531,699	$4,531,699
Interest and Investment Income	$158,200	$158,200	$158,200	$158,200
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$158,200	$158,200	$158,200	$158,200
Sales and Services	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,400,009,113	$1,400,009,113	$1,400,009,113	$1,400,009,113

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,340,591,234	$1,335,426,748	$1,341,456,545	$1,659,945,962
State General Funds	$228,703,888	$223,539,402	$223,053,683	$403,054,310
Lottery Proceeds	$1,111,887,346	$1,111,887,346	$1,118,402,862	$1,256,891,652
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,197,899	$5,197,899	$5,197,899	$5,197,899
Reserved Fund Balances	$4,531,699	$4,531,699	$4,531,699	$4,531,699
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$4,531,699	$4,531,699	$4,531,699	$4,531,699
Interest and Investment Income	$158,200	$158,200	$158,200	$158,200
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$158,200	$158,200	$158,200	$158,200
Sales and Services	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,345,789,133	$1,340,624,647	$1,346,654,444	$1,665,143,861

College Completion Grants **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this program is to provide needs-based financial aid to eligible students to complete remaining credential credit requirements.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000

321.1000 College Completion Grants **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this program is to provide needs-based financial aid to eligible students to complete remaining credential credit requirements.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000
Lottery Proceeds	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000

Commission Administration (GSFC) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide scholarships that reward students with financial assistance in degree, diploma, and certificate programs at eligible Georgia public and private colleges and universities, and public technical colleges.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,098,270	$11,098,270	$11,098,270	$11,098,270
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$11,098,270	$11,098,270	$11,098,270	$11,098,270
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$158,200	$158,200	$158,200	$158,200
Interest and Investment Income	$158,200	$158,200	$158,200	$158,200

Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$158,200	$158,200	$158,200	$158,200
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,256,470	$11,256,470	$11,256,470	$11,256,470

322.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

Lottery Proceeds	$245,442	$245,442	$153,401	$238,983

322.1000 Commission Administration (GSFC) **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide scholarships that reward students with financial assistance in degree, diploma, and certificate programs at eligible Georgia public and private colleges and universities, and public technical colleges.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,343,712	$11,343,712	$11,251,671	$11,337,253
Lottery Proceeds	$11,343,712	$11,343,712	$11,251,671	$11,337,253
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$158,200	$158,200	$158,200	$158,200
Interest and Investment Income	$158,200	$158,200	$158,200	$158,200
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$158,200	$158,200	$158,200	$158,200
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,501,912	$11,501,912	$11,409,871	$11,495,453

Dual Enrollment **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to allow students to pursue postsecondary study at approved public and private postsecondary institutions, while receiving dual high school and college credit for courses successfully completed.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$108,732,275	$108,732,275	$108,732,275	$108,732,275
State General Funds	$108,732,275	$108,732,275	$108,732,275	$108,732,275
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$108,732,275	$108,732,275	$108,732,275	$108,732,275

323.1 *Increase funds to meet projected need.*

State General Funds	$18,446,537	$18,446,537	$18,446,537	$18,446,537

323.1000 Dual Enrollment **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to allow students to pursue postsecondary study at approved public and private postsecondary institutions, while receiving dual high school and college credit for courses successfully completed.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$127,178,812	$127,178,812	$127,178,812	$127,178,812
State General Funds	$127,178,812	$127,178,812	$127,178,812	$127,178,812
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$127,178,812	$127,178,812	$127,178,812	$127,178,812

Engineer Scholarship **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forgivable loans to Georgia residents who are engineering students at Mercer University (Macon campus) and retain those students as engineers in the State.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000
State General Funds	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000
324.1 *Reduce funds to meet projected need.*				
State General Funds	($160,000)	($160,000)	($160,000)	($160,000)
324.2 *Reduce funds and utilize reserves to meet the projected need.*				
State General Funds			($378,453)	($378,453)

324.1000 Engineer Scholarship **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forgivable loans to Georgia residents who are engineering students at Mercer University (Macon campus) and retain those students as engineers in the State.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,100,000	$1,100,000	$721,547	$721,547
State General Funds	$1,100,000	$1,100,000	$721,547	$721,547
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,100,000	$1,100,000	$721,547	$721,547

Georgia Military College Scholarship **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend Georgia Military College, thereby strengthening Georgia's National Guard with their membership.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916
State General Funds	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916
325.1 *Increase funds to meet projected need to provide three scholars per congressional district.*				
State General Funds	$439,652	$439,652	$439,652	$439,652

325.1000 Georgia Military College Scholarship **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend Georgia Military College, thereby strengthening Georgia's National Guard with their membership.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,522,568	$1,522,568	$1,522,568	$1,522,568
State General Funds	$1,522,568	$1,522,568	$1,522,568	$1,522,568
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,522,568	$1,522,568	$1,522,568	$1,522,568

HERO Scholarship **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to members of the Georgia National Guard and U.S. Military Reservists who served in combat zones and the spouses and children of such members.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$280,000	$280,000	$280,000	$280,000
State General Funds	$280,000	$280,000	$280,000	$280,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$280,000	$280,000	$280,000	$280,000

326.1 *Reduce funds and utilize reserves to meet the projected need.*

State General Funds		($280,000)	($280,000)	($280,000)

326.1000 HERO Scholarship **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to members of the Georgia National Guard and U.S. Military Reservists who served in combat zones and the spouses and children of such members.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$280,000	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$280,000	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$280,000	$0	$0	$0

HOPE Grant **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to students seeking a diploma or certificate at a public postsecondary institution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$93,789,605	$93,789,605	$93,789,605	$93,789,605
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$93,789,605	$93,789,605	$93,789,605	$93,789,605
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$93,789,605	$93,789,605	$93,789,605	$93,789,605

327.1000 HOPE Grant **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to students seeking a diploma or certificate at a public postsecondary institution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$93,789,605	$93,789,605	$93,789,605	$93,789,605
Lottery Proceeds	$93,789,605	$93,789,605	$93,789,605	$93,789,605
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$93,789,605	$93,789,605	$93,789,605	$93,789,605

HOPE High School Equivalency Exam **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this program is to encourage Georgia's High School Equivalency Exam recipients to pursue education beyond the high school level at an eligible postsecondary institution located in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

Lottery Proceeds	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000

328.1000 HOPE High School Equivalency Exam **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this program is to encourage Georgia's High School Equivalency Exam recipients to pursue education beyond the high school level at an eligible postsecondary institution located in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Lottery Proceeds	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000

HOPE Scholarships - Private Schools **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible private postsecondary institution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$88,239,188	$88,239,188	$88,239,188	$88,239,188
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$88,239,188	$88,239,188	$88,239,188	$88,239,188
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$88,239,188	$88,239,188	$88,239,188	$88,239,188

329.1 *Increase funds to meet projected need.*

Lottery Proceeds	$927,063	$927,063	$927,063	$927,063

329.1000 HOPE Scholarships - Private Schools **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible private postsecondary institution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$89,166,251	$89,166,251	$89,166,251	$89,166,251
Lottery Proceeds	$89,166,251	$89,166,251	$89,166,251	$89,166,251
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$89,166,251	$89,166,251	$89,166,251	$89,166,251

HOPE Scholarships - Public Schools **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible public postsecondary institution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$895,819,276	$895,819,276	$895,819,276	$895,819,276
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$895,819,276	$895,819,276	$895,819,276	$895,819,276
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$895,819,276	$895,819,276	$895,819,276	$895,819,276

330.1 *Increase funds to meet projected need.*

Lottery Proceeds	$11,268,502	$11,268,502	$17,876,059	$11,279,267

330.1000 HOPE Scholarships - Public Schools **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible public postsecondary institution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$907,087,778	$907,087,778	$913,695,335	$907,098,543
Lottery Proceeds	$907,087,778	$907,087,778	$913,695,335	$907,098,543
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$907,087,778	$907,087,778	$913,695,335	$907,098,543

Inclusive Postsecondary Education (IPSE) Grant **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this program is to provide financial aid to students with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are currently enrolled in the Georgia Inclusive Postsecondary Education program at a postsecondary institution in this state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
State General Funds	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000

331.1 *Reduce funds and utilize reserves to meet the projected need.*

State General Funds		($1,000,000)	($1,100,000)	($1,100,000)

331.1000 Inclusive Postsecondary Education (IPSE) Grant **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this program is to provide financial aid to students with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are currently enrolled in the Georgia Inclusive Postsecondary Education program at a postsecondary institution in this state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,600,000	$1,600,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
State General Funds	$2,600,000	$1,600,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,600,000	$1,600,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000

North Georgia Military Scholarship Grants **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend the University of North Georgia, thereby strengthening Georgia's Army National Guard with their membership.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740
State General Funds	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740

332.1 *Increase funds to meet projected need to provide three scholars per congressional district.*

State General Funds	$554,815	$554,815	$554,815	$554,815

332.1000 North Georgia Military Scholarship Grants				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend the University of North Georgia, thereby strengthening Georgia's Army National Guard with their membership.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,592,555	$3,592,555	$3,592,555	$3,592,555
State General Funds	$3,592,555	$3,592,555	$3,592,555	$3,592,555
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,592,555	$3,592,555	$3,592,555	$3,592,555

North Georgia ROTC Grants				**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia residents with non-repayable financial assistance to attend the University of North Georgia and to participate in the Reserve Officers Training Corps program.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750
State General Funds	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750

333.1000 North Georgia ROTC Grants				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia residents with non-repayable financial assistance to attend the University of North Georgia and to participate in the Reserve Officers Training Corps program.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750
State General Funds	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750

Promise Scholarship				**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this program is to provide scholarships to eligible students to attend private elementary and secondary schools in accordance with the Promise Scholarship Act.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$141,016,057	$141,016,057	$141,016,057	$141,016,057
State General Funds	$141,016,057	$141,016,057	$141,016,057	$141,016,057
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$141,016,057	$141,016,057	$141,016,057	$141,016,057

334.1 *Reduce funds to meet projected need based on eligible applications for the 2025-2026 academic year.*

State General Funds	($85,961,368)	($85,961,368)	($85,961,368)	($85,961,368)

334.1000 Promise Scholarship				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this program is to provide scholarships to eligible students to attend private elementary and secondary schools in accordance with the Promise Scholarship Act.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$55,054,689	$55,054,689	$55,054,689	$55,054,689
State General Funds	$55,054,689	$55,054,689	$55,054,689	$55,054,689
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$55,054,689	$55,054,689	$55,054,689	$55,054,689

Public Service Memorial Grant **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance through the Public Safety Memorial Grant and the Public School Employee Memorial Grant.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$540,000	$540,000	$540,000	$540,000
State General Funds	$540,000	$540,000	$540,000	$540,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$540,000	$540,000	$540,000	$540,000

335.1 *Reduce funds and utilize reserves to meet the projected need.*

State General Funds		($540,000)	($540,000)	($540,000)

335.1000 Public Service Memorial Grant **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance through the Public Safety Memorial Grant and the Public School Employee Memorial Grant.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$540,000	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$540,000	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$540,000	$0	$0	$0

REACH Georgia Scholarship **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide needs-based scholarships to selected students participating in the REACH Georgia mentorship and scholarship program, which encourages and supports academically promising middle and high school students in their educational pursuits.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000
State General Funds	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000

336.1000 REACH Georgia Scholarship **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide needs-based scholarships to selected students participating in the REACH Georgia mentorship and scholarship program, which encourages and supports academically promising middle and high school students in their educational pursuits.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000
State General Funds	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000

Service Cancelable Loans **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide service cancelable loans as authorized in statute including programs for large animal veterinarians and Georgia National Guard members.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,120,000	$5,120,000	$5,120,000	$5,120,000
State General Funds	$5,120,000	$5,120,000	$5,120,000	$5,120,000

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,178,830	$3,178,830	$3,178,830	$3,178,830
Reserved Fund Balances	$3,178,830	$3,178,830	$3,178,830	$3,178,830
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$3,178,830	$3,178,830	$3,178,830	$3,178,830
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,298,830	$8,298,830	$8,298,830	$8,298,830

337.1 *Reduce funds and utilize reserves to meet the projected need for the Peace Officers Loan Repayment Program.*

State General Funds	($3,200,000)	($3,200,000)	($3,200,000)

337.2 *Reduce funds and utilize reserves to meet the projected need for the Georgia Medical Examiner Loan Repayment Program.*

State General Funds	($140,000)	($140,000)	($140,000)

337.1000 Service Cancelable Loans **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide service cancelable loans as authorized in statute including programs for large animal veterinarians and Georgia National Guard members.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,120,000	$1,780,000	$1,780,000	$1,780,000
State General Funds	$5,120,000	$1,780,000	$1,780,000	$1,780,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,178,830	$3,178,830	$3,178,830	$3,178,830
Reserved Fund Balances	$3,178,830	$3,178,830	$3,178,830	$3,178,830
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$3,178,830	$3,178,830	$3,178,830	$3,178,830
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,298,830	$4,958,830	$4,958,830	$4,958,830

Tuition Equalization Grants **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the private segment of higher education in Georgia by providing non-repayable grant aid to Georgia residents who attend eligible private postsecondary institutions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,157,067	$23,157,067	$23,157,067	$23,157,067
State General Funds	$23,157,067	$23,157,067	$23,157,067	$23,157,067
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261
Reserved Fund Balances	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,435,328	$24,435,328	$24,435,328	$24,435,328

338.1 *Utilize existing funds ($1,885,174) to meet projected need. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

338.1000 Tuition Equalization Grants **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the private segment of higher education in Georgia by providing non-repayable grant aid to Georgia residents who attend eligible private postsecondary institutions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,157,067	$23,157,067	$23,157,067	$23,157,067
State General Funds	$23,157,067	$23,157,067	$23,157,067	$23,157,067
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261
Reserved Fund Balances	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,435,328	$24,435,328	$24,435,328	$24,435,328

Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize private postsecondary schools in Georgia; provide transcripts for students who attended schools that closed; and resolve complaints.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,055,070	$1,055,070	$1,055,070	$1,055,070
State General Funds	$1,055,070	$1,055,070	$1,055,070	$1,055,070
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$582,608	$582,608	$582,608	$582,608
Reserved Fund Balances	$74,608	$74,608	$74,608	$74,608
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$74,608	$74,608	$74,608	$74,608
Sales and Services	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,637,678	$1,637,678	$1,637,678	$1,637,678

339.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$19,377	$19,377	$12,111	$17,224

339.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($4,486)	($4,486)	($8,972)

339.1000 Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize private postsecondary schools in Georgia; provide transcripts for students who attended schools that closed; and resolve complaints.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,074,447	$1,069,961	$1,062,695	$1,063,322
State General Funds	$1,074,447	$1,069,961	$1,062,695	$1,063,322
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$582,608	$582,608	$582,608	$582,608
Reserved Fund Balances	$74,608	$74,608	$74,608	$74,608
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$74,608	$74,608	$74,608	$74,608
Sales and Services	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,657,055	$1,652,569	$1,645,303	$1,645,930

DREAMS Needs-Based Scholarship **Continuation Budget**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0
State General Funds	$0

705.1 *Add funds for state match for endowment ($300,000,000) and scholarship funds ($25,000,000) for the needs-based DREAMS Scholarship program.*

State General Funds	$180,000,000
Lottery Proceeds	$145,000,000
Total Public Funds:	$325,000,000

705.999 ***CC****: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide needs-based financial aid to Georgia students in eligible institutions who meet certain academic and service requirements.*

State General Funds	$0

705.1000 DREAMS Needs-Based Scholarship **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide needs-based financial aid to Georgia students in eligible institutions who meet certain academic and service requirements.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$325,000,000
State General Funds	$180,000,000
Lottery Proceeds	$145,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$325,000,000

Section 45: Teachers Retirement System

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000
State General Funds	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673
State Funds Transfers	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673
Retirement Payments	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$62,154,673	$62,154,673	$62,154,673	$62,154,673
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,000	$26,000	$26,000	$26,000
State General Funds	$26,000	$26,000	$26,000	$26,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673
State Funds Transfers	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673

Retirement Payments	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$62,118,673	$62,118,673	$62,118,673	$62,118,673

Local/Floor COLA **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirees from local retirement systems a minimum allowance upon retirement (Floor) and a post-retirement benefit adjustment (COLA) whenever such adjustment is granted to teachers who retired under TRS.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000
State General Funds	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000

340.1 *Reduce funds to reflect the declining population of teachers who qualify for benefits.*

State General Funds	($36,000)	($36,000)	($36,000)	($36,000)

340.1000 Local/Floor COLA **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirees from local retirement systems a minimum allowance upon retirement (Floor) and a post-retirement benefit adjustment (COLA) whenever such adjustment is granted to teachers who retired under TRS.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,000	$26,000	$26,000	$26,000
State General Funds	$26,000	$26,000	$26,000	$26,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$26,000	$26,000	$26,000	$26,000

System Administration (TRS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, including paying retiree benefits, investing retirement funds, accounting for the status and contributions of active and inactive members, counseling members, and processing refunds.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673
State Funds Transfers	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673
Retirement Payments	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673

341.1000 System Administration (TRS) **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, including paying retiree benefits, investing retirement funds, accounting for the status and contributions of active and inactive members, counseling members, and processing refunds.

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673
State Funds Transfers	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673

Retirement Payments	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution rate for the Teachers Retirement System shall not exceed 21.91% for State Fiscal Year 2026.

Section 46: Technical College System of Georgia

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$538,302,828	$538,302,828	$538,302,828	$538,302,828
State General Funds	$538,302,828	$538,302,828	$538,302,828	$538,302,828
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$252,624,151	$252,624,151	$252,624,151	$252,624,151
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$252,624,151	$252,624,151	$252,624,151	$252,624,151
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$522,490,988	$522,490,988	$522,490,988	$522,490,988
Intergovernmental Transfers	$83,014,356	$83,014,356	$83,014,356	$83,014,356
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$83,014,356	$83,014,356	$83,014,356	$83,014,356
Sales and Services	$439,476,632	$439,476,632	$439,476,632	$439,476,632
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$86,599,677	$86,599,677	$86,599,677	$86,599,677
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$352,876,955	$352,876,955	$352,876,955	$352,876,955
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,980,866	$5,980,866	$5,980,866	$5,980,866
State Funds Transfers	$5,980,866	$5,980,866	$5,980,866	$5,980,866
Agency to Agency Contracts	$5,980,866	$5,980,866	$5,980,866	$5,980,866
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,319,398,833	$1,319,398,833	$1,319,398,833	$1,319,398,833
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$552,076,634	$550,317,490	$545,142,941	$553,662,345
State General Funds	$552,076,634	$550,317,490	$545,142,941	$553,662,345
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$252,624,151	$252,624,151	$252,624,151	$252,624,151
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$252,624,151	$252,624,151	$252,624,151	$252,624,151
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$522,490,988	$522,490,988	$522,490,988	$522,490,988
Intergovernmental Transfers	$83,014,356	$83,014,356	$83,014,356	$83,014,356
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$83,014,356	$83,014,356	$83,014,356	$83,014,356
Sales and Services	$439,476,632	$439,476,632	$439,476,632	$439,476,632
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$86,599,677	$86,599,677	$86,599,677	$86,599,677
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$352,876,955	$352,876,955	$352,876,955	$352,876,955
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,980,866	$5,980,866	$5,980,866	$5,980,866
State Funds Transfers	$5,980,866	$5,980,866	$5,980,866	$5,980,866
Agency to Agency Contracts	$5,980,866	$5,980,866	$5,980,866	$5,980,866
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,333,172,639	$1,331,413,495	$1,326,238,946	$1,334,758,350

Adult Education **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop Georgia's workforce by providing adult learners in Georgia with basic reading, writing, computation, speaking, listening, and technology skills; to provide secondary instruction to adults without a high school diploma; and to provide oversight of high school equivalency preparation, testing, and the processing of diplomas and transcripts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$19,088,372	$19,088,372	$19,088,372	$19,088,372
State General Funds	$19,088,372	$19,088,372	$19,088,372	$19,088,372
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$33,233,713	$33,233,713	$33,233,713	$33,233,713
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$33,233,713	$33,233,713	$33,233,713	$33,233,713
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,295,696	$5,295,696	$5,295,696	$5,295,696
Intergovernmental Transfers	$3,160,010	$3,160,010	$3,160,010	$3,160,010
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$3,160,010	$3,160,010	$3,160,010	$3,160,010
Sales and Services	$2,135,686	$2,135,686	$2,135,686	$2,135,686
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,135,686	$2,135,686	$2,135,686	$2,135,686
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$135,000	$135,000	$135,000	$135,000
State Funds Transfers	$135,000	$135,000	$135,000	$135,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$135,000	$135,000	$135,000	$135,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$57,752,781	$57,752,781	$57,752,781	$57,752,781

342.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$424,141	$424,141	$265,089	$669,583

342.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($43,143)	($62,566)	($125,132)

342.1000 Adult Education **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop Georgia's workforce by providing adult learners in Georgia with basic reading, writing, computation, speaking, listening, and technology skills; to provide secondary instruction to adults without a high school diploma; and to provide oversight of high school equivalency preparation, testing, and the processing of diplomas and transcripts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$19,512,513	$19,469,370	$19,290,895	$19,632,823
State General Funds	$19,512,513	$19,469,370	$19,290,895	$19,632,823
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$33,233,713	$33,233,713	$33,233,713	$33,233,713
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$33,233,713	$33,233,713	$33,233,713	$33,233,713
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,295,696	$5,295,696	$5,295,696	$5,295,696
Intergovernmental Transfers	$3,160,010	$3,160,010	$3,160,010	$3,160,010
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$3,160,010	$3,160,010	$3,160,010	$3,160,010

Sales and Services	$2,135,686	$2,135,686	$2,135,686	$2,135,686
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,135,686	$2,135,686	$2,135,686	$2,135,686
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$135,000	$135,000	$135,000	$135,000
State Funds Transfers	$135,000	$135,000	$135,000	$135,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$135,000	$135,000	$135,000	$135,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$58,176,922	$58,133,779	$57,955,304	$58,297,232

Departmental Administration (TCSG) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide statewide administrative services to support the state workforce development efforts undertaken by the department through its associated programs and institutions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,623,596	$8,623,596	$8,623,596	$8,623,596
State General Funds	$8,623,596	$8,623,596	$8,623,596	$8,623,596
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,623,596	$8,623,596	$8,623,596	$8,623,596

343.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$109,803	$109,803	$68,627	$105,497

343.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($385,394)	($37,749)	($75,498)

343.3 *Increase funds for workforce development recruiting.*

State General Funds			$75,000	$75,000

343.1000 Departmental Administration (TCSG) **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide statewide administrative services to support the state workforce development efforts undertaken by the department through its associated programs and institutions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,733,399	$8,348,005	$8,729,474	$8,728,595
State General Funds	$8,733,399	$8,348,005	$8,729,474	$8,728,595
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,733,399	$8,348,005	$8,729,474	$8,728,595

Economic Development and Customized Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide customized services for existing businesses in the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,375,358	$3,375,358	$3,375,358	$3,375,358
State General Funds	$3,375,358	$3,375,358	$3,375,358	$3,375,358

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$14,416,366	$14,416,366	$14,416,366	$14,416,366
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$14,416,366	$14,416,366	$14,416,366	$14,416,366
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$29,599,575	$29,599,575	$29,599,575	$29,599,575
Sales and Services	$29,599,575	$29,599,575	$29,599,575	$29,599,575
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$29,599,575	$29,599,575	$29,599,575	$29,599,575
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,798,989	$2,798,989	$2,798,989	$2,798,989
State Funds Transfers	$2,798,989	$2,798,989	$2,798,989	$2,798,989
Agency to Agency Contracts	$2,798,989	$2,798,989	$2,798,989	$2,798,989
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$50,190,288	$50,190,288	$50,190,288	$50,190,288

344.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$238,983	$238,983	$149,365	$363,857

344.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($57,624)	($6,265)	($12,530)

344.1000 Economic Development and Customized Services **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide customized services for existing businesses in the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,614,341	$3,556,717	$3,518,458	$3,726,685
State General Funds	$3,614,341	$3,556,717	$3,518,458	$3,726,685
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$14,416,366	$14,416,366	$14,416,366	$14,416,366
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$14,416,366	$14,416,366	$14,416,366	$14,416,366
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$29,599,575	$29,599,575	$29,599,575	$29,599,575
Sales and Services	$29,599,575	$29,599,575	$29,599,575	$29,599,575
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$29,599,575	$29,599,575	$29,599,575	$29,599,575
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,798,989	$2,798,989	$2,798,989	$2,798,989
State Funds Transfers	$2,798,989	$2,798,989	$2,798,989	$2,798,989
Agency to Agency Contracts	$2,798,989	$2,798,989	$2,798,989	$2,798,989
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$50,429,271	$50,371,647	$50,333,388	$50,541,615

Quick Start **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote job creation and retention by developing and delivering customized workforce training for Georgia businesses during start-up, expansion, or when they make capital investments in new technology, processes, or product lines in order to remain competitive in the global marketplace.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,552,619	$21,552,619	$21,552,619	$21,552,619
State General Funds	$21,552,619	$21,552,619	$21,552,619	$21,552,619
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,332,059	$3,332,059	$3,332,059	$3,332,059
Intergovernmental Transfers	$3,328,180	$3,328,180	$3,328,180	$3,328,180
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$3,328,180	$3,328,180	$3,328,180	$3,328,180
Sales and Services	$3,879	$3,879	$3,879	$3,879
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,879	$3,879	$3,879	$3,879
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,884,678	$24,884,678	$24,884,678	$24,884,678

345.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$150,710	$150,710	$94,194	$152,863

345.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($564,134)	($55,257)	($110,514)

345.1000 Quick Start **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote job creation and retention by developing and delivering customized workforce training for Georgia businesses during start-up, expansion, or when they make capital investments in new technology, processes, or product lines in order to remain competitive in the global marketplace.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,703,329	$21,139,195	$21,591,556	$21,594,968
State General Funds	$21,703,329	$21,139,195	$21,591,556	$21,594,968
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,332,059	$3,332,059	$3,332,059	$3,332,059
Intergovernmental Transfers	$3,328,180	$3,328,180	$3,328,180	$3,328,180
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$3,328,180	$3,328,180	$3,328,180	$3,328,180
Sales and Services	$3,879	$3,879	$3,879	$3,879
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,879	$3,879	$3,879	$3,879
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$25,035,388	$24,471,254	$24,923,615	$24,927,027

Technical Education **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for workforce development through certificate, diploma, and degree programs in technical education and continuing education programs for adult learners, and to encourage both youth and adult learners to acquire postsecondary education or training to increase their competitiveness in the workplace.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$444,181,110	$444,181,110	$444,181,110	$444,181,110
State General Funds	$444,181,110	$444,181,110	$444,181,110	$444,181,110
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$68,938,560	$68,938,560	$68,938,560	$68,938,560

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$68,938,560	$68,938,560	$68,938,560	$68,938,560
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$484,169,332	$484,169,332	$484,169,332	$484,169,332
Intergovernmental Transfers	$76,526,166	$76,526,166	$76,526,166	$76,526,166
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$76,526,166	$76,526,166	$76,526,166	$76,526,166
Sales and Services	$407,643,166	$407,643,166	$407,643,166	$407,643,166
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$54,766,211	$54,766,211	$54,766,211	$54,766,211
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$352,876,955	$352,876,955	$352,876,955	$352,876,955
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$3,046,877	$3,046,877	$3,046,877	$3,046,877
State Funds Transfers	$3,046,877	$3,046,877	$3,046,877	$3,046,877
Agency to Agency Contracts	$3,046,877	$3,046,877	$3,046,877	$3,046,877
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,000,335,879	$1,000,335,879	$1,000,335,879	$1,000,335,879

346.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$12,500,318	$12,500,318	$7,812,699	$11,189,141

346.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($551,490)	($1,581,893)	($3,163,786)

346.1000 Technical Education **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for workforce development through certificate, diploma, and degree programs in technical education and continuing education programs for adult learners, and to encourage both youth and adult learners to acquire postsecondary education or training to increase their competitiveness in the workplace.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$456,681,428	$456,129,938	$450,411,916	$452,206,465
State General Funds	$456,681,428	$456,129,938	$450,411,916	$452,206,465
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$68,938,560	$68,938,560	$68,938,560	$68,938,560
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$68,938,560	$68,938,560	$68,938,560	$68,938,560
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$484,169,332	$484,169,332	$484,169,332	$484,169,332
Intergovernmental Transfers	$76,526,166	$76,526,166	$76,526,166	$76,526,166
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$76,526,166	$76,526,166	$76,526,166	$76,526,166
Sales and Services	$407,643,166	$407,643,166	$407,643,166	$407,643,166
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$54,766,211	$54,766,211	$54,766,211	$54,766,211
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$352,876,955	$352,876,955	$352,876,955	$352,876,955
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$3,046,877	$3,046,877	$3,046,877	$3,046,877
State Funds Transfers	$3,046,877	$3,046,877	$3,046,877	$3,046,877
Agency to Agency Contracts	$3,046,877	$3,046,877	$3,046,877	$3,046,877
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,012,836,197	$1,012,284,707	$1,006,566,685	$1,008,361,234

Technical Education: High-Cost Programs - Special Project **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to bridge the funding gap between formula earnings and instructional delivery for the high-cost program areas of Aviation, Commercial Truck Driving, and Nursing.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$31,711,098	$31,711,098	$31,711,098	$31,711,098
State General Funds	$31,711,098	$31,711,098	$31,711,098	$31,711,098
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$31,711,098	$31,711,098	$31,711,098	$31,711,098

347.1000 Technical Education: High-Cost Programs - Special Project **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to bridge the funding gap between formula earnings and instructional delivery for the high-cost program areas of Aviation, Commercial Truck Driving, and Nursing.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$31,711,098	$31,711,098	$31,711,098	$31,711,098
State General Funds	$31,711,098	$31,711,098	$31,711,098	$31,711,098
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$31,711,098	$31,711,098	$31,711,098	$31,711,098

Workforce Development **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve the job training and marketability of Georgia's workforce and assist employers and job seekers with job matching services to promote economic growth and development.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,770,675	$9,770,675	$9,770,675	$9,770,675
State General Funds	$9,770,675	$9,770,675	$9,770,675	$9,770,675
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$136,035,512	$136,035,512	$136,035,512	$136,035,512
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$136,035,512	$136,035,512	$136,035,512	$136,035,512
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$94,326	$94,326	$94,326	$94,326
Sales and Services	$94,326	$94,326	$94,326	$94,326
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$94,326	$94,326	$94,326	$94,326
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$145,900,513	$145,900,513	$145,900,513	$145,900,513

348.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$574,851	$574,851	$359,282	$546,862

348.2 *Eliminate funds for one unfilled workforce development position.*

State General Funds	($225,000)	($225,000)	($225,000)	($225,000)

348.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($157,359)	($15,413)	($30,826)

348.4 *Increase funds for Georgia Career Navigator website.*

State General Funds	$6,000,000

348.1000 Workforce Development				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to improve the job training and marketability of Georgia's workforce and assist employers and job seekers with job matching services to promote economic growth and development.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,120,526	$9,963,167	$9,889,544	$16,061,711
State General Funds	$10,120,526	$9,963,167	$9,889,544	$16,061,711
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$136,035,512	$136,035,512	$136,035,512	$136,035,512
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$136,035,512	$136,035,512	$136,035,512	$136,035,512
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$94,326	$94,326	$94,326	$94,326
Sales and Services	$94,326	$94,326	$94,326	$94,326
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$94,326	$94,326	$94,326	$94,326
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$146,250,364	$146,093,005	$146,019,382	$152,191,549

Section 47: Transportation, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,696,305,327	$2,696,305,327	$2,696,305,327	$2,696,305,327
State General Funds	$45,150,783	$45,150,783	$45,150,783	$45,150,783
State Motor Fuel Funds	$2,374,878,046	$2,374,878,046	$2,374,878,046	$2,374,878,046
Transit Trust Funds	$38,005,357	$38,005,357	$38,005,357	$38,005,357
Transportation Trust Funds	$238,271,141	$238,271,141	$238,271,141	$238,271,141
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,611,757,546	$1,611,757,546	$1,611,757,546	$1,611,757,546
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$112,290,905	$112,290,905	$112,290,905	$112,290,905
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$1,499,466,641	$1,499,466,641	$1,499,466,641	$1,499,466,641
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$175,979,549	$175,979,549	$175,979,549	$175,979,549
Intergovernmental Transfers	$87,053,766	$87,053,766	$87,053,766	$87,053,766
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$87,053,766	$87,053,766	$87,053,766	$87,053,766
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Sales and Services	$80,925,783	$80,925,783	$80,925,783	$80,925,783
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$80,925,783	$80,925,783	$80,925,783	$80,925,783
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,484,042,422	$4,484,042,422	$4,484,042,422	$4,484,042,422
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,123,784,410	$5,046,268,061	$5,052,804,356	$5,016,491,101
State General Funds	$2,399,814,455	$2,322,298,106	$2,328,834,401	$2,292,521,146
State Motor Fuel Funds	$2,447,693,457	$2,447,693,457	$2,447,693,457	$2,447,693,457
Transit Trust Funds	$38,005,357	$38,005,357	$38,005,357	$38,005,357
Transportation Trust Funds	$238,271,141	$238,271,141	$238,271,141	$238,271,141

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,611,757,546	$1,611,757,546	$1,611,757,546	$1,611,757,546
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$112,290,905	$112,290,905	$112,290,905	$112,290,905
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$1,499,466,641	$1,499,466,641	$1,499,466,641	$1,499,466,641
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$175,979,549	$175,979,549	$175,979,549	$175,979,549
Intergovernmental Transfers	$87,053,766	$87,053,766	$87,053,766	$87,053,766
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$87,053,766	$87,053,766	$87,053,766	$87,053,766
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Sales and Services	$80,925,783	$80,925,783	$80,925,783	$80,925,783
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$80,925,783	$80,925,783	$80,925,783	$80,925,783
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,911,521,505	$6,834,005,156	$6,840,541,451	$6,804,228,196

Airport Aid **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Airports.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$30,000,000	$30,000,000	$30,000,000	$30,000,000
State General Funds	$30,000,000	$30,000,000	$30,000,000	$30,000,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$46,509,284	$46,509,284	$46,509,284	$46,509,284
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$46,509,284	$46,509,284	$46,509,284	$46,509,284
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233
Sales and Services	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$76,515,517	$76,515,517	$76,515,517	$76,515,517

349.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$6,459	$6,459	$4,037	$6,459

349.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($1,540)	($1,540)	($3,080)

349.3 *Increase funds for Airport Aid.*

State General Funds	$15,000,000	$15,938,000	$11,000,000

349.1000 Airport Aid **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Airports.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$30,006,459	$45,004,919	$45,940,497	$41,003,379
State General Funds	$30,006,459	$45,004,919	$45,940,497	$41,003,379
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$46,509,284	$46,509,284	$46,509,284	$46,509,284
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$46,509,284	$46,509,284	$46,509,284	$46,509,284
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233
Sales and Services	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$76,521,976	$91,520,436	$92,456,014	$87,518,896

Capital Construction Projects **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay road construction and enhancement projects on local and state road systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,128,927,865	$1,128,927,865	$1,128,927,865	$1,128,927,865
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$988,192,130	$988,192,130	$988,192,130	$988,192,130
Transportation Trust Funds	$140,735,735	$140,735,735	$140,735,735	$140,735,735
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$930,452,699	$930,452,699	$930,452,699	$930,452,699
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$930,452,699	$930,452,699	$930,452,699	$930,452,699
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$122,300,430	$122,300,430	$122,300,430	$122,300,430
Intergovernmental Transfers	$85,737,112	$85,737,112	$85,737,112	$85,737,112
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$85,737,112	$85,737,112	$85,737,112	$85,737,112
Sales and Services	$36,563,318	$36,563,318	$36,563,318	$36,563,318
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$36,563,318	$36,563,318	$36,563,318	$36,563,318
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,181,680,994	$2,181,680,994	$2,181,680,994	$2,181,680,994

350.1 *Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for increased project capacity.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$36,984,549	$36,984,549	$36,984,549	$36,984,549

350.2 *Increase funds for SR 316 interchange conversions.*

State General Funds	$200,000,000	$200,000,000	$185,000,000	$185,000,000

350.3 *Increase funds for the rehabilitation and replacement of rural bridges.*

State General Funds		$85,000,000	$100,000,000	$100,000,000

350.4 *Increase funds to redirect motor fuel savings from the reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan.*

State Motor Fuel Funds			$1,502,177	$3,004,354

350.1000 Capital Construction Projects **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay road construction and enhancement projects on local and state road systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,365,912,414	$1,450,912,414	$1,452,414,591	$1,453,916,768
State General Funds	$200,000,000	$285,000,000	$285,000,000	$285,000,000
State Motor Fuel Funds	$1,025,176,679	$1,025,176,679	$1,026,678,856	$1,028,181,033
Transportation Trust Funds	$140,735,735	$140,735,735	$140,735,735	$140,735,735
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$930,452,699	$930,452,699	$930,452,699	$930,452,699
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$930,452,699	$930,452,699	$930,452,699	$930,452,699
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$122,300,430	$122,300,430	$122,300,430	$122,300,430
Intergovernmental Transfers	$85,737,112	$85,737,112	$85,737,112	$85,737,112
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$85,737,112	$85,737,112	$85,737,112	$85,737,112
Sales and Services	$36,563,318	$36,563,318	$36,563,318	$36,563,318
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$36,563,318	$36,563,318	$36,563,318	$36,563,318
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,418,665,543	$2,503,665,543	$2,505,167,720	$2,506,669,897

Capital Maintenance Projects **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay for maintenance projects.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$304,745,643	$304,745,643	$304,745,643	$304,745,643
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$260,588,167	$260,588,167	$260,588,167	$260,588,167
Transportation Trust Funds	$44,157,476	$44,157,476	$44,157,476	$44,157,476
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$281,600,000	$281,600,000	$281,600,000	$281,600,000
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$281,600,000	$281,600,000	$281,600,000	$281,600,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574
Sales and Services	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$586,696,217	$586,696,217	$586,696,217	$586,696,217

351.1 *Increase funds for the rehabilitation and replacement of rural bridges. (H and S:NO; Reflect funding for the rehabilitation and replacement of rural bridges in the Capital Construction Projects program)*

State General Funds	$100,000,000	$0	$0	$0

351.2 *Utilize undesignated state surplus funds ($100,000,000) for resurfacing needs. (H:YES)(S:NO)(CC:NO)*

State General Funds		$0	$0	$0

351.1000 Capital Maintenance Projects **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay for maintenance projects.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$404,745,643	$304,745,643	$304,745,643	$304,745,643
State General Funds	$100,000,000	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$260,588,167	$260,588,167	$260,588,167	$260,588,167
Transportation Trust Funds	$44,157,476	$44,157,476	$44,157,476	$44,157,476

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$281,600,000	$281,600,000	$281,600,000	$281,600,000
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$281,600,000	$281,600,000	$281,600,000	$281,600,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574
Sales and Services	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$686,696,217	$586,696,217	$586,696,217	$586,696,217

Data Collection, Compliance and Reporting **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to collect and disseminate crash, accident, road, and traffic data in accordance with state and federal law in order to provide current and accurate information for planning and public awareness needs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,180,059	$3,180,059	$3,180,059	$3,180,059
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$3,180,059	$3,180,059	$3,180,059	$3,180,059
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,043,897	$9,043,897	$9,043,897	$9,043,897
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$9,043,897	$9,043,897	$9,043,897	$9,043,897
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,223,956	$12,223,956	$12,223,956	$12,223,956

352.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$60,284	$60,284	$37,678	$51,672

352.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($8,149)	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds			($8,149)	($16,298)
Total Public Funds:		($8,149)	($8,149)	($16,298)

352.1000 Data Collection, Compliance and Reporting **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to collect and disseminate crash, accident, road, and traffic data in accordance with state and federal law in order to provide current and accurate information for planning and public awareness needs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,240,343	$3,232,194	$3,209,588	$3,215,433
State General Funds	$60,284	$52,135	$37,678	$51,672
State Motor Fuel Funds	$3,180,059	$3,180,059	$3,171,910	$3,163,761
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,043,897	$9,043,897	$9,043,897	$9,043,897
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$9,043,897	$9,043,897	$9,043,897	$9,043,897
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,284,240	$12,276,091	$12,253,485	$12,259,330

Departmental Administration (DOT) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to plan, construct, maintain, and improve the state's roads and bridges; provide planning and financial support for other modes of transportation such as mass transit, airports, railroads and waterways.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$93,103,898	$93,103,898	$93,103,898	$93,103,898
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$93,103,898	$93,103,898	$93,103,898	$93,103,898
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$10,839,823	$10,839,823	$10,839,823	$10,839,823
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$10,839,823	$10,839,823	$10,839,823	$10,839,823
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970
Sales and Services	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$104,342,691	$104,342,691	$104,342,691	$104,342,691

353.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$856,894	$856,894	$535,559	$809,528

353.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($385,085)	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds		($385,085)	($770,170)
Total Public Funds:	($385,085)	($385,085)	($770,170)

353.1000 Departmental Administration (DOT) **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to plan, construct, maintain, and improve the state's roads and bridges; provide planning and financial support for other modes of transportation such as mass transit, airports, railroads and waterways.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$93,960,792	$93,575,707	$93,254,372	$93,143,256
State General Funds	$856,894	$471,809	$535,559	$809,528
State Motor Fuel Funds	$93,103,898	$93,103,898	$92,718,813	$92,333,728
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$10,839,823	$10,839,823	$10,839,823	$10,839,823
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$10,839,823	$10,839,823	$10,839,823	$10,839,823
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970
Sales and Services	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$105,199,585	$104,814,500	$104,493,165	$104,382,049

Local Maintenance and Improvement Grants **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay grants to local governments for road and bridge resurfacing projects through the state-funded Construction-Local Road Assistance program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$247,644,281	$247,644,281	$247,644,281	$247,644,281
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$247,644,281	$247,644,281	$247,644,281	$247,644,281
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$247,644,281	$247,644,281	$247,644,281	$247,644,281

354.1 *Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for Local Maintenance and Improvement Grants to the statutorily required level of 10% of projected motor fuel excise tax revenue.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$7,168,861	$7,168,861	$7,168,861	$7,168,861

354.1000 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grants **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay grants to local governments for road and bridge resurfacing projects through the state-funded Construction-Local Road Assistance program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$254,813,142	$254,813,142	$254,813,142	$254,813,142
State Motor Fuel Funds	$254,813,142	$254,813,142	$254,813,142	$254,813,142
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$254,813,142	$254,813,142	$254,813,142	$254,813,142

Local Road Assistance Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide technical and financial assistance to local governments for construction, maintenance, and resurfacing of local roads and bridges.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,846,461	$9,846,461	$9,846,461	$9,846,461
State General Funds	$5,500,000	$5,500,000	$5,500,000	$5,500,000
State Motor Fuel Funds	$4,346,461	$4,346,461	$4,346,461	$4,346,461
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$51,655,917	$51,655,917	$51,655,917	$51,655,917
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$51,655,917	$51,655,917	$51,655,917	$51,655,917
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
Sales and Services	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$67,502,378	$67,502,378	$67,502,378	$67,502,378

355.1 *Increase funds for additional support of local transportation infrastructure projects.*

State General Funds	$250,000,000	$250,000,000	$250,000,000	$250,000,000

355.1000 Local Road Assistance Administration				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide technical and financial assistance to local governments for construction, maintenance, and resurfacing of local roads and bridges.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$259,846,461	$259,846,461	$259,846,461	$259,846,461
State General Funds	$255,500,000	$255,500,000	$255,500,000	$255,500,000
State Motor Fuel Funds	$4,346,461	$4,346,461	$4,346,461	$4,346,461
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$51,655,917	$51,655,917	$51,655,917	$51,655,917
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$51,655,917	$51,655,917	$51,655,917	$51,655,917
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
Sales and Services	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$317,502,378	$317,502,378	$317,502,378	$317,502,378

Planning **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop the state transportation improvement program and the statewide strategic transportation plan, and coordinate transportation policies, planning, and programs related to design, construction, maintenance, operations, and financing of transportation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,907,406	$4,907,406	$4,907,406	$4,907,406
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$2,907,406	$2,907,406	$2,907,406	$2,907,406
Transportation Trust Funds	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$22,772,795	$22,772,795	$22,772,795	$22,772,795
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$22,772,795	$22,772,795	$22,772,795	$22,772,795
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,680,201	$27,680,201	$27,680,201	$27,680,201

356.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$66,743	$66,743	$41,715	$64,590

356.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($11,071)	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds		($11,071)	($22,142)
Total Public Funds:	($11,071)	($11,071)	($22,142)

356.1000 Planning				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to develop the state transportation improvement program and the statewide strategic transportation plan, and coordinate transportation policies, planning, and programs related to design, construction, maintenance, operations, and financing of transportation.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,974,149	$4,963,078	$4,938,050	$4,949,854
State General Funds	$66,743	$55,672	$41,715	$64,590
State Motor Fuel Funds	$2,907,406	$2,907,406	$2,896,335	$2,885,264
Transportation Trust Funds	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$22,772,795	$22,772,795	$22,772,795	$22,772,795
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$22,772,795	$22,772,795	$22,772,795	$22,772,795
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,746,944	$27,735,873	$27,710,845	$27,722,649

Ports and Waterways			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Ports and Waterways.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,398,641	$1,398,641	$1,398,641	$1,398,641
State General Funds	$1,398,641	$1,398,641	$1,398,641	$1,398,641
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,398,641	$1,398,641	$1,398,641	$1,398,641

357.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$4,306	$4,306	$2,692	$4,306

357.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($1,996)	($1,996)	($3,992)

357.1000 Ports and Waterways				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Ports and Waterways.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,402,947	$1,400,951	$1,399,337	$1,398,955
State General Funds	$1,402,947	$1,400,951	$1,399,337	$1,398,955
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,402,947	$1,400,951	$1,399,337	$1,398,955

Program Delivery Administration			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and expand the state's transportation infrastructure by planning for and selecting road and bridge projects, acquiring rights-of-way, completing engineering and project impact analyses, procuring and monitoring construction contracts, and certifying completed projects.				

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$142,904,450	$142,904,450	$142,904,450	$142,904,450
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$142,904,450	$142,904,450	$142,904,450	$142,904,450
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$53,642,990	$53,642,990	$53,642,990	$53,642,990
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$53,642,990	$53,642,990	$53,642,990	$53,642,990
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,098,619	$1,098,619	$1,098,619	$1,098,619
Intergovernmental Transfers	$526,415	$526,415	$526,415	$526,415
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$526,415	$526,415	$526,415	$526,415
Sales and Services	$572,204	$572,204	$572,204	$572,204
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$572,204	$572,204	$572,204	$572,204
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$197,646,059	$197,646,059	$197,646,059	$197,646,059

358.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$2,538,387	$2,538,387	$1,586,492	$2,432,890

358.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($902,720)	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds		($902,720)	($1,805,440)
Total Public Funds:	($902,720)	($902,720)	($1,805,440)

358.1000 Program Delivery Administration **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and expand the state's transportation infrastructure by planning for and selecting road and bridge projects, acquiring rights-of-way, completing engineering and project impact analyses, procuring and monitoring construction contracts, and certifying completed projects.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$145,442,837	$144,540,117	$143,588,222	$143,531,900
State General Funds	$2,538,387	$1,635,667	$1,586,492	$2,432,890
State Motor Fuel Funds	$142,904,450	$142,904,450	$142,001,730	$141,099,010
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$53,642,990	$53,642,990	$53,642,990	$53,642,990
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$53,642,990	$53,642,990	$53,642,990	$53,642,990
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,098,619	$1,098,619	$1,098,619	$1,098,619
Intergovernmental Transfers	$526,415	$526,415	$526,415	$526,415
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$526,415	$526,415	$526,415	$526,415
Sales and Services	$572,204	$572,204	$572,204	$572,204
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$572,204	$572,204	$572,204	$572,204
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$200,184,446	$199,281,726	$198,329,831	$198,273,509

Rail			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Rail.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,252,142	$8,252,142	$8,252,142	$8,252,142
State General Funds	$8,252,142	$8,252,142	$8,252,142	$8,252,142
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$616,315	$616,315	$616,315	$616,315
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$616,315	$616,315	$616,315	$616,315
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239
Intergovernmental Transfers	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,956,696	$8,956,696	$8,956,696	$8,956,696
359.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*				
State General Funds	$15,071	$15,071	$9,420	$15,071
359.2 *Transfer funds from the Transit program to the Rail program to match Federal Funds for the State Safety Oversight (SSO) program of MARTA.*				
Transportation Trust Funds	$332,871	$332,871	$332,871	$332,871
359.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*				
State General Funds		($3,301)	($3,301)	($6,602)
359.4 *Increase funds for repairs, replacements, and upgrades to state-owned shortline rail.*				
State General Funds		$4,245,000	$11,590,000	$8,390,000

359.1000 Rail				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Rail.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,600,084	$12,841,783	$20,181,132	$16,983,482
State General Funds	$8,267,213	$12,508,912	$19,848,261	$16,650,611
Transportation Trust Funds	$332,871	$332,871	$332,871	$332,871
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$616,315	$616,315	$616,315	$616,315
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$616,315	$616,315	$616,315	$616,315
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239
Intergovernmental Transfers	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,304,638	$13,546,337	$20,885,686	$17,688,036

Routine Maintenance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and adequately maintained state transportation system by inspecting roads and bridges, cataloguing road and bridge conditions and maintenance needs, and providing routine maintenance for state road and bridges. The purpose of this appropriation is also to maintain landscaping on road easements and rights-of-way through planting, litter control, vegetation removal, and grants to local governments, to provide for emergency operations on state routes, and to maintain state rest areas and welcome centers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$562,829,445	$562,829,445	$562,829,445	$562,829,445
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$562,829,445	$562,829,445	$562,829,445	$562,829,445
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,577,366	$11,577,366	$11,577,366	$11,577,366
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$11,577,366	$11,577,366	$11,577,366	$11,577,366
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$19,500,000	$19,500,000	$19,500,000	$19,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Sales and Services	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$593,906,811	$593,906,811	$593,906,811	$593,906,811

360.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$4,338,295	$4,338,295	$2,711,435	$3,998,121

360.2 *Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for increased maintenance costs.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$21,892,461	$21,892,461	$21,892,461	$21,892,461

360.1000 Routine Maintenance **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and adequately maintained state transportation system by inspecting roads and bridges, cataloguing road and bridge conditions and maintenance needs, and providing routine maintenance for state road and bridges. The purpose of this appropriation is also to maintain landscaping on road easements and rights-of-way through planting, litter control, vegetation removal, and grants to local governments, to provide for emergency operations on state routes, and to maintain state rest areas and welcome centers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$589,060,201	$589,060,201	$587,433,341	$588,720,027
State General Funds	$4,338,295	$4,338,295	$2,711,435	$3,998,121
State Motor Fuel Funds	$584,721,906	$584,721,906	$584,721,906	$584,721,906
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,577,366	$11,577,366	$11,577,366	$11,577,366
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$11,577,366	$11,577,366	$11,577,366	$11,577,366
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$19,500,000	$19,500,000	$19,500,000	$19,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Sales and Services	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$620,137,567	$620,137,567	$618,510,707	$619,797,393

Traffic Management and Control **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and efficient transportation system statewide by conducting traffic engineering studies for traffic safety planning, permitting for activity on or adjacent to state roads, providing motorist assistance and traffic information through the Highway Emergency Response Operators (HERO) program and Intelligent Transportation System, and conducting inspections, repairs, and installations of traffic signals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$69,181,749	$69,181,749	$69,181,749	$69,181,749
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$69,181,749	$69,181,749	$69,181,749	$69,181,749
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$79,677,354	$79,677,354	$79,677,354	$79,677,354
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$79,527,354	$79,527,354	$79,527,354	$79,527,354
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484
Sales and Services	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$174,393,587	$174,393,587	$174,393,587	$174,393,587

361.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$727,714	$727,714	$454,822	$695,419

361.2 *Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for increased contract and traffic signal equipment costs.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$6,769,540	$6,769,540	$6,769,540	$6,769,540

361.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($195,152)	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds		($195,152)	($390,304)
Total Public Funds:	($195,152)	($195,152)	($390,304)

361.1000 Traffic Management and Control **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and efficient transportation system statewide by conducting traffic engineering studies for traffic safety planning, permitting for activity on or adjacent to state roads, providing motorist assistance and traffic information through the Highway Emergency Response Operators (HERO) program and Intelligent Transportation System, and conducting inspections, repairs, and installations of traffic signals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$76,679,003	$76,483,851	$76,210,959	$76,256,404
State General Funds	$727,714	$532,562	$454,822	$695,419

State Motor Fuel Funds	$75,951,289	$75,951,289	$75,756,137	$75,560,985
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$79,677,354	$79,677,354	$79,677,354	$79,677,354
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$79,527,354	$79,527,354	$79,527,354	$79,527,354
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484
Sales and Services	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$181,890,841	$181,695,689	$181,422,797	$181,468,242

Transit **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Transit.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,318,878	$52,318,878	$52,318,878	$52,318,878
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
Transit Trust Funds	$38,005,357	$38,005,357	$38,005,357	$38,005,357
Transportation Trust Funds	$14,313,521	$14,313,521	$14,313,521	$14,313,521
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$65,015,306	$65,015,306	$65,015,306	$65,015,306
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$65,015,306	$65,015,306	$65,015,306	$65,015,306
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$118,036,184	$118,036,184	$118,036,184	$118,036,184

362.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$49,519	$49,519	$30,950	$49,519

362.2 *Transfer funds from the Transit program to the Rail program to match Federal Funds for the State Safety Oversight (SSO) program of MARTA.*

Transportation Trust Funds	($332,871)	($332,871)	($332,871)	($332,871)

362.1000 Transit **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Transit.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,035,526	$52,035,526	$52,016,957	$52,035,526
State General Funds	$49,519	$49,519	$30,950	$49,519
Transit Trust Funds	$38,005,357	$38,005,357	$38,005,357	$38,005,357
Transportation Trust Funds	$13,980,650	$13,980,650	$13,980,650	$13,980,650
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$65,015,306	$65,015,306	$65,015,306	$65,015,306
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$65,015,306	$65,015,306	$65,015,306	$65,015,306
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000

Intergovernmental Transfers	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$117,752,832	$117,752,832	$117,734,263	$117,752,832

Payments to Atlanta-region Transit Link (ATL) Authority **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative funds for the Atlanta-region Transit Link (ATL) Authority.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,210,331	$9,210,331	$9,210,331	$9,210,331
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
Transportation Trust Funds	$9,210,331	$9,210,331	$9,210,331	$9,210,331
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,210,331	$9,210,331	$9,210,331	$9,210,331

363.1000 Payments to Atlanta-region Transit Link (ATL) Authority **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative funds for the Atlanta-region Transit Link (ATL) Authority.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,210,331	$9,210,331	$9,210,331	$9,210,331
Transportation Trust Funds	$9,210,331	$9,210,331	$9,210,331	$9,210,331
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,210,331	$9,210,331	$9,210,331	$9,210,331

Payments to the State Road and Tollway Authority **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund debt service payments and other finance instruments and for operations of the State Road and Tollway Authority and the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,854,078	$27,854,078	$27,854,078	$27,854,078
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
Transportation Trust Funds	$27,854,078	$27,854,078	$27,854,078	$27,854,078
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$48,353,800	$48,353,800	$48,353,800	$48,353,800
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$48,353,800	$48,353,800	$48,353,800	$48,353,800
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$76,207,878	$76,207,878	$76,207,878	$76,207,878

364.1 *Increase funds for the extension and bi-directional expansion of I-75 express lanes in Clayton and Henry counties.*

State General Funds	$1,796,000,000	$1,715,747,665	$1,715,747,655	$1,684,866,462

364.2 *Review performance of vendor contracts and provide a report to the House Appropriations Committee and Senate Appropriations Committee by May 28th, 2026. (S:YES)(CC:YES; Review performance of vendor contracts related to PeachPass and provide a report to the House Appropriations Committee and Senate Appropriations Committee by September 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	$0	$0

364.1000 Payments to the State Road and Tollway Authority				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund debt service payments and other finance instruments and for operations of the State Road and Tollway Authority and the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,823,854,078	$1,743,601,743	$1,743,601,733	$1,712,720,540
State General Funds	$1,796,000,000	$1,715,747,665	$1,715,747,655	$1,684,866,462
Transportation Trust Funds	$27,854,078	$27,854,078	$27,854,078	$27,854,078
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$48,353,800	$48,353,800	$48,353,800	$48,353,800
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$48,353,800	$48,353,800	$48,353,800	$48,353,800
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,872,207,878	$1,791,955,543	$1,791,955,533	$1,761,074,340

It is the intent of this General Assembly that the following provisions apply:
a.) In order to meet the requirements for projects on the Interstate System, the Office of Planning and Budget is hereby authorized and directed to give advanced budgetary authorization for letting and execution of Interstate Highway Contracts not to exceed the amount of Motor Fuel Tax Revenues actually paid into the Office of the State Treasurer, attached agency of the Department of Administrative Services.
b.) Programs financed by Motor Fuel Tax Funds may be adjusted for additional appropriation or balances brought forward from previous years with prior approval by the Office of Planning and Budget.
c.) The Fiscal Officers of the State are hereby directed as of July 1st of each fiscal year to determine the collection of Motor Fuel Tax in the immediately preceding year less refunds, rebates and collection costs and enter this amount as being the appropriation payable in lieu of the Motor Fuel Tax Funds appropriated in this Bill, in the event such collections, less refunds, rebates and collection costs, exceed such Motor Fuel Tax Appropriation.
d.) Functions financed with General Fund appropriations shall be accounted for separately and shall be in addition to appropriations of Motor Fuel Tax revenues required under Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI, Subsection (b) of the State Constitution.
e.) Bus rental income may be retained to operate, maintain and upgrade department-owned buses.

Section 48: Veterans Service, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$33,144,535	$33,144,535	$33,144,535	$33,144,535
State General Funds	$33,144,535	$33,144,535	$33,144,535	$33,144,535
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$24,210,246	$24,210,246	$24,210,246	$24,210,246
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$24,210,246	$24,210,246	$24,210,246	$24,210,246
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,465,491	$3,465,491	$3,465,491	$3,465,491
Intergovernmental Transfers	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Sales and Services	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$60,820,272	$60,820,272	$60,820,272	$60,820,272
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$35,620,822	$38,095,160	$53,115,002	$43,579,025
State General Funds	$35,620,822	$38,095,160	$53,115,002	$43,579,025
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$24,210,246	$24,210,246	$24,210,246	$24,210,246

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$24,210,246	$24,210,246	$24,210,246	$24,210,246
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,465,491	$3,465,491	$3,465,491	$3,465,491
Intergovernmental Transfers	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Sales and Services	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$63,296,559	$65,770,897	$80,790,739	$71,254,762

Departmental Administration (DVS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate, manage, and supervise all aspects of department operations to include financial, public information, personnel, accounting, purchasing, supply, mail, records management, and information technology.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,241,773	$4,241,773	$4,241,773	$4,241,773
State General Funds	$4,241,773	$4,241,773	$4,241,773	$4,241,773
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,241,773	$4,241,773	$4,241,773	$4,241,773

365.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$34,448	$34,448	$21,530	$34,448

365.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($8,473)	($8,473)	($16,946)

365.1000 Departmental Administration (DVS) **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate, manage, and supervise all aspects of department operations to include financial, public information, personnel, accounting, purchasing, supply, mail, records management, and information technology.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,276,221	$4,267,748	$4,254,830	$4,259,275
State General Funds	$4,276,221	$4,267,748	$4,254,830	$4,259,275
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,276,221	$4,267,748	$4,254,830	$4,259,275

Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the interment of eligible Georgia Veterans who served faithfully and honorably in the military service of our country.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,051,037	$1,051,037	$1,051,037	$1,051,037
State General Funds	$1,051,037	$1,051,037	$1,051,037	$1,051,037
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$327,896	$327,896	$327,896	$327,896

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$327,896	$327,896	$327,896	$327,896
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,378,933	$1,378,933	$1,378,933	$1,378,933

366.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$30,142	$30,142	$18,839	$30,142

366.2 *Transfer funds from the Georgia War Veterans Nursing Homes program due to the delayed implementation of 40 new beds to the Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery program for the upfront design costs of a new cemetery in Augusta with complete federal reimbursement for design and construction.*

State General Funds	$800,000	$0	$0	$0

366.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($4,777)	($4,777)	($9,554)

366.4 *Increase funds to create a new veterans cemetery in Augusta, Richmond County pursuant to HR77 (2021 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	$1,000,000	$800,000	$800,000

366.1000 Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the interment of eligible Georgia Veterans who served faithfully and honorably in the military service of our country.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,881,179	$2,076,402	$1,865,099	$1,871,625
State General Funds	$1,881,179	$2,076,402	$1,865,099	$1,871,625
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$327,896	$327,896	$327,896	$327,896
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$327,896	$327,896	$327,896	$327,896
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,209,075	$2,404,298	$2,192,995	$2,199,521

Georgia War Veterans Nursing Homes **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide skilled nursing care to aged and infirmed Georgia war veterans.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,114,399	$18,114,399	$18,114,399	$18,114,399
State General Funds	$18,114,399	$18,114,399	$18,114,399	$18,114,399
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$23,128,424	$23,128,424	$23,128,424	$23,128,424
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$23,128,424	$23,128,424	$23,128,424	$23,128,424
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,465,491	$3,465,491	$3,465,491	$3,465,491
Intergovernmental Transfers	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863

Sales and Services	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$44,708,314	$44,708,314	$44,708,314	$44,708,314

367.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$421,988	$421,988	$263,743	$421,988

367.2 *Transfer funds from the Georgia War Veterans Nursing Homes program due to the delayed implementation of 40 new beds to the Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery program for the upfront design costs of a new cemetery in Augusta with complete federal reimbursement for design and construction.*

State General Funds	($800,000)	$0	$0	$0

367.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($716)	($716)	($1,432)

367.4 *Reduce funds to recognize savings from a delay in opening of beds.*

State General Funds		($360,000)	($360,000)	($360,000)

367.5 *Increase funds to promote excellence, for quality improvements, and additional staffing capacity at the Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home in Milledgeville, Baldwin County.*

State General Funds			$1,000,000	$1,000,000

367.1000 Georgia War Veterans Nursing Homes				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide skilled nursing care to aged and infirmed Georgia war veterans.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$17,736,387	$18,175,671	$19,017,426	$19,174,955
State General Funds	$17,736,387	$18,175,671	$19,017,426	$19,174,955
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$23,128,424	$23,128,424	$23,128,424	$23,128,424
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$23,128,424	$23,128,424	$23,128,424	$23,128,424
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,465,491	$3,465,491	$3,465,491	$3,465,491
Intergovernmental Transfers	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Sales and Services	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$44,330,302	$44,769,586	$45,611,341	$45,768,870

Veterans Benefits **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to serve Georgia's veterans, their dependents, and survivors in all matters pertaining to veterans' benefits by informing the veterans and their families about veterans' benefits, and directly assisting and advising them in securing the benefits to which they are entitled.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,737,326	$9,737,326	$9,737,326	$9,737,326
State General Funds	$9,737,326	$9,737,326	$9,737,326	$9,737,326
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$753,926	$753,926	$753,926	$753,926
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$753,926	$753,926	$753,926	$753,926
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,491,252	$10,491,252	$10,491,252	$10,491,252

368.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$260,513	$260,513	$162,821	$245,442

368.2 *Increase funds for a technology platform for community service referral.*

State General Funds	$1,729,196	$2,614,598	$2,614,598	$2,614,598

368.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($37,098)	($37,098)	($74,196)

368.4 *Increase funds to provide evidence-based rehabilitation services for military veterans and service members with traumatic brain injuries and mental health concerns. (CC:Increase funds to provide evidence-based rehabilitation services for Georgia military veterans and service members with traumatic brain injuries and mental health concerns)*

State General Funds		$1,000,000	$0	$250,000

368.5 *Increase funds to eliminate homelessness among Georgia veterans.*

State General Funds			$15,000,000	$5,000,000

368.6 *Increase funds for the Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic. (CC:Increase funds for mental health clinic for military families)*

State General Funds			$500,000	$500,000

368.1000 Veterans Benefits **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to serve Georgia's veterans, their dependents, and survivors in all matters pertaining to veterans' benefits by informing the veterans and their families about veterans' benefits, and directly assisting and advising them in securing the benefits to which they are entitled.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,727,035	$13,575,339	$27,977,647	$18,273,170
State General Funds	$11,727,035	$13,575,339	$27,977,647	$18,273,170
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$753,926	$753,926	$753,926	$753,926

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$753,926	$753,926	$753,926	$753,926
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,480,961	$14,329,265	$28,731,573	$19,027,096

Section 49: Workers' Compensation, State Board of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,730,780	$21,730,780	$21,730,780	$21,730,780
State General Funds	$21,730,780	$21,730,780	$21,730,780	$21,730,780
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832
Sales and Services	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$22,104,612	$22,104,612	$22,104,612	$22,104,612

	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,971,916	$21,898,156	$21,807,731	$21,811,478
State General Funds	$21,971,916	$21,898,156	$21,807,731	$21,811,478
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832
Sales and Services	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$22,345,748	$22,271,988	$22,181,563	$22,185,310

Administer the Workers' Compensation Laws **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide exclusive remedy for resolution of disputes in the Georgia Workers' Compensation law.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,120,939	$15,120,939	$15,120,939	$15,120,939
State General Funds	$15,120,939	$15,120,939	$15,120,939	$15,120,939
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353
Sales and Services	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,429,292	$15,429,292	$15,429,292	$15,429,292

369.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$198,076	$198,076	$123,798	$185,158

369.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($58,904)	($58,904)	($117,808)

369.1000 Administer the Workers' Compensation Laws				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide exclusive remedy for resolution of disputes in the Georgia Workers' Compensation law.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,319,015	$15,260,111	$15,185,833	$15,188,289
State General Funds	$15,319,015	$15,260,111	$15,185,833	$15,188,289
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353
Sales and Services	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,627,368	$15,568,464	$15,494,186	$15,496,642

Board Administration (SBWC) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide superior access to the Georgia Workers' Compensation program for injured workers and employers in a manner that is sensitive, responsive, and effective.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,609,841	$6,609,841	$6,609,841	$6,609,841
State General Funds	$6,609,841	$6,609,841	$6,609,841	$6,609,841
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479
Sales and Services	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,675,320	$6,675,320	$6,675,320	$6,675,320

370.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,250 to full-time, regular state employees)(CC:Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees)*

State General Funds	$43,060	$43,060	$26,913	$43,060

370.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective June 1, 2026. (CC:Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026)*

State General Funds		($14,856)	($14,856)	($29,712)

370.1000 Board Administration (SBWC)				**Appropriation (HB 973)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide superior access to the Georgia Workers' Compensation program for injured workers and employers in a manner that is sensitive, responsive, and effective.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,652,901	$6,638,045	$6,621,898	$6,623,189
State General Funds	$6,652,901	$6,638,045	$6,621,898	$6,623,189
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479
Sales and Services	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,718,380	$6,703,524	$6,687,377	$6,688,668

Section 50: Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$715,736,336	$715,736,336	$715,736,336	$715,736,336
State General Funds	$715,736,336	$715,736,336	$715,736,336	$715,736,336
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$715,736,336	$715,736,336	$715,736,336	$715,736,336
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,318,325,837	$1,297,145,045	$1,714,255,045	$1,873,298,848
State General Funds	$1,318,325,837	$1,297,145,045	$1,714,255,045	$1,873,298,848
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS			$50,400,000	
Interest and Investment Income			$50,400,000	
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized			$50,400,000	
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,318,325,837	$1,297,145,045	$1,764,655,045	$1,873,298,848

Capital Projects Fund **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to finance capital projects, including facilities, property, and equipment for state entities and to provide funds for the defeasance of outstanding general obligation debt.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$715,736,336	$715,736,336	$715,736,336	$715,736,336
State General Funds	$715,736,336	$715,736,336	$715,736,336	$715,736,336
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$715,736,336	$715,736,336	$715,736,336	$715,736,336

371.1 *Increase funds for one-time funding for additional major rehabilitation and renovation projects, statewide. (CC:Increase funds and redirect $6,516,989 in prior year state general funds appropriated for defeasance in FY2025 (HB916, 2024 Legislative Session) to provide for additional major rehabilitation and renovation projects, statewide)[University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$40,000,000	$40,000,000	$40,000,000	$33,483,011

371.2 *Increase funds for one-time funding to design and construct the Daniel Guggenheim School of Aerospace Engineering building, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Fulton County. (H:Increase funds for one-time funding for design of the Daniel Guggenheim School of Aerospace Engineering building, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Fulton County. Reflect funding for construction in FY2027)(S and CC:Increase funds for one-time funding to design and construct the Daniel Guggenheim School of Aerospace Engineering building, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Fulton County)[University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$88,200,000	$15,300,000	$88,200,000	$88,200,000

371.3 *Increase funds for one-time funding to design the School of Nursing at the University of Georgia, Athens, Clarke County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$5,600,000	$5,600,000	$0	$5,600,000
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized			$5,600,000	$0
Total Public Funds:	$5,600,000	$5,600,000	$5,600,000	$5,600,000

371.4 *Increase funds for one-time funding for equipment for the School of Medicine, University of Georgia, Athens, Clarke County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$11,430,000	$11,430,000	$11,430,000	$11,430,000

371.5 *Increase funds for one-time funding for additional major rehabilitation and renovation projects, statewide. [Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds	$48,000,000	$48,000,000	$48,000,000	$48,000,000

371.6 *Increase funds for one-time funding for a 40-bed forensic restoration facility at East Central Regional Hospital, Augusta, Richmond County. [Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities]*

State General Funds	$20,740,730	$20,740,730	$20,740,730	$20,740,730

371.7 *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace 75 vehicles, statewide. (H:Increase funds for one-time funding to replace 60 vehicles, statewide)(S and CC:Increase funds for one-time funding to replace 75 vehicles, statewide)[Department of Community Supervision]*

State General Funds	$4,500,000	$3,600,000	$4,500,000	$4,500,000

371.8 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design and construction to replace locking controls, statewide. [Department of Corrections]*

State General Funds	$89,596,895	$84,596,895	$84,596,895	$84,596,895

371.9 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design and construction for fire alarm replacement, perimeter security and lighting, thermal cameras, and CCTV, statewide. [Department of Corrections]*

State General Funds	$84,661,607	$84,661,607	$84,661,607	$84,661,607

371.10 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design for Walker State Prison Kitchen renovation, Rock Spring, Walker County. [Department of Corrections]*

State General Funds	$921,000	$921,000	$921,000	$921,000

371.11 *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace six buses and three vans, statewide. [Department of Corrections]*

State General Funds	$2,980,000	$2,980,000	$2,980,000	$2,980,000

371.12 *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace and outfit 252 vehicles, statewide. (H:Increase funds for one-time funding to replace and outfit 200 vehicles, statewide)(S:Increase funds for one-time funding to replace and outfit 252 vehicles, statewide)(CC:Increase funds for one-time funding to replace and outfit 200 vehicles, statewide)[Department of Corrections]*

State General Funds	$13,110,000	$9,275,000	$13,110,000	$9,275,000

371.13 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase a warden house at Emanuel Women's facility, Swainsboro, Emanuel County. [Department of Corrections]*

State General Funds	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000

371.14 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase food and farm equipment, statewide. [Department of Corrections]*

State General Funds	$2,944,923	$2,944,923	$2,944,923	$2,944,923

371.15 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design and construction of a readiness center, Monroe, Walton County. [Department of Defense]*

State General Funds	$28,000,000	$28,000,000	$28,000,000	$28,000,000

371.16 *Increase funds for one-time funding for site improvements and renovations for a readiness center, Forest Park, Clayton County. [Department of Defense]*

State General Funds	$4,000,000	$4,000,000	$4,000,000	$4,000,000

371.17 *Increase funds for one-time funding for additional design and construction of the Region 10 Investigative Office and Crime Scene Garage, Conyers, Rockdale County. [Georgia Bureau of Investigation]*

State General Funds	$55,000,000	$55,000,000	$50,000,000	$50,000,000

371.18 *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace and outfit 40 vehicles, statewide. [Georgia Bureau of Investigation]*

State General Funds	$2,520,000	$2,520,000	$2,520,000	$2,520,000

371.19 *Increase funds for one-time funding for equipment, installation and training associated with a new statewide public safety radio network to achieve statewide interoperability. [Georgia Bureau of Investigation]*

State General Funds	$4,285,000	$4,285,000	$4,285,000	$4,285,000

371.20 *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace Muscogee YDC CCTV system, Columbus, Muscogee County. [Department of Juvenile Justice]*

State General Funds	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000

371.21 *Increase funds for one-time funding for facility repairs and sustainment, statewide. [Department of Juvenile Justice]*

State General Funds	$2,833,800	$2,833,800	$2,833,800	$2,833,800

371.22 *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace and outfit 215 vehicles, statewide. (H:Increase funds for one-time funding to replace and outfit 175 vehicles, statewide)(S:Increase funds for one-time funding to replace and outfit 215 vehicles, statewide)(CC:Increase funds for one-time funding to replace and outfit 175 vehicles, statewide)[Department of Public Safety]*

State General Funds	$16,000,000	$13,025,000	$16,000,000	$13,025,000

371.23 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design, construction, and equipment for a new K-9 training facility at the Department of Public Safety Headquarters, Atlanta, Fulton County. [Department of Public Safety]*

State General Funds	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$0	$15,000,000
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized			$15,000,000	$0
Total Public Funds:	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000

371.24 *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace three vehicles, Austell, Cobb County. [Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council]*

State General Funds	$105,000	$105,000	$105,000	$105,000

371.25 *Increase funds for one-time funding to repair the wastewater treatment plant, Forsyth, Monroe County. [Georgia Public Safety Training Center]*

State General Funds	$4,587,000	$4,587,000	$4,587,000	$4,587,000

371.26 *Increase funds for one-time funding to repair the Precision Immobilization Technique (PIT) maneuver training areas, Forsyth, Monroe County. [Georgia Public Safety Training Center]*

State General Funds	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000

371.27 *Increase funds for one-time funding for equipment, installation, and training associated with a new statewide public safety radio network to achieve statewide interoperability. [Georgia Public Safety Training Center]*

State General Funds	$124,000	$124,000	$124,000	$124,000

371.28 *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace timeclock and ticketing equipment for Customer Service Centers, statewide. [Department of Driver Services]*

State General Funds	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000

371.29 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase facility hardening equipment to improve security in Customer Service Centers, statewide. [Department of Driver Services]*

State General Funds	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000

371.30 *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace and repair counters in Customer Service Centers, statewide. [Department of Driver Services]*

State General Funds	$430,000	$430,000	$430,000	$430,000

371.31 *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace HVAC units, Perry, Houston County. [Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority]*

State General Funds	$2,487,926	$2,487,926	$2,487,926	$2,487,926

371.32 *Increase funds for one-time funding for Riverwalk repairs at the Savannah Convention Center, Savannah, Chatham County. [Savannah-Georgia Convention Center Authority]*

State General Funds	$5,000,000	$5,000,000	$5,000,000	$5,000,000

371.33 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design and construction for a mass timber county unit, Madison, Morgan County. [State Forestry Commission]*

State General Funds	$2,636,180	$2,636,180	$2,636,180	$2,636,180

371.34 *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace open cab tractors with environmental cabs, statewide. [State Forestry Commission]*

State General Funds	$12,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000

371.35 *Increase funds for one-time funding for infrastructure improvements and renovations for the North Georgia Mountain Authority at Unicoi State Park, Helen, White County. [Department of Natural Resources]*

State General Funds	$1,750,000	$1,750,000	$1,750,000	$1,750,000

371.36 *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace one helicopter for search and rescue operations, statewide. [Department of Natural Resources]*

State General Funds	$10,400,000	$10,400,000	$10,400,000	$10,400,000

371.37 *Increase funds for one-time funding for facility improvements and renovations at fish hatcheries, statewide. [Department of Natural Resources]*

State General Funds	$3,000,000	$3,000,000	$3,000,000	$3,000,000

371.38 *Increase funds for one-time funding for replacement of gangways, statewide. [Department of Natural Resources]*

State General Funds	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000

371.39 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design and rehabilitation of the dam at Stone Mountain Park, Stone Mountain, DeKalb County. [Stone Mountain Memorial Association]*

State General Funds	$610,440	$610,440	$610,440	$610,440

371.40 *Increase funds for one-time funding for monument maintenance needs, Stone Mountain, DeKalb County. [Stone Mountain Memorial Association]*

State General Funds	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000

371.41 *Increase funds for one-time funding for phase one of electrical system equipment replacement, Atlanta, Fulton County. [Georgia World Congress Center Authority]*

State General Funds	$12,000,000	$12,000,000	$12,000,000	$12,000,000

371.42 *Redirect $15,000,000 of FY2025 funds authorized for land acquisition at Paulding and Dawson Forests to be used for land acquisition at Pine Log Mountain, White, Bartow County. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)[Department of Natural Resources]*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

371.43 *Eliminate unutilized project funds.*

State General Funds		($3,500,000)	($3,500,000)	($3,500,000)

371.44 *Increase funds for one-time funding to design, construct, and equip the retrofit of the 301 Building to establish the College of Optometry, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Bulloch County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds		$29,800,000	$0	$29,800,000
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized			$29,800,000	$0
Total Public Funds:		$29,800,000	$29,800,000	$29,800,000

371.45 *Utilize undesignated state surplus funds ($220,000,000) to construct a new 480-bed private prison facility to meet need for additional bed capacity. (H:YES)(S:YES; Utilize undesignated state surplus funds ($180,000,000) to construct two new modular correctional units)(CC:NO)[Department of Corrections]*

State General Funds		$0	$0	$0

371.46 *Increase funds for one-time funding to design, construct, and equip the Arts and Sciences Renovation, Georgia College and State University, Milledgeville, Baldwin County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds		$5,000,000	$5,000,000	$5,000,000

371.47 *Increase funds for one-time funding to design, construct, and equip the renovation of the Medical Examiner's Office in Augusta, Richmond County. (CC:NO)[Georgia Bureau of Investigation]*

State General Funds		$2,729,208	$2,729,208	$0

371.48 *Increase funds for one-time funding to begin design and construction of new Georgia Regional Hospital - Atlanta to address mental health and forensic bed capacity. (S and CC:Increase funds for one-time funding for design and construction of new Georgia Regional Hospital - Atlanta to address mental health and forensic bed capacity)[Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities]*

State General Funds		$27,000,000	$409,000,000	$409,000,000

371.49 *Increase funds for one-time funding to design, construct, and equip Post 19 to reflect enhanced mission and increased construction costs, Swainsboro, Emanuel County. (S:NO; Return to policy of county bid and local funding)(CC:Increase funds for one-time funding for matching funds to design, construct, and equip Post 19 to reflect enhanced mission and increased construction costs, Swainsboro, Emanuel County)[Department of Public Safety]*

State General Funds	$2,700,000	$0	$1,350,000

371.50 *Increase funds for one-time funding to design, construct, and equip a new state patrol facility for Waycross Post 22, Waycross, Ware County. (S:NO; Return to policy of county bid and local funding)(CC:Increase funds for one-time funding for matching funds to design, construct, and equip a new state patrol facility for Waycross Post 22, Waycross, Ware County)[Department of Public Safety]*

State General Funds	$2,700,000	$0	$1,350,000

371.51 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction of the renovation for the Long County Public Library, Ludowici, Long County. [Georgia Public Library System]*

State General Funds	$1,900,000	$1,900,000

371.52 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design and construction for two college and career academies, statewide. (CC:Increase funds for one-time funding for design and construction for one college and career academy)[Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds	$4,500,000	$1,500,000

371.53 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design, construction, and equipment for the renovation for the Criminal Justice Learning Lab and Public Safety Facility, Albany State University, Albany, Dougherty County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$3,900,000	$3,900,000

371.54 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction for renovation of the Technology-Enhanced Learning Center, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, Carroll County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$5,000,000	$5,000,000

371.55 *Redirect $25,000,000 in existing funds for prison design (HB67, 2025 Session) and increase funds to construct one new modular correctional unit and two transition centers to expand bed capacity. [Department of Corrections]*

State General Funds	$125,000,000

371.1000 Capital Projects Fund **Appropriation (HB 973)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to finance capital projects, including facilities, property, and equipment for state entities and to provide funds for the defeasance of outstanding general obligation debt.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,318,325,837	$1,297,145,045	$1,714,255,045	$1,873,298,848
State General Funds	$1,318,325,837	$1,297,145,045	$1,714,255,045	$1,873,298,848
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS			$50,400,000	
Interest and Investment Income			$50,400,000	
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized			$50,400,000	
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,318,325,837	$1,297,145,045	$1,764,655,045	$1,873,298,848

Section 51: State of Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,067,094,690	$1,067,094,690	$1,067,094,690	$1,067,094,690
State General Funds	$965,529,934	$965,529,934	$965,529,934	$965,529,934
State Motor Fuel Funds	$101,564,756	$101,564,756	$101,564,756	$101,564,756
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,007,384	$12,007,384	$12,007,384	$12,007,384
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,007,384	$12,007,384	$12,007,384	$12,007,384
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,079,102,074	$1,079,102,074	$1,079,102,074	$1,079,102,074
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,120,090,882	$1,041,127,209	$1,065,967,887	$1,065,967,887
State General Funds	$1,019,652,929	$940,689,256	$965,529,934	$965,529,934
State Motor Fuel Funds	$100,437,953	$100,437,953	$100,437,953	$100,437,953
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,007,384	$12,007,384	$12,007,384	$12,007,384
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,007,384	$12,007,384	$12,007,384	$12,007,384
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,132,098,266	$1,053,134,593	$1,077,975,271	$1,077,975,271
General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - Issued			**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,067,094,690	$1,067,094,690	$1,067,094,690	$1,067,094,690
State General Funds	$965,529,934	$965,529,934	$965,529,934	$965,529,934
State Motor Fuel Funds	$101,564,756	$101,564,756	$101,564,756	$101,564,756
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,007,384	$12,007,384	$12,007,384	$12,007,384
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,007,384	$12,007,384	$12,007,384	$12,007,384
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,079,102,074	$1,079,102,074	$1,079,102,074	$1,079,102,074
372.1 *Increase funds for debt service. (CC:NO)*				
State General Funds	$54,122,995	$25,159,322	$0	$0
372.2 *Reduce funds for debt service and transfer savings from the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission to the Department of Transportation.*				
State Motor Fuel Funds	($1,126,803)	($1,126,803)	($1,126,803)	($1,126,803)
372.3 *Utilize $3,743,080 in remaining proceeds from a Fiscal Year 2023 20-year bond issued for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for rehabilitation of the Lake Trahlyta Dam at Vogel State Park to complete prioritized dam repairs at Vogel State Park, Little Ocmulgee State Park, or other DNR maintained dams. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*				
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
372.4 *Reduce funds and utilize Capital Projects Fund interest income. (CC:NO)*				
State General Funds		($50,000,000)	$0	$0

372.1000 General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - Issued				Appropriation (HB 973)
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,120,090,882	$1,041,127,209	$1,065,967,887	$1,065,967,887
State General Funds	$1,019,652,929	$940,689,256	$965,529,934	$965,529,934
State Motor Fuel Funds	$100,437,953	$100,437,953	$100,437,953	$100,437,953
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,007,384	$12,007,384	$12,007,384	$12,007,384
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,007,384	$12,007,384	$12,007,384	$12,007,384
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,132,098,266	$1,053,134,593	$1,077,975,271	$1,077,975,271

General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - New			Continuation Budget	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

Section 52: General Obligation Bonds Repealed, Revised, or Reinstated
Reserved.

Section 53: Salary Adjustments
The appropriations to budget units made above include funds for, and have the added purpose of, the following salary increases and adjustments, administered in conformity with the applicable compensation and performance management plans as provided by law:

1.) To provide for a one-time pay supplement of $2,000 for active, fulltime, benefit-eligible employees of the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branches, except those positions referenced in O.C.G.A. § 45-7-3, employed by the state as of July 1, 2025.

2.) In lieu of other numbered items,

(a) to provide for a $2,000 salary supplement to the State Salary Schedule of the State Board of Education through a one-time payment of $2,000 in addition to the state base salary. This proposed $2,000 salary supplement is in addition to the salary increases awarded to certificated personnel through normal progression on the teacher salary schedule for the State Board of Education. This Item includes as well, and without limitation, teachers and administrators in state agencies whose salaries, by the authority of addenda to the Statewide Salary Plan, are determined from the State Salary Schedule of the State Board of Education.

(b) to provide for a $2,000 one-time salary supplement to local school systems for part-time employees, to include QBE-funded instructional staff, school support staff, school custodians, school administration, and central administration;

(c) to provide for a $2,000 one-time salary supplement to all local nutrition workers and for a $2,000 one-time salary supplement for local school bus drivers.

3.) In lieu of other numbered items, to provide for a one-time pay supplement of $2,000 for active, full-time, benefit-eligible faculty and non-academic personnel of the University System of Georgia Board of Regents employed by the state as of July 1, 2025.

4.) In lieu of other numbered items, to provide for a one-time pay supplement of $2,000 for public librarians funded through the Public Libraries appropriation stated above and administered by the Board of Regents employed by the state as of July 1, 2025.

5.) In lieu of other numbered items, to provide for a one-time pay supplement of $2,000 for active, full-time, benefit-eligible faculty and support personnel within the Technical College System of Georgia employed by the state as of July 1, 2025.

6.) In lieu of other numbered items, to provide for a salary increase for Katie Beckett Medicaid caseworkers for the Georgia Department of Community Health. The amount for this Item is calculated according to an effective date of April 1, 2026.

Section 54: Refunds
In addition to all other appropriations, there is hereby appropriated, as needed, a specific sum of money equal to each refund authorized by law, which is required to make refunds of taxes and other monies collected in error, farmer gasoline tax refunds, and any other refunds specifically authorized by law.

Section 55: Leases
In accordance with the requirements of Article IX, Section III, Paragraph I(a) of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, as amended, there is hereby appropriated payable to each department, agency, or institution of the State sums sufficient to satisfy the payments required to be made in each year under existing lease contracts between any department, agency, or institution of the State and any authority created and activated at the time of the effective date of the aforesaid constitutional provision, as amended, or appropriated for the State Fiscal Year addressed within this Act. If for any reason any of the sums herein provided under any other provision of this Act are insufficient to make the required payments in full, then there shall be taken from other funds appropriated to the department, agency, or institution involved an amount sufficient to satisfy such deficiency in full, and the lease payment shall constitute a first charge on all such appropriations.

Section 56: Budgetary Control and Interpretation
The appropriations in this Act consist of the amount stated in the right-most column, for each line at the lowest level of detail for the fund source categories, "Total State Funds" and "Total Federal Funds," under a caption beginning with a program or special project number (regardless of whether program or special project number has a number higher or lower than 1000 after the decimal) and a program or special project name. In each case, such appropriation is associated with the immediately preceding program or special project name, number, and statement of program or special project purpose. The program or special project purpose is stated immediately below the program or special project name. The most specific level of detail for authorizations for general obligation debt in Section 51 shall be the authorizing paragraphs.

Amounts in the columns other than the right-most column are for informational purposes only. The summary and lowest level of detail for the fund source categories "Total Agency Funds" and "Total IntraState Governmental Transfers," are for informational purposes only. Sections 52, 53, 54 and 55 contain, constitute, or amend appropriations.

Section 57: Flex
Notwithstanding any other statement of purpose, the purpose of each appropriation of federal funds or other funds shall be the stated purpose or any other lawful purpose consistent with the fund source and the general law powers of the budget unit.

In the preceding sentence, "Federal Funds" means any federal funding source, whether specifically identified or not specifically identified; "Other

Funds" means all other fund sources except State Funds or Federal Funds, including without limitation Intra-State Government Transfers. This paragraph shall not permit an agency to include within its flex the appropriations for an agency attached to it for administrative purposes.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid," "Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled," and "PeachCare" programs of the Department of Community Health, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 10 percent (10%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the three programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "Capital Construction Projects," "Capital Maintenance Projects," and "Local Road Assistance Administration" programs of the Department of Transportation, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 10 percent (10%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the three programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "Airport Aid," "Ports and Waterways," and "Rail" programs of the Department of Transportation, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 20 percent (20%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the three programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "HOPE Grant," "HOPE High School Equivalency Exam," "HOPE Scholarships – Private Schools," and "HOPE Scholarships – Public Schools" programs of the Georgia Student Finance Commission, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 10 percent (10%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the four programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

Part II: Effective Date
This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

Part III: Repeal Conflicting Laws
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Hatchett of the 155th moved that the House adopt the report of the Committee of Conference on HB 973.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	E Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	E Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
E Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	E Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 169, nays 0.

The motion prevailed.

Pursuant to Article III, Section V, Paragraph XIII (b) of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, Representative Hatchett of the 155th moved that HB 973 be immediately transmitted to the Governor.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
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On the motion, the ayes were 169, nays 0.

The motion prevailed.

The following communication was received:

Clerk's Office
House of Representatives

February 25, 2026

The Honorable Brian Kemp
Governor of the State of Georgia
Room 201, State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Governor Kemp,

On February 25, 2026, the House has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bill of the House:

HB 973 by Representative Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th, and Hatchett of the 155th;

A Bill to amend an Act making and providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, known as the "General Appropriations Act," Act No. 73, approved May 9, 2025.

Pursuant to Article III, Section V, Paragraph XIII (b) of the Constitution of the State of Georgia by a vote of 169 yeas, 0 nays, the House, on this day, ordered HB 973 be immediately transmitted to the Governor. A copy of the Roll Call is attached.

Respectfully,

/s/ William L. Reilly
Clerk of the House

Attachment

cc: The Honorable Jon Burns, Speaker of the House
The Honorable Burt Jones, Lieutenant Governor
The Honorable Brad Raffensperger, Secretary of State
Mr. James Tripp, Secretary of the Senate
Ms. Betsy Howerton, Legislative Counsel

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 320. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Dickey of the 134th, Parsons of the 44th, Camp of the 135th, Cannon of the 172nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to solid waste management, so as to require the recycling of solar panels; to prohibit the discarding or disposing of solar panels by any manner other than by delivery to a collection or recovered materials processing facility or other recycling center that accepts solar panels for recycling; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to solid waste management, so as to require the recycling of solar panels; to prohibit the discarding or disposing of solar panels by any manner other than by delivery to a legitimate recycling facility that accepts solar panels for recycling; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to solid waste management, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"12-8-28.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Legitimate recycling facility' means a recovered materials processing facility or any other recycling center or disposal facility that accepts solar panels for recycling so as to return a significant portion of the materials recovered from such solar panels to commerce as a commodity for use in a beneficial and safe manner and that does not, through its recycling process, adversely impact public health or safety or the environment.

(2) 'Solar panel' means any device that contains a bank of solar cells or other solar energy collection system that when exposed to solar radiation can generate electricity.

(3) 'Solar power facility' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 46-3-67.

(b) No owner or operator of a solar power facility shall discard or dispose of or cause to be discarded or disposed of a solar panel by placing it in a landfill, by placing it with other municipal solid waste or commercial solid waste that is or will be delivered to a landfill, or by any other manner except by delivery to a legitimate recycling facility.

(c) Any owner or operator of a solar power facility who violates subsection (b) of this Code section shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $20.00 for each offense. For the purposes of this Code section, each solar panel that is discarded or disposed of in violation of subsection (b) of this Code section shall constitute a separate offense. The civil penalty provided for in this subsection shall be recoverable in a civil action brought in any court of competent jurisdiction by the Attorney General or any district attorney."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

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Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
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Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
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Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 162, nays 4.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 1024. By Representatives Hong of the 103rd, Reeves of the 99th and Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 44-13-100 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions for purposes of bankruptcy and intestate insolvent estates, so as to revise the exemption for a debtor's aggregate interest in real property or personal property that the debtor or a dependent of the debtor uses as a residence, in a cooperative that owns property that the debtor or a dependent of the debtor uses as a residence, or in a burial plot; to provide for such exemption for the primary residence of spouses; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 44-13-100 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions for purposes of bankruptcy and intestate insolvent estates, so as to revise the exemption for a debtor's aggregate interest in real property or personal property that the debtor or a dependent of the debtor uses as a residence, in a cooperative that owns property that the debtor or a dependent of the debtor uses as a residence, or in a burial plot; to provide for such exemption for the primary residence of spouses; to provide for certain increases to such exemption; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 44-13-100 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions for purposes of bankruptcy and intestate insolvent estates, is amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(1)(A) The debtor's aggregate interest, not to exceed ~~$21,500.00~~ $50,000.00 in value, in real property or personal property that the debtor or a dependent of the debtor uses as a residence, in a cooperative that owns property that the debtor or a dependent of the debtor uses as a residence, or in a burial plot for the debtor or a dependent of the debtor; provided, however, that beginning July 1, 2031, and annually thereafter, such exemption shall be revised by being multiplied by the inflation rate of the prior year. In the event title to property used for the exemption provided under this paragraph is in one of two spouses who is a debtor, and such property is the primary residence of both spouses, the amount of the exemption hereunder shall be ~~$43,000.00~~ $100,000.00; provided, however, that, beginning July 1, 2031, and annually thereafter, such exemption shall be revised by being multiplied by the inflation rate of the prior year;

(B) As used in this paragraph, the term 'inflation rate' means the annual inflationary index rate as determined for a given year by the state revenue commissioner by

promulgating a standardized method for determining annual inflationary index rates which reflect the effects of inflation and deflation on the cost of living for residents of this state for a given calendar year. Such method may utilize the Consumer Price Index as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor or any other similar index established by the federal government if the state revenue commissioner determines that such federal index fairly reflects the effects of inflation and deflation on the cost of living for residents of this state."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
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On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 170, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 1030. By Representatives Donatucci of the 105th, Erwin of the 32nd, Jones of the 47th, Dubnik of the 29th, Hilton of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to enact the "Math Matters Act"; to require the State Board of Education to adopt content standards for middle and high school advanced math courses; to require local education agencies to establish advance math courses in middle school and high school; to require the Professional Standards Commission to ensure students completing teacher certification programs have the knowledge and skills to teach math including the four strands of mathematical proficiency; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2 Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to enact the "Math Matters Act"; to require the State Board of Education to adopt content standards for middle and high school advanced math courses; to require local education agencies to establish advanced math courses in middle school and high school; to provide for enrollment of students into and withdrawal from advanced math courses; to require minimum core math instruction time for students in grades four and five; to require that students and parents or guardians are provided information regarding advanced math courses; to require annual reports; to prohibit waivers; to require the Professional Standards Commission to revise standards for acquiring and maintaining teacher certification in elementary education to include requirements regarding developmentally appropriate evidence based math instruction; to require the Professional Standards Commission to ensure students completing teacher certification programs have the knowledge and skills to teach math including the four strands of mathematical proficiency; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, is amended in Part 3 of Article 6, relating to educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-153.2.

(a) This Code section shall be known and may be cited as the 'Math Matters Act.'

(b) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Advanced math course' means each math course designated as such by the State Board of Education for purposes of this Code section.

(2) 'Evidence based math instruction' means teaching practices that are supported by research grounded in quantitative or qualitative empirical evidence and are shown to positively impact student math learning, to support students in achieving grade-level math learning goals, and to improve student outcomes.

(3) 'Four strands of mathematical proficiency' means a combination of the following:

(A) Real world problem solving skills, which connects math to students' lives;

(B) Procedural fluency, which is the ability to perform math procedures with speed, accuracy, efficiency, and flexibility;

(C) Conceptual understanding, which is knowing how and why math works; and

(D) Productive dispositions, which is seeing math as sensible, useful, and worthwhile.

(4) 'Intervention' means a specific program, activity, or set of steps used to help students improve in an area of need that may include additional time, evidence based tutoring, small group instruction, multitiered system of supports, or the like.

(5) 'Local education agency' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 20-2-167.1.

(c) By January 1, 2027, the State Board of Education shall adopt content standards for advanced math courses to be designated as such for purposes of this Code section. Such advanced math courses shall, at a minimum, include:

(1) A course that incorporates eighth grade math content standards with algebra content standards and allows students enrolled in a middle school program who successfully complete such course to earn high school credit; and

(2) One or more courses for students enrolled in grades nine and ten that incorporates content standards for two math courses in a single year-long course.

(d) Beginning with the 2027-2028 school year, each local education agency shall require at least 60 minutes daily or 300 minutes weekly of core math instructional time for students in grades four and five.

(e)(1) Beginning with the 2027-2028 school year, each local education agency:

(A) With students enrolled in a middle school program shall automatically enroll in an advanced math course each student who receives a score of distinguished learner on the state-wide end-of-grade math assessment at the end of grade seven or

demonstrates proficiency using a local measure that considers the student's math coursework or the student's grade point average in math. Each local education agency shall establish a procedure for a parent or guardian to withdraw his or her child from such automatic enrollment or to enroll his or her child in such advanced math course if the student receives a score of proficient learner on the state-wide end-of-grade math assessment at the end of grade seven, provided that such student meets other minimum enrollment qualifications established by the local education agency, including, but not limited to, grade point average in math or demonstrated continued growth in assessment data. For purposes of this paragraph, the State Board of Education shall designate Enhanced Algebra: Concepts and Connections as an advanced math course;

(B) With students enrolled in a high school program shall automatically enroll in an advanced math course each student who receives a score of distinguished learner on the state-wide end-of-grade math assessment at the end of grade eight or demonstrates proficiency using a local measure that considers the student's math coursework or the student's grade point average in math. Each local education agency shall establish a procedure for a parent or guardian to withdraw his or her child from such automatic enrollment or to enroll his or her child in such advanced math course if the student receives a score of proficient learner on the state-wide end-of-grade math assessment at the end of grade eight, provided that such student meets other minimum enrollment qualifications established by the local education agency, including, but not limited to, grade point average in math or demonstrated continued growth in assessment data; and

(C) With students enrolled in a high school program shall automatically enroll in an advanced math course each student who receives a score of distinguished learner on the state-wide end-of-course assessment by the end of grade nine or demonstrates proficiency using a local measure that considers the student's math coursework or the student's grade point average in math. Each local education agency shall establish a procedure for a parent or guardian to withdraw his or her child from such automatic enrollment or to enroll his or her child in such advanced math course if the student receives a score of proficient learner on the state-wide end-of-grade math assessment at the end of grade nine, provided that such student meets other minimum enrollment qualifications established by the local education agency, including, but not limited to, grade point average in math or demonstrated continued growth in assessment data.

(2) Each local education agency shall provide each student enrolled in an advanced math course:

(A) Reasonable instructional support beyond core math instruction; and

(B) A system of supports for students to achieve success in the advanced math course, which may include:

(i) A specific high-quality instructional program; and

(ii) A set of steps used to help students improve in math, including, but not limited to:

(I) Additional instructional time;

(II) High-dosage tutoring;
(III) Small group instruction; and
(IV) Technology enabled activities during the school day.
(3) Each local education agency shall provide information to students and parents or guardians about:
(A) The purpose and goals of guaranteed access to advanced math courses;
(B) The available advanced math courses; and
(C) How each advanced math course supports preparation for postsecondary college and career opportunities.
(4)(A) By October 1, 2028, and October 1 each year thereafter, the Department of Education shall provide a report to the chairpersons of the House Committee on Education, the Senate Education and Youth Committee, the House Committee on Appropriations, and the Senate Appropriations Committee. Such report shall include, at a minimum:
(i) The number of students enrolled in each local education agency who received a score of distinguished learner on the most recent state-wide end-of-grade math assessment for grades five, six, and seven;
(ii) The number and percentage of students provided for in division (i) of this subparagraph who were:
(I) Automatically enrolled in an eighth grade advanced math course; and
(II) Automatically enrolled in an eighth grade advanced math course and withdrew from such enrollment; and
(iii) The number of students who did not receive a score of distinguished learner on the most recent state-wide end-of-grade math assessment for grade seven but who enrolled in an advanced math course.
(B) The student data provided pursuant to division (i) of this subparagraph shall be disaggregated by ethnicity, sex, socioeconomic status, disability, and language proficiency.
(f) This Code section shall not be subject to waivers pursuant to Code Section 20-2-82 for a strategic waivers school system, Code Section 20-2-244 for a local board of education, Code Section 20-2-2063.2 for a charter system, or Code Section 20-2-2065 for a charter system or schools within a charter system, or any completion special school."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended in Part 10 of Article 17, relating to professional standards, by revising subsections (a) and (b) of Code Section 20-2-984, relating to Professional Standards Commission — authority to create and implement standards and procedures for certifying educational personnel, recommending standards and procedures for certification, continuation of teaching certificates, and restrictions, as follows:

"(a) The commission shall create and implement standards and procedures for certifying educational personnel as qualified for a certificate to practice in the public schools of Georgia; provided, however, that such standards and procedures shall not require an individual to participate in or complete any training program in which divisive concepts,

as such term is defined in Code Section 20-1-11, are advocated for; provided, further, that such standards shall include the following:

(1) Procedures for limiting the number and types of certificates to the fewest possible consistent with providing qualified teachers for Georgia's schools;

(2) In-service training and related requirements needed to renew or maintain certification;

(3) Multiple or alternative routes to professional teacher certification, including, but not limited to, the alternative and nontraditional teacher certification programs provided for in Code Section 20-2-206; provided, however, that the commission's standards and procedures consider for in-state certification nationally accredited teacher certification programs outside of this state which are state sponsored and meet the academic accreditation and certification requirements of the commission; and

(4)(A) Requirements, including appropriate examinations and assessments, for acquiring and maintaining certification pursuant to Code Section 20-2-200.

(B) Beginning July 1, ~~2025~~ 2028, the Georgia Assessments for Certification of Educators (GACE), or any other assessment required by the commission for teacher certification, shall be aligned with developmentally appropriate evidence based literacy instruction and evidence based math instruction.

(b) The commission shall recommend to the board of regents and private colleges and universities standards and procedures for preparing educational personnel to qualify for initial and renewable certification to practice in the public schools of Georgia, including the following:

(1) Pre-service preparation;

(2) Approval of teacher education programs, both graduate and undergraduate, which shall include, at a minimum, mandatory coursework in:

(A) Differentiated instruction, including the development and implementation of explicit curricula to effectively support and deliver differentiated instruction to students. As used in this subparagraph, the term 'differentiated instruction' means instruction that demonstrates a teacher's recognition of students as individuals in terms of their abilities, achievement, learning styles, and needs, including but not limited to at-risk students, English language learners, students with special needs, and gifted students, and that gives greater emphasis to individualization in teaching by making adjustments to curricula, materials, learning activities, and assessment techniques to ensure that all students in a mixed-ability classroom can have equal access to appropriate avenues for processing new information and developing skills; and

(B) Instruction related to the development of fundamental reading skills, including phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and reading comprehension;

(3) Approval of programs of alternative certification;

(4) The creation of innovative programs designed to increase the number of minority teachers entering the profession, including, but not limited to, programs designed to promote increased student enrollment in and completion of teacher education programs offered at historically black colleges and universities in this state; ~~and~~

(5) The creation of standards designed to ensure that postsecondary students completing teacher certification programs in this state graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to teach reading; and

(6) The creation of standards designed to ensure that postsecondary students completing elementary education teacher certification programs in this state graduate with training and instruction that:

(A) Effectively teaches math knowledge and skills that develop the four strands of mathematical proficiency as such term is defined in Code Section 20-2-153.2;

(B) Implements evidence based math instruction as such term is defined in Code Section 20-2-153.2;

(C) Provides effective instruction and interventions for students who need intervention as such term is defined in Code Section 20-2-153.2; and

(D) Understands and uses student data to make instructional decisions."

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
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Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 171, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 1329. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th and Newton of the 127th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to controlled substances, so as to provide for certain provisions relating to Schedule I controlled substances; to provide for certain provisions relating to the definition of dangerous drugs; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	E Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	E Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson

Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
E Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 171, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE SUPPLEMENTAL RULES CALENDAR
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2026

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 24th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

HB 421	Interstate Sexual Predator Prevention Act; enact (Substitute)(JudyNC-Taylor-173rd)
HB 942	Ad valorem tax; public property owned by a political subdivision outside of its territorial limits; limit an exemption (W&M-Burnough-77th)
HB 1076	Crimes and offenses; create felony offense of obstruction of a law enforcement officer with a motor vehicle (JudyNC-Ehrhart-36th)
HB 1164	Education; require State Board of Education to appoint an audit committee (Substitute)(Ed-Wade-9th)

HB 1185 Courts; certain shareholder claims to be brought before the Georgia Statewide Business Court; provide (Judy-Efstration-104th)
HB 1259 Education; prohibit virtual instruction to out-of-system students if the local school system has a College and Career Ready Performance Index below the state average (Substitute)(Ed-Dubnik-29th)
HB 1277 Conservation and natural resources; increase project cost threshold for public roads or airports requiring environmental evaluations (Substitute)(Trans-Barton-5th)

Structured Rule

HB 1070 Income tax; increase and extend a credit for expenditures on maintenance of railroad track owned or leased by Class III railroads (W&M-Hagan-156th)
HB 1085 Income tax; various tax credits for forestry manufacturing facilities; provide (Substitute)(W&M-Petrea-166th)

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 1259. By Representatives Dubnik of the 29th, Erwin of the 32nd, Hatchett of the 155th and Jones of the 25th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 4 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to financing relative to the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to prohibit virtual instruction to out-of-system students if the local school system has a College and Career Ready Performance Index below the state average; to require an agreement between local school systems to allow for an out-of-system student to attend a virtual school; to require out-of-system students to not be counted toward equalization funds received by a local school system; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 4 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to financing relative to the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to prohibit virtual instruction to out-of-system students if the local school system has a College and Career Ready Performance Index average below 70 for the previous two school years; to prohibit out-of-system students from being counted toward equalization funds received by a local school system; to require local school systems that enroll out-of-system students to compile a list of such out-of-system students; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Part 4 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to financing relative to the "Quality Basic Education Act," is amended by revising Code Section 20-2-167.2 as follows:

"20-2-167.2.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Out-of-system student' means a student who is enrolled in a local school system and receives virtual instruction from a virtual school within ~~the~~ such local school system, but who resides in another local school system.

(2) 'Virtual instruction' means online instruction for grades kindergarten through 12. Such term shall not include virtual instruction received through the Georgia Virtual School established pursuant to Code Section 20-2-319.1 or the clearing-house established pursuant to Code Section 20-2-319.3, or through a state charter school which provides virtual instruction.

(3) 'Virtual school' means a school within a local school system which provides virtual instruction.

(b) A local school system that provides virtual instruction through a virtual school whose total student enrollment is composed of more than 5 percent out-of-system students shall:

(1) Ensure that 90 percent of funds earned pursuant to this article for out-of-system students are expended for costs for virtual instruction for such out-of-system students and shall return any excess funds to the state treasury which are not expended for such purposes; ~~and~~

(2) Include in the virtual school and local school system's College and Career Ready Performance Index data academic achievement results for out-of-system students; and

(3) Not provide virtual instruction to out-of-system students in the current academic year if the local school system or its virtual school has failed to maintain an average of 70 or above on the College and Career Ready Performance Index over the previous two school years.

(c) Each local school system that enrolls any out-of-system students shall compile a complete list of such out-of-system students as of October 1 and March 1 of each year. No local school system shall include any such out-of-system student in any count for purposes related to qualifying for equalization funds pursuant to Code Section 20-2-165.

~~(c)~~(d) This Code section shall not be subject to waiver pursuant to Code Section 20-2-82 for a strategic waivers school system, Code Section 20-2-2063.2 for a charter system, Code Section 20-2-2065 for a charter school, or Code Section 20-2-244."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
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Y Bell	Y Drenner	Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
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Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
E Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 169, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 1277. By Representatives Barton of the 5th, Jasperse of the 11th, Campbell of the 171st, Hagan of the 156th and McDonald III of the 26th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 16 of Title 12 and Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to environmental policy and highways, bridges, and ferries, respectively, so as to increase the project cost threshold for public roads or airports requiring environmental evaluations; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 16 of Title 12 and Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to environmental policy and highways, bridges, and ferries, respectively, so as to increase the project cost threshold for public roads or airports requiring environmental evaluations; to authorize annual adjustments to such thresholds based upon inflation; to revise various reporting requirements relating to projects of and contracts awarded by the Department of Transportation; to provide for publication of such reports; to repeal a limit on the amount of design-build projects that may be awarded by such department; to increase the property value threshold for requirements relating to the sale of property no longer needed for public road purposes; to authorize annual adjustments to such threshold based upon inflation; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 16 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to environmental policy, is amended by revising Code Section 12-16-9, relating to limitation on requirement for environmental evaluation, as follows:

"12-16-9.

When a project of a department, municipality, county, or authority to construct or improve a public road or airport does not exceed ~~$100~~ $200 million in costs, such project shall not constitute a proposed governmental action which may significantly adversely affect the quality of the environment and the requirements of this article shall not be

applicable, except that an environmental evaluation shall be considered in the decision-making process, consistent with paragraph (3) of Code Section 12-16-2, when it is probable to expect significant adverse impact on historical sites or buildings and cultural resources. On July 1, 2027, and each July 1 thereafter, the division shall be authorized to annually adjust the cost threshold established in this Code section; provided, however, that such adjustment shall not result in an increase by more than the annual rate of inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor."

SECTION 2.

Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated relating to highways, bridges, and ferries, is amended by revising Code Section 32-2-41.2, relating to development of benchmarks, reports, and value engineering studies, as follows:

"32-2-41.2.

(a) ~~The commissioner shall develop and publish in print or electronically benchmarks, based upon the type and scope of a construction project, that detail a realistic time frame for completion of each stage of a construction project, including preliminary engineering and design, environmental permitting and review, and right of way acquisition~~ The department shall develop and publish an annual fiscal year report accounting for the investment of public funds in transportation during the previous fiscal year. Such report shall be made available to the Governor and the General Assembly by January 15 of each year.

(b) ~~The director shall submit an annual report to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairpersons of the House and Senate Transportation Committees detailing the progress of every construction project valued at $10 million or more against the benchmarks. This report shall include an analysis explaining the discrepancies between the benchmarks and actual performance on each project as well as an explanation for delays. This report shall also be published on the website of the department~~ The department shall maintain on its website a detailed status report for each programmed project, including a project description, projected schedule by programmed phases, and projected cost by programmed phases.

~~(c) The department shall create and maintain on its website a detailed status report on each project under planning or construction. This status report shall include, but not be limited to, the name and contact information of the project manager, if applicable.~~

~~(d) Value engineering studies shall be performed on all projects whose costs exceed $50 million, except for any project procured in accordance with Code Sections 32-2-79, 32-2-80, and 32-2-81, and the director shall submit an annual report to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairpersons of the House and Senate Transportation Committees detailing the amount saved due to the value engineering studies. This report shall also be published on the website of the department.~~"

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 32-2-43, relating to director of planning, appointment, and responsibilities, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) The director of planning's principal responsibility shall be the development of transportation plans, including the development of the state-wide strategic transportation plan, state-wide transportation improvement program, state-wide freight and logistics implementation plan, and other comprehensive plans pursuant to the provisions of Code ~~Section~~ Sections 32-2-3 and ~~Code Section~~ 32-2-22, and strategic transportation plans pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 32-2-41.1, ~~and benchmarks and value engineering studies pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 32-2-41.2,~~ in consultation with the board, the Governor, and the commissioner. The director shall also be responsible for the duties and activities assigned to the director in Article 5 of Chapter 8 of Title 48. The director shall be the director of the Planning Division of the department and shall possess, exercise, and perform all the duties, powers, and authority which may be vested in such division by law and are necessary or appropriate for such purpose, except those duties, powers, and authority which are expressly reserved by law to the board or the commissioner."

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 32-2-69, relating to bidding process and award of contract, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) Except as authorized by Code Sections ~~32-2-79,~~ 32-2-80~~,~~ and 32-2-82, the department shall award contracts to the lowest reliable bidder, provided that the department shall have the right to reject any and all such bids whether such right is reserved in the public notice or not and, in such case, the department may ~~readvertise~~ republish the advertisement, perform the work itself, or abandon the project."

SECTION 5.

Said title is further amended by repealing and reserving Code Section 32-2-79, relating to biennial reporting of potential undertakings best suited for public-private partnership.

SECTION 6.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 32-2-80, relating to public-private partnerships (P3s), by revising subsection (d) as follows:

"(d) The department shall be authorized to promulgate reasonable rules or regulations to assist in proposal evaluations and to implement the purposes of this Code section. The department shall report the content of such rules or regulations to the Transportation Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives for their approval by majority vote prior to the promulgation thereof and shall make ~~quarterly reports to the same chairpersons of all of its activities undertaken pursuant to the provisions of this Code section~~ annual reports to the same chairpersons on the status of the projects undertaken pursuant to this Code section in relation to the annual fiscal year report required by subsection (a) of Code Section 32-2-41.2."

SECTION 7.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 32-2-81, relating to design-build procedure, by revising subsections (e) and (f) as follows:

"(e) ~~In contracting for design-build projects, the department shall be limited to contracting for no more than 50 percent of the total amount of construction projects awarded in the previous fiscal year.~~

~~(f) Not later than 90 days after~~ Following the end of the fiscal year, the department shall provide to the Governor, ~~Lieutenant Governor~~ President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and chairpersons of the House and Senate Transportation Committees a summary containing all ~~the~~ projects awarded during the fiscal year using the design-build contracting method. ~~Included in the report shall be~~ Such report shall include an explanation for any projects awarded ~~to~~ based upon anything other than the low-bid proposal, the considerations for any project awarded on a best value basis, and a summary of projects undertaken pursuant to this Code section in relation to the annual fiscal year report required by subsection (a) of Code Section 32-2-41.2. ~~This~~ The report required by this Code section shall be made available ~~for public information~~ to the public."

SECTION 8.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 32-2-82, relating to alternative contracting method, by revising subsection (g) as follows:

"(g) ~~Not later than 90 days after~~ Following the end of a fiscal year in which the department has executed a contract to deliver a project using an alternative contracting method, the department shall provide to the Governor, ~~Lieutenant Governor~~ President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and chairpersons of the House and Senate Transportation Committees a ~~summary~~ report containing a summary of all contracts that utilized an alternative contracting method. Such report shall include a comparative benefit analysis of projects undertaken under this Code section. The department shall include a summary of projects undertaken utilizing the contracting methods provided for in this Code section in the annual fiscal year report required by subsection (a) of Code Section 32-2-41.2. ~~This~~ The report required by this Code section shall be made available to the public."

SECTION 9.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 32-7-4, relating to procedure for disposition of property, by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (a) and subsection (b) as follows:

"(2)(A) When an entire parcel acquired by the department, a county, or a municipality, or any interest therein, is being disposed of, it may be acquired under the right created in paragraph (1) of this subsection at such price as may be agreed upon, but in no event less than the price paid for its acquisition. When only remnants or portions of the original acquisition are being disposed of, they may be acquired for a price no less than 15 percent under the market value thereof at the time the department, county, or municipality decides the property is no longer needed. The

department shall use a real estate appraiser with knowledge of the local real estate market who is licensed in Georgia to establish the fair market value of the property prior to listing such property.

(B) The provisions of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph notwithstanding, if the value of the property to be disposed is ~~$75,000.00~~ $150,000.00 or less as determined by department estimate, the department, county, or municipality may negotiate the sale. On July 1, 2027, and each July 1 thereafter, the department shall be authorized to annually adjust the value threshold established in this subparagraph; provided, however, that such adjustment shall not result in an increase by more than the annual rate of inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor.

(C) The provisions of this paragraph to the contrary notwithstanding, the department shall be authorized to negotiate the sale of the property to be disposed with an adjacent property owner, provided that such property is acquired for a price no less than 15 percent under the market value thereof at the time the department decides the property is no longer needed."

"(b)(1)(A) Unless a sale of the property is made pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of this subsection, ~~such~~ sale of property no longer needed by the department shall be made to the bidder submitting the highest of the sealed bids received after public advertisement for such bids for two weeks. If the highest of the sealed bids received is less than but within 15 percent of the established market value, the department may accept that bid and convey the property in accordance with the provisions of subsection (c) of this Code section. The department or the county or municipality shall have the right to reject any and all bids, in its discretion, to ~~readvertise,~~ republish the advertisement or to abandon the sale.

(B) ~~Such~~ The public advertisement required by this subsection shall be ~~inserted~~ published once a week in such newspapers or other publication, or both, as will ensure adequate publicity, the first ~~insertion~~ publication to be at least two weeks prior to the opening of bids, the second to follow one week after the first publication. Such advertisement shall include but not be limited to the following items:

(i) A description sufficient to enable the public to identify the property;

(ii) The time and place for submission and opening of sealed bids;

(iii) The right of the department or the county or municipality to reject any one or all of the bids;

(iv) All the conditions of sale; and

(v) Such further information as the department or the county or municipality may deem advisable as in the public interest.

(2)(A) ~~Such~~ Any sale of property pursuant to this subsection may be made by the department or a county or municipality by listing the property through a real estate broker licensed under Chapter 40 of Title 43 who has a place of business located in the state. ~~Property~~ Any such property shall be listed for a period of at least 30 days. The department shall use a real estate appraiser with knowledge of the local real estate market who is licensed in Georgia to establish the fair market value of the property

prior to listing such property. If the highest offer received to purchase such property is less than the appraised value but within 15 percent of such value, the department, county, or municipality may accept such offer and convey the property in accordance with the provisions of subsection (c) of this Code section. All sales shall be approved by the commissioner on behalf of the department or shall be approved by the governing authority of the county or municipality at a regular meeting that shall be open to the public~~, and public comments shall be allowed at such meeting~~ and that allows for public comment regarding such sale.

(B) Commencing at the time of the listing of the property as provided in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the department, county, or municipality shall provide for a notice to be ~~inserted~~ published once a week for two weeks in the legal organ of the county indicating the names of real estate brokers listing the property for the department or political subdivision. The department, county, or municipality may ~~advertise~~ publish such advertisement in newspapers, on the ~~Internet~~ internet, or in magazines relating to the sale of real estate or similar publications.

(C) The department, county, or municipality shall have the right to reject any and all offers, in its discretion, and to sell such property pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(D) The department shall be authorized to sell property pursuant to this paragraph to the highest bidder utilizing an online public auction after meeting the requirements set forth in this paragraph. If the highest offer received to purchase any property is less than the appraised value but within 15 percent of such value, the department may accept such offer and convey the property in accordance with the provisions of section (c) of this Code section.

(3)(A) ~~Such~~ Any sale of property pursuant to this subsection may be made by the department, a county, or a municipality to the highest bidder at a public auction conducted by an auctioneer licensed under Chapter 6 of Title 43. If the highest offer received to purchase such property is less than the appraised value of the property but within 15 percent of such value, the department, county, or municipality may accept such offer and convey the property in accordance with the provisions of subsection (c) of this Code section.

(B) The department, county, or municipality shall provide for a notice to be ~~inserted~~ published once a week for the two weeks immediately preceding the auction in the legal organ of the county where such property is located including, at a minimum, the following items:

(i) A description sufficient to enable the public to identify the property;

(ii) The time and place of the public auction;

(iii) The right of the department or the county or municipality to reject any one or all of the bids;

(iv) All the conditions of sale; and

(v) Such further information as the department or the county or municipality may deem advisable as in the public interest.

The department, county, or municipality may ~~advertise~~ publish such advertisement in magazines relating to the sale of real estate or similar publications.

(C) The department, county, or municipality shall have the right to reject any and all offers for such property, in its discretion, and to sell such property pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (1) or (2) of this subsection.

(D) The department shall be authorized to sell property pursuant to this paragraph to the highest bidder utilizing an online public auction after meeting the requirements set forth in this paragraph. If the highest offer received to purchase any property is less than the appraised value but within 15 percent of such value, the department may accept such offer and convey the property in accordance with the provisions of section (c) of this Code section."

SECTION 10.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
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Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson

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Y Carter	Y Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, MF
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N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 149, nays 16.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 1070. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th, Jasperse of the 11th, Tarvin of the 2nd, Greene of the 154th and Cox of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income tax imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits, so as to increase and extend an income tax credit for expenditures on the maintenance of railroad track owned or leased by Class III railroads; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	E Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	E Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	E Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran

Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
E Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 167, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 1085. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Burns of the 159th, Cannon of the 172nd, Burchett of the 176th, Buckner of the 137th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to income taxes, so as to provide for various tax credits for forestry manufacturing facilities; to provide for transfer of tax credits and conditions; to provide for reporting; to provide for effective dates and automatic repeals; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to income taxes, so as to provide for various tax credits for forestry manufacturing facilities; to provide for transfer of tax credits and conditions; to provide for reporting; to provide for effective dates and automatic repeals; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to income taxes, is amended in Code Section 48-7-40, relating to designation of counties as less developed areas and tax credits for certain business enterprises, by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (a) and adding new paragraphs, revising paragraph (2) of subsection (e), and adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(2) 'Business enterprise' means any business or the headquarters of any such business which is engaged in manufacturing, including, but not limited to, the manufacturing of alternative energy products for use in solar, wind, battery, bioenergy, biofuel, and electric vehicle enterprises, warehousing and distribution, processing, telecommunications, broadcasting, tourism, research and development industries, biomedical manufacturing, forestry manufacturing, and services for the elderly and persons with disabilities. Such term shall not include retail businesses. Businesses are eligible for the tax credit provided by this Code section at an individual establishment of the business based on the classification of the individual establishment under the North American Industry Classification System. ~~For purposes of this Code section, the term 'establishment' means an economic unit at a single physical location where business is conducted or where services or industrial operations are performed. If more than one business activity is conducted at the establishment, then only those jobs engaged in the qualifying activity will be eligible for the tax credit provided by this Code section.~~"

"(3.1) 'Establishment' means an economic unit at a single physical location where business is conducted or where services or industrial operations are performed. If more than one business activity is conducted at the establishment, then only those jobs engaged in the qualifying activity shall be eligible for the tax credit provided by this Code section."

"(4.1) 'Forestry manufacturing' or 'forestry manufacturer' means any business or the headquarters of such business with an establishment in this state:

(A) Classified under 2022 North American Industry Classification System Subsectors 321, wood product manufacturing; 322, paper manufacturing or North American Industrial Classification industry code 33711, wood kitchen cabinet and countertop manufacturing or specific code 221117, biomass electric power generation 325193, ethyl alcohol manufacturing; 325194, cyclic crude, intermediate, and gum and wood chemical manufacturing; 325199, all other basic organic chemical manufacturing; 337211, wood office furniture manufacturing; and 337212, custom architectural woodwork and millwork manufacturing; or

(B) That utilizes wood fiber, forest-derived biomass, wood residuals, or forestry by-products as a primary feedstock in the manufacture of forest products, renewable fuels, bio-based chemicals, bioenergy, or other value-added products that support or derive economic value from the forest products supply chain, regardless of the establishment's primary North American Industry Classification System code."

"(2) Existing business enterprises and, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, and prior to January 1, 2031, forestry manufacturers shall be allowed an additional tax credit for taxes imposed under this article equal to $500.00 per eligible new full-time employee job the first year in which the new full-time employee job is created. The additional credit shall be claimed in the first taxable year in which the new full-time employee job is created. The number of new full-time employee jobs shall be determined by comparing the monthly average number of full-time employees subject to Georgia income tax withholding for the taxable year with the corresponding period of the prior taxable year. In tier 1 counties, those existing business enterprises and forestry manufacturers that increase employment by five or more shall be eligible for the credit. In tier 2 counties, only those existing business enterprises and forestry manufacturers that increase employment by ten or more shall be eligible for the credit. In tier 3 counties, only those existing business enterprises and forestry manufacturers that increase employment by 15 or more shall be eligible for the credit. In tier 4 counties, only those existing business enterprises and forestry manufacturers that increase employment by 25 or more shall be eligible for the credit. The average wage of the new jobs created must be above the average wage of the county that has the lowest average wage of any county in the state to qualify as reported in the most recently available annual issue of the Georgia Employment and Wages Averages Report of the Department of Labor. To qualify for a credit under this paragraph, the employer must make health insurance coverage available to the employee filling the new full-time job; provided, however, that nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to require the employer to pay for all or any part of health insurance coverage for such an employee in order to claim the credit provided for in this paragraph if such employer does not pay for all or any part of health insurance coverage for other employees. Credit shall not be allowed during a year if the net employment increase falls below the number required in such tier. Any credit generated and utilized for years prior to the year in which the net employment increase falls below the number required in such tier shall not be affected. The state revenue commissioner shall adjust the credit allowed each year for net new employment fluctuations above the minimum level of the number required in such tier. This paragraph shall apply only to new eligible full-time jobs created in taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2006, and ending no later than taxable years beginning prior to January 1, 2011."

"(n)(1) Any credits earned under this Code section by a forestry manufacturer for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, and prior to January 1, 2031, and before and previously claimed but not used by such forestry manufacturer against its income tax or as credit against quarterly or monthly payment under Code Section 48-7-103 as provided within this Code section, and in addition to the assignability provisions of Code Section 48-7-42, may be transferred or sold in whole or in part by such forestry manufacturer to another Georgia taxpayer, subject to the following conditions:

(A) Such forestry manufacturer may make only a single transfer or sale of tax credits earned in a taxable year; however, the transfer or sale may involve one or more transferees; and

(B) Such forestry manufacturer shall submit to the department a written notification of any transfer or sale of tax credits within 30 days after the transfer or sale of such tax credits. The notification shall include such forestry manufacturer's tax credit balance prior to the transfer, the remaining balance after transfer, all tax identification numbers for each transferee, the date of the transfer, the amount transferred, and any other information required by the department.

(2) Failure to comply with this subsection shall result in disallowance of the tax credit until the forestry manufacturer is in full compliance.

(3) The transfer or sale of this tax credit shall not extend the time in which such tax credit can be used. The carry-forward period for a tax credit that is transferred or sold shall begin on the date in which the tax credit was originally earned.

(4) A transferee shall have only such rights to claim and use the tax credit as were available to the transferor at the time of the transfer. To the extent that such transferor did not have rights to claim or use the tax credit at the time of the transfer, the department shall either disallow the tax credit claimed by the transferee or recapture the tax credit from the transferee. The transferee's recourse is against the transferor.

(5) The department shall prepare an annual report of the total amount of credits transferred by forestry manufacturers pursuant to this Code section for the prior year. The report required under this paragraph shall be completed no later than December 31 of each year and presented to each member of the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Finance Committee.

(6) This subsection shall stand repealed by operation of law on the last moment of December 31, 2030. The automatic repeal of this subsection on December 31, 2030, shall not impair or affect a forestry manufacturer's ability to transfer an unused credit after January 1, 2031, that such taxpayer accrued pursuant to this Code section for taxable years before December 31, 2030."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further is amended in Code Section 48-7-40.1, relating to tax credits for business enterprises in less developed areas, by revising subsection (a) and adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Broadcasting' means the transmission or licensing of audio, video, text, or other programming content to the general public, subscribers, or to third parties via radio, television, cable, satellite, or the internet or IP and includes motion picture and sound recording, editing, production, postproduction, and distribution. Such term is limited to establishments classified under the 2007 North American Industry Classification System Codes 515, broadcasting; 519, internet publishing and broadcasting; 517, telecommunications; and 512, motion picture and sound recording industries.

(2) 'Business enterprise' means any business or the headquarters of any such business which is engaged in manufacturing, including, but not limited to, the manufacturing of alternative energy products for use in solar, wind, battery, bioenergy, biofuel, and electric vehicle enterprises, warehousing and distribution, processing, telecommunications, broadcasting, tourism, biomedical manufacturing, forestry manufacturing, and research and development industries. Such term shall not include retail businesses. Businesses are eligible for the tax credit provided by this Code section at an individual establishment of the business based on the classification of the individual establishment under the North American Industry Classification System. ~~For purposes of this Code section, the term 'establishment'~~

(2.1) 'Establishment' means an economic unit at a single physical location where business is conducted or where services or industrial operations are performed. If more than one business activity is conducted at the establishment, then only those jobs engaged in the qualifying activity will be eligible for the tax credit provided by this Code section.

(2.2) 'Forestry manufacturing' means any business or the headquarters of such business with an establishment in this state:

(A) Classified under 2022 North American Industry Classification System Subsectors 321, wood product manufacturing; 322, paper manufacturing or North American Industrial Classification industry code 33711, wood kitchen cabinet and countertop manufacturing or specific code 221117, biomass electric power generation 325193, ethyl alcohol manufacturing; 325194, cyclic crude, intermediate, and gum and wood chemical manufacturing; 325199, all other basic organic chemical manufacturing; 337211, wood office furniture manufacturing; and 337212, custom architectural woodwork and millwork manufacturing; or

(B) That utilizes wood fiber, forest-derived biomass, wood residuals, or forestry by-products as a primary feedstock in the manufacture of forest products, renewable fuels, bio-based chemicals, bioenergy, or other value-added products that support or derive economic value from the forest products supply chain, regardless of the establishment's primary North American Industry Classification System code.

(3) 'New full-time employee job' means a newly created position of employment that was not previously located in this state, requires a minimum of 35 hours a week, and pays at or above the average wage earned in the county with the lowest average wage earned in this state, as reported in the most recently available annual issue of the Georgia Employment and Wages Averages Report of the Department of Labor."

"(l)(1) Any credits earned under this Code section by a forestry manufacturer for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, and prior to January 1, 2031, and before and previously claimed but not used by such forestry manufacturer against its income tax or as credit against quarterly or monthly payment under Code Section 48-7-103 as provided within this Code section, and in addition to the assignability provisions of Code Section 48-7-42, may be transferred or sold in whole or in part by such forestry manufacturer to another Georgia taxpayer, subject to the following conditions:

(A) Such forestry manufacturer may make only a single transfer or sale of tax credits earned in a taxable year; however, the transfer or sale may involve one or more transferees; and

(B) Such forestry manufacturer shall submit to the department a written notification of any transfer or sale of tax credits within 30 days after the transfer or sale of such tax credits. The notification shall include such forestry manufacturer's tax credit balance prior to the transfer, the remaining balance after transfer, all tax identification numbers for each transferee, the date of the transfer, the amount transferred, and any other information required by the department.

(2) Failure to comply with this subsection shall result in disallowance of the tax credit until the forestry manufacturer is in full compliance.

(3) The transfer or sale of this tax credit shall not extend the time in which such tax credit can be used. The carry-forward period for a tax credit that is transferred or sold shall begin on the date in which the tax credit was originally earned.

(4) A transferee shall have only such rights to claim and use the tax credit as were available to the transferor at the time of the transfer. To the extent that such transferor did not have rights to claim or use the tax credit at the time of the transfer, the department shall either disallow the tax credit claimed by the transferee or recapture the tax credit from the transferee. The transferee's recourse is against the transferor.

(5) The department shall prepare an annual report of the total amount of credits transferred by forestry manufacturers pursuant to this Code section for the prior year. The report required under this paragraph shall be completed no later than December 31 of each year and presented to each member of the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Finance Committee.

(6) This subsection shall stand repealed by operation of law on the last moment of December 31, 2030. The automatic repeal of this subsection on December 31, 2030, shall not impair or affect a forestry manufacturer's ability to transfer an unused credit after January 1, 2031, that such taxpayer accrued pursuant to this Code section for taxable years before December 31, 2030."

SECTION 3.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 48-7-40.2, relating to tax credits for existing manufacturing and telecommunications facilities in tier 1 counties, by adding a new paragraph to subsection (a), revising subsection (b), and adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(0.5) 'Forestry manufacturing' means any business or the headquarters of such business with an establishment in this state:

(A) Classified under 2022 North American Industry Classification System Subsectors 321, wood product manufacturing; 322, paper manufacturing or North American Industrial Classification industry code 33711, wood kitchen cabinet and countertop manufacturing or specific code 221117, biomass electric power generation 325193, ethyl alcohol manufacturing; 325194, cyclic crude, intermediate, and gum and wood chemical manufacturing; 325199, all other basic organic chemical

manufacturing; 337211, wood office furniture manufacturing; and 337212, custom architectural woodwork and millwork manufacturing; or

(B) That utilizes wood fiber, forest-derived biomass, wood residuals, or forestry by-products as a primary feedstock in the manufacture of forest products, renewable fuels, bio-based chemicals, bioenergy, or other value-added products that support or derive economic value from the forest products supply chain, regardless of the establishment's primary North American Industry Classification System code."

"(b)(1) In the case of a taxpayer which has operated for the immediately preceding three years an existing manufacturing or telecommunications facility or a manufacturing or telecommunications support facility in this state in a tier 1 county designated pursuant to Code Section 48-7-40, there shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed under this article in an amount equal to 5 percent of the cost of all qualified investment property purchased or acquired by the taxpayer in such year, subject to the conditions and limitations set forth in this Code section. In the event such qualified investment property purchased or acquired by the taxpayer in such year consists of recycling machinery or equipment, a recycling manufacturing facility, pollution control or prevention machinery or equipment, a pollution control or prevention facility, or the conversion from defense to domestic production, the amount of such credit shall be equal to 8 percent.

(2) In the case of a taxpayer which operates a forestry manufacturing facility in this state in a tier 1 county designated pursuant to Code Section 48-7-40, there shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed under this article for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, and prior to January 1, 2031, in an amount equal to 8 percent of the cost of all qualified investment property purchased or acquired by the taxpayer in such year, subject to the conditions and limitations set forth in this Code section."

"(e)(1) Any credits earned under this Code section by a forestry manufacturer for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, and prior to January 1, 2031, and before and previously claimed but not used by such forestry manufacturer against its income tax or as credit against quarterly or monthly payment under Code Section 48-7-103 as provided within this Code section, and in addition to the assignability provisions of Code Section 48-7-42, may be transferred or sold in whole or in part by such forestry manufacturer to another Georgia taxpayer, subject to the following conditions:

(A) Such forestry manufacturer may make only a single transfer or sale of tax credits earned in a taxable year; however, the transfer or sale may involve one or more transferees; and

(B) Such forestry manufacturer shall submit to the department a written notification of any transfer or sale of tax credits within 30 days after the transfer or sale of such tax credits. The notification shall include such forestry manufacturer's tax credit balance prior to the transfer, the remaining balance after transfer, all tax identification numbers for each transferee, the date of the transfer, the amount transferred, and any other information required by the department.

(2) Failure to comply with this subsection shall result in disallowance of the tax credit until the forestry manufacturer is in full compliance.

(3) The transfer or sale of this tax credit shall not extend the time in which such tax credit can be used. The carry-forward period for a tax credit that is transferred or sold shall begin on the date in which the tax credit was originally earned.

(4) A transferee shall have only such rights to claim and use the tax credit as were available to the transferor at the time of the transfer. To the extent that such transferor did not have rights to claim or use the tax credit at the time of the transfer, the department shall either disallow the tax credit claimed by the transferee or recapture the tax credit from the transferee. The transferee's recourse is against the transferor.

(5) The department shall prepare an annual report of the total amount of credits transferred by forestry manufacturers pursuant to this Code section for the prior year. The report required under this paragraph shall be completed no later than December 31 of each year and presented to each member of the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Finance Committee.

(6) This subsection shall stand repealed by operation of law on the last moment of December 31, 2030. The automatic repeal of this subsection on December 31, 2030, shall not impair or affect a forestry manufacturer's ability to transfer an unused credit after January 1, 2031, that such taxpayer accrued pursuant to this Code section for taxable years before December 31, 2030."

SECTION 4.

Said article is further is amended in Code Section 48-7-40.3, relating to tax credits for existing manufacturing and telecommunications facilities in tier 2 counties, by adding a new paragraph to subsection (a), revising subsection (b), and adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(0.5) 'Forestry manufacturing' means any business or the headquarters of such business with an establishment in this state:

(A) Classified under 2022 North American Industry Classification System Subsectors 321, wood product manufacturing; 322, paper manufacturing or North American Industrial Classification industry code 33711, wood kitchen cabinet and countertop manufacturing or specific code 221117, biomass electric power generation 325193, ethyl alcohol manufacturing; 325194, cyclic crude, intermediate, and gum and wood chemical manufacturing; 325199, all other basic organic chemical manufacturing; 337211, wood office furniture manufacturing; and 337212, custom architectural woodwork and millwork manufacturing; or

(B) That utilizes wood fiber, forest-derived biomass, wood residuals, or forestry by-products as a primary feedstock in the manufacture of forest products, renewable fuels, bio-based chemicals, bioenergy, or other value-added products that support or derive economic value from the forest products supply chain, regardless of the establishment's primary North American Industry Classification System code."

"(b)(1) In the case of a taxpayer which has operated for the immediately preceding three years an existing manufacturing or telecommunications facility or manufacturing

or telecommunications support facility in this state in a tier 2 county designated pursuant to Code Section 48-7-40, there shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed under this article in an amount equal to 3 percent of the cost of all qualified investment property purchased or acquired by the taxpayer in such year, subject to the conditions and limitations set forth in this Code section. In the event such qualified investment property purchased or acquired by the taxpayer in such year consists of recycling machinery or equipment, a recycling manufacturing facility, pollution control or prevention machinery or equipment, a pollution control or prevention facility, or the conversion from defense to domestic production, the amount of such credit shall be equal to 5 percent.

(2) In the case of a taxpayer which has operated a forestry manufacturing facility in this state in a tier 2 county designated pursuant to Code Section 48-7-40, there shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed under this article in an amount equal to 5 percent of the cost of all qualified investment property purchased or acquired by the taxpayer in such year, subject to the conditions and limitations set forth in this Code section."

"(e)(1) Any credits earned under this Code section by a forestry manufacturer for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, and prior to January 1, 2031, and before and previously claimed but not used by such forestry manufacturer against its income tax or as credit against quarterly or monthly payment under Code Section 48-7-103 as provided within this Code section, and in addition to the assignability provisions of Code Section 48-7-42, may be transferred or sold in whole or in part by such forestry manufacturer to another Georgia taxpayer, subject to the following conditions:

(A) Such forestry manufacturer may make only a single transfer or sale of tax credits earned in a taxable year; however, the transfer or sale may involve one or more transferees; and

(B) Such forestry manufacturer shall submit to the department a written notification of any transfer or sale of tax credits within 30 days after the transfer or sale of such tax credits. The notification shall include such forestry manufacturer's tax credit balance prior to the transfer, the remaining balance after transfer, all tax identification numbers for each transferee, the date of the transfer, the amount transferred, and any other information required by the department.

(2) Failure to comply with this subsection shall result in disallowance of the tax credit until the forestry manufacturer is in full compliance.

(3) The transfer or sale of this tax credit shall not extend the time in which such tax credit can be used. The carry-forward period for a tax credit that is transferred or sold shall begin on the date in which the tax credit was originally earned.

(4) A transferee shall have only such rights to claim and use the tax credit as were available to the transferor at the time of the transfer. To the extent that such transferor did not have rights to claim or use the tax credit at the time of the transfer, the department shall either disallow the tax credit claimed by the transferee or recapture the tax credit from the transferee. The transferee's recourse is against the transferor.

(5) The department shall prepare an annual report of the total amount of credits transferred by forestry manufacturers pursuant to this Code section for the prior year. The report required under this paragraph shall be completed no later than December 31 of each year and presented to each member of the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Finance Committee.

(6) This subsection shall stand repealed by operation of law on the last moment of December 31, 2030. The automatic repeal of this subsection on December 31, 2030, shall not impair or affect a forestry manufacturer's ability to transfer an unused credit after January 1, 2031, that such taxpayer accrued pursuant to this Code section for taxable years before December 31, 2030."

SECTION 5.

Said article is further is amended in Code Section 48-7-40.4, relating to tax credits for existing manufacturing and telecommunications facilities or manufacturing and telecommunications support facilities in tier 3 or 4 counties, by adding a new paragraph to subsection (a), revising subsection (b), and adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(0.5) 'Forestry manufacturing' means any business or the headquarters of such business with an establishment in this state:

(A) Classified under 2022 North American Industry Classification System Subsectors 321, wood product manufacturing; 322, paper manufacturing or North American Industrial Classification industry code 33711, wood kitchen cabinet and countertop manufacturing or specific code 221117, biomass electric power generation 325193, ethyl alcohol manufacturing; 325194, cyclic crude, intermediate, and gum and wood chemical manufacturing; 325199, all other basic organic chemical manufacturing; 337211, wood office furniture manufacturing; and 337212, custom architectural woodwork and millwork manufacturing; or

(B) That utilizes wood fiber, forest-derived biomass, wood residuals, or forestry by-products as a primary feedstock in the manufacture of forest products, renewable fuels, bio-based chemicals, bioenergy, or other value-added products that support or derive economic value from the forest products supply chain, regardless of the establishment's primary North American Industry Classification System code."

"(b)(1) In the case of a taxpayer which has operated for the immediately preceding three years an existing manufacturing or telecommunications facility or manufacturing or telecommunications support facility in this state in a tier 3 or a tier 4 county designated pursuant to Code Section 48-7-40, there shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed under this article in an amount equal to 1 percent of the cost of all qualified investment property purchased or acquired by the taxpayer in such year, subject to the conditions and limitations set forth in this Code section. In the event such qualified investment property purchased or acquired by the taxpayer in such year consists of recycling machinery or equipment, a recycling manufacturing facility, pollution control or prevention machinery or equipment, a pollution control or prevention facility, or the conversion from defense to domestic production, the amount of such credit shall be equal to 3 percent.

(2) In the case of a taxpayer which has operated a forestry manufacturer facility in this state in a tier 3 or a tier 4 county designated pursuant to Code Section 48-7-40, there shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed under this article in an amount equal to 3 percent of the cost of all qualified investment property purchased or acquired by the taxpayer in such year, subject to the conditions and limitations set forth in this Code section."

"(e)(1) Any credits earned under this Code section by a forestry manufacturer for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, and prior to January 1, 2031, and before and previously claimed but not used by such forestry manufacturer against its income tax or as credit against quarterly or monthly payment under Code Section 48-7-103 as provided within this Code section, and in addition to the assignability provisions of Code Section 48-7-42, may be transferred or sold in whole or in part by such forestry manufacturer to another Georgia taxpayer, subject to the following conditions:

(A) Such forestry manufacturer may make only a single transfer or sale of tax credits earned in a taxable year; however, the transfer or sale may involve one or more transferees; and

(B) Such forestry manufacturer shall submit to the department a written notification of any transfer or sale of tax credits within 30 days after the transfer or sale of such tax credits. The notification shall include such forestry manufacturer's tax credit balance prior to the transfer, the remaining balance after transfer, all tax identification numbers for each transferee, the date of the transfer, the amount transferred, and any other information required by the department.

(2) Failure to comply with this subsection shall result in disallowance of the tax credit until the forestry manufacturer is in full compliance.

(3) The transfer or sale of this tax credit shall not extend the time in which such tax credit can be used. The carry-forward period for a tax credit that is transferred or sold shall begin on the date in which the tax credit was originally earned.

(4) A transferee shall have only such rights to claim and use the tax credit as were available to the transferor at the time of the transfer. To the extent that such transferor did not have rights to claim or use the tax credit at the time of the transfer, the department shall either disallow the tax credit claimed by the transferee or recapture the tax credit from the transferee. The transferee's recourse is against the transferor.

(5) The department shall prepare an annual report of the total amount of credits transferred by forestry manufacturers pursuant to this Code section for the prior year. The report required under this paragraph shall be completed no later than December 31 of each year and presented to each member of the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Finance Committee.

(6) This subsection shall stand repealed by operation of law on the last moment of December 31, 2030. The automatic repeal of this subsection on December 31, 2030, shall not impair or affect a forestry manufacturer's ability to transfer an unused credit after January 1, 2031, that such taxpayer accrued pursuant to this Code section for taxable years before December 31, 2030."

SECTION 6.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026, and shall be applicable to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

SECTION 7.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Pursuant to Rule 133, Representative Carson of the 46th was excused from voting on HB 1085.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

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Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Ali	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Anderson	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Au	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Baker	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	E Scott
Y Ballard	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barton	Y Dickey	E Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	E Smith, M
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	N Drenner	Y Hugley	E Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	E Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	E Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Campbell, J	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, L	Y Ford	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Cannon, C	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, P	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Carpenter	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Carson	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carter	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Chastain	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Cheokas	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Clark, D	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
N Clark, J	Y Griffin	Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clifton	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 161, nays 5.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 1185. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Gambill of the 15th, Wade of the 9th, Seabaugh of the 34th, Gunter of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 14 and 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to corporations, partnerships, and associations and courts, respectively, so as to provide for certain shareholder claims to be brought before the Georgia State-wide Business Court; to permit a corporation's bylaws or articles of incorporation to require certain claims to be heard by the Georgia State-wide Business Court; to provide for removal of certain claims to the Georgia State-wide Business Court; to provide for attorney's fees and costs; to exempt payment of attorney's fees and costs in certain situations; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	N Sampson
N Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Alexander	N Crawford	N Herring	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
N Au	N Davis	N Holcomb	N Miller	E Scott
N Baker	Y Dawson	N Holland	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Momtahan	N Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Neal	E Smith, M
N Bazemore	N Douglas	N Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
N Beckles	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Bell	N Drenner	N Hugley	E Okoye	Y Stephens
N Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	N Stinson
Y Blackmon	E Dunahoo	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	N Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas
N Burnough	N Evans	N Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
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N Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	N Frye	Y Kendrick	N Prince	Y Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	N Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, A
N Carter	N Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	N Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 104, nays 66.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Representative Fleming of the 114th asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that a Bill of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee.

By unanimous consent, Representative Fleming of the 114th withdrew his motion.

Representative McCollum of the 30th asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that a Bill of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee.

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, the following Bill of the House was introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee:

HB 1465. By Representatives McCollum of the 30th, Efstration of the 104th, Corbett of the 174th, Powell of the 33rd, Hitchens of the 161st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 40 and Code Section 48-5C-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and alternative ad valorem taxation of motor vehicles and title ad valorem tax fee, respectively, so as to repeal the requirement to display a revalidation decal as evidence of annual motor vehicle registration renewal; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the House, having been previously postponed, were again postponed until the next legislative day:

HR 1000. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Williams of the 148th, Dickey of the 134th, Williams of the 168th, Buckner of the 137th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to eliminate the ad valorem tax assessment of certain timber at sale or harvest; to require state appropriations to each county, municipality, or school district affected by such tax elimination; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

HR 1049. By Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Griffin of the 149th, Berry of the 56th, Park of the 107th and Jones of the 143rd:

A RESOLUTION designating the Wednesday of the last week in October of each year as "Fentanyl and Opioid Awareness Day" in Georgia; and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the House were postponed until the next legislative day:

HB 421. By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, Rice of the 139th, Reeves of the 99th, Ballinger of the 23rd and Mathiak of the 82nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, so as to establish the offense of traveling to meet a minor for indecent purposes; to provide penalties; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 942. By Representatives Burnough of the 77th, Bell of the 75th and Scott of the 76th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-41 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property exempt from ad valorem taxation, so as to limit an exemption from ad valorem taxation for public property owned by a political subdivision outside of its territorial limits that is developed by grading or other improvements to the extent of at least 25 percent of the total land area and has facilities actively used for a public or governmental purpose; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1076. By Representatives Ehrhart of the 36th, Burchett of the 176th, Crowe of the 118th, Sainz of the 180th, Smith of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to obstruction of public administration and related offenses, so as to create the felony offense of obstruction of a law enforcement officer with a motor vehicle; to provide for punishment; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1164. By Representatives Wade of the 9th, Hatchett of the 155th, Jones of the 47th, Erwin of the 32nd, Gambill of the 15th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to require the State Board of Education to appoint an audit committee; to provide for minimum responsibilities of such committee; to amend Chapter 6 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Audits and Accounts, so as to revise provisions for financial audits of local school systems by and on behalf of the Department of Audits and Accounts; to provide for such audits of state charter schools; to require the Department of Audits and Accounts to develop and implement a program of progressive monitoring, supports, and interventions to local school systems and state charter schools; to provide for investigations of local school systems and state charter schools by the state auditor; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following members were recognized during the period of Afternoon Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives New of the 40th et al., Jackson of the 128th, Kelley of the 16th et al., Adeyina of the 110th et al., Holly of the 116th et al., Cannon of the 58th et al., and Schofield of the 63rd.

Representative Blackmon of the 146th District, Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 1116 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Blackmon of the 146th
Chairman

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House do now adjourn until 9:00 o'clock, tomorrow morning, and the motion prevailed.

The Speaker announced the House adjourned until 9:00 o'clock, tomorrow morning.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Thursday, February 26, 2026

Twenty-Fifth Legislative Day

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 9:00 o'clock, A.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called and the following Representatives answered to their names:

Adeyina	Davis	Hilton	McCollum	Sanchez
Alexander	DeLoach	Holcomb	McDonald	Schofield
Anderson	Dickey	Holly	Meeks	Scoggins
Baker	Donatucci	Hong	Miller	Scott
Ballard	Douglas	Horner	Mitchell	Seabaugh
Barnes	Drenner	Howard, J	Momtahan	Sharper
Barton	Dubnik	Huddleston	Myles	Silcox
Bazemore	Dunahoo	Hugley	New	Smith, L
Beckles	Efstration	Jackson, D	Okoye	Smith, TP
Berry	Erwin	Jackson, M	O'Steen	Smith, V
Blackmon	Evans	Jasperse	Paris	Stephens
Bonner	Fincher	Jenkins	Park	Stinson
Burchett	Fleming	Jones, A	Parrish	Tarvin
Byrd	Flournoy	Jones, J	Parsons	Taylor, D
Cameron	Ford	Jones, S	Persinger	Taylor, R
Camp	Franklin	Jones, T	Petrea	Thomas
Campbell, J	Frye	Kahaian	Powell	Townsend
Campbell, L	Gambill	Kelley	Prince	Tran
Cannon, C	Gilliard	Kendrick	Reese	Wade
Cannon, P	Gisler	LaHood	Reeves	Werkheiser
Carpenter	Greene	Leverett	Rhodes	Westbrook
Chastain	Griffin	Lewis-Ward	Rice	Wilkerson
Cheokas	Gullett	Lumsden	Richardson	Williams, N
Clark, D	Gunter	Martin	Ridley, Jas	Williamson
Clifton	Hatchett	Martinez	Ridley, Jor	Willis
Corbett	Hawkins	Mathiak	Roberts	Yearta
Crowe	Herring	McClain	Sampson	Burns, Speaker
Cummings				

The following members were off the floor of the House when the roll was called:

Representatives Adesanya of the 43rd, Ali of the 106th, Au of the 50th, Barrett of the 24th, Bell of the 75th, Buckner of the 137th, Burnough of the 77th, Carson of the 46th, Carter of the 93rd, Clark of the 108th, Cox of the 28th, Crawford of the 89th, Dawson of the 65th, Dempsey of the 13th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Gaines of the 120th, Hitchens of the 161st, Holland of the 54th, Howard of the 129th, Lim of the 98th, Mathis of the 133rd, Moore of the 91st, Newton of the 127th, Olaleye of the 59th, Oliver of the 84th, Panitch of

the 51st, Sainz of the 180th, Santos of the 117th, Washburn of the 144th, Williams of the 168th, and Williams of the 37th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Reverend Kent Barwick, Colquitt Free Will Baptist Church, Colquitt, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Hilton of the 48th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

On dispensing with the reading of the Journal, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	N Sampson
N Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Alexander	Crawford	N Herring	Y McDonald	Santos
Ali	Crowe	Y Hilton	McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Au	N Davis	N Holcomb	N Miller	N Scott
N Baker	Dawson	N Holland	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	E Holly	Y Momtahan	N Sharper
N Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Horner	N Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Neal	Smith, M
N Bazemore	N Douglas	N Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
N Beckles	Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Bell	N Drenner	N Hugley	N Okoye	Y Stephens
E Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	N Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, E	Oliver	Y Tarvin
Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
N Buckner	Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	N Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Paris	Y Thomas
N Burnough	N Evans	N Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	N Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	N Jones, S	Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	N Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
N Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	N Frye	N Kendrick	N Prince	Y Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	N Reese	N Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Wilkerson
Carson	N Gilliard	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Williams, A
Carter	N Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	N Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	N Willis

Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Romman	Burns, Speaker

On dispensing with the reading of the Journal, the ayes were 92, nays 57.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

Representative Park of the 107th objected to the confirmation of the Journal.

Representative Park of the 107th withdrew his objection.

The Journal was confirmed.

By unanimous consent, the following was established as the order of business during the first part of the period of unanimous consents:

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

2. First reading and reference of House Bills and Resolutions.

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

6. First reading and reference of Senate Bills and Resolutions.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House were introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committees:

HB 1452. By Representatives Cummings of the 39th, McQueen of the 61st and Sanchez of the 42nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Municipal Court of the City of Mableton; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1453. By Representative Werkheiser of the 157th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of Jeff Davis County to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1454. By Representatives Ridley of the 6th, Corbett of the 174th, Williams of the 148th, Rhodes of the 124th, Cannon of the 172nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, so as to revise various laws pertaining to firearms and the carrying and possession of firearms and other weapons; to revise the database prohibition; to provide for relief; to provide for a preemption for the discharge of firearms under certain circumstances; to amend Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure, so as to revise requirements for the disposition of firearms in custody of law enforcement agencies; to provide for causes of action; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 1455. By Representatives Kendrick of the 95th, McClain of the 109th, Campbell of the 35th, Schofield of the 63rd, Park of the 107th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Department of Labor, so as to establish a commission to review and validate the employment status of 1099 tax returns filed by employers on behalf of employees; to provide for the commission to provide available remedies to employees impacted by an invalid filing of such tax returns; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Industry and Labor.

HB 1456. By Representatives Lim of the 98th, Lupton of the 83rd, Wilkerson of the 38th and Werkheiser of the 157th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sexual offenses, so as to provide for

protective orders or consent agreements for victims against persons who have committed acts of sexual assault; to provide for a definition; to provide for temporary relief ex parte orders under certain circumstances; to provide for procedures; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 1457. By Representatives Lim of the 98th, Lupton of the 83rd, Wilkerson of the 38th and Carpenter of the 4th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding ad valorem taxation of property, so as to provide for preferential assessment of affordable home use property; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for powers, duties, and authority of county tax commissioners and the Department of Community Affairs with respect to the foregoing; to provide for definitions; to provide for contingent effectiveness and automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1458. By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Hong of the 103rd, Gunter of the 8th and Reeves of the 99th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sexual offenses, so as to permit clergy members to be charged with certain improper sexual contact offenses; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 1459. By Representatives Lupton of the 83rd, Drenner of the 85th, Davis of the 87th, Tran of the 80th and Oliver of the 84th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 14 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to open and public meetings, so as to allow the governing authority of any county or municipal corporation to hold meetings by teleconference; to require such meetings to be viewable by the public and to allow for commentary at such meetings without being physically present; to allow the governing body of any agency whose membership is

composed wholly of nonelected members to hold meetings by teleconference; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 1460. By Representatives Reese of the 140th, Hugley of the 141st and Buckner of the 137th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend An Act establishing the State Court of Muscogee County, approved December 20, 1884 (Ga. L. 1884-85, p. 455), as amended, so as to modify provisions relating to the salaries of the solicitor-general, the chief assistant solicitor-general, and other assistant solicitors-general; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1461. By Representatives Reese of the 140th, Hugley of the 141st and Buckner of the 137th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act establishing compensation for the clerk of the Superior Court of Muscogee County, approved February 6, 1952 (Ga. L. 1952, p. 40), as amended, so as to change the provisions relating to the salary of the clerk of superior court and the chief deputy clerk; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1462. By Representatives Reese of the 140th, Hugley of the 141st and Buckner of the 137th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the creation of the Columbus Music Commission; to provide for a short title; to provide for findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for membership, terms of office, and vacancies; to confer powers and impose duties on the commission; to provide for bylaws; to provide for a quorum; to provide for audits; to provide for venue; to provide for tax exemptions from levy and sale; to provide for liberal construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1463. By Representatives Williamson of the 112th, Prince of the 132nd, Cannon of the 172nd and Powell of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 5 of Article 3 of Chapter 1 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to peer-to-peer car-sharing program, so as to add damage to the owner's vehicle to the program's liability; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

HB 1464. By Representatives Kendrick of the 95th, Werkheiser of the 157th, McClain of the 109th, Holly of the 116th, Campbell of the 35th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Department of Labor, so as to establish a commission to review and validate the employment status of 1099 tax returns filed by employers on behalf of employees; to provide for the commission to provide available remedies to employees impacted by an invalid filing of such tax returns; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Industry and Labor.

HB 1466. By Representatives Ridley of the 6th, Smith of the 18th, Carpenter of the 4th, Douglas of the 78th, Ford of the 170th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 3-5-24.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exception to three-tier system, transfer of liquids, sales at brewer's licensed premises, taxing, regulatory authority, and conditions or limitations, so as to provide for satellite tasting rooms operated by brewers; to provide for limitations; to provide for an exception to a transfer limitation; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

HB 1467. By Representatives Fleming of the 114th, Gullett of the 19th, Momtahan of the 17th, Scoggins of the 14th and Kelley of the 16th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so

as to provide that motor-voter applications shall be opt-in instead of opt-out; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 1468. By Representative Clark of the 108th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapters 7 and 8 of Title 48 and Chapter 8 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, sales and use taxes, and fees and taxes relative to insurance, respectively, so as to create the Georgia Property Tax Fairness Fund; to provide constitutional authorization; to provide for the calculation, application, and limitations on tax credits; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for recoverability; to provide for the repeal of insurance premium tax credits and abatements; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for a contingent effective date and automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight.

HB 1469. By Representatives Santos of the 117th, Reeves of the 99th, Holcomb of the 101st, Leverett of the 123rd and Hagan of the 156th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to controlled substances, so as to provide for the restriction and seal of certain records upon sentencing of a first conditional discharge for possession of controlled substances and certain nonviolent property crimes until such status is revoked; to provide for exceptions; to amend Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, so as to provide for the restriction and seal of a sentence entered upon a first conditional discharge for possession of a controlled substance until such status is revoked; to provide for exceptions; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HR 1472. By Representatives Lim of the 98th, Lupton of the 83rd, Wilkerson of the 38th and Carpenter of the 4th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide for assessment and taxation of affordable housing use property; to

provide for definitions, methods of assessment and taxation, and conditions; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HR 1473. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Hawkins of the 27th, Erwin of the 32nd, Scott of the 76th and Davis of the 87th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Lupus; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1474. By Representatives Mathiak of the 82nd, Dubnik of the 29th, LaHood of the 175th, Yearta of the 152nd, Thomas of the 21st and others:

A RESOLUTION encouraging the creation of a life sciences caucus in the Georgia House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1475. By Representative Dubnik of the 29th:

A RESOLUTION creating the Joint Study Committee on Modified Exhaust Systems on Motor Vehicles; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1476. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Smith of the 70th, Au of the 50th and Reese of the 140th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing August as National Immunization Awareness Month; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1502. By Representative Jackson of the 128th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the life of Mr. Raymond Crawford McGhee, Jr., and dedicating a bridge in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 1503. By Representative Clark of the 108th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Georgia so as to provide that the General Assembly shall be authorized to provide by law to expend or authorize the expenditure of public funds for the Georgia Property Tax Fairness Fund without the need for benefit in return; to increase the cap on benefits granted pursuant to the Homeowner's Incentive Adjustment clause; to authorize the General Assembly to provide by general law for local grant and adjustment programs; to provide for related matters; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HR 1504. By Representatives Sanchez of the 42nd, Romman of the 97th, McQueen of the 61st, Berry of the 56th, Cannon of the 58th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to require the General Assembly to provide by general law for an income tax system; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House and Senate were read the second time:

HB 1423
HB 1424
HB 1425
HB 1426
HB 1427
HB 1428
HB 1429
HB 1430
HB 1431
HB 1432
HB 1433
HB 1434
HB 1435
HB 1436
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HB 1439
HB 1440
HB 1441
HB 1442
HB 1443
HB 1444
HB 1449
HB 1450
HB 1451
HB 1465
HR 1444
HR 1445
HR 1446
SB 171
SB 395
SB 428

SB 430	SB 469
SB 491	SB 492

Representative Williams of the 148th District, Chairman of the Committee on Banks and Banking, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Banks and Banking has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 1112	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1314	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Williams of the 148th
Chairman

Representative Anderson of the 10th District, Chairman of the Committee on Governmental Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Governmental Affairs has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 400	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 812	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 863	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 1166	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Anderson of the 10th
Chairman

Representative Hawkins of the 27th District, Chairman of the Committee on Health, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 1275 Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1276 Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1346 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Hawkins of the 27th
Chairman

Representative McDonald of the 26th District, Chairman of the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Legislation has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 1357 Do Pass
HB 1358 Do Pass
HB 1359 Do Pass
HB 1375 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ McDonald of the 26th
Chairman

Representative Smith of the 70th District, Chairman of the Committee on Natural Resources and Environment, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Natural Resources and Environment has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 663 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Smith of the 70th
Chairman

Representative Crowe of the 118th District, Chairman of the Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 990 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Crowe of the 118th
Chairman

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 25th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

HB 1262	Insurance; increase amount of monetary penalties authorized to impose for certain violations of the Georgia Insurance Code (Ins-Lumsden-12th)
HB 1263	Insurance; premiums made within three years of payment to the Commissioner; provide for a claim for a refund of certain fees and taxes (Ins-Lumsden-12th)
HB 1274	Auto Insurance Excess Profits Act; enact (Ins-Reeves-99th)
HB 1344	Georgia Insurance Affordability and Claims Integrity Act; enact (Ins-Reeves-99th)

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

Pursuant to HR 1022, the House commended the 2025-2026 4-H leadership teams and award recipients and recognized February 26, 2026, as 4-H day at the state capitol.

Pursuant to HR 1459, the House recognized February 26, 2026, as Dale Murphy Day.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 1357. By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Burns of the 159th and Parrish of the 158th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Bulloch County Public Facilities Authority and to provide for the appointment of members of the authority, approved June 30, 2020 (Ga. L. 2020, p. 3929), so as to revise provisions related to revenue bonding authority; to revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1358. By Representative LaHood of the 175th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Magistrate Court of Brooks County; to provide for authorized uses of the proceeds of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1359. By Representative LaHood of the 175th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Brooks County, approved April 20, 2011 (Ga. L. 2011, p. 3703), so as to expand the board to five members; to provide for a quorum of the board; to revise the manner in which members of the board are appointed by the governing authority of the county; to make conforming changes regarding filling vacancies on the board; to provide that the elections supervisor and employees of such supervisor shall be subject to hiring, firing, and the control of the board of elections; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1375. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Hong of the 103rd, Clark of the 100th, Dunahoo of the 31st and Dubnik of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Hall County, approved August 14, 1891 (Ga. L. 1890-91, Vol. II, p. 939), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 13, 2008 (Ga. L. 2008, p. 4069), so as to restate provisions related to the number, qualification, and compensation or the judges of said court; to restate provisions related to the chief judge; to provide for an additional judge for said court effective January 1, 2028; to provide for the initial appointment and subsequent election of such additional judge; to provide a definition; to repeal superseded provisions; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, the following roll call vote was made applicable to the previously read Bills.

On the passage of the Bills, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

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Y Anderson
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Y Baker
Y Ballard
Y Barnes
Y Barrett
Y Barton
Y Bazemore
Y Beckles
Y Bell
E Berry
Y Blackmon
Y Bonner
Y Buckner
Y Burchett
Burnough
Y Byrd
Y Cameron
Y Camp
Y Campbell, J
Y Campbell, L
Y Cannon, C
Y Cannon, P
Y Carpenter
Y Cooper
Y Corbett
Y Cox
Y Crawford
Y Crowe
Y Cummings
Y Davis
Dawson
Y DeLoach
Y Dempsey
Y Dickey
Y Donatucci
Y Douglas
Draper
Y Drenner
Y Dubnik
Y Dunahoo
Y Efstration
Y Ehrhart
Y Erwin
Y Evans
Fincher
Y Fleming
Y Flournoy
Y Ford
Y Franklin
Frye
Y Gaines
Y Gambill
Y Hagan
Y Hatchett
Y Hawkins
Y Herring
Y Hilton
Y Hitchens
Y Holcomb
Y Holland
E Holly
Y Hong
Y Horner
Y Howard, J
Y Howard, K
Y Huddleston
Y Hugley
Y Jackson, D
Y Jackson, E
E Jackson, M
Jasperse
Y Jenkins
Y Jones, A
Y Jones, J
Y Jones, S
Y Jones, T
Y Kahaian
Y Kelley
Kendrick
Y LaHood
Y Leverett
Y Mathis
Y McClain
Y McCollum
Y McDonald
McQueen
Y Meeks
Y Miller
Y Mitchell
Y Momtahan
Moore
Y Myles
Y Neal
Y New
Y Newton
Y Okoye
Y Olaleye
Oliver
Y O'Steen
Y Panitch
Y Paris
Y Park
Y Parrish
Y Parsons
Y Persinger
Y Petrea
Y Powell
Y Prince
Y Reese
Y Reeves
Y Sainz
Y Sampson
Y Sanchez
Santos
Y Schofield
Y Scoggins
Y Scott
Y Seabaugh
Y Sharper
Y Silcox
Y Smith, L
Y Smith, M
Y Smith, TP
Y Smith, V
Y Stephens
Y Stinson
Y Tarvin
Y Taylor, D
Y Taylor, R
Y Thomas
Y Townsend
Y Tran
VACANT 94
VACANT 130
Y Wade
Washburn
Y Werkheiser
Westbrook
Y Wilkerson

Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bills, the ayes were 158, nays 0.

The Bills, having received the requisite constitutional majority, were passed.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the Senate:

SB 116. By Senators Bearden of the 30th, Robertson of the 29th, Payne of the 54th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Albers of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to DNA sampling, collection, and analysis, so as to require the collection of DNA samples from any individual in a detention facility charged with a misdemeanor or felony who is subject to an immigration detainer notice; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 433. By Senators Strickland of the 42nd, Albers of the 56th, Bearden of the 30th, Echols of the 49th, Anderson of the 43rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prestige license plates and special plates for certain persons and vehicles, so as to provide for special license plates for persons with autism spectrum disorder or a developmental disability and for such person's spouse, parent, or legal guardian; to amend Chapter 8 of Chapter 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employment and training of peace officers, so as to provide for training regarding encounters with persons with autism spectrum disorder or a developmental disability; to provide for collaboration with the Department of Community Health and nonprofit organizations regarding such training; to

provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bill of the House:

HB 571. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Jasperse of the 11th, Dempsey of the 13th, Jackson of the 128th, Silcox of the 53rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to physicians, assistants, and others, so as to provide for the licensing of radiologist assistants; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has agreed to the House substitutes to the following bills of the Senate:

SB 162. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Watson of the 1st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Tillery of the 19th and Walker III of the 20th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Georgia Composite Medical Board, so as to provide for the board to implement an automated credentialing system for healthcare providers in this state; to provide for requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 218. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Strickland of the 42nd, Gooch of the 51st, Walker III of the 20th, Bearden of the 30th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to provide that the Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission shall be assigned for administrative purposes only to the Administrative Office of the Courts and shall be funded by funds appropriated or otherwise available to the judicial branch of state government; to amend Code Section 16-11-130 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from Code Sections 16-11-126 through 16-11-127.2, so as to provide for exemptions for current and retired members, staff, and other employees of the Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has adopted the report of the Committee of Conference on the following bill of the House:

HB 973. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act making and providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, known as the "General Appropriations Act," Act No. 73, approved May 9, 2025, so as to make, provide, and change certain appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the Senate were read the first time and referred to the Committees:

SB 116. By Senators Bearden of the 30th, Robertson of the 29th, Payne of the 54th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Albers of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to DNA sampling, collection, and analysis, so as to require the collection of DNA samples from any individual in a detention facility charged with a misdemeanor or felony who is subject to an immigration detainer notice; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

SB 392. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Tillery of the 19th, Still of the 48th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Gooch of the 51st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 4 of Chapter 12 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, known as the "Budget Act," so as to provide for the application of zero-base budgeting to the budget process; to provide for intent; to provide for analysis of departmental and program objectives; to provide for consideration of alternative funding levels; to provide for departmental priority lists; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to provide for short titles; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

SB 433. By Senators Strickland of the 42nd, Albers of the 56th, Bearden of the 30th, Echols of the 49th, Anderson of the 43rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prestige license plates and special plates for certain persons and vehicles, so as to provide for special license plates for persons with autism spectrum disorder or a developmental disability and for such person's spouse, parent, or legal guardian; to amend Chapter 8 of Chapter 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employment and training of peace officers, so as to provide for training regarding encounters with persons with autism spectrum disorder or a developmental disability; to provide for collaboration with the Department of Community Health and nonprofit organizations regarding such training; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives McClain of the 109th et al., Sanchez of the 42nd et al., New of the 40th et al., Cannon of the 58th et al., Sharper of the 177th et al., Crowe of the 118th et al., Taylor of the 173rd et al., Prince of the 132nd et al., Gisler of the 121st, Hitchens of the 161st et al., Myles of the 126th et al., Mathiak of the 82nd, Santos of the 117th et al., Williams of the 148th, and Bell of the 75th et al.

Representative Blackmon of the 146th District, Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means has had under consideration the following Bills and Resolutions of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 7	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 880	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1000	Do Pass	HB 1035	Do Pass
HB 1240	Do Pass	HB 1336	Do Pass
HR 250	Do Pass	HR 400	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Blackmon of the 146th
Chairman

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 1344. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Burns of the 159th, Lumsden of the 12th, Kelley of the 16th, Hugley of the 141st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 33 and 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to insurance and motor vehicles and traffic, respectively, so as to strengthen the enforcement authority of the Commissioner of Insurance and to clarify regulations on insurance, insurance fraud, uninsured motorists, excluded drivers, premium tax, insurance rates, claims processing, and uninsured or unregistered motor vehicles; to provide for related matters; to provide for short titles; to provide for legislative purposes; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

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Y Ballard
Y Barnes
Y Barrett
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Y Beckles
Y Bell
Y Berry
Y Blackmon
Y Bonner
Y Buckner
Y Burchett
Y Burnough
N Byrd
Y Cameron
Y Camp
Y Campbell, J
Y Campbell, L
Y Cannon, C
Y Cannon, P
Y Carpenter
Y Cooper
Y Corbett
Y Cox
Y Crawford
Y Crowe
Y Cummings
Y Davis
Y Dawson
Y DeLoach
Y Dempsey
Y Dickey
Y Donatucci
Y Douglas
Draper
Y Drenner
Y Dubnik
Y Dunahoo
Y Efstration
Y Ehrhart
Y Erwin
Y Evans
Y Fincher
Y Fleming
Y Flournoy
Y Ford
Y Franklin
Frye
Y Gaines
Y Gambill
Y Hagan
Y Hatchett
Y Hawkins
Y Herring
Y Hilton
Y Hitchens
Y Holcomb
Y Holland
Y Holly
Y Hong
Y Horner
Y Howard, J
Y Howard, K
Y Huddleston
Y Hugley
Y Jackson, D
Y Jackson, E
Y Jackson, M
Y Jasperse
Y Jenkins
Y Jones, A
Y Jones, J
Y Jones, S
Y Jones, T
N Kahaian
Y Kelley
Y Kendrick
Y LaHood
Y Leverett
Y Mathis
Y McClain
Y McCollum
Y McDonald
McQueen
Y Meeks
Miller
Y Mitchell
Y Momtahan
Y Moore
Y Myles
Neal
Y New
Y Newton
Y Okoye
Y Olaleye
Oliver
Y O'Steen
Y Panitch
Y Paris
Y Park
Y Parrish
Y Parsons
Y Persinger
Y Petrea
Y Powell
Y Prince
Y Reese
Y Reeves
Y Sainz
Y Sampson
N Sanchez
Santos
Y Schofield
Y Scoggins
Y Scott
Y Seabaugh
Y Sharper
Y Silcox
Y Smith, L
Y Smith, M
Y Smith, TP
Y Smith, V
Y Stephens
Y Stinson
Y Tarvin
Y Taylor, D
Y Taylor, R
Y Thomas
Y Townsend
Y Tran
VACANT 94
VACANT 130
Y Wade
Y Washburn
Y Werkheiser
Y Westbrook
Y Wilkerson

Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 166, nays 3.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 1274. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Lumsden of the 12th, Kelley of the 16th, Efstration of the 104th, Hong of the 103rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 9 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of rates, underwriting rules, and related organizations, so as to provide for the Department of Insurance to collect certain data annually from insurers writing private passenger automobile insurance policies; to provide for the Commissioner of Insurance to order the refund of any excess profit made by such insurers; to provide for definitions; to provide for calculations; to provide for an order, notice, and opportunity for hearing; to provide for cash refunds or credit refunds; to provide for certification; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson

Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Jackson, E	Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 169, nays 1.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following Bill of the House, having been postponed from the previous legislative day, was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 1164. By Representatives Wade of the 9th, Hatchett of the 155th, Jones of the 47th, Erwin of the 32nd, Gambill of the 15th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to require the State Board of Education to appoint an audit committee; to provide for minimum responsibilities of such committee; to amend Chapter 6 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Audits and Accounts, so as to revise provisions for financial audits of local school systems by and on behalf of the Department of Audits and Accounts; to provide for such audits of state charter schools; to require the Department of Audits and Accounts to develop and implement a program of progressive monitoring, supports, and interventions to local school systems and state charter schools; to provide for investigations of local school systems and state charter schools by the state auditor; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to require the State Board of Education to appoint an audit committee; to provide for minimum responsibilities of such committee; to provide for such committee to request, receive, and review reports; to provide additional criteria for the designation of local school systems and state charter schools as high-risk or moderate-risk by the Department of Audits and Accounts; to provide for reports of such designations to the Office of Student Achievement; to require local school systems and state charter schools to annually certify compliance with annual audit and reporting requirements and that they are not delinquent in certain required payments; to provide for local school system and state charter school responses to the Department of Education regarding financial irregularities or budget deficits; to revise requirements for public notice of financial conditions of local school systems; to provide for unilateral amendment or termination of performance contracts by the State Board of Education under certain circumstances; to provide for limited contract extensions for local school superintendents when his or her local school system is designated as a high-risk local school system; to provide for additional reporting requirements by the Office of Student Achievement; to expand the authority of the Office of Student Achievement to conduct performance audits and reviews, including audits and reviews regarding the appropriateness and impact of the use of waivers by schools and local school systems; to provide for applicability; to make conforming changes; to amend Chapter 6 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Audits and Accounts, so as to revise provisions for financial audits of local school systems by and on behalf of the Department of Audits and Accounts; to provide for such audits of state charter schools; to require the Department of Audits and Accounts to develop and implement a program of progressive monitoring, supports, and interventions to local school systems and state charter schools; to provide for investigations of local school systems and state charter schools by the state auditor; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended in Article 1 of Chapter 2, relating to the State Board of Education, by revising Code Section 20-2-6, relating to inspection committees, as follows:

"20-2-6.

(a) The State Board of Education is authorized to appoint committees composed of members of the state board as a majority vote of the state board may determine to travel within this state and inspect the institutions and facilities under its jurisdiction and control.

(b) The State Board of Education shall appoint an audit committee composed of members of the state board. The audit committee shall meet no less than six times each fiscal year and at the call of the chairperson or a majority of the members of such committee. The state auditor or his or her designee from the Department of Audits and Accounts and a representative of the State Charter Schools Commission shall be in attendance at such meetings of the audit committee. The audit committee shall be responsible for, at a minimum, reviewing reports on the fiscal conditions of local school systems, state charter schools, and completion special schools that are designated as high-risk or moderate-risk, as provided for in Code Section 20-2-67, and assessing the financial conditions and risks of the state's public education system by making routine examination of financial reporting, internal controls, and adherence to state law and the policies, rules, and regulations of the state board by the Department of Education, the State Charter Schools Commission, the Department of Juvenile Justice, and the public schools of this state. The audit committee shall be authorized to request, receive, and review audit reports and other reports from local boards of education or other public school governing bodies, local school systems, local school superintendents, the Office of Student Achievement, the State Charter Schools Commission, the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Audits and Accounts, the Department of Community Health, or any state agency, board, or authority with information relevant to the financial conditions and risks of the state's public education system. No less than twice each fiscal year, the state health benefit plan, the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, and the Georgia Public School Employees Retirement System shall provide to the audit committee a report of reconciled payments owed by each local school system, state charter school, and completion special school that has not, for any reason, timely remitted the full amount of any obligation for more than 120 days at any time during the preceding 180 days. The audit committee shall forward such reports to the Department of Audits and Accounts, the Office of Student Achievement, and the State Charter Schools Commission."

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended in Article 3 of Chapter 2, relating to local boards of education, by revising Code Section 20-2-67, relating to local school system or school subject to corrective action plan for budget deficit, financial operations form, publication, and mailing to Department of Education and local governing body, as follows:

"20-2-67.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Local school system' means and includes local school systems and completion special schools provided for in Article 31C of this chapter.

(2) 'State charter school' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 20-2-2081.

(a.1)(1) Each local school system and state charter school shall:

(A) Provide for and cause to be made an annual audit report of the financial affairs and transactions of all funds and activities of the local school system or state charter

school for each fiscal year in accordance with the provisions of Code Section 50-6-6; and

(B) By December 31 each year, submit to the Department of Audits and Accounts:

(i) An annual audit readiness certification attesting that audit readiness requirements established by the Department of Audits and Accounts have been met; and

(ii) An annual certification attesting that such local school system or state charter school is not delinquent in any required payments to:

(I) The state health benefit plan;

(II) The Teachers Retirement System of Georgia;

(III) The Georgia Public School Employees Retirement System; or

(IV) The Department of Labor.

(2) The certifications required under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be signed by:

(A) For local school systems, the local school superintendent, the chief financial officer or finance director, and the chairperson of the local board of education or other public school governing body; and

(B) For state charter schools, the chief administrator, the chief financial officer or finance director, and the chairperson of the governing body.

(3) Any local school system or state charter school that does not comply with the requirement of paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection shall be designated a high-risk local school system or state charter school by the Department of Audits and Accounts.

(a.2) When an audit by the Department of Audits and Accounts finds and reports irregularities or ~~budget~~ deficits in the fund accounting information regarding a local school system, ~~or~~ a school within the local school system, or a state charter school, or when the Department of Audits and Accounts finds significant indicators of fiscal concern regarding a local school system or state charter school, the Department of Audits and Accounts shall report ~~the~~ such findings ~~of irregularities or budget deficits~~ to the State Board of Education, the Office of Student Achievement, and the local board of education or other governing body.

(a.3) The Department of Audits and Accounts shall designate local school systems or state charter schools that ~~have had reported irregularities or budget deficits for three or more consecutive years~~ require Tier 3 or Tier 4 monitoring, supports, and interventions, as provided for in Code Section 50-6-6.1, as high-risk local school systems or state charter schools and shall designate local school systems and state charter schools that ~~have had reported irregularities or budget deficits for one year or two consecutive years~~ require Tier 2 monitoring, supports, and interventions, as provided for in Code Section 50-6-6.1, as moderate-risk local school systems or state charter schools.

(a.4) Each local school system or state charter school that is designated a high-risk or moderate-risk local school system or state charter school shall be audited by the Department of Audits and Accounts, notwithstanding any provision of Code Section 50-6-6 to the contrary.

(b) The State Board of Education shall inform the superintendent of the local school system or the chief administrator of the state charter school of ~~the irregularities or budget deficits regarding a local school system's or a school's fund accounting information, including~~ the findings of the Department of Audits and Accounts, as provided for in subsection (a.2) of this Code section, and if a local school system or state charter school has been designated as a high-risk ~~local school system~~ or moderate-risk local school system or state charter school. ~~The~~ Within 60 days of being designated as a high-risk or moderate-risk local school system or state charter school, the local school superintendent or state charter school chief administrator shall submit to the Department of Education, the Department of Audits and Accounts, and the Office of Student Achievement a response to the findings, and such response shall include any plan or other information required under policies, rules, regulations, or guidance promulgated by the Department of Audits and Accounts pursuant to Code Section 50-6-6 or 50-6-6.1 and a corrective action plan approved by the local board of education ~~at a board meeting within 120 days of receiving notice of designation as a high-risk local school system or moderate-risk local school system, as defined by rules and regulations adopted by the State Board of Education designed to correct the financial irregularities or budget deficits for the school or school system~~. From the time ~~such irregularity or budget deficit is discovered until the time it is eliminated~~ a local school system or state charter school is designated as a moderate-risk or high-risk local school system or state charter school until such time as the local school system or state charter school is under neither designation, the local school superintendent or state charter school chief administrator shall present to each member of the local board of education or other governing body for his or her review and written acknowledgment a monthly report containing all anticipated expenditures by budget function for such school or school system during the current month. The report shall be presented to members of the local board ~~members~~ of education or other governing body on or before the tenth business day of each month. Each monthly report shall be signed by each member of ~~that~~ the local board of education or other governing body and recorded and retained in the minutes of the meeting of the local board of education or other governing body.

(c) Not later than September 30 of the year, each local board of education or other governing body shall cause to be published in the official county organ wherein the local school system is located once a week for two weeks a statement of actual financial operations for such schools or school system ~~identified by the Department of Audits and Accounts as having financial irregularities~~ designated as a moderate-risk or high-risk local school system by the Department of Audits and Accounts pursuant to subsection (a.3) of this Code section. Such statement of actual financial operations shall be in a form to be specified and prescribed by the state auditor for the purpose of indicating the current financial status of the schools or school system. Prior to publication, such form shall be executed by the local board of education or other governing body and signed by each member of ~~said~~ such local board of education or other governing body and the local school superintendent.

(d) A copy of the actual financial operations form required to be published by subsection (c) of this Code section shall be mailed by each local board of education or other governing body to the Department of Education and the local county board of commissioners or local municipal governing authority. A current copy of said form shall be maintained on file in the central administrative office of the local school system for public inspection for a period of at least two years from the date of its publication. Copies of the statement shall be made available on request."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended in Article 4 of Chapter 2, relating to increased flexibility for local school systems, by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-83, relating to state board approval of local school board flexibility contract, as follows:

"(c) The terms of the contract shall also include specific requirements relating to maintaining or achieving financial stability of the local school system, including ensuring that the local school system has not been designated as a high-risk local school system by the Department of Audits and Accounts pursuant to Code Section 20-2-67, or if it has been designated as a high-risk local school system, that it has a written corrective action plan in place and that local school system board members and appropriate personnel participate in required training to address the deficiencies. The terms of the contract shall also include specific provisions authorizing the State Board of Education to unilaterally amend and terminate the contract upon being notified by the Department of Audits and Accounts that the local school system has been designated by the Department of Audits and Accounts as a high-risk local school system."

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended in Article 5 of Chapter 2, relating to local school superintendents, by revising Code Section 20-2-101, relating to appointment of school superintendents, as follows:

"20-2-101.

(a)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, each local school superintendent ~~Superintendents of each school system~~ shall be employed by the local board of education under written contracts for a term of not less than one year and not more than three years. Any provision of any such contract which provides for an extension of the duration of employment thereunder, whether automatic or contingent upon the occurrence of one or more events, shall be void if that extension would result in employment under the contract, as extended, for a period which exceeds three years.

(2) At any time a local school system is designated as a high-risk local school system by the Department of Audits and Accounts pursuant to Code Section 20-2-67, the local school superintendent's contract of employment shall not be extended for a term which exceeds 12 months. Any such term which exceeds 12 months shall be void.

(b)(1) No person shall be eligible to be appointed, ~~or~~ employed, or to serve as a local school superintendent ~~of schools of any county or independent school system~~ unless such person is of good moral character, has never been convicted of any crime involving

moral turpitude, and possesses acceptable business or management experience as specified by the Professional Standards Commission or the minimum valid certificate or a letter of eligibility for said certificate required by the Professional Standards Commission.

(2) No person shall be eligible to be appointed, employed, or to serve as a local school superintendent ~~of schools of any county or independent school system~~ who has an immediate family member sitting on the local board of education for ~~such~~ the local school system or who has an immediate family member hired as or promoted to a principal, assistant principal, or system administrative staff on or after July 1, 2009, by ~~that~~ such local school system. As used in this ~~subsection~~ paragraph, the term 'immediate family member' means a spouse, child, sibling, or parent or the spouse of a child, sibling, or parent whose term as a member of the local board of education or whose employment as a principal, assistant principal, or system administrative staff in the local school system began on or after January 1, 2010. Nothing in this ~~Code section~~ paragraph shall affect the employment of any person who is employed by a local school system on or before July 1, 2009, or who is employed by a local school system when an immediate family member becomes the local school superintendent for ~~that~~ such local school system.

(c) ~~Superintendents~~ Local school superintendents shall have such additional qualifications as may be prescribed by local law or policies of the local board of education ~~for that school district,~~ not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter.

(d) At any time during the 12 months immediately preceding the expiration of an appointed local school superintendent's contract or term of office, or when a vacancy in the office of local school superintendent occurs, the local board of education may appoint and employ a successor local school superintendent in accordance with the above provisions of this Code section, notwithstanding that the terms of some or all of the local board of education members will expire before ~~the employment of the superintendent so appointed and employed~~ such employment begins.

(e) A local school superintendent may concurrently serve as a principal, teacher, or in another staff position as directed by the local board of education in its sole discretion and in accordance with the terms of the contract between the local school superintendent and the local board of education. A local school superintendent may also serve concurrently as local school superintendent of one or more local school systems in accordance with the terms of his or her respective contracts and upon approval by each affected local school system.

(f) No substantive or procedural right regarding employment or termination of employment of a local school superintendent by a local school system shall be created by this Code section. Rather, the terms and conditions of employment of a local school superintendent by a local school system shall be determined exclusively by the contract between those parties and may include, without being limited to, the conditions under and procedures by which ~~that~~ such contract may be terminated prior to the end of the term of ~~that~~ such contract."

SECTION 5.

Said title is further amended in Article 31 of Chapter 2, the "Charter Schools Act of 1998," by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-2063.2, relating to charter systems, as follows:

"(c) Prior to approval or denial of a charter petition for a charter system, the state board shall receive and give all due consideration to the recommendation and input from the Office of District Flexibility established in subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-2069. The state board shall approve the charter if the state board finds, after receiving input from the Office of District Flexibility, that the petition complies with the rules, regulations, policies, and procedures promulgated pursuant to Code Section 20-2-2063 and the provisions of this title, is in the public interest, and promotes school level governance. A charter for a charter system shall include the interventions, sanctions, and loss of governance consequences contained in Code Section 20-14-41. A charter for a charter system shall require that the local school system has not been designated as a high-risk local school system by the Department of Audits and Accounts pursuant to Code Section 20-2-67, or if it has been designated as a high-risk local school system, the charter shall require that the local school system has a written corrective action plan in place and that local school system board members and appropriate personnel participate in required training to address the deficiencies. The charter for a charter system shall also include specific provisions authorizing the State Board of Education to unilaterally amend and terminate the charter upon being notified that the charter system has been designated by the Department of Audits and Accounts as a high-risk state charter school."

SECTION 6.

Said title is further amended in Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 14, relating to the Office of Student Achievement, by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 20-14-27, relating to required reports and publication format, as follows:

"(2)(A) An annual report regarding elementary and secondary education shall be submitted no later than December 1 of each year, commencing December 1, 2001. The elementary and secondary education report shall be an evaluation of the progress made on performance indicators identified and defined by the office and approved by the alliance for all elementary and secondary education programs administered by the Department of Education.

(B) The elementary and secondary education report shall include:

(i) The most recent individual school and local school system ratings provided for in subsection (d) of Code Section 20-14-33;

(ii) Reports prepared by the office as provided for in subsection (a) of Code Section 20-14-49.13; and

(iii) Results ~~The elementary and secondary education report shall include information concerning results~~ of the state's investment in each public school and each public school system;"

SECTION 7.

Said title is further amended in Part 3 of Article 2 of Chapter 14, relating to accountability assessment, by revising Code Section 20-14-35, relating to office powers, on-site audits, reporting findings and recommendations, and authorization of other school audits, as follows:

"20-14-35.

(a) The office may:

(1) Conduct on-site performance audits of any school at any time, subject to the approval of the director;

(2) Raise or lower any performance rating as a result of the audit; ~~and~~

(3) Review school fund accounting information and records to determine effective and efficient expenditure of state funds as allocated; and

(4) Conduct on-site performance audits of or otherwise review the use and reporting of any waivers authorized by law for use by any local education agency, as such term is defined in Code Section 20-2-167.3, subject to the approval of the director. Such performance audits and reviews shall include an evaluation of the use of waivers in compliance with any applicable contract that authorizes the use of waivers by the local education agency, student achievement trends during the current school year and preceding three school years, and any evidence of misuse of waivers or reporting irregularities.

(b) The director shall determine the frequency of on-site audits by the office according to annual comprehensive analyses of student performance and equity in relation to the academic excellence indicators and fund accounting assessments as adopted under subsection (b) of Code Section 20-14-34.

(c) In making an on-site school performance audit, the auditor shall obtain information from administrators, teachers, and parents of students enrolled in the local school system or other public school. The audit may not be closed until information is obtained from each of those sources. The office shall adopt rules regarding obtaining information from parents and using that information in the auditor's report and obtaining information from teachers in a manner that prevents a school or school system from screening the information.

(d) The auditors shall report to the local board of education, the local school council, and appropriate school administrators and shall report findings and recommendations concerning any necessary improvements or intervention strategies. ~~School~~ Performance audit reports shall be provided to ~~the alliance and~~ the State Board of Education, except that performance audit reports provided for under paragraph (4) of subsection (a) or paragraph (3) of subsection (e) of this Code section shall also be provided to the chairperson of the House Committee on Education, the chairperson of the Senate Education and Youth Committee, the chairperson of the House Committee on Appropriations, and the chairperson of the Senate Appropriations Committee and the Department of Audits and Accounts and shall be posted on the website of the Office of Student Achievement.

(e) The director may authorize other ~~school~~ performance audits of any school to be conducted under the following circumstances:

(1) When excessive numbers of absences of students eligible to be tested on state assessment instruments are determined; ~~or~~

(2) When a school or school system has not provided student performance information to the Department of Education's educational information system as required under subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-167; or

(3) When a local school system is designated as a high-risk local school system by the Department of Audits and Accounts pursuant to Code Section 20-2-67.

(f) Following the second and fourth years of each local school system's charter system contract or strategic waivers school system contract, the office shall report to the State Board of Education:

(1) Whether such local school system is designated as a high-risk local school system by the Department of Audits and Accounts pursuant to Code Section 20-2-67; and

(2) Which schools, if any, from such local school system are identified for comprehensive or targeted support under the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act for having performed in the bottom 5 percent of Title I schools for three years (CSI: Tier IV schools)."

SECTION 8.

Said title is further amended in Part 3B of Article 2 of Chapter 14, relating to financial transparency in education, by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 20-14-49.11, relating to financial information on websites, as follows:

"(c) Each local school system and each state charter school which maintains a website shall post in a prominent location on its website a link to where the information listed in subsections (a) and (b) of this Code section and the following information can be found on the Department of Education's website:

(1) The annual budget submitted to the State Board of Education pursuant to subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-167;

(2) The annual personnel report prepared by the state auditor pursuant to Code Section 50-6-27;

(3) The most recent five years of audits conducted by the Department of Audits and Accounts and any additional independent audits conducted pursuant to ~~subsection (a) of~~ Code Section 50-6-6 ~~and any additional independent audits conducted pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 50-6-6~~;

(4) Any findings of irregularities, ~~or budget~~ deficits, or significant indicators of fiscal concern regarding a local school system reported by the Department of Audits and Accounts pursuant to Code Section 20-2-67; and

(5) For a local board of education which imposes a sales tax for educational purposes pursuant to Part 2 of Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 48, the information required pursuant to Code Section 48-8-141 as provided to the Department of Audits and Accounts for posting on such department's searchable website pursuant to subsection (g) of Code Section 50-6-32."

SECTION 9.

Said title is further amended in said part by revising Code Section 20-14-49.13, relating to reporting of percentage of students with each state funded characteristic included in Code Section 20-2-161, online sortable database, underlying fiscal data for financial efficiency ratings, and inter-agency cooperation, as follows:

"20-14-49.13.

(a) The office shall report ~~the~~:

(1) The percentage of students with each state funded characteristic included in Code Section 20-2-161 at the local school system and school levels;

(2) The relative financial performance of local school systems and schools; and

(3) Each local school system that is designated as a high-risk school system or moderate-risk school system as provided for in Code Section 20-2-67.

(b) The office shall create and publish an online sortable ~~data base~~ database for each local school system and school on per student expenditures used to determine the financial efficiency rating calculated by the office pursuant to Code Section 20-14-33 and as delineated in Section 1111(h)(1)(C)(x) of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by the federal Every Student Succeeds Act.

(c) ~~The office shall report the relative financial performance of local school systems and schools~~ Reserved.

(d) The Department of Education shall publish annually on its website all underlying fiscal data that inform the financial efficiency rating calculated by the office pursuant to Code Section 20-14-33 and an explanation of the fiscal data that inform the financial efficiency rating on a disaggregated basis.

(e) All state and local government entities, including the Department of Education, Department of Audits and Accounts, Office of Planning and Budget, the office, and local school systems shall cooperate with and assist each other in complying with this part."

SECTION 10.

Chapter 6 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Audits and Accounts, is amended by revising Code Section 50-6-6, relating to audit of school and university systems, additional audits authorized, standards, and reports, as follows:

"50-6-6.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Local school system' means and includes each local school system and each completion special school, as provided for in Article 31C of this chapter, in this state.

(2) 'State charter school' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 20-2-2081.

(a.1) It shall be the duty of the Department of Audits and Accounts to:

(1) Perform or cause to be performed an annual financial and compliance audit of financial transactions and accounts of:

(A) Each local school system and state charter school; and ~~thoroughly to audit and check the books and accounts of the county superintendents of schools and treasurers of local school systems, of municipal systems, of the~~

(B) The several units of the University System of Georgia~~,~~ and of all other schools receiving state aid; and ~~making~~

(2) Issue in conjunction with each such audit required under paragraph (1) of this subsection suitable reports that comply with state and federal rules and regulations for such audits ~~regular and annual reports to the State School Superintendent, showing the amount received, for what purpose received, and for what purposes expended~~.

(a.2) No state aid or public ~~All such~~ funds of any kind shall be held by ~~officials~~ any official or employee of any local board of education or other public school governing body, local school system, state charter school, institution of the University System of Georgia, or any other school receiving state aid for any length of time in one or more of his or her ~~must be kept in banks separate from their~~ individual bank accounts.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, ~~the local boards~~ each local board of education ~~of the several county, independent, and area public school systems of this state~~ or other public school governing body shall be authorized to have an additional audit made of the ~~books, records, and accounts~~ financial affairs and transactions of all funds and activities of the public ~~school system~~ schools over which any such board or governing body has jurisdiction; provided, however, that such additional audit authorized under this subsection shall not be relied upon by a local school system or state charter school in lieu of the audit by the Department of Audits and Accounts required under subsection (a.1) of this Code section, nor shall such additional audit be deemed to satisfy the requirements of subsection (a.1) of this Code section, except as provided for in subsection (e) of this Code section. ~~The local boards of education~~ Such boards and governing bodies shall be authorized to employ certified public accountants of this state to make the additional audits authorized under this subsection and to expend funds for ~~the~~ such audits which are received by any such board or governing body for educational purposes. Each report of any audit conducted as provided for in this subsection shall be completed and a copy of such report shall be forwarded to the Department of Audits and Accounts within ten days of such report being issued to the local school system.

(c) All audits ~~of such public school systems~~ provided for in subsections (a.1), (b), and (e) of this Code section shall be conducted in accordance with generally accepted governmental auditing standards over financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles of governmental accounting and shall include tests of the accounting records and other auditing procedures as considered necessary in the circumstances of such audit. ~~conformity with generally accepted standards and principles of governmental accounting and auditing and~~ Such audits shall be subject to the standards, rules, and ethics promulgated by the Georgia Society of Certified Public Accountants and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The ~~audit~~ report of each such audit shall include the auditor's ~~unqualified~~ opinion upon the presentation of the financial position and the results of the operations of the ~~public~~ local school system or state charter school which is audited. ~~If the auditor is unable to express an unqualified~~

~~opinion, he shall so state and shall further detail the reasons for qualification or disclaimer of opinion including recommendations necessary to make possible future unqualified opinions.~~

(d) The Department of Audits and Accounts shall establish minimum audit readiness requirements and audit scheduling priorities based on risk assessment, readiness, and available resources. The Department of Audits and Accounts shall be authorized to delay the commencement of an audit when minimum readiness requirements are not met. Repeated failure to meet audit readiness requirements in a timely manner may be deemed by the Department of Audits and Accounts to constitute a deficiency in internal control or governance and may be reported as such in audit findings. The Department of Audits and Accounts shall report chronic audit readiness failures to the State Board of Education and the General Assembly.

(e)(1) The state auditor shall have discretionary authority to engage certified public accountants of this state to perform audits required under subsection (a.1) of this Code section and to authorize local school systems and state charter schools to engage certified public accountants to perform audits required under subsection (a.1) of this Code section; provided, however, that:

(A) Such certified public accountants shall comply with requirements set forth by the Department of Audits and Accounts as it relates to scope, methodology, state compliance procedures, and risk assessment;

(B) No local school system or state charter school shall engage a certified public accountant or any other person or organization to perform an audit required under subsection (a.1) of this Code section without written authorization from the state auditor; and

(C) No local school system or state charter school shall engage the same certified public accountant or any other person or organization to both perform an audit required under subsection (a.1) of this Code section and provide audit readiness services in conjunction with the annual audit readiness certification required under division (a.1)(1)(B)(i) of Code Section 20-2-67 without written authorization from the state auditor. The state auditor shall provide such authorization only in exceptional cases due to reasonable cost considerations or scarcity of locally available professional service providers.

(2) The state auditor shall annually submit a written report to the State Board of Education of the local school systems and state charter schools that were audited by certified public accountants pursuant to this subsection.

(f) The Department of Audits and Accounts shall adopt rules, regulations, guidance, and procedures necessary to implement this Code section."

SECTION 11.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"50-6-6.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Local school system' means and includes each local school system and each completion special school, as provided for in Article 31C of this chapter, in this state.

(2) 'State charter school' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 20-2-2081.

(b) By July 1, 2026, the Department of Audits and Accounts shall develop and begin implementing a program, the purpose of which is to:

(1) Monitor the fiscal condition of each local school system and state charter school in this state;

(2) Provide progressive levels of monitoring, supports, and interventions to local school systems and state charter schools, ranging from technical assistance and audit services to significant interventions including strict compliance requirements; and

(3) Provide reports of the fiscal condition of local school systems and state charter schools at appropriate intervals.

(c) The program shall consider indicators of fiscal concern, including, but not limited to:

(1) Revenue and fund balance indicators;

(2) Cash flow and liquidity indicators;

(3) Debt and obligations indicators;

(4) Pension and other post-employment benefits (OPEB);

(5) Budget and management indicators;

(6) Audit and compliance indicators;

(7) Enrollment and revenue base indicators;

(8) State compliance indicators;

(9) Fraud and criminal activity indicators; and

(10) Any other fiscal condition of the local school system or state charter school the state auditor deems to have a detrimental effect on the local school system's or state charter school's ability to continue providing required educational programs and services.

(d) The program shall include a graduated four-tiered framework for the assessment of the fiscal conditions of each local school system or state charter school with an escalating course of monitoring, supports, and interventions aligned with each tier, with the following designations and descriptions:

(1) Tier 1 - Fiscally Sound: a local school system or state charter school is showing no signs of fiscal stress;

(2) Tier 2 - Fiscal Watch: a local school system or state charter school is showing signs of fiscal stress and is required to comply with a state-approved corrective action and fiscal recovery plan;

(3) Tier 3 - Fiscal Distress: a local school system or state charter school is required to comply with a state-approved comprehensive fiscal plan to return the local school system or state charter school to fiscal stability within a specified time frame; and

(4) Tier 4 - Critical Fiscal Emergency: a local school system or state charter school is required to strictly comply with a state-approved intervention plan and shall not be eligible to receive advance distributions of state allotted funds distributed under

Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20, the 'Quality Basic Education Act,' except as recommended by the state auditor and approved by the State Board of Education.

(e)(1) Each local school system or state charter school determined by the state auditor to require Tier 2 monitoring, supports, and interventions shall be deemed a 'moderate-risk local school system' or a 'moderate-risk state charter school' as provided for in Code Section 20-2-67.

(2) Each local school system and state charter school determined by the state auditor to require Tier 3 or Tier 4 monitoring, supports, and interventions shall be deemed a 'high-risk local school system' or 'high-risk state charter school' as provided for in Code Section 20-2-67.

(f) In collaboration with the State Board of Education, the Office of Student Achievement, and the State Charter School Commission, the Department of Audits and Accounts shall promulgate policies, rules, regulations, and guidance that provide for and specify with detail:

(1) The conditions and indicators for each of the tiers provided for in subsection (d) of this Code section;

(2) The conditions under which a local school system or state charter school may move from one such tier to another;

(3) The state-level monitoring, supports, and interventions to be made available to local school systems or state charter schools at each tier; and

(4) When a strict compliance standard shall be applied to a local school system or state charter school by the Department of Audits and Accounts or the State Board of Education which shall include, but shall not be limited to, any intervention plan adopted by resolution of the local board of education or other governing body of the local school system as provided for in Code Section 20-2-166.

(g) The program required under this Code section shall be fully implemented by the beginning of the 2028-2029 school year. The state auditor shall have discretionary authority to prioritize which local school systems and state charter schools are the subject of monitoring, supports, and intervention under such program; provided, however, that such discretion is exercised on the basis of objective criteria provided in writing by the state auditor to the State Board of Education; and provided, further, that, if the State Board of Education or State School Superintendent refers a local school system or state charter school for monitoring, supports, or interventions under such program, the state auditor shall promptly evaluate and determine whether such local school system or state charter school shall be the subject of monitoring, supports, and intervention under such program."

SECTION 12.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 50-6-28, relating to investigatory duties generally, as follows:

"50-6-28.

(a) It shall be the duty of the state auditor to make an investigation as a part of his or her audit of each and every department of the state government. When there are facts,

records, circumstances, or information that indicate mismanagement or misconduct on the part of any official or employee of any department of the state government during either a past or present administration, it shall be the duty of the state auditor to make the full investigation, as provided in Code Section 50-6-29, of the department, official, or employee.

(b) The state auditor shall be authorized to make an investigation of any local school system or state charter school, as such terms are defined in Code Section 50-6-6, in the state. When there are facts, records, circumstances, or information that indicate mismanagement or misconduct on the part of any official or employee of any local school system or state charter school in the state during either a past or present administration, it shall be the duty of the state auditor to make the full investigation, as provided in Code Section 50-6-29, of the local school system, state charter school, official, or employee."

SECTION 13.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026.

SECTION 14.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	N Sampson
N Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Alexander	N Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
N Au	N Davis	Y Holcomb	N Miller	N Scott
N Baker	Y Dawson	N Holland	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Momtahan	N Sharper
N Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	N Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Neal	N Smith, M
N Bazemore	N Douglas	N Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
N Beckles	Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Bell	N Drenner	N Hugley	N Okoye	Y Stephens
N Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	N Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	N Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas
N Burnough	N Evans	N Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	N Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94

Y Camp	N Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
N Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	N Frye	N Kendrick	N Prince	Y Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	N Reese	N Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, A
N Carter	N Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	N Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	N Willis
E Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 103, nays 68.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 1262. By Representatives Lumsden of the 12th, Reeves of the 99th, Taylor of the 173rd, Gambill of the 15th, Williamson of the 112th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, so as to increase the amount of monetary penalties the Commissioner of Insurance is authorized to impose for violations of the Georgia Insurance Code relative to mental health parity, general enforcement authority, surprise billing, and prepaid legal services plans; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V

Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
E Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 170, nays 1.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 1263. By Representatives Lumsden of the 12th, Reeves of the 99th, Taylor of the 173rd, Gambill of the 15th, Williamson of the 112th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fees and taxes regarding insurance, so as to provide for a claim for a refund of certain fees and taxes relative to insurance premiums to be made within three years of payment to the Commissioner; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh

Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
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Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
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Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
E Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 169, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Representative Kelley of the 16th asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that a Bill of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee.

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, the following Bill of the House was introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee:

HB 1470. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Williamson of the 112th, Efstration of the 104th, Oliver of the 84th and Smith of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to false arrest, false imprisonment, malicious prosecution, and abusive litigation, so as to create a cause of action for abusive litigation based on alleged website access violations under federal

and state law; to provide factors for evaluating a claim of abusive website access litigation; to provide for a rebuttable presumption when corrective action is taken after receiving notice of an alleged website access violation; to provide for damages; to authorize the Attorney General to intervene and seek certain relief and to make investigative demands for evidence in certain circumstances; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

The Speaker announced the House in recess until 1:30 o'clock, this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Speaker called the House to order.

Representative Martin of the 49th District, Chairman of the Committee on Higher Education, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Higher Education has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 88	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1328	Do Pass
HB 1345	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Martin of the 49th
Chairman

Representative Camp of the 135th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, Juvenile, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary, Juvenile has had under consideration the following Bills and Resolution of the House and Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 527	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 1409	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1445	Do Pass, by Substitute	SR 622	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Camp of the 135th
Chairman

Representative Smith of the 18th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 821	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 1226	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1282	Do Pass	HB 1398	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Smith of the 18th
Chairman

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1506. By Representatives Chastain of the 7th, Burns of the 159th, Efstration of the 104th, Burchett of the 176th and Jones of the 47th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Michael "Mike" Earl Chambers, Sr.; and for other purposes.

HR 1507. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Mathiak of the 82nd, Bazemore of the 69th and Jackson of the 68th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Dr. Bob Eichhammer; and for other purposes.

HR 1508. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Lumsden of the 12th and Barton of the 5th:

A RESOLUTION commending Jiarui "Grace" Guo, Darlington High School's 2025-2026 STAR Student; and for other purposes.

HR 1509. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Lumsden of the 12th and Barton of the 5th:

A RESOLUTION commending Hayes Robert Parsa, Darlington High School's 2025-2026 STAR Student; and for other purposes.

HR 1510. By Representatives Baker of the 64th and Alexander of the 66th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Smooth Ashlar Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Prince Hall Origin, Jurisdiction of Georgia, for 80 years of exemplary service, leadership, and charitable contributions to communities throughout the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 1511. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Lumsden of the 12th and Barton of the 5th:

A RESOLUTION commending Zachary Wanjau Kimani, Darlington High School's 2025-2026 STAR Student; and for other purposes

HR 1512. By Representative Anderson of the 10th:

A RESOLUTION commending Officer Terry "J" Palmer; and for other purposes.

HR 1513. By Representatives Erwin of the 32nd, Ballard of the 147th, Hilton of the 48th, Rice of the 139th, Olaleye of the 59th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 3, 2026, as Georgia Reads Day; and for other purposes.

HR 1514. By Representative Cannon of the 58th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Sonya Martinez for receiving the 2026 Yellow Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leadership Award; and for other purposes.

HR 1515. By Representative Jones of the 60th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the Metropolitan Atlanta Baptist Ministers Union upon 141 years of service to the Baptist churches and community; and for other purposes.

HR 1516. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Lumsden of the 12th and Barton of the 5th:

A RESOLUTION commending Al Shorey, Darlington High School's 2025-2026 STAR Teacher; and for other purposes.

HR 1517. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Lumsden of the 12th and Barton of the 5th:

A RESOLUTION commending Heather Shores, Darlington High School's 2025-2026 STAR Teacher; and for other purposes.

HR 1518. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Crowe of the 118th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Cheokas of the 151st and Jenkins of the 136th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Civil Air Patrol for their service to the citizens of Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 1519. By Representatives McDonald III of the 26th, Barrett of the 24th, Cox of the 28th, Jasperse of the 11th, Clark of the 100th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Mr. Prashant Vishnubhotla; and for other purposes.

By order of the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the House was withdrawn from the General Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Economic Development & Tourism:

HB 490. By Representatives Bazemore of the 69th, Hugley of the 141st, Park of the 107th, Miller of the 62nd, Evans of the 57th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to kidnapping, false imprisonment, and related offenses, so as to provide for a required human trafficking training program for hotels; to provide for definitions; to provide for retraining; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE SUPPLEMENTAL RULES CALENDAR
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 25th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

HB 1075	Sexual offenses; modify penalty for offenders previously convicted of the offense of trafficking of persons for labor or sexual servitude (JudyNC-Chastain-7th)
HB 1097	Mental health; criminal background, license status, and registry checks for owners, applicants, and employees of certain mental health facilities; provide (Substitute)(P&CH-Petrea-166th)

HB 1107 Excellent Teacher Preparation Act; enact (Substitute)(Ed-Rice-139th)
HB 1131 Criminal procedure; personal service of process for notice of a warrant application hearing; provide (JudyNC-Hong-103rd)
HB 1278 Professions and businesses; improve efficiencies in issuance of permits for dentists to administer conscious sedation and general anesthesia (Hth-Hawkins-27th)

Structured Rule

SB 59 Bona Fide Conservation Use Property; a limitation on leased property; remove (Substitute)(W&M-O'Steen-169th) Watson-11th

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the House and Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 59. By Senators Watson of the 11th, Hickman of the 4th, Goodman of the 8th, Anderson of the 24th, Summers of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-7.4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to preferential assessment for bona fide conservation use property and bona fide residential transitional property, so as to remove a limitation on leased property as to certain entities; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits, so as to revise the aggregate cap and application process for tax credits for timber producers incurring losses from Hurricane Helene; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits, is amended in Code Section 48-7-40.37, relating to tax credits for timber producers incurring losses from Hurricane Helene, by revising subsections (c) through (f) as follows: "(c)(1) A taxpayer shall be allowed tax credits against the tax imposed by this article in an amount equal to 100 percent of such taxpayer's timber casualty loss; provided, however, that the credit amount shall not exceed the number of the taxpayer's affected acres of eligible timber property in such disaster areas multiplied by $550.00.

(2) To be allowed such tax credits, a taxpayer shall submit an application for preapproval of such credits based on timber casualty losses incurred by such taxpayer by December 31, 2025; provided, however, that preapproval shall not be required for applications received on or after January 1, 2026.

(d)(1) The commissioner shall require preapproval applications to contain such information as is necessary to substantiate a taxpayer's eligibility for tax credits allowed pursuant to this Code section.

(2) The commissioner is authorized to require electronic submission of preapproval applications in the manner specified by the commissioner.

(3) The commissioner shall review completed preapproval applications in the order in which such applications were submitted and shall provide notice to each taxpayer that submitted an application within 30 days of receipt stating whether such taxpayer's application is complete or incomplete.

(4) In no event shall the commissioner preapprove tax credits pursuant to this Code section in an amount that exceeds ~~$200~~ $250 million in aggregate.

(5) In the event that properly completed and timely submitted preapproval applications are submitted for an amount that exceeds the amount of funds available to fully fund the tax credits requested, the commissioner shall prorate the available funds between or among the applicants.

(6) The commissioner shall approve properly completed and timely submitted preapproval applications and issue a preapproval certificate to the taxpayer by January 31, 2026, certifying the amount of credits such taxpayer is eligible to claim if the taxpayer meets the conditions of this Code section.

(e) In no event shall the amount of the tax credits allowed pursuant to this Code section exceed ~~$200~~ $250 million in aggregate.

(f)(1)(A)(i) Except as otherwise provided in division (ii) of this subparagraph, tax ~~Tax~~ credits allowed pursuant to this Code section shall be eligible to be claimed only by the taxpayer to which the commissioner issued a preapproval certificate.

(ii) On and after January 1, 2026, tax credits allowed pursuant to this Code section shall be eligible to be claimed by taxpayers without the issuance of a preapproval certificate up to the maximum aggregate provided for in subsection (e) of this Code

section in order of receipt of applications by the commissioner, and the commissioner shall:

(I) Begin accepting such applications no later than July 1, 2026; and

(II) Within 45 days of submission of an application by each taxpayer, provide notice to such taxpayer of acceptance or rejection of such application.

(B) Tax credits allowed pursuant to this Code section shall only be claimed in the taxable year in which the taxpayer first completes:

(i) The restoration of each acre for which timber casualty losses were incurred to a condition that has an adequately stocked stand that is expected to result in forest products or ecological services in the foreseeable future; or

(ii) The replanting of timber in a quantity projected to yield at maturity at least 90 percent of the value of the timber casualty loss claimed. Such timber shall be planted within the same county in which the eligible timber property was being grown when the timber casualty loss was incurred. Timber market conditions as of September 25, 2024, shall be used for the purposes of establishing projected value.

(2) To claim tax credits allowed pursuant to this Code section, a taxpayer shall attach to such taxpayer's state tax return certification from the taxpayer that the requirements of this Code section have been met and any other information required by the commissioner, including information which demonstrates that it has completed the restoration or replanting of timber required pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(3) Any tax credits allowed pursuant to this Code section shall be claimed on or before December 31, 2030."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh

Y Ballard	E DeLoach	Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	E Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	E Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
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Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
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Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Willis
E Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 154, nays 3.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 1278. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Stephens of the 164th, Greene of the 154th, Newton of the 127th, Schofield of the 63rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 11 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to dentists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants, so as to improve efficiencies in the issuance of permits for dentists to administer conscious sedation and general anesthesia; to provide for the evaluation and certification of a properly equipped facility; to provide for demonstration of proficiency in administering sedative techniques; to authorize the board to designate qualified personnel to perform certain evaluations, certifications, and examinations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	E DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	E Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 165, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 1131. By Representatives Hong of the 103rd, Smith of the 18th, Sainz of the 180th, Reeves of the 99th and Scoggins of the 14th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 4 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to warrants for arrest, so as to provide for personal service of process for notice of a warrant application hearing; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	E DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	E Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
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Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	E Westbrook
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Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 166, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 1107. By Representatives Rice of the 139th, Jones of the 47th, Erwin of the 32nd, Townsend of the 179th, Hilton of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 10 of Article 17 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professional

standards, so as to require the Professional Standards Commission to develop and report annual performance measures that evaluate the performance of each educator preparation provider (EPP) in the state; to provide for minimum contents of EPP performance measures; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 10 of Article 17 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professional standards, so as to require the Professional Standards Commission to develop and report annual performance measures that evaluate the performance of each educator preparation provider (EPP) in the state; to provide for minimum contents of EPP performance measures; to require publication of EPP performance measures; to require each EPP provider to timely provide information requested by the commission for purposes of preparing EPP performance measures; to provide for satisfaction surveys; to require annual review of certain EPP performance measures; to require the Office of Student Achievement to include a summary of EPP performance measures in its annual report on the Georgia educator workforce; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Excellent Teacher Preparation Act."

SECTION 2.

Part 10 of Article 17 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professional standards, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-988.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Commission' means the Professional Standards Commission.

(2) 'Educator preparation provider' or 'EPP' means any institution of postsecondary education, college, school, department, agency, or other administrative body responsible for managing or coordinating programs offered for the initial and continuing preparation of teachers and other school personnel.

(3) 'EPP performance measures' means the performance measures for each EPP provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section.

(4) 'EPP program' means a planned sequence of courses and experiences for preparing teachers and other professional school personnel that leads to a state certification.
(5) 'EPP program graduate' means an individual who has completed the coursework and other training required by an EPP.
(6) 'Initial preparation program' means a program designed to prepare candidates for their initial, or first professional type certificate in a Teaching (T), Leadership (L), or Service (S) field.
(7) 'Local education agency' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 20-2-167.1.
(b)(1) By January 1, 2027, the commission, in collaboration with the State Board of Education, the Department of Education, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, and the Office of Student Achievement, shall develop EPP performance measures that evaluate the performance of each EPP program. Such EPP performance measures shall focus on the preparedness and performance of EPP program graduates and individuals who complete initial preparation programs in Teaching (T), Leadership (L), and Service (S) fields and shall include, but shall not be limited to, for each EPP program:
(A) For each of the three most recently completed academic years:
(i) The total enrollment of students in the EPP program at the beginning of each academic year; and
(ii) The total number of EPP program graduates who completed the EPP program each academic year disaggregated by age, sex, race, and the category, title, type, field, and level of certification attained within 12 months of EPP program completion;
(B) EPP program enrollment requirements;
(C) First and best attempt passage rates by EPP program graduates on all exams and other assessments required for Georgia certification disaggregated by age, sex, race, and the category, title, type, field, and level of certification attained within 12 months of EPP program completion;
(D) Job placement rates of EPP program graduates, disaggregated by local education agency, age, sex, race, and the category, title, type, field, and level of certification attained within 12 months of EPP program completion;
(E) One-, three-, and five-year retention rates of EPP program graduates;
(F) EPP satisfaction rates reported by EPP program graduates and by employers of EPP program graduates;
(G) Information about annual evaluations of EPP program graduates for their first three years after EPP program completion; and
(H) Information about student performance data for EPP program graduates for their first three years after EPP program completion.
(2) The commission shall ensure the confidentiality of individual information while providing aggregate data on EPP performance measures.
(3) The commission shall include the data collection processes and evaluation methodology clearly and publicly on each EPP performance measures.

(4) The commission shall publish the EPP performance measures on its website.

(c) EPP performance measures for each EPP program shall be prepared and reported by the commission no later than January 1, 2028, and by January each year thereafter, to each respective EPP, the State Board of Education, the Department of Education, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, the Office of Student Achievement; each local education agency; and the chairpersons of the House Committee on Education, the Senate Education and Youth Committee, the House Committee on Higher Education, and the Senate Higher Education Committee.

(d) Each EPP shall timely provide information requested by the commission for purposes of preparing EPP performance measures.

(e) The commission, in consultation with the Office of Student Achievement, shall create a standard survey that each EPP provides to each EPP program graduate and the employer of each EPP program graduate at the end of his or her first year of employment to assess satisfaction with how well the EPP prepared the EPP program graduate for teaching. The survey data ranges shall be displayed on each page for consistency. Each year there shall be a review of the current results to ensure that the validity of score distributions accurately reflects performance and to determine if adjustments to the survey design or scoring approach are necessary.

(f) The Office of Student Achievement shall include a summary of EPP performance measures prepared by the commission as part of the annual report regarding the Georgia education workforce provided for in paragraph (4) of subsection (a) of Code Section 20-14-27.

(g) The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia shall annually review the EPP performance measures of each EPP program that is part of the University System of Georgia and, for each such EPP program, shall determine whether interventions or support are needed based on the information in the EPP performance measures."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	E DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper

Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	E Neal	Y Smith, M
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Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
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Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	E Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
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Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 166, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 1097. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Dempsey of the 13th, Hilton of the 48th, Cameron of the 1st and Sainz of the 180th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mental health, so as to provide for criminal background, license status, and registry checks for owners, applicants, and employees of certain mental health facilities; to provide for the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities to submit fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Georgia Crime Information Center for the purpose of background checks to find disqualifying records; to provide for maintenance of personnel files; to provide for procedures relating to applicants or employees with ineligible determinations; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Titles 35 and 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to law enforcement officers and agencies and mental health, respectively, so as to provide for covered individuals to submit certain information for national criminal history background checks; to provide for procedures for authorized agencies to make fitness determinations; provide for criminal background, license status, and registry checks for owners, applicants, and employees of certain mental health facilities; to provide for the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities to submit fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Georgia Crime Information Center for the purpose of background checks to find disqualifying criminal history records; to provide for maintenance of personnel files; to provide for procedures relating to applicants or employees with ineligible determinations; to provide for civil penalties for failure to terminate employees with ineligible determinations; to provide for notice for applicants; to provide for revocation of licenses; to provide for administrative review; to provide for appeals of administrative decisions; to provide for civil immunity; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to law enforcement officers and agencies, is amended in Chapter 3, relating to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, by revising Code Section 35-3-34.2, relating to exchange of national criminal history background checks on providers of care to children, the elderly, and persons with disabilities, as follows:

"35-3-34.2.

(a) It is the purpose of this Code section to authorize and facilitate, but not require, the exchange of national criminal history background checks with authorized agencies ~~on behalf of qualified entities~~ and qualified entities as authorized under ~~federal law~~ the NCPA.

(b) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Authorized agency' means any ~~local~~ government agency designated to report, receive, or disseminate information under the NCPA ~~and the VCA~~.

(2) 'Care' means the provision of care, treatment, education, training, instruction, supervision, or recreation to children, the elderly, or individuals with disabilities.

(3) 'Child' or 'children' means any person under 18 years of age.

(4) 'Covered individual' means:

(A) A person who:

(i) Is employed by, contracts with, or volunteers with an authorized agency or qualified entity;

(ii) Owns or operates a qualified entity; or

(iii) Has or may have supervised or unsupervised access to a person to whom the authorized agency or qualified entity provides care; or

(B) A person who:

(i) Seeks to be employed by, contract with, or volunteer with an authorized agency or qualified entity;

(ii) Seeks to own or operate a qualified entity; or

(iii) Seeks to have or may have supervised or unsupervised access to a person to whom the authorized agency qualified entity provides care.

(5) 'FBI' means the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

(6) 'Individuals with disabilities' means persons with a mental or physical impairment who require assistance to perform one or more daily living tasks.

~~(4)~~(7) 'National criminal history background check' means a fingerprint based check of state and national criminal history files based on submission of a set of classifiable fingerprints and records fee.

~~(5)~~(8) 'NCPA' means the National Child Protection Act of 1993, ~~42 U.S.C. Sections 3759, 5101 note, 5119, and 5119a through 5119c~~ amended by the Volunteers for Children Act of 1998, 34 U.S.C. Section 4101, et seq.

~~(6)~~(9) 'ORI' means an originating agency identifier.

~~(7) 'Provider' means:~~

~~(A) A person who:~~

~~(i) Is employed by or volunteers with a qualified entity;~~

~~(ii) Owns or operates a qualified entity; or~~

~~(iii) Has or may have unsupervised access to a person to whom the qualified entity provides care; and~~

~~(B) A person who:~~

~~(i) Seeks to be employed by or volunteer with a qualified entity;~~

~~(ii) Seeks to own or operate a qualified entity; or~~

~~(iii) Seeks to have or may have unsupervised access to a person to whom the qualified entity provides care.~~

~~(8)~~(10) 'Qualified entity' means a business or organization, whether public, private, for profit, not for profit, or voluntary, that provides care or care placement services, including a business or organization that licenses or certifies others to provide care or care placement services.

~~(9) 'VCA' means the Volunteers for Children Act, 42 U.S.C. Sections 5101 note, 5119a, and 5119b.~~

(c) ~~An authorized agency~~ The center is responsible for the designation of authorized agencies and qualified entities ~~within its local jurisdiction and~~ for the submission of national criminal history background checks ~~as authorized under the NCPA and the VCA~~ pursuant to this Code section.

(d) An authorized agency, other than a criminal justice agency as defined in Code Section 35-3-30, must request an ORI from the FBI for the express purpose of submitting national

criminal history background checks under this Code section. Requests shall be made in writing to the FBI through the center.

(e) National criminal history background checks shall be submitted directly to the center for a state records check; fingerprint ~~cards~~ identification information shall then be forwarded to the FBI for a national check. The responses from both the state and national criminal history background checks shall be returned to the authorized agency.

(f) The authorized agency may provide directly to the qualified entity the state criminal history record provided as part of the national criminal history background check.

(g) An authorized agency shall be responsible for review ~~of the national criminal history record provided as part~~ of the national criminal history background check to determine ~~whether the provider has been convicted of or is under indictment for a crime that bears upon the provider's~~ the covered individual's fitness to have responsibility for the safety and well-being of children, the elderly, or individuals with disabilities and to convey that determination to the qualified entity. The authorized agency shall make reasonable efforts to communicate the fitness determination to the qualified entity within 15 business days of receipt of the results of the national criminal history background check.

(h) The authorized agency or qualified entity must obtain the fingerprints of the ~~provider~~ covered individual, communicate the fitness determination of the authorized agency to the ~~provider~~ covered individual, and notify the ~~provider~~ covered individual of his or her right to challenge the accuracy and completeness of any information contained in the national criminal history background check.

(i) Fees charged for a national criminal history background check shall be determined based on ~~reasonable~~ costs ~~as allowed under federal law~~ of the background check.

(j) The provisions of this Code section shall be supplementary to and not in place of any other law of this state which authorizes or requires background checks.

(k) Any person, authorized agency, or qualified entity, or any person who is an employee of an authorized agency or qualified entity, shall not disseminate any criminal history record information or any information concerning any criminal history record information except ~~the determination of fitness which such person obtains pursuant to~~ for the purpose of determining a covered individual's fitness as authorized in this Code section."

SECTION 2.

Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mental health, is amended in Chapter 1, relating to governing and regulation of mental health, by revising subsections (a) through (d) of Code Section 37-1-28, relating to conviction data, as follows:

"(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Client' means any person who receives developmental disability, mental health or substance use treatment support, or prevention services authorized or funded by the department.

(2) 'Contractor' means any person, entity, or agency that enters into a contract with the department to provide goods or services.

(3) 'Conviction '~~conviction~~ data' means a record of a finding or verdict of guilty or a plea of guilty or a plea of nolo contendere with regard to any crime, regardless of whether an appeal of the conviction has been sought.

(4) 'GCIC' means the Georgia Crime Information Center established under Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 35.

(b) The department may receive from any law enforcement agency conviction data that is relevant to a person whom the department or its contractors is considering as a final selectee for employment, or is employing, in a position the duties of which involve direct care, treatment, custodial responsibilities, or any combination thereof for its clients.

(c) The department may receive from any law enforcement agency conviction data which is relevant to a person whom the department or its contractors is considering as a final selectee for employment, or is employing, in any position the duties of which give that person access to another person's financial information, protected health information as defined in the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, criminal history information or criminal records, or other information the privacy of which is protected by law ~~in a position if, in the judgment of the employer, a final employment decision regarding the selectee can only be made by a review of conviction data in relation to the particular duties of the position and the security and safety of clients, the general public, or other employees~~.

(d) The department is authorized to conduct national background checks by the submission of fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation through the GCIC. In order to determine the suitability of a license candidate, owner, applicant, or employee, the department shall require such person to furnish the department with a full set of fingerprints to enable a criminal background investigation to be conducted. The department shall establish a uniform method of obtaining conviction data under ~~subsection (a)~~ subsections (b) and (c) of this Code section which shall be applicable to the department and its contractors. Such uniform method shall require the ~~submission to the Georgia Crime Information Center of fingerprints and the records search fee in accordance with Code Section 35-3-35. Upon receipt thereof, the Georgia Crime Information Center shall promptly transmit fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a search of bureau records and an appropriate report and shall promptly conduct a search of its own records and records to which it has access. After receiving the fingerprints and fee, the Georgia Crime Information Center shall notify the department in writing of any derogatory finding, including, but not limited to, any conviction data regarding the fingerprint records check or if there is no such finding~~ department to submit fingerprints to GCIC, along with the records research fee in accordance with Code Section 35-3-35. If no disqualifying record is identified at the state level, GCIC is authorized to submit the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history record check. If a criminal record is identified at the state level, GCIC shall request a national criminal history record check from the Federal Bureau of Investigation through a national identifier number system used for identifying fingerprints. After receiving acceptable fingerprints and such fee from the department, GCIC shall notify the department in writing of any criminal record

found in the records of GCIC and the Federal Bureau of Investigation or if there is no such finding. Upon receipt of GCIC's report, the department shall make a determination about an owner's, applicant's, or employee's criminal record."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 8

37-1-140.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Applicant' means a person applying to be a direct access employee at a facility.

(2) 'Conviction' means a finding or verdict of guilty or a plea of guilty, including a plea of guilty pursuant to Code Section 42-8-60, regardless of whether an appeal of the conviction has been sought.

(3) 'Crime' means commission of:

(A) Any of the following offenses:

(i) A violation of Code Section 16-5-3;

(ii) A violation of Code Section 16-5-70;

(iii) A violation of Code Section 16-5-101;

(iv) A violation of Code Section 16-5-102;

(v) A violation of Code Section 16-6-3;

(vi) A violation of Code Section 16-6-4;

(vii) A violation of Code Section 16-6-5;

(viii) A violation of Code Section 16-6-5.1;

(ix) A violation of Code Sections 16-7-60, 16-7-60.1,16-7-61, or 16-7-62;

(x) A violation of Chapter 8 of Title 16;

(xi) A violation of Code Section 16-10-31; or

(xii) A violation of Code Section 30-5-8;

(B) A felony violation of:

(i) Chapters 5, 6, 9 or 13 of Title 16;

(ii) Code Section 16-4-1;

(iii) Code Section 16-7-2; or

(iv) Subsection (f) of Code Section 31-7-12.1; or

(C) Any other offense committed in another jurisdiction which, if committed in this state, would be deemed to constitute an offense identified in this paragraph without regard to its designation elsewhere.

(4) 'Criminal background check' means a search of the criminal records maintained by GCIC and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to determine whether an owner, applicant, or employee has a criminal record.

(5) 'Criminal record' means any of the following:

(A) Conviction of a crime;

(B) Arrest, charge, and sentencing for a crime when:

(i) A plea of nolo contendere was entered to the crime;

(ii) First offender treatment without adjudication of guilt was granted to the crime; or

(iii) An adjudication or sentence was otherwise withheld or not entered for the crime; or

(C) Arrest and charges for a crime if the charge is pending, unless the time for prosecuting such crime has expired pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 17.

(6) 'Direct access' means having, or expecting to have, duties that involve routine personal contact with a patient, resident, or client, including, but not limited to, face-to-face contact, hands-on physical assistance, verbal cuing, reminding, standing by or monitoring or activities that require the person to be routinely alone with the patient's, resident's, or client's property or access to such property or financial information, including, but not limited to, the patient's, resident's, or client's checkbook, debit and credit cards, resident trust funds, banking records, stock accounts, or brokerage accounts.

(7) 'Eligible determination' means a written determination that a person for whom a criminal background check was performed and was found to have no criminal record.

(8) 'Employee' means any individual who has direct access to, and who is hired by, a facility through employment, or through a contract with such facility, including, but not limited to, housekeepers, maintenance personnel, dieticians, and any volunteer who has duties that are equivalent to the duties of an employee providing such services. Such term shall not include a person who contracts with the facility, whether personally or through a company, to provide utility, construction, communications, accounting, quality assurance, human resource management, information technology, legal, or other services if the contracted services are not directly related to providing services to a patient, resident, or client of the facility.

(9) 'Facility' means:

(A) A community living arrangement to be licenced under Article 1 of Chapter 13 of this title;

(B) A drug abuse treatment and education program required to be licensed under Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 26; or

(C) An adult residential mental health program required to be licensed pursuant to Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 37.

(10) 'Fingerprint records check determination' means an eligible or ineligible determination by the department based upon fingerprint based national criminal history information.

(11) 'GCIC' means the Georgia Crime Information Center established under Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 35.

(12) 'Indirect ownership interest' means an ownership interest in a corporation, partnership, legal entity, or association which owns an ownership interest in another corporation, partnership, legal entity, or association. This term includes an ownership interest in any corporation, partnership, legal entity, or association that has an indirect ownership interest in a facility or in a license candidate.

(13) 'Ineligible determination' means a written determination that a person for whom a criminal background check was performed was found to have a criminal record.

(14) 'License' means the document issued by the department to authorize a facility to operate.

(15) 'License candidate' means a person, corporation, partnership, legal entity, or association applying for a license to operate a facility.

(16) 'Owner' means a person with an ownership interest in a facility or license candidate or with an ownership interest in a corporation, partnership, legal entity, or association which has any ownership interest in a facility or license candidate, including an indirect ownership interest.

(17) 'Ownership interest' means the possession of equity in the capital, stock, or profits of either a:

(A) Facility or license candidate; or

(B) Corporation, partnership, legal entity, or association that holds a license for a facility.

(18) 'Records check application' means fingerprints in such form and of such quality as prescribed by GCIC under standards adopted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and a records search fee to be established by the department by rule and regulation, payable in such form as the department may direct to cover the cost of obtaining a criminal background check.

(19) 'Registry check' means a review of the nurse aide registry provided for in Code Section 31-2-14, the national and state sexual offender registries, and the List of Excluded Individuals and Entities as authorized in Sections 1128 and 1156 of the federal Social Security Act, as it existed on February 1, 2018, or any other registry useful for the administration of this article as specified by rules of the department.

37-1-141.

(a)(1) A registry check of an owner, applicant, or employee shall be required prior to a criminal background check and shall be initiated by the applicable facility or license candidate.

(2) A registry check shall be performed by such facility or license candidate and may include reviewing registries of any other states in which the applicant previously resided.

(3) If an applicant has not resided in this state for at least two years, the facility or license candidate shall conduct registry checks of each state in which the applicant resided for the previous two years as represented by such applicant or as otherwise determined by the applicable facility or license candidate.

(b) If applicable to an owner, applicant, or employee, a query of available information maintained by the Georgia Composite Medical Board, the Secretary of State, or other applicable licensing boards shall be conducted prior to a criminal background check to validate that such individual's professional license is in good standing.

(c) Except as provided in subsection (c) of Code Section 37-1-148, nothing in this Code section shall be construed to limit the responsibility or ability of a facility or license candidate to screen owners, applicants, or employers through additional methods.

37-1-142.

(a) Accompanying any application for a new license, the license candidate, each owner and applicant, and each employee of the license candidate shall complete a records check in accordance with rules set by the department. The department is authorized to conduct national background checks by the submission of fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation through GCIC. In order to determine the suitability of a license candidate, owner, applicant, or employee, the department shall require such person to furnish the department with a full set of fingerprints to enable a criminal background investigation to be conducted. The department may receive from any law enforcement agency conviction data that is relevant to a person who is a license candidate, owner, applicant, or employee.

(b)(1) The department shall submit fingerprints to GCIC. If no disqualifying record is identified at the state level, GCIC is authorized to submit the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history record check.

(2) If a criminal record is identified at the state level, GCIC shall request a national criminal history record check from the Federal Bureau of Investigation through a national identifier number system used for identifying fingerprints.

(3) Within ten days after receiving acceptable fingerprints from the department, GCIC shall notify the department in writing of any criminal record found in the records of GCIC and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or if there is no such finding. Upon receipt of GCIC's report, the department shall make a determination about an owner's, applicant's, or employee's criminal record.

(c) Neither GCIC, the department, any law enforcement agency, nor the employees of any such entities shall be responsible for the accuracy of the information nor have liability for defamation, invasion of privacy, negligence, or any other claim in connection with any dissemination of information or determination based thereon pursuant to this Code section.

(d) All information received from GCIC or the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall be used exclusively for employment or licensure purposes and shall not be released or otherwise disclosed to any other person or agency. All such information collected by the department shall be maintained by the department pursuant to the rules and regulations of GCIC and the Federal Bureau of Investigation as are applicable. Penalties for unauthorized release or disclosure of any such information shall be prescribed pursuant to state law or rules or regulations of GCIC and the Federal Bureau of Investigation as are applicable.

(e) If the department is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code

section for such program, and the department shall notify the individual whose fingerprints were taken of the parameters of such retention.

37-1-143.

(a) An applicant seeking employment with a facility or a current employee at a facility shall consent to a national and state background check that includes a registry check, a check of information maintained by a professional licensing board, if applicable, and a criminal background check in accordance with rules set by the department. The department is authorized to conduct national background checks by the submission of fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation through GCIC. In order to determine an applicant's suitability as an employee of a facility, the department shall require such applicant to furnish the department with a full set of fingerprints to enable a criminal background investigation to be conducted. Such criminal background investigations shall be conducted in the manner set forth in subsections (b), (c), (d), and (e) of Code Section 37-1-142. The department may receive from any law enforcement agency conviction data that is relevant to such an applicant or to any employee of the facility.

(b)(1) A person required to submit to a registry check and criminal background check shall not be employed by, contracted with, or allowed to work as an employee at a facility if:

(A) The person appears on a registry check;

(B) There is a substantiated finding of neglect, abuse, or misappropriation of property by a state or federal agency pursuant to an investigation conducted in accordance with 42 U.S.C. Section 1395-i or 1396r as it existed on February 1, 2018;

(C) The person's professional license, if applicable, is not in good standing; or

(D) The facility receives notice from the department that the person has been found to have an ineligible determination.

(2) A person whose professional license is not in good standing may be employed by a facility in a position where his or her duties do not require professional licensure, provided that he or she provides a fingerprint record check determination in the same manner as an applicant.

(c) An applicant or employee may:

(1) Obtain information concerning the accuracy of his or her criminal record, and the department shall refer the person to the appropriate state or federal law enforcement agency that was involved in the arrest or conviction;

(2) Challenge the finding that he or she is the true subject of the results from a registry check, and the department shall refer the person to the agency responsible for maintaining the registry; and

(3) Appeal his or her disqualifying determination pursuant to Code Section 37-1-147.

37-1-144.

(a) A personnel file for each employee shall be maintained by each facility. Such files shall be available for inspection by the department and other appropriate enforcement authorities but shall otherwise be maintained to protect the confidentiality of the

information contained within. The information shall include, but not be limited to, evidence of each employee's eligible determination, registry check, and licensure check, if applicable.

(b)(1)(A) The department may require a criminal background check on any owner or employee of a facility during the course of an investigation involving such owner or employee or if the department receives information the owner or employee was arrested for a crime.

(B) The criminal background check provided in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph may be fingerprint based and shall be conducted in the manner set forth in subsections (b), (c), (d), and (e) of Code Section 37-1-142. The department may receive from any law enforcement agency conviction data that is relevant to any owner or employee of the facility.

(C) GCIC shall notify the department in writing of any ineligible determination, including, but not limited to, any criminal record obtained through the fingerprints records check determination or if there is no finding of a criminal record.

(D) If the department is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code section for such program, and the department shall notify the person whose fingerprints were taken of the parameters of fingerprint retention.

(2) When the department determines that an applicant or employee has an ineligible determination, the department shall notify the facility that the applicant or employee is ineligible to hire or employ and shall take the necessary steps so that the employee is no longer employed at the facility; provided, however, that a facility may retain a current employee during the period of any administrative review or appeal provided for in paragraph (4) of this subsection.

(3) When the department determines that an owner has an ineligible determination, the department shall notify the owner of the ineligible status for ownership and shall take the necessary steps to revoke the facility's license.

(4) An owner, applicant, or employee may appeal his or her disqualifying ineligible status determination pursuant to Code Section 37-1-147.

37-1-145.

A facility that does not terminate an employee who has been found to have an ineligible determination or failed a registry check shall be liable for a civil monetary penalty in the amount of $500.00 for each day that a violation occurs, not to exceed a total of $10,000.00. The daily civil monetary penalty shall be imposed only from the time the facility knew or should have known that it employed a person with a criminal record and until the date such individual's employment is terminated; provided, however, that the penalty shall not be imposed for any period of time during which the facility may retain the employee under the provisions of paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of Code Section 37-1-144.

37-1-146.

Each employment application form provided by a facility to an applicant shall conspicuously state the following: 'FOR THIS TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT, STATE LAW REQUIRES A NATIONAL AND STATE BACKGROUND CHECK AS A CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT.'

37-1-147.

(a)(1) An owner of a facility with an ineligible determination or whose name appears on a registry check shall not operate or hold a license, and the department shall revoke the license of, or refuse to issue a license to, any facility with an owner with an ineligible determination or whose name appears on a registry check.

(2) Prior to approving any license for a facility and periodically as established by the department by rule, the department shall require each owner, applicant, and employee to submit to a registry check and criminal background check pursuant to Code Sections 37-1-141 and 37-1-142.

(3) The department may provide by rule for a process where an owner, applicant, or employee can request an administrative review of an ineligible determination or of a determination that the owner's, applicant's, or employee's name appears on a registry check. If such administrative review is provided for in the rules of the department, it shall be timely requested by the owner, applicant, or employee and completed before any appeal provided for in paragraph (4) of this subsection may be filed or requested.

(4)(A) An owner, employee, or applicant who received an ineligible determination or a determination that his or her name appears on a registry check and who has exhausted any administrative review rights provided for in this Code section shall be eligible to appeal such determination pursuant to Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'

(B) In a hearing held pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the hearing officer shall consider in mitigation the length of time since the crime was committed, the absence of additional criminal charges, the circumstances surrounding the commission of the crime, and other indicia of rehabilitation.

(5)(A) Any action by the department revoking or refusing to grant a license based on any owner's ineligible determination or determination that the owner's name appears on a registry check shall constitute a contested case for purposes of Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' except that any hearing required to be held pursuant to such Act may be held reasonably expeditiously after such determination or action by the department.

(B)(i) In a hearing held pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the hearing officer shall consider in mitigation the:

(I) Length of time since the crime was committed;

(II) Absence of additional criminal charges;

(III) Circumstances surrounding the commission of the crime;

(IV) Other indicia of rehabilitation;

(V) Facility's history of compliance with the regulations; and

(VI) Owner's involvement with the licensed facility in arriving at a decision as to whether the criminal record requires the denial or revocation of the license to operate the facility.

(ii) When a hearing is required, the hearing officer shall notify the office of the prosecuting attorney who initiated the prosecution of the crime in question at least 30 days prior to the hearing to allow the prosecuting attorney to object to a possible determination that the conviction would not be a bar for the grant or continuation of a license as contemplated by this Code section. If objections are made, the hearing officer shall take such objections into consideration.

(b) The requirements of this Code section are supplemental to any requirements for a license imposed by other applicable Code sections.

37-1-148.

(a) No person, including the department, a facility, or a person acting on behalf of such entities, shall be liable for civil damages or be subject to any claim, demand, cause of action, or proceeding of any nature as a result of actions taken in good faith to comply with this article, including the disqualification of an applicant from employment on the basis of a disqualifying crime or ineligible determination.

(b)(1) A facility that has obtained an eligible determination on an owner, applicant, or employee in accordance with this article or confirmation that such owner, applicant, or employee has obtained a favorable final administrative review or appeal decision pursuant to Code Section 37-1-147, shall be immune from liability for claims of negligent hiring when such claims are based on the criminal record of such owner, applicant, or employee, even when the information contained in the criminal background check used by the department is later determined to have been incomplete or inaccurate; provided, however, that such immunity shall not preclude the liability of a facility concerning claims based on information beyond the scope of the criminal record and eligible determination about the owner, applicant, or employee of which the facility knew or should have known.

(2) When a facility has obtained an eligible determination on an owner, applicant, or employee, there shall be a rebuttable presumption of due care for claims of negligent hiring, negligent retention, or other similar claims to the extent the claims are based on an owner's, applicant's, or employee's criminal record.

(c) Nothing in this article shall require a facility to conduct any other type of criminal history check of an owner, applicant, or employee, and a facility shall not be held liable for claims of negligent hiring, negligent retention, or other similar claims based solely or in part on its failure to conduct other types of criminal history checks.

(d) Nothing in this article shall be construed to waive the sovereign immunity of the state, the department, or any other entity of the state.

37-1-149.

The department shall promulgate written rules and regulations related to the requirements and implementation of this article, including, but not limited to, establishing percentages

of ownership interest relevant for the enforcement of this article. In establishing such percentages of ownership, the department may regard any percentage of ownership greater than zero as constituting an ownership interest as defined in this article, or the department may by rule or regulation deem that a higher percentage of ownership is necessary to constitute such ownership."

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	E DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	E Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	E Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	E Kendrick	Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	E Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 164, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 1075. By Representatives Chastain of the 7th, Gunter of the 8th, Smith of the 18th, Hagan of the 156th, Camp of the 135th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sexual offenses, so as to modify the penalty for offenders previously convicted of the offense of trafficking of persons for labor or sexual servitude; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	E DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	E Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	E Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	E Kendrick	Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	E Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF

Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 166, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House, having been previously postponed, were again postponed until the next legislative day:

HB 421. By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, Rice of the 139th, Reeves of the 99th, Ballinger of the 23rd and Mathiak of the 82nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, so as to establish the offense of traveling to meet a minor for indecent purposes; to provide penalties; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 942. By Representatives Burnough of the 77th, Bell of the 75th and Scott of the 76th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-41 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property exempt from ad valorem taxation, so as to limit an exemption from ad valorem taxation for public property owned by a political subdivision outside of its territorial limits that is developed by grading or other improvements to the extent of at least 25 percent of the total land area and has facilities actively used for a public or governmental purpose; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1076. By Representatives Ehrhart of the 36th, Burchett of the 176th, Crowe of the 118th, Sainz of the 180th, Smith of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to obstruction of public administration and related offenses, so as to create the felony offense of obstruction of a law enforcement officer with a motor vehicle; to provide for punishment; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HR 1000. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Williams of the 148th, Dickey of the 134th, Williams of the 168th, Buckner of the 137th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to eliminate the ad valorem tax assessment of certain timber at sale or harvest; to require state appropriations to each county, municipality, or school district affected by such tax elimination; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

HR 1049. By Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Griffin of the 149th, Berry of the 56th, Park of the 107th and Jones of the 143rd:

A RESOLUTION designating the Wednesday of the last week in October of each year as "Fentanyl and Opioid Awareness Day" in Georgia; and for other purposes.

The following members were recognized during the period of Afternoon Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Carter of the 93rd et al., and Ali of the 106th.

Representative Erwin of the 32nd District, Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Education has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 1045	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 1284	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1302	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 1402	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Erwin of the 32nd
Chairman

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House do now adjourn until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Tuesday, March 3, 2026, and the motion prevailed.

Pursuant to the adjournment Resolution previously adopted by the House and Senate, the Speaker announced the House adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Tuesday, March 3, 2026.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

Twenty-Sixth Legislative Day

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called and the following Representatives answered to their names:

Adeyina	Corbett	Hatchett	Martinez	Roberts
Alexander	Cox	Hawkins	Mathiak	Romman
Anderson	Crowe	Herring	Mathis	Sainz
Au	Cummings	Hilton	McClain	Sampson
Baker	Davis	Hitchens	McCollum	Sanchez
Ballard	Dawson	Holcomb	McDonald	Santos
Barnes	DeLoach	Holland	McQueen	Schofield
Barrett	Dempsey	Holly	Meeks	Scoggins
Barton	Dickey	Hong	Mitchell	Scott
Bazemore	Donatucci	Horner	Momtahan	Seabaugh
Beckles	Douglas	Howard, J	Moore	Sharper
Bell	Drenner	Howard, K	Myles	Silcox
Berry	Dubnik	Huddleston	New	Smith, L
Blackmon	Dunahoo	Hugley	Newton	Smith, M
Bonner	Efstration	Jackson, D	Okoye	Smith, TP
Buckner	Ehrhart	Jackson, E	Olaleye	Smith, V
Burchett	Erwin	Jackson, M	Oliver	Stephens
Burnough	Evans	Jasperse	O'Steen	Tarvin
Byrd	Fincher	Jenkins	Panitch	Taylor, R
Cameron	Fleming	Jones, A	Park	Townsend
Camp	Flournoy	Jones, J	Parrish	Tran
Campbell, J	Ford	Jones, S	Parsons	Wade
Campbell, L	Franklin	Jones, T	Persinger	Washburn
Cannon, C	Frye	Kahaian	Petrea	Werkheiser
Carpenter	Gambill	Kelley	Powell	Westbrook
Carson	Gilliard	E Kendrick	Prince	Wilkerson
Carter	Gisler	LaHood	E Reese	Williams, A
Chastain	Glaize	Leverett	Reeves	Williams, N
Cheokas	Greene	Lewis-Ward	Rhodes	Williamson
Clark, J	Griffin	Lumsden	Richardson	Willis
Clifton	Gullett	Lupton	Ridley, Jas	Yearta
Cooper	Gunter	Martin	Ridley, Jor	Burns, Speaker

The following members were off the floor of the House when the roll was called:

Representatives Adesanya of the 43rd, Ali of the 106th, Cannon of the 58th, Clark of the 100th, Crawford of the 89th, Draper of the 90th, Gaines of the 120th, Hagan of the 156th, Lim of the 98th, Neal of the 79th, Paris of the 142nd, Stinson of the 150th, Taylor of the 173rd, Thomas of the 21st, and Williams of the 37th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Pastor Paul Little, Bibb Mount Zion Baptist Church, Macon, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Hilton of the 48th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

By unanimous consent, the following was established as the order of business during the first part of the period of unanimous consents:

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

2. First reading and reference of House Bills and Resolutions.

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

6. First reading and reference of Senate Bills and Resolutions.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House were introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committees:

HB 1471. By Representatives Davis of the 87th, Scott of the 76th and Schofield of the 63rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 2 of Part 1 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to compulsory attendance relative to elementary and secondary school students, so as to require the local governing body for each school system and public school to adopt a policy providing that students shall be granted excused absences for up to five mental health days per school year; to require local school systems and public schools to provide information to students and

parents about available mental health resources; to require the State Board of Education to develop a model policy; to provide a definition; to provide a short title; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 1472. By Representative Lim of the 98th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits for state income tax, so as to revise the definition of the term "small business"; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1473. By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Ridley of the 6th, Franklin of the 160th, Scoggins of the 14th and Cheokas of the 151st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government, so as to prohibit elected officials of a county, municipal corporation, or any county-municipal consolidated government from entering into nondisclosure agreements with private entities relating to economic development; to provide for governing authorities to require the completion of an independent impact analysis before an official vote or action can be taken; to provide for requirements of such independent impact analysis; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 1474. By Representatives Park of the 107th, Hugley of the 141st, Miller of the 62nd, Gisler of the 121st, Campbell of the 35th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 1A of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions relative to early care and learning, so as to provide for the annual publication of a map identifying geographic areas where the demand for organizations that provide care for children between the ages of zero and five exceeds available licensed slots by a ratio of at least three to one; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits

relative to state income taxes, so as to provide for an income tax credit for contributions to childcare organizations; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 1475. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Carpenter of the 4th, Chastain of the 7th, LaHood of the 175th and Evans of the 57th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Sections 10-6B-53, 31-32-7, and 50-13-13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to benefits from governmental programs or civil or military service, duties and responsibilities of health care agents, and opportunity for hearing in contested cases, notice, counsel, subpoenas, record, enforcement powers, and revenue cases, respectively, so as to provide limited authority for the appointment of an authorized representative for the purposes of completing an application for public benefits on behalf of a deceased individual and attending any hearing thereon or litigating any appeal related thereto; to provide for the termination of such authority; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1476. By Representatives Hong of the 103rd, Carpenter of the 4th, Frye of the 122nd, Crowe of the 118th and Cannon of the 172nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-7-40.26A of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax credits for postproduction expenditures, so as to revise the amount of a credit; to provide for eligibility of postproduction expenditures in addition to production expenditures; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Creative Arts & Entertainment.

HB 1477. By Representatives Santos of the 117th, Tran of the 80th, Reese of the 140th and Bell of the 75th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to State Board of Education, so as to provide a registration process for special education advocates; to provide

for qualifications for such registration; to provide for the adoption of a code of ethics for special education advocates; to provide for the Department of Education to maintain a list of registered special education advocates; to require notice to parents and guardians of children with disabilities of such list; to provide definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 1478. By Representatives Santos of the 117th, Holly of the 116th, Douglas of the 78th and Kahaian of the 81st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to provide for a technology fee to be collected under certain circumstances; to provide for a short title; to provide for a purpose for such fees; to provide for imposition of additional civil filing fees and criminal penalties; to provide for adoption of county resolutions; to provide for a technology fund; to provide for technology plans; to provide for expenditure of funds collected; to preempt local Acts providing for technology fees; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 1479. By Representatives Sanchez of the 42nd, Evans of the 57th, Campbell of the 35th, Holcomb of the 101st, Santos of the 117th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to specific periods of limitation, so as to extend the statute of limitations for certain alleged acts by clergy members; to provide for liability for certain entities; to provide for the extension of certain claims; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1480. By Representatives Sanchez of the 42nd, Romman of the 97th, Cannon of the 58th, Moore of the 91st, Park of the 107th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the O.C.G.A., relating to public assistance; to amend Title 49 of the O.C.G.A., relating to social services, and an Act amending said title, approved April 15, 2014 (Ga.

L. 2014, p. 293), so as to repeal provisions regarding prohibition of Medicaid expansion; to amend Titles 31, 42, and 43, relating to health, penal institutions, and professions and businesses, respectively, and an Act amending Titles 31 and 43, approved March 23, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 6), so as to repeal provisions relating to treatment of gender dysphoria; to amend Titles 1, 15, 16, 19, 20, 31, 33, 43, 45, 48, 49, and an Act amending said titles, approved May 7, 2019 (Ga. L. 2019, p. 711), so as to repeal and revise provisions relating to abortion; to provide for related matters; to provide for contingent effectiveness; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HB 1481. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Bazemore of the 69th, Miller of the 62nd and Holly of the 116th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and observances, so as to designate Black Midwives Day in Georgia; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HB 1482. By Representative Martin of the 49th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 4 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding jails, so as to require that certain municipal corporations make municipal detention facilities or jails available for use by a sheriff under certain conditions; to provide for fee and fee cap; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HR 1505. By Representative Jackson of the 128th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mr. Gettis Cortez McGhee, Sr., and dedicating a bridge in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 1520. By Representative Jackson of the 128th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mr. Hassan Raheem Glasgow and dedicating a road in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 1521. By Representative Jackson of the 128th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mr. David Oscar Cummings and dedicating a road in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House and Senate were read the second time:

HB 1452
HB 1453
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HB 1457
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HB 1461
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HB 1464
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HB 1468
HB 1469
HB 1470
HR 1472
HR 1473
HR 1474
HR 1475
HR 1476
HR 1502
HR 1503
HR 1504
SB 116
SB 392
SB 433

By order of the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the House was withdrawn from the General Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Health:

HB 810. By Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, Hawkins of the 27th, Taylor of the 173rd, Stephens of the 164th, Newton of the 127th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 64 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation and licensure of pharmacy benefits managers and Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to require

that final reimbursements to pharmacies for prescription drugs are based on certain formulas; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By order of the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the House was withdrawn from the General Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Ways & Means:

HB 1116. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Burns of the 159th, Efstration of the 104th, Hatchett of the 155th, Cannon of the 172nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapters 5 and 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of property and sales and use taxes, respectively, so as to provide for the acceptance of tax digests in the event of a publication error made by a newspaper; to amend Part 4 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to financing under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to exclude amounts attributable to certain exemptions from ad valorem taxation from the equalized adjusted school property tax digest for the purpose of calculating the local five mill share and equalization grants; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 81 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government budgets and audits; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By order of the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the House was withdrawn from the General Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Regulated Industries:

HB 1254. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Hatchett of the 155th, Wade of the 9th, Prince of the 132nd, Seabaugh of the 34th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend various titles of the O.C.G.A., so as to move the regulation of various professions from individual boards to the Secretary of State; to amend Chapter 14 of Title 10 of the O.C.G.A., relating to cemetery and funeral services; to amend Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to professions and businesses; to amend Code Section 53-2-27 of the O.C.G.A., relating to DNA testing; to amend Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to professions and businesses; to amend Title 43 and Code Section 12-8-107 of the O.C.G.A., relating to professions and businesses; to amend Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to professions and businesses; to amend Code Section 43-10A-5 of the O.C.G.A., relating to powers and duties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By order of the Committee on Rules, the following Resolution of the House was withdrawn from the General Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Ways & Means:

HR 1114. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Burns of the 159th, Efstration of the 104th, Hatchett of the 155th, Cannon of the 172nd and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to remove the cap on benefits granted pursuant to the Homeowner's Incentive Adjustment clause; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Representative Dickey of the 134th District, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 1224 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Dickey of the 134th
Chairman

Representative Stephens of the 164th District, Chairman of the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Economic Development and Tourism has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 490 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Stephens of the 164th
Chairman

Representative Erwin of the 32nd District, Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Education has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 829	Do Pass	HB 1114	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1206	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 1232	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1244	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 1269	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1327	Do Pass, by Substitute		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Erwin of the 32nd
Chairman

Representative Anderson of the 10th District, Chairman of the Committee on Governmental Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Governmental Affairs has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 1177	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 1260	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1299	Do Pass	HB 1386	Do Pass
HB 1447	Do Pass, by Substitute		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Anderson of the 10th
Chairman

Representative Hawkins of the 27th District, Chairman of the Committee on Health, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 298	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 382	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1309	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 1332	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1393	Do Pass, by Substitute		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Hawkins of the 27th
Chairman

Representative Martin of the 49th District, Chairman of the Committee on Higher Education, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Higher Education has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 1363	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1379	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Martin of the 49th
Chairman

Representative Werkheiser of the 157th District, Chairman of the Committee on Industry and Labor, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Industry and Labor has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 1318	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Werkheiser of the 157th
Chairman

Representative Gunter of the 8th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 1028	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 1223	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1397	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 1403	Do Pass
HB 1414	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Gunter of the 8th
Chairman

Representative Camp of the 135th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, Juvenile, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary, Juvenile has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 1429	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Camp of the 135th
Chairman

Representative Smith of the 18th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 237	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 997	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1432	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Smith of the 18th
Chairman

Representative Corbett of the 174th District, Chairman of the Committee on Motor Vehicles, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Motor Vehicles has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 1073 Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1380 Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1465 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Corbett of the 174th
Chairman

Representative Crowe of the 118th District, Chairman of the Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 1436 Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1454 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Crowe of the 118th
Chairman

Representative Powell of the 33rd District, Chairman of the Committee on Regulated Industries, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Regulated Industries has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 1254 Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1428 Do Pass
HB 1446 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Powell of the 33rd
Chairman

Representative Campbell of the 171st District, Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Rural Development, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Rural Development has had under consideration the following Bills and Resolution of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 1394 Do Pass
HB 1451 Do Pass
HR 656 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Campbell of the 171st
Vice-Chairman

Representative Scoggins of the 14th District, Chairman of the Committee on Special Rules, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Special Rules has had under consideration the following Bill and Resolutions of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 1082 Do Pass, by Substitute
HR 1445 Do Pass
HR 1475 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Scoggins of the 14th
Chairman

Representative Jasperse of the 11th District, Chairman of the Committee on Transportation, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Transportation has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 1377	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1434	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Jasperse of the 11th
Chairman

Representative Blackmon of the 146th District, Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means has had under consideration the following Bills and Resolution of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 1110	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 1116	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1148	Do Pass, by Substitute	HR 1114	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Blackmon of the 146th
Chairman

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
TUESDAY, MARCH 03, 2026

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 26th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

HB 158 Commerce and trade; filing of registration statements with the office of the Secretary of State; provide (Substitute)(A&CA-Franklin-160th)
HB 334 Sickle Cell Disease Protection Act; enact (P&CH-Crawford-89th)
HB 545 Terry Act; enact (Judy-Jones-60th)
HB 574 Labor and industrial relations; applicability of workers' compensation to employers and employees; provisions (I&L-Stephens-164th)
HB 626 Criminal procedure; extend retention period of evidence of sexual assault when victim elects not to immediately report assault (Substitute) (JudyNC-Lupton-83rd)
HB 717 Medical Practice Act; regulation of the administration of psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy; provide (Substitute)(P&CH-Cooper-45th)
HB 892 Professions and businesses; prohibit massage therapy businesses from operating during certain set hours (Substitute)(RegI-Holcomb-101st)
HB 1045 You Are Not Alone Awareness Act; enact (Substitute)(Ed-Herring-145th)
HB 1122 Insurance; group or individual accident and sickness plans; provisions (Substitute)(Hth-Douglas-78th)
HB 1167 Sleep Health Awareness Week; second week in March of each year; designate (SRules-Dawson-65th)
HB 1191 Motor vehicles; additional military medal awards eligible for special veteran license plates; provide (Substitute)(MotV-O'Steen-169th)
HB 1192 Public assistance; certain accounting practices by Department of Human Services and Department of Community Health; provide (Hth-Taylor-173rd)
HB 1195 Veterinarians; practice and provision of veterinary teletriage and veterinary telemedicine; revise provisions (Substitute)(A&CA-Leverett-123rd)
HB 1196 Crimes; offense of criminal trespass involving a wild animal; provide (Substitute)(JudyNC-Smith-18th)
HB 1201 Fire protection; compliance with safety standards for smoke detectors; provide (A&CA-Gullett-19th)
HB 1283 Family Justice Center Act; enact (Substitute)(JudyJ-Panitch-51st)

Structured Rule

HB 1209 Sales and use tax; purchases of tangible property and construction materials used for or in the construction and furnishing of certain buildings; provide exemption (Substitute)(W&M-Stephens-164th)

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the Senate:

SB 399. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Albers of the 56th, Hatchett of the 50th, Burns of the 23rd, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to personnel of emergency medical services, so as to provide for notification to public safety answering points about the location of automated external defibrillators; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for training; to amend Chapter 8 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employment and training of peace officers, so as to provide for training of communications officers to facilitate the use of automated external defibrillators; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 441. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Williams of the 25th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Albers of the 56th, Dickerson of the 21st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 83 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government investment pool, so as to require certain pooled investments to be approved by the State Depository Board; to exempt certain pooled investments from such approval; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 470. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Bearden of the 30th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Payne of the 54th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against public order, so as to prohibit the possession, use, operation, manufacture, sale, offer for sale, distribution, or import of signal jammers; to specifically authorize the Attorney

General to commence forfeiture proceedings; to provide for exemptions; to provide for definitions; to provide a short title; to provide an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 472. By Senators Hickman of the 4th, Walker III of the 20th, Tillery of the 19th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Sims of the 12th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, rebating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for the suspension of members of local boards of education following certain audit findings or findings by the state auditor of financial mismanagement or misconduct; to provide for a cap on the total amount of advance distributions of state allotted funds that may be made by the State Board of Education to local units of administration; to provide for intervention plans; to provide for the authority of the state auditor relative to such intervention plans; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 500. By Senators Hodges of the 3rd, Watson of the 1st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Walker III of the 20th, Harrell of the 40th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce, so as to expand the Behavioral Health Care Workforce Data Base to include data from licensed health care professionals; to revise definitions; to rename such data base as the Health Care Workforce Data Base; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 513. By Senators Dickerson of the 21st, Walker III of the 20th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Hickman of the 4th, Dixon of the 45th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 and Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to elementary and secondary education and drivers' licenses, respectively, so as to revise requirements for public school policies and procedures relative to student attendance; to provide for multi-tier supports and interventions; to revise provisions relative to attendance review teams; to provide for attendance intervention plans; to provide for consequences for chronically unexcused students, such as ineligibility for interscholastic and extracurricular activities and potential ineligibility to be issued an instruction permit or driver's license by the Department of Driver Services; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 535. By Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 37 of the O.C.G.A., relating to mental health, so as to provide for the re-creation of community service boards; to amend Code Section 50-14-1 of the O.C.G.A., relating to meetings open to the public, limitation on action to contest agency action, recording, notice of time and place, access to minutes, and teleconferences, so as to revise a provision authorizing community service boards to conduct teleconference meetings under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the House:

HB 857. By Representatives Cummings of the 39th, Campbell of the 35th, Seabaugh of the 34th, McQueen of the 61st, Ridley of the 22nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Cobb County, approved March 26, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 3211), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 3, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 4333), so as to change the salary of the chief deputy clerk and the clerk of the State Court of Cobb County; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1083. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd and Powell of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Magistrate Court of Madison County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for a contingent effective date and automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1084. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd and Powell of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Probate Court of Madison County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the Senate were read the first time and referred to the Committees:

SB 399. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Albers of the 56th, Hatchett of the 50th, Burns of the 23rd, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to personnel of emergency medical services, so as to provide for notification to public safety answering points about the location of automated external defibrillators; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for training; to amend Chapter 8 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employment and training of peace officers, so as to provide for training of communications officers to facilitate the use of automated external defibrillators; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

SB 441. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Williams of the 25th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Albers of the 56th, Dickerson of the 21st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 83 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government investment pool, so as to require certain pooled investments to be approved by the State Depository Board; to exempt certain pooled investments from such approval; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight.

SB 470. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Bearden of the 30th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Payne of the 54th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against public order, so as to prohibit the possession, use, operation, manufacture, sale, offer for sale, distribution, or import of signal jammers; to specifically authorize the Attorney General to commence forfeiture proceedings; to provide for exemptions; to provide for definitions; to provide a short title; to provide an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation.

SB 472. By Senators Hickman of the 4th, Walker III of the 20th, Tillery of the 19th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Sims of the 12th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, rebating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for the suspension of members of local boards of education following certain audit findings or findings by the state auditor of financial mismanagement or misconduct; to provide for a cap on the total amount of advance distributions of state allotted funds that may be made by the State Board of Education to local units of administration; to provide for intervention plans; to provide for the authority of the state auditor relative to such intervention plans; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

SB 500. By Senators Hodges of the 3rd, Watson of the 1st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Walker III of the 20th, Harrell of the 40th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce, so as to expand the Behavioral Health Care Workforce Data Base to include data from licensed health care professionals; to revise definitions; to rename such data base as the Health Care Workforce Data Base; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

SB 513. By Senators Dickerson of the 21st, Walker III of the 20th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Hickman of the 4th, Dixon of the 45th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 and Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to elementary and secondary education and drivers' licenses, respectively, so as to revise requirements for public school policies and procedures relative to student attendance; to provide for multi-tier supports and interventions; to revise provisions relative to attendance review teams; to provide for attendance intervention plans; to provide for consequences for chronically unexcused students, such as ineligibility for interscholastic and extracurricular activities and potential ineligibility to be issued an instruction permit or driver's license by the Department of Driver Services; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

SB 535. By Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 37 of the O.C.G.A., relating to mental health, so as to provide for the re-creation of community service boards; to amend Code Section 50-14-1 of the O.C.G.A., relating to meetings open to the public, limitation on action to contest agency action, recording, notice of time and place, access to minutes, and teleconferences, so as to revise a provision authorizing community service boards to conduct teleconference meetings under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

Pursuant to HR 1196, the House recognized and commended Don Koehler on his outstanding public service as an Executive Director of the Georgia Peanut Commission.

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Erwin of the 32nd et al., Beckles of the 96th et al., Barnes of the 86th et al., Bazemore of the 69th et al., Greene of the 154th, Gunter of the 8th, O'Steen of the 169th, Bell of the 75th, Williams of the 168th, Moore of the 91st, Jackson of the 68th et al., Sainz of the 180th, and Hong of the 103rd et al.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the House was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 158. By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Westbrook of the 163rd, Smith of the 18th, Cheokas of the 151st and Stephens of the 164th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to registration of businesses using trade names, so as to provide for filing of registration statements with the office of the Secretary of State; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to registration of businesses using trade names, so as to provide for forms for filing of registration statements and a state-wide registry; to provide for a fee; to provide for oversight by the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority; to provide for reregistration and cancellation of registrations; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to clerks of superior courts, so as to provide for the development and implementation of an information system for trade names by the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to registration of businesses using trade names, is amended by revising Code Section 10-1-490, relating to required registration statement for business using trade, partnership, or other name not showing ownership, as follows:

"10-1-490.

(a) ~~Every~~ Beginning January 1, 2027, every person, firm, or partnership carrying on in this state any trade, ~~or~~ business, or profession under any trade, ~~name or~~ partnership, ~~name~~ or other name which does not disclose the individual ownership of the trade, business, or profession carried on under such name shall, within 30 days ~~from March 29, 1937, or thereafter~~ before commencing to do business, file in the office of the clerk of the superior court of the county in which the business is chiefly carried on or, in the case of a domestic corporation using any name other than its corporate name, in the county of its legal domicile, ~~a~~ an initial registration statement, verified by affidavit, using forms created by the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority setting forth the name or names and addresses of ~~the~~ each person, ~~persons,~~ firm, or partnership owning and carrying on said trade, ~~or~~ business, or profession and stating the nature of the business being carried on and the trade, partnership, or other name used and shall, upon any change of ownership, likewise file a new and amended statement of registration. The registration statement, and any amendments, reregistration or cancellation shall be completed and sworn to by the registrant, notarized, and shall be electronically filed with the proper clerk of superior court. Notice of such filing giving the names and addresses of each person, firm, or partnership to engage in business under such trade, ~~name or~~ partnership, ~~name~~ or other name shall be delivered to and published in the ~~paper in which the sheriff's advertisements are printed~~ legal organ of the appropriate county once a week for two weeks. No person, firm, or partnership already registered shall be required to reregister except in the event of ~~a~~ any change of ownership composition.

(b) For the purpose of including a trade, partnership, or other name registered prior to January 1, 2027, but not included in the trade name registry provided for in Code Section 15-6-97.4, such trade, partnership, or other name may be reregistered for

inclusion in the state-wide registry. Such reregistration shall not adversely affect the date of filing of any previous registration.

(c) The total fee for registration, amendment, reregistration or cancellation shall be as provided in paragraph (10) of subsection (g) of Code Section 15-6-77, and the fees provided for by Code Sections 15-21A-6 and 15-21A-6.1 shall not apply.

(d) The clerk shall register the ~~same~~ initial registration, reregistration, amendment, or cancellation by filing ~~the verified statement in his office~~ and shall keep an alphabetical index of all such ~~registrations in a permanent record book to be kept in his office~~ filings, the index to show the trade, partnership, or other name registered and in connection therewith the names of the owners. ~~The applicant for registration shall accompany each registration statement with the fee prescribed by Code Section 15-6-77, relating to fees of clerks of the superior courts, as amended.~~

(e) When a person, firm, or partnership that has filed a trade name registration statement pursuant to this Code section ceases to carry on in this state the trade, business, or profession under the registered trade, partnership, or other name, such person, firm, or partnership may cancel the trade, partnership, or other name by filing with the clerk of the superior court in which the trade, partnership, or other name was registered a completed affidavit of cancellation using forms created by the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority.

(f) A copy of each trade, partnership, or other name filing or the supporting materials provided for by this Code section shall be transmitted electronically by the clerk of superior court to the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority pursuant to paragraph (22) of subsection (a) of Code Section 15-6-61."

SECTION 2.

Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to clerks of superior courts, is amended in Code Section 15-6-61, relating to duties of clerks generally and computerized record-keeping system, by adding a new paragraph to subsection (a) to read as follows:

"(22) To participate in an information system established by the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority pursuant to Code Section 15-6-97.4 for the purpose of providing public access to trade, partnership, and other name registrations electronically. Each clerk of superior court shall provide to the authority or its designated agent, in accordance with any applicable rules and regulations of the authority, such documents, data, and other information relating to all trade, partnership, and other name registrations, reregistrations, amendments, and cancellations filed in his such clerk's office as required by Code Section 10-1-490."

SECTION 3.

Said article is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"15-6-97.4.

(a) By January 1, 2027, the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority shall develop and implement a uniform automated information system for trade, partnership,

and other names registered with the clerks of superior court of this state pursuant to Code Section 10-1-490. Such system shall provide access to all trade, partnership, and other name registrations and any related documents filed on or after such date.

(b) In furtherance of development and implementation of the system provided under this Code section, the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority is authorized to contract with the clerks of superior courts and any other parties that the authority deems necessary. The Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority shall create forms for use in connection with filings pursuant to Code Section 10-1-490 and shall have the authority to develop rules and regulations necessary for the usage of such forms and implementing such system described in this Code section."

SECTION 4.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2027.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	N Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	N Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn

Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	E Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	N Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
E Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 168, nays 3.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

Representative Blackmon of the 146th District, Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means has had under consideration the following Bills and Resolution of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 547	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 560	Do Pass
HB 1135	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 1261	Do Pass
HR 1392	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Blackmon of the 146th
Chairman

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 1191. By Representatives O'Steen of the 169th, Bonner of the 73rd, Hitchens of the 161st, Corbett of the 174th, Cannon of the 172nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prestige license plates and special plates for certain persons and vehicles, so as to provide for additional military medal awards eligible for special veteran license plates; to provide for a specialty license plate for United States Navy submarine service members;

to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prestige license plates and special plates for certain persons and vehicles, so as to provide for additional military medal awards eligible for special veteran license plates; to provide for a specialty license plate for United States Navy submarine service members; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prestige license plates and special plates for certain persons and vehicles, is amended in Code Section 40-2-85.1, relating to license plates for certain veterans, by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(1) 'Military medal award' means the following medals, decorations, or other recognition of honor for military service awarded by a branch of the United States military:

(A) Medal of Honor;
(B) Bronze Star Medal;
(C) Silver Star Medal;
(D) Distinguished Service Cross;
(E) Navy Cross;
(F) Air Force Cross;
(G) Defense Distinguished Service Medal;
(H) Homeland Security Distinguished Service Medal;
(I) Distinguished Service Medal;
(J) Navy Distinguished Service Medal;
(K) Air Force Distinguished Service Medal;
(L) Coast Guard Distinguished Service Medal;
(M) Defense Superior Service Medal;
(N) Legion of Merit;
(O) Distinguished Flying Cross;
(P) Purple Heart;
(Q) Air Medal;
(R) Soldier's Medal; ~~and~~

(S) Meritorious Service Medal;
(T) Navy Corps Medal;
(U) Marine Corps Medal;
(V) Airman's Medal; and
(W) Coast Guard Medal."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"40-2-85.5.

(a)(1) Motor vehicle owners who are members of the United States Navy submarine service shall be eligible to receive special and distinctive vehicle license plates for private passenger cars, trucks, motorcycles, or recreational vehicles used for personal transportation. Such license plates shall be issued in compliance with the state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles as prescribed in Article 2 of this chapter.

(2) Motor vehicle owners who are retired members of the United States Navy submarine service shall be eligible to receive special and distinctive vehicle license plates for private passenger cars, trucks, motorcycles, or recreational vehicles used for personal transportation. Such license plates shall be issued in compliance with the state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles as prescribed in Article 2 of this chapter.

(3) The special and distinctive vehicle license plates issued pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection shall contain the word 'RETIRED' in the location of and in lieu of the name of the county of issuance.

(b) A person who qualifies for the special and distinctive license plate pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section shall make application therefor with the commissioner and include the requisite fee. The commissioner shall design a distinctive license plate as provided in subsection (c) of this Code section and issue the distinctive license plates to qualifying applicants. There shall be no minimum required number of applicants for such distinctive license plate. The commissioner shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to enforce compliance with all state license laws relating to the use and operation of private passenger cars and trucks before issuing these license plates in lieu of the regular Georgia license plates. The additional manufacturing fee for such special and distinctive license plates shall be $25.00. The commissioner is specifically authorized to promulgate all rules and regulations necessary to ensure compliance in instances where such vehicles have been transferred or sold.

(c) The special and distinctive vehicle license plates issued by this Code section shall be as prescribed in Article 2 of this chapter for private passenger cars, trucks, motorcycles, or recreational vehicles used for personal transportation, except that the commissioner shall include a special design to identify the owner as a member of the United States Navy submarine service.

(d) The license plate issued pursuant to this Code section shall be transferred between vehicles as provided in Code Section 40-2-80."

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2027.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	E Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Willis
E Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 170, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 1192. By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, Efstration of the 104th, Hugley of the 141st, Hatchett of the 155th, Stephens of the 164th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public assistance, so as to provide for certain accounting practices by the Department of Human Services and the Department of Community Health; to provide for funds for specific purposes; to provide for annual review; to provide for annual reports; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	E Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N

Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
E Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 170, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 1195. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Mathiak of the 82nd, Gullett of the 19th, Camp of the 135th and Cooper of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 50 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to telemedicine by veterinarians and veterinary technicians, so as to revise provisions relating to the practice and provision of veterinary teletriage and veterinary telemedicine; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 7 of Chapter 50 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to telemedicine by veterinarians and veterinary technicians, so as to revise provisions relating to veterinary telemedicine, teleadvice, and teletriage and the veterinary-client-patient relationship; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 7 of Chapter 50 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to telemedicine by veterinarians and veterinary technicians, is amended in Code Section 43-50-121, relating to practice of veterinary teletriage and veterinary telemedicine regardless of whether a veterinarian-client-patient relationship exists, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this chapter, a licensed veterinarian or a veterinary technician supervised by a licensed veterinarian may practice veterinary teletriage, regardless of whether a veterinarian-client-patient relationship exists, if the following conditions are met:

~~(1) No licensed veterinarian or veterinary technician is available within a 50 mile radius of the animal's location to perform a physical examination at a veterinary facility or the premises where the animal is located within 24 hours of the client's request for services;~~

~~(2)~~(1) The licensed veterinarian or veterinary technician requests that, as soon as reasonably practical, the client present the animal patient for a physical examination at the veterinary facility or at the premises where such animal is located; and

~~(3)~~(2) The licensed veterinarian or veterinary technician informs the client, in writing, of the veterinarian or supervising veterinarian's full name, location, license number, licensure status, and limitations involved in accessing veterinary teletriage, and obtains a signed and dated statement from the client indicating receipt of such required information."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 43-50-122, relating to providing veterinary teleadvice regardless of whether a veterinarian-client-patient relationship exists, as follows:

"43-50-122.

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to:

(1) Prohibit ~~prohibit~~ a licensed veterinarian or a veterinary technician supervised by a licensed veterinarian from providing veterinary teleadvice, regardless of whether a veterinary-client-patient relationship exists; or

(2) Require a valid veterinary-client-patient relationship in order to provide veterinary teleadvice or veterinary teletriage."

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh

Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
E Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 172, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 717. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Newton of the 127th, Silcox of the 53rd, Drenner of the 85th and Au of the 50th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Medical Practice Act of the State of Georgia," so as to provide for the regulation of the administration of psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy; to provide for definitions; to provide for standards; to provide for requirements; to provide for the establishment of rules and regulations; to provide for licensure of clinics; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Medical Practice Act of the State of Georgia," so as to provide for the regulation of the administration of psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy; to provide for definitions; to provide for standards; to provide for requirements; to provide for the establishment of rules and regulations; to provide for licensure of clinics; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Medical Practice Act of the State of Georgia," is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"43-34-49.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Clinic' means a facility that offers the administration of psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy, including, but not limited to, intravenous infusion of ketamine.

(2) 'Psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy' means any treatment or therapy using psychedelic, dissociative, or other related substances that have the potential to produce hallucinations or rapidly induce suggestibility in the user or profound changes in perceptions of reality or the self.

(b) No later than December 31, 2026, the board shall establish rules and regulations for the administration of psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy in clinics to establish consistent standards, ensure continuing competency, and promote patient safety. Such rules and regulations shall include requirements on:

(1) A properly equipped and maintained clinic to ensure patient safety, which may be demonstrated by appropriate accreditation or certification;

(2) Competency of the physician using psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy in the absence of an anesthesiologist, anesthesiologist assistant, or certified registered nurse anesthetist, including education and relevant training;

(3) Proper prescribing and ordering of psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy;

(4) Proper administration and management of psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy;

(5) Emergency care and transfer protocols in the event of a complication or emergency;

(6) Maintenance of complete and accurate medical records;

(7) Reporting of adverse events to the board;

(8) Required continuing medical education; and

(9) Truth in advertising regarding the credentials, education, and training of the individuals administering psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy.

(c) Any physician, anesthesiologist assistant, or certified registered nurse anesthetist administering, directing, or supervising psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy in a clinic shall be subject to the rules and regulations established by the board pursuant to

this Code section. The board may establish minimum standards of continuing medical education for all healthcare professionals owning a clinic. All other licensed healthcare professionals practicing in a clinic may be subject to minimum standards of continuing education established by the respective licensing board for such healthcare professionals.

(d)(1) On and after July 1, 2027, all clinics shall be licensed by the board and shall biennially renew their license with the board. In the event that physicians in a clinic practice at more than one location, each such location shall be licensed by the board, and such license shall be nontransferable.

(2) Upon the filing of an application for a license, the board may cause a thorough investigation of the applicant to be made and such investigation may include a criminal background check; provided, however, that the board shall cause a thorough investigation of a new applicant to be made, and such investigation shall include a background check. If satisfied that the applicant possesses the necessary qualifications, the board shall issue a license. However, the board may issue licenses with varying restrictions to such persons where the board deems it necessary for the purpose of safeguarding the public health, safety, and welfare.

(3) Whenever an applicable rule requires or prohibits action by a clinic, responsibility shall be that of the owner and the physicians practicing in such clinic, whether the owner is a sole proprietor, partnership, association, corporation, or otherwise.

(4) The board shall deny or refuse to renew a clinic license if it determines that the granting or renewing of such license would not be in the public interest.

(5)(A) A clinic shall be wholly or majority owned by physicians licensed in this state who meet the competency requirements for psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy established by the board and who maintain advanced airway management training; provided, however, that any clinic that is not wholly owned by physicians licensed in this state shall be jointly owned only with certified registered nurse anesthetists.

(B) Subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall not apply to any clinic in existence and operational on the effective date of this Act; provided, however, that any such clinic shall be subject to and in compliance with all other provisions of this Code section in order to operate.

(6) All licenses shall expire biennially unless renewed. All applications for renewal of a license shall be filed with the board prior to the expiration date, accompanied by the biennial renewal fee prescribed by the board. A license which has expired for failure of the holder to renew may be late renewed after application and payment of the prescribed late renewal fee within the time period established by the board and provided the applicant meets such requirements as the board may establish by rule. Any license which has not been renewed by the end of the late renewal period shall be considered revoked and subject to reinstatement at the discretion of the board after meeting such requirements as the board may establish.

(e) Administration of psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy in a clinic shall only be performed by:

(1) A physician licensed in this state with advanced airway management training;

(2) A certified registered nurse anesthetist licensed in this state under the direction and responsibility of a duly licensed physician; or

(3) An anesthesiologist assistant licensed in this state under the direct supervision of a duly licensed anesthesiologist.

(f) A review of the prescription drug monitoring program database established pursuant to Code Section 16-13-57 shall be completed for each patient and documented in the patient's medical record prior to the administration of any psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy and all administration of any psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy shall be reported to the prescription drug monitoring program by the clinic.

(g) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (e) of this Code section, any person who administers psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy in this state without a license to practice medicine from the board shall be deemed to be engaged in the unlawful practice of medicine and subject to the provisions of Code Sections 43-34-39 and 43-34-42.

(h) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to permit the use of drugs or substances not approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration.

(i) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to apply to the use of psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy in a clinic affiliated with a hospital or in a clinical trial approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration.

(j) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to apply to the administration of drugs approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration for such drugs' Food and Drug Administration approved on-label indication for use."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

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N Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	N Sampson
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N Alexander	N Crawford	Y Herring	N McDonald	N Santos
N Ali	N Crowe	Hilton	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	N Scoggins
Y Au	N Davis	Y Holcomb	N Miller	N Scott
N Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Ballard	Y DeLoach	N Holly	E Momtahan	Y Sharper
N Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
N Barrett	Y Dickey	N Horner	N Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	N Howard, J	N Neal	N Smith, M
N Bazemore	N Douglas	Y Howard, K	N New	Y Smith, TP
N Beckles	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	N Okoye	Y Stephens
N Berry	E Dubnik	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	Y Stinson

Y Blackmon	N Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	E Tarvin
N Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	N O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	N Jasperse	Y Panitch	N Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Erwin	N Jenkins	N Paris	N Thomas
N Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	N Townsend
N Byrd	N Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	N Tran
N Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
N Camp	N Flournoy	N Jones, T	N Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	N Ford	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	N Wade
Y Campbell, L	N Franklin	E Kelley	N Powell	N Washburn
N Cannon, C	Y Frye	N Kendrick	N Prince	Y Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	N LaHood	E Reese	N Westbrook
N Carpenter	N Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	N Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	N Rice	Y Williams, MF
N Chastain	N Glaize	Y Lumsden	N Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	N Greene	Y Lupton	N Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
N Clark, D	N Griffin	N Martin	E Ridley, Jor	N Willis
E Clark, J	N Gullett	E Martinez	Y Roberts	N Yearta
E Clifton	Y Gunter	N Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 73, nays 88.

The Bill, having failed to receive the requisite constitutional majority, was lost.

Representative Efstration of the 104th gave notice that at the proper time he would move that the House reconsider its action in failing to give the requisite constitutional majority to HB 717.

Representative Corbett of the 174th District, Chairman of the Committee on Motor Vehicles, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Motor Vehicles has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 184 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Corbett of the 174th
Chairman

The Speaker announced the House in recess until 2:00 o'clock, this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Speaker called the House to order.

Representative Jasperse of the 11th District, Chairman of the Committee on Transportation, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Transportation has had under consideration the following Resolution of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HR 1300 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Jasperse of the 11th
Chairman

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1533. By Representatives Smith of the 70th, Smith of the 138th, Corbett of the 174th, Huddleston of the 72nd and Buckner of the 137th:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority on the occasion of its 40th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 1534. By Representatives Smith of the 70th, Smith of the 138th, Corbett of the 174th, Huddleston of the 72nd and Buckner of the 137th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the 25th anniversary of the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District; and for other purposes.

HR 1535. By Representatives Adeyina of the 110th and Okoye of the 102nd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Dr. Ego Okafor; and for other purposes.

HR 1536. By Representative Glaize of the 67th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Lady Libby J. Pollard for receiving the 2026 Yellow Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leadership Award; and for other purposes.

HR 1537. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Davis of the 87th, Evans of the 57th and Berry of the 56th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Atlanta Children's Day Shelter for 40 years of service to Georgia's children and families; and for other purposes.

HR 1538. By Representatives Mathis of the 133rd, McDonald III of the 26th, Chastain of the 7th, McCollum of the 30th, Gullett of the 19th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the City of Cochran Fire Department; and for other purposes.

HR 1539. By Representatives Sharper of the 177th, Stephens of the 164th, Carpenter of the 4th, Frye of the 122nd and Sampson of the 153rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Nakira Middleton, professionally known as Kiki Chanel, for her outstanding contributions to broadcasting and community engagement; and for other purposes.

HR 1540. By Representatives Alexander of the 66th, New of the 40th and Baker of the 64th:

A RESOLUTION honoring Senior Chief Earnest C. Washington upon his retirement from the Department of Veterans Affairs and prior decades-long service to the United States Navy; and for other purposes.

HR 1541. By Representatives Carter of the 93rd, Hugley of the 141st, Mitchell of the 88th, Davis of the 87th and Crawford of the 89th:

A RESOLUTION honoring Mr. Anthony J. Royal, Sr., and Mrs. Leslie E. Royal; and for other purposes.

HR 1542. By Representative Herring of the 145th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Julia Wood; and for other purposes.

HR 1543. By Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Buckner of the 137th, Rice of the 139th and Smith of the 138th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating Breyana Anyaegbunam upon being named the 2025–2026 Youth of the Year for the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Chattahoochee Valley; and for other purposes.

HR 1544. By Representatives Williams of the 168th, Prince of the 132nd, Myles of the 126th, Howard of the 129th and Newton of the 127th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Neal Weintraub, M.D.; and for other purposes.

HR 1545. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th, Jackson of the 165th and Hitchens of the 161st:

A RESOLUTION honoring and celebrating Jesse and Emily Cole, Banana Ball, and Bananas Foster; and for other purposes.

HR 1546. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Martinez of the 111th, Santos of the 117th, Reeves of the 99th and Dubnik of the 29th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Latin American Association and recognizing March 10, 2026, as LAA Day; and for other purposes.

HR 1547. By Representatives Evans of the 57th, Oliver of the 84th, Buckner of the 137th, Hugley of the 141st and Williams of the 37th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Nancy Daves for receiving the 2026 Yellow Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leadership Award; and for other purposes.

HR 1548. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Schofield of the 63rd and Davis of the 87th:

A RESOLUTION honoring and commending Dr. LaWanda Folami for her outstanding service, leadership, and dedication to the citizens of Clayton County and the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 1549. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Burnough of the 77th, Flournoy of the 74th, Schofield of the 63rd and Davis of the 87th:

A RESOLUTION honoring Veroniece P. Marable for 41 years of distinguished service in education; and for other purposes.

HR 1550. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Burnough of the 77th, Flournoy of the 74th, Schofield of the 63rd and Davis of the 87th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Mrs. Barberette Russell for her outstanding service, unwavering commitment to education, and lifelong dedication to strengthening families and communities; and for other purposes.

HR 1551. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Burnough of the 77th, Flournoy of the 74th, Davis of the 87th and Schofield of the 63rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Ms. Ann Webb for her unwavering faith, dedicated ministry, steadfast service to her family and community, and for her outstanding example of resilience, leadership, and love; and for other purposes.

HR 1552. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Burnough of the 77th, Flournoy of the 74th, Schofield of the 63rd and Davis of the 87th:

A RESOLUTION honoring and recognizing Chief Kevin Roberts for his distinguished service to Clayton County; and for other purposes.

HR 1553. By Representatives Herring of the 145th, Jones of the 143rd and Paris of the 142nd:

A RESOLUTION commending the life, leadership, and enduring contributions of Ms. Pearlie Toliver and her role in advancing civil rights, community development, economic empowerment, and leadership in the Macon-Bibb region; and for other purposes.

HR 1554. By Representatives Herring of the 145th, Jones of the 143rd and Paris of the 142nd:

A RESOLUTION commending Dr. Sylvia Williams McGee for her lifelong dedication to education, community development, leadership cultivation, and civic engagement in Macon-Bibb County; and for other purposes.

HR 1555. By Representatives Erwin of the 32nd, Ballard of the 147th, Rice of the 139th, Cannon of the 172nd and Persinger of the 119th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Malcolm Mitchell; and for other purposes.

HR 1556. By Representative Moore of the 91st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Kennedy Chapman; and for other purposes

HR 1557. By Representative Moore of the 91st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Schyler McGuire; and for other purposes.

HR 1558. By Representative Moore of the 91st:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Bishop Leroy Barnes; and for other purposes.

HR 1559. By Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Park of the 107th, Carter of the 93rd, Okoye of the 102nd and Holly of the 116th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Nancy Davordzi; and for other purposes.

HR 1560. By Representative Hong of the 103rd:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Kaylin Landrian-Shrewsbury; and for other purposes.

HR 1561. By Representative Taylor of the 92nd:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Corliss Turner for receiving the 2026 Yellow Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leadership Award; and for other purposes.

HR 1562. By Representative Taylor of the 92nd:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Kelbie Milon for receiving the 2026 Yellow Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leadership Award; and for other purposes.

HR 1563. By Representatives Herring of the 145th, Jones of the 143rd and Paris of the 142nd:

A RESOLUTION commending Chef Chelsia Green-Ogletree for her outstanding achievements in the culinary arts, her entrepreneurial leadership, and her commitment to promoting Georgia agriculture and community wellness; and for other purposes.

HR 1564. By Representative Moore of the 91st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Charlotte Wright; and for other purposes.

HR 1565. By Representative Moore of the 91st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Star Devyne Harris; and for other purposes.

HR 1566. By Representative Moore of the 91st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending E'Maya Asbury; and for other purposes.

HR 1567. By Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Carter of the 93rd, Holly of the 116th, Park of the 107th and Glaize of the 67th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing May 25, 2026, as Africa Day and commending Afrovibez for its cultural leadership; and for other purposes.

HR 1568. By Representative Jackson of the 165th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Mercedes A. Arnold for receiving the 2026 Yellow Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leadership Award; and for other purposes.

HR 1569. By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Carson of the 46th, Jenkins of the 136th, Tarvin of the 2nd, Evans of the 57th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring Georgia's retirees and the Georgia State Retirees Association; and for other purposes.

HR 1570. By Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Ali of the 106th, Howard of the 129th, Park of the 107th, Okoye of the 102nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Juliet Obi; and for other purposes.

HR 1571. By Representatives Alexander of the 66th, New of the 40th, Baker of the 64th and Taylor of the 92nd:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Judy McClendon-Redmond for receiving the 2026 Yellow Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leadership Award; and for other purposes.

HR 1572. By Representatives Moore of the 91st, Hugley of the 141st and Efstration of the 104th:

A RESOLUTION honoring Speaker Pro Tempore Jan Jones for her historic leadership and lasting contributions to the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 1573. By Representatives Reese of the 140th, Hugley of the 141st, Buckner of the 137th, Rice of the 139th and Smith of the 138th:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Carrie Lula Neal Harden; and for other purposes.

HR 1574. By Representatives Moore of the 91st, Jones of the 47th, Park of the 107th and Miller of the 62nd:

A RESOLUTION honoring House Minority Leader Carolyn Fleming Hugley for her historic leadership and enduring legacy of service; and for other purposes.

HR 1575. By Representatives Herring of the 145th, Jones of the 143rd and Paris of the 142nd:

A RESOLUTION commending the remarkable career and lifelong dedication of Dr. Thelma Dillard and her exemplary service in education, civil rights, and community leadership within the Bibb County region; and for other purposes.

HR 1576. By Representative Moore of the 91st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Aziah De'Souza; and for other purposes.

HR 1577. By Representative Moore of the 91st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Elise Johnson; and for other purposes.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 1196. By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Miller of the 62nd, Hong of the 103rd, LaHood of the 175th, Fleming of the 114th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-7-21.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal trespass involving a wild animal, so as to provide for the offense of criminal trespass involving a wild animal; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 16-7-21.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal trespass involving a wild animal, so as to provide for the offense of criminal trespass involving a wild animal; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 16-7-21.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal trespass involving a wild animal, is amended as follows:

"16-7-21.2.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Foreign object or substance' means any item or substance in solid, liquid, or gaseous form, including, but not limited to, anything likely to be consumed, inhaled, or absorbed by the animal, electronics, biological material, rocks, sticks, chemicals, fluids, or any item or substance not authorized by an individual with legal authority over said wild animal.

(2) 'Harass' means to engage in any act which demonstrates a disregard for the well-being of a wild animal, or which creates the likelihood of injury to, the infliction of stress to, or disrupts normal behavior patterns of the wild animal, such as feeding, watering, resting, and breeding.

(3) 'Wild animal' means any ~~land or sea~~ animal currently or historically found in the wild, ~~other than a domestic animal or livestock, including an animal~~ kept, exhibited, or housed at any facility operating with the purpose of public visitation, conservation, education, or science, including, but not limited to, a zoological institution as defined in paragraph (87) of Code Section 48-8-3, and any animal kept, exhibited, or housed in

aquariums, safaris, or animal sanctuaries. Such term shall include any domestic animal or livestock housed, kept, or maintained by any person or corporation that is not operating with the purpose of public visitation, conservation, education, or science.

(b)(1) A person commits the offense of criminal trespass involving a wild animal in the first degree if such person enters or knowingly causes a foreign object or substance to enter a cage, enclosure, or other area where a wild animal is housed or otherwise contained, into which the person knows he or she has no legal authority, license, or permission to enter, and harasses the wild animal and such wild animal suffers an injury or death.

(2) A person commits the offense of criminal trespass involving a wild animal in the second degree if such person enters or knowingly causes a foreign object or substance to enter a cage, enclosure, or other area where a wild animal is housed or otherwise contained, into which the person knows he or she has no legal authority, license, or permission to enter.

(3) A person commits the offense of criminal trespass involving a wild animal in the third degree if such person knowingly interferes with the operation, functionality, or integrity of a cage, enclosure, or other area where a wild animal is housed or otherwise contained.

(c)(1) A person convicted of the offense of criminal trespass involving a wild animal in the first degree shall be guilty of a felony and shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than ten years.

(2) A person convicted of the offense of criminal trespass involving a wild animal in the second degree shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished by imprisonment for not more than 12 months.

(3) A person convicted of the offense of criminal trespass involving a wild animal in the third degree shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished by imprisonment for not more than 12 months.

(d) In addition to any other fine, penalty, or restitution which may be imposed by law, such person would be liable for the cost of any damage to, and loss of, property connected to the criminal trespass, including, but not limited to, the injury or death of the wild animal or person securing, assisting, or caring for the animal.

(e) It shall not be an affirmative defense to prosecution under this Code section that:

(1) Entry into the cage, enclosure, or other area where the wild animal was housed or otherwise contained was not sufficiently guarded, locked, or otherwise made inaccessible so as to prevent entry into the cage, enclosure, or other area;

(2) The wild animal was provoked by means other than the presence of the person in the cage, enclosure, or other area; or

(3) Injury to the wild animal was necessary to protect the person from injury or death.

(f) Subsection (b) of this Code section shall not apply to a person who enters a cage, enclosure, or other area for the purpose of aiding another person or a wild animal in the cage, enclosure, or other area.

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

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Y Ali	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Anderson	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
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Y Baker	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Ballard	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Moore	Y Silcox
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Y Blackmon	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
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Y Byrd	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
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Y Camp	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
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Y Campbell, L	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
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Cannon, P	Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Carpenter	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carson	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carter	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Chastain	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Cheokas	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Clark, D	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, J	Y Griffin	Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clifton	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
	Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 167, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 1201. By Representatives Gullett of the 19th and Lumsden of the 12th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 25-2-40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to smoke detectors required in new dwellings and dwelling units and exceptions, so as to provide for compliance with safety standards for smoke detectors; to provide for staggered compliance; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

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Y Meeks
Y Miller
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Y Myles
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Y New
Y Newton
Y Okoye
Y Olaleye
Y Oliver
Y O'Steen
Y Panitch
Y Paris
Y Park
Y Parrish
Y Parsons
Y Persinger
E Petrea
Y Powell
Y Prince
E Reese
Y Reeves
Y Rhodes
Y Rice
Y Richardson
Ridley, Jas
Y Ridley, Jor
Y Roberts
Romman
Y Sainz
Y Sampson
Y Sanchez
Y Santos
Y Schofield
Y Scoggins
Y Scott
Y Seabaugh
Y Sharper
Y Silcox
Y Smith, L
Y Smith, M
Y Smith, TP
Y Smith, V
Y Stephens
Y Stinson
Y Tarvin
Y Taylor, D
Y Taylor, R
Y Thomas
Y Townsend
Y Tran
VACANT 94
VACANT 130
Y Wade
Y Washburn
Y Werkheiser
Y Westbrook
Y Wilkerson
Y Williams, A
Y Williams, MF
Y Williams, N
Y Williamson
Y Willis
Y Yearta
Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 166, nays 1.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 1209. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Blackmon of the 146th, Petrea of the 166th, Gilliard of the 162nd and Gaines of the 120th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions relative to state sales and use taxes, so as to provide for a sales and use tax exemption for purchases of tangible property and construction materials used for or in the construction and furnishing of certain buildings; to provide for limitations on the amount of credits to be issued; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions relative to state sales and use taxes, so as to provide for a sales and use tax exemption for purchases of tangible property and construction materials used for or in the construction and furnishing of certain buildings; to provide for limitations on the amount of credits to be issued; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions relative to state sales and use taxes, is amended by striking "or" at the end of paragraph (104), by replacing the period at the end of paragraph (105) with "; or", and by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(105.1)(A) Notwithstanding any provision of Code Section 48-8-63 to the contrary, the sale or use of tangible property and construction material used for or in the construction and furnishing of buildings located at any wharf lot and improvements that are located between 1,500 feet and 5,000 feet of a state owned convention or meeting facility with between 150,000 square feet and 750,000 square feet of available meeting space that is also located on an island in a river that serves as this state's boundary. The exemption granted by this paragraph shall not include the sale or use of tangible property remaining in the possession of a contractor after completion of construction.

(B) This exemption shall apply from July 1, 2026, until June 30, 2033, or until the aggregate sales and use tax refunded pursuant to this paragraph exceeds $7 million, whichever occurs first. A qualifying purchaser must pay sales and use tax on all purchases and uses of tangible property and construction material and may obtain the benefit of this exemption from sales and use tax by filing a claim for refund of tax paid on qualifying items. No refunds made pursuant to this paragraph shall include interest."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	N Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	N Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	N Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	N Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Burchett	Y Erwin	Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	E Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson

Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Griffin	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 160, nays 8.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

House of Representatives
Georgia State Capitol
Room 415
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

January 6, 2026

Dear Clerk of the House,

While meeting with a group from district 176 today, I missed the vote on House Bill 1209. Please let the record show that I support and am voting "yes" on:

House Bill 1209: Sales and use tax; purchases of tangible property and construction materials used for or in the construction of furnishing of certain buildings; provide exemption.

Sincerely,

/s/ James Burchett
Representative, District 176

Representative Smith of the 70th District, Chairman of the Committee on Natural Resources and Environment, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Natural Resources and Environment has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 570 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Smith of the 70th
Chairman

The House stood at ease.

The Speaker called the House to order.

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE SUPPLEMENTAL RULES CALENDAR
TUESDAY, MARCH 03, 2026

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 26th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Structured Rule

HB 1116 Homeownership Opportunity and Market Equalization Act of 2026; enact (Substitute)(W&M-Blackmon-146th)
(Rules Committee Substitute LC 33 9896S)

HR 1114 Homeowner's Incentive Adjustment clause; remove cap on benefits - CA (Substitute)(W&M-Blackmon-146th)
(Rules Committee Substitute LC 33 9898S)

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Resolution of the House was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HR 1114. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Burns of the 159th, Efstration of the 104th, Hatchett of the 155th, Cannon of the 172nd and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to remove the cap on benefits granted pursuant to the Homeowner's Incentive Adjustment clause; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and withdrawn:

A RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to revise procedures for financing local governments and local school systems to provide property tax relief for homeowners; to provide for the gradual reduction in the assessed value of homestead properties for tax purposes; to authorize the General Assembly to provide by law for a homestead exemption for an additional 100 percent disabled veterans' homestead exemption for the full assessed value of a homestead in certain circumstances; to authorize municipalities to seek supplementary funding to offset lost revenue from the homestead exemption; to remove the cap on benefits granted pursuant to the Homeowner's Incentive Adjustment clause; to authorize the General Assembly to dedicate funds to support such program; to authorize the General Assembly to provide by general law for local grant and adjustment programs; to revise provisions for sales and use taxes that may be levied by local boards of education for capital outlay projects and related purposes; to provide that the total of all sales, use, and excise taxes levied by local boards of education shall be capped at 2 percent; to authorize the conversion of sales and use and excise taxes for educational purposes authorized by certain local constitutional amendments into sales and use taxes authorized by general provisions of law; to repeal such local constitutional amendments on a date certain; to provide for a general law establishing new local homestead option sales taxes that may be enacted by all counties, consolidated governments, municipalities, and local school systems; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article VII, Section I, Paragraph III of the Constitution is amended by revising subparagraph (a) and adding a new subparagraph to read as follows:

"(a) All taxes shall be levied and collected under general laws and for public purposes only. Except as otherwise provided in subparagraphs (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), ~~and~~ (h), and (i) of this Paragraph, all taxation shall be uniform upon the same class of subjects within the territorial limits of the authority levying the tax."

"(i) Tangible real property which is subject to a homestead exemption granted pursuant to Section II of this article shall be assessed for ad valorem taxation purposes at a reduced value than other tangible real property with that such reduced assessment level being achieved by the gradual reduction of the assessed value of such properties from 40

percent of appraised value to 10 percent of appraised value by 3 percent increments each year beginning in tax year 2027; provided, however, that local governments and local school systems shall have the local option to accelerate the reduction provided for in this subparagraph. The General Assembly by general law may further provide for implementation of this subparagraph."

SECTION 2.

Article VII, Section II of the Constitution is amended by adding a new Paragraph to read as follows:

"Paragraph VI. ***Additional disabled veterans' homestead exemption***. The General Assembly shall provide by general law for the creation of an additional 100 percent disabled veterans' homestead exemption for the full assessed value of a homestead upon a 100 percent disabled veteran procuring a loan or otherwise financing the development of new residential construction, obtaining or receiving a residential structure by inheritance, or purchasing an existing residential structure, for the purpose of use as a primary residence."

SECTION 3.

Article VII, Section IIA of the Constitution is amended by revising Paragraph I as follows:

"Paragraph I. ***State and local grants; adjustment amount.*** (a) For each taxable year, a homeowner's incentive adjustment may be applied to the return of each taxpayer claiming such state-wide homestead exemption as may be specified by general law. The General Assembly by general law may authorize local governments and local school systems to establish local grant programs and to appropriate local tax funds in support of local homeowner's incentive adjustments.

(b) The amount of ~~such adjustment~~ the adjustment applied pursuant to subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph may provide a taxpayer with a benefit equivalent to a homestead exemption of up to ~~$18,000.00 of the assessed value of a taxpayer's homestead or~~ the taxpayer's ad valorem property tax liability on the homestead~~, whichever is lower~~. The General Assembly may appropriate such amount each year for grants to local governments and school districts as homeowner tax relief grants, and, notwithstanding any other provisions of this Constitution, may provide by law for the dedication of the proceeds of specific taxes, fees, or assessments, including, but not limited to, dedicated proceeds from sales tax collections on high-technology data centers, to fund the grants provided for in this Paragraph.

(c) The adjustments and grants authorized by this Paragraph shall be made in such manner and shall be subject to the procedures and conditions as may be specified by general law heretofore or hereafter enacted."

SECTION 4.

Article VIII, Section VI, Paragraph IV of the Constitution is amended by revising subparagraphs (a) and (e) and adding new subparagraphs to read as follows:

"(a) The board of education of each school district in a county in which no independent or area school district is located may by resolution, and the board of education of each county ~~school district and the board of education of each~~, independent, and area school district located wholly or partially within the same county as such county school district may by concurrent resolutions, impose, levy, and collect a sales and use tax for educational purposes of such school districts conditioned upon approval by a majority of the qualified voters residing within the limits of the local taxing jurisdiction voting in a referendum thereon. In addition, when a county school district has one or more independent or area school districts located wholly or partially within the same county as such county school district, the school district or combination of school districts that has a majority of the students enrolled within the county, based on the latest full-time equivalent count, shall be authorized to call for a referendum to impose, levy, and collect a sales and use tax for educational purposes of such school districts conditioned upon approval by a majority of the qualified voters residing within the limits of the county voting in a referendum thereon. This tax shall be at ~~the~~ a rate ~~of~~ not to exceed 1 percent and shall be imposed for a period of time not to exceed five years, but in all other respects, except as otherwise provided in this Paragraph, shall correspond to and be levied in the same manner as the tax provided for by Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the special county 1 percent sales and use tax, as now or hereafter amended. Proceedings for the reimposition of such tax shall be in the same manner as proceedings for the initial imposition of the tax, but the newly authorized tax shall not be imposed until the expiration of the tax then in effect."

"(e) Except as provided for in subparagraph (k) of this Paragraph, the ~~The~~ tax imposed pursuant to this Paragraph shall not be subject to and shall not count with respect to any general law limitation regarding the maximum amount of local sales and use taxes which may be levied in any jurisdiction in this state."

"(k) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution, the total of the rates of the sales and use tax levied pursuant to this Paragraph, and the sales tax for educational purposes levied pursuant to Article IX, Section IV, Paragraph V shall not exceed 2 percent.

(l) Notwithstanding Article XI, Section I, Paragraph IV of this Constitution, any sales and use or any excise tax for educational purposes levied pursuant to any constitutional amendment continued in force and effect pursuant to Article XI, Section I, Paragraph IV(a) that is in force and effect on January 1, 2028, may be converted into a sales and use tax authorized pursuant to Article IX, Section IV, Paragraph V, and, if so, shall henceforth be governed by the provisions of such Paragraph V and any laws enacted pursuant thereto. All such local constitutional amendments converted into a sales and use tax authorized pursuant to Article IX, Section IV, Paragraph V shall stand repealed by operation of law and shall be deleted as part of this Constitution upon such conversion."

SECTION 5.

Article IX, Section IV of the Constitution is amended by adding a new Paragraph to read as follows:

"Paragraph V. ***Local homestead option sales tax***. (a) The General Assembly shall provide by general law for a local homestead option sales tax that may be enacted by any county, consolidated government, municipality, or local school system to offset certain exemptions of property subject to a homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation by local governments or local school systems. Any such general law shall provide for the:

(1) Optional imposition of a local homestead option sales tax in support of the local school system at a rate not to exceed 2 percent to offset ad valorem property taxes for educational purposes of the local school system in a manner provided by general law;

(2) Optional imposition of a local homestead option sales tax in support of county, consolidated government, and municipal purposes at a rate not to exceed 1 percent to offset ad valorem property taxes for county, consolidated government, or municipal purposes in a manner provided by general law;

(3) Exemption of homestead properties located in a county, consolidated government, municipality, or local school system from certain ad valorem taxes for county, consolidated government, municipal, or educational purposes if the local government or local school system enacts a local homestead option sales tax authorized by this Paragraph subject to a reduced assessment of tangible real property subject to a homestead exemption;

(4) Offsetting or exemption of county, consolidated government, municipal, or local school system ad valorem taxes for other properties in a manner provided by general law; and

(5) Promulgation of rules and regulations by the Department of Revenue, which is authorized by this Paragraph notwithstanding the provisions of Article I, Section II, Paragraph III or Article III, Section I, Paragraph I.

(b) The provisions of Article VII, Section II, Paragraph II(a) shall not apply to any laws enacted pursuant to this Paragraph nor, except as provided in this subparagraph, shall any local homestead option sales tax imposition be conditioned upon or require the approval of a majority of the qualified electors residing within the limits of the local taxing jurisdiction voting in a referendum thereon; provided, however, that the General Assembly may by general law provide that the implementation or renewal of a local homestead option sales tax after January 1, 2037, may be conditioned upon approval by a majority of the qualified electors residing within the limits of the local taxing jurisdiction voting in a referendum thereon; and provided further, however, that, in the event that such a referendum fails, the value at which homestead property is assessed for such jurisdiction shall be increased to 40 percent of the appraised value of the homestead property for such jurisdiction."

SECTION 6.

The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

"( ) YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended to provide property tax relief
( ) NO for homeowners by reducing the taxable assessed value of residential properties from 40 percent of appraised value to 10 percent of appraised value at the rate of 3 percent each year, adding an additional 100 percent disabled veterans' homestead exemption for the full assessed value of a homestead in certain circumstances, and authorizing local homestead option sales taxes to support homestead exemptions from taxation by local governments and school systems?"

All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes." All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall become a part of the Constitution of this state.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to revise procedures for financing counties, municipalities, consolidated governments, and school systems to provide property tax relief for homeowners; to provide for the gradual reduction in the assessed value of homestead properties for tax purposes; to provide for an additional disabled veterans' homestead exemption; to remove the cap on benefits granted pursuant to the Homeowner's Incentive Adjustment clause; to authorize the General Assembly to provide for local grant and adjustment programs; to authorize the dedication of funds for state and local grants; to revise provisions for sales and use taxes that may be levied by local boards of education for capital outlay projects; to provide a cap on the taxes that may be levied by local boards of education; to authorize the conversion of sales and use and excise taxes for educational purposes authorized by certain local constitutional amendments into sales and use taxes authorized by general provisions of law; to provide for a new local homestead option sales tax that may be enacted by counties, consolidated governments, municipalities, and local school systems; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article VII, Section I, Paragraph III of the Constitution is amended by revising subparagraph (a) and adding a new subparagraph to read as follows:

"(a) All taxes shall be levied and collected under general laws and for public purposes only. Except as otherwise provided in subparagraphs (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), ~~and~~ (h), and (i) of this Paragraph, all taxation shall be uniform upon the same class of subjects within the territorial limits of the authority levying the tax."

"(i) Tangible real property which is subject to a homestead exemption granted pursuant to Section II of this article shall be assessed for ad valorem taxation purposes at a reduced value than other tangible real property with such reduced assessment level being achieved by the gradual reduction of the assessed value of such properties from 40 percent of appraised value to 10 percent of appraised value by 3 percent increments each year beginning in tax year 2027; provided, however, that local governments and local school systems shall have the local option to accelerate the reduction provided for in this subparagraph. For local governments that calculate assessed value of properties at a percentage other than 40 percent of appraised value, such local government shall, beginning in tax year 2027, reduce such local government's percentage of appraised value by a total of 75 percent over 10 years in equal increments each year beginning in tax year 2027. The General Assembly by general law may further provide for implementation of this subparagraph."

SECTION 2.

Article VII, Section II of the Constitution is amended by adding a new Paragraph to read as follows:

"Paragraph VI. ***Additional disabled veterans' homestead exemption***. The General Assembly shall provide by general law for the creation of an additional 100 percent disabled veterans' homestead exemption for the full assessed value of a homestead upon a 100 percent disabled veteran procuring a loan or otherwise financing the development of new residential construction, obtaining or receiving a residential structure by inheritance, or purchasing an existing residential structure, for the purpose of use as a primary residence."

SECTION 3.

Article VII, Section IIA of the Constitution is amended by revising Paragraph I as follows:

"Paragraph I. ***State and local grants; adjustment amount.*** (a) For each taxable year, a homeowner's incentive adjustment may be applied to the return of each taxpayer claiming such state-wide homestead exemption as may be specified by general law. The General Assembly by general law may authorize local governments and local school systems to establish local grant programs and to appropriate local tax funds in support of local homeowner's incentive adjustments. The amount of such adjustment may provide a taxpayer with a benefit equivalent to a homestead exemption of up to ~~$18,000.00 of the assessed value of a taxpayer's homestead or~~ the taxpayer's ad valorem property tax liability on the homestead~~, whichever is lower~~. The General Assembly may appropriate such amount each year for grants to local governments and school districts as homeowner tax relief grants.

(b) For each taxable year in which homestead properties located in a county, consolidated government, municipality, or local school system are assessed at a reduced value for purposes of ad valorem taxation pursuant to Article VII, Section I, Paragraph III(i), the General Assembly may appropriate grants to such local governments and school systems for purposes of replacing lost revenue due to such reduced assessment level.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Constitution, the General Assembly may provide by law for the dedication of the proceeds of specific taxes, fees, or assessments, including, but not limited to, dedicated proceeds from sales tax collections on high-technology data centers, to fund the grants provided for in this Paragraph.

(d) The adjustments and grants authorized by this Paragraph shall be made in such manner and shall be subject to the procedures and conditions as may be specified by general law heretofore or hereafter enacted."

SECTION 4.

Article VIII, Section VI, Paragraph IV of the Constitution is amended by revising subparagraphs (a) and (e) and adding new subparagraphs to read as follows:

"(a) The board of education of each school district in a county in which no independent or area school district is located may by resolution, and the board of education of each county ~~school district and the board of education of each~~, independent, and area school district located wholly or partially within the same county as such county school district may by concurrent resolutions, impose, levy, and collect a sales and use tax for educational purposes of such school districts conditioned upon approval by a majority of the qualified voters residing within the limits of the local taxing jurisdiction voting in a referendum thereon. In addition, when a county school district has one or more independent or area school districts located wholly or partially within the same county as such county school district, the school district or combination of school districts that has a majority of the students enrolled within the county, based on the latest full-time equivalent count, shall be authorized to call for a referendum to impose, levy, and collect a sales and use tax for educational purposes of such school districts conditioned upon approval by a majority of the qualified voters residing within the limits of the county voting in a referendum thereon. This tax shall be at ~~the~~ a rate ~~of~~ not to exceed 1 percent and shall be imposed for a period of time not to exceed five years, but in all other respects, except as otherwise provided in this Paragraph, shall correspond to and be levied in the same manner as the tax provided for by Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the special county 1 percent sales and use tax, as now or hereafter amended. Proceedings for the reimposition of such tax shall be in the same manner as proceedings for the initial imposition of the tax, but the newly authorized tax shall not be imposed until the expiration of the tax then in effect."

"(e) Except as provided for in subparagraph (k) of this Paragraph, the ~~The~~ tax imposed pursuant to this Paragraph shall not be subject to and shall not count with respect to any general law limitation regarding the maximum amount of local sales and use taxes which may be levied in any jurisdiction in this state."

"(k) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution, the total of the rates of the sales and use tax levied pursuant to this Paragraph and the sales tax for educational purposes levied pursuant to Article IX, Section IV, Paragraph V shall not exceed 2 percent.

(l) Notwithstanding Article XI, Section I, Paragraph IV, any sales and use or any excise tax for educational purposes levied pursuant to any constitutional amendment continued in force and effect pursuant to Article XI, Section I, Paragraph IV(a) that is in force and effect on January 1, 2028, may be converted into a sales and use tax authorized pursuant to Article IX, Section IV, Paragraph V, and, if so, shall henceforth be governed by the provisions of such Paragraph V and any laws enacted pursuant thereto. All such local constitutional amendments converted into a sales and use tax authorized pursuant to Article IX, Section IV, Paragraph V shall stand repealed by operation of law and shall be deleted as part of this Constitution upon such conversion."

SECTION 5.

Article IX, Section IV of the Constitution is amended by adding a new Paragraph to read as follows:

"Paragraph V. ***Local homestead option sales tax***. (a) The General Assembly shall provide by general law for a local homestead option sales tax that may be enacted by any county, consolidated government, municipality, or local school system to offset the loss of revenue received from homestead property taxes by such counties, consolidated governments, municipalities, and local school systems due to any reduction of assessed value on homestead property pursuant to Article VII, Section I, Paragraph III(i) or due to any increased homestead exemptions. To effectuate such offsets, such general law shall provide for the:

(1) Optional imposition of a local homestead option sales tax in support of the local school system at a rate not to exceed 2 percent;

(2) Optional imposition of a local homestead option sales tax in support of a county, consolidated government, or municipality at a rate not to exceed 1 percent. Such general law shall provide for proportional distribution of proceeds between such local governments based on amount of such loss of revenue for each affected local government;

(3) Exemption of homestead properties located in a county, consolidated government, municipality, or local school system from certain ad valorem taxes or reduction in the percentage of assessed value for purposes of ad valorem taxes on such homestead property pursuant to Article VII, Section I, Paragraph III(i), if the county, municipality, consolidated government, or local school system enacts a local homestead option sales tax authorized by this Paragraph; and

(4) Offsetting or exemption of county, consolidated government, municipal, or local school system ad valorem taxes for other properties in a manner provided by general law.

(b) The provisions of Article VII, Section II, Paragraph II(a) shall not apply to any laws enacted pursuant to this Paragraph nor, except as provided in this subparagraph, shall any

local homestead option sales tax imposition be conditioned upon or require the approval of a majority of the qualified electors residing within the limits of the local taxing jurisdiction voting in a referendum thereon; provided, however, that the General Assembly may by general law provide that the implementation or renewal of a local homestead option sales tax after January 1, 2037, may be conditioned upon approval by a majority of the qualified electors residing within the limits of the local taxing jurisdiction voting in a referendum thereon; and provided further, however, that, in the event that such a referendum fails, the value at which homestead property is assessed for such jurisdiction shall be increased to 40 percent of the appraised value of the homestead property for such jurisdiction."

SECTION 6.

The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

"( ) YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended to provide property tax relief
( ) NO for homeowners by reducing the percent of taxable assessed value of residential properties from 40 percent of appraised value to 10 percent of appraised value at the rate of 3 percent each year over 10 years, adding an additional disabled veterans' homestead exemption, and authorizing local homestead option sales taxes to offset lost ad valorem revenues?"

All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes." All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall become a part of the Constitution of this state.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the Resolution, by substitute, was agreed to, by substitute.

On the adoption of the Resolution, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	N Sampson
N Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Alexander	N Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
N Au	N Davis	N Holcomb	N Miller	N Scott
N Baker	N Dawson	E Holland	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Momtahan	N Sharper
N Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Neal	N Smith, M
N Bazemore	N Douglas	N Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP

N Beckles	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Bell	N Drenner	N Hugley	N Okoye	Y Stephens
N Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	N Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	N Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas
N Burnough	N Evans	N Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	N Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	N Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
N Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	N Frye	N Kendrick	N Prince	Y Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	N Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	N Gilliard	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, A
N Carter	N Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	N Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the adoption of the Resolution, by substitute, the ayes were 99, nays 73.

The Resolution, having failed to receive the requisite constitutional majority, was lost.

Representative Blackmon of the 146th gave notice that at the proper time he would move that the House reconsider its action in failing to give the requisite constitutional majority to HR 1114.

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE SUPPLEMENTAL RULES CALENDAR #2
TUESDAY, MARCH 03, 2026

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 26th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

HB 664 Property owners' associations; development and affirmative election; provisions (Substitute)(Judy-Silcox-53rd)

HB 1230 Aviation; prohibit operation of unmanned aircraft systems over a place of incarceration (Substitute)(T&II-Jones-25th)
HB 1268 Official Code of Georgia Annotated; revise, modernize and correct errors in omissions (CR-Burchett-176th)
HB 1290 Crimes and offenses; protection of elder persons; sexual abuse; revise definition (JudyNC-Hilton-48th)
HB 1310 State symbols; cotton as official state fabric; designate (SRules-Ford-170th)
HB 1324 Crimes and offenses; possessing a silencer; repeal prohibition (JudyNC-Ridley-6th)
HB 1396 State government; require certain privately funded organizations that operate a shelter or provide outreach services to homeless individuals participate in the Georgia Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) (GAff-Efstration-104th)

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

By order of the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the House was withdrawn from the General Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary, Juvenile:

HB 1445. By Representatives Townsend of the 179th, Efstration of the 104th, Tran of the 80th, Hagan of the 156th, Franklin of the 160th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 12 of Article 6 of Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to disposition of delinquency in the juvenile code, so as to authorize sharing of GPS monitoring with law enforcement and school districts; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 1268. By Representatives Burchett of the 176th, Leverett of the 123rd, Efstration of the 104th and Evans of the 57th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, so as to revise, modernize, correct errors or omissions in, and reenact the statutory portion of said Code, as amended, in furtherance of the work of the Code Revision Commission; to repeal portions of said Code, or Acts in

amendment thereof, which have become obsolete, have been declared to be unconstitutional, or have been preempted or superseded by subsequent laws; to codify principles of law derived from decisions of the state Supreme Court; to provide for other matters relating to revision, reenactment, and publication of said Code; to provide for effect in event of conflicts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	E Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	E Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
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Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	E Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 168, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 1310. By Representatives Ford of the 170th, Dickey of the 134th, Meeks of the 178th, O'Steen of the 169th, Williams of the 168th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other state symbols, so as to designate cotton as the official state fabric; to provide legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Pursuant to Rule 133, Representative Carter of the 93rd was excused from voting on HB 1310.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	E Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	E Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	E Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	E Smith, M
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Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
E Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
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E Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
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Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
E Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N

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Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	E Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 158, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 1230. By Representatives Jones of the 25th, Thomas of the 21st, Crowe of the 118th, Hitchens of the 161st and Lumsden of the 12th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding aviation, so as to prohibit the operation of unmanned aircraft systems over a place of incarceration; to provide for a definition; to provide for exceptions; to require posting of signs warning of such prohibition; to provide for violations and penalties; to declare such systems contraband; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding correctional institutions of state and counties, so as to prohibit operation of an unmanned aircraft system above a place of incarceration; to provide a definition; to provide for the ability of law enforcement to seize or destroy an unmanned aircraft system that is operating above a place of incarceration; to provide for law enforcement officers to take reasonable and necessary mitigation measures against unmanned aircraft systems operating above a place of incarceration; to amend Chapter 1 of Title 6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding aviation, so as to make conforming changes to exemptions; to provide for criminal penalties; to provide for exceptions; to revise a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding correctional institutions of state and counties, is amended by revising subsections (a) and (f) of Code Section 42-5-18, relating to items prohibited for

possession by inmates, warden's authorization, penalty, and use of unmanned aircraft to accomplish violations, as follows:

"(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Inmate' means a prisoner, detainee, criminal suspect, immigration detainee, or other person held, incarcerated, or detained in a place of incarceration, whether or not such person is inside or outside of such place of incarceration.

(2) 'Place of incarceration' means any prison, probation detention center, jail, or institution, including any state, federal, local, or privately operated facility, used for the purpose of incarcerating criminals or detainees.

(3) 'Telecommunications device' means a device, an apparatus associated with a device, or a component of a device that enables, or may be used to enable, communication with a person outside a place of incarceration, including a telephone, cellular telephone, personal digital assistant, transmitting radio, or computer connected or capable of being connected to a computer network, by wireless or other technology, or otherwise capable of communicating with a person or device outside of a place of incarceration.

(4) 'Unmanned aircraft system' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 6-1-4.

~~(4)~~(5) 'Warden or superintendent' means the commissioner or any warden, superintendent, sheriff, chief jailer, or other person who is responsible for the overall management and operation of a place of incarceration."

"(f)(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly and intentionally ~~use~~ operate, or allow another to operate from his or her property, an unmanned aircraft system ~~to violate the provisions of subsection (b) or (b.1) of this Code section.~~:

~~(2)~~(A) To violate the provisions of subsection (b) or (b.1) of this Code section ~~It shall be unlawful for any person to intentionally photograph or otherwise record images of a place of incarceration through the use of an unmanned aircraft system for the purposes of committing a criminal offense~~;

(B) To photograph or record images or videos of a place of incarceration for purposes of committing a criminal offense; ~~Any person may secure prior authorization from the warden or the superintendent, or his or her designated representative, of such place of incarceration for photographing or recording as evidence of a noncriminal intent; provided, however, that failure to secure such prior authorization shall not evidence a criminal intent~~

(C) Above a place of incarceration; or

(D) Above a place of incarceration from his or her property.

(2) Prior authorization from the warden or the superintendent, or his or her designated representative, to photograph or record a place of incarceration with an unmanned aircraft system may serve as evidence of a noncriminal intent; provided, however, that failure to secure such prior authorization shall not evidence a criminal intent.

(3) Any person who commits or attempts to commit a violation of this subsection shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced as follows:

(A) Any person convicted of a violation subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be imprisoned for not less than one nor more than ten years; and

(B) Any person convicted of a violation of subparagraph (B) or (C) paragraph ~~(2)~~ (1) of this subsection shall be imprisoned for not less than five nor more than ten years.

(4) Unmanned aircraft systems operated in violation of this subsection are declared to be contraband and may be seized, taken, removed, or destroyed or disposed of by law enforcement at the expense of the owner thereof ~~For purposes of this Code section, the term 'unmanned aircraft system' shall have the same meaning as provided for in Code Section 6-1-4~~.

(5) A law enforcement officer or agency may take reasonable and necessary mitigation measures against an unmanned aircraft system operating over of a place of incarceration for the purposes of committing a criminal offense. Such measures may include, but shall not be limited to:

(A) The use of methods which detect, track, and identify unmanned aircraft systems; or

(B) Intercepting, disabling, neutralizing, or disrupting an unmanned aircraft system through the use of legal and safe methods including, but not limited to, jamming, hacking, or physical capture.

(6) A law enforcement officer or agency shall act pursuant to this subsection only if there is reasonable suspicion that the unmanned aircraft system operating above a place of incarceration is involved in criminal activity, poses an imminent threat to public safety, or is otherwise in violation of state or federal law.

(7) Provisions of this subsection shall not apply to:

(A) The operation of an unmanned aircraft system by an operator who is in compliance with federal regulations or who is a peace officer operating such system for a law enforcement or public safety purpose; or

(B) An employee of a water, sewer, electrical, telephone, cable, or other regulated utility service who is acting within the scope of such employment."

SECTION 2.

Chapter 1 of Title 6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding aviation, is amended by revising Code Section 6-1-4, relating to regulation of the testing or operation of unmanned aircraft system, preemption, unauthorized operation at ticketed entertainment event, penalty, and exemptions, as follows:

"6-1-4.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Ticketed entertainment event' means any music, sporting, or performing arts event held in a location with gated entries or barriers that prevent access to the general public and in which a revocable license that has been issued by an owner, operator, or lessee of such property is required for attendance at such event.

(2)(A) 'Unmanned aircraft system' means~~:~~

~~(A) A~~ a powered, aerial vehicle that:

(i) Does not carry a human operator and is operated without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the aircraft;

(ii) Uses aerodynamic forces to provide vehicle lift;

(iii) Can fly autonomously or be piloted remotely; and

(iv) Can be expendable or recoverable~~; and~~.

(B) Such term shall not include a satellite.

(b) Any ordinance, resolution, regulation, or policy of any ~~county, municipality, or other political subdivision of this state~~ local government entity regulating the testing or operation of unmanned aircraft systems shall be deemed preempted and shall be null, void, and of no force and effect; provided, however, that a ~~county, municipality, or other political subdivision of this state~~ local government ~~unit~~ entity may:

(1) Enforce any ordinance that was adopted on or before April 1, 2017;

(2) Adopt an ordinance that enforces Federal Aviation Administration restrictions; or

(3) Adopt an ordinance that provides for or prohibits the launch or intentional landing of an unmanned aircraft system from or on its public property except with respect to the operation of an unmanned aircraft system for commercial purposes.

(c) The state, through agency or departmental rules and regulations, may provide for or prohibit the launch or intentional landing of an unmanned aircraft system from or on its public property.

(d)(1) It shall be unlawful to operate an unmanned aircraft system within 400 feet of or above a ticketed entertainment event.

(2) A person who violates this subsection shall be guilty of the unauthorized operation of an unmanned aircraft system and shall be punished as for a misdemeanor.

(3) This subsection shall not apply ~~when~~ to a person ~~who operates~~ operating an unmanned aircraft system within 400 feet or above a ticketed entertainment event who:

(A) Has obtained consent by any person with legal authority over a ticketed entertainment event;

(B) Is authorized by federal regulations to operate an unmanned aircraft system and is operating such system in a lawful manner and consistent with federal regulations;

(C) Is an employee of the property where the ticketed entertainment event is held and is conducting official business;

(D) Is an employee of a water, sewer, electrical, telephone, cable, or other regulated utility service provider and is conducting official business within the scope of such employment; or

(E) Is an owner of private property who is operating an unmanned aircraft system that he or she owns above such property, provided that such operation is consistent with federal regulations and is not used for commercial purposes, to convey or communicate a message, or to record for purposes of commercial broadcasting or publication, monitor, or otherwise interfere in any way with a ticketed entertainment event."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	E Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	E Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	E Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
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Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
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N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
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Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	E Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	E Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 166, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 1045. By Representatives Herring of the 145th, Rice of the 139th, Hugley of the 141st, Olaleye of the 59th, Ballard of the 147th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student health in elementary and secondary education, so as to enact the "You Are Not Alone Awareness Act"; to require public schools that issue student identification badges to include certain information about the 9-8-8 crisis response hotline on such badges; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student health in elementary and secondary education, so as to enact the "You Are Not Alone Awareness Act"; to require public schools that issue student identification badges to include certain information about the 9-8-8 crisis response hotline on such badges; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.
This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "You Are Not Alone Awareness Act."

SECTION 2.
Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student health in elementary and secondary education, is amended by enacting a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-779.5.

Each local school system or public school that issues student identification badges to students in any of grades six through 12 shall cause to be printed on any such badges that are issued on or after July 1, 2026, '**9-8-8 - You are not alone.** Right now, anyone experiencing a suicidal crisis, emotional distress, or challenges with substance abuse should call or text 9-8-8. The hotline is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year.'"

SECTION 2.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
E Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	E Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	E Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
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Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	E Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 168, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 664. By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Reeves of the 99th, Panitch of the 51st and Hilton of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 3 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property owners' associations, so as to provide for property owners' associations to submit to said article after

the creation of such associations; to provide for voting procedures; to provide for recordation of a vote to submit to said article; to provide for notice; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 6 of Chapter 3 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property owners' associations, so as to provide for property owners' associations to submit to said article after the creation of such associations; to provide for voting procedures; to provide for recordation of a vote to submit to said article; to provide for notice; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 6 of Chapter 3 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property owners' associations, is amended by revising Code Section 44-3-222, relating to creation of property owners' development and affirmative election to be governed by article, as follows:

"44-3-222.

A property owners' development shall come into existence upon ~~either~~ the recordation of the declaration pursuant to this article, ~~or~~ the amendment of a recorded declaration in accordance with paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 44-3-235, or the recordation of an instrument pursuant to paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of Code Section 44-3-235. Any declaration or amendment intending to bring or avail a development of the benefits and provisions of this article shall state an affirmative election to be so governed. Any original declaration shall be duly executed by or on behalf of all of the owners of the submitted property. Any such amendment to an existing declaration shall be executed in accordance with the terms of the recorded declaration being amended thereby. Any such instrument specified in paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of Code Section 44-3-235 shall be executed pursuant to that Code section."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 44-3-226, relating to amendments of instrument and presumption of validity in court action, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b)(1) No amendment of an instrument shall require approval of lot owners to which more than ~~80~~ 75 percent of the association vote pertains and the mortgagees holding ~~80~~ 75 percent of the voting interest of mortgaged lots; any property owners' association which exists prior to July 1, 1994, and amends its documents to avail itself of the

provisions of this article or otherwise submits to this article pursuant to Code Section 44-3-235 shall be deemed to have amended the association instrument to conform to this limitation. ~~This subsection shall not be deemed to eliminate or modify any right of the declarant provided for in the instrument to approve amendments to the instrument so long as the declarant owns any lot primarily for the purpose of sale and, furthermore, this Code section shall not be construed as modifying or altering the rights of a mortgagee set forth elsewhere in this article.~~

(2) Provisions of any declaration of an association that submits to this article pursuant to paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of Code Section 44-3-235 that require a majority in excess of 75 percent of the association votes to amend shall not be affected or modified by this Code section if, by the first anniversary of the date of submission, the association and those mortgagees permitted to vote on amendments vote to retain the requirements by a majority and, if no such vote occurs, those provisions requiring more than 75 percent of the voting interest shall be deemed to only require 75 percent of the voting interest.

(3) This subsection shall not be deemed to eliminate or modify any right of the declarant provided for in the instrument to approve amendments to the instrument so long as the declarant owns any lot primarily for the purpose of sale and, furthermore, this Code section shall not be construed as modifying or altering the rights of a mortgagee set forth elsewhere in this article."

SECTION 3.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 44-3-235, relating to applicability of article, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a)(1) This article shall apply to all property which is submitted to this article.

(2) This article shall also apply to any association of owners subject to a recorded declaration of covenants upon property, which covenants are administered by an owners' association in which membership is mandatory for all owners of lots in the development, which declaration is amended in accordance with Code Section 44-3-222 in order to submit the property owners' association to this article; provided, however, that any amendment must conform the instrument creating the property owners' association to this article, and the property owners' development shall thereafter be deemed to be submitted to this article.

(3) This article shall also apply to any association of owners subject to a recorded declaration of covenants upon property, which covenants are administered by an owners' association in which membership is mandatory for all owners of lots in the development subject to such declaration, where 75 percent of the association votes to approve the submission of such association to this article and records an instrument certifying such vote. Such instrument shall give notice that the recordation of the instrument subjects the association to the provisions of this article."

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

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E Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	Sampson
N Alexander	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Ali	N Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	N Santos
Y Anderson	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Au	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
N Baker	N Davis	Y Holcomb	N Miller	N Scott
Y Ballard	N Dawson	E Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
N Barnes	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Momtahan	E Sharper
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
N Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	N Smith, M
Y Beckles	N Douglas	N Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
N Bell	E Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	N Drenner	N Hugley	Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	N Taylor, R
N Burnough	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Evans	N Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Fleming	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Campbell, J	N Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, L	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Cannon, C	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
N Cannon, P	N Frye	N Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Carpenter	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carson	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
N Carter	Y Gilliard	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, A
Y Chastain	N Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Cheokas	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Clark, D	E Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
N Clark, J	N Griffin	Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	N Willis
Y Clifton	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 121, nays 44.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 1290. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Cooper of the 45th, LaHood of the 175th and Fincher of the 23rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 8 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to protection of elder persons, so as to revise the definition of sexual abuse; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 1 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Sexual Offender Risk Review Board, so as to provide for dangerous sexual offenses occurring after June 30, 2026; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
E Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	E Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	E Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	E Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	E Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 167, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 1396. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th and Jones of the 25th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to the Department of Community Affairs, so as to require certain privately funded organizations that operate a shelter or provide outreach services to homeless individuals within 1,000 feet of schools, public parks, public playgrounds, or certain child care facilities to participate in the Georgia Homeless Management Information System (HMIS); to provide violations and for noncriminal citations; to provide for exceptions; to provide for a territory of applicability; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
E Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Alexander	N Crawford	N Herring	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
N Au	N Davis	N Holcomb	N Miller	N Scott
N Baker	Y Dawson	E Holland	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Momtahan	E Sharper
Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Neal	N Smith, M
N Bazemore	N Douglas	N Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
N Beckles	E Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Bell	N Drenner	N Hugley	N Okoye	Y Stephens
N Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	N Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas
N Burnough	N Evans	N Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	N Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
N Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	N Frye	N Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	N Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	Gilliard	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, A

N Carter	Y Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	E Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	E Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	N Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 105, nays 58.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Representative Ridley of the 22nd moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the Rules Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Rules:

HB 1324. By Representatives Ridley of the 6th, Cannon of the 172nd, Rhodes of the 124th, Williams of the 148th and Corbett of the 174th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dangerous instrumentalities and practices, so as to repeal the prohibition on possessing a silencer; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Stephens of the 164th moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the Rules Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Rules:

HB 574. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Townsend of the 179th, Hitchens of the 161st, Petrea of the 166th, DeLoach of the 167th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 34-9-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to applicability of workers' compensation to employers and employees generally, so as to provide that the chapter shall not apply to employees of an employer covered by and providing coverage under the federal Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act, 33 U.S.C. Section 901, et seq., as amended, and its extensions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the House, having been postponed from the previous legislative day, was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 1076. By Representatives Ehrhart of the 36th, Burchett of the 176th, Crowe of the 118th, Sainz of the 180th, Smith of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to obstruction of public administration and related offenses, so as to create the felony offense of obstruction of a law enforcement officer with a motor vehicle; to provide for punishment; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	N Sampson
N Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Alexander	E Crawford	N Herring	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
N Au	N Davis	N Holcomb	N Miller	N Scott
N Baker	N Dawson	E Holland	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Momtahan	E Sharper
E Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Neal	N Smith, M
N Bazemore	N Douglas	N Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
N Beckles	E Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Bell	N Drenner	N Hugley	N Okoye	Y Stephens
N Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	E Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas
N Burnough	N Evans	N Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	N Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
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N Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	N Frye	N Kendrick	N Prince	Y Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	N Westbrook
Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	Gilliard	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, A
N Carter	N Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	E Williams, MF
Y Chastain	E Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	E Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	N Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 97, nays 64.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Representative Wade of the 9th asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that a Bill of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee.

By unanimous consent, Representative Wade of the 9th withdrew his motion.

Representative Gambill of the 15th asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that a Bill of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee.

By unanimous consent, Representative Gambill of the 15th withdrew his motion.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House, having been previously postponed, were again postponed until the next legislative day:

HB 421. By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, Rice of the 139th, Reeves of the 99th, Ballinger of the 23rd and Mathiak of the 82nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, so as to establish the offense of traveling to meet a minor for indecent purposes; to provide penalties; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 942. By Representatives Burnough of the 77th, Bell of the 75th and Scott of the 76th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-41 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property exempt from ad valorem taxation, so as to limit an exemption from ad valorem taxation for public property owned by a political subdivision outside of its territorial limits that is developed by grading or other improvements to the extent of at least 25 percent of the total land area and has facilities actively used for a public or governmental purpose; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HR 1000. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Williams of the 148th, Dickey of the 134th, Williams of the 168th, Buckner of the 137th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to eliminate the ad valorem tax assessment of certain timber at sale or harvest; to require state appropriations to each county, municipality, or school district affected by such tax elimination; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

HR 1049. By Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Griffin of the 149th, Berry of the 56th, Park of the 107th and Jones of the 143rd:

A RESOLUTION designating the Wednesday of the last week in October of each year as "Fentanyl and Opioid Awareness Day" in Georgia; and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the House were postponed until the next legislative day:

HB 334. By Representatives Crawford of the 89th, Oliver of the 84th, Au of the 50th, Willis of the 55th, Westbrook of the 163rd and others:

A BILL To be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to require the Department of Community Health to conduct an annual review of medications and treatment for sickle cell disease for Medicaid recipients; to provide for public input; to provide for an annual report; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 545. By Representative Jones of the 60th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 5-6-42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to procedure for preparation and filing of transcript of evidence and proceedings where appellant designates matter to be omitted from record on appeal and extensions of time for completion of transcript, so as to provide for transcript requests; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 626. By Representatives Lupton of the 83rd, Holcomb of the 101st, Mathiak of the 82nd, Dubnik of the 29th and Lim of the 98th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 17-5-71 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to preservation of evidence, so as to extend the retention period of evidence of sexual assault when the victim elects

not to immediately report the assault; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 892. By Representatives Holcomb of the 101st, Buckner of the 137th, Miller of the 62nd, Evans of the 57th and Barrett of the 24th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 24A of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to massage therapy practice generally, so as to prohibit massage therapy businesses from operating during certain set hours; to revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1116. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Burns of the 159th, Efstration of the 104th, Hatchett of the 155th, Cannon of the 172nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapters 5 and 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of property and sales and use taxes, respectively, so as to provide for the acceptance of tax digests in the event of a publication error made by a newspaper; to amend Part 4 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to financing under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to exclude amounts attributable to certain exemptions from ad valorem taxation from the equalized adjusted school property tax digest for the purpose of calculating the local five mill share and equalization grants; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 81 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government budgets and audits; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1122. By Representatives Douglas of the 78th, Newton of the 127th, Hugley of the 141st, Hawkins of the 27th and Howard of the 129th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions regarding insurance generally; to amend Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations; to amend Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the O.C.G.A., relating to employees' insurance and benefits plans; to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the O.C.G.A. to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1167. By Representatives Dawson of the 65th, Hawkins of the 27th, Greene of the 154th, Kelley of the 16th, Glaize of the 67th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 1 and Article 1 of Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and observances and general provisions relative to the Department of Public Health, respectively, so as to designate the second week in March of each year as "Sleep Health Awareness Week" in Georgia; to encourage the Department of Public Health to integrate sleep hygiene education; to provide for the Department of Public Health to voluntarily exchange information regarding sleep hygiene education; to provide for legislative findings and declarations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1283. By Representatives Panitch of the 51st, Gunter of the 8th, Hagan of the 156th, Holcomb of the 101st and Roberts of the 52nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 13 of Title 19 and Chapter 16 of Title 17 of the O.C.G.A., relating to family violence and discovery, respectively, so as to authorize the creation of Family Justice Centers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following members were recognized during the period of Afternoon Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Griffin of the 149th et al., Ali of the 106th, Sainz of the 180th, and Ford of the 170th.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House do now adjourn until 10:00 o'clock, tomorrow morning, and the motion prevailed.

The Speaker announced the House adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, tomorrow morning.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Wednesday, March 4, 2026

Twenty-Seventh Legislative Day

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer was offered by Pastor Anthony "Tony" Thomas, Open Door Baptist Church, Waycross, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Hilton of the 48th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

By unanimous consent, the following was established as the order of business during the first part of the period of unanimous consents:

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

2. First reading and reference of House Bills and Resolutions.

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

6. First reading and reference of Senate Bills and Resolutions.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House were introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committees:

HB 1483. By Representative Stephens of the 164th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 9-11-23 and Article 7 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to class actions and miscellaneous local administrative provisions relative to ad valorem taxation of property, respectively, so as to prohibit class action suits by taxpayers for refunds; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1484. By Representative Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Bowman to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1485. By Representative Gunter of the 8th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Probate Court of Union County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1486. By Representatives Persinger of the 119th, Camp of the 135th and Erwin of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to revise definitions of the term "education record"; to include additional cross-references relative to access to student education records by parents and legal custodians; to repeal a specific time limitation upon a parent or legal custodian's right to request education records; to replace certain terms used in such title with "school business day"; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 1487. By Representatives Anderson of the 10th and Erwin of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Cornelia, approved April 30, 2013 (Ga. L. 2013, p. 3841), so as to remove the millage rate cap; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1488. By Representatives Williams of the 168th and DeLoach of the 167th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to establish the Hinesville Conference Center and Tourism Authority; to provide for the purpose of the authority; to provide for definitions; to provide for the membership of the authority; to provide for the election of officers, quorum, bylaws, and procedures at meetings; to provide for expenses of members; to provide for filling vacancies; to provide for the powers of the authority; to provide for an executive director; to provide for the use of funds by the authority; to provide for severability; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1489. By Representatives Baker of the 64th, Alexander of the 66th and New of the 40th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Douglasville, approved April 16, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 4559), as amended, to require candidates seeking election from a district to reside in such district for a certain amount of time prior to the date of such election; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1490. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Wade of the 9th, Greene of the 154th, McDonald III of the 26th and Seabaugh of the 34th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 20, 45, and 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, public officers and employees, and state government, respectively, so as to transfer responsibility for the operation of the Georgia Capitol Museum from the Board of Regents

of the University System of Georgia to the Georgia Building Authority; to provide for the transfer of agreements, property, employees, and appropriated funds to the Georgia Building Authority; to authorize the Georgia Building Authority to take certain actions pursuant to such transfer; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State Properties.

HB 1491. By Representatives Scoggins of the 14th and Gambill of the 15th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a homestead exemption from certain Bartow County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of $5,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of that county, approved March 24, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 4058), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 1, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 3891), so as to increase the exemption to $30,000.00; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1492. By Representatives Flournoy of the 74th and Douglas of the 78th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Hampton ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of the full assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who have resided within the city for five years or more; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1493. By Representatives Jackson of the 68th, McClain of the 109th, Mitchell of the 88th, Holly of the 116th and McQueen of the 61st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 34 of the O.C.G.A., relating to labor and industrial relations; to repeal and reserve Code Section 20-2-989.10 of the O.C.G.A., relating to collective bargaining not permitted or fostered; to repeal and reserve Chapter 5 of Title 25 of the O.C.G.A., relating to resolution of wages, hours, and working conditions of firefighters; to amend Code Section 45-7-54 of the O.C.G.A., relating to voluntary contributions by state employees through payroll deductions to certain not for profit organizations; to amend Chapter 19 of Title 45 of the O.C.G.A., relating to labor practices of public officers and employees, so as to repeal and reserve Article 1, relating to strikes by public employees; to amend Code Section 50-5-72 of the O.C.G.A., relating to construction and public works contracts conducted by department, advertising costs, and exceptions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Industry and Labor.

HB 1494. By Representatives Sanchez of the 42nd, Glaize of the 67th, McClain of the 109th, Adesanya of the 43rd, Ali of the 106th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 4 of Article 3 of Chapter 1 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ride share network services and transportation referral services, so as to require ride share network services to provide ride share drivers with certain information on a monthly basis; to provide notice and process requirements when a ride share network service deactivates or terminates a ride share driver; to require compliance with certain provisions; to provide for definitions; to provide for legislative finding and declaration; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

HB 1495. By Representatives Barnes of the 86th, Glaize of the 67th, Williams of the 168th, Alexander of the 66th, Taylor of the 92nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to landlord and tenant, so as to provide for rent increase limits for certain senior citizens and senior housing; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 1496. By Representatives Campbell of the 35th, Jones of the 60th, Parsons of the 44th, McQueen of the 61st, Ehrhart of the 36th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to reincorporate and provide a new charter for the City of Acworth, approved February 17, 1989 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 3512), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 13, 2025 (Ga. L. 2025, p. 3711), so as to adopt by reference a certain map; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1497. By Representatives Santos of the 117th, Tran of the 80th, Frye of the 122nd and Washburn of the 144th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to recording of deeds and other real property transactions, so as to provide for a statement form regarding the effect of quitclaim deeds; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1498. By Representatives Santos of the 117th, Wilkerson of the 38th, Gisler of the 121st, Frye of the 122nd and Washburn of the 144th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to application for homestead exemption and unlawful to solicit fee to file application for homestead for another, so as to provide procedures for the transmission of relevant information following a real estate closing to allow for the automatic granting of homestead exemptions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1499. By Representatives Santos of the 117th, Frye of the 122nd, Beckles of the 96th and Holly of the 116th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-29.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax credits for qualified caregiving expenses, so as to increase the amount of the tax credit; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1500. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Hong of the 103rd, Clark of the 100th and Park of the 107th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Suwanee, approved April 9, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 3729), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 3, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 4425), so as to change the corporate limits of such city; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1501. By Representatives Gisler of the 121st, Frye of the 122nd, McClain of the 109th, Tran of the 80th, Oliver of the 84th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, so as to require that the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources maintain a public website for monitoring levels of certain contaminants in public water systems; to provide for annual reports and recommendations to the General Assembly; to provide for notice to water utility companies operating public water systems when contaminant levels exceed certain thresholds; to require that water utility companies in receipt of such notice notify all residents receiving water from the affected public water system; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources & Environment.

HB 1502. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Williamson of the 112th and Douglas of the 78th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to establish requirements for the Department of Community Health relative to contracts with care management organizations for the provision of healthcare services for Medicaid or PeachCare for Kids recipients; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HB 1503. By Representatives Fleming of the 114th and Crowe of the 118th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Covington ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes for the total amount of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1504. By Representatives Crawford of the 89th, Tran of the 80th, Drenner of the 85th, Lupton of the 83rd, Mitchell of the 88th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of DeKalb County, formerly known as the Civil and Criminal Court of DeKalb County, approved February 14, 1951 (Ga. L. 1951, p. 2401), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 3, 2021 (Ga. L. 2021, p. 3624), so as to authorize the charge and collection of technology fees; to provide for a court administrator; to revise provisions related to compensation; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1505. By Representatives Wade of the 9th, Donatucci of the 105th, Dempsey of the 13th, Hong of the 103rd and Silcox of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to competencies and core curriculum under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide that the prescribed course of study in sex education and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) prevention instruction is age appropriate and medically accurate and promotes sexual abstinence; to include the subject of personal responsibility in such course of study; to provide for implementation; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HR 1522. By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, Efstration of the 104th, Newton of the 127th, Hawkins of the 27th and Cooper of the 45th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Evaluating Community Health; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1523. By Representatives Jones of the 60th and Willis of the 55th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mrs. Victoria Travis Jackson and dedicating a road in her memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 1524. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Jackson of the 68th, Holly of the 116th, Frye of the 122nd and Park of the 107th:

A RESOLUTION urging the Georgia General Assembly to reschedule marijuana from a Schedule I substance to a Schedule III substance in accordance with presidential Executive Order 14370; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1525. By Representatives Williams of the 148th, O'Steen of the 169th and Powell of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mr. Teddy Ray Webb and dedicating a bridge in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 1526. By Representatives Mathis of the 133rd, Jasperse of the 11th, Powell of the 33rd, Smith of the 70th, Parrish of the 158th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Representative James A. "Bubber" Epps, Jr., and dedicating an interchange in his honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 1527. By Representatives McDonald III of the 26th, Jasperse of the 11th, Powell of the 33rd, Parsons of the 44th, Cox of the 28th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Georgia Department of Transportation Contracting; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1528. By Representatives Davis of the 87th, Schofield of the 63rd and Scott of the 76th:

A RESOLUTION creating the Joint Study Committee on Higher Education Fiscal Stewardship; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1529. By Representatives Ballard of the 147th, Erwin of the 32nd, Rice of the 139th, Hilton of the 48th and Dubnik of the 29th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on the College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI); and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1530. By Representatives Romman of the 97th, Williams of the 168th, Hugley of the 141st, Holcomb of the 101st, Westbrook of the 163rd and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to repeal the exception allowing involuntary servitude for persons convicted of crimes or contempt of court; to provide for a short title; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1531. By Representatives Fincher of the 23rd, Jasperse of the 11th, Thomas of the 21st, Ridley of the 22nd, Scoggins of the 14th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of the Honorable Mandi Lia Ballinger and dedicating an interchange in her memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 1532. By Representatives Campbell of the 35th, Roberts of the 52nd, McQueen of the 61st, Alexander of the 66th, Taylor of the 173rd and others:

A RESOLUTION supporting the designation of September 2026 as National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1578. By Representatives Yearta of the 152nd, Greene of the 154th, Cheokas of the 151st, Parsons of the 44th and Smith of the 138th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mr. Herman Douglas Everett and dedicating a road in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 1579. By Representatives Santos of the 117th, Lupton of the 83rd, McQueen of the 61st and Au of the 50th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Hospital/Homebound (HHB) Services and Medically Fragile Student Attendance; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1580. By Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, Thomas of the 21st, Scoggins of the 14th, Byrd of the 20th and Fincher of the 23rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Mayor A.R. "Rick" Roberts III and dedicating an intersection in his honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 1581. By Representatives Werkheiser of the 157th, DeLoach of the 167th, Hitchens of the 161st and Burns of the 159th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mr. Sidney R. Miles and dedicating a road in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 1582. By Representatives Rice of the 139th, Erwin of the 32nd, Dubnik of the 29th, Donatucci of the 105th, Hilton of the 48th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Veteran Teacher Compensation; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House and Senate were read the second time:

HB 1471	HB 1472
HB 1473	HB 1474
HB 1475	HB 1476
HB 1477	HB 1478
HB 1479	HB 1480
HB 1481	HB 1482
HR 1505	HR 1520
HR 1521	SB 399
SB 441	SB 470
SB 472	SB 500
SB 513	SB 535

Representative McDonald of the 26th District, Chairman of the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Legislation has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 1317	Do Pass	HB 1424	Do Pass
HB 1435	Do Pass	HB 1453	Do Pass
SB 494	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ McDonald of the 26th
Chairman

Representative Barton of the 5th District, Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Motor Vehicles, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Motor Vehicles has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 1267 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Barton of the 5th
Vice-Chairman

Representative Jones of the 25th District, Chairman of the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 1437 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Jones of the 25th
Chairman

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 04, 2026

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 27th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

HB 295 Local government; procedures for real property owners to make claims for compensation for loss of property value or expenses incurred; provisions (Substitute)(PS&HS-Gaines-120th)

HB 961 Surprise Billing Consumer Protection Act; insurance coverage for certain out-of-network ambulance transportation service; provide (Substitute) (Ins-Powell-33rd)

HB 990 Public Safety, Department of; creation of a program to assist former handlers and adopters of retired law enforcement dogs with veterinary care costs; provide (Substitute)(PS&HS-Sainz-180th)

HB 1118 Public officers and employees; 120 hours of maternal birth leave; provide (Substitute)(P&CH-Donatucci-105th)

HB 1138 Increasing Access to Contraceptives Act; enact (Substitute) (Hth-Camp-135th)(Rules Committee Substitute LC 46 1485S)

HB 1187 Trey's Law; enact (Substitute)(Judy-Hong-103rd)

HB 1220 Education; student eligibility and maximum scholarship amounts; revise provisions (Substitute)(Ed-Ballard-147th)

HB 1275 Medical practice; ensure that stem cell therapies are used to advance medical treatments and improve patient outcomes in an ethical manner that does not involve stem cells derived from aborted fetuses (Substitute) (Hth-Newton-127th)

HB 1284 Education; awarding of high school diplomas to high school students who are at the end of life; provide (Substitute)(Ed-Silcox-53rd)

HB 1302 Education and Workforce Strategy Act; enact (Substitute) (Ed-Gambill-15th)

HB 1402 Education; vision and hearing screening for all public school students enrolled in pre-kindergarten through third grade; require (Substitute) (Ed-Hagan-156th)

HB 1408 Veterinarians; authorize licensed veterinary technicians to administer antirabies vaccinations to animals (A&CA-Camp-135th)

Structured Rule

HB 1000 Income tax; one-time tax credit for individual taxpayers who filed income tax returns for the 2024 and 2025 taxable years; provide (W&M-Gambill-15th)

HB 1159 Income tax; all income received by individuals, corporations, and partnerships under the Farmer Bridge Assistance Program; exempt from taxation (Substitute)(W&M-Gambill-15th)

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

The roll was called and the following Representatives answered to their names:

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Adeyina	Corbett	Hagan	Mathiak	Roberts
Alexander	Cox	Hatchett	Mathis	Sainz
Ali	Crawford	Hawkins	McClain	Sampson
Anderson	Crowe	Herring	McCollum	Sanchez
Au	Cummings	Hilton	McDonald	Santos
Baker	Davis	Hitchens	McQueen	Schofield
Ballard	Dawson	Holcomb	Meeks	Scoggins
Barnes	DeLoach	Holland	Mitchell	Scott
Barrett	Dempsey	Holly	Momtahan	Seabaugh
Barton	Dickey	Hong	Moore	Sharper
Bazemore	Donatucci	Horner	Myles	Silcox
Beckles	Douglas	Howard, J	Neal	Smith, L
Bell	Draper	Howard, K	New	Smith, M
Berry	Drenner	Huddleston	Newton	Smith, TP
Blackmon	Dubnik	Hugley	Okoye	Smith, V
Bonner	Dunahoo	Jackson, D	Olaleye	Stephens
Buckner	Efstration	Jackson, E	Oliver	Stinson
Burchett	Ehrhart	Jackson, M	O'Steen	Tarvin
Burnough	Erwin	Jasperse	Panitch	Taylor, D
Byrd	Evans	Jenkins	Paris	Taylor, R
Cameron	Fincher	Jones, A	Park	Thomas
Camp	Fleming	Jones, J	Parrish	Townsend
Campbell, J	Flournoy	Jones, S	Parsons	Tran
Campbell, L	Ford	Jones, T	Persinger	Wade
Cannon, C	Franklin	Kahaian	Petrea	Werkheiser
Cannon, P	Frye	Kelley	Powell	Westbrook
Carpenter	Gaines	Kendrick	Prince	Wilkerson
Carson	Gambill	LaHood	E Reese	Williams, A
Carter	Gilliard	Leverett	Reeves	Williams, MF
Chastain	Gisler	Lewis-Ward	Rhodes	Williams, N
Cheokas	Glaize	Lim	Rice	Williamson
Clark, D	Greene	Lumsden	Richardson	Yearta
Clark, J	Griffin	Lupton	Ridley, Jas	Burns, Speaker
Clifton	Gullett	Martin		

The following members were off the floor of the House when the roll was called:

Representatives Campbell of the 171st, Miller of the 62nd, Romman of the 97th, Washburn of the 144th, and Willis of the 55th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the House and Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 1317. By Representatives Horner of the 3rd, Cameron of the 1st and Tarvin of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Fort Oglethorpe to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1424. By Representatives Cheokas of the 151st and Stinson of the 150th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to revise and restate the law relating to the Sumter County board of education and school superintendent, approved February 26, 2014 (Ga. L. 2014, p. 3503), as amended, so as to revise the compensation of such board; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1435. By Representatives Anderson of the 10th and Erwin of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Municipal Court of the Town of Mount Airy; to identify the authorized uses of such fee; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1453. By Representative Werkheiser of the 157th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of Jeff Davis County to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

SB 494. By Senator Summers of the 13th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Irwin County, approved February 16, 1933 (Ga. L. 1933, p. 571), as amended, so as to revise provisions relating to the compensation of the board of commissioners; to revise provisions relating to appointment of the clerk of the board of commissioners; to provide for the duties of the chairperson of the board of commissioners; to provide for a vice chairperson of the board of commissioners; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, the following roll call vote was made applicable to the previously read Bills.

On the passage of the Bills, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	N Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF

Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Clark, D	Y Griffin	Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Willis
Y Clark, J	Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bills, the ayes were 166, nays 1.

The Bills, having received the requisite constitutional majority, were passed.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the Senate and House:

SB 240. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Brass of the 6th, Cowsert of the 46th, Robertson of the 29th and Burns of the 23rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and observances, so as to designate April of each year as Georgia Native Plant Month; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 437. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Robertson of the 29th, Still of the 48th, Goodman of the 8th and Watson of the 11th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state building, plumbing, and electrical codes, so as to provide for acknowledgment of an applicant's use of a private professional provider to conduct a plan review or inspection and that such review or inspection may proceed regardless of whether the local governing authority had performed its own plan review or inspection; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 443. By Senators Summers of the 13th, Albers of the 56th, Dixon of the 45th, Hickman of the 4th, Ginn of the 47th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against public order, so as to increase the punishment for the offense of obstructing highways, streets,

sidewalks, or other public passages; to provide for enhanced punishment in certain instances; to authorize civil liability for damages; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 447. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Still of the 48th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Goodman of the 8th, Echols of the 49th and others:

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A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of specialized land transactions, so as to prohibit business enterprises or business enterprises controlled by natural born persons from owning an interest in more than 500 single-family residential properties; to prohibit foreign investment vehicles from owning any interest in a single-family residential property to be used as rental property; to provide a private cause of action against a business enterprise that owns an interest in more than 500 single-family residential properties and foreign investment vehicles; to provide for the disclosure of information by brokers; to provide an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 468. By Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Walker III of the 20th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Robertson of the 29th, Hatchett of the 50th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 1 of Title 42 of the O.C.G.A., relating to sexual offender risk review board, so as to increase reporting requirements of sexual offenders; to allow for increased monitoring of homeless sexual offenders; to require sexual offenders to report international travel; to provide for placement of sexual offenders in risk assessment classifications when convicted of specific crimes; to amend Code Section 8-3-11 of the O.C.G.A., relating to creation of stable housing accountability programs, application process, minimum standards, approval criteria, and funding, so as to require stable housing accountability programs to report program applicants who are sexual offenders; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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SB 527. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Dixon of the 45th, Albers of the 56th, Harbin of the 16th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-16-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to qualification requirements for sheriff and exemptions, so as to require that candidates for the office of sheriff are certified peace officers at the time of qualifying as a candidate; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 543. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Anderson of the 24th and Strickland of the 42nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for Butts County, approved February 24, 1941 (Ga. L. 1941, p. 793), as amended, so as to provide that the board of commissioners shall only be required to read an ordinance, resolution, or other matter before the board at one meeting prior to the adoption of such ordinance, resolution, or other matter; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 544. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Anderson of the 24th and Strickland of the 42nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Butts County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of $70,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that county who are 62 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 545. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Anderson of the 24th and Strickland of the 42nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Butts County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of $50,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that county; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 560. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Jackson of the 41st, Anderson of the 43rd, Mangham of the 55th, Harrell of the 40th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create and establish in DeKalb County, Georgia, districts from which the members of the County Board of Education of DeKalb County shall be elected, approved April 12, 1963 (Ga. L. 1963, p. 3424), as amended, so as to provide provisions governing the use of third party search firms in selecting a superintendent; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 567. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Ellaville-Schley County Parks and Recreation Authority and to authorize such authority to provide recreational services throughout Schley County; to provide a short title; to provide for audits; to provide for funding; to authorize employment of officers, agents, and employees; to provide for construction of this Act; to provide for conveyance of property upon dissolution; to provide for related matters; to provide for activation of the authority; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 574. By Senator Hickman of the 4th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Metter ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of $2,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 575. By Senator Hickman of the 4th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Metter ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of $4,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 65 years of age or older and whose income does not exceed $10,000.00; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial

remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1120. By Representative Gunter of the 8th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for an advisory referendum for the purpose of ascertaining whether the electors of Union County desire the governing authority of that county to be changed from a sole commissioner to a five-member board of commissioners; to provide for mandatory execution of election and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative purposes and findings; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1213. By Representatives Cummings of the 39th, McQueen of the 61st, Sanchez of the 42nd, Smith of the 41st, Ridley of the 22nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the City of Mableton, Georgia, to exercise all redevelopment and other powers provided for under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Georgia Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide for effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1297. By Representative Meeks of the 178th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Magistrate Court of Pierce County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has adopted by the requisite constitutional majority the following resolution of the Senate:

SR 800. By Senators Goodman of the 8th, Watson of the 11th, Echols of the 49th, Sims of the 12th, Anderson of the 24th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Joint Study Committee on the Generational Sustainability of Family Farms; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bill of the House:

HB 377. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Burchett of the 176th, Bonner of the 73rd, Wade of the 9th, Frye of the 122nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 1 of Part 4 of Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for manufactured or mobile homes, so as to provide for limited exceptions to circumstances under which a manufactured home shall become real property; to provide for preservation of rights and remedies of prior holders of a lien or security interest in certain manufactured homes; to provide for notice and application requirements; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolution of the Senate were read the first time and referred to the Committees:

SB 240. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Brass of the 6th, Cowsert of the 46th, Robertson of the 29th and Burns of the 23rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and observances, so as to designate April of each year as Georgia Native Plant Month; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

SB 437. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Robertson of the 29th, Still of the 48th, Goodman of the 8th and Watson of the 11th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state building, plumbing, and electrical codes, so as to provide for acknowledgment of an applicant's use of a private professional provider to conduct a plan review or inspection and that such review or inspection may proceed regardless of whether the local governing authority had performed its own plan review or inspection; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

SB 443. By Senators Summers of the 13th, Albers of the 56th, Dixon of the 45th, Hickman of the 4th, Ginn of the 47th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against public order, so as to increase the punishment for the offense of obstructing highways, streets, sidewalks, or other public passages; to provide for enhanced punishment in certain instances; to authorize civil liability for damages; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

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Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources & Environment.

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Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

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controlled by natural born persons from owning an interest in more than 500 single-family residential properties; to prohibit foreign investment vehicles from owning any interest in a single-family residential property to be used as rental property; to provide a private cause of action against a business enterprise that owns an interest in more than 500 single-family residential properties and foreign investment vehicles; to provide for the disclosure of information by brokers; to provide an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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Referred to the Committee on Education.

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Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

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SR 800. By Senators Goodman of the 8th, Watson of the 11th, Echols of the 49th, Sims of the 12th, Anderson of the 24th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Joint Study Committee on the Generational Sustainability of Family Farms; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House reconsider its action in failing to give the requisite constitutional majority to the following Bill of the House:

HB 717. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Newton of the 127th, Silcox of the 53rd, Drenner of the 85th and Au of the 50th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Medical Practice Act of the State of Georgia," so as to provide for the regulation of the administration of psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy; to provide for definitions; to provide for standards; to provide for requirements; to provide for the establishment of rules and regulations; to provide for licensure of clinics; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF

Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	N Griffin	Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Willis
N Clark, J	Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 159, nays 8.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Blackmon of the 146th moved that the House reconsider its action in failing to give the requisite constitutional majority to the following Resolution of the House:

HR 1114. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Burns of the 159th, Efstration of the 104th, Hatchett of the 155th, Cannon of the 172nd and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to remove the cap on benefits granted pursuant to the Homeowner's Incentive Adjustment clause; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	N Sampson
N Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Alexander	N Crawford	N Herring	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
N Au	N Davis	Y Holcomb	N Miller	N Scott
N Baker	Y Dawson	N Holland	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Momtahan	N Sharper
N Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	N Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Neal	N Smith, M
N Bazemore	N Douglas	N Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
N Beckles	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Bell	N Drenner	N Hugley	N Okoye	Y Stephens
N Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	N Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas
N Burnough	N Evans	N Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	N Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	N Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
N Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Washburn

Y Cannon, C	N Frye	N Kendrick	N Prince	Y Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	N Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, A
N Carter	N Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Clark, D	N Griffin	Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 97, nays 68.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the following Bill of the House be recommitted to the Committee on Rules:

HB 717. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Newton of the 127th, Silcox of the 53rd, Drenner of the 85th and Au of the 50th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Medical Practice Act of the State of Georgia," so as to provide for the regulation of the administration of psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy; to provide for definitions; to provide for standards; to provide for requirements; to provide for the establishment of rules and regulations; to provide for licensure of clinics; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Sharper of the 177th et al., Bonner of the 73rd et al., Tran of the 80th et al., Cooper of the 45th et al., Greene of the 154th, Thomas of the 21st et al., Ford of the 170th et al., Romman of the 97th et al., Efstration of the 104th et al., Flournoy of the 74th et al., and Powell of the 33rd et al.

By order of the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the House was withdrawn from the General Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Economic Development & Tourism:

HB 490. By Representatives Bazemore of the 69th, Hugley of the 141st, Park of the 107th, Miller of the 62nd, Evans of the 57th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to kidnapping, false imprisonment, and related offenses, so as to provide for a required human trafficking training program for hotels; to provide for definitions; to provide for retraining; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By order of the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the House was withdrawn from the General Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs:

HB 947. By Representatives Momtahan of the 17th, Cannon of the 172nd, Tarvin of the 2nd, Jones of the 25th, Kelley of the 16th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions of public assistance, so as to prohibit the purchase of certain food and beverage items with federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 1408. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Hagan of the 156th, Cooper of the 45th, Cox of the 28th, Jasperse of the 11th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 19 of Title 31 and Chapter 50 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to control of rabies and veterinarians and veterinary technicians, respectively, so as to authorize licensed veterinary technicians under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian to administer antirabies vaccinations to animals required by this state to be inoculated against rabies; to update terminology and make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Rhodes	Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 170, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 1118. By Representatives Donatucci of the 105th, Jones of the 47th, Cooper of the 45th, Cheokas of the 151st, Greene of the 154th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 20 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to personnel administration, so as to provide 80 hours of maternal birth leave; to provide for definitions; to provide rules; to provide for penalties; to provide

notice; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 20 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to personnel administration, so as to provide a maternal birth leave for certain employees; to provide for definitions; to provide for rules, administration, and requirements; to provide for software and other related updates by the State Accounting Office to add maternal birth leave as a new benefit leave category; to provide for eligibility; to provide for adverse employment action; to provide for notice; to provide for state holiday compensation during maternal birth leave; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 20 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to personnel administration, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"45-20-23.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Eligible employee' means an individual who experiences a life event and who:

(A) Is an individual identified in subparagraph (A), (E), (F), (G), or (L) of paragraph (2) of Code Section 45-18-1 who is classified as full time by the applicable state employing entity; or

(B) Is an individual identified in paragraph (4) of subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-880 or paragraph (3) of Code Section 20-2-910 who is classified as full time by the applicable local education agency.

(2) 'Employing entity' means:

(A) The executive, legislative, or judicial branch of state government; or

(B) A local education agency.

(3) 'Local education agency' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 20-2-167.1.

(4) 'Maternal birth leave' means a period of paid time off from work necessary to recuperate as a result of a qualifying life event.

(5) 'Qualifying life event' means giving birth to one or more children in a single or multiple pregnancy.

(b) All eligible employees of an employing entity shall be eligible for 120 hours of paid maternal birth leave for qualifying life events after six continuous months of employment

with the employing entity regardless of whether the employee is eligible for paid or unpaid leave under federal law.

(c) If taken, maternal birth leave shall only be taken during the three-week period immediately following the eligible employee's qualifying life event to recuperate from such birth and shall precede the taking of any paid parental leave authorized under Code Section 45-20-17.

(d) Unused paid maternal birth leave shall have no cash value at the time of the eligible employee's separation from employment with the employing entity.

(e) Each employing entity shall promulgate rules for the administration of paid maternal birth leave under this Code section for eligible employees which are not in conflict with this Code section; provided, however, that the State Personnel Board shall promulgate such rules for any employing entity that is considered a department or agency as such terms are synonymously defined in paragraph (6) of Code Section 45-20-2. At a minimum, such rules of the employing entity shall address:

(1) Whether paid maternal birth leave under this Code section shall run concurrently with any leave provided under federal law; and

(2) The documentation, if any, that an eligible employee shall be required to provide to establish the existence of a qualifying life event.

(f) To implement paid maternal birth leave under this Code section, the State Accounting Office shall make any and all necessary adjustments to its current and any future human capital management software, websites, and platforms used by participating employing entities to ensure that paid maternal birth leave appears as a new benefit leave category not later than October 1, 2026.

(g) An eligible employee employed on an hourly basis shall be eligible for paid maternal birth leave under this Code section if such eligible employee has worked a minimum of 700 hours over the six-month period immediately preceding the requested paid maternal birth leave date.

(h) No employing entity shall interfere with, restrain, or deny the exercise of or the attempt to exercise the provisions of this Code section by any eligible employee. No employing entity shall discharge or in any other manner discriminate or retaliate against any eligible employee for lawfully exercising the provisions of this Code section. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code section, nothing shall prevent an employing entity from taking an adverse employment action against an eligible employee who submits a false or fraudulent document or otherwise provides false or fraudulent information in an attempt to obtain paid maternal birth leave under this Code section.

(i) If a paid state holiday takes place during the eligible employee's maternal birth leave, such eligible employee shall only be compensated for the state holiday.

(j) The employing entity shall provide notice of the benefits provided under this Code section to each eligible employee upon hiring and annually thereafter."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Rhodes	Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 170, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 1187. By Representatives Hong of the 103rd, Gambill of the 15th, Seabaugh of the 34th, Wade of the 9th, Gunter of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 8 of Chapter 11 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to provisional and final remedies and special proceedings, so as to prohibit as contrary to the public policy of this state any contract or agreement that has the purpose or effect of concealing the details relating to a claim of childhood sexual abuse; to provide for the confidentiality of identifying information of victims of childhood sexual abuse; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 8 of Chapter 11 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to provisional and final remedies and special proceedings, so as to prohibit as contrary to the public policy of this state any contract or agreement that has the purpose or effect of concealing the details relating to a claim of childhood sexual abuse; to provide for the confidentiality of identifying information of victims of childhood sexual abuse; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as "Trey's Law."

SECTION 2.

Article 8 of Chapter 11 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to provisional and final remedies and special proceedings, is amended by revising Code Section 9-11-63, which was reserved, as follows:

"9-11-63.

(a) Any provision of a nondisclosure or confidentiality agreement or nondisclosure or confidentiality provision of an employment agreement, settlement agreement, or any other agreement is void and unenforceable as against the public policy of this state to the extent the provision prohibits a person, including a party, from disclosing an act of childhood sexual abuse, as defined by subsections (a) and (b) of Code Section 9-3-33.1, or facts related to an act of childhood sexual abuse to any other person. Nothing in this Code section may be construed to prohibit a person, including a party, from agreeing to keep confidential any other provision of a settlement agreement, including the amount or payment terms of a settlement.

(b) Subject to subsection (c) of this Code section, the change in law made by this Code section applies to an agreement entered into before, on, or after the effective date of this Code section.

(c) A person, including a party, may not enforce or attempt to enforce an agreement or a provision of an agreement that prevents disclosure of an act of childhood sexual abuse or facts related to an act of childhood sexual abuse to any other person unless the person obtains a declaratory judgment that is final and not subject to appeal and declares that the agreement or provision is enforceable. ~~Reserved.~~"

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser

Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 174, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 1284. By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Burns of the 159th, Parrish of the 158th, Erwin of the 32nd, Donatucci of the 105th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local boards of education, so as to provide for the awarding of high school diplomas to high school students who are at the end of life; to provide for waivers; to provide for posthumous awarding of such diplomas; to provide for policies, rules, and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local boards of education, so as to provide for the awarding of high school diplomas to high school students who are at the end of life; to provide for waivers; to provide for posthumous awarding of such diplomas; to provide for policies, rules, and regulations; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Gakobe Milton Act."

SECTION 2.

Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local boards of education, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-70.1.

Each local board of education shall issue a high school diploma to a student enrolled in a high school program who has a medical diagnosis of a terminal condition and is receiving end-of-life care. The parent or guardian of any such student shall submit to the appropriate local school superintendent a written request for a high school diploma to be awarded to the student prior to the end of his or her life. Such written request shall include documentation from the student's medical provider stating the student's end-of-life health status. Within 14 calendar days of receiving such written request, the local board of education shall petition the State Board of Education to waive the requirements of high school graduation credits for the student. Upon approval of such waiver by the State Board of Education, the local board of education shall award a high school diploma to the student. Although every effort should be made for the high school diploma to be awarded to the student before the end of his or her life, high school diplomas may be posthumously awarded pursuant to this Code section. The State Board of Education shall adopt any policies, rules, or regulations necessary to ensure prompt compliance with this Code section."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D

Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
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Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 172, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

Representative Gunter of the 8th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 899	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 1433	Do Pass
HB 1470	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 1475	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Gunter of the 8th
Chairman

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 1402. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th, Burns of the 159th, Erwin of the 32nd, Donatucci of the 105th, Ballard of the 147th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to health of students, so as to require vision and hearing screening for all public school students enrolled in pre-kindergarten through third grade; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating elementary and secondary education, so as to require vision and hearing screening for all public school students enrolled in pre-kindergarten through third grade; to require advance notification to parents and guardians; to provide for parents and guardians to opt their children out of such screenings; to require notification to parents and guardians of children who fail one or both screenings; to require local school systems and other public schools to report information to the Department of Public Health; to require the Department of Public Health to annually report such information to the General Assembly; to require the Department of Public Health to provide training to school personnel and others to administer such screening; to require the Department of Public Health, in collaboration with the State Board of Education, to promulgate policies, rules, and regulations; to provide for grants to local school systems to acquire screening equipment; to require the Department of Education to administer such grants; to provide for written notification to parents and guardians of students who have not attained grade level reading proficiency by the end of third grade; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating elementary and secondary education, is amended in Part 3 of Article 16, relating to health of students, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-770.1.

(a) Vision and hearing screenings shall be administered to all public school students enrolled in pre-kindergarten through third grade. Such screenings shall be facilitated and coordinated by the public schools and shall take place at a public school. Such screenings shall be administered directly by trained public school personnel or in cooperation with trained personnel of a duly qualified third-party organization.

(b)(1) Each local school system or other public school shall notify the parent or guardian of each child who fails a vision screening, a hearing screening, or both, using standard protocols promulgated by the Department of Public Health.

(2) Prior approval of parents or legal guardians of public school students for such screenings shall not be required; provided, however, that parents and guardians shall be provided advance written notice of the time and place of the screenings to be administered to their children; and provided, further, that if the parent or legal guardian of a child objects to such child being administered a hearing or vision screening, such child shall be exempt from such screening.

(c)(1) Each local school system and other public school shall provide the following information to the Department of Public Health for each school:

(A) For vision screenings, the total number of students:

(i) Unable to be screened due to opting out or a medical exclusion;

(ii) Screened with correction;

(iii) Screened with auto screening device;

(iv) Screened with eye chart;

(v) Passed;

(vi) Failed;

(vii) Failed with auto screening device;

(viii) Failed with eye chart;

(ix) Referred with auto screening device;

(x) Referred with eye chart;

(xi) With treatment or follow-up; and

(xii) With no treatment/follow-up;

(B) For hearing screening, the total number of students:

(i) Unable to be screened due to opting out or a medical exclusion;

(ii) Screened;

(iii) Screened with otoacoustic emissions testing (OAE);

(iv) Screened with pure-tone audiometer;

(v) Passed;

(vi) Failed;

(vii) Failed with otoacoustic emissions testing (OAE);

(viii) Failed with pure-tone audiometer;

(ix) Referred with otoacoustic emissions testing (OAE);

(x) Referred with pure-tone audiometer;

(xi) With treatment or follow-up; and

(xii) With no treatment/follow-up.

(2) The information required by paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be provided to the Department of Public Health within 30 days of screenings conducted pursuant to this Code section.

(d) The Department of Public Health shall:

(1) Provide training to public school personnel and others who administer the screenings required by this Code section;

(2) By December 1 each year, provide a report to the General Assembly of the data received from local school systems and other public schools pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section; and

(3) Promulgate policies, rules, and regulations to provide for the vision and hearing screenings of public school students required by this Code section, the training for school personnel and others who will administer such screenings, and to implement all other purposes of this Code section.

(e)(1) Subject to appropriations, a one-time grant in an amount not to exceed $15,000.00 per local school system shall be provided to each local school system to be used exclusively for the purposes of acquiring vision screening and auditory screening equipment, if needed, to conduct the screenings required by this Code section. Such screening equipment shall meet the following criteria:

(A) Vision screening equipment shall be capable of conducting standardized distance visual acuity screening using age-appropriate optotypes or symbol charts that allow for monocular testing in accordance with state protocol. Grant funds may also be used to purchase instrument based vision screening devices that provide automated pass or refer results without requiring user interpretation and that are validated for pediatric use, consistent with the Department of Public Health testing guidelines.

(B) Hearing screening equipment shall be capable of conducting calibrated pure-tone air-conduction hearing screening at the frequencies and intensity levels specified in state protocol. For students who are unable to complete pure-tone screening, grant funds may be used to purchase otoacoustic emissions (OAE) screening devices that provide automated pass or refer results and do not require user interpretation, consistent with the Department of Public Health testing guidelines. The Department of Education shall be responsible for administering such grants."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended in Part 3 of Article 6, relating to educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-153.2.

Beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, each local board of education and other public school governing body shall provide written notification to the parent or guardian of each student who does not achieve grade level reading proficiency as defined by the Office of Student Achievement in accordance with Code Section 20-14-31 on the third grade end-of-grade reading assessment developed in accordance with subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-281 or who is otherwise determined to not have attained grade level reading proficiency. Such notification shall be provided to parents and guardians by regular mail and by other routine methods of providing notifications to parents and guardians."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
E Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	E Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 172, nays 1.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 1302. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Seabaugh of the 34th, Wade of the 9th, Dubnik of the 29th, Erwin of the 32nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 20, 34, and 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to education, labor and industrial relations, and state government, respectively, so as to provide for the reconstitution of the Office of Student

Achievement as the Office of Education and Workforce Strategy; to provide for a combined Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Plan and Perkins State Plan; to provide for registered apprenticeship programs; to designate the Technical College System of Georgia as the state apprenticeship agency for the State of Georgia and provide for related authority and responsibilities; to provide for definitions; to provide for conforming changes; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Titles 20, 34, and 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, labor and industrial relations, and state government, respectively, so as to provide for the reconstitution of the Office of Student Achievement as the Office of Education and Workforce Strategy; to provide for responsibilities of the Office of Education and Workforce Strategy and the director of said office; to change the name of the High Demand Apprenticeship Program to the Top State for Talent Pre-Apprenticeship and Apprenticeship Program; to repeal provisions for the Alliance of Education Agency Heads; to repeal a sunset date relative to accessing HOPE scholarship funds for dual enrollment students; to provide for a combined Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Plan and Perkins State Plan; to provide for registered apprenticeship programs; to designate the Technical College System of Georgia as the state apprenticeship agency for the State of Georgia and provide for related authority and responsibilities; to revise various reporting requirements; to revise various certification requirements; to revise various requirements for rules and regulations; to establish and provide for the Education Data Governance Board; to remove references to the Office of Workforce Development; to provide for definitions; to provide for conforming changes; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.
This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Education and Workforce Strategy Act."

SECTION 2.
Titles 20, 34, and 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, labor and industrial relations, and state government, respectively, are amended by replacing "Office of Student Achievement" and "Office of Student Achievement's" with "Office of Education and Workforce Strategy" and "Office of Education and Workforce Strategy's", respectively, wherever the former phrases occur in said titles, except for subsection (a) of

Code Section 20-14-25, relating to creation, director, authority, seal, and administrative assignment relative to the Office of Student Achievement.

SECTION 3.

Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended in Article 4 of Chapter 1, relating to the Council on Literacy, by revising subsections (d) and (e) of Code Section 20-1-42, relating to membership, terms, cooperation, and Literacy Coach, as follows:

"(d) ~~The Governor shall direct the Alliance of Education Agency Heads provided for in Article 1 of Chapter 14 of this title to work with members of the council~~ Reserved.

(e) The council shall be attached for administrative purposes only to the Office of Education and Workforce Strategy ~~Student Achievement~~. The Office of Education and Workforce Strategy ~~Student Achievement~~ shall provide staff support for the council and shall hire an individual to serve as Georgia Literacy Coach who shall be responsible for coordination of such staff support ~~and for working in coordination with the literacy related efforts of the Alliance of Education Agency Heads~~. The Office of Education and Workforce Strategy ~~Student Achievement~~ shall use any funds specifically appropriated to support the work of the council for such purpose."

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended in Part 4 of Article 6 of Chapter 2, relating to financing under the "Quality Basic Education Act," by revising Code Section 20-2-161.4, relating to accessing HOPE scholarship funds for dual enrolled students and reports, as follows:

"20-2-161.4.

(a)~~(1)~~ Beginning July 1, 2023, each student participating in the Dual Enrollment program provided for in Code Section 20-2-161.3 who is eligible for a HOPE grant pursuant to Code Section 20-3-519.5 shall be allowed to access HOPE grant funds for eligible CTAE courses, as defined in Code Section 20-2-161.3, irrespective of whether such student has reached any maximum credit hour cap provided for in Code Section 20-2-161.3.

~~(2)~~(b) ~~For three years beginning on July 1, 2023, the~~ The Georgia Student Finance Commission, in collaboration with the Technical College System of Georgia, shall collect and report data on:

~~(A)~~(1) Student enrollment in and completion of at least one eligible CTAE course, as defined in Code Section 20-2-161.3, as part of the Dual Enrollment program provided for in Code Section 20-2-161.3;

~~(B)~~(2) HOPE grant funding and Dual Enrollment program funding, including, but not limited to, the number of students who received such funding and the maximum, mean, median, and mode amounts of such funding received by students;

~~(C)~~(3) Postsecondary credits earned by students who received such funding;

~~(D)~~(4) The number of students who enrolled in a postsecondary degree program after completing a program of study that includes at least one eligible CTAE course, as defined in Code Section 20-2-161.3, as part of the Dual Enrollment program provided for in Code Section 20-2-161.3; and

~~(E)~~(5) The number of students employed in a high-demand field after completing a focused program of study identified by the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia as part of the ~~High Demand~~ Top State for Talent Pre-Apprenticeship and Apprenticeship Program provided for in ~~Code Section 20-4-152~~ Article 7 of Chapter 4 of this title.

(c) No later than January 1 each year, the Georgia Student Finance Commission shall provide ~~an interim~~ the report required by subsection (b) of this Code section to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the director of the Office of Planning and Budget, and the chairpersons of the House Committee on Education, the Senate Education and Youth Committee, the House Committee on Higher Education, and the Senate Higher Education Committee. ~~A final report shall be provided to the same no later than December 1, 2028.~~

~~(3)~~(d) The Georgia Student Finance Commission, in consultation with the State Board of Education~~,~~ and the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia, ~~and the Office of Workforce Development,~~ shall establish rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this ~~subsection~~ Code section.

~~(b) This Code section shall stand repealed on June 30, 2028.~~"

SECTION 5.

Said title is further amended in said part by revising Code Section 20-2-169, relating to receipt of federal funds for career, occupational, or technical education, as follows:

"20-2-169.

(a) The Department of Education is designated as the sole state agency to receive federal funds allotted to Georgia under acts of Congress appropriating federal funds for career, occupational, or technical education; provided, however, that those funds appropriated for the operation and management of postsecondary technical, adult, and industrial programs shall be placed under the jurisdiction and control of the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia; provided, further, that a proportionate share of those federal funds appropriated for planning, evaluation, program improvement, and other administrative and discretionary purposes shall be placed under the jurisdiction and control of such board.

(b) The Department of Education and the Technical College System of Georgia, with assistance from the Office of Education and Workforce Strategy, shall prepare a combined Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Plan and Perkins State Plan in accordance with federal law.

(c) The combined Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Plan and Perkins State Plan shall include:

(1) The incorporation of coordinated data from comprehensive local needs assessments to align secondary, postsecondary, and adult workforce training programs with regional labor market requirements and federal compliance standards for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Plan and Perkins State Plan;

(2) The implementation of guidance from the United States Department of Labor and United States Department of Education that recommends formal input from key stakeholders, including, but not limited to:

(A) Local workforce development boards and secondary and postsecondary educational institutions;

(B) Private sector employers and industry representatives; and

(C) Community based organizations and regional economic development entities; and

(3) The incorporation of additional coordinated efforts required by guidance from the United States Department of Labor and United States Department of Education to ensure the state remains eligible for federal funding, including the synchronization of performance accountability measures and the streamlining of service delivery.

(d) The combined Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Plan and Perkins State Plan required by this Code section and any amendments thereto shall be approved by the State Workforce Development Board, submitted to the Governor, and distributed to the public as required by federal law.

(e) Nothing in this Code section shall prohibit the Department of Education or the Technical College System of Georgia from consulting its respective boards for the purpose of preparing the combined Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Plan and Perkins State Plan as provided for in subsection (c) of this Code section."

SECTION 6.

Said title is further amended in Part 11 of said article, relating to regional educational service agencies, by revising subsections (a) and (b) of Code Section 20-2-271, relating to development of regional improvement plan, introduction of core services, instructional care teams, and establishment of alternative methods of teacher certification, as follows:

"(a) Each regional educational service agency shall annually develop and submit to the Department of Education for approval, with a copy to the ~~Alliance of Education Agency Heads~~ Office of Education and Workforce Strategy, a regional plan for improvement of educational efficiency and cost effectiveness of its member institutions. Each plan must include the purposes and description of the services the regional educational service agency will provide to schools identified as low-performing based on the indicators adopted under Code Section 20-14-33 and to other schools.

(b) Each regional educational service agency shall introduce and provide core services for member local school systems and schools and provide core services for purchase by local school systems and schools which are not members of that regional educational service agency. These core services shall include the following:

(1) Training and assistance in teaching each subject area assessed under Code Section 20-2-281;

(2) Assistance specifically designed for any school that is rated academically failing under Code Section 20-14-33;

(3) Training and assistance to teachers, administrators, members of local boards of education, and members of local school councils on school-based decision making and control; and

(4) Assistance in complying with applicable state laws and rules of the State Board of Education ~~and the Alliance of Education Agency Heads~~.

Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to limit the freedom of a school system or school to purchase or refuse to purchase any core service from any regional educational service agency in this state."

SECTION 7.

Said title is further amended in Part 15 of said article, relating to miscellaneous provisions under the "Quality Basic Education Act," by revising subsections (a), (b), and (c) of Code Section 20-2-320, relating to state-wide comprehensive educational information system and identification of data to implement Quality Basic Education Program, as follows:

"(a) There shall be a state-wide comprehensive educational information system which will provide for the accurate, seamless, and timely flow of information from local and regional education agencies, units of the University System of Georgia, and technical schools and colleges to the state. The system design shall include hardware, software, data, collection methods and times, training, maintenance, communications, security of data, and installation specifications and any other relevant specifications needed for the successful implementation of the system. The state-wide comprehensive educational information system shall not use a student's social security number or an employee's social security number in violation of state or federal law to identify a student or employee. Upon approval of the boards of the respective education agencies, such boards shall issue appropriate requests for proposals to implement a state-wide comprehensive educational information system, subject to appropriation by the General Assembly. The boards of the respective education agencies~~, at the direction of the Alliance of Education Agency Heads,~~ shall initiate contracts with appropriate vendors and local units of administration for the procurement of services, purchase of hardware and software, and for any other purposes upon the recommendation of the Office of Education and Workforce Strategy ~~purpose as directed by the Alliance of Education Agency Heads~~, consistent with appropriation by the General Assembly.

(b) The State Board of Education, the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, and the Department of Early Care and Learning shall require an individual student record for each student enrolled which at a minimum includes the data specifications ~~approved~~ recommended by the Office of Education and Workforce Strategy ~~Alliance of Education Agency Heads~~. The Professional Standards Commission shall maintain an individual data record for each certificated person employed in a public school.

(c) For the purpose of this article, authorized educational agencies shall be the Department of Education; the Department of Early Care and Learning; the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia; the Technical College System of Georgia; ~~the Alliance of Education Agency Heads;~~ the Professional Standards Commission; the

Office of Education and Workforce Strategy ~~Student Achievement~~; the education policy and research components of the office of the Governor; the Office of Planning and Budget; the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office; and the House Budget and Research Office. Any information collected over the state-wide comprehensive educational information system, including individual student records and individual personnel records, shall be accessible by authorized educational agencies, provided that any information which is planned for collection over the system but which is temporarily being collected by other means shall also be accessible by authorized educational agencies and provided, further, that adequate security provisions are employed to protect the privacy of individuals. All data maintained for this system shall be used for educational purposes only. In no case shall information be released by an authorized educational agency which would violate the privacy rights of any individual student or employee. Information released by an authorized educational agency in violation of the privacy rights of any individual student or employee shall subject the authorized educational agency to all penalties under applicable state and federal law. Any information collected over the state-wide comprehensive educational information system which is not stored in an individual student or personnel record format shall be made available to the Governor and the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, the House Committee on Education, the Senate Education and Youth Committee, the House Committee on Higher Education, and the Senate Higher Education Committee, except information otherwise prohibited by statute. Data which are included in an individual student record or individual personnel record format shall be extracted from such records and made available in nonindividual record format for use by the Governor, committees of the General Assembly, and agencies other than authorized educational agencies."

SECTION 8.

Said title is further amended in Part 16 of said article, relating to college and career readiness under the "Quality Basic Education Act," by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-327, relating to recognition of advanced proficiency/honors courses and counseling and development of individual college and career plans, as follows:

"(3) No later than December 31, 2026, and annually thereafter, the ~~The~~ Georgia Student Finance Commission and the Department of Education shall annually collect and report on information to verify compliance with this Code section. The report shall include the percentage of students in ninth grade who create a GAfutures.org account and students in grades ten through 12 who utilize a GAfutures.org account and be distributed to the Office of Planning and Budget and the Office of Education and Workforce Strategy. The report shall be included in the state-wide education and workforce plan provided for in Code Section 20-14-29.2."

SECTION 9.

Said title is further amended in said part by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-327.1, relating to industry credentialing for career, technical, and agricultural education programs and reporting, as follows:

"(b) No later than December 31, 2018, and annually thereafter, the Department of Education, in coordination with the Office of Education and Workforce Strategy, shall produce a return-on-investment report to the State Workforce Development Board and the Office of Planning and Budget as related to grant funds provided for in subsection (j) of Code Section 20-2-260. Such report shall include the current and projected regional business and industry needs for the purpose of establishing annual goals and strategies to increase attainment rates of industry credentialing, including the development of additional industry credentials to enhance current industry certified programs."

SECTION 10.

Said title is further amended in Article 2 of Chapter 4, relating to technical and adult education, by adding a new subsection to Code Section 20-4-17, relating to agencies to receive federal funds and transfer of personnel to Department of Technical and Adult Education, now known as Technical College System of Georgia, to read as follows:

"(c)(1) The Department of Education and the Technical College System of Georgia, with assistance from the Office of Education and Workforce Strategy, shall prepare a combined Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Plan and Perkins State Plan in accordance with federal law.

(2) The combined Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Plan and Perkins State Plan shall include:

(A) The incorporation of coordinated data from comprehensive local needs assessments to align secondary, postsecondary, and adult workforce training programs with regional labor market requirements and federal compliance standards for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Plan and Perkins State Plan;

(B) The implementation of guidance from the United States Department of Labor and United States Department of Education that recommends formal input from key stakeholders, including, but not limited to:

(i) Local workforce development boards and secondary and postsecondary educational institutions;

(ii) Private sector employers and industry representatives; and

(iii) Community based organizations and regional economic development entities; and

(C) The incorporation of additional coordinated efforts required by guidance from the United States Department of Labor and United States Department of Education to ensure the state remains eligible for federal funding, including the synchronization of performance accountability measures and the streamlining of service delivery.

(3) The combined Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Plan and Perkins State Plan required by this subsection and any amendments thereto shall be approved by the State Workforce Development Board, submitted to the Governor, and distributed to the public as required by federal law.

(4) Nothing in this Code section shall prohibit the Department of Education or the Technical College System of Georgia from consulting its respective boards for the

purpose of preparing the combined Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Plan and Perkins State Plan as provided for in subsection (c) of this Code section."

SECTION 11.

Said title is further amended in said article by replacing "work force" with "workforce" each time the term appears in and by revising subsections (a), (c), and (g) of Code Section 20-4-37, relating to the Office of College and Career Transitions and powers and duties, as follows:

"(a)(1) It is the intent of the General Assembly to:

(A) Increase high school graduation rates, potential job opportunities, and educational opportunities that will prepare students for success in college and the workplace;

(B) Establish intergovernmental cooperation between postsecondary institutions and local boards of education and collaboration with business, industry, and community stakeholders to aid relevant education programs informed by the High-Demand Career List as provided in Code Section 34-14-3 and in the development and support of new and existing college and career academies in Georgia;

(C) Assist in the development of academic and career ready curriculum;

(D) Establish and manage support grant opportunities and awards for new and existing college and career academies;

(E) Establish a process that allows for college and career academy certification; and

(F) Collect and analyze data to evaluate the effectiveness of dual credit and dual enrollment programs, secondary and postsecondary partnerships, and college and career ~~academics~~ academies.

(2) The General Assembly finds that to accomplish these goals an office should be established to coordinate the efforts of the various education agencies."

"(c) The Office of College and Career Academies shall be established within the Technical College System of Georgia to coordinate the efforts by the Office of Education and Workforce Strategy, the State Board of Education, the University System of Georgia, the Technical College System of Georgia, and other not for profit postsecondary institutions accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in the professional development, curriculum support, and development and establishment of college and career academies."

"(g)(1) The office shall establish a certification process, in collaboration with the Department of Education, for approval by the board. The office shall be authorized to certify college and career academies. The State Board of Education shall accept certification by the office as one component of determining compliance with charter and strategic waivers school system or charter system contract requirements. The State Board of Education may request supplemental information from charter petitioners, strategic waivers school systems, or charter systems.

(2) Any certification process established pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection shall require that the applicant demonstrates how the proposed or existing college and career academy will increase student achievement and technical skill attainment,

provide for dual credit and dual enrollment opportunities, increase work based learning opportunities, and address ~~work force~~ workforce development needs; articulates how the collaboration between business, industry, and community stakeholders will advance ~~work force~~ workforce development; demonstrates local governance and autonomy; and shows other benefits that meet the needs of the students and community. The applicant shall also demonstrate, as applicable, how the proposed or existing college and career academy's use of the Accelerated Career Diploma Program, the Top State For Talent Pre-Apprenticeship and Apprenticeship Program, and the High-Demand Career List as provided in Code Section 34-14-3, specific to its region, will increase workforce readiness.

(3) Certification by the office shall constitute a positive recommendation to the State Board of Education for renewal of a charter school or charter system pursuant to Code Section 20-2-2064.1 or an extension of a strategic waivers school system contract pursuant to Article 4 of Chapter 2 of this title. A copy of the certification report shall be provided to the State Board of Education by the office in order to communicate the certification status of the applicant."

SECTION 12.

Said title is further amended in Article 7 of said chapter, relating to the high demand apprenticeship program, by revising Code Section 20-4-150, relating to definitions, as follows:

"20-4-150.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Apprentice' means an individual at least 15 years of age, except where a higher minimum age standard is otherwise set by law, who is employed to learn an occupation in a registered apprenticeship program. ~~a person who is at least 15 years of age, except where a higher minimum age is required by law, who is employed in an eligible apprenticeable occupation, and is registered in Georgia with the United States Department of Labor Office of Apprenticeship.~~

(2) 'Apprenticeable occupation' means an occupation approved for apprenticeship by the United States Department of Labor Office of Apprenticeship.

~~(3) 'Apprenticeship program' means a program registered with the United States Department of Labor Office of Apprenticeship that includes terms and conditions for the qualification, recruitment, selection, employment, and training of apprentices, including the requirement for a written apprenticeship agreement.~~

~~(4)~~(3) 'Apprenticeship sponsor' means:

(A) Any entity operating an apprenticeship program; or

(B) Any entity in whose name an apprenticeship program is being operated that is registered with or approved by the United States Department of Labor Office of Apprenticeship.

~~(5)~~(4) 'Board' means the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia.

~~(6)~~(5) 'Eligible apprenticeable occupation' means an apprenticeable occupation identified by the State Workforce Development Board pursuant to Code Section 34-14-3 as a high-demand career.

~~(7)~~(6) 'Employer sponsor' means an employer that coordinates with or is an apprenticeship sponsor and employs and trains an apprentice.

~~(8) 'Office of Workforce Development' means the Technical College System of Georgia's Office of Workforce Development.~~

(7) 'Pre-apprentice' means an individual at least 15 years of age, except where a higher minimum age standard is otherwise set by law, who is employed to learn an occupation in a registered pre-apprenticeship program, who is enrolled in a public school work based learning program, and who is pursuing a technical college certificate from a unit of the Technical College System of Georgia that is aligned with a registered apprenticeship program.

(8) 'Registered apprenticeship program' or 'apprenticeship program' means an apprenticeship program registered in accordance with 29 C.F.R. Sections 29 and 30 that possesses an approved plan containing all terms and conditions for the qualification, recruitment, selection, employment, and training of apprentices, as required under federal law, including matters such as the requirement for a written apprenticeship agreement.

(9) 'Registered pre-apprenticeship program' or 'pre-apprenticeship program' means a pre-apprenticeship program approved by the Technical College System of Georgia that possesses an approved plan containing all terms and conditions for the qualification, recruitment, selection, employment, and training of pre-apprentices, including matters such as the requirement for a written pre-apprenticeship agreement."

SECTION 13.

Said title is further amended in said article by revising Code Section 20-4-151, relating to purpose, employer or apprenticeship sponsorships, required information, contracts, awards, and limitations, as follows:

"20-4-151.

(a) Subject to appropriations of funds by the General Assembly for this purpose, the board, in coordination with the ~~Department of Labor, the Department of Economic Development, the Department of Education,~~ Office of Education and Workforce Strategy and the Office of Planning and Budget, shall establish and administer a program through the ~~Office of Workforce Development~~ Technical College System of Georgia to be called the ~~High Demand Apprenticeship Program~~ Top State for Talent Pre-Apprenticeship and Apprenticeship Program. The purpose of the ~~High Demand~~ Top State for Talent Pre-Apprenticeship and Apprenticeship Program is to incentivize pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship sponsors to establish new or grow existing registered pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship programs in Georgia in order to support the growth of pre-apprenticeship or apprenticeship programs and expand high-quality work based learning experiences in high-demand fields and careers for persons in Georgia to increase program utilization.

(b) An employer sponsor or pre-apprenticeship or apprenticeship sponsor may apply to the board for the opportunity to enter into a contract to perform the requirements of conducting ~~an~~ a pre-apprenticeship or apprenticeship program for a specific apprentice. Such contract shall require the employer sponsor's apprentice, pre-apprenticeship, or apprenticeship sponsor's apprentice to successfully complete ~~an~~ a pre-apprenticeship or apprenticeship program.

(c) The board shall provide upon request and on the Technical College System of Georgia's public website information about the ~~High Demand~~ Top State for Talent Pre-Apprenticeship and Apprenticeship Program, the application, application instructions, and the application period established each year for contracts for services available under such program.

(d) Upon successful completion of the requirements of a contract under this article, the board shall provide a contract completion award to the employer sponsor or pre-apprenticeship or apprenticeship sponsor. The contract completion award amount shall be determined based on the number of hours of education and training required for the successful completion of the pre-apprenticeship or apprenticeship under such pre-apprenticeship or apprenticeship program but shall not exceed:

(1) Ten thousand dollars per apprentice for contracts entered into before July 1, 2024; and

(2) Five thousand dollars per apprentice for contracts entered into on or after July 1, 2024.

(e) Each employer sponsor or pre-apprenticeship or apprenticeship sponsor shall only be eligible to enter into contracts under this article for up to:

(1) Five pre-apprentices or apprentices per year through the end of Fiscal Year 2024; and

(2) Ten pre-apprentices or apprentices per year beginning with Fiscal Year 2025 and continuing each fiscal year thereafter.

(f) ~~An~~ A pre-apprenticeship or apprenticeship sponsor may assist with the application for and completion of ~~an~~ a pre-apprenticeship or apprenticeship contract authorized by this article.

(g) Beginning July 1, 2024, and continuing thereafter, the ~~Office of Workforce Development~~ Technical College System of Georgia shall be authorized to:

(1) Provide initial funding for up to $2,500.00 per apprentice of the amount provided for in paragraph (2) of subsection (d) of this Code section; and

(2) Provide funding to award employer sponsors or apprenticeship sponsors up to $2,500.00 per apprentice 12 months after the start of his or her pre-apprenticeship or apprenticeship."

SECTION 14.

Said title is further amended in said article by revising Code Section 20-4-152, relating to utilization of the High-demand Career List, as follows:

"20-4-152.

The board ~~and the Office of Workforce Development~~ shall utilize the ~~High-demand~~ High-Demand Career List as provided ~~for~~ in Code Section 34-14-3 for purposes of the ~~High Demand~~ Top State for Talent Pre-Apprenticeship and Apprenticeship Program."

SECTION 15.

Said title is further amended in said article by revising Code Section 20-4-153, relating to annual reporting and cooperation from apprenticeship sponsor, as follows:

"20-4-153.

(a) The ~~Office of Workforce Development~~ Technical College System of Georgia shall annually report on its website the following information:

(1) The total amount of compensation awarded under this article;

(2) The amount of compensation awarded in each field of high-demand careers identified by the State Workforce Development Board pursuant to Code Section 34-14-3;

(3) The total number of contracts entered into and the number of contracts completed;

(4) The total number of contracts entered per eligible occupation and the number of those completed;

(5) The total amount awarded overall with respect to each eligible occupation;

(6) The total number of pre-apprentices or apprentices who attended an institution of the Technical College System of Georgia during the course of his or her pre-apprenticeship or apprenticeship program; and

(7) The total number of apprentices who did not attend an institution of the Technical College System of Georgia during the course of his or her pre-apprenticeship or apprenticeship program.

(b) Each pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship sponsor shall fully cooperate in providing statistical information requested by the board or, at the board's discretion, be excluded from participating in the ~~High Demand~~ Top State for Talent Pre-Apprenticeship and Apprenticeship Program."

SECTION 16.

Said title is further amended in said article by revising Code Section 20-4-154, relating to rules and regulations, as follows:

"20-4-154.

The board shall adopt rules and regulations deemed necessary for the implementation and administration of this article, which shall include, but shall not be limited to, rules and regulations for:

(1) Establishing a staff review and application approval process;

(2) Establishing an amount of funding that will place priority on the availability of awards for the pre-apprenticeship program established by this article;

~~(2)~~(3) Application scoring criteria that shall include provisions that give priority to pre-apprenticeship or apprenticeship programs that hire and train apprentices who are:

(A) ~~Between 15 and 21 years of age~~ Fifteen years of age or older in any public school work based learning program; or

(B) Enrolled in an adult education program and engaged in obtaining a high school diploma;

~~(3)~~(4) The minimum score necessary for approval of a contract; and

~~(4)~~(5) The terms of agreement between an employer sponsor or pre-apprenticeship or apprenticeship sponsor and the board."

SECTION 17.

Said title is further amended in said article by revising Code Section 20-4-156, relating to repealer, as follows:

"20-4-156.

This article shall stand repealed and reserved on July 1, ~~2027~~ 2031."

SECTION 18.

Said title is further amended in Article 8 of said chapter, relating to the public service apprenticeship program, by revising Code Section 20-4-160, relating to definitions, as follows:

"20-4-160.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Apprentice' means an individual at least 15 years of age, except where a higher minimum age standard is otherwise set by law, who is employed to learn an occupation in a registered apprenticeship program. ~~a person who is at least 15 years of age, except where a higher minimum age is required by law, who is employed in an eligible apprenticeable occupation, and is registered in Georgia with the United States Department of Labor Office of Apprenticeship.~~

(2) 'Apprenticeable occupation' means an occupation approved for apprenticeship by the United States Department of Labor Office of Apprenticeship.

~~(3) 'Apprenticeship program' means a program registered with the United States Department of Labor Office of Apprenticeship that includes terms and conditions for the qualification, recruitment, selection, employment, and training of apprentices, including the requirement for a written apprenticeship agreement.~~

~~(4)~~(3) 'Apprenticeship sponsor' means:

(A) Any entity operating an apprenticeship program; or

(B) Any entity in whose name an apprenticeship program is being operated that is registered with or approved by the United States Department of Labor Office of Apprenticeship.

~~(5)~~(4) 'Board' means the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia.

~~(6)~~(5) 'Eligible apprenticeable occupation' means an apprenticeable occupation identified by the State Workforce Development Board pursuant to Code Section 34-14-3 as a high-demand career ~~Office of Workforce Development pursuant to Code Section 20-4-152 as a high-demand job~~.

~~(7) 'Office of Workforce Development' means the Technical College System of Georgia's Office of Workforce Development.~~

~~(8)~~(6) 'Public service sponsor' means a state or local government entity that coordinates with or is an apprenticeship sponsor and employs and trains an apprentice.

(7) ‘Pre-apprentice' means an individual at least 15 years of age, except where a higher minimum age standard is otherwise set by law, who is employed to learn an occupation in a registered pre-apprenticeship program, who is enrolled in a public school work based learning program, and who is pursuing a technical college certificate from a unit of the Technical College System of Georgia that is aligned with a registered apprenticeship program.

(8) 'Registered apprenticeship program' or 'apprenticeship program' means an apprenticeship program registered in accordance with 29 C.F.R. Sections 29 and 30 that possesses an approved plan containing all terms and conditions for the qualification, recruitment, selection, employment, and training of apprentices, as required under federal law, including matters such as the requirement for a written apprenticeship agreement.

(9) 'Registered pre-apprenticeship program' or 'pre-apprenticeship program' means a pre-apprenticeship program approved by the Technical College System of Georgia that possesses an approved plan containing all terms and conditions for the qualification, recruitment, selection, employment, and training of pre-apprentices, including matters such as the requirement for a written pre-apprenticeship agreement."

SECTION 19.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 10

20-4-200.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Apprentice' means an individual at least 15 years of age, except where a higher minimum age standard is otherwise set by law, who is employed to learn an occupation in a registered apprenticeship program.

(2) 'Apprenticeship agreement' means a written agreement between an apprentice and either the apprentice's program sponsor or an apprenticeship committee acting as an agent for the program sponsor, which contains the terms and conditions of the employment and training of the apprentice and which complies with the provisions of 29 C.F.R. Section 29.7.

(3) 'Board' means the State Workforce Development Board.

(4) 'Commissioner' means the commissioner of the Technical College System of Georgia.

(5) 'Pre-apprentice' means an individual at least 15 years of age, except where a higher minimum age standard is otherwise set by law, who is employed to learn an occupation in a registered pre-apprenticeship program, who is enrolled in a public school work

based learning program, and who is pursuing a technical college certificate from a unit of the Technical College System of Georgia that is aligned with a registered apprenticeship program.

(6) 'Registered apprenticeship program' or 'apprenticeship program' means an apprenticeship program registered in accordance with 29 C.F.R. Sections 29 and 30 that possesses an approved plan containing all terms and conditions for the qualification, recruitment, selection, employment, and training of apprentices, as required under federal law, including matters such as the requirement for a written apprenticeship agreement.

(7) 'Registered pre-apprenticeship program' or 'pre-apprenticeship program' means a pre-apprenticeship program approved by the Technical College System of Georgia that possesses an approved plan containing all terms and conditions for the qualification, recruitment, selection, employment, and training of pre-apprentices, including matters such as the requirement for a written pre-apprenticeship agreement.

(8) 'Secretary' means the United States Secretary of Labor.

(9) 'Sponsor' means any employer, employer association, labor organization, joint labor-management organization, or other entity that operates or seeks to operate a registered apprenticeship program.

(10) 'State apprenticeship agency' or 'registration agency' means a state apprenticeship agency recognized by the United States Department of Labor and responsible for carrying out the duties and powers of such agency pursuant to 29 C.F.R. Section 29.13 within this state.

20-4-201.

(a) The Technical College System of Georgia is hereby designated as the state apprenticeship agency for the state.

(b) The Technical College System of Georgia shall be responsible for carrying out all duties and responsibilities of a registration agency as provided under Part 29 of Subtitle A of Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations, subject to approval and ongoing oversight by the United States Department of Labor.

(c) The commissioner shall submit to the Secretary and the administrator of the United States Department of Labor's Office of Apprenticeship, in accordance with 29 C.F.R. Section 29.13, an application to recognize the Technical College System of Georgia as a state apprenticeship agency.

(d) Upon approval by the Secretary, the Technical College System of Georgia shall have the authority within the state to:

(1) Advance the establishment and growth of registered apprenticeship programs and foster enrollment in apprenticeship programs by providing technical and compliance assistance to sponsors, apprentices, employers, and apprenticeship programs;

(2) Register, oversee, and, when necessary, deregister registered apprenticeship programs and related apprenticeship agreements;

(3) Issue recognized certificates of registration and completion;

(4) Serve as the primary state level point of contact with the United States Department of Labor's Office of Apprenticeship;
(5) Develop and maintain a state policy of reciprocity with other states to ensure registration of apprenticeship programs;
(6) Ensure compliance with federal and state apprenticeship standards; and
(7) Perform such other functions as required of a registration agency under federal law.

20-4-202.
Consistent with Part 29 of Subtitle A of Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the Technical College System of Georgia as a state apprenticeship agency shall have the power and duty to:
(1) Adopt, promulgate, and enforce rules and regulations necessary to implement this article;
(2) Establish apprenticeship standards governing program registration, operation, completion, suspension, and deregistration;
(3) Conduct program reviews, quality assurance assessments, monitoring, and compliance investigations;
(4) Receive, investigate, and resolve complaints relating to registered apprenticeship programs;
(5) Collect and report data required by the United States Department of Labor and the General Assembly;
(6) Ensure that the registration of apprenticeship programs occurs only in occupations provided in 29 C.F.R. Section 29.4, and in coordination with the state's High-Demand Career List as provided in Code Section 34-14-3;
(7) Develop a nationally recognized state apprenticeship completion credential, as described in 29 C.F.R. Section 29.5, for completing an apprenticeship program registered with the Technical College System of Georgia;
(8) Provide technical assistance and guidance to current and prospective program sponsors; and
(9) Coordinate apprenticeship activities with the board and local workforce development areas as provided in Code Section 34-14-2, technical colleges, the Department of Labor, the Department of Education, sponsors, registered apprenticeship programs, and other relevant partners.

20-4-203.
The board shall serve as an adviser to the Technical College System of Georgia on matters related to registered apprenticeship programs, without limiting or superseding the authority of the Technical College System of Georgia as the registration agency.

20-4-204.
(a) This article shall be administered in a manner fully consistent with Part 29 of Subtitle A of Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations and any other applicable federal law or regulation governing registered apprenticeship.

(b) In the event of a conflict between this article and federal law or regulation, federal law or regulation shall control to the extent of such conflict.

20-4-205.

(a) Upon recognition of the Technical College System of Georgia by the United States Department of Labor as the state apprenticeship agency, all registered apprenticeship programs operating in Georgia shall be reported to the Technical College System of Georgia in accordance with a transition plan submitted by the commissioner and approved by the Secretary.

(b) The state apprenticeship agency shall ensure continuity of registration and minimize disruption to sponsors and apprentices during the transition."

SECTION 20.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 14, relating to education accountability, by repealing and reserving Article 1, relating to Alliance of Education Agency Heads.

SECTION 21.

Said title is further amended in Part 1 of Article 2 of said chapter by revising Code Section 20-14-20, relating to definitions relative to education accountability assessment programs, as follows:

"20-14-20.

As used in this article, the term:

~~(1) 'Alliance' means the Alliance of Education Agency Heads created in Article 1 of this chapter.~~

~~(2)~~(1) 'Board of regents' means the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia.

~~(3)~~(2) 'Director' means the director of the Office of ~~Student Achievement~~ Education and Workforce Strategy or, alternatively, the executive director of the Office of Education and Workforce Strategy if the individual selected to serve as director is designated with the title of executive director by the Governor.

~~(4)~~(3) 'Early intervention program' means the program established under Code Section 20-2-153.

~~(5)~~(4) 'Office' means the Office of ~~Student Achievement~~ Education and Workforce Strategy."

SECTION 22.

Said title is further amended in Part 2 of said article, relating to the Office of Student Achievement, by revising Code Section 20-14-25, relating to creation, director, authority, seal, and administrative assignment, as follows:

"20-14-25.

(a) ~~There is created~~ Effective July 1, 2026, the Office of Student Achievement shall be reconstituted as the Office of Education and Workforce Strategy and shall retain all

duties, responsibilities, functions, powers, and authority conferred upon the Office of Student Achievement as provided by law in effect on June 30, 2026.

(b) The ~~chief administrative and executive officer of the office shall be the~~ director~~, who~~ shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. As directed by the Governor, the director shall coordinate the efforts of all state agencies and relevant entities engaged in activities related to education, student achievement, talent development, and workforce preparedness throughout the state. ~~Subject to the general policy established by the Alliance of Education Agency Heads, the~~ The director shall be responsible for the performance and exercise of the duties, responsibilities, functions, powers, and authority ~~imposed~~ conferred upon the director and the office as provided by law. The director shall receive a salary to be determined by the Governor.

(c) The director shall have the authority to employ all personnel of the office, subject to the provisions of this part and all applicable provisions of other laws governing public employment.

(d) The office may adopt a seal for its use and shall be authorized to enter into contracts to fulfill its duties under this article.

(e) The office shall be assigned for administrative purposes only, as that term is defined in Code Section 50-4-3, to the Office of Planning and Budget."

SECTION 23.

Said title is further amended in said part by revising Code Section 20-14-26, relating to duties, as follows:

"20-14-26.

(a) The office shall have the following duties:

(1) To create a single state-wide accountability system, establish indicators of performance, rate schools and school systems, develop annual report cards for elementary, middle, and secondary schools, and formulate a system of school awards and interventions. The State Board of Education shall approve a single accountability system for local schools and school systems that incorporates federal law, rules, and regulations relating to accountability;

(2) To audit and inspect or cause to be audited or inspected for the purpose of verification, research, analysis, reporting, or for other purposes related to the performance of its powers and duties as provided in this article and for the purposes of auditing pre-kindergarten, elementary, middle grades, and secondary education, postsecondary education, and education ~~work force~~ workforce programs and schools, local school systems, institutes, colleges, universities, regional educational service agencies, and other public education programs and entities as ~~defined by the alliance~~ determined by the director;

(3) ~~To serve as staff to the alliance; and~~ To oversee the cross-agency development of a comprehensive state-wide education and workforce plan as provided in Code Section 20-14-29.2;

(4) ~~To exercise the powers and discharge duties of the alliance, as set forth in Code Section 20-14-8, under the supervision and oversight of the alliance.~~ To assist the

Department of Education and the Technical College System of Georgia with creating the combined Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Plan and Perkins State Plan as provided for in Code Sections 20-2-169 and 20-4-17; and

(5) To create the navigation tool as provided in Code Section 20-14-29.3.

(b) The ~~member agencies of the alliance and other~~ executive branch education and workforce development departments, boards, and offices of this state shall cooperate fully with the office and shall provide the office with all information ~~that the alliance deems~~ necessary for the office to discharge its accountability duties under this article regarding the education programs and units governed by such ~~member agencies or other~~ departments, boards, or offices. These agencies shall share or integrate existing agency data and technology systems to the extent permitted by state and federal law to improve alignment and coordination and reduce duplication of efforts.

(c) The office shall convene and oversee regular meetings with the agencies provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section for the purpose of ensuring effective collaboration, data sharing, and alignment of duties required under this Code section."

SECTION 24.

Said title is further amended in said part by revising Code Section 20-14-27, relating to required reports and publication format, as follows:

"20-14-27.

(a) The office shall ~~submit~~ prepare the following reports ~~to the alliance~~:

(1) An annual report regarding pre-kindergarten education shall be submitted no later than December 1 of each year, commencing December 1, 2002. The pre-kindergarten report shall be an evaluation of the progress made on performance indicators identified and defined by the office ~~and approved by the alliance~~ for all pre-kindergarten and child care programs under the administrative control of the Department of Early Care and Learning. The pre-kindergarten report shall include information concerning results of the state's investment in each pre-kindergarten program;

(2) An annual report regarding elementary and secondary education shall be submitted no later than December 1 of each year, commencing December 1, 2001. The elementary and secondary education report shall be an evaluation of the progress made on performance indicators identified and defined by the office ~~and approved by the alliance~~ for all elementary and secondary education programs administered by the Department of Education. The elementary and secondary education report shall include information concerning results of the state's investment in each public school and each public school system;

(3) An annual report regarding postsecondary education shall be submitted no later than December 1 of each year, commencing December 1, 2002. The postsecondary education report shall be an evaluation of the progress made on performance indicators identified and defined by the office ~~and approved by the alliance~~ for all universities, colleges, institutes, and schools in the University System of Georgia and under the governance of the Technical College System of Georgia. The postsecondary education

report shall include information concerning results of the state's investment in each university, college, institute, and school; and

(4) An annual report regarding the Georgia education ~~work force~~ workforce shall be submitted no later than December 1 of each year, commencing December 1, 2002. The Georgia education ~~work force~~ workforce report shall be an evaluation of the progress made on performance indicators identified and defined by the office ~~and approved by the alliance~~ for the education ~~work force~~ workforce status under the administrative control of the Professional Standards Commission. The Georgia education ~~work force~~ workforce report shall contain information on the results of the state's investments in teacher preparation, educators' professional development, education leadership development, in-field teaching, geographic teacher shortages, alternative routes to teacher certification, and other general information and indicators on the quality of the education ~~work force~~ workforce.

(b) Each report provided for in this Code section shall be published in a format that can be easily understood by parents and other members of the community who are not professional educators. Such reports shall be distributed to the Governor~~,~~; Lieutenant Governor~~,~~; the Speaker of the House of Representatives~~,~~; the chairpersons of the Higher Education committees of the Senate and House of Representatives, the House Education Committee, and the Senate Education and Youth Committee~~,~~; and members of the state education governing boards or commissions~~, and members of the alliance~~. The office shall not be required to distribute copies of such reports to the members of the General Assembly but shall notify such members of the availability of the reports in the manner which it deems to be most effective and efficient. In addition, such reports shall be posted on the website of the office."

SECTION 25.

Said title is further amended in said part by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-14-29.1.

(a) The office shall develop a report detailing the alignment of policies, programs, and practices of the State Board of Education, the Department of Education, the University System of Georgia, the Technical College System of Georgia, and the Georgia Student Finance Commission that promotes and advances the objectives of serving student needs, avoiding duplication of mission, using state resources efficiently, and expanding opportunities for postsecondary credential attainment.

(b) The office shall coordinate and collaborate with the Department of Education, the University System of Georgia, and the Technical College System of Georgia to create the report required by this Code section that shall include the following:

(1) A list of the courses articulated from the State Board of Education to the University System of Georgia, the Technical College System of Georgia, and each private postsecondary institution that is an eligible postsecondary institution, as such term is defined in Code Section 20-3-519;

(2) A list of the courses approved by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia and the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia to be

transferrable between institutions of the university system and units of the technical college system;

(3) Of the courses listed as provided for in paragraph (2) of this subsection, identification of the university system baccalaureate degree program or programs for which each such course has been approved by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia to be a degree prerequisite;

(4) Of the courses listed as provided for in paragraph (2) of this subsection, identification of the technical college system degree program or programs for which each such course has been approved by the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia to be a degree prerequisite;

(5) A summary of efforts undertaken by the Technical College System of Georgia in collaboration with the University System of Georgia to reduce barriers to degree completion by students who have earned course credits in the University System of Georgia, the Technical College System of Georgia, or both;

(6) A list of the courses approved by each private postsecondary institution that is an eligible postsecondary institution, as such term is defined in Code Section 20-3-519, and the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia to be transferrable between units of such private postsecondary institution and the technical college system;

(7) A list of the courses approved by each private postsecondary institution that is an eligible postsecondary institution, as such term is defined in Code Section 20-3-519, and the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia to be transferrable between units of such private postsecondary institution and the university system;

(8) A summary of efforts undertaken to develop plans and procedures for reverse transfers. As used in this paragraph, the term "reverse transfer" means the process of transferring the credits a student has earned from a four-year institution to any unit of the Technical College System of Georgia from which a student has transferred so that such credits will be available to such student for purposes of his or her enrollment in or completion of programs offered by the Technical College System of Georgia;

(9) A summary of the efforts undertaken on behalf of the Technical College System of Georgia, the University System of Georgia, and the State Board of Education to comply with the requirements of subsection (b) of Code Section 20-4-20;

(10) A summary of efforts undertaken to align articulated, transferrable courses and degree completion to the High-Demand Career List published by the State Workforce Development Board as provided in Code Section 34-14-3, including the total number of articulation agreements aligned to such list for the State Board of Education, the University System of Georgia, and the Technical College System of Georgia;

(11) The number of students enrolled in programs of study provided for in subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-159.1 receiving articulated credit with the University System of Georgia and the Technical College System of Georgia and which credits those students receive; and

(12) Of the articulation agreements listed as provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection, identification of the number of articulated credits awarded, which

institutions awarded which credits, and the local school system or public school represented by the students who earned such credits.

(c) The report required by this Code section shall be included in the state-wide education and workforce plan provided for in Code Section 20-14-29.2.

(d) All relevant state agencies and educational institutions included in this process shall cooperate in collecting and sharing data necessary for the preparation of the report required by this Code section, subject to applicable privacy protections, within a predetermined time frame as set by the data sharing agreement by the office."

SECTION 26.

Said title is further amended in said part by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-14-29.2.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'participating agencies' means the Georgia Student Finance Commission, the Technical College System of Georgia, the University System of Georgia, the Department of Education, the Department of Labor, and the State Workforce Development Board.

(b) The office shall develop a state-wide education and workforce plan in collaboration with the participating agencies and any other agencies necessary to support the plan's creation. The plan shall include:

(1) The programs, initiatives, and activities supporting the Governor's education and workforce priorities and those outlined in this article and in the combined Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Plan and Perkins State Plan as provided for in Code Sections 20-2-169 and 20-4-17;

(2) A report on the effectiveness of employment, wage attainment, and retention of students in programs that align with the High-Demand Career List as provided in Code Section 34-14-3 and the return on investment report as provided in Code Section 34-14-4;

(3) A comprehensive, updated collection of information on all educational and occupational credentials that are granted, issued, funded, or governed by the state, including, but not limited to, diplomas, certificates, certifications, microcredentials, digital badges, pre-apprenticeships, apprenticeships, licenses, and degrees of all types and levels. Such collection of information shall also identify those credentials that are aligned to the High-Demand Career List as provided in Code Section 34-14-3; and

(4) The report provided for in Code Section 20-14-91.

(c) The time frame of the state-wide education and workforce plan shall coincide with the time frame required by the combined Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Plan and Perkins State Plan as provided for in Code Sections 20-2-169 and 20-4-17.

(d) The office shall meet at least quarterly with the participating agencies and any other agencies necessary to support the state-wide education and workforce plan's creation.

(e) Upon its completion, the state-wide education and workforce plan shall be presented to the State Workforce Development Board for approval. Included in such presentation shall be a report of progress made toward objectives included in the plan. Upon the plan's

approval by the State Workforce Development Board, the plan shall be submitted to the Governor."

SECTION 27.

Said title is further amended in said part by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-14-29.3.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'navigation tool' means a secure, user-friendly, online platform that connects individuals with personalized academic and training information, guidance, and resources provided by local public school systems, the Technical College System of Georgia, the University System of Georgia, the Department of Labor, the Georgia Student Finance Commission, and any other relevant entity.

(b) The office shall create a navigation tool for the purpose of assisting students, parents, counselors, educators, and job seekers in identifying secondary, postsecondary, and workforce training opportunities in this state.

(c) The navigation tool shall:

(1) Be a comprehensive inventory of all state approved education and training assets in this state;

(2) Provide clear guidance on programs of study, financial aid options, and credentialing opportunities aligned with careers, including, but not limited to, those identified on the High-Demand Career List as provided in Code Section 34-14-3;

(3) Utilize existing agency data and technology systems to the extent permitted by state and federal law for the purpose of improving program coordination and reduce duplication of efforts;

(4) Include annual updates and enhancements to ensure accuracy, accessibility, ease of use, and continued alignment with evolving workforce needs; and

(5) Provide any other relevant guidance as needed.

(d) The Department of Education, the Technical College System of Georgia, the University System of Georgia, the Department of Labor, and the Georgia Student Finance Commission shall provide the office with such data, technical assistance, program information, and promotion of user awareness as are necessary for the operation of the navigation tool and the successful implementation of this Code section. Each agency may designate a liaison to fulfill the requirements of this subsection if necessary.

(e) The agencies listed in subsection (d) of this Code section shall ensure that any relevant technology systems or platforms used by the agency are compatible with, and capable of integrating with, the navigation tool."

SECTION 28.

Said title is further amended in said part by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-14-29.4.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'board' shall mean the Education Data Governance Board.

(b) There is created within the office an Education Data Governance Board for the purpose of coordinating state-wide education data governance.

(c) The board shall be composed of the following agency heads, or their designees:
(1) The Office of Education and Workforce Strategy;
(2) The Department of Education;
(3) The State Charter Schools Commission;
(4) The Technical College System of Georgia;
(5) The University System of Georgia;
(6) The Georgia Student Finance Commission;
(7) The Department of Early Care and Learning;
(8) The Professional Standards Commission;
(9) The Office of Planning and Budget;
(10) The Department of Labor; and
(11) Such other agency or entity that the board deems necessary for data collection.

(d) The board shall serve as the primary interagency forum for the coordination and governance of cross-agency education and workforce data systems, including, but not limited to, the state-wide longitudinal data system, and interagency data sharing agreements and memoranda of understanding that enable the lawful sharing and appropriate use of data among such agencies. In addition, the board shall:
(1) Establish shared standards, roles and responsibilities, and best practices for the collection, use, privacy, security, stewardship, and quality of education and workforce data used across agencies;
(2) Develop and maintain policies and coordinated timelines for data quality standards, validation protocols, and cross-agency data collection, cleaning, sharing, and availability to ensure accurate and timely reporting for accountability, research, and policy analysis;
(3) Promote alignment of data definitions, reporting standards, and interoperability across agency data systems, where appropriate;
(4) Identify opportunities to reduce duplicative data collection and improve state and federal reporting efficiency;
(5) Provide information and analysis to the Governor and the General Assembly on data related issues impacting education and workforce policy;
(6) Provide governance, coordination, and guidance related to comprehensive, system-wide data systems supporting state-wide accountability;
(7) Identify dependencies, sequencing, and agency-specific inputs necessary to support accurate and timely cross-agency data use and reporting;
(8) Support lawful and ethical data sharing in compliance with all applicable state and federal laws, including but not limited to the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; and
(9) Provide a forum for resolving cross-agency data governance issues related to data access, stewardship, and use.

(e) The office shall provide necessary staffing and support for the board, including coordinating meetings and work groups related to cross-agency data systems, facilitating the development of shared data governance frameworks and documents, and supporting

coordination among agencies contributing to or utilizing cross-agency data systems, including the state-wide longitudinal data system.

(f) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to:

(1) Transfer statutory authority from any agency represented on the board to another agency or entity; or

(2) Require the disclosure of personally identifiable information, except as otherwise permitted by law."

SECTION 29.

Said title is further amended in Part 3 of said article, relating to accountability assessment, by revising subsection (d) of Code Section 20-14-35, relating to office powers, on-site audits, reporting findings and recommendations, and authorization of other school audits, as follows:

"(d) The auditors shall report to the local board of education, the local school council, and appropriate school administrators and shall report findings and recommendations concerning any necessary improvements or intervention strategies. School audit reports shall be provided to ~~the alliance and~~ the State Board of Education."

SECTION 30.

Said title is further amended in Part 4 of said article, relating to postsecondary accountability assessment program, by revising subsections (a) and (b) of Code Section 20-14-50, relating to creation, adoption of performance measures, report cards, and audit, as follows:

"(a) The office shall create ~~and the council shall adopt~~ the rules and policies that support a postsecondary accountability assessment program that is primarily performance based.

(b) The office shall develop ~~and the council shall adopt~~ performance measures and indicators that provide the basis for an accountability report card annually on the University System of Georgia and the Technical College System of Georgia."

SECTION 31.

Said title is further amended in Part 5 of said article, relating to the pre-kindergarten accountability assessment program, by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 20-14-60, relating to performance based accountability assessment program, annual accountability report card, and audits, as follows:

"(a) The office~~, with the approval of the council,~~ shall create and the Department of Early Care and Learning shall adopt the rules and policies that support a pre-kindergarten accountability assessment program that is primarily performance based."

SECTION 32.

Said title is further amended in Part 6 of said article, relating to the education work force accountability assessment program, by replacing "work force" with "workforce" each time the term appears in and by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 20-14-70, relating to creation, adoption of performance measures, report cards, and audit, as follows:

"(a) The office~~, with the approval of the council,~~ shall create and the Professional Standards Commission shall adopt the rules and policies that support an education ~~work force~~ workforce accountability assessment program that is primarily performance based."

SECTION 33.

Said title is further amended in Part 9 of said article, relating to the Career and Technical Education Advisory Commission, by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Code Section 20-14-91, relating to creation, membership, requirements, meetings, and reimbursement, as follows:

"(b)(1) The commission shall consist of four members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House, one of whom shall be from the House Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, one of whom shall be from the House Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs, one of whom shall be from the House Committee on Education, and one of whom shall be from the House Committee on Higher Education; four members of the Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate, one of whom shall be from the Senate Economic Development and Tourism Committee, one of whom shall be from the Senate Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee, one of whom shall be from the Senate Education and Youth Committee, and one of whom shall be from the Senate Higher Education Committee; ~~three members who are not members of the General Assembly to be appointed by the Governor; and~~ three members who are not members of the General Assembly to be appointed by the State School Superintendent; the commissioner of the Technical College System of Georgia; the director; the chairperson of the State Workforce Development Board; and the chairperson of the State Board of Education."

SECTION 34.

Said title is further amended by replacing the term "Office of Workforce Development" with "Technical College System of Georgia" wherever the former term appears.

SECTION 35.

Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to labor and industrial relations, is amended Chapter 14, relating to the State Workforce Development Board, by revising Code Section 34-14-1, relating to creation of State Workforce Development Board, federal composition requirements, meetings, promulgation of rules and regulations authorized, and administration of programs, as follows:

"34-14-1.

(a)(1) ~~Pursuant to Public Law 105-220 and any subsequent amendment to such law~~ In accordance with 29 U.S.C. Section 3111, the State Workforce Development Board is ~~hereby created~~ established.

(2) The State Workforce Development Board shall meet federal composition requirements. The Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each have the authority to appoint members as federal law allows. The Governor shall be responsible for selecting the remainder of the members, who

shall include the following representatives of the Technical College System of Georgia and the Department of Education: the commissioner of the Technical College System of Georgia, the State School Superintendent, one member of the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia, and one member of the State Board of Education.

(3) The State Workforce Development Board's members' terms of service shall be established by the Governor and shall be at the discretion of the appointing authority.

(4) The State Workforce Development Board shall have powers and duties as specified by the Governor and as provided for in federal law.

(5) The State Workforce Development Board shall be authorized to establish, alter, or amend local workforce development areas in this state and shall be authorized to promulgate rules implementing and governing such local workforce development areas that are compliant with federal law.

(6) The State Workforce Development Board shall meet quarterly or when otherwise requested by the chairperson and shall be governed by a set of bylaws which shall be voted on and approved by the State Workforce Development Board.

(7) The State Workforce Development Board shall be funded by federal law.

(8) The State Workforce Development Board shall be authorized to promulgate rules and regulations for purposes of implementing:

(A) The ~~the~~ state's workforce policy that are compliant with federal law; and

(B) The federal Workforce Pell Grant program, as defined by Section 83002 of P.L. 119-21, to determine whether a Pell Grant-eligible postsecondary institution that offers short-term programs in the state or enrolls students living in the state in a short-term program meets the requirements under applicable law. Any such determination is subject to withdrawal based on criteria established by the State Workforce Development Board.

(9) The State Workforce Development Board shall periodically review the conditions, needs, issues, and problems related to the career and technical education program in order to collaborate with the Office of Education and Workforce Strategy to create the state-wide education and workforce plan provided for in Code Section 20-14-29.2.

(10) The State Workforce Development Board shall approve the combined Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Plan and Perkins State Plan and any amendments thereto as provided for in Code Sections 20-2-169 and 20-4-17.

(b)(1) The Technical College System of Georgia is designated as the administrator of all programs for which the state is responsible pursuant to ~~Public Law 105-220 and any subsequent amendment to such law~~ 29 U.S.C. Section 3111.

(2) The Technical College System of Georgia shall administer such programs and their associated funds pursuant to the policies and methods of implementation which are promulgated by the State Workforce Development Board and the Governor.

(3) In collaboration with the Technical College System of Georgia, the Office of Education and Workforce Strategy is designated as the agency to support the State Workforce Development Board in carrying out its responsibilities related to the High-Demand Career List as provided in Code Section 34-14-3 and the return on investment report as provided in Code Section 34-14-4.

(4) The Technical College System of Georgia shall be the authorized state entity to administer the federal Workforce Pell Grant program, as defined by Section 83002 of P.L. 119-21.

(c) The State Workforce Development Board shall be assigned to the Office of Education and Workforce Strategy for board operational purposes, including but not limited to staff support for fulfilling its duties. To ensure program alignment, the Technical College System of Georgia and the Department of Education shall also provide the State Workforce Development Board with the necessary resources and staff support to fulfill its duties."

SECTION 36.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising the introductory language of subsection (a) of Code Section 34-14-3, relating to the High-demand Career List, as follows:

"34-14-3.

(a) The ~~State Workforce Development Board~~ Office of Education and Workforce Strategy shall develop and approve a ~~High-demand~~ High-Demand Career List that shall identify those careers most critical to the state's current and future workforce needs. As directed by the Governor, the ~~State Workforce Development Board~~ Office of Education and Workforce Strategy shall coordinate and collaborate with the ~~Office of Student Achievement~~ State Workforce Development Board, the Department of Education, the Department of Labor, the Technical College System of Georgia, the University System of Georgia, and the Georgia Student Finance Commission to develop and implement a data-driven methodology to determine which careers merit inclusion on ~~High-demand~~ High-Demand Career List, regionally or state wide. The ~~High-demand~~ High-Demand Career List shall:"

SECTION 37.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising Code Section 34-14-4, relating to return of investment analysis of secondary and postsecondary programs, evaluation and reporting requirements, and cooperation, as follows:

"34-14-4.

(a) The ~~State Workforce Development Board~~ Office of Education and Workforce Strategy shall be responsible for oversight of a return on investment analysis to evaluate and report on the effectiveness of secondary and postsecondary programs aligned with the priority areas identified by the State Workforce Development Board and included on the ~~High-demand~~ High-Demand Career List ~~published by the State Workforce Development Board~~ as provided in Code Section 34-14-3.

(b) As directed by the Governor, the ~~State Workforce Development Board~~ Office of Education and Workforce Strategy shall coordinate and collaborate with the ~~Office of Student Achievement~~ State Workforce Development Board, the Department of Education, the Department of Labor, the University System of Georgia, the Technical College System of Georgia, ~~the University System of Georgia,~~ and the Georgia Student

Finance Commission to develop the return on investment methodology utilizing an analysis of data sources that include, but are not limited to, existing federal and state resources, longitudinal outcome tracking of student information, enrollment and program outcomes, and labor market analysis.

(c) The evaluation and report required by this Code section shall include a comprehensive review of student participation and outcomes, program alignment with labor market needs, and recommendations for programmatic adjustments to better meet the needs of Georgia's businesses, industries, and workforce and shall address, at a minimum, the following:

(1) The percentage of program graduates employed including retention rates and wage growth over time;

(2) Comparison of graduates' average wages to state, national, and industry benchmarks, with wage growth assessed at two-year, five-year, and ten-year intervals ~~post-completion~~ postcompletion;

(3) The extent to which skills, certificates, licenses, diplomas, degrees, or other credentials offered by the State Board of Education, the University System of Georgia, and the Technical College System of Georgia align with the ~~High-demand~~ High-Demand Career List published by the State Workforce Development Board as provided in Code Section 34-14-3;

(4) The percentage of students, at both the secondary and ~~post-secondary~~ postsecondary levels, that are obtaining any credentials identified in paragraph (3) of this subsection; and

(5) Transparent information to stakeholders regarding program availability and outcomes.

(d) The evaluation and report required by this Code section shall be:

(1) Approved by the State Workforce Development Board on or before December 1 of each even-numbered year;

(2) Submitted by the ~~State Workforce Development Board~~ Office of Education and Workforce Strategy to the Governor; the President of the Senate; the Speaker of the House of Representatives; the respective chairs of the House Committee on Education, the Senate Education and Youth Committee, the House Committee on Higher Education, and the Senate Higher Education Committee; and the Office of Planning and Budget; and

(3) Published on the public websites of the State Workforce Development Board, the ~~Office of Student Achievement~~ Office of Education and Workforce Strategy, the Department of Education, the University System of Georgia, the Technical College System of Georgia, and the Georgia Student Finance Commission on or before December 31 of each even-numbered year.

(e) All state agencies and political subdivisions of the state, including postsecondary ~~education~~ educational institutions and local school systems, shall cooperate in collecting and sharing all data and other pertinent information necessary for the implementation of the evaluation and preparation of the report required by this Code section, subject to applicable privacy protections, within a predetermined time frame as set by the ~~State~~

~~Workforce Development Board~~ Office of Education and Workforce Strategy. Such agencies and political subdivisions shall use the findings of the report to recommend continuation, modification, or discontinuation of programs to better align with workforce needs.

(f) The purpose of this Code section is to ensure the effective use of state resources, prepare Georgians for high-demand career pathways, and support the state's economic development by fostering a workforce aligned with employer needs."

SECTION 38.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by repealing Code Section 34-14-5, relating to reporting on the alignment of policies, programs, and practices of the State Board of Education, the Department of Education, the University System of Georgia, the Technical College System of Georgia, and the Georgia Student Finance Commission, requirements, and cooperation.

SECTION 39.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026.

(b) Section 19 of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2027.

SECTION 40.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	N Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D

Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	E Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 172, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 1275. By Representatives Newton of the 127th, Hawkins of the 27th, Cooper of the 45th, Au of the 50th and Taylor of the 173rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical practice, so as to ensure that stem cell therapies are used to advance medical treatments and improve patient outcomes in an ethical manner that does not involve stem cells derived from aborted fetuses; to provide for definitions; to provide for the designation of a physician assistant or nurse practitioner; to provide for certain requirements and patient protections; to provide for notice; to provide for consent; to provide for certain exceptions; to provide for the use of Georgia facilities; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative findings; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical practice, so as to ensure that human stem cell therapies are used to advance medical treatments and improve patient outcomes in an ethical manner that does not involve human stem cells derived from aborted fetuses; to provide for definitions; to

provide for the designation of a physician assistant or nurse practitioner; to provide for certain requirements and patient protections; to provide for notice; to provide for consent; to provide for certain exceptions; to provide for the use of Georgia facilities; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative findings; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

The General Assembly finds that:

(1) Significant potential of human stem cell therapies in advancing medical treatments and improving patient outcomes exists;

(2) Protections need to be established to ensure that such therapies are provided using umbilical cord human stem cells obtained in an ethical manner that does not involve human stem cells derived from aborted fetuses;

(3) Medical innovation should be fostered while upholding ethical standards that respect the sanctity of life; and

(4) By encouraging the use of human stem cell sources such as adult human stem cells; umbilical cord Wharton's jelly mesenchymal human stem cells; and other ethically obtained human cells, tissues, or cellular or tissue based products, the state will advance regenerative medicine in a manner consistent with the values of this state.

SECTION 2.

Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical practice, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"43-34-49.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'FDA' means the United States Food and Drug Administration.

(2) 'Human cells, tissues, or cellular or tissue based products' means articles containing or consisting of human cells or tissues that are intended for implantation, transplantation, infusion, or transfer into a human recipient. Such term does not include:

(A) Vascularized human organs for transplantation;

(B) Whole blood or blood components or blood derivative products;

(C) Secreted or extracted human products, such as milk, collagen, and cell factors, other than semen; or

(D) Wharton's jelly extracted from donated umbilical cords.

(3) 'Human stem cell therapy' means a treatment involving the use of afterbirth placental perinatal human stem cells, or human cells, tissues, or cellular or tissue based products, which complies with the regulatory requirements provided in this Code section. Such term shall not include treatment or research using human cells or tissues that were derived from an aborted fetus or embryo.

(4) 'Minimally manipulated' means:

(A) For structural tissue, processing that does not alter the original relevant characteristics of such tissue relating to the tissue's utility for reconstruction, repair, or replacement; and

(B) For cells or nonstructural tissues, processing that does not alter the relevant biological characteristics of such cells or tissues.

(5) 'Nurse practitioner' means a registered professional nurse licensed pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter 26 of this title and authorized by the Georgia Board of Nursing to engage in advanced practice registered nursing as a nurse practitioner.

(6) 'Physician' means a physician licensed under this article acting in the course and scope of his or her employment.

(7) 'Physician assistant' means a person licensed as a physician assistant pursuant to Article 4 of this chapter, the 'Physician Assistant Act.'

(8) 'Umbilical cord Wharton's jelly mesenchymal human stem cells' or 'Wharton's jelly' means highly potent, multipotent human stem cells derived from gelatinous connective tissue surrounding the umbilical cord vessels.

(b) A physician or, following a lawful designation from such physician, a physician assistant or nurse practitioner, may perform human stem cell therapy that is not approved by the FDA if such therapy is used for treatment or procedures that are within the scope of practice of the physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner, so long as the patient is advised and signs a consent form.

(c) To ensure that the retrieval, manufacture, storage, and use of human stem cells used for therapies conducted under this Code section meet the highest standards, any human stem cells used must fall under one of the following categories:

(1) Be retrieved, manufactured, and stored in a facility that is registered with the FDA and located in Georgia, another state in the United States, or another country; or

(2) Be retrieved, manufactured, and stored in a facility located in Georgia, another state in the United States, or another country and that is certified and accredited by one of the following entities:

(A) National Marrow Donor Program;

(B) World Marrow Donor Association;

(C) Association for the Advancement of Blood and Biotherapies;

(D) American Association of Tissue Banks; or

(E) Such other entity as the Department of Public Health may determine appropriate.

(d) A physician or his or her designee performing human stem cell therapy shall not obtain human stem cells for therapies from a facility engaging in the retrieval, manufacture, or storage of human stem cells intended for human use under this Code section unless the facility maintains a valid certification or accreditation as required by subsection (c) of this Code section.

(e) The facility described in this Code section shall notify the physician within 30 days after any change in certification or accreditation status, including renewal, suspension, revocation, or expiration, occurs.

(f) In the performance of any procedure using or purporting to use human stem cells or products containing human stem cells, the physician or his or her designee shall use

human stem cell therapy products obtained from facilities that adhere to the applicable current good manufacturing practices for the collection, removal, processing, implantation, and transfer of human stem cells, or products containing human stem cells, pursuant to the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. Section 301, et seq.; 52 Stat. 1040 et seq.; and 21 C.F.R. Part 1271, Human Cells, Tissues, and Cellular and Tissue-Based Products.

(g) A physician or his or her designee who conducts human stem cell therapy pursuant to this Code section shall include the following in any form of advertisement:

'THIS NOTICE MUST BE PROVIDED TO YOU UNDER GEORGIA LAW. This physician or his or her designee performs one or more human stem cell therapies that have not yet been approved by the FDA. You are encouraged to consult with your primary care provider before undergoing any human stem cell therapy.'

(h) The notice required under subsection (g) of this Code section must be clearly legible and in a type size no smaller than the largest type size used in the advertisement of the human stem cell therapy services being offered.

(i) A physician or his or her designee who conducts human stem cell therapy pursuant to this Code section shall obtain a signed consent form from the patient before performing such human stem cell therapy.

(j) The consent form shall be signed by the patient or if the patient is not legally competent, the patient's representative, and shall state all of the following in a language the patient or his or her representative may reasonably be expected to understand:

(1) The nature and character of the proposed treatment;

(2) The fact that the proposed human stem cell therapy has not yet been approved by the FDA if it has not been approved at such time; and

(3) The anticipated results of the proposed treatment.

(k) This Code section does not apply to the following:

(1) A physician who has obtained approval for an investigational new drug or device from the FDA for the use of human cells, tissues, or cellular or tissue based products and is operating under such approval; or

(2) A physician or his or her designee who performs human stem cell therapy under an employment or other contract on behalf of an institution certified or accredited by any of the following:

(A) The Foundation for the Accreditation of Cellular Therapy;

(B) The Blood and Marrow Transplant Clinical Trials Network;

(C) The Association for the Advancement of Blood and Biotherapies; or

(D) An entity with expertise in human stem cell therapy as determined by the Department of Public Health.

(l) A violation of this Code section may subject the physician or his or her designee to disciplinary action by the licensee's respective professional board."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	E Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	E Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 172, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 990. By Representatives Sainz of the 180th, Hitchens of the 161st, Crowe of the 118th, Hong of the 103rd, Donatucci of the 105th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to the Department of Public Safety, so as to provide for the creation of a program to assist former handlers and adopters of retired law enforcement dogs with veterinary care costs; to provide for the selection of a charitable organization to administer and manage said program; to provide for the disbursement of funds for qualifying veterinary care for retired law enforcement dogs; to provide limitations on the amount of funds disbursed; to provide authorization for the selected charitable organization to use certain funds to pay administrative expenses; to provide for definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 6A of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, so as to provide for the creation of a grant program for charitable organizations that assist former handlers and adopters of retired law enforcement dogs with veterinary care costs; to provide for purposes and authority of the grant program; to provide for sources of funding; to provide for administration of the program by the council; to establish criteria and procedures for such grants; to provide for definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA

SECTION 1.

Chapter 6A of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, is amended by revising Code Section 35-6A-13, which is reserved, as follows:

"35-6A-13.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Charitable organization' means an organization that meets the requirements of paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 14-3-1302, provided that such organization is recognized as tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and has been so qualified for not less than five years.

(2) 'Correctional agency' means a governmental unit of one or more persons employed full time or part time by the state, a state agency or department, or a political subdivision of the state for the primary purpose of providing supervision, protection, care, custody, control, or investigation of persons at a penal institution.

(3) 'Law enforcement agency' means a governmental unit of one or more persons employed full time or part time by the state, a state agency or department, or a political subdivision of the state for the purpose of preventing and detecting crime and enforcing state laws or local ordinances, employees of which unit are authorized to make arrests for crimes while acting within the scope of their authority.

(4) 'Penal institution' means any place of confinement for persons accused of or convicted of violating a law of this state or an ordinance of a municipality or political subdivision of this state.

(5) 'Retired law enforcement dog' means a dog that meets the following criteria:

(A) The dog was previously in the service of or employed by a law enforcement agency or correctional agency in this state for the principal purpose of aiding in the detection of criminal activity, enforcement of laws, apprehension of offenders, or detection of accelerants, explosives, or narcotics, or for assisting with search and rescue operations; and

(B) The dog received certification in obedience, apprehension, accelerant detection, explosive detection, narcotic detection, or search and rescue from a nationally recognized organization that certifies dogs performing that type of work.

(6) 'Veterinary care' means the practice of veterinary medicine by a licensed veterinarian as set forth in Code Section 43-50-3. Such term shall include annual wellness examinations, vaccinations, internal and external parasite prevention treatments, testing and treatment of illnesses and diseases, medications, emergency care and surgeries, veterinary oncology or other specialty care, euthanasia, and cremation.

(b)(1) The council shall annually request funds to provide grants, subject to appropriations by the General Assembly, to charitable organizations that specialize in facilitating veterinary care in this state to retired law enforcement dogs. The purpose of such grants shall be to provide veterinary care in this state to retired law enforcement dogs in an effort to ease the financial expense former handlers and adopters of retired law enforcement dogs incur in caring for such dogs, recognizing the important contributions that such dogs and their former handlers and adopters make to the public safety interests of this state. Law enforcement dogs provide critical support to public safety and are required to undergo training and provide services that present special needs and adoption limitations for such dogs upon their retirement. The grants under this Code section shall serve the public interest by ensuring that law enforcement dogs are properly cared for in retirement and incentivizing and enabling former handlers and potential adopters to provide such care.

(2) At the end of each fiscal year, the amount of appropriations, if any, provided for in this subsection remaining unawarded and not obligated in writing shall lapse and cease to be available; provided, however, that this paragraph shall not apply to funds obtained by gift, grant, donation, devise, or other contribution of money or property from private individuals, corporations, nonprofit organizations, or foundations.

(c) The grants provided for under subsection (b) of this Code section shall be subject to available funding, including appropriations by the General Assembly, and gifts, grants, donations, devises, or other contributions of money or property from private individuals,

corporations, nonprofit organizations, or foundations, provided that such contributions are voluntary and no contributor to the grant program receives any special privilege, consideration, or benefit; provided, however, that gifts, grants, donations, devises, or other contributions of money or property from private individuals, corporations, nonprofit organizations, and foundations shall be used to exhaustion in the council's funding of grants before any appropriated funds are used in the council's funding of grants.

(d) The council shall establish and administer:

(1) Eligibility and selection criteria for grant applicants, which shall include, but shall not be limited to, that the charitable organization is dedicated to the protection and care of retired law enforcement dogs and assisting the former handlers and adopters of retired law enforcement dogs in such dogs' veterinary care in this state;

(2) Grant application procedures;

(3) Guidelines relating to grant amounts, including a mandatory requirement that all awarded grant funds be expended in this state;

(4) Procedures for evaluating grant applications; and

(5) Procedures for monitoring and reporting on the use of any grant awarded under the grant program and ensuring compliance with any conditions of any such grant.

(e) The council is authorized to promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Code section. ~~Reserved.~~"

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	E Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M

Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	E Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
E Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	E Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 171, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 961. By Representatives Powell of the 33rd, Au of the 50th, Jasperse of the 11th, Oliver of the 84th, Cooper of the 45th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 20E of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Surprise Billing Consumer Protection Act," so as to provide for insurance coverage for certain out-of-network ambulance transportation service; to provide for the minimum allowable reimbursement rate for such service; to provide for maximum amounts on copayments, coinsurance, or deductibles for such service; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 20E of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Surprise Billing Consumer Protection Act," so as to provide for insurance coverage for certain out-

of-network ambulance transportation service; to provide for the minimum allowable reimbursement rate for such service; to provide for maximum amounts on copayments, coinsurance, or deductibles for such service; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 20E of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Surprise Billing Consumer Protection Act," is amended by revising Code Section 33-20E-23, relating to financial responsibilities for ground ambulance transportation, as follows:

"33-20E-23.

~~Nothing in this chapter shall reduce a covered person's financial responsibilities with regard to ground ambulance transportation.~~

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Ambulance provider' means an agency, including an agency of any political subdivision of this state, or a company which is operating under a valid license from the Emergency Health Section of the Department of Public Health and which provides emergency transport service; provided, however, that such term shall not include an air ambulance service as such term is defined in Code Section 31-11-2.

(2) 'Clean claim' means a claim for reimbursement of service rendered by an ambulance provider that has no defect or impropriety, including any lack of required substantiating documentation, which would reasonably prevent timely payment for a claim.

(3) 'Covered service' means emergency transport service which a covered person is entitled to receive under the terms of a healthcare plan.

(4) 'Emergency transport service' means the provision of emergency transportation on the public streets and highways of this state by an ambulance provider for a wounded, injured, sick, invalid, or incapacitated human being to or from a place where medical or hospital care is furnished.

(5) 'First responder' means any firefighter of a municipal, county, or volunteer fire department; paramedic as defined in Code Section 31-11-2; emergency medical technician as defined in Code Section 31-11-2; peace officer as defined in Code Section 35-8-2; or communications officer as defined in Code Section 37-12-1.

(6) 'Medical necessity' means the need to use emergency ambulance transport when a wounded, injured, sick, invalid, or incapacitated human being's condition would appear to a ordinarily prudent person to make other forms of transport dangerous to the health or condition of such human being to or from a place where medical or hospital care is furnished.

(b) A healthcare plan shall consider emergency transport service as a covered service when:

(1) Such emergency transport service is requested by a first responder or healthcare practitioner responsible for the care of the individual receiving the emergency transport service; or

(2) Such emergency transport service is requested by an individual not included in paragraph (1) of this subsection but the use of such service was a medical necessity.

(c)(1) The minimum allowable reimbursement rate under any healthcare plan other than a state healthcare plan for covered service to an out-of-network ambulance provider shall be the rate agreed to by contract with or through passage of an ordinance, resolution, rule, or regulation by a county, municipality, special district, or authority for such service within the respective jurisdiction.

(2) When no agreement on a minimum reimbursement rate exists as set forth in paragraph (1) of this subsection, the minimum allowable reimbursement amount shall be 300 percent of the reimbursement rate under the Medicare program, Part A or B of Title XVIII of the federal Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 1395, et seq., as amended, for ambulance services.

(d) Any payment made to an ambulance provider pursuant to this Code section shall release a covered person from any further payment responsibility other than any copayment, coinsurance, or deductible owed by the covered person.

(e) Any copayment, coinsurance, or deductible paid for covered service provided by an out-of-network ambulance provider shall not exceed the amount of a copayment, coinsurance, or deductible amount owed for similar service provided by an ambulance provider that belongs to the provider network in a healthcare plan.

(f) No later than 30 days after the receipt of a clean claim for covered service, an insurer shall remit payment for such service directly to the ambulance provider and shall not remit any payment to a covered person. When an insurer receives a claim that is not a clean claim, such insurer shall, within 30 days after receipt of such claim, send written notice to the ambulance provider making such claim that acknowledges the receipt of such claim and informs the ambulance provider that:

(1) The insurer has declined to pay all or part of the claim, including the reasons for such denial; or

(2) Additional information is necessary to make a determination regarding payment of all or part of the claim submitted, including the specific information required."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield

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Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
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Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
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Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 174, nays 1.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The Speaker announced the House in recess until 2:00 o'clock, this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Speaker called the House to order.

Representative Camp of the 135th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, Juvenile, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary, Juvenile has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 1445 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Camp of the 135th
Chairman

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1587. By Representatives Powell of the 33rd, Gaines of the 120th, Persinger of the 119th, Cox of the 28th, New of the 40th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 5, 2026, as Licensed Professional Counselors Appreciation Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1588. By Representatives Flournoy of the 74th, Au of the 50th, Roberts of the 52nd, Campbell of the 35th and Santos of the 117th:

A RESOLUTION commending Halo Sky McGuffie, Drew McGuffie, Shannon McGuffie, and Melody Reign McGuffie for their life, courage, and advocacy; and for other purposes.

HR 1589. By Representative Martinez of the 111th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Cheyenne "Alyssa" Speegle; and for other purposes.

HR 1590. By Representative Mitchell of the 88th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the establishment of Ms. UNGLOBAL Peace Ambassador; and for other purposes.

HR 1591. By Representatives Werkheiser of the 157th, DeLoach of the 167th, Hitchens of the 161st and Burns of the 159th:

A RESOLUTION commending The Claxton Enterprise; and for other purposes.

HR 1592. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Taylor of the 92nd, Alexander of the 66th, Adesanya of the 43rd, Hugley of the 141st and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Deborah VanTrece; and for other purposes.

HR 1593. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Taylor of the 92nd, Alexander of the 66th, Tran of the 80th and Willis of the 55th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Our Kind of Women; and for other purposes.

HR 1594. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Berry of the 56th, McClain of the 109th and Holly of the 116th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Daniel Black; and for other purposes.

HR 1595. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Taylor of the 92nd, Scott of the 76th, Schofield of the 63rd, Baker of the 64th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 14, 2026, as Black Midwives Day in Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 1596. By Representatives Bazemore of the 69th, Kendrick of the 95th, Roberts of the 52nd and Cannon of the 58th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Phyllis A. Minter for receiving the 2026 Yellow Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leadership Award; and for other purposes.

HR 1597. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Efstration of the 104th, Hong of the 103rd, Beckles of the 96th, Martinez of the 111th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring Brad Carr for his exemplary leadership as Chair of the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce; and for other purposes.

HR 1598. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Gambill of the 15th, Rhodes of the 124th, Crowe of the 118th and Ridley of the 6th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Logan Crosby for his professional achievements and contributions to Georgia and the arts; and for other purposes.

HR 1599. By Representatives Campbell of the 35th, Cummings of the 39th, Jones of the 60th, Parsons of the 44th, Seabaugh of the 34th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Georgia Symphony Orchestra for 75 years of exceptional artistry, 20 years of dedication to youth education through the Georgia Youth Symphony Orchestras, and its ongoing commitment to innovation; and for other purposes.

HR 1600. By Representatives Buckner of the 137th, Hugley of the 141st, Oliver of the 84th and Smith of the 138th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Sheri Cody for receiving the 2026 Yellow Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leadership Award; and for other purposes.

HR 1601. By Representatives Sharper of the 177th, Herring of the 145th, Bell of the 75th, Bazemore of the 69th, Kendrick of the 95th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Jackie Walters; and for other purposes.

HR 1602. By Representative Jackson of the 128th:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Ivey Joe Poole; and for other purposes.

HR 1603. By Representatives McClain of the 109th, Okoye of the 102nd, Mitchell of the 88th, Adeyina of the 110th and Beckles of the 96th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing September 21, 2026, as the International Day of Peace and Ms. Global Peace Ambassador Day; and for other purposes.

HR 1604. By Representatives Herring of the 145th, Jones of the 143rd and Paris of the 142nd:

A RESOLUTION commending Mrs. Sylvia Williams McGee for her lifelong dedication to education, community development, leadership cultivation, and civic engagement in Macon-Bibb County; and for other purposes.

HR 1605. By Representatives Herring of the 145th, Willis of the 55th, Dawson of the 65th and Flournoy of the 74th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Najah Aziz; and for other purposes.

HR 1606. By Representatives Huddleston of the 72nd, Smith of the 18th and Howard of the 71st:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Carroll Electric Membership Cooperative upon its 90th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 1607. By Representatives Tran of the 80th, Carpenter of the 4th, Roberts of the 52nd, Frye of the 122nd and Stephens of the 164th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Craig Miller's life, legacy, and lasting impact on the State of Georgia's film industry; and for other purposes.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 295. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Leverett of the 123rd, Crowe of the 118th, Jones of the 47th, Anderson of the 10th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, so as to provide procedures for real property owners to make claims for compensation from local governments for loss of property value or expenses incurred due to the local government's failure to comply with or nonenforcement of certain laws, ordinances, and resolutions or due to the local government maintaining a public nuisance; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, so as to provide procedures for real property owners to make claims for compensation from local governments for loss of property value or expenses incurred due to the local government's failure to comply with or nonenforcement of certain laws, ordinances, and resolutions or due to the local government maintaining a public nuisance; to provide for definitions; to provide judicial remedies if such claims are rejected or not acted upon by local governments; to suspend applicable statutes of limitations while such claims are being considered by local governments; to provide for exceptions and limitations; to waive sovereign immunity; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"36-60-34.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Fair market value' means the probable sales price that would be agreed upon for a parcel of real property by a buyer and seller on the open market with a reasonable amount of time for the parcel to be listed for sale or otherwise offered for sale on the open market, with the buyer having knowledge of all the uses and purposes to which the parcel is adapted and for which it is capable.

(2) 'Local government' means the governing authority of a county, municipality, or consolidated government.

(3) 'Owner' means the holder of either fee simple title or a leasehold to a parcel of real property; provided, however, that, in the event that a leaseholder to a particular parcel of property filed a claim pursuant to this Code section, the holder of the underlying fee title in the same parcel shall not also be qualified as an owner of such parcel under this Code section.

(4) 'Policy, pattern, or practice' means a pervasive, systemic, or organized standard operating procedure of a generalized nature, but shall not include accidental, isolated, or sporadic acts.

(b) In addition to any other remedial procedures provided by law, and notwithstanding any provisions of Chapters 11, 33, and 92 of this title or Chapter 21 of Title 50 to the contrary, the owner of a parcel of real property may submit a written claim for compensation to the local government in which such real property is located if:

(1) The local government adopts and enforces a policy, pattern, or practice of:

(A) Failing to comply with Code Section 36-80-23, relating to prohibitions on immigration sanctuary policies, or Chapter 36 of Title 50, relating to verification of lawful presence within the Unites States; or

(B) Declining to enforce existing laws, ordinances, or other legislation prohibiting:

(i) Illegal public camping;

(ii) Loitering;

(iii) Obstructing public thoroughfares;

(iv) Panhandling;

(v) Possession or use of controlled substances in violation of Chapter 13 of Title 16;

(vi) Shoplifting; or

(vii) Public intoxication or public urination while trespassing on private property; or

(2) The local government maintains a public nuisance and:

(A) The owner incurs documented expenses to mitigate the effects of such policy, pattern, practice, or public nuisance on the owner's real property; or

(B) The fair market value of the owner's real property is reduced by such policy, pattern, practice, or public nuisance.

(c) The amount of compensation to which the owner is entitled pursuant to this Code section shall be, at the owner's election, equal to:

(1) The documented expenses incurred by the owner that were reasonably necessary, at the discretion of the owner, to mitigate the effects of the policy, pattern, practice, or maintenance of a public nuisance to the owner's real property; or

(2) The reduction in fair market value of the property resulting from the local government's policy, pattern, practice, or maintenance of a public nuisance.

(d)(1) Except as otherwise provided in this Code section, claims for compensation pursuant to this Code section shall be administered in accordance with Code Section 48-5-380. A claim made pursuant to this Code section shall be in writing, shall state the measure of compensation being elected by the owner, and shall state the policy, pattern, practice, or public nuisance which caused:

(A) The owner to incur expenses reasonably necessary to mitigate the effects of such policy, pattern, practice, or public nuisance; or

(B) The reduction in fair market value of the property.

A claim shall also state and itemize the monetary value of such incurred expenses or reduction in fair market value and describe the specific consequences of the local government's policy, pattern, practice, or public nuisance that form the factual basis of the owner's claim.

(2) A claim shall be presented to a local government within the tax year in which the events occurred upon which the claim is predicated.

(3) Upon the presentation of a claim pursuant to this Code section, the governing authority of the local government shall consider and act upon the claim within 30 days from the presentation.

(4) If the local government accepts the claim, it shall pay the compensation established pursuant to this Code section to the owner within 30 days of accepting the claim and the claim shall be satisfied.

(5)(A) If the local government rejects or does not respond to the claim within 30 days of its presentation, the owner may bring an action against the local government in the superior court having jurisdiction over such local government.

(B) A claim filed pursuant to this Code section that is rejected or not responded to by a local government shall act as a notice of claim or ante litem notice otherwise required by law, and no additional notices provided for by Chapters 11, 33, and 92 of this title or Chapter 21 of Title 50 shall be required, regardless of whether or not the owner pursues remedies pursuant to this Code section or as otherwise authorized by law.

(C) If an action is brought against a local government pursuant to this paragraph, the local government shall bear the burden of proof in demonstrating that its actions are lawful, that the amount of the claim is unreasonable, or that the local government took reasonable steps to mitigate the alleged public nuisance.

(D) In an action brought pursuant to this paragraph:

(i) The owner shall not be liable to the local government for attorney fees or costs; and

(ii) A prevailing owner shall be awarded reasonable attorney fees and costs.

(e) The compensation paid by a local government pursuant to this Code section shall:

(1) Be in lieu of any other claims or causes of action the owner may have for monetary damages from the local government arising from the policy, pattern, practice, or maintenance of a public nuisance giving rise to the claim made pursuant to this Code section that occur prior to the date such compensation is paid; and

(2) Not exceed the amount of ad valorem property taxes paid on such owner's parcel and levied by such local government in the prior tax year.

(f) The running of any applicable statute of limitations shall be suspended during the time that a claim presented pursuant to this Code section is pending before such local government without action on their part.

(g) An owner may submit a claim pursuant this Code section relating to a particular parcel of real property once per tax year. If a local government denies a claim for being administratively incomplete, the owner shall be permitted to revise and resubmit the claim to ensure the claim is administratively complete.

(h) If the policy, pattern, practice, or public nuisance remains in place after an owner submits a claim pursuant to this Code section, and the owner continues to suffer monetary damages as a result of such continuance, the owner may file subsequent claims pursuant to this Code section in subsequent tax years.

(i) Nothing in this Code section shall prohibit a local government and an owner from entering into a settlement agreement for an amount less than the compensation otherwise requested by a claim filed pursuant to this Code section.

(j) In the event that an owner has filed an unsuccessful claim pursuant to this Code section for the same parcel of property that did not result in the awarding of any compensation, and such owner files subsequent claims for the same parcel of property, the local government shall recover from such owner the costs of litigation and reasonable attorney's fees incurred in defending any unsuccessful claim filed by such owner.

(k) This Code section shall not apply to:

(1) Decisions by local government officials exercising prosecutorial discretion to not prosecute alleged offenders if such discretion is exercised on a case-by-case basis and the justification for each such decision is published on a monthly basis by the local government;

(2) Acts of executive clemency;

(3) Acts or omission mandated by federal or state law; and

(4) Actions taken by district attorneys, solicitors-general, or other elected county officers not subject to the control of the governing authority of a local government or the employees of such officers.

(l) The General Assembly hereby waives the sovereign immunity of local governments to the extent necessary to effectuate this Code section."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	N Sampson
N Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Alexander	N Crawford	N Herring	Y McDonald	N Santos
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Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Momtahan	N Sharper
N Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	N Moore	Y Silcox
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N Bell	N Drenner	N Hugley	N Okoye	Y Stephens
N Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	N Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	N Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas
N Burnough	N Evans	N Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	N Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
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Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
N Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	N Frye	N Kendrick	N Prince	Y Werkheiser

N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	N Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	Gilliard	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, A
N Carter	N Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	N Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 98, nays 75.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 1138. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Jones of the 47th, Ballard of the 147th, Rice of the 139th, Reeves of the 99th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the O.C.G.A., relating to practice of pharmacy, so as to authorize pharmacists in certain circumstances to dispense self-administered hormonal contraceptives or administer injectable hormonal contraceptives; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions regarding insurance generally, so as to provide minimum amounts of certain contraceptives that shall be provided by insurers; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the Georgia Composite Medical Board, so as to waive civil liability, criminal culpability, and professional discipline under certain circumstances; to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the O.C.G.A., relating to medical assistance generally; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and withdrawn:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 3 of Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to practice of pharmacy, so as to authorize pharmacists in certain circumstances to dispense self-administered hormonal contraceptives or administer injectable hormonal contraceptives; to provide for a definition; to provide for a joint protocol agreement; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding insurance generally, so as to provide minimum amounts of certain contraceptives that shall be provided by insurers; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia

Composite Medical Board, so as to waive criminal culpability and professional discipline under certain circumstances; to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to provide for certain minimums regarding Medicaid contraception coverage; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Increasing Access to Contraceptives Act."

SECTION 2.

Article 3 of Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the practice of pharmacy, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"26-4-53.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'prescribing practitioner' means a physician duly licensed under Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 who issues a standing order for self-administered contraceptives or injectable hormonal contraceptives.

(b) A person licensed under Chapter 4 of this title, the 'Georgia Pharmacy Practice Act,' who is acting in good faith and exercising reasonable care as a pharmacist and who is employed by a hospital or a pharmacy that is licensed by this state may dispense a self-administered hormonal contraceptive or administer an injectable hormonal contraceptive pursuant to a standing order by a lawfully authorized prescribing practitioner issued in accordance with subsection (d) of this Code section to a patient who is:

(1) Eighteen years of age or older; or

(2) Under eighteen years of age if the person has evidence of a previous prescription from a prescribing practitioner for a self-administered hormonal contraceptive or an injectable hormonal contraceptive.

(c) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to require a pharmacist to dispense a self-administered hormonal contraceptive or administer an injectable hormonal contraceptive. Nothing in this article shall be construed to amend a pharmacist's duties to dispense or otherwise provide contraception prescribed by a prescribing practitioner.

(d) The Georgia Composite Medical Board and the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy shall issue a written joint protocol agreement to take effect on January 1, 2027, which shall authorize pharmacists to dispense self-administered hormonal contraceptives and administer injectable hormonal contraceptives without a patient-specific written order, and such agreement shall include the following:

(1) Education or training that the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy shall determine to be necessary for a pharmacist to dispense a self-administered hormonal contraceptive or administer an injectable hormonal contraceptive;

(2) Information that a pharmacist shall provide to a patient prior to dispensing a self-administered hormonal contraceptive or administering an injectable hormonal contraceptive and confirmation that the required information was provided to the patient;

(3) Documentation regarding the dispensing of a self-administered hormonal contraceptive or the administering of an injectable hormonal contraceptive;

(4) Notification to a patient's designated prescribing practitioner that a self-administered hormonal contraceptive was dispensed to the patient or that an injectable hormonal contraceptive was administered to the patient;

(5) Evaluation and review of the dispensing and administration practices used by pharmacists authorized to dispense a self-administered hormonal contraceptive or administer an injectable hormonal contraceptive; and

(6) Any additional provisions that the Georgia Composite Medical Board and the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy determine to be necessary or appropriate for inclusion in the protocol, including any reporting requirements.

(e) For each new patient requesting contraception and at least every twelve months for each returning patient, the written joint protocol agreement provided in subsection (d) of this Code section shall require a pharmacist dispensing or administering contraceptives pursuant to this Code section to:

(1) Obtain a completed self-screening risk assessment;

(2) Utilize a standardized procedure as established by the Georgia Composite Medical Board and the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy to perform a patient assessment;

(3) Dispense, if clinically appropriate, a self-administered hormonal contraceptive or administer an injectable hormonal contraceptive, or refer the patient to a practitioner;

(4) Provide the patient with a visit summary;

(5) Advise the patient to consult with a practitioner;

(6) Refer any patient who may be subject to abuse to the appropriate social services agency; and

(7) Ensure that the pharmacy provides appropriate space to prevent the spread of infection and ensure confidentiality.

(f) The Georgia Composite Medical Board and the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy may appoint an advisory committee of healthcare professionals licensed in this state to advise and assist in the development of the written joint protocol agreement provided in subsection (d) of this Code section for their consideration.

(g) Prior to dispensing self-administered hormonal contraceptives or administering injectable hormonal contraceptives, a pharmacist shall have completed a certificate program that has been accredited by the American Council for Pharmacy Education or a similar health authority or professional body approved by the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy and the Georgia Composite Medical Board, as specified in the written joint protocol agreement provided in subsection (d) of this Code section, that is program-specific to self-administered hormonal contraceptives or injectable hormonal contraceptives, that includes the application of the United States Medical Eligibility Criteria for Contraceptive Use, and that includes federal Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention guidance on contraception. To maintain eligibility, a pharmacist shall complete at least one hour of continuing education per year that is offered by an entity approved by the Georgia Composite Medical Board and the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy. An equivalent, curriculum based training program completed on or after January 1, 2026, in an accredited Georgia pharmacy school satisfies the initial education requirement.

(h) A pharmacist who dispenses a self-administered hormonal contraceptive or administers an injectable hormonal contraceptive pursuant to this chapter shall:

(1) Obtain a completed self-screening risk assessment questionnaire that has been approved by the department, in collaboration with the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy and the Georgia Composite Medical Board, from the patient before dispensing the self-administered hormonal contraceptive or administering the injectable hormonal contraceptive. If the results of the assessment indicate that it is unsafe to dispense a self-administered hormonal contraceptive or administer an injectable hormonal contraceptive to a patient, then the pharmacist may not dispense a self-administered hormonal contraceptive or administer an injectable hormonal contraceptive to the patient, shall refer the patient to a practitioner, and shall not continue to dispense a self-administered hormonal contraceptive or administer an injectable hormonal contraceptive to the patient until 24 months after the date of the initial prescription without evidence that the patient has consulted with a practitioner during the preceding 24 months; and

(2) Provide the patient with written materials regarding:

(A) The importance of seeing the patient's practitioner annually to obtain recommended tests and screening;

(B) The effectiveness and availability of long-acting reversible contraceptives as an alternative to self-administered hormonal contraceptives or injectable hormonal contraceptives;

(C) A copy of the record of the encounter with the patient that includes the patient's completed assessment questionnaire;

(D) A description of the contraceptive dispensed or administered, or the basis for not dispensing or administering a contraceptive;

(E) The Medicaid program in this state and how to apply for Medicaid benefits; and

(F) The effectiveness of abstinence in preventing pregnancy and contracting a sexually transmitted disease. The written materials shall include the following: 'Abstinence is the choice not to have sex. This method is 100 percent effective in preventing pregnancy and infection as long as all sexual contact is avoided, including vaginal, oral, and anal sex.'

(j) If a pharmacist dispenses a self-administered hormonal contraceptive or administers an injectable hormonal contraceptive to a patient, then the pharmacist shall, at a minimum, provide counseling to the patient regarding:

(1) The appropriate administration and storage of a self-administered hormonal contraceptive, if appropriate;

(2) Any potential side effects and risks of a self-administered hormonal contraceptive or injectable hormonal contraceptive;
(3) The need for backup contraception;
(4) When to seek emergency medical attention; and
(5) The risk of contracting a sexually transmitted disease, along with ways to reduce the risk of contraction.

(k) A pharmacist who dispenses a self-administered hormonal contraceptive or administers an injectable hormonal contraceptive in accordance with the provisions of this Code section is not as a result of an act or omission subject to criminal culpability or professional disciplinary action by the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy."

SECTION 3.

Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding insurance generally, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"33-24-59.37.

(a) Every health benefit policy that is delivered, issued, executed, or renewed in this state or approved for issuance or renewal in this state by the Commissioner which provides coverage for prescription drugs on an outpatient basis shall provide coverage for any prescribed drug or device approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for use as a contraceptive to the extent required in subsection (b) of this Code section.

(b) Every health benefit policy that provides benefits for a prescriptive contraceptive drug shall provide an insured or enrollee with coverage for no less than a three-month supply of the covered prescription at one time the first time that the insured or enrollee obtains the drug and a 12 month supply of the covered prescription at one time each subsequent time the insured or enrollee obtains the drug.

(c) An insured or enrollee may obtain no more than a 12 month supply of a covered prescription contraceptive drug during each 12 month period."

SECTION 4.

Article 1 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Composite Medical Board, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"43-34-16.

A practitioner who issues a standing prescription drug order in accordance with Code Section 26-4-53 is not subject to criminal culpability or professional discipline by the Georgia Medical Composite Board for acts or omissions resulting from the dispensing of a self-administered hormonal contraceptive or the administering of an injectable hormonal contraceptive."

SECTION 5.

Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"49-4-159.5.
(a) The department shall provide Medicaid recipients who are women with no less than a three-month supply of covered contraceptive drugs at one time the first time that the recipient obtains the drug and a 12 month supply of the covered prescription at one time each subsequent time such recipient obtains the drug.
(b) The department shall provide Medicaid recipients who are women with no more than a 12 month supply of covered contraceptive drugs during each 12 month period.
(c) To implement the provisions of this Code section, the department shall, when necessary, submit a Medicaid state plan amendment or waiver request to the United States Department of Health and Human Services."

SECTION 6.
This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2027, and shall apply to all applicable insurance policies issued, delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed on or after that date.

SECTION 7.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

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(c) To implement the provisions of this Code section, the department shall, when necessary, submit a Medicaid state plan amendment or waiver request to the United States Department of Health and Human Services."

SECTION 6.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2027, and shall apply to all applicable insurance policies issued, delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed on or after that date.

SECTION 7.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to, by substitute.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	E Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	E Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	E Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	E Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	N Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	N Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	E Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	E Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 162, nays 4.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 1000. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Wade of the 9th, Seabaugh of the 34th, Hong of the 103rd, Blackmon of the 146th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to provide for a one-time tax credit for individual taxpayers who filed income tax returns for the 2024 and 2025 taxable years; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N

E Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 172, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 1159. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Seabaugh of the 34th, Wade of the 9th, Blackmon of the 146th, Williamson of the 112th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to income taxes, so as to exempt from taxation all income received by individuals, corporations, and partnerships under the Farmer Bridge Assistance Program of the United States Department of Agriculture; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to income taxes, so as to exempt from taxation all income received by individuals, corporations, and partnerships under the Farmer Bridge Assistance and Specialty Crop Farmers programs of the United States Department of Agriculture; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to income taxes, is amended in subsection (b) of Code Section 48-7-21, relating to taxation of corporations, by adding new divisions to subparagraph (C) of paragraph (7) and by adding new paragraphs to read as follows:

"(viii) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, there shall be subtracted from the taxable income of an electing Subchapter 'S' corporation any income received as payments under the Farmer Bridge Assistance Program of the United States Department of Agriculture for which payments 2025 acres were

reported to the United States Department of Agriculture on or before December 19, 2025, to the extent that such income is included in federal adjusted gross income or federal taxable income.

(ix) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, there shall be subtracted from the taxable income of an electing Subchapter 'S' corporation any income received as payments under the Assistance for Specialty Crop Farmers Program of the United States Department of Agriculture for which payments 2025 acres were reported to the United States Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency on or before March 13, 2026, to the extent that such income is included in federal adjusted gross income or federal taxable income."

"(19) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, there shall be subtracted from taxable income any income received as payments under the Farmer Bridge Assistance Program of the United States Department of Agriculture for which payments 2025 acres were reported to the United States Department of Agriculture on or before December 19, 2025, to the extent that such income is included in federal adjusted gross income or federal taxable income.

(20) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, there shall be subtracted from taxable income any income received as payments under the Assistance for Specialty Crop Farmers Program of the United States Department of Agriculture for which payments 2025 acres were reported to the United States Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency on or before March 13, 2026, to the extent that such income is included in federal adjusted gross income or federal taxable income."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 48-7-23, relating to taxation of partnerships, by adding new paragraphs to subsection (b) and by adding new subsections to read as follows:

"(7) Notwithstanding paragraph (6) of this subsection, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, there shall be subtracted from the taxable income of an electing partnership any income received as payments under the Farmer Bridge Assistance Program of the United States Department of Agriculture for which payments 2025 acres were reported to the United States Department of Agriculture on or before December 19, 2025, to the extent that such income is included in federal adjusted gross income or federal taxable income.

(8) Notwithstanding paragraph (6) of this subsection, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, there shall be subtracted from the taxable income of an electing partnership any income received as payments under the Assistance for Specialty Crop Farmers Program of the United States Department of Agriculture for which payments 2025 acres were reported to the United States Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency on or before March 13, 2026, to the extent that such income is included in federal adjusted gross income or federal taxable income.

(c) Notwithstanding paragraph (6) of subsection (b) of this Code section, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, there shall be subtracted from taxable income

any income received as payments under the Farmer Bridge Assistance Program of the United States Department of Agriculture for which payments 2025 acres were reported to the United States Department of Agriculture on or before December 19, 2025, to the extent that such income is included in federal adjusted gross income or federal taxable income.

(d) Notwithstanding paragraph (6) of subsection (b) of this Code section, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, there shall be subtracted from taxable income any income received as payments under the Assistance for Specialty Crop Farmers Program of the United States Department of Agriculture for which payments 2025 acres were reported to the United States Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency on or before March 13, 2026, to the extent that such income is included in federal adjusted gross income or federal taxable income."

SECTION 3.

Said article is further amended in subsection (a) of Code Section 48-7-27, relating to computation of taxable net income, by adding new paragraphs to read as follows:

"(11.5) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, any income received as payments under the Farmer Bridge Assistance Program of the United States Department of Agriculture for which payments 2025 acres were reported to the United States Department of Agriculture on or before December 19, 2025, to the extent that such income is included in federal adjusted gross income or federal taxable income;

(11.6) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, any income received as payments under the Assistance for Specialty Crop Farmers Program of the United States Department of Agriculture for which payments 2025 acres were reported to the United States Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency on or before March 13, 2026, to the extent that such income is included in federal adjusted gross income or federal taxable income."

SECTION 4.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Pursuant to Rule 133, Representative Meeks of the 178th was excused from voting on HB 1159.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

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Y Berry
Y Blackmon
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Y Burnough
N Byrd
Y Cameron
Y Camp
Y Campbell, J
Y Campbell, L
Y Cannon, C
Y Cannon, P
Y Carpenter
Y Carson
Y Carter
Y Chastain
Y Cheokas
Y Clark, D
Y Clark, J
Y Clifton
Y Cooper
Y Corbett
Y Cox
Y Crawford
Y Crowe
Y Cummings
Y Davis
Y Dawson
Y DeLoach
Y Dempsey
Y Dickey
Y Donatucci
Y Douglas
Y Draper
Y Drenner
Y Dubnik
Y Dunahoo
Y Efstration
Y Ehrhart
Y Erwin
Y Evans
Y Fincher
Y Fleming
Y Flournoy
Y Ford
Y Franklin
Y Frye
Y Gaines
Y Gambill
Y Gilliard
Y Gisler
Y Glaize
Y Greene
Y Griffin
Y Gullett
Y Gunter
Y Hagan
Y Hatchett
Y Hawkins
Y Herring
Y Hilton
Y Hitchens
Y Holcomb
Y Holland
E Holly
Y Hong
Y Horner
Y Howard, J
Y Howard, K
Y Huddleston
Y Hugley
Y Jackson, D
Y Jackson, E
Y Jackson, M
Y Jasperse
Y Jenkins
Y Jones, A
Y Jones, J
Y Jones, S
Y Jones, T
N Kahaian
Y Kelley
Y Kendrick
Y LaHood
Y Leverett
Y Lewis-Ward
Y Lim
Y Lumsden
Y Lupton
Y Martin
Y Martinez
Y Mathiak
Y Mathis
Y McClain
Y McCollum
Y McDonald
Y McQueen
Meeks
Y Miller
Y Mitchell
Y Momtahan
Y Moore
Y Myles
Y Neal
Y New
Y Newton
Y Okoye
Y Olaleye
E Oliver
Y O'Steen
Y Panitch
Y Paris
Y Park
Y Parrish
Y Parsons
Y Persinger
Y Petrea
Y Powell
Y Prince
E Reese
Y Reeves
Y Rhodes
Y Rice
Y Richardson
Y Ridley, Jas
Y Ridley, Jor
Y Roberts
Y Romman
Y Sainz
Y Sampson
Y Sanchez
Y Santos
Y Schofield
Y Scoggins
Y Scott
Y Seabaugh
Y Sharper
Y Silcox
Y Smith, L
Y Smith, M
Y Smith, TP
Y Smith, V
Y Stephens
Y Stinson
Y Tarvin
Y Taylor, D
Y Taylor, R
Y Thomas
Y Townsend
Y Tran
VACANT 94
VACANT 130
Y Wade
Y Washburn
Y Werkheiser
Y Westbrook
Y Wilkerson
Y Williams, A
Y Williams, MF
Y Williams, N
Y Williamson
Y Willis
Y Yearta
Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 170, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 1220. By Representatives Ballard of the 147th, Efstration of the 104th, Hilton of the 48th, Jones of the 47th and Donatucci of the 105th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2A of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student scholarship organizations, so as to revise provisions for student eligibility and maximum scholarship amounts; to provide for military students and students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), Section 504 Plans, or other designated disabilities; to provide for such designation; to provide for related matters; to provide for

an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2A of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student scholarship organizations, so as to revise provisions for student eligibility and maximum scholarship amounts; to provide for military students and students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), Section 504 Plans, or other designated disabilities; to provide for such designation; to require the Department of Education to publish a current list of participating schools and the medical or behavioral conditions that each school is either currently accommodating or is able to accommodate; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 2A of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student scholarship organizations, is amended by revising paragraph (1) of Code Section 20-2A-1, relating to definitions, as follows:

"(1) 'Eligible student' means a student who is a Georgia resident who, immediately prior to receiving a scholarship or tuition grant under Code Section 20-2A-2 and enrolling in a qualified school or program, was enrolled in and attended for at least six weeks a Georgia secondary or primary public school or who is eligible to enroll in a qualified first grade, kindergarten program, or pre-kindergarten program; provided, however, that, if a student is deemed an eligible student pursuant to this paragraph, he or she shall continue to qualify as such until he or she graduates, reaches the age of 20, or returns to a public school, whichever occurs first; and provided, further, that the enrollment and six-week public school attendance requirements shall be waived in the case of a student whose parent is an active duty military service member stationed in Georgia during the previous year; a student with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or a Section 504 Plan or who has been diagnosed with dyslexia, autism spectrum disorder, speech-language delay and disorder, hearing loss, or another intellectual and developmental disability designated by the Department of Education pursuant to Code Section 20-2A-2; or a student who, based on the school attendance zone of his or her primary residence, is or would be assigned to a public school that the Office of Student Achievement determines to be a low-performing school, who is the subject of officially documented cases of school based physical violence or student related verbal abuse threatening physical harm, or who was enrolled in a home study program meeting the

requirements of subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-690 for at least one year immediately prior to receiving a scholarship or tuition grant under Code Section 20-2A-2."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising paragraph (1) of Code Section 20-2A-2, relating to requirements for student scholarship organizations, as follows:

"(1) With respect to the first $1.5 million of its annual revenue received from donations for scholarships or tuition grants, including interest earned on deposits and investments of scholarship funds or tuition grants, shall obligate at least 92 percent of such revenue for scholarships or tuition grants; with respect to its annual revenue received from donations for scholarships or tuition grants in excess of $1.5 million and up to and including $10 million, including interest earned on deposits and investments of scholarship funds or tuition grants, shall obligate at least 94 percent of such revenue for scholarships or tuition grants; with respect to its annual revenue received from donations for scholarships or tuition grants in excess of $10 million and up to and including $20 million, including interest earned on deposits and investments of scholarship funds or tuition grants, shall obligate at least 95 percent of such revenue for scholarships or tuition grants; and, with respect to its annual revenue received from donations for scholarships or tuition grants in excess of $20 million, including interest earned on deposits and investments of scholarship funds or tuition grants, shall obligate at least 96 percent of such revenue for scholarships or tuition grants. On or before the end of the calendar year following the calendar year in which a student scholarship organization receives revenues from donations and obligates them for the awarding of scholarships or tuition grants, the student scholarship organization shall designate the obligated revenues for specific student recipients. Once the student scholarship organization designates obligated revenues for specific student recipients, in the case of multiyear scholarships or tuition grants, the student scholarship organization may distribute the entire obligated and designated revenues to a qualified school or program to be held in accordance with Department of Revenue rules for distribution to the specified recipients during the years in which the recipients are projected in writing by the private school to be enrolled at the qualified school or program. In making a multiyear distribution to a qualified school or program, the student scholarship organization shall require that if the designated student becomes ineligible or for any other reason the qualified school or program elects not to continue disbursement of the multiyear scholarship or tuition grant to the designated student for all the projected years, then the qualified school or program shall immediately return the remaining funds to the student scholarship organization. Once the student scholarship organization designates obligated revenues for specific student recipients, in the case of multiyear scholarships or tuition grants for which the student scholarship organization distributes the obligated and designated revenues to a qualified school or program annually rather than the entire amount, if the designated student becomes ineligible or for any other reason the student scholarship organization elects not to

continue disbursement for all years, then the student scholarship organization shall designate any remaining previously obligated revenues for a new specific student recipient on or before the end of the following calendar year. Unless the student has an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or a Section 504 Plan or has been diagnosed with dyslexia, autism spectrum disorder, speech-language delay and disorder, hearing loss, or another intellectual and developmental disability (IDD) designated by the Department of Education pursuant to this paragraph, the ~~The~~ maximum scholarship amount given by the student scholarship organization in any given year shall not exceed the average state and local expenditures per student in fall enrollment in public elementary and secondary education for this state. The Department of Education shall determine and publish such amount and such designated IDDs annually, no later than January 1;"

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2A-6, relating to maintenance of list on website, as follows:

"20-2A-6.

The Department of Education shall maintain on its website:

(1) A ~~a~~ current list of all student scholarship organizations which have provided notice pursuant to paragraph (6) of Code Section 20-2A-2; and

(2) A current list of participating schools and the medical or behavioral conditions each such participating school is either currently accommodating or is able to accommodate."

SECTION 4.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval and shall apply to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	N Sampson
N Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Alexander	N Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	E Santos
N Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins

N Au	N Davis	N Holcomb	Y Miller	N Scott
N Baker	N Dawson	N Holland	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
N Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Neal	N Smith, M
N Bazemore	N Douglas	N Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
N Beckles	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Bell	N Drenner	N Hugley	N Okoye	Y Stephens
N Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	N Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas
N Burnough	N Evans	N Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	N Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
N Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	N Frye	N Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	E Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	N Gilliard	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, A
Y Carter	N Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	N Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 106, nays 63.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

By order of the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the House was withdrawn from the General Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs:

HB 1224. By Representatives Barrett of the 24th, Efstration of the 104th, Gaines of the 120th, Holcomb of the 101st, Camp of the 135th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 12 of Title 13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to automatic renewal provisions, so as to reduce the applicable period for termination of certain automatic renewal provisions; to provide to consumers an option of having the service contract terminate after its specified period; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By order of the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the House was withdrawn from the General Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Education:

HB 1232. By Representatives Cheokas of the 151st, Erwin of the 32nd, Dubnik of the 29th, Ballard of the 147th, Hilton of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 2 of Part 1 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to compulsory attendance, so as to provide that certain students be excused from school for participating in certain officially sanctioned visits to the state capitol; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By order of the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the House was withdrawn from the General Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Regulated Industries:

HB 1254. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Hatchett of the 155th, Wade of the 9th, Prince of the 132nd, Seabaugh of the 34th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend various titles of the O.C.G.A., so as to move the regulation of various professions from individual boards to the Secretary of State; to amend Chapter 14 of Title 10 of the O.C.G.A., relating to cemetery and funeral services; to amend Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to professions and businesses; to amend Code Section 53-2-27 of the O.C.G.A., relating to DNA testing; to amend Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to professions and businesses; to amend Title 43 and Code Section 12-8-107 of the O.C.G.A., relating to professions and businesses; to amend Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to professions and businesses; to amend Code Section 43-10A-5 of the O.C.G.A., relating to powers and duties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE SUPPLEMENTAL RULES CALENDAR
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 04, 2026

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 27th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

HB 963 Elections; prohibit foreign nationals from contributing to or participating in any campaign (GAff-Martin-49th)

HB 967 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council; provide financial assistance to law enforcement agencies to equip certain motor vehicles with bullet-resistant features; establish grant program (PS&HS-Ridley-22nd)

HB 979 State government; procedures for retrocession of jurisdiction in certain circumstances; provide (Judy-Bonner-73rd)

HB 1087 Disabled Veteran Home Modification Act; enact (D&VA-Bonner-73rd)

HB 1134 Property; repossessors of motor vehicles; revise notice requirements (RegI-New-40th)

HB 1234 State Employees' Assurance Department; assignment of certain group term life insurance benefits to pay for funeral services of a deceased individual who was a member of certain retirement systems; provisions (Ret-Taylor-173rd)

HB 1238 Community Health, Department of; submit a waiver request to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to authorize the qualification of certain caregivers for Medicaid reimbursement (HumR-Dempsey-13th)

HB 1266 Watercraft; use of certain motors on vessels being operated on the Ogeechee River; repeal a provision (Substitute)(GF&P-Ridley-6th)

HB 1272 Banking and finance; licensing of payment stablecoin issuers; provisions (B&B-Jones-25th)

HB 1296 Mental health; pilot program to support clinical research of certain veterans and first responders suffering from certain conditions; provide (Substitute)(D&VA-Momtahan-17th)

HB 1391 Specialty license plates; honor public safety officers; establish (MotV-Fleming-114th)

HB 1393 Hospitals; allow rural hospitals to join together to allow further purchasing power with third-party payors but retain their independence (Substitute)(Hth-Werkheiser-157th)

HB 1432 Georgia Public Defender Council; provide for vacancies on the legislative oversight committee (Substitute)(JudyNC-Gullett-19th)

Structured Rule

HB 376 Income tax; rehabilitation of certified structures; increase amount of tax credits (Substitute)(W&M-Hilton-48th)

HB 962 Georgia Higher Education Savings Plan; Board of Directors shall determine maximum contribution limit for savings trust accounts; provide (W&M-Martin-49th)

HB 1077 Sales and use tax; exemption for sales of tickets, fees, and charges of admission to certain museums and fine arts performances or exhibitions at nonprofit facilities; extend sunset date (W&M-Williams-148th)

HB 1148 Income tax; donation of real property for conservation purposes; revise tax credits (Substitute)(W&M-Cannon-172nd)

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 1266. By Representatives Ridley of the 6th, Rhodes of the 124th and Meeks of the 178th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 52 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding registration, operation, and sale of watercraft, so as to repeal a provision relative to the use of certain motors on vessels being operated on the Ogeechee River; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 52 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding registration, operation, and sale of watercraft, so as to revise a provision relative to the use of certain watercrafts being operated on the Ogeechee River; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 52 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding registration, operation, and sale of watercraft, is amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 52-7-13, relating to boating safety zones,

restrictions on use of motors and operation of houseboats on certain lakes, and exceptions, as follows:

"(c) With the exception of law enforcement crafts, no ~~motor in excess of 9.9 horsepower~~ personal watercraft as defined in paragraph (2) of Code Section 52-7-8.2 shall be ~~used on any vessel being~~ operated on the Ogeechee River from the point where it crosses State Highway No. 119 to its point of origin."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	E Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	E Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Powell	Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	E Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	E Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 164, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

House of Representatives
Beth Camp, District 135

218-D Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

March 4, 2026

Dear Clerk of the House William Reilly;

I write to formally request my vote be registered on the Official Journal as YES for House Bill 1266 voted on today. I pushed the Yea button, but the vote did not register. Many thanks to your staff for addressing the mechanical issue immediately.

Sincerely,

/s/ Beth Camp

Cc:
Speaker Jon Burns

HB 1391. By Representatives Fleming of the 114th, Hitchens of the 161st, Crowe of the 118th, Lumsden of the 12th, Mathiak of the 82nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to license plates promoting or supporting certain agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations with proceeds disbursed to the general fund and the agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation, so as to establish a specialty license plate honoring public safety officers; to provide for related matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
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Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
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Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
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Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
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On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 168, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 1393. By Representatives Werkheiser of the 157th, O'Steen of the 169th, Hagan of the 156th, Burchett of the 176th, Parrish of the 158th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to county and municipal hospital authorities, so as to allow rural hospitals to join together to allow further purchasing power with third-party payors but retain their independence; to provide for legislative findings and intentions; to provide for the application doctrine developed in federal antitrust jurisprudence; to provide for construction; to provide for immunity; to provide for collaboration; to provide

for joint negotiations with third-party payors; to provide for best practices; to provide for shared staffing; to provide for certain immunity; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 4 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to county and municipal hospital authorities, so as to allow rural hospitals to join together to allow further purchasing power with third-party payors but retain their independence; to provide for legislative findings and intentions; to provide for the application doctrine developed in federal antitrust jurisprudence; to provide for construction; to provide for immunity; to provide for collaboration; to provide for joint negotiations with third-party payors; to provide for best practices; to provide for shared staffing; to provide for certain immunity; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 4 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to county and municipal hospital authorities, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"31-7-70.1.

(a) The General Assembly declares that in support of and in furtherance of the powers granted in Code Section 31-7-75, in connection with the merger and coordination provisions of Code Sections 31-7-72 and 31-7-72.1, and in support of and in furtherance of the capacity for hospital authorities operating projects in rural counties to collaborate and integrate the delivery of care to best meet the needs of the community, this legislative body finds that:

(1) Hospital authorities organized under this article perform essential public and governmental functions on behalf of the State of Georgia and the counties and municipalities that activate them. The General Assembly finds that the provision of healthcare services through hospital authorities operating in rural counties serves vital public interests, including ensuring access to care, promoting public health, supporting medical education and research, sustaining rural healthcare providers, and maintaining healthcare infrastructure in communities throughout this state;

(2) Healthcare delivery in rural counties in Georgia can be significantly enhanced through coordinated planning, joint operations, and collaborative arrangements among hospital authorities and restructured hospital authorities and between hospital authorities in rural counties, restructured hospital authorities in rural counties, and other

healthcare providers operating projects in rural counties. Such coordination may be necessary to achieve efficiency, reduce costs, improve quality, expand access to services, attract and retain healthcare professionals, maintain financial viability of essential healthcare facilities, and respond effectively to public health emergencies and evolving community health needs; and

(3) The nature and scope of the powers conferred on hospital authorities operating in rural counties by this article are such as may compel each hospital authority operating projects in rural counties, in the course of exercising its powers or by virtue of such exercise of powers, to engage in activities itself or in collaboration with other hospital authorities, public or private healthcare entities, and individuals that may be characterized as anticompetitive or may result in the acquisition or maintenance of market power within the meaning of state and federal antitrust laws, or otherwise may have the effect of displacing competition in the provision of hospital, physician, or other healthcare related services.

(b) It is the express policy of the State of Georgia to permit and encourage hospital authorities or restructured hospital authorities operating in rural counties to engage in coordinated healthcare planning and delivery, including but not limited to:

(1) Mergers, acquisitions, consolidations, and affiliations with other hospital authorities or healthcare providers;

(2) Joint ventures, partnerships, and collaborative arrangements for the provision of healthcare services;

(3) Coordinated or joint negotiations with third-party payors, health insurers, and managed care organizations, whether such negotiations result in separate or combined agreements;

(4) Joint purchasing arrangements and shared services agreements;

(5) Shared staffing to promote flexible staffing among rural providers in light of the workforce shortages for trained staff;

(6) Coordinated decisions regarding the allocation, expansion, reduction, or discontinuation of healthcare services and service lines;

(7) Agreements regarding pricing, reimbursement rates, or the terms of contracts with third-party payors and other third parties;

(8) Information sharing and other collaborative activities with public or private entities and individuals;

(9) Creation, operation, and participation in delivery system networks, clinically integrated networks, and accountable care organizations; and

(10) Any other coordinated activities that the hospital authority determines will promote the public health needs of the communities it serves.

(c) The General Assembly hereby declares that in carrying out the public health mission of this state through the exercise of the powers granted by this article, including without limitation the collaborative activities expressly authorized by this article, hospital authorities and restructured hospital authorities operating in rural counties, as well as any collaborating entities, to the extent of their activities in connection with projects in rural counties undertaken with or on behalf of such hospital authorities or restructured hospital

authorities, shall be immune from liability under all federal and state antitrust laws to the fullest extent permitted by law.

(d) As an expression of the public policy of this state with respect to the displacement of competition in the field of healthcare in rural counties, the General Assembly hereby declares that:

(1) Each hospital authority operating in a rural county, when exercising its powers under this article, acts as an agency or instrumentality of the county or municipality that activated it and as a public body corporate and politic. For purposes of federal and state antitrust law, including the application of the state action doctrine as developed in federal antitrust jurisprudence, each such hospital authority shall be deemed a political subdivision of the State of Georgia;

(2) The powers granted to hospital authorities operating in rural counties under this article constitute a clearly articulated and affirmatively expressed state policy to displace competition with regulation or monopoly public service in the field of healthcare delivery in rural counties;

(3) The General Assembly has determined that the potential anticompetitive effects of hospital authority conduct authorized under this article are a foreseeable result of the powers granted herein, and such potential anticompetitive effects are consistent with the state's policy of promoting coordinated healthcare delivery through hospital authorities in rural counties;

(4) Neither a hospital authority nor any entity with which a hospital authority collaborates with respect to projects in rural counties, in exercising the powers granted under this article, shall be subject to what has come to be known in relevant antitrust jurisprudence as 'active supervision' by the state in order to enjoy immunity from the application of all state and federal antitrust laws; and

(5) The conduct of hospital authorities and their collaborating entities in exercising the powers granted under this article with respect to projects in rural counties, is exempt from all antitrust laws of this state, including but not limited to any state law counterpart to the federal Sherman Act, Clayton Act, or Federal Trade Commission Act.

(e) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to authorize conduct that would violate any other applicable state or federal law, rule, or regulation, other than the antitrust laws addressed herein.

(f) The provisions of this Code section shall be liberally construed to effectuate the purposes and intent of the General Assembly as expressed herein."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 31-7-71, relating to definitions, as follows:

"31-7-71.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Area of operation' means the area within the city or county activating an authority. Such term shall also mean any other city or county in which the authority wishes to

operate, provided the governing authorities and the board of any hospital authorities of such city and county request or approve such operation.

(2) 'Authority' or 'hospital authority' means any public corporation created by this article.

(3) 'Collaborating entity' means any public or not-for-profit hospital authority, or restructured hospital authority, nonprofit licensed healthcare entity operating in a rural county that enters into any agreement, contract, merger, acquisition, joint venture, affiliation, partnership, network arrangement, or other collaborative relationship with a hospital authority for the purpose of exercising or furthering any power granted to hospital authorities under this article to operate in a rural county.

~~(3)~~(4) 'Governing body' means the elected or duly appointed officials constituting the governing body of a city or county.

~~(4)~~(5) 'Participating units' or 'participating subdivisions' means any two or more counties, or any two or more municipalities, or a combination of any county and any municipality acting together for the creation of an authority.

~~(5)~~(6) 'Project' includes the acquisition, construction, and equipping of hospitals, health care facilities, dormitories, office buildings, clinics, housing accommodations, nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, extended care facilities, and other public health facilities for the use of patients and officers and employees of any institution under the supervision and control of any hospital authority or leased by the hospital authority for operation by others to promote the public health needs of the community and all utilities and facilities deemed by the authority necessary or convenient for the efficient operation thereof. Such term may also include any such institutions, utilities, and facilities located outside the city or county in which the authority is located, provided that the acquisition, construction, equipping, and operation thereof is requested or approved by the governing bodies of such city and county in which the project is located and by the board of any hospital authorities located within such city and county or provided that the acquisition, construction, equipping, and operation is to be located in the area of operation of the authority.

~~(6)~~(7) 'Resolution' means the resolution or ordinance to be adopted by governing bodies pursuant to which authorities are established.

(8) 'Restructured hospital authority' means a nonprofit tax-exempt entity that leases its operating assets from a hospital authority organized and created by resolution that includes at least one member of such hospital authority on the restructured nonprofit governing board and operates a project in a rural county.

(9) 'Rural county' means any county in this state having a population of less than 50,000 according to the United States decennial census of 2020 or any future such census."

SECTION 3.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 31-7-72.1, relating to merger of hospital authorities, as follows:

"31-7-72.1.

(a) A hospital authority activated for a county pursuant to Code Section 31-7-73 may be merged with a hospital authority activated for that county under Code Section 31-7-72 upon compliance with this Code section and approval by resolution of the governing authority of the county in which the authorities are located. A majority of the board of each such hospital authority must approve such merger by a resolution which is adopted by each such board and is filed with the department. That resolution shall set forth:

(1) The name of each hospital authority planning to merge and the name of the surviving hospital authority into which each plans to merge; and

(2) The terms and conditions of the planned merger.

(b) The merger authorized by subsection (a) of this Code section shall not become effective until the governing authority of the county of operation of the merging hospitals appoints the members of the board of the surviving hospital authority by proper resolution and files copies of such resolution with the department. The governing authority is not required but is authorized to appoint as a member of the surviving hospital authority any member of a hospital authority planning to merge. The board of the surviving hospital shall consist of not more than 15 members with initial appointments for such staggered terms as provided in the resolution of the county governing authority. Appointments to fill vacancies for either an unexpired or full term shall thereafter be filled as authorized for an authority under subsection (c) of Code Section 31-7-72. The surviving hospital authority shall be in all other respects a hospital authority created under Code Section 31-7-72.

(c) A county whose hospital authorities have merged under the authority of this Code section shall not thereafter be prohibited from activating a hospital authority under Code Section 31-7-73.

(d) When a merger under this Code section takes effect:

(1) Each hospital authority party to the merger merges into the surviving hospital authority and the separate existence of each such hospital authority except the surviving hospital authority ceases;

(2) The ownership of and authority to operate the hospitals owned by each hospital authority and the title to all real estate and other property owned by each hospital authority party to the merger is vested in the surviving hospital authority without reversion or impairment subject to any and all conditions to which the property was subject prior to the merger;

(3) The surviving hospital authority has all liabilities and obligations of each hospital authority party to the merger; and

(4) A proceeding pending against any hospital authority party to the merger may be continued as if the merger did not occur or the surviving hospital authority may be substituted in the proceeding for the hospital authority whose existence ceased.

(e) It is declared by the General Assembly of Georgia that in the exercise of the power specifically granted to them by this Code section, hospital authorities are acting pursuant to state policy and shall be immune from antitrust liability to the same degree and extent as enjoyed by the State of Georgia.

(f)(1) It is declared by the General Assembly of Georgia that hospital authorities, in the exercise of the powers specifically granted to them by this Code section and by Code Sections 31-7-72, 31-7-75, and any other provision of this article, are acting pursuant to a clearly articulated and affirmatively expressed state policy to displace competition in the field of healthcare delivery.

(2) Hospital authorities exercising any power granted under this article in rural counties, including without limitation the power to merge with other hospital authorities, to consolidate operations, to affiliate with other healthcare entities, to coordinate healthcare planning and delivery, and to engage in the collaborative activities described in Code Section 31-7-75, shall be immune from antitrust liability under all federal and state laws to the same degree and extent as enjoyed by the State of Georgia.

(3) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, hospital authorities operating in rural counties shall be immune from liability under all federal antitrust laws, including without limitation the federal Sherman Act 15 U.S.C. Section 1, et seq., the federal Clayton Act 15 U.S.C. Section 12, et seq., and the Federal Trade Commission Act 15 U.S.C. Section 41, et seq., as well as any state law counterpart thereto or any other state or federal law prohibiting or regulating anticompetitive conduct, monopolization, restraints of trade, or unfair methods of competition.

(4) The immunity declared in this subsection extends to:

(A) Any hospital authority operating in rural counties and exercising powers granted under this article;

(B) Any surviving, resulting, or successor hospital authority following a merger, acquisition, consolidation, or other combination authorized under this article;

(C) Any members of the board of a hospital authority, and any officers, employees, or agents of a hospital authority, acting within the scope of their authority;

(D) Any collaborating entity, to the extent of such entity's coordination, collaboration, contract, or concerted action with a hospital authority in connection with the exercise of powers granted under this article with respect to projects in rural counties; and

(E) Any entity controlled by, or under common control with, a hospital authority, including without limitation any nonprofit subsidiary, affiliate, joint venture, or other entity in which a hospital authority has an ownership or membership interest.

(5) Neither a hospital authority nor any person or entity described in paragraph (4) of this subsection shall be required to demonstrate 'active state supervision' of its conduct, as that concept has been developed in federal antitrust jurisprudence, in order to claim the immunity declared in this subsection. The General Assembly hereby finds and declares that:

(A) Hospital authorities are public bodies corporate and politic created pursuant to this article to exercise public and essential governmental functions and are activated by and accountable to the governing bodies of the counties and municipalities that activate them. For purposes of federal and state antitrust law, including the application of the state action doctrine as developed in federal antitrust jurisprudence,

hospital authorities operating in rural counties shall be deemed political subdivisions of this state when exercising their powers under this article;

(B) The powers granted to hospital authorities under this article are conferred for the purpose of carrying out the state's public health mission in rural counties, and the exercise of such powers in accordance with this article constitutes implementation of the express policy of the State of Georgia;

(C) The requirement of active state supervision is inapplicable to the conduct of hospital authorities and collaborating entities pursuant to the powers granted under this article; and

(D) To the extent that any court or regulatory body determines that active state supervision is required for any person or entity to claim immunity under this subsection, the General Assembly hereby designates the governing body of the rural county or municipality that activated the hospital authority or, if activated by multiple governing bodies, the governing bodies acting jointly, as the state actor responsible for supervising the conduct of the hospital authority and any collaborating entities, and such governing body or bodies are hereby authorized and directed to review, approve, and supervise agreements and collaborative arrangements entered into by hospital authorities pursuant to this article.

(6) The immunity declared in this subsection shall apply to:

(A) Any action, suit, or proceeding brought by the Federal Trade Commission, the United States Department of Justice, or any other federal agency or instrumentality;

(B) Any action, suit, or proceeding brought by the State of Georgia, the Attorney General, or any other state agency or instrumentality;

(C) Any action, suit, or proceeding brought by any county, municipality, or other political subdivision of this state;

(D) Any private action, suit, or proceeding, including without limitation any action for damages, injunctive relief, or other remedy under federal or state antitrust laws; and

(E) Any investigation, inquiry, civil investigative demand, subpoena, or other compulsory process issued in connection with any matter described in subparagraphs (A) through (D) of this paragraph.

(7) The provisions of this subsection shall be liberally construed to effectuate the intent of the General Assembly as expressed in Code Section 31-7-70.1 and this Code section. Any ambiguity in the scope or application of this subsection shall be resolved in favor of immunity.

(g) In addition to the merger of hospital authorities operating in rural counties authorized by subsections (a) through (d) of this Code section, hospital authorities or restructured hospital authorities operating in rural counties may enter into affiliations, joint ventures, joint operating agreements, and other collaborative arrangements with other hospital authorities or with other healthcare entities, including without limitation healthcare systems, hospitals, physician groups, and other providers, without effecting a formal merger, for the purpose of operating, supporting, or furthering projects in rural counties. The immunity declared in subsection (e) of this Code section shall extend to any such

affiliation or collaborative arrangement and to each participating entity to the extent of its activities in connection with projects in rural counties, regardless of where such participating entity is located or headquartered. Such affiliations and collaborative arrangements shall be deemed to be an exercise of the powers granted under Code Section 31-7-75.

(h) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to limit, modify, or repeal any power granted to hospital authorities under Code Section 31-7-75 or any other provision of this article, or to limit the immunity declared in subsection (b) of Code Section 31-7-75. The provisions of this Code section and Code Section 31-7-75 shall be construed together and in harmony to provide hospital authorities and restructured hospital authorities operating projects in rural counties with the broadest possible authority to engage in coordinated healthcare planning and delivery, and the fullest possible immunity from antitrust liability for the exercise of such authority to operate projects in rural counties."

SECTION 4.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 31-7-75, relating to functions and powers, as follows:

"31-7-75.

(a) Every hospital authority shall be deemed to exercise public and essential governmental functions and shall have all the powers necessary or convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of this article, including, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following powers:

(1) To sue and be sued;

(2) To have a seal and alter the same;

(3) To make and execute contracts and other instruments necessary to exercise the powers of the authority;

(4) To acquire by purchase, lease, or otherwise and to operate projects;

(5) To construct, reconstruct, improve, alter, and repair projects;

(6) To sell to others, or to lease to others for any number of years up to a maximum of 40 years, any lands, buildings, structures, or facilities constituting all or any part of any existing or hereafter established project. In the event a hospital authority undertakes to sell a hospital facility, such authority shall, prior to the execution of a contract of sale, provide reasonable public notice of such sale and provide for a public hearing to receive comments from the public concerning such sale. This power shall be unaffected by the language set forth in paragraph (13) of this Code section or any implications arising therefrom unless grants of assistance have been received by the authority with respect to such lands, buildings, structures, or facilities, in which case approval in writing as set forth in paragraph (13) of this Code section shall be obtained prior to selling or leasing to others within 20 years after completion of construction;

(7) To lease for any number of years up to a maximum of 40 years for operation by others any project, provided that the authority shall have first determined that such lease will promote the public health needs of the community by making additional facilities available in the community or by lowering the cost of health care in the community and

that the authority shall have retained sufficient control over any project so leased so as to ensure that the lessee will not in any event obtain more than a reasonable rate of return on its investment in the project, which reasonable rate of return, if and when realized by such lessee, shall not contravene in any way the mandate set forth in Code Section 31-7-77 specifying that no authority shall operate or construct any project for profit. Any lessee shall agree in the lease to pay rent sufficient in each year to pay the principal of and the interest on any revenue anticipation certificates proposed to be issued to finance the cost of the construction or acquisition of any such project and to pay off or refinance, in whole or in part, any outstanding debt or obligation of the lessee, (including any redemption or prepayment premium due thereon), which was incurred in connection with the acquisition and construction of facilities of such lessee and the amount necessary in the opinion of the authority to be paid each year into any reserve funds which the authority may deem advisable to be established in connection with the retirement of the proposed revenue anticipation certificates and the maintenance of the project. Any such lease shall further provide that the cost of all insurance with respect to the project and the cost of maintenance and repair thereof shall be borne by the lessee. In carrying out a refinancing plan with regard to any outstanding debt or obligation of the lessee which was incurred in connection with the acquisition and construction of facilities of such lessee, the authority may use proceeds of any revenue anticipation certificates issued for such purpose to acquire such outstanding debt or obligation, in whole or in part, and may itself or through a fiduciary or agent hold and pledge such acquired debt or obligation as security for the payment of such revenue anticipation certificates. The powers granted in this paragraph shall be unaffected by the language set forth in paragraph (13) of this Code section or any implications arising therefrom unless grants of assistance have been received by the authority with respect to such project, in which case approval in writing as set forth in paragraph (13) of this Code section shall be obtained prior to leasing to others within 20 years after completion of construction. Any revenues derived by the authority from any such lease shall be applied by the authority to the payment of any revenue anticipation certificates issued in connection with the acquisition and construction of the project and the payment, in whole or in part, of any outstanding debt or obligation of the lessee which was incurred in connection with the acquisition and construction of facilities of such lessee, (including any redemption or prepayment premium due thereon), or to the payment of any other expenses incurred in connection with acquiring, financing, maintaining, expanding, operating, or equipping the project;

(8) To extend credit or make loans to others for the planning, design, construction, acquisition, or carrying out of any project, which credit or loans may be secured by such loan agreements, mortgages, security agreements, contracts, or other instruments or fees or charges, for a term not to exceed 40 years, and upon such terms and conditions as the authority shall determine reasonable in connection with such loans, including provisions for the establishment and maintenance of reserves and insurance funds, and in the exercise of powers granted by this Code section in connection with a project, to require the inclusion in any contract, loan agreement, security agreement, or other

instrument such provisions for guaranty, insurance, construction, use, operation, maintenance, and financing of a project as the authority may deem necessary or desirable;

(9) To acquire, accept, or retain equitable interests, security interests, or other interests in any property, real or personal, by mortgage, assignment, security agreement, pledge, conveyance, contract, lien, loan agreement, or other consensual transfer in order to secure the repayment of any moneys loaned or credit extended by the authority;

(10) To establish rates and charges for the services and use of the facilities of the authority;

(11) To accept gifts, grants, or devises of any property;

(12) To acquire by the exercise of the right of eminent domain any property essential to the purposes of the authority;

(13) To sell or lease within 20 years after the completion of construction of properties or facilities operated by the hospital authority where grants of financial assistance have been received from federal or state governments, after such action has first been approved by the department in writing;

(14) To exchange, transfer, assign, pledge, mortgage, or dispose of any real or personal property or interest therein;

(15) To mortgage, pledge, or assign any revenue, income, tolls, charges, or fees received by the authority;

(16) To issue revenue anticipation certificates or other evidences of indebtedness for the purpose of providing funds to carry out the duties of the authority; provided, however, that the maturity of any such indebtedness shall not extend for more than 40 years;

(17) To borrow money for any corporate purpose;

(18) To appoint officers, agents, and employees;

(19) To make use of any facilities afforded by the federal government or any agency or instrumentality thereof;

(20) To receive, from the governing body of political subdivisions issuing the same, proceeds from the sale of general obligation bonds or other county obligations issued for hospital authority purposes;

(21) To exercise any or all powers now or hereafter possessed by private corporations performing similar functions;

(22) To make plans for unmet needs of their respective communities;

(23) To contract for the management and operation of the project by a professional hospital or medical facilities consultant or management firm. Each such contract shall require the consultant or firm contracted with to post a suitable and sufficient bond;

(24) To provide management, consulting, and operating services including, but not limited to, administrative, operational, personnel, and maintenance services to another hospital authority, hospital, health care facility, as said term is defined in Chapter 6 of this title, person, firm, corporation, or any other entity or any group or groups of the foregoing; to enter into contracts alone or in conjunction with others to provide such services without regard to the location of the parties to such transactions; to receive

management, consulting, and operating services including, but not limited to, administrative, operational, personnel, and maintenance services from another such hospital authority, hospital, health care facility, person, firm, corporation, or any other entity or any group or groups of the foregoing; and to enter into contracts alone or in conjunction with others to receive such services without regard to the location of the parties to such transactions;

(25) To provide financial assistance to individuals for the purpose of obtaining educational training in nursing or another health care field if such individuals are employed by, or are on an authorized leave of absence from, such authority or have committed to be employed by such authority upon completion of such educational training; to provide grants, scholarships, loans or other assistance to such individuals and to students and parents of students for programs of study in fields in which critical shortages exist in the authority's service area, whether or not they are employees of the authority; to provide for the assumption, purchase, or cancellation of repayment of any loans, together with interest and charges thereon, made for educational purposes to students, postgraduate trainees, or the parents of such students or postgraduate trainees who have completed a program of study in a field in which critical shortages exist in the authority's service area; and to provide services and financial assistance to private not for profit organizations in the form of grants and loans, with or without interest and secured or unsecured at the discretion of such authority, for any purpose related to the provision of health or medical services or related social services to citizens;

(26) To exercise the same powers granted to joint authorities in subsection (f) of Code Section 31-7-72; ~~and~~

(27) To form and operate, either directly or indirectly, one or more networks of hospitals, physicians, and other health care providers and to arrange for the provision of health care services through such networks; to contract, either directly or through such networks, with the Department of Community Health to provide services to Medicaid beneficiaries to provide health care services in an efficient and cost-effective manner on a prepaid, capitation, or other reimbursement basis; and to undertake other managed health care activities; provided, however, that for purposes of this paragraph only and notwithstanding the provisions of Code Section 33-3-3, as now or hereafter amended, a hospital authority shall be permitted to and shall comply with the requirements of Chapter 21 of Title 33 to the extent that such requirements apply to the activities undertaken by the hospital authority pursuant to this paragraph. No hospital authority, whether or not it exercises the powers authorized by this paragraph, shall be relieved of compliance with Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50, relating to inspection of public records unless otherwise authorized by law. Any health care provider licensed under Chapter 30 of Title 43 shall be eligible to apply to become a participating provider under such a hospital plan or network which provides coverage for health care services which are within the lawful scope of his or her practice, provided that nothing contained in this Code section shall be construed to require any such hospital plan or network to provide coverage for any specific health care service~~.~~;

(28) To coordinate, collaborate, or jointly exercise any of the powers granted under this article in rural counties with one or more collaborating entities with respect to projects in rural counties, including without limitation:

(A) Entering into mergers, consolidations, affiliations, joint ventures, partnerships, or other collaborative arrangements with other hospital authorities or healthcare entities;

(B) Engaging in coordinated or joint negotiations with third-party payors, health insurers, health maintenance organizations, preferred provider organizations, and other managed care organizations, whether such negotiations result in separate agreements or combined agreements covering multiple participating entities;

(C) Establishing joint purchasing arrangements, group purchasing organizations, and shared services agreements;

(D) Making coordinated decisions regarding the planning, allocation, expansion, reduction, relocation, or discontinuation of healthcare services, service lines, facilities, or programs;

(E) Shared staff to promote flexible staffing among rural providers in light of the workforce shortages for trained staff;

(F) Entering into agreements regarding pricing, reimbursement rates, fee schedules, or other terms and conditions of contracts with third-party payors, suppliers, vendors, or other third parties;

(G) Sharing information, data, best practices, and other resources with other healthcare entities, provided that such sharing complies with applicable state and federal privacy laws;

(H) Creating, operating, or participating in clinically integrated networks, accountable care organizations, delivery system networks, or other value-based care arrangements;

(I) Jointly recruiting, employing, or contracting with physicians, healthcare professionals, and administrative personnel; and

(J) Engaging in any other coordinated or collaborative activities that the authority determines will promote the public health needs of the communities it serves;

(29) To engage in arrangements, contracts, information sharing, and other collaborative activities with public or private entities and individuals, including without limitation joint ventures, joint purchasing arrangements, joint negotiations with physicians, hospitals, and third-party payors, regardless of whether or not such negotiations result in separate or combined agreements, leases, management agreements, and agreements that involve delivery system network creation or operation; and

(30) To exercise any power granted under this article in such manner in a rural county as the authority may determine to be consistent with the purposes of this article, notwithstanding that, as a consequence of such exercise of powers, activities may be deemed anticompetitive or may result in the acquisition or maintenance of monopoly power or market power in some relevant market within the meaning of all state and federal antitrust laws, and notwithstanding that such activities may have the effect of

displacing competition in the provision of hospital, physician, or other healthcare related services.

The powers granted in paragraphs (28), (29), and (30) of this subsection are enacted in furtherance of the legislative findings and declarations set forth in Code Section 31-7-70.1.

(b) In furtherance of the legislative findings and declarations set forth in Code Section 31-7-70.1, and in addition to the immunity declared in subsection (e) of Code Section 31-7-72.1 with respect to mergers of hospital authorities, it is hereby declared by the General Assembly of Georgia that:

(1) Hospital authorities operating in rural counties exercising any power granted under this article, including without limitation the collaborative powers set forth in paragraphs (27), (28), (29), and (30) of subsection (a) of this Code section, are acting pursuant to a clearly articulated and affirmatively expressed state policy to displace competition in the field of healthcare delivery;

(2) Such hospital authorities operating in rural counties shall be immune from antitrust liability under all federal and state laws to the same degree and extent as enjoyed by the State of Georgia;

(3) Any collaborating entity shall, to the extent of such coordination, collaboration, or agreement with a hospital authority with respect to projects in rural counties, share in the immunity of the hospital authority and shall not be subject to liability under any federal or state antitrust laws for conduct undertaken pursuant to or in furtherance of such coordination, collaboration, or agreement;

(4) Neither a hospital authority nor any entity or individual described in paragraph (3) of this subsection shall be required to satisfy what has come to be known in relevant antitrust jurisprudence as 'active state supervision' in order to claim immunity under this Code section, it being the express determination of the General Assembly that hospital authorities are public bodies corporate and politic that, for purposes of federal and state antitrust law, shall be deemed political subdivisions of this state exercising delegated sovereign authority and that supervision of their conduct by another state agency is neither necessary nor required for such immunity to attach; and

(5) The provisions of this Code section shall be liberally construed to effectuate the intent of the General Assembly to authorize hospital authorities operating in rural counties to engage in coordinated healthcare planning and delivery for the benefit of the citizens of this state, and to protect hospital authorities and their collaborating entities from antitrust liability arising from such conduct."

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	E Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
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Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
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Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	E Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	E Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 170, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 1432. By Representatives Gullett of the 19th, Park of the 107th, Burchett of the 176th, Evans of the 57th and Gunter of the 8th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 12 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Public Defender Council, so as to provide for vacancies on the legislative oversight

committee; to provide for a penalty for failure by the council to cooperate with the committee; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 12 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Public Defender Council, so as to provide for vacancies on the legislative oversight committee; to provide for a penalty for failure by the council to cooperate with the committee; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 12 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Public Defender Council, is amended by revising Code Section 17-12-10.1, relating to legislative oversight committee created, membership, and audits, as follows:

"17-12-10.1.

(a)(1) There is created the Legislative Oversight Committee for the Georgia Public Defender Council which shall be composed of eight persons: three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, three members of the Senate appointed by the Senate Committee on Assignments or such person or entity as established by Senate rule, and one member of the House of Representatives and one member of the Senate appointed by the Governor. The members of such committee shall be selected within ten days after the convening of the General Assembly in each odd-numbered year and shall serve until their successors are appointed.

(2) Any vacancy in such committee due to death, resignation, ineligibility, recall, or other reason shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. A member's termination of the chairmanship of any standing committee or ceasing to qualify for membership on the Legislative Services Committee shall also constitute a vacancy.

(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint a member of such committee to serve as chairperson, and the Senate Committee on Assignments or such person or entity as established by Senate rule shall appoint one member of the committee to serve as vice chairperson during each even-numbered year. The Senate Committee on Assignments or such person or entity as established by Senate rule shall appoint a member of such committee to serve as chairperson, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member to serve as vice chairperson during each odd-

numbered year. Such committee shall meet at least once each year and, upon the call of the chairperson, at such additional times as deemed necessary by the chairperson.

(c) It shall be the duty of such committee to review and evaluate:

(1) Information on new programs submitted by the council;

(2) Information on policies proposed by the council;

(3) The strategic plans for the council;

(4) Program evaluation reports and budget recommendations of the council;

(5) The fiscal impact of fees and fines on counties;

(6) The reports submitted pursuant to Code Section 15-21A-7 in order to identify, among other things, opportunities to reduce or consolidate fees, fines, and surcharges; and

(7) Such other information or reports as deemed necessary by such committee.

(d) It shall be unlawful for the ~~The~~ council ~~and~~ or director ~~shall~~ to fail to cooperate with such committee and provide such information or reports as requested by the committee for the performance of its functions.

(e) The council shall submit its budget estimate to the director of the Office of Planning and Budget in accordance with subsection (a) of Code Section 45-12-78.

(f) The members of such committee shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of legislative committees. The funds necessary to pay such allowances shall come from funds appropriated to the House of Representatives and the Senate.

(g) The legislative oversight committee shall be authorized to request that a performance audit of the council be conducted."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	E Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	E Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh

Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	E Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	E Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	N Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	E Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 168, nays 1.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The Speaker Pro Tem assumed the Chair.

HB 962. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Barrett of the 24th, Jones of the 47th, Williamson of the 112th, Blackmon of the 146th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-3-634 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to savings trust accounts, availability, and terms and provisions relative to the Georgia Higher Education Savings Plan, so as to provide that the Board of Directors of the Georgia Higher Education Savings Plan shall determine the maximum contribution limit for savings trust accounts; to amend Code Section 48-7-27, relating to computation of taxable net income, so as to modify an exemption from taxable net income for contributions to certain education savings plans; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
N Alexander	E Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
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Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
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Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
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Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	E Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 163, nays 5.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 1148. By Representatives Cannon of the 172nd, Dickey of the 134th, Corbett of the 174th, Rhodes of the 124th, Meeks of the 178th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income tax imposition, rate,

computation, exemptions, and credits, so as to revise tax credits for donation of real property for conservation purposes; to revise required filings; to repeal provisions regarding the State Properties Commission; to revise the aggregate amount of tax credits allowed; to extend the date for acceptance of new applications; to repeal penalty provisions; to repeal a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income tax imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits, so as to revise tax credits for donation of real property for conservation purposes; to revise required filings; to repeal provisions regarding the State Properties Commission; to revise the aggregate amount of tax credits allowed; to extend the date for acceptance of new applications; to repeal penalty provisions; to repeal a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income tax imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits, is amended by revising Code Section 48-7-29.12, relating to tax credits for donation of real property for conservation purposes, as follows:

"48-7-29.12.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Conservation easement' means a nonpossessory interest in real property imposing limitations or affirmative obligations, the purposes of which are consistent with at least two conservation purposes.

(2) 'Conservation purpose' means any of the following:

(A) Water quality protection for wetlands, rivers, streams, or lakes;

(B) Protection of wildlife habitat consistent with state wildlife conservation policies;

(C) Protection of outdoor recreation consistent with state outdoor recreation policies;

(D) Protection of prime agricultural or forestry lands; and

(E) Protection of cultural sites, heritage corridors, or archeological and historic resources.

(3) 'Donated property' means the real property of which a qualified donation is made pursuant to this Code section.

(4) 'Eligible donor' means any person who owns an interest in a qualified donation.

(5) 'Fair market value' means the value of the donated property as determined pursuant to subsections ~~(c.1)~~ (d) and ~~(c.2)~~ (e) of this Code section.
(6) 'Qualified donation' means the fee simple conveyance to the state; a county, a municipality, or a consolidated government of this state; the federal government; or a bona fide charitable nonprofit organization qualified under the Internal Revenue Code and, beginning on January 1, 2014, accredited by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission of 100 percent of all right, title, and interest in the entire parcel of donated real property, and the donation is accepted by such state, county, municipality, consolidated government, federal government, or bona fide charitable nonprofit organization for use in a manner consistent with at least two conservation purposes. Such term shall also include the donation to and acceptance by the state; a county, a municipality, or a consolidated government of this state; the federal government; or a bona fide charitable nonprofit organization qualified under the Internal Revenue Code and, beginning on January 1, 2014, accredited by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission of a conservation easement. Any real property which is otherwise required to be dedicated pursuant to local government regulations or ordinances or to increase building density levels shall not be eligible as a qualified donation under this Code section. Any real property which is used for or associated with the playing of golf or is planned to be so used or associated shall not be eligible as a qualified donation under this Code section.
(7) 'Related person' ~~has the meaning provided by~~ shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 48-7-28.3.
(8) 'Substantial valuation misstatement' means a valuation such that the claimed value of any property on the appraisal as submitted to the ~~State Properties Commission~~ Department of Natural Resources is 150 percent or more of the amount determined to be the correct amount of such valuation ~~pursuant to subsections (c.1) and (c.2) of this Code section~~ by the Department of Natural Resources.
(b)(1) A taxpayer shall be allowed a state income tax credit against the tax imposed by Code Section 48-7-20 or 48-7-21 for each qualified donation under this Code section.
(2) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection and in subsection ~~(d)~~ (f) of this Code section, such credit shall be limited to an amount not to exceed the lesser of ~~$500,000.00, 25 percent~~ $1 million, 50 percent of the fair market value of the donated real property as fair market value is established for the year in which the donation occurred, or ~~25~~ 50 percent of the difference between the fair market value and the amount paid to the donor if the donation is effected by a sale of property for less than fair market value as established for the year in which the donation occurred.
(3) Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~(d)~~ (f) of this Code section, in the case of a taxpayer whose net income is determined under Code Section 48-7-23, the aggregate total credit allowed to all partners in a partnership shall be limited to an amount not to exceed the lesser of ~~$500,000.00, 25 percent~~ $1 million, 50 percent of the fair market value of the donated real property as fair market value is established for the year in which the donation occurred, or ~~25~~ 50 percent of the difference between the fair market value and the amount paid to the donor if the donation is effected by a sale

of property for less than fair market value as established for the year in which the donation occurred.

(c) No tax credit shall be allowed under this Code section unless the taxpayer files with the taxpayer's income tax return ~~a copy of the State Property Commission's determination and~~ a copy of a certification issued by the Department of Natural Resources that the donated property is suitable for conservation purposes and meets the following additional requirements, where applicable:

(1) Subdivision is prohibited for a donated property of less than 500 acres and limited to one subdivision for a donated property of 500 acres or more;

(2) New construction on donated property of structures, roads, impoundments, ditches, dumping, or any other activity that would harm the protected conservation values of such donation is prohibited on such property;

(3) New construction on donated property within 150 feet of any perennial or intermittent stream is prohibited;

(4) A buffer of at least 100 feet on each side of any perennial streams on donated property which ensures at least 75 percent tree canopy evenly distributed after harvest is maintained and a buffer of at least 50 feet on each side of any intermittent streams on donated property which ensures at least 75 percent tree canopy evenly distributed after harvest is maintained;

(5) Timber and agricultural activities undertaken on the donated property are prohibited unless in accordance with best management practices published by the State Forestry Commission or the Soil and Water Conservation Commission, as the case may be;

(6) New construction on donated property causing more than 1 percent of such property's total surface area to be covered by impervious surfaces is prohibited;

(7) Mining on the property is prohibited; and

(8) Planting on the donated property of non-native invasive species listed in Category 1, Category 1 Alert, or Category 2 of the 'List of Non-Native Invasive Plants in Georgia' developed by the Georgia Exotic Pest Council is prohibited.

~~(c.1)~~(d) For each application for certification, the Department of Natural Resources shall require submission of an appraisal of the qualified donation by the taxpayer along with a nonrefundable $5,000.00 application fee; provided, however, that the nonrefundable application fee for property donated to the state shall be 1 percent of the total value of the donation, unless such donation is being made to qualify the state for a federal or state grant. The appraisal required by this subsection shall be a full narrative appraisal and include:

(1) A certification page, as established by the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice, signed by the appraiser; and

(2) An affidavit signed by the appraiser which includes a statement specifying:

(A) The value of the unencumbered property, the total value of the qualified donation in gross, and an accompanying statement identifying the methods used to determine such values;

(B) Whether a subdivision analysis was used in the appraisal;

(C) Whether the landowner or related persons own any other property, the value of which is increased as a result of the donation; and

(D) That the appraiser is certified pursuant to Chapter 39A of Title 43.

Appraisals received by the Department of Natural Resources shall be reviewed by the Department of Natural Resources to determine whether the appraisal contains a substantial valuation misstatement. If the Department of Natural Resources determines that an appraisal contains a substantial valuation misstatement, the Department of Natural Resources shall report the appraiser who prepared the appraisal to the Georgia Real Estate Commission for investigation and, if warranted, disciplinary action ~~forwarded to the State Properties Commission for review. The State Properties Commission shall approve the appraisal amount submitted or recommend a lower amount based on its review and inform the Department of Natural Resources of its determination. The State Properties Commission shall be authorized to promulgate any rules and regulations necessary to administer the provisions of this subsection. Any appraisal deemed to contain a substantial valuation misstatement shall be submitted to the Georgia Real Estate Commission for further investigation and disciplinary action. Upon receipt of the State Properties Commission's determination, the Department of Natural Resources may proceed with the certification process~~.

~~(c.2)~~(e) The Board of Natural Resources shall promulgate any rules and regulations necessary to implement and administer subsections (c) and ~~(c.1)~~ (d) of this Code section. A final determination by the Department of Natural Resources ~~or the State Properties Commission~~ shall be subject to review and appeal under Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'

~~(d)~~(f)(1) In no event shall the total amount of any tax credit under this Code section for a taxable year exceed the taxpayer's income tax liability. In no event shall the total amount of the tax credit allowed to a taxpayer under subsection (b) of this Code section exceed ~~$250,000.00~~ $500,000.00 with respect to tax liability determined under Code Section 48-7-20 or ~~$500,000.00~~ $1 million with respect to tax liability determined under Code Section 48-7-21. Any unused tax credit shall be allowed to be carried forward to apply to the taxpayer's succeeding five years' tax liability. However, the amount in excess of such annual dollar limits shall not be eligible for carryover to the taxpayer's succeeding years' tax liability nor shall such excess amount be claimed by or reallocated to any other taxpayer. No such tax credit shall be allowed the taxpayer against prior years' tax liability.

(2) Only one qualified donation may be made with respect to any real property that was, in the five years prior to donation, within the same tax parcel of record, except that a subsequent donation may be made by a person who is not a related person with respect to any prior eligible donors of any portion of such tax parcel.

(3)(A) Beginning on January 1, 2016, and ending on December 31, 2021, the aggregate amount of tax credits allowed under this Code section shall not exceed $30 million per calendar year. For the period beginning on June 1, 2022, and ending on December 31, 2026, the aggregate amount of tax credits allowed under this Code section shall not exceed $4 million per calendar year. For the period beginning on

June 1, 2026, and ending on December 31, 2031, the aggregate amount of tax credits allowed under this Code section shall not exceed $30 million per calendar year. The Department of Natural Resources shall accept no new applications for the tax credits allowed under this Code section after December 31, ~~2026~~ 2031.

(B) Prior to any renewal of the exemption for donations of real property beyond the date authorized by subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the Department of Natural Resources shall provide a report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairpersons of the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Finance Committee on the activity of the program occurring during the preceding years. The report shall include, but not be limited to:

(i) The number of applications and the total number of acres donated;

(ii) The value of the qualified donations accepted into the program and which two of the five conservation purposes contained in paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this Code section were the basis for the qualification of the property;

(iii) The aggregate amount of income tax credits granted pursuant to this Code section; and

(iv) A listing of the direct and indirect benefits to the state due to the donation of land for conservation purposes.

~~(d.1)~~(g) Any tax credits under this Code section earned by a taxpayer in the taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2013, and previously claimed but not used by such taxpayer against such taxpayer's income tax may be transferred or sold in whole or in part by such taxpayer to another Georgia taxpayer, subject to the following conditions:

(1) The transferor may make only a single transfer or sale of tax credits earned in a taxable year; however, the transfer or sale may involve one or more transferees;

(2) The transferor shall submit to the department a written notification of any transfer or sale of tax credits within 30 days after the transfer or sale of such tax credits. The notification shall include such transferor's tax credit balance prior to transfer, the remaining balance after transfer, all tax identification numbers for each transferee, the date of transfer, the amount transferred, and any other information required by the department;

(3) Failure to comply with this subsection shall result in the disallowance of the tax credit until the taxpayer is in full compliance;

(4) Any unused credit may be carried forward to subsequent taxable years provided that the transfer or sale of this tax credit does not extend the time in which such tax credit can be used. The carry-forward period for tax credit that is transferred or sold shall begin on the date on which the tax credit was originally earned; and

(5) A transferee shall have only such rights to claim and use the tax credit that were available to the transferor at the time of the transfer. To the extent that such transferor did not have rights to claim and use the tax credit at the time of the transfer, the department shall either disallow the tax credit claimed by the transferee or recapture the tax credit from the transferee. The transferee's recourse is against the transferor.

~~(e)(1) Whenever:~~

~~(A) Any person prepares an appraisal of the value of property and knows, or reasonably should have known, that the appraisal would be used in connection with a return or a claim for refund claiming a tax credit under this Code section; and~~

~~(B) The claimed value of the property on such appraisal as submitted to the State Properties Commission results in a substantial valuation misstatement with respect to such property for purposes of claiming a tax credit under this Code section,~~

~~then such person shall pay a penalty in the amount determined under paragraph (2) of this subsection.~~

~~(2) The amount of the penalty imposed under paragraph (1) of this subsection on any person with respect to an appraisal shall be equal to the lesser of:~~

~~(A) The greater of:~~

~~(i) Twenty-five percent of the difference between the amount of the tax credit claimed on the taxpayer's return or claim for refund and the amount of the tax credit to which the taxpayer is actually entitled, to the extent the difference is attributable to the misstatement described in paragraph (1) of this subsection; or~~

~~(ii) Ten thousand dollars; or~~

~~(B) One hundred twenty-five percent of the gross income received by the person described in paragraph (1) of this subsection for the preparation of the appraisal.~~

~~(3) No penalty shall be imposed under paragraph (1) of this subsection if the person establishes to the satisfaction of the commissioner that the value established in the appraisal was more likely than not the proper value.~~

~~(4) Except as otherwise provided, the penalty provided by this subsection shall be in addition to any other penalties provided by law. The amount of any penalty under this subsection shall be assessed within three years after the return or claim for refund with respect to which the penalty is assessed was filed, and no proceeding in court without assessment for the collection of such penalty shall be begun after the expiration of such period. Any claim for refund of an overpayment of the penalty assessed under this subsection shall be filed within three years from the time the penalty was paid.~~

~~(f)~~(h) No credit shall be allowed under this Code section with respect to any amount deducted from taxable net income by the taxpayer as a charitable contribution.

~~(g)~~(i) The commissioner shall promulgate any rules and regulations necessary to implement and administer this Code section."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Pursuant to Rule 133, Representative Dempsey of the 13th was excused from voting on HB 1148.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	E Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
N Byrd	Y Fincher	P Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	N Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	E Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 163, nays 3.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 1077. By Representatives Williams of the 148th, Corbett of the 174th, Cannon of the 172nd, Smith of the 18th, Buckner of the 137th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from sales and use taxes, so as to extend the sunset date applicable to the exemption for sales of tickets, fees, and charges of admission to certain museums and fine arts performances or exhibitions at nonprofit facilities; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	N Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	N Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	N Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
N Barrett	Y Dickey	N Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	N Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	N Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
E Byrd	Y Fincher	P Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	N Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	N Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	N Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	N Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
N Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	N Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	E Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 155, nays 15.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 376. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Sainz of the 180th, Hagan of the 156th, Stephens of the 164th, Buckner of the 137th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits for state income tax, so as to increase the amount of tax credits available for the rehabilitation of certified structures; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits for state income tax, so as to revise a tax credit for the rehabilitation of certified structures; to increase the amount of expenditures required for certain certified structures to qualify; to provide for credit amounts and limits; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits for state income tax, is amended in Code Section 48-7-29.8, relating to tax credits for the rehabilitation of historic structures, by revising paragraph (5) of subsection (a) and subsections (b) and (c) as follows:

"(5) 'Substantial rehabilitation' means rehabilitation of a certified structure for which the qualified rehabilitation expenditures, at least 5 percent of which must be allocable to the exterior during the 24 month period selected by the taxpayer ending with or within the taxable year, exceed:

(A) For a historic home, the lesser of $25,000.00 or 50 percent of the adjusted basis of the property as defined in subparagraph (a)(1)(B) of Code Section 48-5-7.2; or, in the case of a historic home located in a target area, $5,000.00; or

(B) For any other certified structure, the greater of ~~$5,000.00~~ $25,000.00 or the adjusted basis of the property."

"(b)(1) A taxpayer shall be allowed a tax credit against the tax imposed by this chapter in the year that the certified rehabilitation is placed in service, which may be up to two years after the end of the taxable year for which the credit was originally reserved:

~~(1)~~(A) In the case of a historic home, equal to 25 percent of qualified rehabilitation expenditures, except that, in the case of a historic home located within a target area, an additional credit equal to 5 percent of qualified rehabilitation expenditures shall be allowed; and

~~(2)~~(B) In the case of any other certified structure, equal to:

(i) Twenty-five ~~25~~ percent of qualified rehabilitation expenditures for credits issued prior to January 1, 2026; or

(ii) Twenty percent of qualified rehabilitation expenditures for credits issued on or after January 1, 2026, except that, in the case of any other certified structure located in a county having a population of less than 50,000 according to the United States decennial census of 2010 or any such future census, an additional credit equal to 10 percent of qualified rehabilitation expenditures shall be allowed.

(2) Qualified rehabilitation expenditures may only be counted once in determining the amount of the tax credit available, and more than one entity ~~may~~ shall not claim a credit for the same qualified rehabilitation expenditures."

"(c)(1) In no event shall credits for a historic home exceed $100,000.00 in any 120 month period.

(2) The maximum credit for any other individual certified structure shall be $5 million for any taxable year, except in the case that the project creates 200 or more full-time, permanent jobs or $5 million in annual payroll within two years of the placed in service date, in which case the project is eligible for credits up to ~~$10~~ $15 million for an individual certified structure. In no event shall more than one application for any individual certified structure under this paragraph be approved in any 120 month period.

(3)(A) In no event shall credits issued under this Code section for historic homes exceed $5 million in aggregate per year.

(B) In no event shall credits issued under this Code section for certified structures other than historic homes exceed ~~$30~~ $60 million in aggregate per year.

(C) On and after January 1, 2030, in no event shall credits be issued under this Code section."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2027.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Pursuant to Rule 133, Representative Carson of the 46th was excused from voting on HB 376.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	N Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	N Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	N Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	N Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
N Byrd	Y Fincher	P Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	N Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	N Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
N Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 161, nays 9.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 1234. By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, McDonald III of the 26th, Mathis of the 133rd, Santos of the 117th and Stinson of the 150th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 19 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the State Employees' Assurance Department, so as to provide for the assignment of certain group term life

insurance benefits to pay for funeral services of a deceased individual who was a member of the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia, Georgia Legislative Retirement System, or Georgia Judicial Retirement System; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
N Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	N Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	P Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 166, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 1238. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Hawkins of the 27th, Cameron of the 1st, Crawford of the 89th and Cooper of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to direct the Department of Community Health to submit a waiver request to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to authorize the qualification of certain caregivers for Medicaid reimbursement for the provision of respite care and related services; to provide for implementation upon approval; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
N Byrd	Y Fincher	P Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	E Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	E Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis

Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 167, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 1272. By Representatives Jones of the 25th, Hilton of the 48th, Douglas of the 78th, Williamson of the 112th, Mitchell of the 88th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to banking and finance, so as to provide for use of certain terms in the advertisement and place of business of licensed payment stablecoin issuers; to provide for licensing of payment stablecoin issuers; to provide for third-party examination or investigation; to provide for payment of certain fees and costs of examination and investigation; to provide for suspension or revocation of a license and procedures therefor; to provide for cease and desist orders; to provide for removal of certain officers and members; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative purpose and intent; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	N Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	E Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	N Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
N Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	N Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas

N Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
N Byrd	Y Fincher	P Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	N Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	N Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	N Rice	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 154, nays 16.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 1087. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Hitchens of the 161st, O'Steen of the 169th, Prince of the 132nd, Donatucci of the 105th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, so as to prohibit counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental entities from charging disabled veterans certain fees related to residential improvements to be made to accommodate such veteran's disability status; to provide a definition; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L

Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	P Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 173, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 1296. By Representatives Momtahan of the 17th, Hitchens of the 161st, Bonner of the 73rd, Cannon of the 172nd, Prince of the 132nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for governing and regulation of mental health, so as to provide for a pilot program to support clinical research of certain eligible breakthrough treatments and provide such treatments to certain veterans and first responders suffering from certain conditions; to provide for definitions; to provide for funding and use of funds; to provide for eligibility; to provide for an annual report; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for termination and automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for contingent effectiveness upon appropriation of funds; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for governing and regulation of mental health, so as to provide for a pilot program to support clinical research of certain eligible breakthrough treatments and provide such treatments to certain veterans and first responders suffering from certain conditions; to provide for definitions; to provide for funding and use of funds; to provide for eligibility; to provide for an annual report; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for termination and automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for contingent effectiveness upon appropriation of funds; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for governing and regulation of mental health, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"37-1-8.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Eligible breakthrough treatment' means:

(A) Any medical device that has been granted breakthrough device designation by the United States Food and Drug Administration in effect on or after January 1, 2026;

(B) Any approved or investigational drug that has been granted breakthrough therapy designation by the United States Food and Drug Administration in effect on or after January 1, 2026;

(C) Ibogaine or an ibogaine based therapeutic, including analogs;

(D) Transcranial magnetic stimulation, including investigational or approved accelerated transcranial magnetic stimulation protocols; or

(E) Any other investigational or approved device or drug as determined by the department; provided, however, that such investigational or approved device or drug is substantially similar to a treatment described in this paragraph.

(2) 'First responder' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 26-4-116.2.

(3) 'Program' means the Breakthrough Treatments for Georgia Heroes Suicide Prevention Pilot Program developed by this Code section.

(4) 'Veteran' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 50-5-131.

(b) Beginning on January 1, 2027, subject to appropriations, the department shall develop, implement, and conduct a three-year pilot program to support clinical research and provide eligible breakthrough treatment to veterans and retired first responders suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, treatment-resistant depression, major depressive disorder, traumatic brain injury, or other related conditions as determined in rules and regulations established by the department. Such program shall be known as the Breakthrough Treatments for Georgia Heroes Suicide Prevention Pilot Program.

(c) Consistent with the program's purpose as described in subsection (b) of this Code section, program funds may, without limitation, be used to:

(1) Establish a network of approved program sites in diverse geographic regions and treatment settings with required standardized data collection, sharing, and analysis across such sites;

(2) Conduct clinical research and implement studies of eligible breakthrough treatments, including, but not limited to:

(A) Clinical trials of any breakthrough treatment for a relevant condition to support the approval of any such treatment by the United States Food and Drug Administration;

(B) Clinical trials or real-world studies to inform optimal treatment delivery methods that improve scalability and cost effectiveness;

(C) Comparative effectiveness trials; and

(D) Cost effectiveness analyses of approved breakthrough treatments and protocols approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration;

(3) Subsidize the cost of eligible breakthrough treatments at approved program sites;

(4) Invest in clinical infrastructure, to include without limitation, facility, equipment, and data collection system costs for approved program sites in underserved areas;

(5) Provide healthcare workforce education and training at approved program sites; and

(6) Establish and disseminate treatment guidelines for eligible breakthrough treatments.

(d) The department is authorized to enter into partnerships, memoranda of understanding, or contracts with public and private postsecondary research institutions accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges in the State of Georgia to facilitate the implementation and operation of the program.

(e) The department may apply for, receive, administer, and use any grant, other financial assistance, or other funds made available to the department from any government or other source for furthering the purposes of the program.

(f) The department shall provide an annual report by December 31 to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the chairpersons of the House Committee on Health and the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, and the chairpersons of the House Committee on Defense and Veterans Affairs and the Senate Veterans, Military, and Homeland Security Committee. Such report shall include, at a minimum, detailed information on the implementation and effectiveness of the program.

(g) The department is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out and implement the provisions of this Code section.

(h) The program developed by this Code section shall terminate on January 1, 2030, and this Code section shall be repealed by operation of law on such date."

SECTION 2.

(a) This Act shall become effective only if funds are specifically appropriated for purposes of this Act in an appropriations Act enacted by the General Assembly.

(b) If funds are so appropriated, then this Act shall become effective on the later of:

(1) The date on which such appropriations becomes effective; or

(2) The beginning date of the fiscal year for which such appropriations are made.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	E Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	P Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 169, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The Speaker Pro Tem announced the House in recess until 7:00 o'clock, this evening.

The Speaker called the House to order.

Representative Carpenter of the 4th District, Chairman of the Committee on Creative Arts and Entertainment, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Creative Arts and Entertainment has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 1476 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Carpenter of the 4th
Chairman

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 1134. By Representatives New of the 40th, Corbett of the 174th, Mathis of the 133rd, Powell of the 33rd and Smith of the 138th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 5 of Article 8 of Chapter 14 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pawnbrokers, factors, bailees, acceptors, and depositories, so as to revise notice requirements for repossessors of motor vehicles; to provide for requirements for determining the completion of a repossession of a motor vehicle; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

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Y Adesanya
Y Adeyina
Y Alexander
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Y Anderson
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Y Baker
Y Ballard
Y Barnes
Y Barrett
Y Barton
Y Bazemore
Y Beckles
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N Berry
Y Blackmon
Y Bonner
Y Buckner
Y Burchett
Y Burnough
Y Byrd
Y Cameron
Y Camp
Y Campbell, J
N Campbell, L
Y Cannon, C
N Cannon, P
Y Carpenter
Y Carson
N Carter
Y Chastain
Y Cheokas
Y Clark, D
Clark, J
Y Clifton
Y Cooper
Y Corbett
Y Cox
Y Crawford
Y Crowe
N Cummings
N Davis
Y Dawson
Y DeLoach
Y Dempsey
Y Dickey
Y Donatucci
Y Douglas
Y Draper
E Drenner
Y Dubnik
E Dunahoo
Y Efstration
Y Ehrhart
Y Erwin
Y Evans
Y Fincher
Y Fleming
Y Flournoy
Y Ford
Y Franklin
Frye
Y Gaines
Y Gambill
E Gilliard
Y Gisler
Y Glaize
Y Greene
Y Griffin
Y Gullett
Y Gunter
Y Hagan
Y Hatchett
Y Hawkins
Y Herring
Y Hilton
Y Hitchens
Y Holcomb
E Holland
E Holly
Y Hong
Y Horner
Y Howard, J
Howard, K
Y Huddleston
Y Hugley
N Jackson, D
Y Jackson, E
Y Jackson, M
Y Jasperse
Jenkins
Y Jones, A
Y Jones, J
Y Jones, S
Y Jones, T
Y Kahaian
E Kelley
Y Kendrick
Y LaHood
Y Leverett
Y Lewis-Ward
Y Lim
Y Lumsden
Y Lupton
Y Martin
Y Martinez
Y Mathiak
Y Mathis
Y McClain
Y McCollum
Y McDonald
Y McQueen
Y Meeks
N Miller
Y Mitchell
Y Momtahan
E Moore
Y Myles
Neal
Y New
Y Newton
E Okoye
Y Olaleye
E Oliver
Y O'Steen
Y Panitch
Y Paris
Y Park
Y Parrish
Y Parsons
Y Persinger
E Petrea
Y Powell
Y Prince
E Reese
Y Reeves
Y Rhodes
Y Rice
Y Richardson
N Ridley, Jas
Y Ridley, Jor
Y Roberts
N Romman
Sainz
Y Sampson
N Sanchez
Y Santos
N Schofield
Y Scoggins
N Scott
Y Seabaugh
Y Sharper
Y Silcox
Y Smith, L
N Smith, M
Y Smith, TP
Y Smith, V
Y Stephens
E Stinson
Y Tarvin
Y Taylor, D
E Taylor, R
Y Thomas
Y Townsend
Y Tran
VACANT 94
VACANT 130
Y Wade
Washburn
Y Werkheiser
Y Westbrook
N Wilkerson
Y Williams, A
Y Williams, MF
Y Williams, N
Y Williamson
N Willis
Y Yearta
Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 139, nays 16.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 967. By Representatives Ridley of the 22nd, Ridley of the 6th, Horner of the 3rd, Fleming of the 114th, Chastain of the 7th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6A of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, so as to establish a grant program to provide financial assistance to law enforcement agencies to equip certain motor vehicles with bullet-resistant features; to provide a definition; to establish criteria and procedures for such grants; to require reporting from grant recipients; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	E Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	E Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Bell	E Drenner	Y Hugley	E Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Blackmon	E Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	E Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	E Kelley	Y Powell	Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 155, nays 1.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 979. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Smith of the 18th, Ballard of the 147th, Hong of the 103rd and Holcomb of the 101st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 50-2-27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the retrocession of jurisdiction over

lands owned by the United States, so as to provide for procedures for the retrocession of jurisdiction in certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	E Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	E Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	E Drenner	Y Hugley	E Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Blackmon	E Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	E Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
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Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	E Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 161, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 963. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Anderson of the 10th, Fleming of the 114th, Carson of the 46th and Blackmon of the 146th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to government transparency and campaign finance, so as to prohibit foreign nationals from contributing to or participating in any campaign to bring about the approval or rejection by the voters of any proposed question which appears on the ballot; to provide for definitions; to require certifications by certain campaign committees as to compliance with such prohibition; to prohibit the disclosure of certain protected donor information; to provide for a penalty; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	Y Sampson
N Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	N Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	N Scott
N Baker	Y Dawson	E Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	E Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
N Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	E Drenner	Y Hugley	E Okoye	Y Stephens
N Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Blackmon	E Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	E Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	N Frye	N Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	N Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	N Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N

Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	N Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 140, nays 24.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

By order of the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the House was withdrawn from the General Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Regulated Industries:

HB 1095. By Representatives Powell of the 33rd, Tarvin of the 2nd, Ridley of the 6th and Jasperse of the 11th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of fireworks, so as to establish permanent consumer fireworks sales facilities; to establish temporary consumer fireworks sales facilities; to increase the number of temporary consumer retail fireworks sales facilities a distributor may operate; to provide for definitions; to revise penalties for violations of such chapter; to amend Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, so as to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE SUPPLEMENTAL RULES CALENDAR #2
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 04, 2026

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 27th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

HB 438 Employees' Retirement System of Georgia; allow certain sworn law enforcement officers to be eligible for retirement benefits at age 55; provisions (Ret-Crowe-118th)

HB 1128 State Board of Workers' Compensation; notice of eligibility for compensation to an injured employee to his or her legal guardian; provide (PS&HS-Seabaugh-34th)

HB 1129 Local government; designation of enterprise zones; provisions (GAff-Seabaugh-34th)

HB 1133 Georgia Environmental Finance Authority; finance and perform certain duties in connection with projects related to facilitating solar installations on closed landfills; authorize (GAff-Dickey-134th)

HB 1178 Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight Committee of the House of Representatives; establish (Substitute)(B&FAO-Horner-3rd) (Rules Committee Substitute LC 59 0409S)

HB 1211 Insurance; guidelines and recommendations for colorectal cancer screening, examinations, and laboratory tests; provide (Hth-Kelley-16th)

HB 1247 Georgia Bureaucratic Deference Elimination Act; enact (Substitute) (GAff-Reeves-99th)

HB 1276 Community Health, Department of; review information from certain sources to determine and verify eligibility of Medicaid recipients; provide (Substitute)(Hth-Newton-127th)

HB 1295 Physician Assistant Licensure Compact; enter into an interstate compact (Substitute)(Hth-Cooper-45th)

HB 1303 Crimes and offenses; offense of possession of a controlled substance in the presence of a child; provide (Substitute)(JudyNC-Kelley-16th)

HB 1365 Atlanta Judicial Circuit; superior courts; provide twenty-first judge (Judy-Jones-25th)

HB 1368 Mental health; re-creation of community service boards; provide (Substitute)(P&CH-Cooper-45th)

HB 1374 Insurance; methods of payment to healthcare providers; provide certain requirements (Hth-Hawkins-27th)

HB 1379 Foreign Funding Transparency and Accountability Act; enact (Substitute)(HEd-Gaines-120th)

HR 1243 Georgia Next Generation 9-1-1 Fund; authorize creation - CA (PS&HS-Martin-49th)

HR 1416 Joint Study Committee on Generational Sustainability of Family Farms; create (A&CA-Dickey-134th)

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HR 1416. By Representatives Dickey of the 134th, Meeks of the 178th, O'Steen of the 169th, Ford of the 170th, Corbett of the 174th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Joint Study Committee on Generational Sustainability of Family Farms; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the Resolution, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the Resolution, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	E Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	E Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
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Y Bell	E Drenner	Y Hugley	E Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Blackmon	E Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	E Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
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Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
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Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the adoption of the Resolution, the ayes were 164, nays 0.

The Resolution, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted.

HR 1243. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Burns of the 159th, Hugley of the 141st, Crowe of the 118th, Camp of the 135th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize creation of the Georgia Next Generation 9-1-1 Fund; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the Resolution, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the Resolution, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	E Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	E Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	E Drenner	Y Hugley	E Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Blackmon	E Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	E Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis

Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the adoption of the Resolution, the ayes were 162, nays 0.

The Resolution, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted.

HB 1128. By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, Gambill of the 15th, Wade of the 9th, Werkheiser of the 157th, Bonner of the 73rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 34-9-26 of the O.C.G.A., relating to required notice regarding injured peace officers, so as to provide that the State Board of Workers' Compensation shall provide for notice of eligibility for compensation to an injured employee to his or her legal guardian; to amend Code Section 35-1-24 of the O.C.G.A., relating to peace officers eligible for indemnification or disability compensation and notifications, so as to provide that law enforcement agencies shall provide notice of eligibility for compensation to an injured employee to his or her legal guardian; to amend Part 1 of Article 5 of Chapter 9 of Title 45 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the Georgia State Indemnification Fund, so as to provide for an application window for eligible individuals incapacitated by organic brain damage sustained in the line of duty on or before July 1, 2024; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	E Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	E Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	E Drenner	Y Hugley	E Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Blackmon	E Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin

Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	E Taylor, R
Burchett	Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Kendrick	Y Prince	Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	E Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 158, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 1129. By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, Gambill of the 15th, Wade of the 9th, Efstration of the 104th, Hong of the 103rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 36-88-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criteria for enterprise zone, so as to provide for designation of enterprise zones; to provide that enterprise zones shall not qualify for exemption from state sales and use tax; to provide for an exception; to provide for collection and assessment of fees; to provide for the use of the principal of revenue bonds; to limit the number of enterprise zones in urban redevelopment areas; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott

Y Baker	Y Dawson	E Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	E Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	E Drenner	Y Hugley	E Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Blackmon	E Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	E Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	E Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 160, nays 1.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 1133. By Representatives Dickey of the 134th, Corbett of the 174th, Camp of the 135th and Smith of the 70th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 23 of Title 50, Code Section 36-91-100, and Code Section 48-8-200 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority, definitions regarding bidding for government works projects, and definitions regarding water and sewer projects and costs tax, respectively, so as to authorize the authority to finance and perform certain duties in connection with projects related to facilitating solar installations on closed landfills; to provide for limited liability; to provide for definitions; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for contingent effectiveness upon appropriation of funds; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	E Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	E Drenner	Y Hugley	E Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Blackmon	E Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	E Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 160, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 1211. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Hawkins of the 27th, Newton of the 127th, Gullett of the 19th, Gambill of the 15th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 33-24-56.3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to colorectal cancer screening and testing, so as to provide for guidelines and recommendations for colorectal cancer screening, examinations, and laboratory tests; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	E Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	E Drenner	Y Hugley	E Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Blackmon	E Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	E Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 165, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 1247. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Powell of the 33rd, Tarvin of the 2nd, Horner of the 3rd, Donatucci of the 105th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions, so as to prohibit

courts and administrative officers from deferring to agency interpretations of laws and regulations; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 1 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding courts, so as to prohibit courts and administrative officers from deferring to agency interpretations of laws and regulations; to provide for construction; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.
This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Georgia Bureaucratic Deference Elimination Act."

SECTION 2.
Chapter 1 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding courts, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:
"15-1-24.
(a) When interpreting this state's Constitution, statutes, regulations, or other subregulatory documents, a court, or an officer hearing an administrative action, shall not defer to a state agency's determination or interpretation of such authorities, whether such determination or interpretation is written or unwritten.
(b) This Code section shall not be construed to alter the standards of review of findings of fact pursuant to Code Section 5-3-5."

SECTION 3.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	N Sampson
N Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez

N Alexander	N Crawford	N Herring	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	E McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	E Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
N Au	N Davis	N Holcomb	N Miller	N Scott
N Baker	Y Dawson	E Holland	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Momtahan	N Sharper
E Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Neal	N Smith, M
N Bazemore	N Douglas	N Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
N Beckles	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Bell	E Drenner	N Hugley	E Okoye	Y Stephens
N Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Blackmon	E Dunahoo	N Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	E Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas
N Burnough	N Evans	N Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	N Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	N Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
N Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	N Frye	N Kendrick	N Prince	Y Werkheiser
E Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	N Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, A
N Carter	N Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	N Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 98, nays 63.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 1365. By Representatives Jones of the 25th, Silcox of the 53rd, Martin of the 49th, Jones of the 47th, Evans of the 57th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the number of judges of superior courts, so as to provide for a twenty-first judge of the superior courts of the Atlanta Judicial Circuit; to provide for the appointment of such additional judge by the Governor; to provide for the election of successors to the judge initially appointed; to prescribe the powers of such judge; to provide for the powers and duties of such additional judge; to preserve existing local Acts regarding such judicial circuit; to provide for the compensation of such

additional judge; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	E Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	E Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
E Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	E Drenner	Y Hugley	E Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Blackmon	E Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	E Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
E Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 160, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 1374. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Stephens of the 164th, Jasperse of the 11th, Newton of the 127th and Clark of the 100th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance generally, so as to provide for certain requirements concerning methods of payment to healthcare providers; to provide for definitions; to provide for notification; to provide for the avoidance of additional fees; to prohibit contractual waivers of certain statutory requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
E Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	E Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	E Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
E Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	E Drenner	Y Hugley	E Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Blackmon	E Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	E Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
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On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 159, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 1368. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Hatchett of the 155th, Stephens of the 164th, Dempsey of the 13th and Reese of the 140th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mental health, so as to provide for the re-creation of community service boards; to reconstitute the governing boards of community service boards; to provide for conforming changes; to amend Code Section 50-14-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to meetings open to the public, limitation on action to contest agency action, recording, notice of time and place, access to minutes, and teleconferences, so as to revise a provision authorizing community service boards to conduct teleconference meetings under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mental health, so as to provide for the re-creation of community service boards; to reconstitute the governing boards of community service boards; to provide that a governing board contain an executive director; to provide that the executive director be appointed by the commissioner of behavioral health and developmental disabilities; to provide that appointed executive directors are department employees; to provide for individuals currently serving as executive directors; to provide for the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the governing board, community service board, and executive director; to authorize the delegation of authority to the executive director, subject to limitation; to change provisions for community service boards to convert their organizational structures; to provide for definitions; to provide for conforming changes; to amend Code Section 50-14-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to meetings open to the public, limitation on action to contest agency action, recording, notice of time and place, access to minutes, and teleconferences, so as to revise a provision authorizing community service boards to conduct teleconference meetings under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mental health, is amended in Code Section 37-1-1, relating to definitions, by revising paragraph (4) and by adding new paragraphs to read as follows:

"(4) 'Community service board' means a public mental health, developmental disabilities, and addictive diseases ~~board~~ agency established pursuant to Code Section 37-2-6.

(4.1) 'Community service board area' means an area inclusive of the counties which fall within the boundaries of a community service board as designated by the department pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 37-2-3 for the establishment of a community service board.

(4.2) 'Community service board's service area' means a community service board area and any other county or portion thereof in which the community service board provides services."

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 37-2-2, relating to definitions relative to the administration of mental health, developmental disabilities, addictive diseases, and other disability services, as follows:

"37-2-2.

As used in this chapter, the term:

~~(1) 'Community service board' means a public mental health, developmental disabilities, and addictive diseases board established pursuant to Code Section 37-2-6.~~

~~(2) 'Community service board area' means an area inclusive of the counties which fall within the boundaries of a community service board as designated by the department pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 37-2-3 for the establishment of a community service board.~~

~~(3) 'Community service board service area' means a community service board area and any other county or portion thereof in which the community service board provides services.~~

~~(4)~~(1) 'Council' means the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council established pursuant to Code Section 37-2-4.

(2) 'Executive director' means the individual serving as the chief executive officer of a community service board as provided in paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 37-2-6.1.

~~(5)~~(3) 'Governing board' means the governing board of a community service board established pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 37-2-6.

~~(6)~~(4) 'Health services' means any education or service provided by the department, the Department of Public Health, or the Department of Human Services, either directly or by contract.

~~(7)~~(5) 'Hospital' means a state owned or state operated facility providing services which include, but are not limited to, inpatient care and the diagnosis, care, and treatment or

habilitation of the disabled. Such hospital may also provide or manage state owned or operated programs in the community."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 37-2-6, relating to community mental health, developmental disabilities, and addictive diseases services boards, community service board creation, membership, participation of counties, transfer of powers and duties, alternate method of establishment, bylaws, and reprisals prohibited, by revising subsections (a), (b), (d), (f), (h), (i), (j), (k), and (n) as follows:

"(a) Community service boards in existence on June 30, ~~2014~~ 2026, are re-created effective July 1, ~~2014~~ 2026, to provide mental health, developmental disabilities, and addictive diseases services to children and adults. Such community service boards may enroll and contract with the department, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Public Health, or the Department of Community Health to become a provider of mental health, developmental disabilities, and addictive diseases services or health, recovery, housing, or other supportive services for children and adults. Such boards shall be considered public agencies. Each community service board shall be a public corporation and an instrumentality of the state; provided, however, that the liabilities, debts, and obligations of a community service board shall not constitute liabilities, debts, or obligations of the state or any county or municipal corporation and neither the state nor any county or municipal corporation shall be liable for any liability, debt, or obligation of a community service board. Each community service board re-created pursuant to this Code section is created for nonprofit and public purposes to exercise essential governmental functions. The re-creation of community service boards pursuant to this Code section shall not alter the provisions of Code Section 37-2-6.2 which shall apply to those re-created community service boards and their employees covered by that Code section and those employees' rights are retained except as otherwise provided in that Code section.

(b) Each ~~The governing board of each~~ community service board shall have a governing board which shall consist of the executive director and members appointed by the governing authorities of the counties within the community service board area. With the exception of the executive director, membership ~~Membership~~ on such governing board shall be determined as follows:

(1)(A) The governing authority of each county within the community service board area:

(i) With a population of 50,000 or less according to the most recent United States decennial census shall appoint one member to such governing board; and

(ii) With a population of more than 50,000 according to the most recent United States decennial census shall appoint one member for each population increment of 50,000 or any portion thereof; or

(B) In the event that the number of governing board member positions established in accordance with subparagraph (A) of this paragraph would exceed nine, the

membership of such governing board pursuant to this subsection shall be appointed as follows and the bylaws shall be amended accordingly:

(i) For community service boards whose community service board area contains nine or fewer counties, the membership of the board shall be set at nine members and appointments to the board shall be made by the governing authority of each county within the community service board area in descending order from the county with the largest population to the county with the smallest population according to the most recent United States decennial census and this method shall be repeated until all nine members of the governing board of the community service board are appointed. If a county governing authority fails to make an appointment within a reasonable time, the next descending county by population shall make an appointment and the method shall continue; and

(ii) For community service boards whose community service board area contains more than nine counties, one member of the governing board of the community service board shall be appointed by the governing authority of each county within the community service board area, so that the number of members on the governing board is equal to the number of counties in the community service board area.

The county governing authority shall appoint as at least one of its appointments a consumer of disability services; a psychiatrist, a psychologist, or other behavioral health or development disabilities professional; a law enforcement officer; a family member of a consumer; an advocate for disability services; a parent of a child with mental illness or addictive disease; or a local leader or businessperson with an interest in mental health, developmental disabilities, and addictive diseases; provided, however, that, for counties with more than one appointment, the county governing authority shall seek to ensure that such appointments represent various groups and disability services;

(2) In addition to the members appointed pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection, the governing board of each community service board may appoint one additional member in order to address variation in the population sizes of counties or the financial contributions of counties within the community service board area. The bylaws of the community service board shall address the establishment of the additional governing board membership position, if established, and the purpose or purposes for which such position is created. The term of office of such additional member shall be the same as that of other members of the governing board of the community service board as provided in subsection (h) of this Code section;

(3) In addition to the members appointed pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection, each governing board of the community service board shall have additional members who shall serve on such governing board while concurrently holding elective or appointive office and who shall be appointed by a county governing authority as follows:

(A) The number of elected or appointed officials serving on the governing board of the community service board shall be equal to one-third, defined herein as 33 percent or 0.33, of the number of the members of such board appointed in accordance with

paragraph (1) of this subsection. In the event the calculation of such percentage yields a whole number and a fraction of a whole number, then the number of members to be appointed shall be equal to the nearest whole number; provided, however, that a fraction equal to 50 percent or greater shall be rounded to the next highest whole number;

(B) The governing authority of each county in the community service board area making the largest cash or in-kind financial contribution in descending order to the community service board in the county fiscal year immediately prior to the time of such appointment shall make one appointment of an elected or appointed official to the community service board until the number of such appointments required by this paragraph is reached. For community service boards whose community service board areas contains fewer counties than the number of appointments made pursuant to this paragraph, the membership appointments of elected or appointed officials to the governing board shall be made in the descending order prescribed in this paragraph and this method shall be repeated until all members who hold elective or appointive office are appointed to the governing board of the community service board. In the event that the number of such county governing authorities making a cash or in-kind financial contribution to the community service board does not result in the number of appointments required by this paragraph, the remaining appointment or appointments shall be made by the governing authority or authorities of the county or counties in the community service board area with the largest population in descending order according to the most recent United States decennial census until the number of appointments required by this paragraph is reached. For community service boards whose community service board area contains three or fewer counties, the membership appointments of elected or appointed officials to the governing board shall be made in the descending order prescribed in this paragraph and this method shall be repeated until all members who hold elective or appointive office are appointed to the governing board of the community service board. In the event there is no county in the community service board area where the governing authority made a cash or in-kind financial contribution to the community service board in the county fiscal year immediately prior to the time of such appointment, the appointments required by this paragraph shall be made by the governing authority or authorities of the county or counties in the community service board area with the largest population in descending order according to the most recent United States decennial census until the number of appointments required by this paragraph is reached;

(C) As used in this paragraph, the term 'elective or appointive office' or 'elected or appointed official' means:

(i) The elected chief executive officer, by whatever name called, of the county governing authority making the appointment to the governing board of the community service board;

(ii) An elected member of such county governing authority;

(iii) The county manager of such county governing authority where such position exists as defined in Code Section 36-5-22;

(iv) The sheriff of such county;

(v) The elected chief executive officer, by whatever named called, an elected member of the governing authority, or an appointed city manager of any municipality lying wholly or partially within such county;

(vi) A member of the board of education of such county or a member of the governing board of any municipal school system lying wholly or partially within such county;

(vii) The school superintendent of such county or the superintendent of any municipal school system lying wholly or partially within such county;

(viii) The appointed public safety commissioner, police chief, or fire chief of such county or any municipality lying wholly or partially within such county; or

(ix) Any other elected official from within such county;

(D) No member of the governing board of the community service board appointed pursuant to this paragraph shall continue to serve on the governing board if such member no longer holds the elective or appointive office which made him or her eligible for appointment to such board. The term of office of an elected official appointed to serve as a member of the governing board of the community service board shall be the same as such official's elective term of office. The term of office of an appointed official appointed to serve as a member of such governing board shall be the same as that of other members of such governing board; and

(E) As used in this paragraph, the term 'in-kind financial contribution' means the most current dollar value of any physical facilities or buildings and equipment, including vehicles, of all kinds provided at no cost by the county governing authority for use by the community service board~~.~~;

(4) Each governing board ~~Each community service board~~ in existence on June 30, ~~2014~~ 2026, shall be reconstituted and each member of each such governing board shall be reconstituted as a member of each such reconstituted governing board, effective July 1, 2026; ~~reconstitute the membership of its governing board in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, effective July 1, 2014.~~

~~A community service board which increases or reduces the number of its members of its governing board in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection shall revise its bylaws adopted in accordance with subsection (h) of this Code section to reflect such increases or reductions. A community service board which reduces the number of members of its governing board shall designate which position or positions are to be eliminated and shall make reasonable efforts to eliminate any position or positions of governing board members whose terms expire on or before June 30, 2014; provided, however, that members serving on the governing board of a community service board whose terms do not expire on or before June 30, 2014, shall continue to serve out the terms of office to which they were appointed, regardless of whether this causes a governing board to temporarily exceed the maximum number of members. Any additional positions created in conformity with such paragraphs (2) and (3) may be filled on July 1, 2014, and the governing authority of a county that is otherwise authorized to appoint such additional member or members to the governing board of a~~

~~community service board may do so no sooner than May 1, 2014, but any person so appointed shall not take office until July 1, 2014. If a position on such governing board of the community service board is not filled on July 1, 2014, a vacancy in that position shall be deemed to have occurred on that date. A governing board of the community service board is authorized to make whatever changes necessary in the terms of office of its members in order to achieve the staggering of terms required by subsection (h) of this Code section;~~

(5)(A) A person shall not be eligible to be appointed to or serve on a governing board of the community service board if such person is:

(i) A member of the regional planning board which serves the region in which that community service board is located;

(ii) An employee or board member of a public or private entity which contracts with the department to provide mental health, developmental disabilities, and addictive diseases services within the community service board area served by that community service board; provided, however, that this limitation shall not apply to the executive director;

(iii) An employee of that community service board or employee or board member of any private or public group, organization, or service provider which contracts with or receives funds from that community service board; or

(iv) A former employee of that community service board until a period of at least two years has passed since the time such person was employed by that community service board.

(B) A person shall not be eligible to be appointed to or serve on a governing board of the community service board if such person's spouse, parent, child, or sibling is a member of that governing board or a member, employee, or board member specified in this paragraph. With respect to appointments by the same county governing authority, no person who has served a full term or more on a governing board of the community service board may be appointed to a regional planning board until a period of at least two years has passed since the time such person served on the governing board of the community service board~~,~~ and no person who has served a full term or more on a regional planning board may be appointed to the governing board of the community service board until a period of at least two years has passed since the time such person has served on the regional planning board; and

(6) A governing board of the community service board created in accordance with this subsection shall reconstitute its governing board membership in conformity with the most recent United States decennial census in accordance with subparagraph (d)(2)(C) of Code Section 1-3-1."

"(d) Each county in which the governing authority of the county is authorized to appoint members to the governing board of the community service board shall participate with ~~the~~ such board and the department in the operation of the program through the community service board. All contractual obligations, including, but not limited to, real estate leases, rentals, and other property agreements, other duties, rights, and benefits of the mental health, developmental disabilities, and addictive diseases service areas in existence on

June 30, ~~2014~~ 2026, shall continue to exist along with the new powers granted to the community service boards effective July 1, ~~2014~~ 2026."

"(f) If the conditions enumerated in subsection (e) of this Code section are not met prior to or on December 31, 1993, a community service board as provided in subsection (b) of this Code section shall be established and appointed by January 31, 1994, to govern the provision of disability services within the boundaries of the community service board. Such community service board shall have the authority to adopt bylaws and undertake organizational and contractual activities after January 31, 1994; provided, however, that the community service board established pursuant to this Code section may not begin providing services to clients until July 1, 1994."

"(h)(1)(A) The governing board of each community service board shall adopt bylaws and operational policies and guidelines in conformity with the provisions of this chapter. Such bylaws shall incorporate, at a minimum, the unified bylaws established by the department pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this paragraph.

(B) No later than December 31, 2026, the department shall establish unified bylaws for adoption by community service boards. At a minimum, such unified ~~Those~~ bylaws shall address governing board appointment and removal procedures, initial terms of governing board members, the staggering of terms, quorum, a mechanism for ensuring that consumers of disability services and family members of consumers constitute no less than 50 percent of the governing board members appointed pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (b) of this Code section, and a mechanism for ensuring equitable representation of the various disability groups.

(2) A quorum for the transaction of any business and for the exercise of any power or function of the governing board of the community service board shall consist of a majority of the total number of filled governing board member positions appointed pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section. A vote of the majority of such quorum shall be the act of the governing board of the community service board except where the bylaws of the community service board may require a greater vote.

(3) The regular term of office for each member of the governing board of the community service board, excluding the executive director, shall be three years. Vacancies on such governing board shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. ~~For purposes of~~

(4) As used in this subsection, the term 'equitable representation of the various disability groups' means that consumers and family members of such consumers who constitute no less than 50 percent of the governing board members holding membership pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (b) of this Code section shall be appointed so as to assure that an equal number of such members to the fullest extent possible represents mental health, developmental disabilities, and addictive diseases interests.

(i) A ~~The~~ governing board ~~of each community service board~~ which is composed of members who are appointed thereto by the governing authority of only one county shall have a minimum of seven and no more than nine members, not including the executive director and any additional members appointed pursuant to paragraphs (2) and (3) of

subsection (b) of this Code section, notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this Code section, which members in all other respects shall be appointed as provided in this Code section.

(j) No governing board member~~, officer,~~ or employee of a community service board who has authority to take, direct others to take, recommend, or approve any personnel action shall take or threaten action against any employee of a community service board as a reprisal for making a complaint or disclosing information concerning the possible existence of any activity constituting fraud, waste, or abuse in or relating to the programs, operations, or client services of the community service board, to the governing board of the community service board, to a member of the General Assembly, or to the department unless the complaint was made or the information was disclosed with the knowledge that it was false or with willful disregard for its truth or falsity. Any action taken in violation of this subsection shall give the public employee a right to have such action set aside in a proceeding instituted in the superior court.

(k) A member of a governing board of the community service board, excluding the executive director, who after notice that such member has failed to complete any required training prescribed by the department pursuant to paragraph (6) of Code Section 37-1-20 continues such failure for 30 days may be removed from office by the remaining members of the governing board of the community service board or by the commissioner pursuant to removal provisions in the unified bylaws."

"(n) Each member of the governing board of a community service board shall comply with the code of ethics for members of boards, commissions, and authorities as set forth in Code Section 45-10-3. A governing board member who fails to comply with such code may be subject to removal from office by the remaining members of the governing board of the community service board or by the commissioner as authorized in Code Section 37-2-10. The governing board of the community service board shall revise the bylaws of the community service board adopted in accordance with subsection (h) of this Code section to reflect the requirements of this subsection."

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 37-2-6.1, relating to community service boards, executive director, staff, budget, facilities, powers and duties, exemption from state and local taxation, as follows:

"37-2-6.1.

(a)(1)(A) Each ~~The governing board of each~~ community service board shall ~~employ~~ have an executive director to serve as its chief executive officer ~~and shall prescribe the duties thereof. The selection of the executive director and all terms of compensation shall be set by the governing board of each community service board and shall be subject to review and approval by the commissioner prior to any offer of employment or at any point thereafter where the terms of compensation are proposed to be substantially altered. Such contracts shall be reviewed by the commissioner every five years. Further, the commissioner shall be required to review and approve~~

~~the selection of the executive director of each community service board for adherence to minimum qualifications for the position as prescribed by the department~~.

(B)(i) On and after July 1, 2026, except as otherwise provided in division (ii) or (iii) of this subparagraph, each executive director shall be appointed and subject to removal by the commissioner and shall be an employee of the department. Executive directors appointed by the commissioner shall meet such minimum qualifications as prescribed by the commissioner. The members of the governing board of the community service board shall be authorized to participate in the selection process for an executive director for such board and provide input to the commissioner during such process; provided, however, that the commissioner shall have the authority to make all final employment decisions. The commissioner may obtain the approval of the governing board in the appointment of the executive director.

(ii) Any individual employed as an executive director as of June 30, 2026, shall continue to serve as executive director of such applicable community service board on and after July 1, 2026. Each such individual may elect, no later than August 1, 2026, to continue in such role as an employee of the community service board. In the event that any such executive director elects to remain in the employment of the community service board, such individual shall enter into a three-party contract between the community service board, the department, and such individual so as to establish procedures and protocols for the services to be provided by such individual as executive director. In the event that any such executive director does not elect, by August 1, 2026, to continue in such role as an employee of the community service board, such executive director shall become an employee of the department, effective August 1, 2026. Nothing in this subparagraph shall be construed to limit the authority of the commissioner, department, or other entity or official to remove or discipline any such individual pursuant to Code Section 37-2-10 or any other provision of law or pursuant to the terms of a three-party contract entered into pursuant to this subparagraph.

(iii) Any individual selected to be appointed as an executive director pursuant to the authority granted to the commissioner in this Code section who was employed by a community service board as of July 1, 2026, and who has had no break in service between such date and the date of promotion, may elect to serve as the executive director as an employee of the community service board, only with the express agreement of the commissioner. In the event that any such executive director elects to remain in the employment of the community service board, such individual shall enter into a three-party contract between the community service board, the department, and such individual so as to establish procedures and protocols for the services to be provided by such individual as executive director. In the event that any such executive director does not elect to continue in such role as an employee of the community service board, such executive director shall become an employee of the department. Nothing in this subparagraph shall be construed to limit the authority of the commissioner, department, or other entity or

official to remove or discipline any such individual pursuant to Code Section 37-2-10, or any other provision of law, or pursuant to the terms of a three-party contract entered into pursuant to this subparagraph. Nothing in this subparagraph shall be construed to require the commissioner or department to agree to the promotion of any community service board employee to the role of executive director.

(C) The executive director shall ~~direct the day-to-day operations of the community service board. Such~~ have powers, duties, and responsibilities set forth in subsection (d) of this Code section. The executive director ~~shall be appointed and removed by the community service board pursuant to this subsection and~~ shall appoint other necessary staff pursuant to an annual budget adopted by the governing board, which budget shall provide for securing appropriate facilities, sites, and professionals necessary for the provision of disability and health services. ~~Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the governing board of the community service board may delegate any power, authority, duty, or function to its executive director or other staff. The executive director or other staff is authorized to exercise any power, authority, duty, or function on behalf of the governing board of the community service board.~~

(2) The executive director ~~or~~ and any full-time or part-time employee of a community service board shall have a responsibility to avoid any conflict of interest in a manner that is consistent with the declarations found in Code Section 45-10-21. Such executive director and employees shall not transact any business with that community service board as prohibited in Code Section 45-10-23 unless any such transaction falls under the exceptions granted in Code Section 45-10-25. Transactions that fall under such exceptions shall be disclosed to the governing board of the community service board ~~in the manner as such governing board shall determine~~ and to the department in a manner to be determined by the governing board and the department. Such transactions shall also be disclosed yearly to the State Ethics Commission as prescribed in Code Section 45-10-26. The ~~governing board of the community service board~~ department shall promulgate policies and procedures governing executive director and community service board employee conflicts of interest and establish a code of ethics for the executive director and employees of the community service board.

(b) The governing board of each community service board ~~or each community service board, under the jurisdiction of its governing board,~~ shall perform duties, responsibilities, and functions and may exercise power and authority described in this subsection as follows:

(1) The governing board of each community service board shall adopt bylaws for the conduct of its affairs ~~and the affairs of their respective community service boards~~; provided, however, that ~~the~~ each such governing board ~~of a community service board~~ shall meet at least quarterly, and that all such meetings and any bylaws shall be open to the public, as otherwise required under Georgia law; and provided, further, that such bylaws shall be approved by the executive director prior to adoption;

(2) The governing board of each community service board shall be required to review and approve the annual budget of the community service board and shall be required to

establish the general policies related to such budget to be followed by the community service board; provided, however, that such annual budget and policies shall be approved by the executive director prior to approval by the governing board;

(3) The governing board of each community service board shall elect a chairperson, vice chairperson, secretary, and treasurer from among its membership. Such officers shall serve for such terms as shall be prescribed in the governing board's bylaws or until their respective successors are elected and qualified. No governing board member shall hold more than one office of the governing board of a community service board, except that the same member may serve as secretary and treasurer concurrently. The bylaws of the governing board of each community service board shall provide for any other officers of such board and the means of their selection, the terms of office of the officers, and an annual meeting to elect officers; and

(4) Each member of the governing board of each community service board may, upon approval of the executive director, receive reimbursement for actual expenses incurred in carrying out the duties of such office; provided, however, that such reimbursement shall not exceed the rates and allowances set for state employees by the Office of Planning and Budget or the mileage allowance for use of a personal car as that received by all other state officials and employees or a travel allowance of actual transportation cost if traveling by public carrier.

(c) Each community service board shall perform duties, responsibilities, and functions and may exercise power and authority described in this subsection as follows:

~~(3)~~(1) Each community service board shall provide an adequate range of disability services as prescribed by the department;

~~(4)~~(2) Each community service board may make and enter into all contracts necessary and incidental to the performance of its duties and functions; provided, however, that, on and after July 1, 2026, no contract, contract renewal, contract amendment, or contract extension shall be executed on behalf of a community service board unless executed by the executive director appointed pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Code section. The provisions of this paragraph shall apply regardless of whether the contract, renewal, amendment, or extension is specifically authorized under this Code section; provided, however, that notes or other instruments authorized under this paragraph may be approved and shall not be required to be executed by the executive director;

~~(5)~~(3) Each community service board may acquire by purchase, gift, lease, or otherwise and may own, hold, improve, use, and sell, convey, exchange, transfer, lease, sublease, and dispose of real and personal property of every kind and character, or any interest therein, for its corporate purposes;

~~(6)~~(4) Each community service board may contract to utilize the services of the Department of Administrative Services, the state auditor, or any other agency of state, local, or federal government;

~~(7)~~(5) Each community service board may provide, either independently or through contract with appropriate state or local governmental entities, the following benefits to

its employees, their dependents, and survivors, in addition to any compensation or other benefits provided to such persons:

(A)(i) Retirement, pension, disability, medical, and hospitalization benefits, through the purchase of insurance or otherwise, but medical and hospitalization benefits may only be provided through the Department of Community Health under the same conditions as provided for such benefits to state employees, and the Department of Community Health shall so provide if requested~~;~~.

(ii) During any period in which an employee of a community service board is covered under the health insurance plan established by the Department of Community Health, there shall be withheld from each salary payment of such employee, as the employee share of the costs of coverage under such health insurance plan, such portion of the premium or subscription charges as may be established by the Board of Community Health.

(iii) As the local employer's share, the community service board shall contribute to the health insurance fund such portion of the cost of such benefits as may be established by the Governor and the Board of Community Health and, in addition thereto, an amount to be established by the Board of Community Health to defray the cost of administration. The benefit cost portion shall be determined based upon a percentage of the total outlay for the salaries of employees of the community service board as established annually by an appropriation of the General Assembly. If a community service board fails to remit the employer's share due on or after July 1, 2026, as provided in this division, for a period greater than 90 days, it shall be the duty of the Department of Community Health to notify the commissioner of such failure and it shall be the duty of the commissioner to, with reasonable promptness, withhold from the community service board which has failed to remit sufficient state funds to fully satisfy the outstanding obligation of the community service board to the health insurance fund. Such withheld funds shall be promptly transmitted to the Department of Community Health;

(B) Life insurance coverage and coverage under federal old age and survivors' insurance programs;

(C) Sick leave, annual leave, and holiday leave; and

(D) Any other similar benefits, including, but not limited to, death benefits;

~~(8)~~(6) Each community service board may cooperate with all units of local government in the counties where the community service board provides services as well as neighboring regions and with the programs of other departments, agencies, and regional commissions and regional planning boards;

~~(9)~~(7) Each community service board shall establish and maintain a personnel program for its employees and fix the compensation and terms of compensation of its employees; provided, however, that each community service board shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 20 of Title 45~~,~~ for so long as and to the extent that each employee of such board remains subject to the rules and regulations of the State Personnel Board or as otherwise provided by law;

~~(10)~~(8) Each community service board may receive and administer grants, gifts, contracts, moneys, and donations for purposes pertaining to the delivery of disability services or of health services;

~~(11)~~(9) Each community service board may establish fees for the provision of disability services or health services according to the terms of contracts entered into with the department, Department of Human Services, Department of Public Health, or Department of Community Health, as appropriate; provided, however, that all fees collected shall be used solely in accordance with the statutory nonprofit and public purposes of community service boards as prescribed in this article;

~~(12)~~(10) Each community service board may accept appropriations, loans of funds, facilities, equipment, and supplies from local governmental entities in the counties where the community service board provides services;

~~(13) Each member of the governing board of a community service board may, upon approval of the executive director, receive reimbursement for actual expenses incurred in carrying out the duties of such office; provided, however, that such reimbursement shall not exceed the rates and allowances set for state employees by the Office of Planning and Budget or the mileage allowance for use of a personal car as that received by all other state officials and employees or a travel allowance of actual transportation cost if traveling by public carrier;~~

~~(14) The governing board of each community service board shall elect a chairperson and vice chairperson from among its membership. The governing board members shall also elect a secretary and treasurer from among its membership or may designate the executive director of the community service board to serve in one or both offices. Such officers shall serve for such terms as shall be prescribed in the bylaws of the community service board or until their respective successors are elected and qualified. No governing board member shall hold more than one office of the governing board of a community service board; except that the same person may serve as secretary and treasurer. The bylaws of the governing board of a community service board shall provide for any other officers of such board and the means of their selection, the terms of office of the officers, and an annual meeting to elect officers;~~

~~(15)~~(11) Each community service board may have a seal and alter it;

~~(16)~~(12) Each community service board may establish fees, rates, rents, and charges for the use of facilities of the community service board for the provision of disability services or of health services, in accordance with the terms of contracts entered into with the department, Department of Human Services, Department of Public Health, or Department of Community Health, as appropriate;

~~(17)~~(13) Each community service board may borrow money for any business purpose and may incur debt, liabilities, and obligations for any business purpose; provided, however, that, on and after July 1, 2026, any such debt, liability, or obligation shall be approved by the executive director appointed pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Code section. A debt, liability, or obligation incurred by a community service board shall not be considered a debt, liability, or obligation of the state or any county or any municipality or any political subdivision of the state. A community service

board may not borrow money as permitted by this Code section if the highest aggregate annual debt service requirements of the then current fiscal year or any subsequent year for outstanding borrowings of the community service board, including the proposed borrowing, exceed 15 percent of the total revenues of the community service board in its fiscal year immediately preceding the fiscal year in which such debt is to be incurred. Interest paid upon such borrowings shall be exempt from taxation by the state or its political subdivisions. A state contract with a community service board shall not be used or accepted as security or collateral for a debt, liability, or obligation of a community service board without the prior written approval of the commissioner;

~~(18)~~(14) Each community service board, to the extent authorized by law and the contract for the funds involved, may carry forward without lapse fund balances and establish operating, capital, and debt reserve accounts from revenues and grants derived from state, county, and all other sources; and

~~(19)~~(15) Each community service board may operate, establish, or operate and establish facilities deemed by the community service board as necessary and convenient for the administration, operation, or provision of disability services or of health services by the community service board and may construct, reconstruct, improve, alter, repair, and equip such facilities to the extent authorized by state and federal law.

(d) On and after July 1, 2026, in addition to those powers, duties, and responsibilities given to the executive director as authorized by this chapter, the executive director shall exercise power and authority to:

(1) Recruit, hire, manage, discipline, and terminate employees of the community service board;

(2) Terminate any contract of the community service board in accordance with the terms of any such contract;

(3) Create and establish operational and employment policies for the community service board;

(4) Create and establish clinical standards and policies for the community service board; and

(5) Provide continuing management of the day-to-day operations of the community service board, including, but not limited to, the community service board's performance of its contracts.

(e)(1) The governing board may delegate to the executive director the authority to perform any or all duties, responsibilities, and functions, and to exercise any or all of the powers and authorities described in subsection (c) of this Code section.

(2) Upon a determination that a community service board is not properly performing any or all of the duties, responsibilities, and functions or exercising any or all of the powers and authorities described in this Code section, the commissioner may, upon the approval of the Governor, authorize the executive director to perform such duties, responsibilities, and functions and to exercise such powers and authorities, except those described in subsection (m) of this Code section, without the approval or consent of the governing board.

~~(c)~~(f) Nothing shall prohibit a community service board from contracting with any county governing authority, private or other public provider, or hospital for the provision of disability services or of health services.

~~(d)~~(g) Each community service board exists for nonprofit and public purposes, and it is found and declared that the carrying out of the purposes of each community service board is exclusively for public benefit and its property is public property. Thus, no community service board shall be required to pay any state or local ad valorem, sales, use, or income taxes.

~~(e)~~(h) A community service board shall not have the power to tax, the power to issue general obligation bonds or revenue bonds or revenue certificates, or the power to financially obligate the state or any county or any municipal corporation.

~~(f)~~(i) A community service board shall not operate any facility for profit. A community service board may fix fees, rents, rates, and charges that are reasonably expected to produce revenues, which, together with all other funds of the community service board, will be sufficient to administer, operate, and provide the following:

(1) Disability services or health services;

(2) The cost of acquiring, constructing, equipping, maintaining, repairing, and operating its facilities; and

(3) The creation and maintenance of reserves sufficient to meet principal and interest payments due on any obligation of the community service board.

~~(g)~~(j) Each community service board may provide reasonable reserves for the improvement, replacement, or expansion of its facilities and services. Reserves under this subsection shall be subject to the limitations in paragraph ~~(17)~~ (13) of subsection ~~(b)~~ (c) of this Code section.

~~(h)~~(k) Each county and municipal corporation of this state is authorized to convey or lease property of such county or municipal corporation to a community service board for its public purposes. Any property conveyed or leased to a community ~~services~~ service board by a county or municipal corporation shall be operated by such community service board in accordance with this chapter and the terms of the community service board's agreements with the county or municipal corporation providing such conveyance or lease.

~~(i)~~(l) Each community service board and any entity created or formed by such community service board pursuant to subsection ~~(j)~~ (m) of this Code section shall keep books of account reflecting all funds received, expended, and administered by the community service board in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The community service board and an entity created or formed by such community service board, if any, pursuant to subsection ~~(j)~~ (m) of this Code section shall assure the inclusion in its annual audit any information or procedures required by the department. The community service board and an entity created or formed by such community service board, if any, pursuant to subsection ~~(j)~~ (m) of this Code section shall rotate audit firms at least once every five years. Copies of the annual audit and all findings shall be submitted to the department and the governing board of the community service board, or in the case of an entity created or formed by the community service board, if any, to the

governing board of the community service board, the governing board of such entity, and the department within 60 days of completion of the audit.

~~(j)~~(m) By action of its governing board and subject ~~Subject~~ to the approval of the executive director and the commissioner ~~and the governing board of the community service board~~, a community service board may create, form, or become a member of a nonprofit corporation, limited liability company, or other nonprofit entity, the voting membership of which shall be limited to community service boards, governmental entities, nonprofit corporations, or a combination thereof, if such entity is created for purposes that are within the powers of the community service board, for the cooperative functioning of its members, or a combination thereof; provided, however, that no funds provided pursuant to a contract between the department and the community service board may be used in the formation or operation of the nonprofit corporation, limited liability company, or other nonprofit entity. The power of the governing board to so act shall not be delegated to the executive director or to any other person, entity, or agency, either by the governing board or by the commissioner, unless otherwise authorized by law. No community service board, whether or not it exercises the power authorized by this subsection, shall be relieved of compliance with Chapter 14 of Title 50, relating to open and public meetings, and Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50, relating to ~~inspection of public~~ open records, unless otherwise provided by law. The provisions of this subsection relating to the approval of the commissioner to the contrary notwithstanding, nothing in this subsection shall prohibit a community service board from creating, forming, or becoming a member of a national, regional, or state trade association or business league as defined for tax exempt purposes by the United States Internal Revenue Service for the benefit of member community service boards and similar organizations; provided, however, that such action shall be approved by the executive director.

~~(k)~~(n) No community service board shall employ or retain in employment, either directly or indirectly through contract, any person who is receiving a retirement benefit from the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia except in accordance with the provisions of Code Section 47-2-112; provided, however, that any such person who is employed as of July 1, 2004, may continue to be employed.

~~(l)~~(o) A community service board may join or form and operate, either directly or indirectly, one or more networks of community service boards, disability or health service professionals, and other providers of disability services or health services to arrange for the provision of disability services or health services through such networks; to contract either directly or through such networks with the Department of Community Health to provide services to Medicaid beneficiaries; to provide disability services or health services in an efficient and cost-effective manner on a prepaid, capitation, or other reimbursement basis; and to undertake other disability or health services related managed care activities. For purposes of this subsection only and notwithstanding Code Section 33-3-3 or any other provision of law, a community service board shall be permitted to and shall comply with the requirements of Chapter 20A of Title 33 to the extent that such requirements apply to the activities undertaken by the community service board or by a community service board under this subsection or subsection ~~(j)~~ (m) of this Code section.

No community service board, whether or not it exercises the powers authorized by this subsection, shall be relieved of compliance with Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50, relating to ~~inspection of public~~ open records, unless otherwise provided by law. Any licensed health care provider shall be eligible to apply to become a participating provider under such a plan or network that provides coverage for health care, disability services, or health services which are within the lawful scope of the provider's license, but nothing in this Code section shall be construed to require any such plan or network to provide coverage for any specific health care, disability service, or health service."

SECTION 5.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 37-2-6.4, relating to reconstituting or converting of organizational structure and formation of new community service board, as follows:

"(a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, a community service board may reconstitute or convert its organizational structure in the following ways:

(1) With the approval of the governing board of the community service board, ~~and~~ the approval of the county governing authorities of the counties served by the community service board, and the approval of the commissioner, the community service board may convert to a private nonprofit corporation. So long as the reconstituted organization continues to serve a public purpose as defined by the department, the Department of Human Services, or the Department of Public Health, as appropriate, such organization shall be authorized to retain the use of assets, equipment, and resources purchased with state and federal funds by the former community service board. In the event the new private nonprofit fails to serve such public purpose, those assets, equipment, and resources purchased by the former community service board with state and federal funds shall be returned to the department, the Department of Human Services, or the Department of Public Health, as appropriate, or to an agency designated by such department. For a period of three years following the community service board's conversion to a private nonprofit corporation, the private nonprofit corporation shall ensure that consumers of disability services or health services, as appropriate, and family members of such consumers constitute a majority of the appointed board members and that the various disability groups and health services groups are equitably represented on the board of the nonprofit corporation;

(2) With the approval of the governing board of the community service board, ~~and~~ the approval of all of the county governing authorities of the counties served by the community service board, and the approval of the commissioner, the community service board may convert to a unit of county government. All assets, equipment, and resources of the community service board shall be transferred to the new unit of county government; or

(3) With the approval of the governing board of the community service board, ~~and~~ the approval of all of the county governing authorities of the counties served by the community service board, and the approval of the commissioner, the community service board may become a component part of a hospital authority in those counties

served by the community service board. So long as the hospital authority continues to serve a public purpose as defined by the department, the Department of Human Services, or the Department of Public Health, as appropriate, the hospital authority shall be authorized to retain possession of those assets, equipment, and resources purchased by the community service board with state and federal funds. In the event the hospital authority fails to serve such public purpose, those assets, equipment, and resources purchased by the community service board with state and federal funds shall be returned to the department, the Department of Human Services, or the Department of Public Health, as appropriate, or to an agency designated by such appropriate department or departments."

SECTION 6.

Said title is further amended by revising subsections (a) and (b) of Code Section 37-2-6.5, relating to cessation of operations by community service board, notification, and continuation of operations by successor board, county board of health, or outside manager, as follows:

"(a) By joint action of the ~~membership of a community service board created pursuant to Code Section 37-2-6~~ governing board and the governing authority of each county within the community service board area, and with the approval of the Governor, such community service board may cease operations; provided, however, that such community service board shall notify the commissioner at least 90 days in advance of the meeting of the community service board in which such action is to be taken. Such joint action shall indicate the date on which the community service board shall cease operations.

(b) Upon receipt of notification that a community service board intends to cease operations, the commissioner shall notify the chairperson and executive director of such community service board and the governing authority of each county within the community service board area of such board that:

(1) The department, after securing the approval of the Governor, intends to appoint a manager or management team to manage and operate the programs and services of the community service board in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (1) of subsection (c) of Code Section 37-2-10 until the department shall determine:

(A) That such community service board should continue in operation, provided one or more members appointed to such board in accordance with subsection (b) of Code Section 37-2-6 shall be removed in accordance with subparagraph (c)(3)(H) of Code Section 37-2-10, and the department, acting on behalf of the ~~membership~~ governing board of the community service board, nominates a successor to a removed member and advises the county governing authority that appointed such removed member to appoint a successor;

(B) That all of the members of such community service board appointed in accordance with subsection (b) of Code Section 37-2-6 shall be removed and such community service board shall be reconstituted; and that the department shall assist the county governing authorities in making appointments to the new community service board; or

(C) In the case where the membership of the governing board of such community service board is the membership of a county board of health designated in accordance with Code Section 31-3-12.1 or subsection (e) of Code Section 37-2-6, that the entire ~~membership of the community service~~ governing board should be removed and ~~the membership of the community service board be~~ reconstituted in accordance with subsection (b) of Code Section 37-2-6;

(2) The department, with the approval of the commissioner, intends to redesignate the boundaries of the community service board area served by such board pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 37-2-3 by expanding the boundaries of a community service board area served by another community service board to include the counties in the community service board area served by the community service board that intends to cease operations so that the community service board serving such area may assume responsibility for the provision of disability services within such counties;

(3) The department intends to request pursuant to Code Section 31-3-12.1 that the governing authority of a county within the community service board area of such board authorize the membership of the board of health of such county to serve as the membership of the governing board of such community service board; or

(4) The department, after securing the approval of the Governor, intends to appoint a manager or management team to manage and operate the programs and services of the community service board until such time as arrangements can be made to secure one or more alternate service providers to assume responsibility for the provision of services previously provided by the community service board."

SECTION 7.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 37-2-11.1, relating to venue in actions against community service board, representation by Attorney General, immunity, use of legal counsel, and authority for indemnification, defense, and insurance, as follows:

"(a) Venue for the purpose of any action against a community service board shall be the county in which the principal office of the community service board is located. As used in ~~For purposes of~~ this Code section, the term 'principal office' ~~shall be defined as~~ means the facility which houses the executive director ~~or other such top administrator~~ for the community service board."

SECTION 8.

Code Section 50-14-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to meetings open to the public, limitation on action to contest agency action, recording, notice of time and place, access to minutes, and teleconferences, is amended by revising subsection (h) as follows:

"(h)(1) The following bodies and committees thereof shall be authorized to conduct meetings by teleconference, provided that any such meeting shall be considered to be conducted in compliance with this chapter so long as the notice required by this chapter is provided and, if fewer than a quorum of the members of a body or committee thereof

are physically present, means have been afforded for the public to have simultaneous access to the teleconference meeting:

(A) Development authorities created pursuant to or authorized by the provisions of Chapter 42 or Chapter 62 of Title 36, by or pursuant to Article IX, Section VI, Paragraph III of the Georgia Constitution, or by or pursuant to any amendment to the Constitution continued pursuant to the authority of Article XI, Section I, Paragraph IV of the Constitution;

(B) Community improvement districts created pursuant to the provisions of Article IX, Section VII of the Georgia Constitution;

(C) Hospital authorities created pursuant to Article 4 of Chapter 7 of Title 31;

(D) The board of trustees or other governing body of any large retirement system as such term is defined in subsection (a) of Code Section 47-20-84;

(E) The board of trustees of any county or regional public library created pursuant to Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 20; provided, however, that such meetings:

(i) Shall be held at a physical location with at least 50 percent of the board members physically present; and

(ii) Shall provide one or more methods for public viewing of such meetings and providing commentary at such meetings without being physically present at such meetings; and

(F) Community service boards created pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 37; provided, however, that such meetings~~:~~

~~(i) Shall be held at a physical location with at least 50 percent of the board members physically present; and~~

~~(ii) Shall~~ shall provide one or more methods for public viewing of such meetings and providing commentary at such meetings without being physically present at such meetings.

(2) The participation by teleconference of members of such bodies or committees thereof means full participation in the same manner as if such members were physically present. In the event such teleconference meeting is a public hearing, and if fewer than a quorum of the members of a body or committee thereof are physically present, then members of the public shall be afforded the means to participate fully in the same manner as if such members of the public were physically present."

SECTION 9.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
E Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	E Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
E Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	E Drenner	Y Hugley	E Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Blackmon	E Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	E Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	E Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	E Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
E Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 156, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 1295. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Stephens of the 164th, Hawkins of the 27th, Au of the 50th, LaHood of the 175th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to physician assistants, so as to enter into an interstate compact known as the "PA Licensure Compact"; to revise provisions relating to the Georgia Composite Medical Board; to provide for date of implementation, withdrawal, and amendment; to provide for construction and

severability; to provide for effect of the compact; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 4 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to physician assistants, so as to enter into an interstate compact known as the "PA Licensure Compact"; to revise provisions relating to the Georgia Composite Medical Board; to revise a definition; to require criminal background checks for licensure as a physician assistant in this state; to provide for a short title; to provide for the purpose of the compact; to provide for definitions; to provide for participation; to provide for compact privilege; to provide for designation of the state from which a licensee is applying for such compact privilege; to provide for adverse actions; to provide for the establishment of a commission; to provide for a data system; to provide for rulemaking powers; to provide for oversight, dispute resolution, and enforcement; to provide for date of implementation, withdrawal, and amendment; to provide for construction and severability; to provide for effect of the compact; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 4 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to physician assistants, is amended by revising paragraph (7) of Code Section 43-34-102, relating to definitions, as follows:

"(7) 'Physician assistant' means ~~a skilled person who is licensed to a supervising physician and who is qualified by academic and practical training~~ an individual who has been duly licensed as such under this article or who holds a compact privilege issued pursuant to Code Section 43-34-111, the 'Physician Assistant Licensure Compact,' and who is authorized to provide patients' services not necessarily within the physical presence but under the personal direction or supervision of the supervising physician."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 43-34-103, relating to application for licensure as a physician assistant, authorized delegated authority, and prohibited acts, as follows:

"(a)(1) In order to obtain licensure as a physician assistant in this state, an applicant shall have satisfactory results from a criminal background check and submit an application to the board in accordance with this subsection.

(2)(A) An application for licensure as a physician assistant ~~Such application~~ shall include:

~~(A)~~(i) Evidence submitted by the applicant of his or her good moral character; and

~~(B)~~(ii) Evidence of his or her competency in a health care area related to the job description which, ~~as a~~ at minimum, shall include:

~~(i)~~(I) Evidence of satisfactory completion of a training program approved by the board. If the applicant is not a graduate of an accredited school approved by the board, he or she shall be required to receive board approved refresher training and testing; and

~~(ii)~~(II) Evidence that the applicant has passed the Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) administered by the National Commission for the Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA), or its successor, or the National Association for the Certification of Anesthesia Assistants, (NACAA) or its successor.

(B) The board may issue a temporary permit to any applicant for licensure who has satisfied the provisions of ~~division (i) of this subparagraph~~ subdivision (2)(A)(ii)(I) of this subsection and who is an applicant for the next available board approved or administered examination or who has completed this examination and is awaiting the results of such examination. Such ~~The~~ temporary permit shall expire upon notification of the applicant's failure to achieve a satisfactory score on the board approved or administered examination. A physician assistant licensed pursuant to this ~~paragraph~~ subparagraph shall not be authorized to perform any medical acts of any sort except as approved for utilization by a physician in a job description pursuant to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph ~~(2) of this subsection~~. The board may grant an inactive licensure status to a physician assistant who is licensed pursuant to this article but who is not practicing with the supervision of a board approved primary supervising physician.

~~(2)~~(C) In order to obtain approval for the utilization of a physician assistant, whether the utilization is in a private practice or through a public or private health care institution or organization, the licensed physician who will be responsible for the performance of such physician assistant shall submit an application to the board which shall include:

~~(A)~~(i) Evidence that the physician assistant is licensed pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection;

~~(B)~~(ii) A job description meeting the requirements of paragraph (4) of Code Section 43-34-102; and

~~(C)~~(iii) A fee, established by the board; provided, however, that no fee will be required if the physician assistant is an employee of the state or a county government.

(D)(i) The board is authorized to conduct and receive national criminal background checks of applicants for licensure as physician assistants by the submission of fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation through the Georgia Crime Information Center. An application for licensure under this article shall constitute

express consent and authorization for the board to perform such criminal background check. The applicant shall be responsible for all fees associated with the performance of such background check.

(ii) In order to determine an applicant's suitability for licensure as a physician assistant, each applicant shall furnish the board with any and all information necessary, including, but not limited to, a full set of fingerprints, to enable a criminal background check to be conducted. The board shall submit the fingerprints to the Georgia Crime Information Center. The Georgia Crime Information Center is authorized to conduct a state criminal background check and to submit the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal background check.

(iii) The Georgia Crime Information Center shall notify the board in writing of any findings or the absence of any findings that result from any criminal background checks. All findings received by the board shall be used by it for the exclusive purpose of carrying out its responsibilities under this chapter, shall not constitute public records, shall be privileged, and shall not be disclosed to any other person or agency."

SECTION 3.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 43-34-108, relating to powers and duties of board, as follows:

"43-34-108.

(a) In addition to the powers specifically delegated to it in this article, the board shall:

(1) Administer the Physician Assistant Licensure Compact contained in Code Section 43-34-111 of this article;

(2) Have ~~have~~ the authority to perform all acts which are necessary, proper, or incidental to the efficient development of the category of ~~health care~~ healthcare established by this article~~. The board shall have~~; and

(3) Have the authority to promulgate rules and regulations governing the definitions of delegation by physicians to qualified persons other than physician assistants of any acts, duties, or functions which are permitted by law or established by custom.

(b) Any power vested by law in the board, but not implemented by specific provisions for the exercise thereof, may be executed and carried out by the board in a reasonable manner, pursuant to such rules, regulations, and procedures as the board may adopt and subject to such limitations as may be provided by law."

SECTION 4.

Said article is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"43-34-111.

(a) This Code section shall be known and may be cited as the 'Physician Assistant Licensure Compact.'

(b) The 'PA Licensure Compact' is enacted into law and entered into by the State of Georgia with any and all other states legally joining therein in the form substantially as follows:

'PA Licensure Compact

Section 1. Purpose

In order to strengthen access to Medical Services, and in recognition of the advances in the delivery of Medical Services, the Participating States of the PA Licensure Compact have allied in common purpose to develop a comprehensive process that complements the existing authority of State Licensing Boards to license and discipline PAs and seeks to enhance the portability of a License to practice as a PA while safeguarding the safety of patients. This Compact allows Medical Services to be provided by PAs, via the mutual recognition of the Licensee's Qualifying License by other Compact Participating States. This Compact also adopts the prevailing standard for PA licensure and affirms that the practice and delivery of Medical Services by the PA occurs where the patient is located at the time of the patient encounter, and therefore requires the PA to be under the jurisdiction of the State Licensing Board where the patient is located. State Licensing Boards that participate in this Compact retain the jurisdiction to impose Adverse Action against a Compact Privilege in that State issued to a PA through the procedures of this Compact. The PA Licensure Compact will alleviate burdens for military families by allowing active duty military personnel and their spouses to obtain a Compact Privilege based on having an unrestricted License in good standing from a Participating State.

Section 2. Definitions

In this compact:

A. "Adverse Action" means any administrative, civil, equitable, or criminal action permitted by a State's laws which is imposed by a Licensing Board or other authority against a PA License or License application or Compact Privilege such as License denial, censure, revocation, suspension, probation, monitoring of the Licensee, or restriction on the Licensee's practice.

B. "Compact Privilege" means the authorization granted by a Remote State to allow a Licensee from another Participating State to practice as a PA to provide Medical Services and other licensed activity to a patient located in the Remote State under the Remote State's laws and regulations.

C. "Conviction" means a finding by a court that an individual is guilty of a felony or misdemeanor offense through adjudication or entry of a plea of guilt or no contest to the charge by the offender.

D. "Criminal Background Check" means the submission of fingerprints or other biometric-based information for a License applicant for the purpose of obtaining that applicant's criminal history record information, as defined in 28 C.F.R. § 20.3(d), from the State's criminal history record repository as defined in 28 C.F.R. § 20.3(f).

E. "Data System" means the repository of information about Licensees, including but not limited to License status and Adverse Actions, which is created and administered under the terms of this Compact.
F. "Executive Committee" means a group of directors and ex-officio individuals elected or appointed pursuant to Section 7.F.2.
G. "Impaired Practitioner" means a PA whose practice is adversely affected by health-related condition(s) that impact their ability to practice.
H. "Investigative Information" means information, records, or documents received or generated by a Licensing Board pursuant to an investigation.
I. "Jurisprudence Requirement" means the assessment of an individual's knowledge of the laws and Rules governing the practice of a PA in a State.
J. "License" means current authorization by a State, other than authorization pursuant to a Compact Privilege, for a PA to provide Medical Services, which would be unlawful without current authorization.
K. "Licensee" means an individual who holds a License from a State to provide Medical Services as a PA.
L. "Licensing Board" means any State entity authorized to license and otherwise regulate PAs.
M. "Medical Services" means health care services provided for the diagnosis, prevention, treatment, cure or relief of a health condition, injury, or disease, as defined by a State's laws and regulations.
N. "Model Compact" means the model for the PA Licensure Compact on file with The Council of State Governments or other entity as designated by the Commission.
O. "Participating State" means a State that has enacted this Compact.
P. "PA" means an individual who is licensed as a physician assistant in a State. For purposes of this Compact, any other title or status adopted by a State to replace the term "physician assistant" shall be deemed synonymous with "physician assistant" and shall confer the same rights and responsibilities to the Licensee under the provisions of this Compact at the time of its enactment.
Q. "PA Licensure Compact Commission," "Compact Commission," or **"Commission"** mean the national administrative body created pursuant to Section 7.A of this Compact.
R. "Qualifying License" means an unrestricted License issued by a Participating State to provide Medical Services as a PA.
S. "Remote State" means a Participating State where a Licensee who is not licensed as a PA is exercising or seeking to exercise the Compact Privilege.
T. "Rule" means a regulation promulgated by an entity that has the force and effect of law.
U. "Significant Investigative Information" means Investigative Information that a Licensing Board, after an inquiry or investigation that includes notification and an opportunity for the PA to respond if required by State law, has reason to believe is not groundless and, if proven true, would indicate more than a minor infraction.
V. "State" means any state, commonwealth, district, or territory of the United States.

Section 3. State Participation in this Compact

A. To participate in this Compact, a Participating State shall:

1. License PAs.

2. Participate in the Compact Commission's Data System.

3. Have a mechanism in place for receiving and investigating complaints against Licensees and License applicants.

4. Notify the Commission, in compliance with the terms of this Compact and Commission Rules, of any Adverse Action against a Licensee or License applicant and the existence of Significant Investigative Information regarding a Licensee or License applicant.

5. Fully implement a Criminal Background Check requirement, within a time frame established by Commission Rule, by its Licensing Board receiving the results of a Criminal Background Check and reporting to the Commission whether the License applicant has been granted a License.

6. Comply with the Rules of the Compact Commission.

7. Utilize passage of a recognized national exam such as the NCCPA PANCE as a requirement for PA licensure.

8. Grant the Compact Privilege to a holder of a Qualifying License in a Participating State.

B. Nothing in this Compact prohibits a Participating State from charging a fee for granting the Compact Privilege.

Section 4. Compact Privilege

A. To exercise the Compact Privilege, a Licensee must:

1. Have graduated from a PA program accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc. or other programs authorized by Commission Rule.

2. Hold current NCCPA certification.

3. Have no felony or misdemeanor Conviction.

4. Have never had a controlled substance license, permit, or registration suspended or revoked by a State or by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration.

5. Have a unique identifier as determined by Commission Rule.

6. Hold a Qualifying License.

7. Have had no revocation of a License or limitation or restriction on any License currently held due to an adverse action.

8. If a Licensee has had a limitation or restriction on a License or Compact Privilege due to an Adverse Action, two years must have elapsed from the date on which the License or Compact Privilege is no longer limited or restricted due to the Adverse Action.

9. If a Compact Privilege has been revoked or is limited or restricted in a Participating State for conduct that would not be a basis for disciplinary action in a Participating State in which the Licensee is practicing or applying to practice under a Compact Privilege, that Participating State shall have the discretion not to consider such action

as an Adverse Action requiring the denial or removal of a Compact Privilege in that State.

10. Notify the Compact Commission that the Licensee is seeking the Compact Privilege in a Remote State.

11. Meet any Jurisprudence Requirement of a Remote State in which the Licensee is seeking to practice under the Compact Privilege and pay any fees applicable to satisfying the Jurisprudence Requirement.

12. Report to the Commission any Adverse Action taken by a non-participating State within thirty (30) days after the action is taken.

B. The Compact Privilege is valid until the expiration or revocation of the Qualifying License unless terminated pursuant to an Adverse Action. The Licensee must also comply with all of the requirements of Subsection A above to maintain the Compact Privilege in a Remote State. If the Participating State takes Adverse Action against a Qualifying License, the Licensee shall lose the Compact Privilege in any Remote State in which the Licensee has a Compact Privilege until all of the following occur:

1. The License is no longer limited or restricted; and

2. Two (2) years have elapsed from the date on which the License is no longer limited or restricted due to the Adverse Action.

C. Once a restricted or limited License satisfies the requirements of Subsection B.1 and 2, the Licensee must meet the requirements of Subsection A to obtain a Compact Privilege in any Remote State.

D. For each Remote State in which a PA seeks authority to prescribe controlled substances, the PA shall satisfy all requirements imposed by such State in granting or renewing such authority.

Section 5. Designation of the State from Which Licensee is Applying for a Compact Privilege

A. Upon a Licensee's application for a Compact Privilege, the Licensee shall identify to the Commission the Participating State from which the Licensee is applying, in accordance with applicable Rules adopted by the Commission, and subject to the following requirements:

1. When applying for a Compact Privilege, the Licensee shall provide the Commission with the address of the Licensee's primary residence and thereafter shall immediately report to the Commission any change in the address of the Licensee's primary residence.

2. When applying for a Compact Privilege, the Licensee is required to consent to accept service of process by mail at the Licensee's primary residence on file with the Commission with respect to any action brought against the Licensee by the Commission or a Participating State, including a subpoena, with respect to any action brought or investigation conducted by the Commission or a Participating State.

Section 6. Adverse Actions

A. A Participating State in which a Licensee is licensed shall have exclusive power to impose Adverse Action against the Qualifying License issued by that Participating State.

B. In addition to the other powers conferred by State law, a Remote State shall have the authority, in accordance with existing State due process law, to do all of the following:

1. Take Adverse Action against a PA's Compact Privilege within that State to remove a Licensee's Compact Privilege or take other action necessary under applicable law to protect the health and safety of its citizens.

2. Issue subpoenas for both hearings and investigations that require the attendance and testimony of witnesses as well as the production of evidence. Subpoenas issued by a Licensing Board in a Participating State for the attendance and testimony of witnesses or the production of evidence from another Participating State shall be enforced in the latter State by any court of competent jurisdiction, according to the practice and procedure of that court applicable to subpoenas issued in proceedings pending before it. The issuing authority shall pay any witness fees, travel expenses, mileage and other fees required by the service statutes of the State in which the witnesses or evidence are located.

3. Notwithstanding paragraph 2, subpoenas may not be issued by a Participating State to gather evidence of conduct in another State that is lawful in that other State for the purpose of taking Adverse Action against a Licensee's Compact Privilege or application for a Compact Privilege in that Participating State.

4. Nothing in this Compact authorizes a Participating State to impose discipline against a PA's Compact Privilege or to deny an application for a Compact Privilege in that Participating State for the individual's otherwise lawful practice in another State.

C. For purposes of taking Adverse Action, the Participating State which issued the Qualifying License shall give the same priority and effect to reported conduct received from any other Participating State as it would if the conduct had occurred within the Participating State which issued the Qualifying License. In so doing, that Participating State shall apply its own State laws to determine appropriate action.

D. A Participating State, if otherwise permitted by State law, may recover from the affected PA the costs of investigations and disposition of cases resulting from any Adverse Action taken against that PA.

E. A Participating State may take Adverse Action based on the factual findings of a Remote State, provided that the Participating State follows its own procedures for taking the Adverse Action.

F. Joint Investigations

1. In addition to the authority granted to a Participating State by its respective State PA laws and regulations or other applicable State law, any Participating State may participate with other Participating States in joint investigations of Licensees.

2. Participating States shall share any investigative, litigation, or compliance materials in furtherance of any joint or individual investigation initiated under this Compact.

G. If an Adverse Action is taken against a PA's Qualifying License, the PA's Compact Privilege in all Remote States shall be deactivated until two (2) years have elapsed after all restrictions have been removed from the State License. All disciplinary orders by the Participating State which issued the Qualifying License that impose Adverse Action

against a PA's License shall include a Statement that the PA's Compact Privilege is deactivated in all Participating States during the pendency of the order.

H. If any Participating State takes Adverse Action, it promptly shall notify the administrator of the Data System.

Section 7. Establishment of the PA Licensure Compact Commission

A. The Participating States hereby create and establish a joint government agency and national administrative body known as the PA Licensure Compact Commission. The Commission is an instrumentality of the Compact States acting jointly and not an instrumentality of any one State. The Commission shall come into existence on or after the effective date of the Compact as set forth in Section 11.A.

B. Membership, Voting, and Meetings

1. Each Participating State shall have and be limited to one (1) delegate selected by that Participating State's Licensing Board or, if the State has more than one Licensing Board, selected collectively by the Participating State's Licensing Boards.

2. The delegate shall be either:

a. A current PA, physician or public member of a Licensing Board or PA Council/Committee; or

b. An administrator of a Licensing Board.

3. Any delegate may be removed or suspended from office as provided by the laws of the State from which the delegate is appointed.

4. The Participating State Licensing Board shall fill any vacancy occurring in the Commission within sixty (60) days.

5. Each delegate shall be entitled to one (1) vote on all matters voted on by the Commission and shall otherwise have an opportunity to participate in the business and affairs of the Commission. A delegate shall vote in person or by such other means as provided in the bylaws. The bylaws may provide for delegates' participation in meetings by telecommunications, video conference, or other means of communication.

6. The Commission shall meet at least once during each calendar year. Additional meetings shall be held as set forth in this Compact and the bylaws.

7. The Commission shall establish by Rule a term of office for delegates.

C. The Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

1. Establish a code of ethics for the Commission;

2. Establish the fiscal year of the Commission;

3. Establish fees;

4. Establish bylaws;

5. Maintain its financial records in accordance with the bylaws;

6. Meet and take such actions as are consistent with the provisions of this Compact and the bylaws;

7. Promulgate Rules to facilitate and coordinate implementation and administration of this Compact. The Rules shall have the force and effect of law and shall be binding in all Participating States;

8. Bring and prosecute legal proceedings or actions in the name of the Commission, provided that the standing of any State Licensing Board to sue or be sued under applicable law shall not be affected;

9. Purchase and maintain insurance and bonds;

10. Borrow, accept, or contract for services of personnel, including, but not limited to, employees of a Participating State;

11. Hire employees and engage contractors, elect or appoint officers, fix compensation, define duties, grant such individuals appropriate authority to carry out the purposes of this Compact, and establish the Commission's personnel policies and programs relating to conflicts of interest, qualifications of personnel, and other related personnel matters;

12. Accept any and all appropriate donations and grants of money, equipment, supplies, materials and services, and receive, utilize and dispose of the same; provided that at all times the Commission shall avoid any appearance of impropriety or conflict of interest;

13. Lease, purchase, accept appropriate gifts or donations of, or otherwise own, hold, improve or use, any property, real, personal or mixed; provided that at all times the Commission shall avoid any appearance of impropriety;

14. Sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, abandon, or otherwise dispose of any property real, personal, or mixed;

15. Establish a budget and make expenditures;

16. Borrow money;

17. Appoint committees, including standing committees composed of members, State regulators, State legislators or their representatives, and consumer representatives, and such other interested persons as may be designated in this Compact and the bylaws;

18. Provide and receive information from, and cooperate with, law enforcement agencies;

19. Elect a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer and such other officers of the Commission as provided in the Commission's bylaws.

20. Reserve for itself, in addition to those reserved exclusively to the Commission under the Compact, powers that the Executive Committee may not exercise;

21. Approve or disapprove a State's participation in the Compact based upon its determination as to whether the State's Compact legislation departs in a material manner from the Model Compact language;

22. Prepare and provide to the Participating States an annual report; and

23. Perform such other functions as may be necessary or appropriate to achieve the purposes of this Compact consistent with the State regulation of PA licensure and practice.

D. Meetings of the Commission

1. All meetings of the Commission that are not closed pursuant to this subsection shall be open to the public. Notice of public meetings shall be posted on the Commission's website at least thirty (30) days prior to the public meeting.

2. Notwithstanding subsection D.1 of this section, the Commission may convene a public meeting by providing at least twenty-four (24) hours prior notice on the Commission's website, and any other means as provided in the Commission's Rules,

for any of the reasons it may dispense with notice of proposed rulemaking under Section 9.L.

3. The Commission may convene in a closed, non-public meeting or non-public part of a public meeting to receive legal advice or to discuss:

a. Non-compliance of a Participating State with its obligations under this Compact;

b. The employment, compensation, discipline or other matters, practices or procedures related to specific employees or other matters related to the Commission's internal personnel practices and procedures;

c. Current, threatened, or reasonably anticipated litigation;

d. Negotiation of contracts for the purchase, lease, or sale of goods, services, or real estate;

e. Accusing any person of a crime or formally censuring any person;

f. Disclosure of trade secrets or commercial or financial information that is privileged or confidential;

g. Disclosure of information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;

h. Disclosure of investigative records compiled for law enforcement purposes;

I. Disclosure of information related to any investigative reports prepared by or on behalf of or for use of the Commission or other committee charged with responsibility of investigation or determination of compliance issues pursuant to this Compact;

j. Legal advice; or

k. Matters specifically exempted from disclosure by federal or Participating States' statutes.

4. If a meeting, or portion of a meeting, is closed pursuant to this provision, the chair of the meeting or the chair's designee shall certify that the meeting or portion of the meeting may be closed and shall reference each relevant exempting provision.

5. The Commission shall keep minutes that fully and clearly describe all matters discussed in a meeting and shall provide a full and accurate summary of actions taken, including a description of the views expressed. All documents considered in connection with an action shall be identified in such minutes. All minutes and documents of a closed meeting shall remain under seal, subject to release by a majority vote of the Commission or order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

E. Financing of the Commission

1. The Commission shall pay, or provide for the payment of, the reasonable expenses of its establishment, organization, and ongoing activities.

2. The Commission may accept any and all appropriate revenue sources, donations, and grants of money, equipment, supplies, materials, and services.

3. The Commission may levy on and collect an annual assessment from each Participating State and may impose Compact Privilege fees on Licensees of Participating States to whom a Compact Privilege is granted to cover the cost of the operations and activities of the Commission and its staff, which must be in a total amount sufficient to cover its annual budget as approved by the Commission each year for which revenue is not provided by other sources. The aggregate annual assessment

amount levied on Participating States shall be allocated based upon a formula to be determined by Commission Rule.

a. A Compact Privilege expires when the Licensee's Qualifying License in the Participating State from which the Licensee applied for the Compact Privilege expires.

b. If the Licensee terminates the Qualifying License through which the Licensee applied for the Compact Privilege before its scheduled expiration, and the Licensee has a Qualifying License in another Participating State, the Licensee shall inform the Commission that it is changing to that Participating State the Participating State through which it applies for a Compact Privilege and pay to the Commission any Compact Privilege fee required by Commission Rule.

4. The Commission shall not incur obligations of any kind prior to securing the funds adequate to meet the same; nor shall the Commission pledge the credit of any of the Participating States, except by and with the authority of the Participating State.

5. The Commission shall keep accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements. The receipts and disbursements of the Commission shall be subject to the financial review and accounting procedures established under its bylaws. All receipts and disbursements of funds handled by the Commission shall be subject to an annual financial review by a certified or licensed public accountant, and the report of the financial review shall be included in and become part of the annual report of the Commission.

F. The Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee shall have the power to act on behalf of the Commission according to the terms of this Compact and Commission Rules.

2. The Executive Committee shall be composed of nine (9) members:

a. Seven voting members who are elected by the Commission from the current membership of the Commission;

b. One ex-officio, nonvoting member from a recognized national PA professional association; and

c. One ex-officio, nonvoting member from a recognized national PA certification organization.

3. The ex-officio members will be selected by their respective organizations.

4. The Commission may remove any member of the Executive Committee as provided in its bylaws.

5. The Executive Committee shall meet at least annually.

6. The Executive Committee shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

a. Recommend to the Commission changes to the Commission's Rules or bylaws, changes to this Compact legislation, fees to be paid by Compact Participating States such as annual dues, and any Commission Compact fee charged to Licensees for the Compact Privilege;

b. Ensure Compact administration services are appropriately provided, contractual or otherwise;

c. Prepare and recommend the budget;

d. Maintain financial records on behalf of the Commission;

e. Monitor Compact compliance of Participating States and provide compliance reports to the Commission;

f. Establish additional committees as necessary;

g. Exercise the powers and duties of the Commission during the interim between Commission meetings, except for issuing proposed rulemaking or adopting Commission Rules or bylaws, or exercising any other powers and duties exclusively reserved to the Commission by the Commission's Rules; and

h. Perform other duties as provided in the Commission's Rules or bylaws.

7. All meeting of the Executive Committee at which it votes or plans to vote on matters in exercising the powers and duties of the Commission shall be open to the public and public notice of such meetings shall be given as public meetings of the Commission are given.

8. The Executive Committee may convene in a closed, non-public meeting for the same reasons that the Commission may convene in a non-public meeting as set forth in Section 7.D 3 and shall announce the closed meeting as the Commission is required to under Section 7.D.4 and keep minutes of the closed meeting as the Commission is required to under Section 7.D.5.

G. Qualified Immunity, Defense, and Indemnification

1. The members, officers, executive director, employees and representatives of the Commission shall be immune from suit and liability, both personally and in their official capacity, for any claim for damage to or loss of property or personal injury or other civil liability caused by or arising out of any actual or alleged act, error, or omission that occurred, or that the person against whom the claim is made had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the scope of Commission employment, duties or responsibilities; provided that nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to protect any such person from suit or liability for any damage, loss, injury, or liability caused by the intentional or willful or wanton misconduct of that person. The procurement of insurance of any type by the Commission shall not in any way compromise or limit the immunity granted hereunder.

2. The Commission shall defend any member, officer, executive director, employee, and representative of the Commission in any civil action seeking to impose liability arising out of any actual or alleged act, error, or omission that occurred within the scope of Commission employment, duties, or responsibilities, or as determined by the commission that the person against whom the claim is made had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the scope of Commission employment, duties, or responsibilities; provided that nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit that person from retaining their own counsel at their own expense; and provided further, that the actual or alleged act, error, or omission did not result from that person's intentional or willful or wanton misconduct.

3. The Commission shall indemnify and hold harmless any member, officer, executive director, employee, and representative of the Commission for the amount of any settlement or judgment obtained against that person arising out of any actual or alleged

act, error, or omission that occurred within the scope of Commission employment, duties, or responsibilities, or that such person had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the scope of Commission employment, duties, or responsibilities, provided that the actual or alleged act, error, or omission did not result from the intentional or willful or wanton misconduct of that person.

4. Venue is proper and judicial proceedings by or against the Commission shall be brought solely and exclusively in a court of competent jurisdiction where the principal office of the Commission is located. The Commission may waive venue and jurisdictional defenses in any proceedings as authorized by Commission Rules.

5. Nothing herein shall be construed as a limitation on the liability of any Licensee for professional malpractice or misconduct, which shall be governed solely by any other applicable State laws.

6. Nothing herein shall be construed to designate the venue or jurisdiction to bring actions for alleged acts of malpractice, professional misconduct, negligence, or other such civil action pertaining to the practice of a PA. All such matters shall be determined exclusively by State law other than this Compact.

7. Nothing in this Compact shall be interpreted to waive or otherwise abrogate a Participating State's state action immunity or state action affirmative defense with respect to antitrust claims under the Sherman Act, Clayton Act, or any other State or federal antitrust or anticompetitive law or regulation.

8. Nothing in this Compact shall be construed to be a waiver of sovereign immunity by the Participating States or by the Commission.

Section 8. Data System

A. The Commission shall provide for the development, maintenance, operation, and utilization of a coordinated data and reporting system containing licensure, Adverse Action, and the reporting of the existence of Significant Investigative Information on all licensed PAs and applicants denied a License in Participating States.

B. Notwithstanding any other State law to the contrary, a Participating State shall submit a uniform data set to the Data System on all PAs to whom this Compact is applicable (utilizing a unique identifier) as required by the Rules of the Commission, including:

1. Identifying information;

2. Licensure data;

3. Adverse Actions against a License or Compact Privilege;

4. Any denial of application for licensure, and the reason(s) for such denial (excluding the reporting of any Criminal history record information where prohibited by law);

5. The existence of Significant Investigative Information; and

6. Other information that may facilitate the administration of this Compact, as determined by the Rules of the Commission.

C. Significant Investigative Information pertaining to a Licensee in any Participating State shall only be available to other Participating States.

D. The Commission shall promptly notify all Participating States of any Adverse Action taken against a Licensee or an individual applying for a License that has been reported to it. This Adverse Action information shall be available to any other Participating State.
E. Participating States contributing information to the Data System may, in accordance with State or federal law, designate information that may not be shared with the public without the express permission of the contributing State. Notwithstanding any such designation, such information shall be reported to the Commission through the Data System.
F. Any information submitted to the Data System that is subsequently expunged pursuant to federal law or the laws of the Participating State contributing the information shall be removed from the Data System upon reporting of such by the Participating State to the Commission.
G. The records and information provided to a Participating State pursuant to this Compact or through the Data System, when certified by the Commission or an agent thereof, shall constitute the authenticated business records of the Commission, and shall be entitled to any associated hearsay exception in any relevant judicial, quasi-judicial or administrative proceedings in a Participating State.

Section 9. Rulemaking

A. The Commission shall exercise its Rulemaking powers pursuant to the criteria set forth in this Section and the Rules adopted thereunder. Commission Rules shall become binding as of the date specified by the Commission for each Rule.
B. The Commission shall promulgate reasonable Rules in order to effectively and efficiently implement and administer this Compact and achieve its purposes. A Commission Rule shall be invalid and have not force or effect only if a court of competent jurisdiction holds that the Rule is invalid because the Commission exercised its rulemaking authority in a manner that is beyond the scope of the purposes of this Compact, or the powers granted hereunder, or based upon another applicable standard of review.
C. The Rules of the Commission shall have the force of law in each Participating State, provided however that where the Rules of the Commission conflict with the laws of the Participating State that establish the medical services a PA may perform in the Participating State, as held by a court of competent jurisdiction, the Rules of the Commission shall be ineffective in that State to the extent of the conflict.
D. If a majority of the legislatures of the Participating States rejects a Commission Rule, by enactment of a statute or resolution in the same manner used to adopt this Compact within four (4) years of the date of adoption of the Rule, then such Rule shall have no further force and effect in any Participating State or to any State applying to participate in the Compact.
E. Commission Rules shall be adopted at a regular or special meeting of the Commission.
F. Prior to promulgation and adoption of a final Rule or Rules by the Commission, and at least thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting at which the Rule will be considered and voted upon, the Commission shall file a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking:

1. On the website of the Commission or other publicly accessible platform; and

2. To persons who have requested notice of the Commission's notices of proposed rulemaking, and

3. In such other way(s) as the Commission may by Rule specify.

G. The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking shall include:

1. The time, date, and location of the public hearing on the proposed Rule and the proposed time, date and location of the meeting in which the proposed Rule will be considered and voted upon;

2. The text of the proposed Rule and the reason for the proposed Rule;

3. A request for comments on the proposed Rule from any interested person and the date by which written comments must be received; and

4. The manner in which interested persons may submit notice to the Commission of their intention to attend the public hearing or provide any written comments.

H. Prior to adoption of a proposed Rule, the Commission shall allow persons to submit written data, facts, opinions, and arguments, which shall be made available to the public.

I. If the hearing is to be held via electronic means, the Commission shall publish the mechanism for access to the electronic hearing.

1. All persons wishing to be heard at the hearing shall as directed in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, not less than five (5) business days before the scheduled date of the hearing, notify the Commission of their desire to appear and testify at the hearing.

2. Hearings shall be conducted in a manner providing each person who wishes to comment a fair and reasonable opportunity to comment orally or in writing.

3. All hearings shall be recorded. A copy of the recording and the written comments, data, facts, opinions, and arguments received in response to the proposed rulemaking shall be made available to a person upon request.

4. Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring a separate hearing on each proposed Rule. Proposed Rules may be grouped for the convenience of the Commission at hearings required by this section.

J. Following the public hearing the Commission shall consider all written and oral comments timely received.

K. The Commission shall, by majority vote of all delegates, take final action on the proposed Rule and shall determine the effective date of the Rule, if adopted, based on the Rulemaking record and the full text of the Rule.

1. If adopted, the Rule shall be posted on the Commission's website.

2. The Commission may adopt changes to the proposed Rule provided the changes do not enlarge the original purpose of the proposed Rule.

3. The Commission shall provide on its website an explanation of the reasons for substantive changes made to the proposed Rule as well as reasons for substantive changes not made that were recommended by commenters.

4. The Commission shall determine a reasonable effective date for the Rule. Except for an emergency as provided in subsection L, the effective date of the Rule shall be no sooner than thirty (30) days after the Commission issued the notice that it adopted the Rule.

L. Upon determination that an emergency exists, the Commission may consider and adopt an emergency Rule with twenty-four (24) hours prior notice, without the opportunity for comment, or hearing, provided that the usual rulemaking procedures provided in this Compact and in this section shall be retroactively applied to the Rule as soon as reasonably possible, in no event later than ninety (90) days after the effective date of the Rule. For the purposes of this provision, an emergency Rule is one that must be adopted immediately by the Commission in order to:

1. Meet an imminent threat to public health, safety, or welfare;
2. Prevent a loss of Commission or Participating State funds;
3. Meet a deadline for the promulgation of a Commission Rule that is established by federal law or Rule; or
4. Protect public health and safety.

M. The Commission or an authorized committee of the Commission may direct revisions to a previously adopted Commission Rule for purposes of correcting typographical errors, errors in format, errors in consistency, or grammatical errors. Public notice of any revisions shall be posted on the website of the Commission. The revision shall be subject to challenge by any person for a period of thirty (30) days after posting. The revision may be challenged only on grounds that the revision results in a material change to a Rule. A challenge shall be made as set forth in the notice of revisions and delivered to the Commission prior to the end of the notice period. If no challenge is made, the revision will take effect without further action. If the revision is challenged, the revision may not take effect without the approval of the Commission.

N. No Participating State's rulemaking requirements shall apply under this Compact.

Section 10. Oversight, Dispute Resolution, and Enforcement

A. Oversight

1. The executive and judicial branches of State government in each Participating State shall enforce this Compact and take all actions necessary and appropriate to implement the Compact.
2. Venue is proper and judicial proceedings by or against the Commission shall be brought solely and exclusively in a court of competent jurisdiction where the principal office of the Commission is located. The Commission may waive venue and jurisdictional defenses to the extent it adopts or consents to participate in alternative dispute resolution proceedings. Nothing herein shall affect or limit the selection or propriety of venue in any action against a licensee for professional malpractice, misconduct or any such similar matter.
3. The Commission shall be entitled to receive service of process in any proceeding regarding the enforcement or interpretation of the Compact or the Commission's Rules and shall have standing to intervene in such a proceeding for all purposes. Failure to provide the Commission with service of process shall render a judgment or order in such proceeding void as to the Commission, this Compact, or Commission Rules.

B. Default, Technical Assistance, and Termination

1. If the Commission determines that a Participating State has defaulted in the performance of its obligations or responsibilities under this Compact or the Commission Rules, the Commission shall provide written notice to the defaulting State and other Participating States. The notice shall describe the default, the proposed means of curing the default and any other action that the Commission may take and shall offer remedial training and specific technical assistance regarding the default.

2. If a State in default fails to cure the default, the defaulting State may be terminated from this Compact upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the delegates of the Participating States, and all rights, privileges and benefits conferred by this Compact upon such State may be terminated on the effective date of termination. A cure of the default does not relieve the offending State of obligations or liabilities incurred during the period of default.

3. Termination of participation in this Compact shall be imposed only after all other means of securing compliance have been exhausted. Notice of intent to suspend or terminate shall be given by the Commission to the governor, the majority and minority leaders of the defaulting State's legislature, and to the Licensing Board(s) of each of the Participating States.

4. A State that has been terminated is responsible for all assessments, obligations, and liabilities incurred through the effective date of termination, including obligations that extend beyond the effective date of termination.

5. The Commission shall not bear any costs related to a State that is found to be in default or that has been terminated from this Compact, unless agreed upon in writing between the Commission and the defaulting State.

6. The defaulting State may appeal its termination from the Compact by the Commission by petitioning the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia or the federal district where the Commission has its principal offices. The prevailing member shall be awarded all costs of such litigation, including reasonable attorney's fees.

7. Upon the termination of a State's participation in the Compact, the State shall immediately provide notice to all Licensees within that State of such termination:

a. Licensees who have been granted a Compact Privilege in that State shall retain the Compact Privilege for one hundred eighty (180) days following the effective date of such termination.

b. Licensees who are licensed in that State who have been granted a Compact Privilege in a Participating State shall retain the Compact Privilege for one hundred eighty (180) days unless the Licensee also has a Qualifying License in a Participating State or obtains a Qualifying License in a Participating State before the one hundred eighty (180)-day period ends, in which case the Compact Privilege shall continue.

C. Dispute Resolution

1. Upon request by a Participating State, the Commission shall attempt to resolve disputes related to this Compact that arise among Participating States and between participating and non-Participating States.

2. The Commission shall promulgate a Rule providing for both mediation and binding dispute resolution for disputes as appropriate.

D. Enforcement

1. The Commission, in the reasonable exercise of its discretion, shall enforce the provisions of this Compact and Rules of the Commission.

2. If compliance is not secured after all means to secure compliance have been exhausted, by majority vote, the Commission may initiate legal action in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia or the federal district where the Commission has its principal offices, against a Participating State in default to enforce compliance with the provisions of this Compact and the Commission's promulgated Rules and bylaws. The relief sought may include both injunctive relief and damages. In the event judicial enforcement is necessary, the prevailing party shall be awarded all costs of such litigation, including reasonable attorney's fees.

3. The remedies herein shall not be the exclusive remedies of the Commission. The Commission may pursue any other remedies available under federal or State law.

E. Legal Action Against the Commission

1. A Participating State may initiate legal action against the Commission in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia or the federal district where the Commission has its principal offices to enforce compliance with the provisions of the Compact and its Rules. The relief sought may include both injunctive relief and damages. In the event judicial enforcement is necessary, the prevailing party shall be awarded all costs of such litigation, including reasonable attorney's fees.

2. No person other than a Participating State shall enforce this Compact against the Commission.

Section 11. Date of Implementation of the PA Licensure Compact Commission

A. This Compact shall come into effect on the date on which this Compact statute is enacted into law in the seventh Participating State.

1. On or after the effective date of the Compact, the Commission shall convene and review the enactment of each of the States that enacted the Compact prior to the Commission convening ("Charter Participating States") to determine if the statute enacted by each such Charter Participating State is materially different than the Model Compact.

a. A Charter Participating State whose enactment is found to be materially different from the Model Compact shall be entitled to the default process set forth in Section 10.B.

b. If any Participating State later withdraws from the Compact or its participation is terminated, the Commission shall remain in existence and the Compact shall remain in effect even if the number of Participating States should be less than seven. Participating States enacting the Compact subsequent to the Commission convening shall be subject to the process set forth in Section 7.C.21 to determine if their enactments are materially different from the Model Compact and whether they qualify for participation in the Compact.

2. Participating States enacting the Compact subsequent to the seven initial Charter Participating States shall be subject to the process set forth in Section 7.C.21 to

determine if their enactments are materially different from the Model Compact and whether they qualify for participation in the Compact.

3. All actions taken for the benefit of the Commission or in furtherance of the purposes of the administration of the Compact prior to the effective date of the Compact or the Commission coming into existence shall be considered to be actions of the Commission unless specifically repudiated by the Commission.

B. Any State that joins this Compact shall be subject to the Commission's Rules and bylaws as they exist on the date on which this Compact becomes law in that State. Any Rule that has been previously adopted by the Commission shall have the full force and effect of law on the day this Compact becomes law in that State.

C. Any Participating State may withdraw from this Compact by enacting a statute repealing the same.

1. A Participating State's withdrawal shall not take effect until one hundred eighty (180) days after enactment of the repealing statute. During this one hundred eighty (180) day-period, all Compact Privileges that were in effect in the withdrawing State and were granted to Licensees licensed in the withdrawing State shall remain in effect. If any Licensee licensed in the withdrawing State is also licensed in another Participating State or obtains a license in another Participating State within the one hundred eighty (180) days, the Licensee's Compact Privileges in other Participating States shall not be affected by the passage of the one hundred eighty (180) days.

2. Withdrawal shall not affect the continuing requirement of the State Licensing Board(s) of the withdrawing State to comply with the investigative, and Adverse Action reporting requirements of this Compact prior to the effective date of withdrawal.

3. Upon the enactment of a statute withdrawing a State from this Compact, the State shall immediately provide notice of such withdrawal to all Licensees within that State. Such withdrawing State shall continue to recognize all licenses granted pursuant to this Compact for a minimum of one hundred eighty (180) days after the date of such notice of withdrawal.

D. Nothing contained in this Compact shall be construed to invalidate or prevent any PA licensure agreement or other cooperative arrangement between Participating States and between a Participating State and non-Participating State that does not conflict with the provisions of this Compact.

E. This Compact may be amended by the Participating States. No amendment to this Compact shall become effective and binding upon any Participating State until it is enacted materially in the same manner into the laws of all Participating States as determined by the Commission.

Section 12. Construction and Severability

A. This Compact and the Commission's rulemaking authority shall be liberally construed so as to effectuate the purposes, and the implementation and administration of the Compact. Provisions of the Compact expressly authorizing or requiring the promulgation of Rules shall not be construed to limit the Commission's rulemaking authority solely for those purposes.

B. The provisions of this Compact shall be severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence or provision of this Compact is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to the constitution of any Participating State, a State seeking participation in the Compact, or of the United States, or the applicability thereof to any government, agency, person or circumstance is held to be unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the validity of the remainder of this Compact and the applicability thereof to any other government, agency, person or circumstance shall not be affected thereby.

C. Notwithstanding subsection B or this section, the Commission may deny a State's participation in the Compact or, in accordance with the requirements of Section10.B, terminate a Participating State's participation in the Compact, if it determines that a constitutional requirement of a Participating State is, or would be with respect to a State seeking to participate in the Compact, a material departure from the Compact. Otherwise, if this Compact shall be held to be contrary to the constitution of any Participating State, the Compact shall remain in full force and effect as to the remaining Participating States and in full force and effect as to the Participating State affected as to all severable matters.

Section 13. Binding Effect of Compact

A. Nothing herein prevents the enforcement of any other law of a Participating State that is not inconsistent with this Compact.

B. Any laws in a Participating State in conflict with this Compact are superseded to the extent of the conflict.

C. All agreements between the Commission and the Participating States are binding in accordance with their terms."

SECTION 5.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2027.

SECTION 6.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
E Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	E Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper

E Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	E Drenner	Y Hugley	E Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Blackmon	N Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	E Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	E Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	E Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
E Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 157, nays 3.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 1303. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Smith of the 18th, Lumsden of the 12th, Fincher of the 23rd and Panitch of the 51st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to cruelty to children, so as to provide for the offense of possession of a controlled substance in the presence of a child; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties; to provide for limitations on the merger of other offenses arising from the same conduct; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 16-13-30 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to purchase, possession, manufacture, distribution, or sale of controlled substances or marijuana and penalties, so as to provide for the offense of endangering a child by possession of drugs; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 16-13-30 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to purchase, possession, manufacture, distribution, or sale of controlled substances or marijuana and penalties, is amended by revising subsection (m) and by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(m) Any person who violates subsection (a) of this Code section by knowingly and unlawfully possessing or having under his or her control a controlled substance in Schedule I, a narcotic drug in Schedule II, or marijuana while in the presence of a child under the age of 14 years is guilty of the separate offense of endangering a child by possession of drugs. A violation of this subsection shall not be merged with the offense of violating subsection (a) of this Code section for the purposes of prosecution and sentencing. A defendant who is convicted of a violation of this subsection shall be punished in accordance with the provisions of subsection (d) of Code Section 16-12-1.

(n) As used in this Code section, the term 'solid substance' means a substance that is not in a liquid or gas form. Such term shall include tablets, pills, capsules, caplets, powder, crystal, or any variant of such items."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	N Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
E Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	N Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	E Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
E Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M

Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Bell	E Drenner	Y Hugley	E Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	E Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	E Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	E Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
E Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	N Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	N Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 147, nays 12.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

House of Representatives

Coverdell Legislative Office Building, Room 611-B
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

March 4, 2026

Clerk, William L. Reilly
309 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Re: Recording NO vote on HB 1303

Dear Clerk Reilly:

As State Representative for House District 98, I wish to re-record my vote on HB 1303 (LC 48 1783S), to a **NO** vote. Thank you.

Respectfully,

/s/ Marvin Lim
State Representative
House District 98

HB 438. By Representatives Crowe of the 118th, Lumsden of the 12th, Silcox of the 53rd, Hitchens of the 161st, Blackmon of the 146th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia, so as to allow all sworn law enforcement officers serving in and the commissioner and deputy commissioner of the Department of Public Safety to be eligible for regular retirement benefits at the age of 55 years, certain disability benefits, and certain provisions for purchasing creditable service; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
E Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
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E Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	E Drenner	Y Hugley	E Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	E Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	E Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
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Y Carson	E Gilliard	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
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Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	E Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 159, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 1178. By Representatives Horner of the 3rd, Tarvin of the 2nd, Persinger of the 119th, Scoggins of the 14th, Ridley of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding financial affairs, so as to establish the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight Committee of the House of Representatives; to provide for appointment; to provide for duties, functions, and powers; to provide for reporting and summaries; to provide for member allowances; to provide for audits; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and withdrawn:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding financial affairs, so as to establish the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight Committee of the House of Representatives; to provide for appointment; to provide for duties, functions, and powers; to provide for reporting and summaries; to provide for member allowances; to provide for audits; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding financial affairs, is amended by revising Code Section 28-5-5, which is reserved, as follows:

"28-5-5.

(a) There is created the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight Committee comprising 18 members of the House of Representatives appointed in accordance with the rules of the House of Representatives. The members of such committee shall be selected within ten days after the convening of the General Assembly in each odd-numbered year and shall serve until their successors are appointed.

(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint a member of the committee to serve as chairperson. The committee may meet up to nine times per year between sessions and, upon the call of the chairperson, at such additional times as deemed necessary by the chairperson, with the approval of the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(c) It shall be the duty of such committee to consult with the Governor and the Office of Planning and Budget concerning the development and implementation of the strategic planning process, the development of outcome measures for program evaluation, and the implementation of related actions.

(d) It shall be the duty of the committee to review and evaluate the following:

(1) The strategic plans for the state and individual departments submitted by the Office of Planning and Budget;

(2) Information or reports to be submitted by the Office of Planning and Budget identifying moneys received and the purposes for which moneys are expended in any case in which the receipt or expenditure is not contemplated by an appropriations Act;

(3) Such other information or reports as deemed necessary by the committee; and

(4) Liabilities of the state and individual departments and agencies.

(e) The Office of Planning and Budget and the head of each budget unit shall cooperate with the committee and shall provide such information or reports as requested by the committee for the performance of its functions.

(f) The committee shall make an annual report of its activities and findings to the membership of the General Assembly and the Governor within one week of the convening of each regular session of the General Assembly. The chairperson of the committee shall prepare written executive summaries of such report prior to the adoption of the General Appropriations Act each year. The committee shall not be required to distribute copies of the annual report or the executive summaries to the members of the General Assembly but shall notify members of the availability of such materials in the manner which it deems to be most effective and efficient. The committee chairperson shall provide a copy of the executive summaries to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the chairperson of the House Committee on Appropriations.

(g) The members of the committee shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of legislative committees. The funds necessary to pay such allowances shall come from funds appropriated to the House of Representatives.

(h) The committee, upon a determination of necessity, shall be authorized to request that a performance audit be conducted for any state or local governmental entity which receives state funding. Such audit may be conducted by one or more third-party auditors.

Subject to approval by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the funds necessary to pay for such audit shall come from funds appropriated to the House of Representatives.
(i) The committee shall have the power, at the discretion of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to call any elected official, state department, state agency, state employee, county commissioner, county manager, or school superintendent to address the committee's findings. ~~Reserved.~~"

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding financial affairs, so as to establish the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight Committee of the House of Representatives; to provide for appointment; to provide for duties, functions, and powers; to provide for reporting and summaries; to provide for member allowances; to provide for audits; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding financial affairs, is amended by revising Code Section 28-5-5, which is reserved, as follows:

"28-5-5.

(a) There is created the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight Committee comprising 19 members of the House of Representatives appointed in accordance with the rules of the House of Representatives, to include the chairperson of the House Committee on Appropriations. The members of such committee shall be selected within ten days after the convening of the General Assembly in each odd-numbered year and shall serve until their successors are appointed.

(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint a member of the committee to serve as chairperson. The committee may meet up to nine times per year between sessions and, upon the call of the chairperson, at such additional times as deemed necessary by the chairperson, with the approval of the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(c) It shall be the duty of such committee to consult with the Governor and the Office of Planning and Budget concerning the development and implementation of the strategic

planning process, the development of outcome measures for program evaluation, and the implementation of related actions.

(d) It shall be the duty of the committee to review and evaluate the following:

(1) The strategic plans for the state and individual departments submitted by the Office of Planning and Budget;

(2) Information or reports to be submitted by the Office of Planning and Budget identifying moneys received and the purposes for which moneys are expended in any case in which the receipt or expenditure is not contemplated by an appropriations Act;

(3) Such other information or reports as deemed necessary by the committee; and

(4) Liabilities of the state and individual departments and agencies.

(e) The Office of Planning and Budget and the head of each budget unit shall cooperate with the committee and shall provide such information or reports as requested by the committee for the performance of its functions.

(f) The committee shall make an annual report of its activities and findings to the membership of the General Assembly and the Governor within one week of the convening of each regular session of the General Assembly. The chairperson of the committee shall prepare written executive summaries of such report prior to the adoption of the General Appropriations Act each year. The committee shall not be required to distribute copies of the annual report or the executive summaries to the members of the General Assembly but shall notify members of the availability of such materials in the manner which it deems to be most effective and efficient. The committee chairperson shall provide a copy of the executive summaries to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the chairperson of the House Committee on Appropriations.

(g) The members of the committee shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of legislative committees. The funds necessary to pay such allowances shall come from funds appropriated to the House of Representatives.

(h) The committee, upon a determination of necessity, shall be authorized to request that a performance audit be conducted for any state or local governmental entity which receives state funding. Such audit may be conducted by one or more third-party auditors. Subject to approval by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the funds necessary to pay for such audit shall come from funds appropriated to the House of Representatives.

(i) The committee shall have the power, at the discretion of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to call any elected official, state department, state agency, state employee, county commissioner, county manager, or school superintendent to address the committee's findings. ~~Reserved.~~"

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to, by substitute.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
E Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	E Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
E Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	E Drenner	Y Hugley	E Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	E Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	E Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	E Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
E Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	E Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 158, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 1379. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Panitch of the 51st, Carson of the 46th, Cox of the 28th and Fleming of the 114th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to require semiannual reports from institutions of the University System of Georgia, units of the Technical College

System of Georgia, and local school systems and other public schools regarding funding received from foreign sources; to provide requirements for such reports; to provide for such reports to be made publicly available; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to require annual reports from institutions of the University System of Georgia, units of the Technical College System of Georgia, and local school systems and other public schools regarding funding received from certain foreign sources; to provide requirements for such reports; to provide for such reports to be made publicly available; to provide for procedures and penalties relating to noncompliance; to provide legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Foreign Funding Transparency and Accountability Act."

SECTION 2.

Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended in Article 1 of Chapter 1, relating to general provisions relative to education, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-1-13.

(a) The General Assembly finds that there is a compelling state interest in protecting academic independence, research security, and intellectual property from foreign influence and that a rigorous reporting requirement of funding from certain foreign sources is necessary to protect such interest.

(b) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Foreign country of concern' means:

(A) A country whose government is designated as a foreign adversary by the United States Secretary of Commerce pursuant to 15 C.F.R. Section 791.4, as such regulation existed on January 1, 2026;

(B) A country that has been designated as a country of particular concern by the President of the United States or the United States Secretary of State pursuant to the

federal International Religious Freedom Act of 1998, as such designations existed on January 1, 2026;

(C) A country designated as a special watch list country by the President of the United States or the United States Secretary of State pursuant to the federal Frank R. Wolf International Religious Freedom Act of 2016, as such designations existed on January 1, 2026; and

(D) A country whose form of government is any form of monarchy, which has a sovereign wealth fund with a board of directors that includes the monarch or a member of his or her family, and which shares a border with a country specified in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of this paragraph.

(2) 'Foreign entity of concern' means:

(A) An organization, institution of higher education, association, corporation, or other entity organized under the laws of, or having its principal place of business in, a foreign country of concern or a subsidiary of any such entity;

(B) An organization designated by the United States Secretary of State as a foreign terrorist organization pursuant to 8 U.S.C. Section 1189 on or before January 1, 2026;

(C) An organization designated as an entity of particular concern by the United States Secretary of State pursuant to the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 on or before January 1, 2026; and

(D) An organization, corporation, association, foundation, or other entity which is a member or subsidiary of any organization, corporation, association, foundation, or other entity that has its principal place of business in a foreign country of concern or is controlled directly or indirectly by an official of a foreign country of concern.

(3) 'Foreign individual of concern' means any official of a foreign country of concern or any individual who is domiciled in a foreign country of concern and who is not a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States, or an individual who has been convicted of violating 18 U.S.C. Section 2339A or 18 U.S.C. Section 2339B.

(4) 'Foreign source of concern' means a foreign country of concern, a foreign entity of concern, or a foreign individual of concern.

(5) 'Funding' means any gift, grant, donation, payment in exchange for services, capital investment, salary, wage, compensation, fee, or other monetary exchange.

(6) 'Governing authority' means the State Board of Education for a local school system or other public school, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for an institution of the University System of Georgia, or the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia for a unit of the Technical College System of Georgia.

(7) 'Public educational institution' means an institution of the University System of Georgia, a unit of the Technical College System of Georgia, and a local school system or other public school.

(8) 'Reportable funding' means funding received during a fiscal year from a single foreign source of concern or an individual or entity directly or indirectly controlled by, acting on behalf of, or working in conjunction with such foreign source of concern totaling $10,000.00 or more.

(9) 'Sovereign wealth fund' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 7-10-1.

(c) Beginning July 31, 2027, and annually thereafter, except as provided in subsection (d) of this Code section, each public educational institution shall provide to the Attorney General and the Department of Audits and Accounts a report detailing reportable funding received during the preceding fiscal year by such public educational institution or an organization controlled directly or indirectly by or acting on behalf of such institution. Such report shall include:

(1) The amount of funding received;

(2) The type of funding, whether a gift, grant, donation, payment in exchange for services, capital investment, salary, wage, compensation, fee, or other monetary exchange;

(3) A detailed description of the source providing the funding, including the name and address of such source and the owner of such source, if applicable;

(4) A copy of any contract, agreement, or memorandum of understanding associated with the funding;

(5) Details regarding the purpose of the funding and indicating whether the funding was a single payment or part of multiple payments;

(6) Details regarding any influence or control such source has over the curriculum, research, academic affairs, or personnel decisions of such institution; and

(7) Steps taken to protect academic freedom, research integrity, and cybersecurity.

(d) Beginning July 31, 2027, and annually thereafter, each public educational institution that has not received reportable funding during the preceding fiscal year shall provide a report to the Attorney General and the Department of Audits and Accounts stating that such institution has not received reportable funding during the preceding fiscal year.

(e) The reports required by this Code section shall be made available on the website of the Department of Audits and Accounts; provided, however, that personally identifiable information, security information, and other information protected from disclosure by state or federal law shall be redacted before such reports are made available. Such reports shall also be provided to the chairpersons of the House Committee on Education, the House Committee on Higher Education, the Senate Education and Youth Committee, and the Senate Higher Education Committee.

(f) This Code section shall not require reporting of funding provided by an individual or a family as payment for tuition or related fees for a student or students affiliated with or attending a program, class, or course of study at an institution of the University System of Georgia or a unit of the Technical College System of Georgia.

(g) If a public educational institution fails to provide a report required by this Code section or fails to disclose reportable funding in a report provided pursuant to this Code section, the Attorney General shall notify the public educational institution of such failure and provide the public educational institution with an opportunity to correct the failure. If a public educational institution fails to submit a report or amend a report within 30 days of receipt of such notice, the Attorney General shall notify the applicable governing authority and such governing authority shall be authorized to withhold a portion of the

state funding allotted for the applicable public educational institution in an amount of $5,000.00 or three times the amount of reportable funding the public educational institution failed to disclose, whichever is greater."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended in Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 3, relating to university system, by repealing and reserving Code Section 20-3-84, relating to reporting on funding received by university system from any foreign country, entity, or individual of concern.

SECTION 4.

(a) This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026, except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this section.

(b) Section 3 of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2027.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
E Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
N Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	E McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	N Scott
Baker	Y Dawson	E Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
E Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
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Y Bell	E Drenner	Y Hugley	E Okoye	Y Stephens
N Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	E Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Burnough	E Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
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Y Cannon, C	N Frye	E Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
E Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	N Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	E Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 139, nays 16.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

Representative Newton of the 127th moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the Rules Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Rules:

HB 1276. By Representatives Newton of the 127th, Efstration of the 104th, Hawkins of the 27th, Cooper of the 45th and Taylor of the 173rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the O.C.G.A., relating to public assistance, so as to provide for the Department of Community Health to regularly and systematically review information from certain sources to determine and verify eligibility of Medicaid recipients; to provide for related matters; to provide for a state plan amendment or waiver request; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House, having been previously postponed, were again postponed until the next legislative day:

HB 334. By Representatives Crawford of the 89th, Oliver of the 84th, Au of the 50th, Willis of the 55th, Westbrook of the 163rd and others:

A BILL To be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to require the Department of Community Health to conduct an annual review of medications and treatment for sickle cell disease for Medicaid recipients; to provide for public input; to provide for an annual report; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 421. By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, Rice of the 139th, Reeves of the 99th, Ballinger of the 23rd and Mathiak of the 82nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, so as to establish the offense of traveling to meet a minor for indecent purposes; to provide penalties; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 545. By Representative Jones of the 60th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 5-6-42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to procedure for preparation and filing of transcript of evidence and proceedings where appellant designates matter to be omitted from record on appeal and extensions of time for completion of transcript, so as to provide for transcript requests; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 626. By Representatives Lupton of the 83rd, Holcomb of the 101st, Mathiak of the 82nd, Dubnik of the 29th and Lim of the 98th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 17-5-71 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to preservation of evidence, so as to extend the retention period of evidence of sexual assault when the victim elects not to immediately report the assault; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 892. By Representatives Holcomb of the 101st, Buckner of the 137th, Miller of the 62nd, Evans of the 57th and Barrett of the 24th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 24A of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to massage therapy practice generally, so as to prohibit massage therapy businesses from operating during certain set hours; to revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 942. By Representatives Burnough of the 77th, Bell of the 75th and Scott of the 76th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-41 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property exempt from ad valorem taxation, so as to limit an exemption from ad valorem taxation for public property owned by a political subdivision outside of its territorial limits that is

developed by grading or other improvements to the extent of at least 25 percent of the total land area and has facilities actively used for a public or governmental purpose; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1116. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Burns of the 159th, Efstration of the 104th, Hatchett of the 155th, Cannon of the 172nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapters 5 and 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of property and sales and use taxes, respectively, so as to provide for the acceptance of tax digests in the event of a publication error made by a newspaper; to amend Part 4 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to financing under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to exclude amounts attributable to certain exemptions from ad valorem taxation from the equalized adjusted school property tax digest for the purpose of calculating the local five mill share and equalization grants; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 81 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government budgets and audits; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1122. By Representatives Douglas of the 78th, Newton of the 127th, Hugley of the 141st, Hawkins of the 27th and Howard of the 129th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions regarding insurance generally; to amend Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations; to amend Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the O.C.G.A., relating to employees' insurance and benefits plans; to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the O.C.G.A. to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1167. By Representatives Dawson of the 65th, Hawkins of the 27th, Greene of the 154th, Kelley of the 16th, Glaize of the 67th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 1 and Article 1 of Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and observances and general provisions relative to the Department of Public Health, respectively, so as to designate the second week in March of each year as "Sleep Health Awareness Week" in Georgia; to encourage the Department of Public Health to integrate sleep hygiene education; to provide

for the Department of Public Health to voluntarily exchange information regarding sleep hygiene education; to provide for legislative findings and declarations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1283. By Representatives Panitch of the 51st, Gunter of the 8th, Hagan of the 156th, Holcomb of the 101st and Roberts of the 52nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 13 of Title 19 and Chapter 16 of Title 17 of the O.C.G.A., relating to family violence and discovery, respectively, so as to authorize the creation of Family Justice Centers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HR 1000. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Williams of the 148th, Dickey of the 134th, Williams of the 168th, Buckner of the 137th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to eliminate the ad valorem tax assessment of certain timber at sale or harvest; to require state appropriations to each county, municipality, or school district affected by such tax elimination; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

HR 1049. By Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Griffin of the 149th, Berry of the 56th, Park of the 107th and Jones of the 143rd:

A RESOLUTION designating the Wednesday of the last week in October of each year as "Fentanyl and Opioid Awareness Day" in Georgia; and for other purposes.

The following member was recognized during the period of Afternoon Orders and addressed the House:

Representative Ali of the 106th.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House do now adjourn until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Friday, March 6, 2026, and the motion prevailed.

Pursuant to the adjournment Resolution previously adopted by the House and Senate, the Speaker announced the House adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Friday, March 6, 2026.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Friday, March 6, 2026

Twenty-Eighth Legislative Day

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

The following communication was received:

House of Representatives
CLOB 507
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

William L. Reilly,
Clerk of the House
309 State Capitol Building
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Mr. Reilly,

Pursuant to House Rule 136, I submit this statement to explain my vote on HR 1114.

I intended to vote "NO" on these measures, As I believe the measure does not support policies that positively impact our constituents and communities. Unfortunately, I was unable to record my vote at the time the roll was called. Had I been present, I would have voted **no.**

I respectfully request that this explanation be entered into the House Journal.

Sincerely,

/s/ Terry Cummings
State Representative Terry Cummings

Prayer was offered by Pastor Brad Waters, First Baptist Church Hazlehurst, Hazlehurst, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Hilton of the 48th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

By unanimous consent, the following was established as the order of business during the first part of the period of unanimous consents:

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

2. First reading and reference of House Bills and Resolutions.

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

6. First reading and reference of Senate Bills and Resolutions.

The roll was called and the following Representatives answered to their names:

Adesanya	Cooper	Griffin	Lumsden	Rice
Adeyina	Corbett	Gullett	Lupton	Richardson
Alexander	Cox	Gunter	Martin	Ridley, Jas
Ali	Crawford	Hagan	Martinez	Ridley, Jor
Anderson	Crowe	Hatchett	Mathiak	Roberts
Au	Cummings	Hawkins	Mathis	Sampson
Baker	Davis	Herring	McClain	Sanchez
Ballard	Dawson	Hilton	McCollum	Santos
Barnes	DeLoach	E Hitchens	McDonald	Schofield
Barrett	Dempsey	Holcomb	McQueen	Scoggins
Barton	Dickey	Holland	Meeks	Scott
Bazemore	Donatucci	Holly	Miller	Seabaugh
Beckles	Douglas	Hong	Mitchell	Silcox
Bell	Draper	Horner	Momtahan	Smith, L
Berry	Drenner	Howard, J	Moore	Smith, TP
Blackmon	Dubnik	Howard, K	Myles	Smith, V
Bonner	Dunahoo	Huddleston	New	Stephens
Buckner	Efstration	Hugley	Newton	Tarvin
Burchett	Ehrhart	Jackson, D	Okoye	Taylor, D
Burnough	Erwin	Jackson, E	Olaleye	Taylor, R
Byrd	Evans	Jackson, M	E O'Steen	Thomas
Cameron	Fincher	Jenkins	Panitch	Townsend
Camp	Fleming	Jones, A	Paris	Tran

Campbell, J	Flournoy	Jones, J	Park	Wade
Campbell, L	Ford	Jones, S	Parrish	Werkheiser
Cannon, C	Franklin	Jones, T	Parsons	Westbrook
Cannon, P	Frye	Kahaian	Persinger	Wilkerson
Carpenter	Gaines	Kelley	Petrea	Williams, A
Carson	Gambill	Kendrick	Powell	Williams, N
Carter	Gilliard	LaHood	Prince	Williamson
Chastain	Gisler	Leverett	E Reese	Willis
Cheokas	Glaize	Lewis-Ward	Reeves	Yearta
Clifton	Greene	Lim	Rhodes	Burns, Speaker

The following members were off the floor of the House when the roll was called:

Representatives Clark of the 100th, Clark of the 108th, Jasperse of the 11th, Neal of the 79th, Oliver of the 84th, Romman of the 97th, Sainz of the 180th, Sharper of the 177th, Washburn of the 144th, and Williams of the 37th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House were introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committees:

HB 1506. By Representatives Clark of the 108th, Park of the 107th, Kendrick of the 95th and Adesanya of the 43rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prompt payment, so as to provide for payment terms for business to business transactions; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1507. By Representatives Meeks of the 178th and DeLoach of the 167th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act establishing the State Court of Wayne County (formerly the City Court of Jesup, in and for the County of Wayne), approved July 31, 1916 (Ga. L. 1916, p. 248), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 26, 2016 (Ga. L. 2016, p. 3661), so as to revise the salary of the judge and solicitor; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1508. By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Stephens of the 164th and Petrea of the 166th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to amend, consolidate, create, revise, and supersede the several Acts incorporating the City of Pembroke, approved March 28, 1985 (Ga. L. 1985, p. 4846), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 1, 2025 (Ga. L. 2025, p. 3599), so as to revise provisions relating to the election and terms for the mayor and city council members; to provide for elections; to provide for the current terms of city officers to continue; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1509. By Representatives Holly of the 116th, Sanchez of the 42nd, Santos of the 117th and Berry of the 56th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 66 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to zoning procedures applicable to counties and municipal corporations, so as to require local governments that have adopted zoning ordinances to require special use permits for the operation of immigration detention centers; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 1510. By Representatives Holly of the 116th, Adesanya of the 43rd, McClain of the 109th, Bell of the 75th and Berry of the 56th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 21-2-216 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to qualifications of electors generally, reregistration of electors purged from list, eligibility of nonresidents who vote in presidential elections, retention of qualification for standing as elector, evidence of citizenship, and check of convicted felons and deceased persons databases, so as to restrict voting rights for judicially incompetent persons; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 1511. By Representatives Douglas of the 78th, Neal of the 79th, Gunter of the 8th and Flournoy of the 74th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to provide for a technology fee to be collected under certain circumstances; to provide for a short title; to provide for a purpose for such fees; to provide for imposition of additional civil filing fees and criminal penalties; to provide for adoption of county resolutions; to provide for a technology fund; to provide for technology plans; to provide for expenditure of funds collected; to preempt local Acts providing for technology fees; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 1512. By Representative Martinez of the 111th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, so as to provide for enhanced penalties when certain offenses are committed against public safety officers or code enforcement officers; to provide for the offense of obstruction if an individual throws an object at certain persons or at a vehicle occupied by such persons; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 1513. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Mathiak of the 82nd, Bazemore of the 69th and Jackson of the 68th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Fayette County, approved April 13, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 4980), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 25, 2022 (Ga. L. 2022, p. 5856), so as to change the compensation of the judge; to change the compensation of the solicitor; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1514. By Representatives Glaize of the 67th, Olaleye of the 59th, Panitch of the 51st, McQueen of the 61st, Dawson of the 65th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the number of members and for the election of members of the Board of Education of Fulton County, approved February 10, 1984 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 3591), as amended, so as to change the date of election of the president of said board; to provide for

related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1515. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd and Powell of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Madison County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $75,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 70 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, contingent effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HR 1583. By Representatives Gullett of the 19th, Cheokas of the 151st and Jones of the 25th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Small Business Technology Adoption; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1584. By Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, Thomas of the 21st, Fincher of the 23rd, Ridley of the 22nd and Byrd of the 20th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Mr. Eric Wilmarth and dedicating a roundabout in his honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 1585. By Representatives Holly of the 116th, Bell of the 75th, Adesanya of the 43rd, McClain of the 109th, Berry of the 56th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to remove a conviction of a felony involving moral turpitude as an exception to the right to register and vote; to provide for related matters; to provide for the

submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HR 1586. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Bazemore of the 69th, Mathiak of the 82nd and Jenkins of the 136th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mr. Marvin R. Adams and dedicating an intersection in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House and Senate were read the second time:

HB 1483
HB 1484
HB 1485
HB 1486
HB 1487
HB 1488
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SB 240
SB 437
SB 443
SB 447
SB 457
SB 463
SB 468
SB 471
SB 497
SB 527
SB 543
SB 544
SB 545
SB 560
SB 567

SB 574 SB 575
SR 800

Representative Dickey of the 134th District, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 947 Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1224 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Dickey of the 134th
Chairman

Representative Stephens of the 164th District, Chairman of the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Economic Development and Tourism has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 490 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Stephens of the 164th
Chairman

Representative Erwin of the 32nd District, Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Education has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 669	Do Pass	HB 1056	Do Pass
HB 1232	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 1257	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Erwin of the 32nd
Chairman

Representative Anderson of the 10th District, Chairman of the Committee on Governmental Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Governmental Affairs has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 467	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 613	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 868	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 1227	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1442	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 1482	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Anderson of the 10th
Chairman

Representative Hawkins of the 27th District, Chairman of the Committee on Health, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 810	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1089	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Hawkins of the 27th
Chairman

Representative Martin of the 49th District, Chairman of the Committee on Higher Education, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Higher Education has had under consideration the following Bills and Resolution of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 206	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 686	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 693	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 1413	Do Pass, by Substitute
HR 450	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Martin of the 49th
Chairman

Representative Gunter of the 8th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the following Bills and Resolution of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 289	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1016	Do Pass, by Substitute
HR 1046	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Gunter of the 8th
Chairman

Representative Smith of the 18th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 285	Do Pass	HB 968	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 984	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 1142	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1255	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 1322	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Smith of the 18th
Chairman

Representative Cooper of the 45th District, Chairman of the Committee on Public and Community Health, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Public and Community Health has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 500	Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 440	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Cooper of the 45th
Chairman

Representative Powell of the 33rd District, Chairman of the Committee on Regulated Industries, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Regulated Industries has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 1254	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1385	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Powell of the 33rd
Chairman

Representative Carson of the 46th District, Chairman of the Committee on Retirement, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Retirement has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 969 Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1347 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Carson of the 46th
Chairman

Representative Blackmon of the 146th District, Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means has had under consideration the following Bills and Resolution of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 317 Do Pass
HB 1285 Do Pass
HR 192 Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1132 Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1370 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Blackmon of the 146th
Chairman

Representative Kelley of the 16th District, Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 276 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Kelley of the 16th
Vice-Chairman

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
FRIDAY, MARCH 06, 2026

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 28th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

HB 717 Medical Practice Act; regulation of the administration of psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy; provide (Substitute)
(P&CH-Cooper-45th)(Rules Committee Substitute LC 60 0332S)

HB 812 Buildings and housing; revise process by which a local governing body may propose amendments to state minimum standard codes (Substitute)(GAff-Cheokas-151st)
(Rules Committee Substitute LC 47 4163S)

HB 1112 Commerce and trade; rounding of total price of sale of goods or services when using legal tender; provide (Substitute)(B&B-Barrett-24th)
(Rules Committee Substitute LC 62 0462S)

HB 1114 Quality Basic Education Act; allow for students in ninth and tenth grade to complete the high school graduation financial literacy course requirement (Substitute)(Ed-Yearta-152nd)

HB 1293 Education; updated eligibility requirements for the Dual Achievement Program; provide (Substitute)(HEd-Jones-47th)

HB 1324 Crimes and offenses; possessing a silencer; repeal prohibition
(JudyNC-Ridley-6th)(Rules Committee Substitute LC 39 5038S)

HB 1328 University of North Georgia military scholarships; authorize selection committee to select additional scholarship recipients (HEd-Wade-9th)

HB 1345 State Workforce Development Board; approval of certain eligible workforce training programs relative to implementing the federal Workforce Pell Grant program; provide (HEd-Rice-139th)

HB 1377 Transit SPLOST; time limits upon recalling of an election; provisions (Substitute)(Trans-Carson-46th)

HB 1446 Health; transfer responsibility for oversight of emergency medical services from Department of Public Health to Georgia Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Council (Substitute)(RegI-Leverett-123rd)

Structured Rule

HB 275 Income tax; change certain definitions (Substitute) (W&M-Williamson-112th)

HB 547 Revenue and taxation; bona fide conservation use property; permit combination of multiple covenants into a single, new, ten-year covenant (Substitute)(W&M-Cannon-172nd)

HB 874 Georgia Taxpayer Privacy Protection Act; enact (Substitute) (W&M-Huddleston-72nd)(Rules Committee Substitute LC 44 3508S)

HB 880 Income tax; reduce tax rate that may be reached under certain conditions (Substitute)(W&M-Blackmon-146th)

HB 1261 Revenue and taxation; level 1 freeport exemptions for certain goods in inventory for electric utilities; provide (W&M-Huddleston-72nd)

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

The following messages were received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the Senate:

SB 157. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Burns of the 23rd, Harbin of the 16th, Walker III of the 20th and Strickland of the 42nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 47-6-40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to qualifications for membership, irrevocable election for certain members of General Assembly, membership of persons who cease to become members before age 60, termination of membership, and application for additional creditable service, so as to provide for certain members or former members of the General Assembly to buy into the Georgia Legislative Retirement System; to provide for creditable service and the payment of the full actuarial value of such; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 198. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Williams of the 25th, Summers of the 13th, Cowsert of the 46th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Legislative Retirement System, so as to provide for the board of trustees of the system to increase benefit multipliers for members; to provide for the system to maintain a minimum 120 percent funded ratio; to provide for conditions for such benefit multiplier increases; to provide for automatic increases in employee contributions proportional to benefit multiplier increases; to allow for members who joined after 2009 to receive benefit multiplier increases; to provide for definitions; to provide for conforming changes; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 216. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Tillery of the 19th, Strickland of the 42nd, Burns of the 23rd, Setzler of the 37th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 23 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Judicial Retirement System, so as to provide for membership in the system for individuals employed as the director of the Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission; to provide for an election for such current employees; to provide for transfer of funds; to provide for payment of actuarial costs; to provide for transfer of membership service; to provide for earnable monthly compensation for purposes of contributions and benefit amounts; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 230. By Senators Still of the 48th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Harbin of the 16th, Harbison of the 15th and Walker III of the 20th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to condominiums, so as to remove the limitation on the maximum amount of insurance deductibles payable by unit owners; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 261. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Strickland of the 42nd, Gooch of the 51st, Hickman of the 4th, Williams of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 25 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the magistrates retirement fund, so as to

provide for an early retirement benefit; to provide for an employee contribution increase; to replace the statutory maximum monthly compensation used to calculate a benefit with an amount determined by the board; to increase the maximum number of years of service used to calculate a benefit; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 285. By Senator Robertson of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 12 of Chapter 3 of Title 38 and Part 4 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 46 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the Emergency Communications Authority and emergency telephone number 9-1-1 system, respectively, so as to provide for an increase in the percentage of all 9-1-1 charges to be remitted to the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund; to amend Code Section 47-17-80 of the O.C.G.A., relating to retirement benefit options, payment to surviving spouse, requirements, effect of reemployment, effect of changes in retirement benefits, and payment on death of member, so as to provide for an increase in monthly benefits; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 306. By Senator Robertson of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-7.4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to preferential assessment for bona fide conservation use property and bona fide residential transitional property, so as to require notices of impending expiration to be sent via certified mail; to provide for the reinstatement of certain covenants and preferential assessments in certain limited circumstances; to provide for appeals and refunds; to prohibit additional fees or interest; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 406. By Senators Brass of the 6th, James of the 28th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Dixon of the 45th, Sims of the 12th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, so as to require the registration of property owners' associations; to provide for renewals and amendments; to provide for appeals; to provide for a State Board for Review of Complaints Regarding Property Owners' Associations; to provide for review of complaints; to amend Code Section 44-3-232 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to assessments against lot owners as constituting lien in favor of association, additional charges against lot owners, procedure for foreclosing lien, and obligation to provide statement of amounts due, so as to

provide for authorization of liens and use of assessments; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 425. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Summers of the 13th, Burns of the 23rd, Dickerson of the 21st, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to competencies and core curriculum, so as to require all schools that receive state funding with students in any of grades three through five to provide instruction in cursive handwriting to all students by no later than third grade; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 478. By Senators Watson of the 11th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Walker III of the 20th, Anderson of the 24th, Goodman of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6A of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to outdoor stewardship, so as to provide for a sunset; to raise the percentage of moneys appropriated; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 489. By Senators Goodman of the 8th, Watson of the 11th, Summers of the 13th, Dixon of the 45th, Hodges of the 3rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Judges of the Probate Courts Retirement Fund of Georgia, so as to allow the Board of Commissioners of the Judges of the Probate Courts Retirement Fund of Georgia to set monthly dues; to provide for limitations on such authority; to provide for factors in such determination; to increase the fee on marriage licenses; to increase the fee on civil filings; to increase the fee on certain fines and bond forfeitures; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 503. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Walker III of the 20th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Robertson of the 29th, Still of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to kinds of insurance, limits of risks, and reinsurance, so as to exempt rental home marketplace guarantees from the definition of property insurance; to require certain language; to provide for compliance with certain registration requirements; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 523. By Senators Goodman of the 8th, Cowsert of the 46th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Albers of the 56th, Tillery of the 19th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to authorize public schools and postsecondary educational institutions to consider antisemitism in the same manner as discrimination based on religion; to require the Department of Education to establish a state-wide K-12 Title VI Coordinator; to authorize withholding of funds for noncompliance; to provide for notice and appeal procedures; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; to provide for annual reporting; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 524. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Walker III of the 20th, Parent of the 44th, Halpern of the 39th, Payne of the 54th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to license plates promoting or supporting certain agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations with proceeds disbursed to the general fund and the agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation, so as to establish a specialty license plate honoring Girl Scouts of Georgia; to establish a specialty plate honoring the 250th anniversary of the United States of America's independence; to provide for related matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 552. By Senators Watson of the 1st, Strickland of the 42nd, Cowsert of the 46th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Walker III of the 20th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 2A of Part 1 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to clubs and organizations, so as to provide for equal access to public schools for students engaging in political or philosophical expression; to authorize the organization of partisan and nonpartisan student groups and gatherings; to provide for school disclaimers of sponsorship; to prohibit discrimination based on the content of student speech within a limited open forum; to provide for the maintenance of order and discipline; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 565. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Albers of the 56th, Strickland of the 42nd and Hatchett of the 50th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 35-8-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to employment and training of peace officers, so as to revise the definition of law enforcement unit and peace officer to include members of police forces of nonprofit private colleges and universities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has adopted by the requisite constitutional majority the following resolution of the Senate:

SR 624. By Senators Setzler of the 37th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Howard of the 35th, Rhett of the 33rd and Albers of the 56th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Officer Drew Haynes Brown and dedicating an intersection in his memory; and for other purposes.

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the House:

HB 1205. By Representative Dickey of the 134th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Yatesville; to provide for incorporation, boundaries, and powers of the city; to provide for the exercise of powers and limitations on powers; to provide for severability; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; and for other purposes.

HB 1357. By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Burns of the 159th and Parrish of the 158th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Bulloch County Public Facilities Authority and to provide for the appointment of members of the authority, approved June 30, 2020 (Ga. L. 2020, p. 3929), so as to revise provisions related to revenue bonding authority; to revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1358. By Representative LaHood of the 175th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Magistrate Court of Brooks County; to provide for authorized uses of the proceeds of such technology fee; to provide for the

termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1359. By Representative LaHood of the 175th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Brooks County, approved April 20, 2011 (Ga. L. 2011, p. 3703), so as to expand the board to five members; to provide for a quorum of the board; to revise the manner in which members of the board are appointed by the governing authority of the county; to make conforming changes regarding filling vacancies on the board; to provide that the elections supervisor and employees of such supervisor shall be subject to hiring, firing, and the control of the board of elections; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1375. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Hong of the 103rd, Clark of the 100th, Dunahoo of the 31st and Dubnik of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Hall County, approved August 14, 1891 (Ga. L. 1890-91, Vol. II, p. 939), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 13, 2008 (Ga. L. 2008, p. 4069), so as to restate provisions related to the number, qualification, and compensation or the judges of said court; to restate provisions related to the chief judge; to provide for an additional judge for said court effective January 1, 2028; to provide for the initial appointment and subsequent election of such additional judge; to provide a definition; to repeal superseded provisions; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolution of the Senate were read the first time and referred to the Committees:

SB 157. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Burns of the 23rd, Harbin of the 16th, Walker III of the 20th and Strickland of the 42nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 47-6-40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to qualifications for membership, irrevocable election for certain members of General Assembly, membership of persons who cease to become members before age 60, termination of membership, and application for additional creditable service, so as to provide for certain members or former members of the General Assembly to buy into the Georgia Legislative Retirement System; to provide for creditable service and the payment of the full actuarial value of such; to provide conditions for

an effective date and automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

SB 198. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Williams of the 25th, Summers of the 13th, Cowsert of the 46th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Legislative Retirement System, so as to provide for the board of trustees of the system to increase benefit multipliers for members; to provide for the system to maintain a minimum 120 percent funded ratio; to provide for conditions for such benefit multiplier increases; to provide for automatic increases in employee contributions proportional to benefit multiplier increases; to allow for members who joined after 2009 to receive benefit multiplier increases; to provide for definitions; to provide for conforming changes; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

SB 216. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Tillery of the 19th, Strickland of the 42nd, Burns of the 23rd, Setzler of the 37th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 23 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Judicial Retirement System, so as to provide for membership in the system for individuals employed as the director of the Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission; to provide for an election for such current employees; to provide for transfer of funds; to provide for payment of actuarial costs; to provide for transfer of membership service; to provide for earnable monthly compensation for purposes of contributions and benefit amounts; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

SB 230. By Senators Still of the 48th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Harbin of the 16th, Harbison of the 15th and Walker III of the 20th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to condominiums, so as to

remove the limitation on the maximum amount of insurance deductibles payable by unit owners; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

SB 261. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Strickland of the 42nd, Gooch of the 51st, Hickman of the 4th, Williams of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 25 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the magistrates retirement fund, so as to provide for an early retirement benefit; to provide for an employee contribution increase; to replace the statutory maximum monthly compensation used to calculate a benefit with an amount determined by the board; to increase the maximum number of years of service used to calculate a benefit; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

SB 285. By Senator Robertson of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 12 of Chapter 3 of Title 38 and Part 4 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 46 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the Emergency Communications Authority and emergency telephone number 9-1-1 system, respectively, so as to provide for an increase in the percentage of all 9-1-1 charges to be remitted to the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund; to amend Code Section 47-17-80 of the O.C.G.A., relating to retirement benefit options, payment to surviving spouse, requirements, effect of reemployment, effect of changes in retirement benefits, and payment on death of member, so as to provide for an increase in monthly benefits; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 306. By Senator Robertson of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-7.4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to preferential assessment for bona fide conservation use property and bona fide residential transitional property, so as to require notices of impending expiration to be sent via certified mail; to provide for the reinstatement of certain covenants and preferential assessments in certain limited circumstances; to provide for appeals and refunds; to prohibit

additional fees or interest; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 406. By Senators Brass of the 6th, James of the 28th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Dixon of the 45th, Sims of the 12th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, so as to require the registration of property owners' associations; to provide for renewals and amendments; to provide for appeals; to provide for a State Board for Review of Complaints Regarding Property Owners' Associations; to provide for review of complaints; to amend Code Section 44-3-232 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to assessments against lot owners as constituting lien in favor of association, additional charges against lot owners, procedure for foreclosing lien, and obligation to provide statement of amounts due, so as to provide for authorization of liens and use of assessments; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 425. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Summers of the 13th, Burns of the 23rd, Dickerson of the 21st, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to competencies and core curriculum, so as to require all schools that receive state funding with students in any of grades three through five to provide instruction in cursive handwriting to all students by no later than third grade; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

SB 478. By Senators Watson of the 11th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Walker III of the 20th, Anderson of the 24th, Goodman of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6A of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to outdoor stewardship, so as to provide for a sunset; to raise the percentage of moneys appropriated; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources & Environment.

SB 489. By Senators Goodman of the 8th, Watson of the 11th, Summers of the 13th, Dixon of the 45th, Hodges of the 3rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Judges of the Probate Courts Retirement Fund of Georgia, so as to allow the Board of Commissioners of the Judges of the Probate Courts Retirement Fund of Georgia to set monthly dues; to provide for limitations on such authority; to provide for factors in such determination; to increase the fee on marriage licenses; to increase the fee on civil filings; to increase the fee on certain fines and bond forfeitures; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

SB 503. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Walker III of the 20th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Robertson of the 29th, Still of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to kinds of insurance, limits of risks, and reinsurance, so as to exempt rental home marketplace guarantees from the definition of property insurance; to require certain language; to provide for compliance with certain registration requirements; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

SB 523. By Senators Goodman of the 8th, Cowsert of the 46th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Albers of the 56th, Tillery of the 19th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to authorize public schools and postsecondary educational institutions to consider antisemitism in the same manner as discrimination based on religion; to require the Department of Education to establish a state-wide K-12 Title VI Coordinator; to authorize withholding of funds for noncompliance; to provide for notice and appeal procedures; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; to provide for annual reporting; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

SB 524. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Walker III of the 20th, Parent of the 44th, Halpern of the 39th, Payne of the 54th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to license plates promoting or supporting certain agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations with proceeds disbursed to the general fund and the agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation, so as to establish a specialty license plate honoring Girl Scouts of Georgia; to establish a specialty plate honoring the 250th anniversary of the United States of America's independence; to provide for related matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

SB 552. By Senators Watson of the 1st, Strickland of the 42nd, Cowsert of the 46th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Walker III of the 20th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 2A of Part 1 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to clubs and organizations, so as to provide for equal access to public schools for students engaging in political or philosophical expression; to authorize the organization of partisan and nonpartisan student groups and gatherings; to provide for school disclaimers of sponsorship; to prohibit discrimination based on the content of student speech within a limited open forum; to provide for the maintenance of order and discipline; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 565. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Albers of the 56th, Strickland of the 42nd and Hatchett of the 50th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 35-8-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to employment and training of peace officers, so as to revise the definition of law enforcement unit and peace officer to include members of police forces of nonprofit private colleges and universities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

SR 624. By Senators Setzler of the 37th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Howard of the 35th, Rhett of the 33rd and Albers of the 56th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Officer Drew Haynes Brown and dedicating an intersection in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Jones of the 143rd et al., Cannon of the 58th et al., Chastain of the 7th et al., Mathis of the 133rd et al., and Moore of the 91st et al.

Representative Burchett of the 176th moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the Rules Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Rules:

HB 812. By Representatives Cheokas of the 151st, Rhodes of the 124th, Williams of the 148th, Jasperse of the 11th, Crowe of the 118th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state building, plumbing, and electrical codes, so as to revise the process by which a local governing body may propose amendments to state minimum standard codes; to require the approval of the Department of Community Affairs for amendments to such codes; to amend Chapter 7 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to control of soil erosion and sedimentation, so as to revise provisions regarding denial or nonacceptance of permits; to require local issuing authorities to provide rejected permit applicants with a written list of reasons for denial within specified time frames; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Blackmon of the 146th moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the Rules Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Rules:

HB 1116. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Burns of the 159th, Efstration of the 104th, Hatchett of the 155th, Cannon of the 172nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapters 5 and 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of property and sales and use taxes, respectively, so as to provide for the

acceptance of tax digests in the event of a publication error made by a newspaper; to amend Part 4 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to financing under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to exclude amounts attributable to certain exemptions from ad valorem taxation from the equalized adjusted school property tax digest for the purpose of calculating the local five mill share and equalization grants; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 81 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government budgets and audits; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the House, having previously been read, was again taken up for consideration:

HB 717. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Newton of the 127th, Silcox of the 53rd, Drenner of the 85th and Au of the 50th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Medical Practice Act of the State of Georgia," so as to provide for the regulation of the administration of psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy; to provide for definitions; to provide for standards; to provide for requirements; to provide for the establishment of rules and regulations; to provide for licensure of clinics; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Committee substitute, having previously been read, was withdrawn.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Medical Practice Act of the State of Georgia," so as to provide for the regulation of the administration of psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy; to provide for definitions; to provide for standards; to provide for requirements; to provide for the establishment of rules and regulations; to provide for licensure of clinics; to provide for statutory construction; to provide a criminal penalty; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Medical Practice Act of the State of Georgia," is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"43-34-49.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Clinic' means a facility that offers the administration of psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy, including, but not limited to, intravenous infusion of ketamine.

(2) 'Psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy' means any treatment or therapy using psychedelic, dissociative, or other related substances that have the potential to produce hallucinations or rapidly induce suggestibility in the user or profound changes in perceptions of reality or the self.

(b) No later than December 31, 2026, the board shall establish rules and regulations for the administration of psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy in clinics to establish consistent standards, ensure continuing competency, and promote patient safety. Such rules and regulations shall include requirements on:

(1) A properly equipped and maintained clinic to ensure patient safety, which may be demonstrated by appropriate accreditation or certification;

(2) Competency of the physician using psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy in the absence of an anesthesiologist, anesthesiologist assistant, or certified registered nurse anesthetist, including education and relevant training;

(3) Proper prescribing and ordering of psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy;

(4) Proper administration and management of psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy;

(5) Emergency care and transfer protocols in the event of a complication or emergency;

(6) Maintenance of complete and accurate medical records;

(7) Reporting of adverse events to the board;

(8) Required continuing medical education;

(9) Truth in advertising regarding the credentials, education, and training of the individuals administering psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy; and

(10) Inspection procedures.

(c) Any physician, anesthesiologist assistant, or certified registered nurse anesthetist administering, directing, or supervising psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy in a clinic shall be subject to the rules and regulations established by the board pursuant to this Code section. The board may establish minimum standards of continuing medical education for all healthcare professionals owning a clinic. All other licensed healthcare professionals practicing in a clinic may be subject to minimum standards of continuing education established by the respective licensing board for such healthcare professionals.

(d)(1) On and after July 1, 2027, all clinics shall be licensed by the board and shall biennially renew their license with the board. In the event that physicians in a clinic

practice at more than one location, each such location shall be licensed by the board, and such license shall be nontransferable.

(2) Upon the filing of an application for a license, the board may cause a thorough investigation of the applicant to be made and such investigation may include a criminal background check; provided, however, that the board shall cause a thorough investigation of a new applicant to be made, and such investigation shall include a background check. If satisfied that the applicant possesses the necessary qualifications, the board shall issue a license. However, the board may issue licenses with varying restrictions to such persons where the board deems it necessary for the purpose of safeguarding the public health, safety, and welfare.

(3) Whenever an applicable rule requires or prohibits action by a clinic, responsibility shall be that of the owner and the physicians practicing in such clinic, whether the owner is a sole proprietor, partnership, association, corporation, or otherwise.

(4) The board shall deny or refuse to renew a clinic license if it determines that the granting or renewing of such license would not be in the public interest.

(5)(A) A clinic shall be owned by one or more physicians or certified registered nurse anesthetists licensed in this state who meet the competency requirements for psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy established by the board, including, but not limited to, advanced airway management training.

(B) Subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall not apply to any clinic in existence and operational on the effective date of this Act; provided, however, that any such clinic shall be subject to and in compliance with all other provisions of this Code section in order to operate.

(6) All licenses shall expire biennially unless renewed. All applications for renewal of a license shall be filed with the board prior to the expiration date, accompanied by the biennial renewal fee prescribed by the board. A license which has expired for failure of the holder to renew may be late renewed after application and payment of the prescribed late renewal fee within the time period established by the board and provided the applicant meets such requirements as the board may establish by rule. Any license which has not been renewed by the end of the late renewal period shall be considered revoked and subject to reinstatement at the discretion of the board after meeting such requirements as the board may establish.

(e)(1) Each clinic licensed under this Code section shall:

(A) Execute a hospital affiliation agreement with one or more hospitals licensed in this state within a reasonable distance from such clinic or have medical staff at such clinic with admitting privileges or other similar documented arrangements with such hospital or hospitals to ensure the necessary backup for medical complications; and

(B) Have the capability to transfer a patient immediately to a hospital within a reasonable distance from such clinic with adequate emergency room services.

(2) A hospital shall not unreasonably deny a transfer agreement with a clinic for the purposes set forth in paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(f) Administration of psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy in a clinic shall only be performed by:

(1) A physician licensed in this state with advanced airway management training;
(2) A certified registered nurse anesthetist licensed in this state under the direction and responsibility of a duly licensed physician;
(3) An anesthesiologist assistant licensed in this state under the direct supervision of a duly licensed anesthesiologist; or
(4) A nurse practitioner licensed in this state who has airway management training, has at least five years of clinical experience, is acting pursuant to a nurse protocol agreement as described in Code Section 43-34-25, and has the express written approval of the board.

(g) A review of the prescription drug monitoring program database established pursuant to Code Section 16-13-57 shall be completed for each patient and documented in the patient's medical record prior to the administration of any psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy and all administration of any psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy shall be reported to the prescription drug monitoring program by the clinic.

(h) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (f) of this Code section, any person who administers psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy in this state without a license to practice medicine from the board shall be deemed to be engaged in the unlawful practice of medicine and subject to the provisions of Code Sections 43-34-39 and 43-34-42.

(i) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to permit the use of drugs or substances not approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration.

(j) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to apply to the use of psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy in a clinic affiliated with a hospital or in a clinical trial approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration.

(k) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to apply to the administration of drugs approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration for such drugs' Food and Drug Administration approved on-label indication for use.

(l) Any person convicted of operating a clinic in this state without a license in violation of paragraph (1) of subsection (d) of this Code section shall be guilty of a felony and shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than five years or by a fine of not less than $1,000.00 nor more than $5,000.00, or both."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to, by substitute.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	N Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	N McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos

Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Cummings	E Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
N Barrett	Y Dickey	E Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Stinson
Y Blackmon	N Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	E O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	N Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	N Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	N Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Martin	E Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 155, nays 8.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 1293. By Representatives Jones of the 47th, Martin of the 49th, Dickey of the 134th, Carpenter of the 4th and Fleming of the 114th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to vocational, technical, and adult education, so as to provide updated eligibility requirements for the Dual Achievement Program; to provide for continued eligibility for students already enrolled in the program; to provide for the creation of a funding formula; to provide for policies, rules, and regulations; to repeal provisions regarding

participation agreements, QBE funding, and accountability assessments for the program; to provide for continuation of the program and eliminate a provision providing for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to vocational, technical, and adult education, so as to provide updated eligibility requirements for the Dual Achievement Program; to provide for continued eligibility for students already enrolled in the program; to provide for certain students to remain enrolled in their resident school or resident school system for administrative and accountability purposes only; to provide for the creation of a funding formula; to provide for policies, rules, and regulations; to repeal provisions regarding participation agreements, QBE funding, and accountability assessments for the program; to provide for continuation of the program and eliminate a provision providing for automatic repeal; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to vocational, technical, and adult education, is amended by revising Article 6, relating to the Dual Achievement Program, as follows:

"ARTICLE 6

20-4-140.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Completion special school' means a special school provided for in Article 31C of Chapter 2 of this title which meets the requirements of Code Section 20-2-2096.3.

(2) 'Completion special school attendance zone' means an attendance zone established by the State Board of Education for completion special schools pursuant to Code Section 20-2-2096.7.

(3) 'Dual Achievement Program' or 'program' means the program provided for in this article.

~~(2)~~(4) 'Eligible student' means a student who meets the qualifications to participate in the program.

~~(3) 'Extracurricular activities' and 'interscholastic activities' shall have the same respective meanings as set forth in Code Section 20-2-319.6.~~

~~(4) 'QBE formula earnings' means funds earned for the Quality Basic Education Formula pursuant to Code Section 20-2-161 and shall include the portion of such funds that are calculated as the local five mill share in accordance with Code Section 20-2-164. QBE formula earnings shall include the salary portion of direct instructional costs, the adjustment for training and experience, the nonsalary portion of direct instructional costs, and earnings for psychologists and school social workers, school administration, facility maintenance and operation, media centers, and staff development, as determined by the Department of Education.~~

(5) 'State board' means the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia.

(6) 'Resident school' means the public school in which an eligible student is or would be enrolled based on his or her primary residence.

(7) 'Resident school system' means the public school system in which an eligible student is or would be enrolled based on his or her primary residence.

(8) 'Technical college system' means the Technical College System of Georgia.

(9) 'Wraparound services' means structured student support services, including, but not limited to, academic advising, career counseling, tutoring, case management, and other services necessary to support students enrolled in the program.

20-4-141.

(a)(1) The state board shall, in coordination with the State Board of Education, Department of Education, the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Corrections, and the Office of Planning and Budget, establish a ~~pilot~~ program to allow students who meet eligibility requirements to qualify for enrollment in the Dual Achievement Program at a participating unit of the technical college system and, upon successful completion of the program, be awarded a high school diploma. The purpose of the ~~pilot~~ program is to ~~assess the feasibility of implementing a state-funded program for~~ allow eligible students who have withdrawn from high school to enroll in a unit of the technical college system to participate in an academic and technical education and training program which, upon successful completion, allows the student to earn a high school diploma while also earning a technical college associate's degree, a technical college diploma, or technical college certificates of credit in specific career pathways.

(2) To implement the ~~pilot~~ program, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the state board and the State Board of Education shall be authorized to waive or provide variances to state rules, regulations, policies, and procedures and to provisions of this title that may be reasonably necessary to meet the goals of the ~~pilot~~ program~~, including, but not limited to, such rules, regulations, policies, procedures, and provisions as relate to the calculation, allocation, and distribution of QBE formula earnings~~. Such waivers or variances shall automatically expire at the end of ten years unless an earlier expiration is provided for. The state board and the State Board of Education shall be authorized to seek waivers or variances of federal laws, rules, regulations, policies, and procedures that may be reasonably necessary to meet the goals of the ~~pilot~~ program.

(3) ~~The pilot program, as determined by the state board, may include up to five units of the technical college system for a period of ten years. In an effort to pilot the program under various conditions present in the state, the state board shall seek to include in the pilot program units of the technical college system from various geographic areas in the state.~~

~~(4)~~ The state board shall review the results of the ~~pilot~~ program and shall no later than November 15 of each year during the program provide the Office ~~and~~ of Planning and Budget and the chairpersons of the House Committee on Education, the Senate Education and Youth Committee, the House Committee on Higher Education, the Senate Higher Education Committee, the House Committee on Appropriations, and the Senate Appropriations Committee with a comprehensive report on the program with any recommendations for ~~its continued use and~~ any needed changes in the program. Such report shall include a comprehensive list of any such waivers or variances implemented or requested as provided for in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a statement of necessity for each waiver or variance, and with respect to any such requests, whether each request was granted in whole or in part. Beginning in 2027, such report shall include the funding formula developed pursuant to Code Section 20-4-142, the factors considered to develop the formula, and recommendations for any needed changes to such formula.

(b) The ~~pilot~~ program established by the state board pursuant to this article shall provide for the award of a high school diploma by the state board to students who successfully complete the program.

(c) The state board shall determine the specific competencies concerning the skills and knowledge needed for completion of each component of the program; provided, however, that the state board shall make such determination regarding the skills and knowledge needed to meet the requirements for a high school diploma as provided for in this program in consultation with the State Board of Education and the Department of Education.

(d) The state board shall provide for preliminary review of academic records, including, but not limited to official secondary school transcripts, submitted by prospective students to determine whether such students meet the eligibility requirements provided for in ~~paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (e) of~~ this Code section. If a prospective student meets such requirements, the student shall be so notified and allowed to complete a readiness assessment required by the technical college system. Students who meet the eligibility requirements provided for in ~~paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (e) of~~ this Code section and attain an acceptable score of admission on the readiness assessment shall be notified that they are eligible to participate in the program, subject to meeting the eligibility requirements provided for in ~~the applicable paragraphs of subsection (f) of~~ this Code section.

(e) ~~To~~ Before July 1, 2028, to be eligible to participate in the program, a student shall:

(1) Be 16 years of age or older;

(2) Have completed at least six of the nine following state required ninth and tenth grade level high school courses: two English courses, two mathematics courses, two

science courses, two social studies courses, and one health and physical education course; and any state required tests associated with any such courses;

(3) Receive an acceptable score of admission on the readiness assessment required by the technical college system; and

(4) ~~Meet the requirements provided for in the applicable paragraph of subsection (f) of this Code section.~~

~~(f)(1) Before July 1, 2026, to be eligible to participate in the program, a student shall be withdrawn from a public secondary school of this state, shall meet the requirements provided for in subsection (e) of this Code section, and shall provide the following:~~

(A) If ~~an unemancipated minor~~ such student is 16 or 17 years of age:

(i) ~~Verification that the student's parent or legal guardian attended a conference with the student's high school principal or the principal's designee as provided for in subsection (f) of Code Section 20-2-690.1;~~ Be enrolled in his or her resident school or resident school system only for administrative purposes and for the purposes of the education accountability programs provided for in Article 2 of Chapter 14 of this title; and

(ii) ~~A copy of the form provided for in subsection (f) of Code Section 20-2-690.1 signed by the student's parent or legal guardian;~~ Provide written acknowledgment that the high school diploma available through the Dual Achievement Program requires successful completion of the program; or

~~(iii) Written acknowledgment by the student's parent or guardian that withdrawal of the student from secondary school may result in loss of eligibility for accommodations, specialized instruction, and other services pursuant to the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. Section 1400, et seq., and Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. Section 701, et seq.; and~~

~~(iv) Written acknowledgment that the high school diploma available through the Dual Achievement Program requires successful completion of the program; or~~

(B) If ~~an emancipated minor or a student who~~ such student is 18, 19, or 20 years of age, be withdrawn from a public secondary school in this state and provide:

(i) Written acknowledgment that the student has conferred with his or her secondary school principal or the principal's designee or a qualified designated official of the technical college system and discussed alternatives to withdrawing from high school without completing graduation requirements and potential consequences of not having a high school diploma, including lower lifetime earnings, fewer jobs for which the student will be qualified, and the inability to avail oneself of higher educational opportunities;

(ii) Written acknowledgment by the student's parent or guardian that withdrawal of the student from secondary school may result in loss of eligibility for accommodations, specialized instruction, and other services pursuant to the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. Section 1400, et seq., and Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. Section 701, et seq.; and

(iii) Written acknowledgment that the high school diploma available through the Dual Achievement Program requires successful completion of the program.

~~(2) Beginning July 1, 2026, to be eligible to participate in the program, a student shall be enrolled in a public secondary school of this state, shall not have reached 21 years of age, shall meet the requirements provided for in subsection (e) of this Code section, and shall provide the following:~~

~~(A) Written acknowledgment that such student shall not be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities or interscholastic activities under the sponsorship, direction, or control of such student's resident school or resident school system; and~~

~~(B) Written acknowledgment that the high school diploma available through the Dual Achievement Program requires successful completion of the program.~~

~~(g)~~(f) Notwithstanding subsection (g) of this Code section, any ~~Any~~ student who is enrolled in the program on June 30, ~~2026~~ 2028, shall remain eligible to participate in the program according to the terms and conditions of such student's original eligibility to participate in the program.

(g) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (h) of this Code section, on and after July 1, 2028, to be eligible to participate in the program, a student shall:

(1) Be at least 18 years of age and under 23 years of age;

(2) Be withdrawn from a public school in this state;

(3) Have not yet earned a high school diploma;

(4) Meet the admission requirements for the program established by the state board;

(5) Participate in required wraparound services; and

(6) Provide the following:

(A) Written acknowledgment that the student has conferred with his or her secondary school principal or the principal's designee or a qualified designated official of the technical college system and discussed alternatives to withdrawing from high school without completing graduation requirements and potential consequences of not having a high school diploma, including lower lifetime earnings, fewer jobs for which the student will be qualified, and the inability to avail oneself of higher educational opportunities;

(B) Written acknowledgment by the student's parent or guardian that withdrawal of the student from secondary school may result in loss of eligibility for accommodations, specialized instruction, and other services pursuant to the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. Section 1400, et seq., and Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. Section 701, et seq.; and

(C) Written acknowledgment that the high school diploma available through the Dual Achievement Program requires successful completion of the program.

(h) Notwithstanding paragraphs (1), (2), and (6) of subsection (g) of this Code section, on and after July 1, 2028:

(1) A student who is 16 or 17 years of age and resides in a completion special school attendance zone that does not have an operating completion special school shall be

eligible to participate in the program, provided such student meets the other eligibility requirements provided for in subsection (g) of this Code section.

(2) An eligible student who participates in the program pursuant to this subsection shall be enrolled in his or her resident school or resident school system only for administrative purposes and for the purposes of the education accountability programs provided for in Article 2 of Chapter 14 of this title.

(i) ~~By March 1,~~ Not later than July 1, 2026, the State Board of Education shall adopt any policies, rules, or regulations that are necessary to ensure that any student who withdraws from his or her resident school or resident school system and subsequently wishes to participate in the program shall be permitted to re-enroll in such resident school or resident school system in order to participate in the program on and after July 1, 2026, only for administrative purposes and for the purposes of the education accountability programs provided for in Article 2 of Chapter 14 of this title. Such policies, rules, and regulations shall provide for such students to complete such re-enrollment without having to appear at such resident school or resident school system. Upon collaboration with the state board, such policies, rules, and regulations may provide for such re-enrollment to be facilitated by the technical college system.

~~(i)~~(j) The state board shall award a high school diploma to a student enrolled in the program provided for in this article who:

(1) Completes all student counseling and assessment requirements of the program;

(2) Completes rigorous coursework at a participating unit of the technical college system; and

(3) Completes:

(A) A technical college associate's degree program;

(B) A technical college diploma program; or

(C) At least two technical college certificate of credit programs in one specific career pathway.

~~(j)~~(k) A student who meets the requirements of subsection ~~(h)~~ (i) of this Code section shall be deemed to have met all graduation requirements of the State Board of Education and shall not be subject to any assessments otherwise required for purposes of graduation.

~~(k)~~(l)(1) The state board, in consultation with the State Board of Education, Department of Education, the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Corrections, and the Office of Planning and Budget, shall establish rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this article.

(2) Not later than January 1, 2028, such rules and regulations shall include:

(A) Eligibility and admission requirements consistent with the eligibility criteria provided for in subsections (g) and (h) of this Code section; and

(B) Standards and requirements for wraparound services offered to students enrolled in the program.

~~20-4-141.1.~~

~~(a) By January 1, 2026, the State Board of Education, in collaboration with the state board, the Office of Planning and Budget, and the Office of Student Achievement, shall~~

~~establish whatever policies, rules, and regulations are necessary to implement the requirements of this article, including, but not limited to, any such policies, rules, or regulations that are necessary to accurately account for each student who is participating in the program pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (f) of Code Section 20-4-141 in the counts required by Code Section 20-2-160.~~

~~(b) For each eligible student enrolled in the program on or after July 1, 2026, the State Board of Education shall pay to the state board an amount not less than a proportional share of QBE formula earnings, QBE grants, and federal funds earned by the resident school system for such eligible student. Such proportional share shall be calculated pro rata based on the number of one-sixth segments of the school day such eligible student attends at a participating unit of the technical college system.~~

~~(c)(1) By April 1, 2026, and by April 1 each year thereafter, the state board and the State Board of Education shall publish on the public website of the technical college system a comprehensive list of courses at participating units of the technical college system that shall be counted towards high school diploma requirements and shall be considered a one-sixth segment of the school day for the purposes of this article. Once such a comprehensive list is published on the public website of the technical college system, it may only be revised upon written agreement by the state board and the State Board of Education detailing the reasons for each revision. In the event such comprehensive list is revised pursuant to such a written agreement, the comprehensive list published on the public website of the technical college system shall be updated immediately along with a copy of such written agreement.~~

~~(2) Each revision to the comprehensive list required by paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be prospective, and no revision to such comprehensive list shall result in any adverse action for any student enrolled and in good standing at the time of such revision.~~

~~(d) Beginning July 1, 2026, each resident school system with an eligible student who is participating in the program pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (f) of Code Section 20-4-141 shall enter into a participation agreement with the state board agreeing that each such student:~~

~~(1) Is enrolled in the resident school system and resident school for administrative purposes and for the purposes of education accountability assessment programs provided for in Article 2 of Chapter 14 of this title only; and~~

~~(2) Shall not be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities or interscholastic activities under the sponsorship, direction, or control of such student's resident school or resident school system.~~

20-4-142.

~~This article shall stand repealed on July 1, 2031.~~

(a) The state board, in coordination with the Office of Planning and Budget, shall develop a funding formula for the program. Beginning with Fiscal Year 2028, and for each fiscal year thereafter, such formula shall be used to calculate the amount of funding needed for the program for each fiscal year which shall be included in the state board's budget request to the General Assembly.

(b) To develop the funding formula, the state board and the Office of Planning and Budget shall consider factors relevant to determining the amount of funding needed for the program, including, but not limited to:

(1) The number of students enrolled in the program and the number of students expected to be enrolled in the program in the relevant fiscal year;

(2) The number of credit hours attempted and completed by students participating in the program;

(3) Wraparound services provided to students participating in the program;

(4) Student outcomes and performance, including, but not limited to, diploma and credential attainment and student persistence."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	E Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Dubnik	Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	E O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade

Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 166, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 1114. By Representatives Yearta of the 152nd, Dubnik of the 29th, Erwin of the 32nd, Wade of the 9th and Paris of the 142nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to competencies and core curriculum under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to allow for students in ninth and tenth grade to complete the high school graduation financial literacy course requirement; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to competencies and core curriculum under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for minimum content standards for financial literacy instruction; to require such content standards to address the risks of gambling; to allow for students grades 9 through 12 to complete the high school graduation financial literacy course requirement; to require students in kindergarten through eighth grade to receive grade level appropriate instruction in financial literacy; to prohibit public schools from partnering with or accepting donations or utilizing material from individuals or entities who operate any gambling enterprise, activity, or event; to authorize the Department of Education to provide technical support, guidance, and optional instructional resources subject to certain conditions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to competencies and core curriculum under the "Quality Basic Education Act," is amended by revising Code Section 20-2-149.4, relating to financial literacy instruction and curriculum, as follows:

"20-2-149.4.

(a) The State Board of Education shall adopt grade level appropriate content standards for ~~a minimum course of~~ instruction in financial literacy ~~to be completed by students in eleventh or twelfth grade~~. Such content standards shall address, at a minimum:

(1) For grades nine through 12:

(A) Personal budgeting and money management;

(B) Banking, credit, and debt;

(C) Saving and investing principles;

(D) Risk assessment and long-term financial planning;

(E) Digital finance, fraud prevention, and consumer protection; and

(F) Risks associated with gambling, including:

(i) Probability, odds, and the concept of house advantage;

(ii) The distinction between investing and gambling;

(iii) Psychological and behavioral risks, including addiction and loss-chasing;

(iv) Financial consequences such as debt, credit damage, and family impact;

(v) Evaluation of gambling advertising, endorsements, and risk free claims; and

(vi) Overview of this state's gambling laws and consumer protections;

(2) For grades six through eight:

(A) Budgeting;

(B) Digital money use; and

(C) Introductory gambling risk awareness; and

(3) For kindergarten through grade five:

(A) Saving and spending; and

(B) Probability and games of chance versus effort.

(b) Beginning in the ~~2024-2025~~ 2026-2027 school year, each local board of education and other public school governing body shall require all students, as a condition of graduation, ~~during their eleventh or twelfth grade years~~ to complete at least a half-credit course in financial literacy ~~which implements the minimum course of instruction~~ based on the content standards prescribed pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section. Such course of instruction shall be completed by students in ninth, tenth, eleventh, or twelfth grade. Such course of instruction may be provided within the framework of existing coursework offered by a local school system, provided that such instruction includes in-depth treatment of real-world financial scenarios and gambling risk analysis. Such course of instruction shall be eligible to count toward a mathematics, social studies, or elective unit of credit requirement for graduation.

(c) Beginning in the 2027-2028 school year, each local board of education and other public school governing body shall provide grade level appropriate instruction in financial literacy to students in kindergarten through eighth grade. Such instruction shall be based on the content standards prescribed pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section. Such instruction may be provided within the framework of existing coursework offered by a local school system.

(d) No local board of education or other public school governing body, local school system, or public school shall:

(1) Partner with any individual or entity who operates any sort of gambling enterprise, activity, or event;

(2) Accept any funding, materials, sponsorships, or other donation from any individual or entity who operates any sort of gambling enterprise, activity, or event; or

(3) Use as part of any instruction promotional materials developed or made available by any individual or entity who operates any sort of gambling enterprise, activity, or event.

(e) The Department of Education shall be authorized to develop and provide technical assistance, guidance, and optional instructional resources to local school systems and public schools and professional development resources for educators, provided that no such resources or materials are developed or made available by any individual or entity who operates any sort of gambling enterprise, activity, or event."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	E Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP

Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	E O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 171, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 1328. By Representatives Wade of the 9th, Bonner of the 73rd, Hawkins of the 27th, Dubnik of the 29th, Gaines of the 120th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 5A of Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to University of North Georgia military scholarships, so as to authorize the selection committee to select additional scholarship recipients; to authorize additional nominations for candidates to receive a scholarship; to provide a limit on the number of scholarships that can be awarded; to provide criteria for selecting scholarship recipients; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez

Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	E Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	E O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 172, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 1345. By Representatives Rice of the 139th, Efstration of the 104th, Donatucci of the 105th, Reeves of the 99th, Hilton of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 14 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the State Workforce Development Board, so as to provide for the approval of certain eligible workforce training programs relative to implementing the federal Workforce Pell Grant program; to provide a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	E Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	E O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
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Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
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Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 168, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 1446. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Rhodes of the 124th, Williamson of the 112th, Powell of the 33rd and Gaines of the 120th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to emergency medical services, so as to transfer responsibility for the oversight of emergency medical services from the Department of Public Health to the Georgia Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Council; to provide for legislative findings; to update terminology and provide for

conforming changes; to provide for construction; to amend various titles of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, so as to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to emergency medical services, so as to transfer responsibility for the oversight of emergency medical services from the Department of Public Health to the Georgia Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Council; to transfer agreements, employees, and property to such council; to establish such council and provide for its membership, powers, and duties; to provide certain minimum requirements for such council in transacting business; to provide for the appointment of an executive director of such council; to provide for the establishment of emergency medical services regions; to transfer responsibility for designating and contracting with regional emergency medical services from the Board of Public Health to the Board of Community Health; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for licensure of ambulance providers and emergency medical services personnel by the Georgia Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Council; to revise provisions relating to automated external defibrillators; to revise procedures for licensing and appeals related thereto; to transfer responsibility for designating and certifying stroke centers from the Department of Public Health to the Georgia Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Council; to transfer the Office of Cardiac Care and its employees to such council; to revise and provide for definitions; to provide for legislative findings; to update terminology and provide for conforming changes; to provide for construction; to amend various titles of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, so as to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
Emergency Medical Services Generally
SECTION 1-1.

Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to emergency medical services, is amended by repealing Article 1, relating to general provisions, and enacting a new Article 1 to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 1

31-11-1.

(a) The General Assembly finds and determines that:

(1) The provision of emergency medical services is a matter of substantial importance to the people of this state;

(2) The cost and quality of emergency medical services are matters within the public interest;

(3) It is highly desirable for the state to participate in emergency medical systems communications programs established pursuant to Public Law 93-154, entitled the Emergency Medical Services Systems Act of 1973;

(4) The administration of an emergency medical systems communications program should be the responsibility of the Georgia Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Council, acting upon the recommendations of regional emergency medical services advisory councils which coordinate the program; all ambulance services shall be a part of this system even if this system is the 9-1-1 emergency telephone number;

(5) An emergency medical systems communications program in each emergency medical services region should be operated as economically and efficiently as possible to serve the public welfare and, to achieve this goal, should involve the designation of geographical territories to be serviced by participating ambulance providers and should involve an economic and efficient procedure to distribute emergency calls among participating ambulance providers serving the same emergency medical services region; and

(6) First responders should fall under the Georgia Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Council's rules and regulations governing ambulances and should transport only in life-threatening situations or by orders of a licensed physician or in situations where an ambulance provider cannot respond.

(b) The General Assembly therefore declares that, in the exercise of the sovereign powers of the state to safeguard and protect the public health and general well-being of its citizens, it is the public policy of this state to encourage, foster, and promote emergency medical systems communications programs and that such programs shall be accomplished in a manner that is coordinated, orderly, economical, and without unnecessary duplication of services and facilities.

31-11-2.

As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) 'Air ambulance' means any rotary-wing aircraft used or intended to be used for hire for transportation of a patient who may need medical attention during transport.

(2) 'Air ambulance services' means the for-hire provision of emergency care and transportation by means of an air ambulance for a patient to or from a place where medical or hospital care is furnished.

(3) 'Ambulance' means a motor vehicle that is specially constructed and equipped or an air ambulance and is intended to be used for the emergency transportation of patients,

including dual purpose police patrol cars and funeral coaches or hearses which otherwise comply with the provisions of this chapter.

(4) 'Ambulance attendant' means an individual responsible for the care of patients being transported in an ambulance.

(5) 'Ambulance provider' means an agency or entity providing ambulance services which has been duly licensed under this chapter by a predecessor agency prior to January 1, 2028, or by the council on or after such date.

(6) 'Ambulance services' means the provision of:

(A) Emergency care and transportation on the public streets and highways of this state for a wounded, injured, sick, invalid, or incapacitated human being to or from a place where medical or hospital care is furnished;

(B) Any air ambulance services;

(C) Transportation services by an emergency organ transport vehicle on the public streets and highways of this state for the transport of necessary personnel, organs, tissue, or medical supplies to a time-critical organ transplant procedure; or

(D) Services specified in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of this paragraph.

(7) 'Board' means the Board of Community Health established pursuant to Code Section 31-2-3.

(8) 'Cardiac technician' means an individual who has been duly certified as such under this chapter by a predecessor agency prior to January 1, 2028, or by the council on or after such date.

(9) 'Composite board' means the Georgia Composite Medical Board established pursuant to Code Section 43-34-2.

(10) 'Council' means the Georgia Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Council established pursuant to Code Section 31-11-5.

(11) 'Department' means the Department of Community Health established pursuant to Code Section 31-2-4.

(12) 'Emergency medical services region' or 'EMS region' means any geographical district used as a basis for coordinating and administrating the EMSC Program and duly designated by a predecessor agency prior to January 1, 2028, or by the council on or after such date provided for pursuant to Code Section 31-11-9.

(13) 'Emergency medical services system' means a system which provides for the arrangement of personnel, facilities, and equipment for the effective and coordinated delivery in an appropriate geographical area of healthcare services under emergency conditions, occurring either as a result of the patient's condition or as a result of natural disasters or similar situations, and which is administered by a public or private nonprofit entity which has the authority and the resources to provide effective administration of the system.

(14) 'Emergency Medical Systems Communications Program' or 'EMSC Program' means any program established pursuant to Public Law 93-154, entitled the Emergency Medical Services Systems Act of 1973, which serves as a central communications system to coordinate the personnel, facilities, and equipment of an emergency medical services system and which:

(A) Utilizes emergency medical telephonic screening;
(B) Utilizes a publicized emergency telephone number; and
(C) Has direct communication connections and interconnections with the personnel, facilities, and equipment of an emergency medical services system.

(15) 'Emergency medical technician' means an individual who has been duly certified as such under this chapter by a predecessor agency prior to January 1, 2028, or by the council on or after such date.

(16) 'Emergency organ transport vehicle' means a motor vehicle that is intended to be used for the transport of necessary personnel, organs, tissue, or medical supplies to a time-critical organ transplant procedure.

(17) 'First responder' means any person or agency who provides on-site care until the arrival of an ambulance provider, including, but not limited to, those individuals who routinely respond to calls for assistance through an affiliation with law enforcement agencies, fire departments, and rescue agencies.

(18) 'Invalid car' means a motor vehicle not used for emergency purposes but used only to transport individuals who are convalescent, sick, or otherwise nonambulatory.

(19) 'License' means, when issued to an ambulance provider, that its facilities and operations comply with this chapter and any rules and regulations duly established by a predecessor agency prior to January 1, 2028, or by the council on or after such date.

(20) 'License officer' means a predecessor agency prior to January 1, 2028, or the council or its designee on or after such date.

(21) 'Paramedic' means an individual who has been duly certified as such under this chapter by a predecessor agency prior to January 1, 2028, or by the council on or after such date.

(22) 'Paramedic clinical preceptor' means a paramedic certified in this state with a minimum of two years of emergency medical services experience who meets the standard requirements for paramedic preceptor training as established by a predecessor agency prior to January 1, 2028, or by the council on or after such date.

(23) 'Patient' means an individual who is sick, injured, wounded, or otherwise incapacitated or helpless.

(24) 'Person' means any individual, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company, group of individuals acting together for a common purpose, or organization of any kind, including any governmental agency other than of the United States.

(25) 'Predecessor agency' means the Department of Public Health; provided, however, that such term shall mean the Georgia Composite Medical Board for the purposes of rules, regulations, policies, procedures, and administrative orders relating to the licensing of emergency medical services personnel under Article 2 of this chapter prior to January 1, 2002.

(26) 'Provisional license' means, when issued to an ambulance provider, a license issued on a conditional basis to allow a newly established ambulance provider a period of 30 days to demonstrate that its facilities and operations comply with this chapter and rules and regulations issued under this chapter by a predecessor agency prior to January 1, 2028, or by the council on or after such date.

(27) 'Regional emergency medical services advisory council' or 'REMSAC' means a public or private nonprofit local entity designated, pursuant to Code Section 31-11-10, to administer and coordinate the EMSC Program in an EMS region provided for pursuant to Code Section 31-11-9.

31-11-3.
Except as otherwise expressly provided, all powers, functions, duties, and obligations of the Department of Public Health under this chapter, as they exist on December 31, 2027, with the exception of subsections (a) and (b) of Code Section 31-11-10, relating to the designation of REMSACs, are transferred to the Georgia Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Council, effective January 1, 2028.

31-11-4.
(a) The Georgia Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Council shall succeed to all rules, regulations, policies, standards, programs, procedures, and administrative orders of a predecessor agency that are in effect on December 31, 2027, or scheduled to go into effect on or after January 1, 2028, and which relate to the functions transferred to the council pursuant to Code Section 31-11-3 and shall further succeed to any rights, privileges, entitlements, obligations, and duties of the Department of Public Health that are in effect on December 31, 2027, which relate to the functions transferred to the Georgia Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Council pursuant to Code Section 31-11-3. Such rules, regulations, policies, standards, programs, procedures, and administrative orders shall remain in effect until amended, repealed, superseded, or nullified by the Georgia Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Council by proper authority or as otherwise provided by law.
(b) Except as otherwise expressly provided, the rights, privileges, entitlements, obligations, and duties of parties to contracts, leases, agreements, and other transactions entered into prior to January 1, 2028, by the Department of Public Health which relate to the functions transferred to the Georgia Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Council pursuant to Code Section 31-11-3 shall continue to exist; and none of such rights, privileges, entitlements, obligations, and duties are impaired or diminished by reason of the transfer of the functions to the Georgia Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Council. In all such instances, the Georgia Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Council shall be substituted for the Department of Public Health, and the Georgia Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Council shall succeed to the rights, privileges, entitlements, obligations, and duties under such contracts, leases, agreements, and other transactions.
(c) All individuals employed by the Department of Public Health in capacities which relate to the functions transferred to the Georgia Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Council pursuant to Code Section 31-11-3 on December 31, 2027, including, but not limited to, the Office of Cardiac Care established pursuant to Code Section 31-11-132, shall, on January 1, 2028, become employees of the Georgia Emergency Medical

Services and Trauma Council in similar capacities, as determined by the executive director appointed pursuant to Code Section 31-11-8.

(d) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in this chapter, any license, provisional license, certificate, permit, registration, or other authorization required under this chapter to engage in the practice of any profession or the provision of any service that was duly issued by a predecessor agency to any person prior to January 1, 2028, shall be valid until such license, provisional license, certificate, permit, registration, or other authorization expires, is revoked by the Georgia Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Council, is surrendered by the holder, or is otherwise terminated under this chapter.

(e) The Georgia Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Council shall receive custody of any state owned real property in the custody of the Department of Public Health on December 31, 2027, and which pertains to the functions transferred to the Georgia Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Council pursuant to Code Section 31-11-3.

31-11-5.

(a) There is established the Georgia Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Council, which shall be assigned to the department for administrative purposes only, as provided in Code Section 50-4-3.

(b) The council shall be composed of the following members:

(1) One member from each REMSAC, with preference given to the chairperson of each such REMSAC, to be appointed by the Governor;

(2) One member who is an employee or representative of a privately owned ambulance provider, to be appointed by the Governor;

(3) One member knowledgeable of the EMSC Program, to be appointed by the Governor;

(4) One member knowledgeable of the EMSC Program, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

(5) One member knowledgeable of the EMSC Program, to be appointed by the President of the Senate.

(c)(1) On or before August 1, 2027, the Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and President of the Senate shall appoint the initial members of the council, in accordance with subsection (b) of this Code section. Each member of the council shall be appointed for a term of two years.

(2) Each member of the council shall serve until his or her successor is appointed and qualified. In the event of a vacancy in the council for any reason, such vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment. Each member of the council shall be eligible to succeed himself or herself; provided, however, that no member shall serve more than two consecutive terms on the council.

(3) Members of the council may be removed from office under the same conditions for removal from office of members of professional licensing boards as provided in Code Section 43-1-17.

(d) At its first regular meeting, the council shall elect a chairperson and such other officers from among its membership as it deems necessary.

(e)(1) Each REMSAC shall promptly notify the council of any change in chairperson of such REMSAC.

(2) Upon request by the Governor, each REMSAC shall promptly notify the Governor of the name and contact information for the chairperson of such REMSAC.

(f) The council may, from time to time, designate advisory committees of such composition as the council may prescribe to assist and advise the council in carrying out its duties under this chapter. The members of any such advisory committee shall serve at the pleasure of the council.

(g) Members of the council shall serve without compensation but shall be allowed actual and necessary expenses in the performance of their duties. Members of the commission shall receive a daily expense allowance in the amount specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21, as well as the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for state employees. The funds necessary for the reimbursement of expenses and allowances of any member of the council shall be paid from funds appropriated to or otherwise available to the department.

31-11-6.

(a) The council is vested with the following functions and powers:

(1) To provide rules of procedure for its internal management and control;

(2) To establish an internal code of conduct which shall contain member disclosure and conflict of interest policies;

(3) To enter into contracts or do such things as may be necessary and incidental to the administration of its authority pursuant to this chapter, including, but not limited to, employing professional, technical, and clerical personnel;

(4) To oversee the EMSC Program and the provision of emergency medical services within each EMS region, as provided under this chapter;

(5) To make all necessary modifications to the territorial zones within each EMS region and methods of distributing calls among ambulance providers participating in the EMSC Program, in accordance with the procedures set forth in Code Section 31-11-10;

(6) To prescribe reasonable health, sanitation, and safety standards for transporting patients in ambulances;

(7) To prescribe reasonable conditions under which ambulance attendants are required;

(8) To establish uniform minimum standards consistent with this chapter for the employment and training of first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, paramedic clinical preceptors, ambulance attendants, cardiac technicians, and such other emergency medical service personnel as determined by the council, including qualifications, certifications, recertifications, decertifications, and probations for certified individuals and suspensions for noncertified individuals;

(9) To establish minimum curriculum requirements for schools operated by or for any employing agency for the specific purpose of training first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, paramedic clinical preceptors, ambulance attendants,

cardiac technicians, and such other emergency medical service personnel as determined by the council;

(10) To approve institutions and facilities for school operation by or for any employing agency for the specific purpose of training first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, paramedic clinical preceptors, ambulance attendants, cardiac technicians, and such other emergency medical service personnel as determined by the council;

(11) To permit the emergency medical technician course to be offered at area hospitals and area vocational technical schools in conjunction with their emergency patient care and personnel training programs;

(12) To make or support studies on any aspect of the education and training or recruitment of first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, paramedic clinical preceptors, ambulance attendants, cardiac technicians, and such other emergency medical service personnel as determined by the council;

(13) To make recommendations concerning any matter within its purview;

(14) To establish basic training requirements for first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, paramedic clinical preceptors, ambulance attendants, cardiac technicians, and such other emergency medical service personnel as determined by the council;

(15) To certify any individual satisfactorily complying with the training program established in accordance with paragraph (13) of this subsection and the qualifications for employment under this chapter;

(16) To issue a certificate to any individual who has received training in another state as or who has received training by the United States government as a first responder, emergency medical technician, paramedic, paramedic clinical preceptor, ambulance attendant, cardiac technician, or such other emergency medical service personnel as determined by the council, when the council has determined that the training was at least equivalent to that required by the council for approved education and training programs in this state for such profession and when the individual has satisfactorily complied with all other requirements of this chapter;

(17) To accept donations, gifts, property, and other contributions and to use the same for carrying out the purposes of this chapter; and

(18) To promulgate rules and regulations as reasonably necessary to administer and implement the provisions of this chapter.

(b) Nothing in this Code section shall authorize the council to adopt and promulgate rules or regulations which prevent the continued use of dual purpose funeral coaches or hearses currently being used as ambulances if the vehicles otherwise conform in all respects to the requirements of Code Section 31-11-34 except for their size and shape.

31-11-7.

(a) The council shall transact business in the following manner:

(1) The council shall hold at least four regular meetings each year at the call of the chairperson or upon the written request of a majority of the members of the council;

(2) A majority of the members of the council shall constitute a quorum necessary for the transaction of business and shall be sufficient to do and perform any action permitted the council by this chapter. No vacancy on the council shall impair the right of a quorum to transact any and all business of the council; and

(3) The council shall adopt such rules for the transaction of its business as it shall desire.

(b) The council shall be subject to Chapter 14 of Title 50, relating to open meetings, and Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50, relating to open records.

(c) The council shall make an annual report of its activities to the Governor and to the General Assembly and shall include in such report any recommendations for appropriate legislation. The council shall not be required to distribute copies of such report to the members of the General Assembly but shall notify the members of the availability of the report in the manner it deems to be most effective and efficient.

31-11-8.

(a) The council shall appoint an executive director and establish the executive director's duties and compensation. Such executive director shall serve at the pleasure of the council.

(b) The executive director may contract for such services and employ such other professional, technical, and clerical personnel as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

31-11-9.

On or after January 1, 2028, the council shall establish as a basis for coordinating and administering the EMSC Program one or more EMS regions composed of one or more counties. Each such EMS region shall, for purposes of coordinating and administering the EMSC Program, succeed to any health districts established by the Department of Public Health that are in effect on December 31, 2027, or scheduled to go into effect on or after January 1, 2028. Such health districts shall remain in effect until amended, superseded, or nullified by the council or as otherwise provided by law.

31-11-10.

(a)(1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, the board shall as soon as practicable designate and contract with a public or private nonprofit local entity to administer and coordinate the EMSC Program for each EMS region provided for pursuant to Code Section 31-11-9. Any such local entity designated or contracted with shall be known as a regional emergency medical services advisory council or REMSAC.

(2) Any public or private nonprofit local entity that is administering and coordinating the EMSC Program for a designated territory on January 1, 2028, or is scheduled to administer and coordinate the EMSC Program for a designated territory after such date, pursuant to a contract with, agreement with, or other designation by the Department of Public Health duly entered into or agreed to prior to January 1, 2028, shall serve out the remainder of the term of such contract, agreement, or designation; provided, however,

that this shall not be construed to impair either party's rights, privileges, entitlements, or duties under any such contract, agreement, or designation. In all such instances, the Board of Community Health shall be substituted for the Board of Public Health; the board shall succeed to the rights, privileges, entitlements, and duties under any such contract, agreement, or designation; and, upon the expiration of such contract, agreement, or designation, the board shall designate and contract with a successor REMSAC in accordance with paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(3) In designating and contracting with a REMSAC pursuant to this subsection, the board shall take all steps necessary to ensure that each REMSAC conducts its business in accordance with Chapter 14 of Title 50, relating to open meetings, and Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50, relating to open records.

(b) Each REMSAC shall be composed of between 25 to 50 members who are knowledgeable of the EMSC Program and meet such other requirements as the board may prescribe, one of whom shall serve as chairperson of such REMSAC.

(c) At such times as the council shall prescribe, each REMSAC shall recommend to the council or its designee the manner in which the EMSC Program is to be conducted. In making its recommendations, the REMSAC shall give priority to making the EMSC Program function as efficiently and economically as possible.

(d)(1) Each ambulance provider in an EMS region shall have the opportunity to participate in the EMSC Program.

(2) Each REMSAC designated by the board pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section shall request from each ambulance provider in its EMS region a written description of the territory in which it can respond to emergency calls. Each ambulance provider shall submit such written description to a REMSAC within ten days of any request by such REMSAC.

(3) Within ten days of receiving the written descriptions of territory provided by the ambulance providers in accordance with paragraph (2) of this subsection, each REMSAC shall recommend in writing to the council or its designee the territories within the EMS region to be serviced by each ambulance provider and the method for distributing emergency calls among the ambulance providers, based primarily on considerations of economy, efficiency, and benefit to the public welfare. The council or its designee shall approve or modify the territorial zones and method of distributing calls among ambulance providers participating in the EMSC Program in the EMS region based on such recommendations.

(e)(1) The council or its designee shall be empowered to conduct a hearing into the recommendations made by any REMSAC, and such hearing shall be conducted according to the procedures set forth in Code Section 31-11-15. The recommendations of any REMSAC shall not be modified unless the council or its designee finds, after a hearing, that the determination of such REMSAC is inconsistent with operation of the EMSC Program in an efficient and economical manner that benefits the public welfare. No hearing shall be required if the council adopts the recommendations of the REMSAC without modification. The final decision of the council or its designee shall be rendered as soon as possible and shall be final and conclusive concerning the

operation of the EMSC Program. An appeal from such final decision shall be pursuant to Code Section 31-11-17.

(2) The REMSAC shall begin administering the EMSC Program in accordance with a final decision of the council or its designee immediately after issuance of the final decision by the council or its designee regarding the approval or modification of the recommendations made by the REMSAC, and the EMSC Program shall be operated in such manner pending the resolution of any appeals filed pursuant to Code Section 31-11-17, except as otherwise provided in such Code section.

(f) This Code section shall not apply to air ambulances, air ambulance services, or emergency organ transport vehicles.

31-11-11.

Records of each ambulance trip shall be made by the ambulance provider in such manner and on such forms as may be prescribed by the council through rules and regulations. Such records shall be available for inspection by the council at any time, and a summary of ambulance services shall be prepared on specific cases and furnished to the council upon request.

31-11-12.

(a) The driver of an ambulance on the public streets, highways, and private access roads of this state, when responding to an emergency call or while transporting a patient, shall be authorized to operate the ambulance as an emergency vehicle pursuant to Code Section 40-6-6.

(b) The driver of an emergency organ transport vehicle on the public streets, highways, and private access roads of this state, when transporting necessary personnel, organs, tissue, or medical supplies to a time-critical organ transplant procedure, shall be authorized to operate the emergency organ transport vehicle as an emergency vehicle pursuant to Code Section 40-6-6.

31-11-13.

(a) Any person, including an agent or employee, that is licensed to furnish ambulance services and in good faith renders emergency care to an individual who is a victim of an accident or emergency shall not be liable for any civil damages to such victim as a result of any act or omission by such person in rendering emergency care to such victim.

(b) A physician shall not be civilly liable for damages resulting from that physician's acting as medical adviser to an ambulance provider, pursuant to Code Section 31-11-50, if those damages are not a result of that physician's willful and wanton negligence.

(c) The immunity provided in this Code section shall apply only to those persons that perform the aforesaid emergency services for no remuneration.

31-11-14.

(a) The council and its duly authorized agents are authorized to enforce compliance with this chapter and rules and regulations promulgated under this chapter in the same manner

as provided in Article 1 of Chapter 5 of this title and, in connection therewith during the reasonable business hours of the day, to enter upon and inspect in a reasonable manner the premises of an ambulance provider. All inspections under this Code section shall be in compliance with the provisions of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of this title.

(b) The council is authorized to enforce compliance with this chapter, including, but not limited to, compliance with the EMSC Program and the provision of emergency medical services within designated territories, by imposing fines in the same manner as provided in paragraph (6) of subsection (c) of Code Section 31-2-8; this enforcement action shall be a contested case under Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'

31-11-15.

Hearings shall be required for any and all quasi-judicial actions and in any other proceeding required by this title or the Constitution of Georgia. All such hearings shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'

31-11-16.

All rules and regulations of the council shall be adopted after due notice to and hearing by persons and parties affected thereby; and such rules and regulations shall be maintained in a book kept for that purpose, orderly arranged and indexed and subject to inspection by the public during regular business hours. The council shall make copies thereof available for distribution to persons interested in or affected thereby. No rule or regulation shall become effective as law until 30 days after its adoption, except in cases of emergencies constituting an imminent threat to the public, in which event such rules or regulations shall become effective upon adoption; but, in all such cases, the council shall as a part thereof state the conditions found by it to justify such immediate effectiveness. Where deemed desirable by the council, hearing and notice in the same manner as provided in Code Section 31-11-15 may be conducted by it prior to adoption of any rule or regulation.

31-11-17.

(a) Any person or party to a proceeding who is aggrieved or adversely affected by a final order or action of the council, including, but not limited to, an order or action involving a dispute concerning the designation, application, or administration of an ambulance provider territory, may have review thereof by appeal to the superior court in the county in which the action arose. If an appeal concerns a final order or action involving the designation, application, or administration of an ambulance provider territory which includes portions of more than one county, such an appeal may be filed in the superior court of any such county.

(b) Appeal to the superior court shall be by petition which shall be filed in the clerk's office of such court within 30 days after the final order or action of the council. The petition shall set forth the names of the parties taking the appeal; the order, rule,

regulation, or decision appealed from; and the reason it is claimed to be erroneous. The enforcement of the order or action appealed from shall not be stayed until and unless so ordered and directed by the superior court. A superior court may order a stay only if the court makes a finding that the public health, safety, and welfare will not be harmed by the issuance of the stay. Upon the filing of such petition, the petitioner shall serve on the council a copy thereof in a manner prescribed by law for the service of process, unless such service of process is waived. The review shall be conducted by the superior court without a jury and shall be confined to the record. In cases of alleged irregularities in procedure before the council, not shown in the record, proof thereon may be taken in the court. The superior court, upon request, shall hear oral argument and receive written briefs.

(c) The superior court shall not substitute its judgment for that of the council as to the weight of the evidence on questions of fact. The court may affirm the decision of the council or remand the case for further proceedings. The court may reverse or modify the decision if substantial rights of the appellant have been prejudiced because the administrative findings, inferences, conclusions, or decisions are:

(1) In violation of constitutional or statutory provisions;

(2) In excess of the statutory authority of the council;

(3) Made upon unlawful procedure;

(4) Affected by other error of law;

(5) Clearly erroneous in view of the reliable, probative, and substantial evidence on the whole record; or

(6) Arbitrary or capricious or characterized by abuse of discretion or clearly unwarranted exercise of discretion.

31-11-18.

Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in this chapter, the council shall cooperate with and take all steps necessary to share information with, at such frequency and as required by, the Department of Public Health related to the Department of Public Health's performance of its duties under this title; provided, however, that any information released shall comply with the requirements of the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, P.L. 104-191.

31-11-19.

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as prohibiting or preventing a municipality from fixing, charging, or assessing any license fee or registration fee on any business or profession covered by this chapter or upon any related profession or any person engaged in any profession governed by this chapter or collecting any fee so imposed or from establishing additional regulations regarding ambulance services.

31-11-20.

This chapter shall not apply to:

(1) An ambulance or any provision of ambulance services operated by an agency of the United States government;
(2) A vehicle or aircraft operated by an individual who is not licensed to furnish ambulance services when rendering assistance temporarily in the case of a major catastrophe or emergency because the ambulance providers of the state are insufficient or unable to meet the demands thereof;
(3) An ambulance which is operated from a location outside of the state in order to transport patients from without the state's limits to locations within the state; or
(4) An invalid car or the operator thereof, except as provided in subsection (b) of Code Section 31-11-30.

31-11-21.
Medical directors of ambulance providers, first responders, or neonatal services are authorized to contract with licensed pharmacies to furnish dangerous drugs and controlled substances for the vehicles of their particular services. Such dangerous drugs and controlled substances shall be furnished, secured, and stored in the manner provided for in Code Section 26-4-116."

PART II
Licenses
SECTION 2-1.

Said chapter is further amended in Article 2, relating to licenses, by revising Code Section 31-11-30, relating to license requirement, as follows:
"31-11-30.
(a) No person shall operate as an ambulance ~~service~~ provider in this state without having a valid license or provisional license issued by the license officer pursuant to this chapter.
(b) No person shall make use of the word 'ambulance' to describe any ground or air transportation or facility or service associated therewith which such person provides or to otherwise hold oneself out to be an ambulance ~~service~~ provider unless such person has a valid license or provisional license issued pursuant to the provisions of this chapter or is exempt from licensing under this chapter and is not the operator of an invalid car.
(c) Any person who violates the provisions of this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

SECTION 2-2.
Said chapter is further amended in said article by revising paragraphs (1) and (7) of Code Section 31-11-31, relating to application for license, as follows:
"(1) The name and address of the owner of the ambulance ~~service~~ provider or proposed ambulance ~~service~~ provider;"
"(7) The location and description of the place or places from which the ambulance ~~service~~ provider is intended to operate."

SECTION 2-3.

Said chapter is further amended in said article by revising Code Section 31-11-31.2, relating to ambulance service provider matching payment, segregated account, appropriations from segregated account, audits, and rules and regulations, as follows:

"(a) As used in this Code section, the term~~:~~

~~(1) 'Ambulance service' means an entity licensed by the Department of Public Health pursuant to this chapter.~~

~~(2) 'Board' means the Board of Community Health.~~

~~(3) 'Department' means the Department of Community Health.~~

~~(4) 'Provider matching payment'~~ 'provider matching payment' means a payment assessed by the board pursuant to this Code section on ~~providers which operate~~ an ambulance ~~service~~ provider.

(b)(1) The board shall be authorized to establish and assess, by board rule, one or more provider matching payments on a subclass of ambulance ~~services~~ providers, as defined by the board; provided, however, that, if any such provider matching payment is established and assessed, the provider matching payment shall comply with the requirements of 42 C.F.R. 433.68. Any provider matching payment assessed pursuant to this Code section shall not exceed the amount necessary to obtain federal financial participation allowable under Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act.

(2) The board shall be authorized to discontinue any provider matching payment assessed pursuant to this Code section. The board shall cease to impose any such provider matching payment if:

(A) The provider matching payments are not eligible for federal matching funds under Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act; or

(B) The department, as a direct result of the enactment of this Code section, reduces or supplants Medicaid payment rates to ambulance providers as such rates are in effect on June 30, 2021, or reduces or supplants the provider matching payment rate adjustment factors utilized in developing the state Fiscal Year 2021 capitated rates for Medicaid managed care organizations.

(c)(1) Any provider matching payments assessed pursuant to this Code section shall be deposited into a segregated account within the Indigent Care Trust Fund created pursuant to Code Section 31-8-152 and used solely for the purpose of obtaining federal financial participation for medical assistance payments to providers on behalf of Medicaid recipients pursuant to Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49. Any funds deposited into such segregated account pursuant to this Code section shall be subject to appropriation by the General Assembly.

(2) The department shall be authorized to impose a penalty of up to 6 percent on the amount of any owed provider matching payments for any ambulance ~~service~~ provider that fails to pay a provider matching payment within the time required by the department for each month, or fraction thereof, that such provider matching payment is overdue. If a required provider matching payment has not been received by the department in accordance with department timelines, the department shall withhold an amount equal to the provider matching payment and penalty owed from any medical

assistance payment due such ambulance ~~service~~ provider under the Medicaid program. Any provider matching payment assessed pursuant to this Code section shall constitute a debt due the state and may be collected by civil action and the filing of tax liens in addition to such methods provided for in this Code section. Any penalty that accrues pursuant to this subsection shall be credited to the applicable segregated account.

(d)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of Chapter 8 of this title, the General Assembly is authorized to appropriate as state funds to the department for use in any fiscal year all revenues dedicated and deposited into one or more segregated accounts. Such appropriations shall be authorized to be made for the sole purpose of obtaining federal financial participation for medical assistance payments to providers on behalf of Medicaid recipients pursuant to Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49. Any appropriation from a segregated account for any purpose other than such medical assistance payments shall be void.

(2) Revenues appropriated to the department pursuant to this Code section shall be used to match federal funds that are available for the purpose for which such funds have been appropriated.

(3) Appropriations from a segregated account to the department shall not lapse to the general fund at the end of the fiscal year.

(e) The department shall have the authority to inspect and copy the records of an ambulance ~~service~~ provider for purposes of auditing the calculation of the provider matching payment. All information obtained by the department pursuant to this Code section shall be confidential and shall not constitute a public record.

(f) The board shall be authorized to establish rules and regulations to assess and collect any such provider matching payments, including, but not limited to, payment frequency and schedules, required information to be submitted, and record retention."

SECTION 2-4.

Said chapter is further amended in said article by revising subsections (c) and (d) of Code Section 31-11-32, relating to duties of license officer, as follows:

"(c) The license officer shall issue provisional licenses for 30 days ~~for the purpose specified in paragraph (19) of Code Section 31-11-2~~ to allow a newly established ambulance provider a period of 30 days to demonstrate that its facilities and operations comply with this chapter and any rules and regulations issued under this chapter by a predecessor agency prior to January 1, 2028, or by the council on or after such date.

(d) Before issuing a license to a government or governmental agency for a new ambulance ~~service~~ provider, the license officer shall establish that, due to inadequate private service, the public's convenience and necessity require the proposed ambulance ~~service~~ provider."

SECTION 2-5.

Said chapter is further amended in said article by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 31-11-35, relating to renewal of license and change of ownership of ambulance service, as follows:

"(b) Change of ownership of an ambulance ~~service~~ provider shall require a new application and a new license issued in conformance with the requirements of this article as upon original licensing."

SECTION 2-6.

Said chapter is further amended in said article by revising Code Section 31-11-36, relating to suspension or revocation of license and appeal to superior court, as follows:

"31-11-36.

(a) Any license issued under this article may be suspended or revoked for a failure of a licensee to comply and to maintain compliance with this article or rules and regulations issued under this article, but only after an opportunity for a hearing as provided in ~~Article 1 of Chapter 5 of this title~~ Code Section 31-11-15.

(b) Any person who ~~has exhausted all administrative remedies available within the department and who~~ is substantially aggrieved by a final order or final action of the license officer ~~is entitled to judicial review in the manner provided by Article 1 of Chapter 5 of this title and, notwithstanding Code Section 31-5-3,~~ shall be entitled to an appeal to superior court as provided in ~~subsection (c) of this Code section~~ Code Section 31-11-17.

~~(c) Appeal to the superior court shall be by petition which shall be filed in the clerk's office of such court within 30 days after the final order or action of the department; the petition shall set forth the names of the parties taking the appeal, the order, rule, regulation, or decision appealed from, and the reason it is claimed to be erroneous. The enforcement of the order or action appealed from shall be automatically stayed upon the filing of such petition unless the commissioner of public health in his final order certifies that his decision if stayed will harm the public health and safety, in which case a reviewing court may order a stay only if the court makes a finding that the public health and safety will not be harmed by the issuance of the stay. Upon the filing of such petition, the petitioner shall serve on the commissioner a copy thereof in the manner prescribed by law for the service of process, unless such service of process is waived. The appeal shall be an appeal de novo to the superior court and the appealing party shall have a right to a jury trial and all rights provided under Chapter 11 of Title 9, the 'Georgia Civil Practice Act.' The superior court shall render a decision approving, setting aside, or modifying the order or action appealed from.~~"

PART III

Personnel

SECTION 3-1.

Said chapter is further amended in Article 3, relating to personnel, by revising paragraph (3) of Code Section 31-11-49, relating to definitions, as follows:

"(3) 'Emergency medical services personnel' means all individuals duly licensed ~~by the department~~ under this article by a predecessor agency prior to January 1, 2028, or by the council on or after such date."

SECTION 3-2.

Said chapter is further amended in said article by revising Code Section 31-11-50, relating to medical adviser, as follows:

"31-11-50.

(a) To enhance the provision of emergency medical care, each ambulance ~~service~~ provider shall be required to have a medical adviser. The adviser shall be a physician licensed to practice medicine in this state and subject to approval by the ~~medical consultant of the Emergency Health Section of the Department of Public Health~~ council. Ambulance ~~services~~ providers unable to obtain a medical adviser, due to unavailability or refusal of physicians to act as medical advisers, may request ~~the district health director or his or her designee to act as~~ assistance from the council in identifying an individual to act as a medical adviser until the services of a physician are available.

(b) The duties of the medical adviser shall be to provide medical direction and training for the ambulance ~~service~~ provider personnel in conformance with acceptable emergency medical practices and procedures.

(c) This Code section shall not apply to any ambulance ~~service~~ provider which solely provides transportation for necessary personnel, organs, tissue, or medical supplies to a time-critical organ transplant procedure by emergency organ transport vehicles or any county having a population under 12,000 according to the United States decennial census of ~~1970~~ 2020 or any such future census."

SECTION 3-3.

Said chapter is further amended in said article by revising Code Section 31-11-51, relating to licensing of emergency medical services personnel, rules and regulations, use of conviction data in licensing decisions, and retention of fingerprints, as follows:

"31-11-51.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'conviction data' means a record of a finding or verdict of guilty or plea of guilty or plea of nolo contendere with regard to any crime, regardless of whether an appeal of the conviction has been sought.

(b) Except as otherwise provided for in this chapter, the ~~board~~ council shall, by rule or regulation, ~~authorize the department to~~ establish procedures and standards for the licensing of emergency medical services personnel. The ~~department~~ council shall succeed to all rules and regulations, policies, standards, programs, procedures, and administrative orders of ~~the composite board which were in effect on December 31, 2001, and which relate to the functions transferred to the department by this chapter. Such rules, regulations, policies, procedures, and administrative orders shall remain in effect until amended, repealed, superseded, or nullified by proper authority or as otherwise provided by law~~ a predecessor agency, in accordance with Code Section 31-11-4.

(c) In reviewing applicants for initial licensure of emergency medical services personnel, the ~~department~~ council shall be authorized pursuant to this Code section to obtain conviction data with respect to such applicants for the purposes of determining the suitability of the applicant for licensure.

(d) The ~~department~~ council shall, by rule or regulation, consistent with the requirements of this subsection, establish a procedure for requesting a fingerprint based criminal history records check from the center and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Fingerprints shall be in such form and of such quality as prescribed by the center and under standards adopted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Fees may be charged as necessary to cover the cost of the records search. An applicant may request that a criminal history records check be conducted by a state or local law enforcement agency or by a private vendor approved by the ~~department~~ council. Fees for criminal history records checks shall be paid by the applicant to the entity processing the request at the time such request is made. The state or local law enforcement agency or private vendor shall remit payment to the center in such amount as required by the center for conducting a criminal history records check. The ~~department~~ council shall accept a criminal history records check whether such request is made through a state or local law enforcement agency or through a private vendor approved by the ~~department~~ council. Upon receipt of an authorized request, the center shall promptly cause such criminal records search to be conducted. The center shall notify the ~~department~~ council in writing of any finding of disqualifying information, including, but not limited to, any conviction data regarding the fingerprint records check, or if there is no such finding.

(e) An applicant with conviction data which indicates a conviction of a felony more than five but less than ten years prior to application shall not be disqualified for licensure, provided that such applicant has:

(1) Successfully completed a training program duly approved by a predecessor agency prior to January 1, 2028, or by the ~~department~~ council on or after such date and sponsored by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Code Section 42-5-57; and

(2) Met all other requirements as set forth in this chapter.

(f) Conviction data received by the ~~department~~ council or ~~a~~ any state or local law enforcement agency shall be privileged and shall not be a public record or disclosed to any person. Conviction data shall be maintained by the ~~department~~ council and ~~the~~ any state or local law enforcement agency pursuant to laws regarding such records and the rules and regulations of the center and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Penalties for the unauthorized release or disclosure of conviction data shall be as prescribed by law or rule or regulation of the center or Federal Bureau of Investigation.

(g) The center, the ~~department~~ council, or any law enforcement agency, or the employees of any such entities, shall neither be responsible for the accuracy of information provided pursuant to this Code section nor be liable for defamation, invasion of privacy, negligence, or any other claim relating to or arising from the dissemination of information pursuant to this Code section.

(h) If the ~~department~~ council is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code section for such program, and the ~~department~~ council shall notify the individual whose fingerprints were taken of the parameters of such retention."

SECTION 3-4.

Said chapter is further amended in said article by revising Code Section 31-11-52, relating to certification of paramedics and cardiac technicians and provisional practice by military medical personnel, as follows:

"31-11-52.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'military medical personnel' means an individual who has, within 12 months of seeking certification pursuant to this Code section, served as a medic in the United States Army, medical technician in the United States Air Force, or corpsman in the United States Navy or Coast Guard and who was discharged or released from such service under conditions other than dishonorable.

(b) The ~~department~~ council shall establish procedures and standards for certifying and recertifying first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, and cardiac technicians. An applicant for initial certification as a paramedic or a cardiac technician shall:

(1) Submit a completed application on a form to be prescribed by the ~~department~~ council, which shall include evidence that the applicant is 18 years of age or older and is of good moral character;

(2) Submit from the ~~department~~ council a notarized statement that the applicant has completed a training course approved by the ~~department~~ council;

(3) Submit to the ~~department~~ council a fee as set forth in the regulations of the ~~department~~ council; and

(4) Meet such other requirements as are set forth in the rules and regulations of the ~~department~~ council.

~~(b)~~(c) The ~~department~~ council shall also adopt procedures and standards for its approval of ~~paramedic training courses and cardiac technician~~ training courses for first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, and cardiac technicians. The ~~department~~ council shall adopt such regulations after consultation with appropriate public and private agencies and organizations concerned with medical education and the practice of medicine. Procedures and standards adopted by the ~~department~~ council shall be consistent with the purposes and provisions of this chapter.

~~(c)~~(d) An applicant convicted of a felony more than five but less than ten years prior to application shall not be disqualified for certification, provided that such applicant has:

(1) Successfully completed a training program approved by the ~~department~~ council and sponsored by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Code Section 42-5-57; and

(2) Met all other requirements as set forth in this chapter.

~~(d)~~(e) The ~~department~~ council, in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Service, shall establish a program through which military medical personnel may provisionally operate within their scope of practice and training for a period of 12 months without meeting the requirements provided for in paragraphs (2) and (4) of subsection ~~(a)~~ (b) of this Code section. The program established pursuant to this subsection shall not conflict with or supplant Code Section 38-3-71 or Georgia's status as a member of the EMS Interstate Compact.

~~(e) As used in this Code section, the term 'military medical personnel' means an individual who has, within 12 months of seeking certification pursuant to this Code section, served as a medic in the United States Army, medical technician in the United States Air Force, or corpsman in the United States Navy or Coast Guard and who was discharged or released from such service under conditions other than dishonorable.~~

(f) Any rules, regulations, policies, standards, programs, procedures, or administrative orders issued by the council under this Code section shall succeed to the rules, regulations, policies, standards, programs, procedures, or administrative orders of a predecessor agency, in accordance with Code Section 31-11-4."

SECTION 3-5.

Said chapter is further amended in said article by revising Code Section 31-11-53, relating to services which may be rendered by certified emergency medical technicians and trainees and provisional practice by military medical personnel, as follows:

"31-11-53.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'military medical personnel' means an individual who has, within 12 months of seeking certification pursuant to this Code section, served as a medic in the United States Army, medical technician in the United States Air Force, or corpsman in the United States Navy or Coast Guard and who was discharged or released from such service under conditions other than dishonorable.

(b) Emergency ~~Upon certification by the department, emergency~~ medical technicians may do any of the following:

(1) Render first-aid and resuscitation services as taught in the United States Department of Transportation basic training courses for emergency medical technicians or an equivalent course approved by the ~~department~~ council;

(2) Upon the order of a duly licensed physician, administer approved intravenous solutions and opioid antagonists; and

(3) Upon the order of a duly licensed physician during a public health emergency, as defined in Code Section 31-12-1.1, administer vaccines.

~~(b)~~(c) While in training preparatory to becoming certified, emergency medical technician trainees may perform any of the functions specified in this Code section under the direct supervision of a duly licensed physician or a registered nurse.

~~(c)~~(d) The ~~department~~ council, in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Service, shall establish a program through which military medical personnel may provisionally operate within their scope of practice and training without additional training, experience, or examination for a period of up to 12 months. During such 12 month period, such individual may apply for certification at the appropriate level. The program established pursuant to this subsection shall not conflict with or supplant Code Section 38-3-71 or Georgia's status as a member of the EMS Interstate Compact.

~~(d) As used in this Code section, the term 'military medical personnel' means an individual who has, within 12 months of seeking certification pursuant to this Code section, served as a medic in the United States Army, medical technician in the United~~

~~States Air Force, or corpsman in the United States Navy or Coast Guard and who was discharged or released from such service under conditions other than dishonorable.~~

(e) Any rules, regulations, policies, standards, programs, procedures, or administrative orders issued by the council under this Code section shall succeed to the rules, regulations, policies, standards, programs, procedures, or administrative orders of a predecessor agency, in accordance with Code Section 31-11-4."

SECTION 3-6.

Said chapter is further amended in said article by revising Code Section 31-11-53.1, relating to automated external defibrillator program, establishment, regulations, and liability, as follows:

"31-11-53.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Agencies' means every state department, agency, division, board, bureau, commission, or entity, including without limitation the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia.

~~(1)~~(2) 'Automated external defibrillator' means a defibrillator which:

(A) Is capable of cardiac rhythm analysis;

(B) Will charge and be capable of being activated to deliver a countershock after electrically detecting the presence of certain cardiac dysrhythmias; and

(C) Is capable of continuous recording of the cardiac dysrhythmia at the scene with a mechanism for transfer and storage or for printing for review subsequent to use.

~~(2)~~(3) 'Defibrillation' means to terminate ventricular fibrillation.

~~(3) 'First responder' means any person or agency who provides on-site care until the arrival of a duly licensed ambulance service. This shall include, but not be limited to, persons who routinely respond to calls for assistance through an affiliation with law enforcement agencies, fire suppression agencies, rescue agencies, and others.~~

(4) 'Person' means any firm, partnership, association, corporation, or other private entity, including without limitation any private postsecondary school, college, or university in this state.

(5) 'Public safety answering point' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 46-5-122.

(b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that an automated external defibrillator may be used by any person for the purpose of saving the life of ~~another person~~ an individual in cardiac arrest. In order to ensure public health and safety:

(1) It is recommended that all persons who have access to or use an automated external defibrillator obtain appropriate training ~~as set forth in the rules and regulations of the Department of Public Health~~ from the American Red Cross, the American Heart Association, or another nationally recognized training. It is further recommended that such training include at a minimum the successful completion of:

(A) A nationally recognized ~~health care provider/professional~~ healthcare provider or professional rescuer level cardiopulmonary resuscitation course; and

(B) A ~~department established or approved~~ nationally recognized course which includes demonstrated proficiency in the use of an automated external defibrillator;

(2) All persons and agencies possessing and maintaining an automated external defibrillator shall notify the appropriate ~~emergency medical services system~~ public safety answering point of the existence and location of the automated external defibrillator prior to said defibrillator being placed in use~~;~~. The council is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to implement this provision; and

(3) All persons who use an automated external defibrillator shall activate the emergency medical services system as soon as reasonably possible by calling 9-1-1 or the appropriate emergency telephone number upon use of the automated external defibrillator~~; and~~

~~(4) Within a reasonable period of time, all persons who use an automated external defibrillator shall make available a printed or electronically stored report to the licensed emergency medical services provider which transports the patient~~.

(c) With the exception of communications officers under Code Section 35-8-23, who shall complete training as set forth in such Code section, all ~~All~~ persons who provide instruction to others in the use of the automated external defibrillator shall have completed ~~an~~ a nationally recognized instructor course ~~established or approved by the department~~.

~~(d) The department shall establish an automated external defibrillator program for use by emergency medical technicians. Such program shall be subject to the direct supervision of a medical adviser approved under Code Section 31-11-50. No emergency medical technician shall be authorized to use an automated external defibrillator to defibrillate a person unless that defibrillator is a properly maintained automated external defibrillator and that emergency medical technician:~~

~~(1) Submits to and has approved by the department an application for such use, and in considering that application the department may obtain and use the recommendation of the local coordinating entity for the health district in which the applicant will use such defibrillator;~~

~~(2) Successfully completes an automated external defibrillator training program established or approved by the department;~~

~~(3) Is subject to protocols requiring that both the emergency physician who receives a patient defibrillated by that emergency medical technician and the medical adviser for the defibrillator program review the department required prehospital care report and any other documentation of the defibrillation of any person by that emergency medical technician and send a written report of such review to the district EMS medical director of the health district in which the defibrillation occurred; and~~

~~(4) Obtains a passing score on an annual automated external defibrillator proficiency exam given in connection with that program.~~

~~(e) It shall not be necessary for a licensed emergency medical service, licensed neonatal transport service, or other services licensed by the department which provide care administered by cardiac technicians or paramedics to obtain department approval for the use of an automated external defibrillator on licensed vehicles.~~

~~(f) Any emergency medical technician who violates the provisions of this Code section shall be subject to having revoked by the department that person's authority to use an automated external defibrillator. Such a violation shall also be grounds for any entity which issues a license or certificate authorizing such emergency medical technician to perform emergency medical services to take disciplinary action against such person, including but not limited to suspension or revocation of that license or certificate. Such a violation shall also be grounds for the employer of such emergency medical technician to impose any sanction available thereto, including but not limited to dismissal.~~

~~(g)~~(d) Any first responder who gratuitously and in good faith renders emergency care or treatment by the use of or provision of an automated external defibrillator, without objection of the injured victim or victims thereof, shall not be held liable for any civil damages as a result of such care or treatment or as a result of any act or failure to act in providing or arranging further medical treatment where the ~~person~~ first responder acts without gross negligence or intent to harm or as an ordinary reasonably prudent person would have acted under the same or similar circumstances, even if such individual does so without benefit of the appropriate training. This provision includes paid ~~persons~~ individuals who extend care or treatment without expectation of remuneration from the patient or victim for receiving the defibrillation care or treatment.

(e) Any rules, regulations, policies, standards, programs, procedures, or administrative orders issued by the council under this Code section shall succeed to the rules, regulations, policies, standards, programs, procedures, or administrative orders of a predecessor agency, in accordance with Code Section 31-11-4."

SECTION 3-7.

Said chapter is further amended in said article by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 31-11-54, relating to services which may be rendered by paramedics and paramedic trainees, as follows:

"(a) Paramedics ~~Upon certification by the department, paramedics~~ may perform any service that a cardiac technician is permitted to perform. In addition, upon the order of a duly licensed physician and subject to the conditions set forth in paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 31-11-55, paramedics may perform any other procedures which they have been both trained and certified to perform, including, but not limited to:

(1) Administration of parenteral injections of diuretics, anticonvulsants, hypertonic glucose, antihistamines, bronchodilators, emetics, narcotic antagonists, and others, and administration of opioid antagonists;

(2) Cardioversion; and

(3) Endotracheal suction."

SECTION 3-8.

Said chapter is further amended in said article by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 31-11-55, relating to services which may be rendered by certified cardiac technicians and trainees, as follows:

"(a) Cardiac ~~Upon certification by the department, cardiac~~ technicians may do any of the following:

(1) Render first-aid and resuscitation services;

(2) Upon the order of a duly licensed physician ~~and as recommended by the Georgia Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council~~ and duly approved by ~~the department~~ a predecessor agency prior to January 1, 2028, or by the council on or after such date:

(A) Perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation and defibrillation in a hemodynamically unstable patient;

(B) Administer approved intravenous solutions;

(C) Administer parenteral injections of antiarrhythmic agents, vagolytic agents, chronotropic agents, alkalizing agents, analgesic agents, and vasopressor agents or administer opioid antagonists;

(D) Perform pulmonary ventilation by esophageal airway and endotracheal intubation; and

(E) Upon the order of a duly licensed physician during a public health emergency, as defined in Code Section 31-12-1.1, administer vaccines."

SECTION 3-9.

Said chapter is further amended in said article by revising subsections (a) and (b) of Code Section 31-11-55.1, relating to administration of opioid antagonists by first responders and issuance by pharmacies, as follows:

"(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

~~(1) 'First responder' means any person or agency who provides on-site care until the arrival of a duly licensed ambulance service. This shall include, but not be limited to, persons who routinely respond to calls for assistance through an affiliation with law enforcement agencies, fire departments, and rescue agencies.~~

~~(2)~~(1) 'Opioid antagonist' means any drug that binds to opioid receptors and blocks or inhibits the effects of opioids acting on those receptors and that is approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of an opioid related overdose.

~~(3)~~(2) 'Opioid related overdose' means an acute condition, including, but not limited to, extreme physical illness, decreased level of consciousness, respiratory depression, coma, mania, or death, resulting from the consumption or use of an opioid or another substance with which an opioid was combined or that a layperson would reasonably believe to be resulting from the consumption or use of an opioid or another substance with which an opioid was combined.

(b) An opioid antagonist may be administered or provided by any first responder for the purpose of saving the life of ~~a person~~ an individual experiencing an opioid related overdose. In order to ensure public health and safety:

(1) All first responders who have access to or maintain an opioid antagonist shall obtain appropriate training as set forth in ~~the~~ any rules and regulations ~~of the Department of Public Health~~ duly established under this chapter;

(2) All law enforcement agencies, fire departments, rescue agencies, and other similar entities shall notify the appropriate emergency medical services system of the possession and maintenance of opioid antagonists by its personnel; and

(3) Within a reasonable period of time, all first responders who administer or provide an opioid antagonist shall make available a printed or electronically stored report to the ~~licensed ambulance service~~ ambulance provider which transports the patient."

SECTION 3-10.

Said chapter is further amended in said article by revising subsections (c) and (d) of Code Section 31-11-55.2, relating to administration of hydrocortisone sodium succinate and training, and adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(c) In order to ensure public health and safety:

(1) All emergency medical services personnel shall obtain appropriate training on congenital adrenal hyperplasia, and all paramedics shall obtain appropriate training regarding administration of hydrocortisone sodium succinate as set forth in the rules and regulations of the ~~Department of Public Health~~ council; and

(2) Within a reasonable period of time, all paramedics who administer hydrocortisone sodium succinate shall make available a printed or electronically stored report to the ~~licensed ambulance service~~ ambulance provider which transports the patient.

(d) The immunity provided in Code Section ~~31-11-8~~ 31-11-13 shall apply to any paramedic who in good faith renders emergency care pursuant to this Code section.

(e) Any rules, regulations, policies, standards, programs, procedures, or administrative orders issued by the council under this Code section shall succeed to the rules, regulations, policies, standards, programs, procedures, or administrative orders of a predecessor agency, in accordance with Code Section 31-11-4."

SECTION 3-11.

Said chapter is further amended in said article by revising Code Section 31-11-56, relating to revocation of certificates issued to emergency medical technicians, as follows:

"31-11-56.

Certificates issued to emergency medical technicians pursuant to this chapter may be revoked by the council for good cause, ~~as set forth in the~~ in accordance with any rules and regulations~~, by the department~~ duly established under this chapter, after notice to the certificate holder of the charges and an opportunity for hearing~~. Such proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'~~, in accordance with the procedures set forth in Code Section 31-11-15."

SECTION 3-12.

Said chapter is further amended in said article by revising Code Section 31-11-57, relating to revocation of certificates issued to paramedics and cardiac technicians, as follows:

"31-11-57.

Certificates issued to paramedics and cardiac technicians pursuant to this chapter may be revoked for good cause by the ~~department~~ council in accordance with ~~established~~ any

rules and regulations duly established under this chapter, after notice to the certificate holder of the charges and an opportunity for hearing~~. Such proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'~~, in accordance with the procedures set forth in Code Section 31-11-15. The ~~department~~ council shall have the authority to conduct investigations and subpoena any documents relating to the fitness of paramedics and cardiac technicians. Such documents may be used in any hearing conducted by the ~~department~~ council."

SECTION 3-13.

Said chapter is further amended in said article by revising Code Section 31-11-58, relating to recertification of emergency medical technicians and continuing education requirements, as follows:

"31-11-58.

(a) The ~~department~~ council shall be authorized to require emergency medical technicians seeking recertification under this chapter to complete ~~department~~ council approved continuing education. The ~~department~~ council shall be authorized to approve courses, including, but not limited to, courses offered by the ~~department~~ council, the number of hours required, and the category in which these hours should be earned.

(b) The ~~department~~ council shall be authorized to waive the continuing education requirement in cases of hardship, disability, illness, or under such other circumstances as the ~~department~~ council deems appropriate.

(c) The ~~department~~ council shall be authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to implement and ensure compliance with the requirements of this Code section.

(d) This Code section shall apply to each certification and recertification cycle which begins after ~~the 1992-1993 renewal~~ January 1, 2028."

SECTION 3-14.

Said chapter is further amended in said article by revising Code Section 31-11-58.1, relating to recertification of paramedics and cardiac technicians and continuing education requirements, as follows:

"31-11-58.1.

(a) The ~~department~~ council shall be authorized to require paramedics and cardiac technicians seeking recertification under this chapter to complete ~~department~~ council approved continuing education of not less than 40 hours biennially. The ~~department~~ council shall be authorized to approve courses, including but not limited to courses offered by the ~~department~~ council, the number of hours required, and the category in which these hours should be earned.

(b) The ~~department~~ council shall be authorized to waive the continuing education requirement in cases of hardship, disability, illness, or under such other circumstances as the ~~department~~ council deems appropriate.

(c) The ~~department~~ council shall be authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to implement and ensure compliance with the requirements of this Code section.

(d) This Code section shall apply to each certification and recertification cycle which begins after ~~the renewal deadline in 2000~~ January 1, 2028."

SECTION 3-15.

Said chapter is further amended in said article by revising Code Section 31-11-60, relating to obtaining and administering drugs by certified employees of counties or municipalities, as follows:

"31-11-60.

(a) Any emergency medical technician, paramedic, or cardiac technician who is certified under this article and who works for a county or municipal police department, fire department, or rescue unit is authorized to obtain any substance which such ~~person~~ technician or paramedic is authorized to administer by virtue of ~~his~~ such certification. Any such unit to which the emergency medical technician, paramedic, or cardiac technician is attached must be duly licensed ~~by the department~~ as a medical first responder unit by a predecessor agency prior to January 1, 2028, or by the council on or after such date. Such unit may then obtain from a hospital pharmacy those legend drugs listed and legally permitted to be used by ~~paramedics,~~ emergency medical technicians, paramedics, or cardiac technicians. The first responder unit shall have a signed agreement with the hospital in order for the hospital to furnish such drugs, and a copy of this agreement must be filed with the Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency. The requirements for administering, controlling, and storing these drugs shall be the same as the requirements for a standard ward inventory in a hospital.

(b) Any substance obtained under subsection (a) of this Code section shall be used only in connection with the emergency medical technician's, paramedic's, or cardiac technician's employment with the county or municipality, as such, and only while on duty as an emergency medical technician, paramedic, or cardiac technician.

(c) It shall not be necessary for an emergency medical technician, paramedic, or cardiac technician to be assigned to ~~a licensed~~ an ambulance ~~service~~ provider in order to obtain any substance under subsection (a) of this Code section."

SECTION 3-16.

Said chapter is further amended in said article by revising Code Section 31-11-60.1, relating to program for physician control over emergency medical services to nonhospital patients, as follows:

"31-11-60.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Ambulance provider medical director' ~~'Ambulance service medical director'~~ means a physician licensed to practice in this state and subject to the approval of the ~~local coordinating entity and the department~~ REMSAC and the council who has agreed, in writing, to provide medical direction to a specific ~~ambulance service~~ ambulance provider.

(2) 'Base station facility' means any facility responsible for providing direct physician control of emergency medical services.

(3) 'District emergency medical services medical director' means ~~a person~~ an individual who is:

(A) A physician licensed to practice medicine in this state;

(B) Familiar with the design and operation of prehospital emergency services systems;

(C) Experienced in the prehospital emergency care of acutely ill or injured patients; and

(D) Experienced in the administrative processes affecting regional and state prehospital emergency medical services systems.

(4) 'Emergency medical services personnel' means any emergency medical technician, paramedic, cardiac technician, or ~~designated~~ first responder who is certified under this article.

(b) The ~~department~~ council and the district emergency medical services medical directors shall develop and implement a program to ensure appropriate physician control over the rendering of emergency medical services by emergency medical services personnel to patients who are not in a hospital, which program shall succeed to any program developed and implemented by a predecessor agency and the district emergency medical services medical directors prior to January 1, 2028. Such program shall include but not be limited to the following:

(1) Medical protocols regarding permissible and appropriate emergency medical services which may be rendered by emergency medical services personnel to a patient not in a hospital;

(2) Communication protocols regarding which medical situations require direct voice communication between emergency medical services personnel and a physician or a nurse or a paramedic or a physician assistant in direct communication with a physician prior to those emergency medical services personnel's rendering specified emergency medical services to a patient not in a hospital;

(3) Record-keeping and accountability requirements for emergency medical services personnel and base station facility personnel in order to monitor compliance with this subsection; and

(4) Base station facility standards.

(c) The ambulance ~~service~~ provider medical director shall serve as the medical authority for the ambulance ~~service~~ provider, performing liaison activities with the medical community, medical facilities, and governmental agencies. The ambulance ~~service~~ provider medical director shall be responsible for the provision of medical direction and training for the emergency medical services personnel providing ambulance ~~service~~ services for the ambulance provider for which he or she is responsible in conformance with acceptable emergency medical practices and procedures. These responsibilities shall include the duties set forth in the ~~department's~~ council's rules and regulations for the provision of ambulance services.

(d) The district emergency medical services medical director shall not override those policies or protocols of the ambulance ~~service~~ provider medical director if that ambulance

~~service~~ provider medical director is documenting compliance with the ~~department's~~ council's rules and regulations for the provision of ambulance services.

(e) Every base station facility shall comply with the policies, protocols, requirements, and standards provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section.

(f) All emergency medical services personnel shall comply with appropriate policies, protocols, requirements, and standards of the ambulance ~~service~~ provider medical director for that service or the policies, protocols, requirements, and standards provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section.

(g) Conduct which would otherwise constitute a violation of subsection (f) of this Code section shall not be such a violation if such conduct was carried out by any emergency medical services personnel pursuant to an order from a physician, the ambulance ~~service~~ provider medical director for such ~~person~~ personnel, or the protocol of that ambulance ~~service~~ provider as approved by the ambulance ~~service~~ provider medical director for such ~~person~~ personnel.

(h) Violation by any base station facility of subsection (e) of this Code section may be grounds for the removal of that base station facility's designation by the ~~department~~ council.

(i) Enforcement of subsections (g) and (h) of this Code section by the council shall commence no earlier than ~~12 months after July 1, 1989~~ January 1, 2028."

SECTION 3-17.

Said chapter is further amended in said article by revising subsections (a) and (b) of Code Section 31-11-60.2, relating to testing for illegal drug usage and requirements, as follows:

"(a) All persons licensed or certified based upon successful completion of training set forth in paragraph (1) of subsection (e) of Code Section 31-11-51 or paragraph (1) of subsection ~~(c)~~ (d) of Code Section 31-11-52 shall be subject to random testing for evidence of use of illegal drugs. Such testing shall occur at least biannually for the first two years of licensure or certification. Such testing shall be noninvasive and may be conducted at any time during the calendar year, and the cost of all such testing shall be borne by the employer. If the drug test shows the presence of drugs in the employee's system, the results of the test will be confirmed with an alternative method by using the same urine sample.

(b) The ~~department~~ council shall adopt rules and regulations to establish for purposes of testing and retesting for illegal drugs:

(1) Which illegal drugs will be the subject of testing;

(2) Methods for ensuring minimal privacy intrusions during collection of body fluid specimens for such testing;

(3) Methods for ensuring proper storage, transportation, and handling of such specimens in order to maintain the integrity of the testing process;

(4) Which persons should be entitled to the results of such tests and which methods should be used for ensuring that only authorized persons are given access to such results;

(5) A list of laboratories qualified to conduct established drug tests; and

(6) Procedures through which emergency medical services personnel, paramedics, or cardiac technicians, prior to the collection of body fluid specimens for such testing, may provide information to their employers regarding use of any drug pursuant to a medical prescription or, as otherwise authorized by law, any substance which could affect the results of such test."

PART IV

Emergency Services

SECTION 4-1.

Said chapter is further amended in Article 4, relating to emergency services, by revising paragraph (2) of Code Section 31-11-81, relating to definitions, as follows:

"(2) 'Emergency medical provider' means any provider of emergency medical transportation duly licensed or permitted by ~~the Department of Public Health~~ a predecessor agency prior to January 1, 2028, or by the council on or after such date, any hospital licensed or permitted by the ~~Department of Community Health~~ department, any hospital based service, or any physician licensed by the ~~Georgia Composite Medical Board~~ composite board who provides emergency services."

SECTION 4-2.

Said chapter is further amended in said article by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 31-11-82, relating to evaluation of emergency condition required, stabilization of patient, and prospective authorization by insurer, as follows:

"(b) If in the opinion of the attending physician or ~~licensed ambulance service~~ ambulance provider personnel acting under the medical direction of an ambulance ~~service~~ provider medical director, as defined in Code Section 31-11-60.1, the evaluation provided under subsection (a) of this Code section warrants, he or she may initiate appropriate intervention to stabilize the condition of the patient without seeking or receiving prospective authorization by an insurer, a health maintenance organization, or a private health benefit plan. No insurer, health maintenance organization, or private health benefit plan may subsequently deny payment for an evaluation, diagnostic testing, or treatment provided as part of such intervention for an emergency condition."

PART V

Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission

SECTION 5-1.

Said chapter is further amended in Article 5, relating to Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission, by revising paragraphs (1) and (3) of Code Section 31-11-100, relating to definitions, as follows:

"(1) 'Burn trauma center' means a facility that has been designated by the ~~Department of Public Health~~ council as a burn center and that admits at least 300 patients annually

with the burn specific principal diagnosis codes as published by the International Classification of Diseases."

"(3) 'Trauma center' means a facility designated by the ~~Department of Public Health~~ council as a Level I, II, III, or IV or burn trauma center. However, a burn trauma center shall not be considered or treated as a trauma center for purposes of certificate of need requirements under state law or regulations, including exceptions to need and adverse impact standards allowed by the ~~department~~ council for trauma centers or for purposes of identifying safety net hospitals."

SECTION 5-2.

Said chapter is further amended in said article by revising paragraphs (6), (7), and (10) of subsection (a) of Code Section 31-11-102, relating to duties and responsibilities, as follows:

"(6) To reserve and disburse additional moneys to increase the number of participants in the Georgia trauma system. These funds shall be disbursed through an application process to cover partial start-up costs for nondesignated acute care facilities to enter the system as Level II, III, or IV trauma centers. The application process developed by the commission for start-up costs shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

(A) Criteria assuring that the trauma fund is a payor of last resort;

(B) Criteria assuring that all other resources for start-up costs must be exhausted before the trauma funds are allocated;

(C) Criteria assuring that the distribution of trauma funds will result in the applicant's achieving a trauma designation as defined by the commission within the time frame specified on the application;

(D) Criteria assuring and verifying that the ~~Department of Public Health~~ council has determined that there is a need for an additional trauma center with the designation that the applicant is seeking; and

(E) Criteria assuring that no more than 15 percent of the total annual distribution from the trauma fund total shall be distributed for new trauma center development;

(7)(A) To develop, implement, administer, and maintain a system to compensate members of the emergency medical service transportation community for readiness and uncompensated trauma care.

(B) The compensation for the cost of readiness shall be through an application process adopted by the commission. The application process developed by the commission for readiness costs shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

(i) Criteria assuring that the trauma fund is a payor of last resort;

(ii) Criteria assuring that all other resources for readiness costs must be exhausted before the trauma funds are allocated;

(iii) Criteria assuring that the distribution of trauma funds will result in the applicant's achieving certification as defined by the commission within the time frame specified on the application; and

(iv) Criteria assuring and verifying that the ~~Department of Public Health~~ council has determined that there is a need for additional emergency medical services with the certification that the applicant is seeking."

"(10) To coordinate its activities with the ~~Department of Public Health~~ council;"

PART VI

System of Certified Stroke Centers

SECTION 6-1.

Said chapter is further amended in Article 6, relating to system of certified stroke centers, by repealing in its entirety Code Section 31-11-111, relating to "department" defined, and designating said Code section as reserved.

SECTION 6-2.

Said chapter is further amended in said article by revising Code Section 31-11-112, relating to identification of stroke centers, as follows:

"31-11-112.

(a) The ~~department~~ council shall identify hospitals that meet the criteria set forth in this article as comprehensive, primary, or remote treatment stroke centers. In addition, the ~~department~~ council shall be authorized to establish one or more additional levels of stroke centers, in consultation with the Georgia Coverdell Acute Stroke Registry, as necessary based on advancements in medicine and patient care.

(b) A hospital shall apply to the ~~department~~ council for such identification and shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the ~~department~~ council that the hospital meets the applicable criteria set forth in or established in accordance with Code Section 31-11-113.

(c) The ~~department~~ council shall identify as many hospitals as stroke centers as apply for the identification, provided that each applicant meets the applicable criteria set forth in Code Section 31-11-113 or established by the ~~department~~ council.

(d) The ~~department~~ council may suspend or revoke a hospital's identification as a stroke center, after notice and hearing, if the ~~department~~ council determines that the hospital is not in compliance with the requirements of this article."

SECTION 6-3.

Said chapter is further amended in said article by revising Code Section 31-11-113, relating to certification, application process, and inspections, as follows:

"31-11-113.

(a) A hospital identified as a comprehensive or primary stroke center shall be certified as such by a national ~~health care~~ healthcare accreditation body recognized by the ~~department~~ council. Any hospital wishing to receive official identification under this subsection shall submit a written application to the ~~department~~ council, providing adequate documentation of the hospital's valid certification as a comprehensive or primary stroke center by any such national ~~health care~~ healthcare accreditation body.

(b) Remote treatment stroke centers shall be certified and identified by the ~~department~~ council either by certification as an acute stroke-ready hospital by a national ~~health care~~ healthcare accreditation body recognized by the ~~department~~ council or through an application process to be determined by the ~~department~~ council. Said application process shall contain, at minimum, the following requirements:

(1) Remote treatment stroke center certifications and identifications by the ~~department~~ council are limited to those hospitals that utilize current and acceptable telemedicine protocols relative to acute stroke treatment as defined by the ~~department~~ council;

(2) Upon receipt of complete and proper application for certification as a remote treatment stroke center, the ~~department~~ council shall schedule and conduct an inspection of the applicant's facility no later than 90 days after receipt of application; and

(3) Any hospital, upon certification by the ~~department~~ council as a remote treatment stroke center, shall automatically be identified as a remote treatment stroke center and shall be added to the list of such hospitals maintained pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 31-11-115.

(c) Any additional levels of stroke centers established by the ~~department~~ council pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 31-11-112 shall be certified by the ~~department~~ council in accordance with any criteria and guidelines established by the ~~department~~ council in rules and regulations.

(d) Comprehensive and primary stroke centers are encouraged to coordinate, through agreement, with remote treatment stroke centers throughout the state to provide appropriate access to care for acute stroke patients. The coordinating stroke care agreements shall be in writing and include at minimum:

(1) Transfer agreements for the transport and acceptance of all stroke patients seen by the remote treatment stroke center for stroke treatment therapies which the remote treatment stroke center is not capable of providing; and

(2) Communication criteria and protocols with the remote treatment stroke centers."

SECTION 6-4.

Said chapter is further amended in said article by revising Code Section 31-11-114, relating to grants and reports, as follows:

"31-11-114.

(a) In order to encourage and ensure the establishment of stroke centers throughout the state, the ~~department~~ council shall award grants, subject to appropriations from the General Assembly, to hospitals that seek identification as remote treatment stroke centers and demonstrate a need for financial assistance to develop the necessary infrastructure, including personnel and equipment, in order to satisfy the criteria for identification as a remote treatment stroke center pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 31-11-113.

(b) A hospital seeking identification as a remote treatment stroke center pursuant to this article may apply to the ~~department~~ council for a grant, in a manner and on a form required by the ~~department~~ council, and provide such information as the ~~department~~ council deems necessary to determine if the hospital is eligible for the grant.

(c) The ~~department~~ council may provide grants to as many hospitals as it deems appropriate, subject to appropriations, taking into consideration adequate geographic diversity with respect to locations.

(d) The ~~department~~ council shall annually prepare and submit to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairpersons of the House Committee on Health and Human Services and the Senate Health and Human Services Committee for distribution to its committee members a report indicating the total number of hospitals that have applied for grants pursuant to this Code section, the number of applicants that have been determined by the ~~department~~ council to be eligible for such grants, the total number of grants to be awarded, the name and address of each grantee hospital, the amount of the award to each grantee, and the amount of each award to be disbursed to the grantee."

SECTION 6-5.

Said chapter is further amended in said article by revising Code Section 31-11-115, relating to distribution of list of stroke centers, development of assessment tool, and protocols for emergency medical service providers, as follows:

"31-11-115.

(a) Beginning ~~June 1, 2009~~ January 1, 2028, and each year thereafter, the ~~department~~ council shall send a list of comprehensive, primary, remote treatment, and other level stroke centers identified pursuant to Code Section 31-11-113 to the medical director of each licensed emergency medical services provider in this state, shall maintain a copy of the list ~~in the office designated with the department to oversee emergency medical services~~, and shall coordinate with the department to post a list of comprehensive, primary, remote treatment, and other level stroke centers on the department's website.

(b) The ~~department~~ council shall adopt or develop a sample stroke triage assessment tool. The ~~department~~ council shall coordinate with the department to post this sample assessment tool on its department's website and distribute a copy of the sample assessment tool to each licensed emergency medical services provider ~~no later than December 31, 2008~~ as soon as practicable. Each licensed emergency medical services provider shall use a stroke triage assessment tool that is substantially similar to the sample stroke triage assessment tool provided by the ~~department~~ council.

(c) The ~~office designated within the department to oversee emergency medical services~~ council shall establish protocols related to the assessment, treatment, triage, and transport of stroke patients, including transport to the appropriate level stroke centers, by licensed emergency medical services providers in this state.

(d) Any assessment tools or protocols of the council shall succeed to the assessment tools or protocols of a predecessor agency, in accordance with Code Section 31-11-4."

SECTION 6-6.

Said chapter is further amended in said article by revising Code Section 31-11-116, relating to annual reports, as follows:

"31-11-116.

(a) In order to assure that the patients are receiving the appropriate level of care and treatment at each level of stroke center in the state, each hospital identified as a stroke center shall annually report information, as specified by the ~~department~~ council in its rules and regulations, to the ~~department~~ council.

(b) The ~~department~~ council shall collect the information reported pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section and shall coordinate with the department to post such information in the form of a report card annually on the department's website ~~and present such report to the Office of Health Strategy and Coordination~~. The results of this report card may be used by the ~~department~~ council to conduct training with the identified facilities regarding best practices in the treatment of stroke.

(c) In no way shall this article be construed to require disclosure of any confidential information or other data in violation of the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, P.L. 104-191."

SECTION 6-7.

Said chapter is further amended in said article by revising Code Section 31-11-118, relating to advertising, as follows:

"31-11-118.

A hospital may not advertise to the public, by way of any medium whatsoever, that it is identified by the state as a comprehensive, primary, remote treatment, or other level stroke center unless the hospital has been identified as such by the ~~department~~ council pursuant to this article."

SECTION 6-8.

Said chapter is further amended in said article by revising Code Section 31-11-119, relating to rules and regulations, as follows:

"31-11-119.

The ~~department~~ council shall be authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the purposes of this article. Such rules and regulations shall succeed to the rules and regulations of a predecessor agency, in accordance with Code Section 31-11-4."

PART VII

Emergency Cardiac Care Centers

SECTION 7-1.

Said chapter is further amended in Article 7, relating to emergency cardiac care centers, by revising Code Section 31-11-132, relating to Office of Cardiac Care and level designations and requirements, as follows:

"31-11-132.

(a) There shall be established the Office of Cardiac Care within the ~~Department of Public Health~~ council. The office shall administer the designation process provided for in this article, including, but not limited to, data collection, analysis and reporting, and site visits.

(b) The office shall designate hospitals that meet the criteria set forth in this article as emergency cardiac care centers. Each emergency cardiac care center shall be further designated as Level I, Level II, or Level III by the office. The criteria for each level designation shall be established by the office and shall include, at a minimum, the following:

(1) Level I shall have:

(A) Cardiac catheterization and angioplasty facilities available 24 hours, seven days per week, 365 days per year;

(B) On-site cardiothoracic surgery capability available 24 hours, seven days per week, 365 days per year;

(C) Established protocols for therapeutic hypothermia for out-of-hospital cardiac arrest patients;

(D) The ability to implant percutaneous left ventricular assist devices for support of hemodynamically unstable patients experiencing out-of-hospital cardiac arrest or heart attack;

(E) Neurologic protocols to measure functional status at hospital discharge; and

(F) The ability to implant automatic implantable cardioverter defibrillators;

(2) Level II shall have:

(A) Cardiac catheterization and angioplasty facilities available 24 hours, seven days per week, 365 days per year, but no on-site cardiothoracic surgery capability;

(B) Established protocols for therapeutic hypothermia for out-of-hospital cardiac arrest patients;

(C) Neurologic protocols to measure functional status at hospital discharge; and

(D) A written transfer plan with one or more Level I emergency cardiac care centers for patients who need left ventricular assist devices or cardiothoracic surgery;

(3) Level III shall have:

(A) Established protocols for therapeutic hypothermia for out-of-hospital cardiac arrest patients; and

(B) A written plan for systematic transfer to a Level I or Level II facility; and

(4) The ~~department~~ council shall be authorized to establish one or more additional levels of cardiac care centers as necessary based upon advancements in medicine and patient care."

PART VIII

Conforming Changes

SECTION 8-1.

Chapter 10 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against public administration, is amending by revising Code Section 16-10-29, relating to request for ambulance service when not reasonably needed, as follows:

"16-10-29.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to transmit in any manner a request for ambulance ~~service~~ services to any person, firm, or corporation furnishing ambulance ~~service~~

services, public or private, knowing at the time of making the request for ambulance ~~service~~ services that there exists no reasonable need for such ambulance ~~service~~ services.

(b) Any person who violates subsection (a) of this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

SECTION 8-2.

Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against public order and safety, is amending by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 16-11-42, relating to refusal to relinquish telephone party line in case of emergency, false request on party line as to emergency, and warning printed in telephone books, as follows:

"(a) A person is guilty of a misdemeanor when he or she fails to relinquish a telephone party line consisting of subscriber line telephone circuit with two or more main telephone stations connected therewith, each having a distinctive ring or telephone number, after ~~he~~ such person has been requested to do so to permit another to place a call in an emergency, in which property or human life is in jeopardy and the prompt summoning of aid is essential, to a fire or police department or for medical aid or ambulance ~~service~~ services, if the party line at the time of the request is not being used for any such other emergency call. Any person who shall request the use of the party line by falsely stating that the same is needed for any of such purposes, knowing the statement to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor."

SECTION 8-3.

Chapter 8 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to equipment and inspection of motor vehicles, is amending by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 40-8-92, relating to designation of emergency vehicles, flashing or revolving lights, permits, fee, and use of flashing or revolving green lights on public property, as follows:

"(a) The commissioner of public safety shall be authorized to designate certain motor vehicles as emergency vehicles. The commissioner of public safety shall so designate each vehicle by issuing to such vehicle a permit to operate flashing or revolving emergency lights of the appropriate color. Such permit shall be valid for five years from the date of issuance. Any and all officially marked law enforcement vehicles as specified in Code Section 40-8-91 shall not be required to have a permit for the use of a blue light. Any and all fire department vehicles which are distinctly marked on each side shall not be required to have a permit for the use of a red light. Any and all motor vehicles which are operated ~~for ambulance services~~ as ambulance providers, as defined in Code Section 31-11-2~~, under a valid license from the Emergency Health Section of the Department of Public Health~~ shall not be required to have a permit for the use of a red light."

SECTION 8-4.

The Official Code of Georgia Annotated is amended by replacing "ambulance service" with "ambulance provider", "licensed ambulance services" with "ambulance providers", "a duly licensed ambulance service" with "an ambulance provider", and "a licensed ambulance service" with "an ambulance provider" wherever the terms or phrases occur in:

(1) Code Section 24-9-921, relating to identification of medical bills and expert witness unnecessary;
(2) Code Section 26-4-5, relating to definitions relative to pharmacists and pharmacies;
(3) Code Section 26-4-116.2, relating to licensed health practitioners authorized to prescribe opioid antagonists, pharmacists authorized to fill prescriptions, and immunity from liability;
(4) Code Section 33-20A-9, relating to emergency services requirements and restrictive formulary requirements;
(5) Code Section 33-30-24, relating to health benefit plans providing incentives to use services of preferred providers and minimum requirements;
(6) Code Section 37-3-101, relating to transportation of patients generally relative to examination and treatment of mental illness;
(7) Code Section 37-7-101, relating to transportation of patients generally relative to hospitalization and treatment of alcoholics, drug dependent individuals, and drug abusers; and
(8) Code Section 40-2-86.1, relating to license plates promoting or supporting certain agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations or issued to qualified motor vehicles or owners with proceeds deposited in the general fund.

SECTION 8-5.

The Official Code of Georgia Annotated is amended by replacing "air ambulance service" with "air ambulance services" and "Air ambulance service" with "Air ambulance services" wherever the terms occur in:
(1) Code Section 33-1-21, relating to certain subscription agreements for prepaid air ambulance service not contract of insurance and definitions;
(2) Code Section 31-11-33, relating to insurance coverage requirements;
(3) Code Section 33-24-47.1, relating to notice prior to cancellation or nonrenewal of individual or group accident and sickness policy;
(4) Code Section 33-29-1, relating to "accident and sickness policy" defined and applicability of chapter;
(5) Code Section 33-29A-31, relating to relating to definitions relative to individual accident and sickness insurance; and
(6) Code Section 43-25-8, relating to promulgation of rules and regulations by Safety Fire Commissioner.

PART IX

Effective Date and Repealer

SECTION 9-1.

(a) This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2028, except as provided otherwise in subsection (b) of this section.
(b) Code Section 31-11-5 of this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2027.

SECTION 9-2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	N Cooper	Y Hagan	N Mathis	N Sainz
N Adesanya	E Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	N Sampson
N Adeyina	N Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Alexander	N Crawford	N Herring	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Ali	N Crowe	N Hilton	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	N Cummings	E Hitchens	Y Meeks	N Scoggins
N Au	N Davis	Y Holcomb	N Miller	N Scott
N Baker	Y Dawson	N Holland	N Mitchell	N Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Momtahan	N Sharper
N Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	N Moore	N Silcox
N Barrett	Y Dickey	N Horner	N Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	N Donatucci	Howard, J	N Neal	N Smith, M
N Bazemore	N Douglas	N Howard, K	N New	N Smith, TP
N Beckles	N Draper	Y Huddleston	N Newton	Y Smith, V
N Bell	N Drenner	N Hugley	N Okoye	Y Stephens
N Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Blackmon	N Dunahoo	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Tarvin
N Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	E O'Steen	Taylor, D
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	N Jasperse	N Panitch	N Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	N Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	N Evans	N Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
N Byrd	N Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	N Tran
N Cameron	N Fleming	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
N Camp	N Flournoy	Y Jones, T	N Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	N Petrea	Y Wade
N Campbell, L	N Franklin	N Kelley	Y Powell	N Washburn
Y Cannon, C	N Frye	N Kendrick	N Prince	N Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	N LaHood	E Reese	N Westbrook
Y Carpenter	N Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
N Carson	N Gilliard	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, A
N Carter	N Gisler	N Lim	N Rice	N Williams, MF
N Chastain	N Glaize	N Lumsden	N Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
N Clark, D	N Griffin	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	E Willis
N Clark, J	E Gullett	N Martinez	N Roberts	Y Yearta
N Clifton	Y Gunter	N Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 52, nays 114.

The Bill, having failed to receive the requisite constitutional majority, was lost.

Representative Leverett of the 123rd moved that the House reconsider its action in failing to give the requisite constitutional majority to HB 1446.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Adesanya	E Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	N Sampson
N Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Alexander	N Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	N Cummings	E Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	N Davis	Y Holcomb	N Miller	N Scott
N Baker	Y Dawson	N Holland	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	N Sharper
N Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	N Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Neal	N Smith, M
N Bazemore	N Douglas	N Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
N Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	N Drenner	N Hugley	N Okoye	Y Stephens
N Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	E O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	N Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas
N Burnough	Y Evans	N Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	N Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	N Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
N Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	N Kendrick	Prince	Y Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	N Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	N Gilliard	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, A
N Carter	N Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	N Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 107, nays 62.

The motion prevailed.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the Senate:

SB 601. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Orrock of the 36th, Kemp of the 38th, Parent of the 44th, McLaurin of the 14th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to continue the existence of the Atlanta Independent School System under the management and control of the Atlanta Board of Education, approved June 3, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 4154), as amended, so as to remove residency limitations on qualifications for employment of the executive assistant to the board, chief financial officer, and internal auditor; to revise provisions related to the selection, removal, and supervision of the executive assistant to the board and the internal auditor; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 612. By Senator Walker III of the 20th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the City of Cochran Public Facilities Authority; to provide that the authority is a body corporate and politic and an instrumentality of the State of Georgia; to authorize the authority to acquire, construct, equip, maintain, and operate certain projects, including buildings and facilities for use by the City of Cochran for its governmental, proprietary, and administrative functions; to provide that certain moneys are trust funds; to provide that this Act shall be liberally construed; to define the scope of the authority's operation; to provide for disposition of property upon dissolution of the authority; to provide for severability; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 613. By Senators Davenport of the 17th, Wicks of the 34th and Parent of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act placing the sheriff and clerk of the Superior Court of Clayton County on an annual salary, approved February 25, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, p. 1910), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 3, 2018 (Ga. L. 2018, p. 3573), so as to change the compensation of the sheriff; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 614. By Senator Davenport of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Hampton ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes for the total amount of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who have resided at such homestead for at least five years; to provide for definitions; to specify the

terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 616. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Kemp of the 38th, James of the 28th, Orrock of the 36th, McLaurin of the 14th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating one or more community improvement districts in unincorporated Fulton County, approved April 3, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 5460), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 2, 1998 (Ga. L. 1998, p. 4065) and an Act approved April 2, 2014 (Ga. L. 2014, p. 3526), so as to provide for written consent for the creation of community improvement districts; to provide for submission of certain resolutions; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Speaker announced the House in recess until 2:15 o'clock, this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Speaker called the House to order.

The following messages were received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the Senate:

SB 410. By Senators Brass of the 6th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Albers of the 56th, Walker III of the 20th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to state sales and use taxes, so as to repeal the data center equipment sales and use tax exemption; to allow for the continued use of certificates of exemption issued prior to the date of repeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 442. By Senators Dickerson of the 21st, Albers of the 56th, Walker III of the 20th, Burns of the 23rd, Hatchett of the 50th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to drivers' licenses, so as to provide for revocation and expiration of commercial drivers' licenses for noncitizens; to provide for testing requirements for renewal of commercial drivers' licenses for noncitizens; to amend Chapter 36 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to verification of lawful presence within the United States, so as to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 542. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Hatchett of the 50th, Strickland of the 42nd, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sexual offenses, so as to permit clergy members to be charged with certain improper sexual contact offenses; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the Senate:

SB 555. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Payne of the 54th, Cowsert of the 46th, Burns of the 23rd, Ginn of the 47th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to war veterans home, so as to authorize the admission of eligible nonveteran residents to a Georgia War Veterans' Home under certain circumstances; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 566. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Anavitarte of the 31st, Albers of the 56th, Hickman of the 4th and Still of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to provide for the acceptance of tax digests in the event of a publication error made by a newspaper; to revise required information for bills and notices of assessment for ad valorem taxation of property; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Representative Powell of the 33rd District, Chairman of the Committee on Regulated Industries, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Regulated Industries has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 1095 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Powell of the 33rd
Chairman

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1610. By Representatives Smith of the 138th and Corbett of the 174th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Natalie Pippin; and for other purposes.

HR 1611. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Kendrick of the 95th, Scott of the 76th and Davis of the 87th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Women's Entrepreneurial Opportunity Project (WEOP) and celebrating its 26 years of service; and for other purposes.

HR 1612. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Hatchett of the 155th, Newton of the 127th, Yearta of the 152nd, Carpenter of the 4th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the Boy Scouts of America in Georgia and recognizing March 9, 2026, as Scouts Day at the Capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1613. By Representatives Adeyina of the 110th and Okoye of the 102nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the City of Grayson on the celebration of its 125th Anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 1614. By Representatives Williams of the 168th, Howard of the 129th, Prince of the 132nd, Willis of the 55th, Scott of the 76th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Pastor Nancy Kornegay; and for other purposes.

HR 1615. By Representatives Mitchell of the 88th and McClain of the 109th:

A RESOLUTION honoring and celebrating Dr. Sonnie Badu and First Lady Annie Badu for eight remarkable years of ministry service in the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 1616. By Representatives McClain of the 109th, Okoye of the 102nd, Beckles of the 96th and Mitchell of the 88th:

A RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Richard D. Myles, Sr.; and for other purposes.

HR 1617. By Representatives McClain of the 109th, Okoye of the 102nd, Beckles of the 96th and Mitchell of the 88th:

A RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Karen Johnson-Moore and Elder Howard E. Moore as recipients of the 44th Presidential Legacy Lifetime Achievement Award presented by Trinity Girls Network Corp. and Trinity International University of Ambassadors; and for other purposes.

HR 1618. By Representatives Dunahoo of the 31st, Erwin of the 32nd, Persinger of the 119th and Gaines of the 120th:

A RESOLUTION commending the wrestling programs of Jackson County High School, Jefferson High School, Commerce High School, and East Jackson High School for their outstanding accomplishments during the 2026 GHSA wrestling season; and for other purposes.

HR 1619. By Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Buckner of the 137th, Kendrick of the 95th and Taylor of the 92nd:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Carolyn M. Wright for receiving the 2026 Yellow Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leadership Award; and for other purposes.

HR 1620. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Berry of the 56th, Holly of the 116th, McQueen of the 61st, Jones of the 60th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the Morehouse Boxing Club; and for other purposes.

HR 1621. By Representatives Paris of the 142nd, Herring of the 145th, Jones of the 143rd, Washburn of the 144th and Griffin of the 149th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 19, 2026, as Pace Day at the Capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1622. By Representatives Fleming of the 114th, Cooper of the 45th and Hawkins of the 27th:

A RESOLUTION commending the American Red Cross and recognizing March 2026 as Red Cross Month; and for other purposes.

HR 1623. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Burnough of the 77th, Bell of the 75th, Neal of the 79th and Douglas of the 78th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Fire Chief Tim Sweat for 37 years of distinguished service to Clayton County and the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 1624. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, McQueen of the 61st, Holly of the 116th, Berry of the 56th, Barnes of the 86th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the Spelman Social Justice Program Health Advocacy Initiative; and for other purposes.

HR 1625. By Representatives Richardson of the 125th and Jackson of the 128th:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Retired Master Sergeant Louis C. Graziano; and for other purposes.

HR 1626. By Representatives Romman of the 97th, Ali of the 106th, Sanchez of the 42nd, Crawford of the 89th, Bell of the 75th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 9, 2026, as Young Democrats of Georgia Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1627. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Tarvin of the 2nd, Kelley of the 16th, Scoggins of the 14th and Gambill of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 10, 2026, as Qcells Day; and for other purposes.

HR 1628. By Representative Paris of the 142nd:

A RESOLUTION celebrating Georgia's 100 Women of Excellence; and for other purposes.

HR 1629. By Representative Paris of the 142nd:

A RESOLUTION celebrating Georgia's 100 Women of Excellence; and for other purposes.

HR 1630. By Representative Paris of the 142nd:

A RESOLUTION celebrating Georgia's 100 Women of Excellence; and for other purposes.

HR 1631. By Representative Paris of the 142nd:

A RESOLUTION celebrating Georgia's 100 Women of Excellence; and for other purposes.

HR 1632. By Representatives Frye of the 122nd, Gisler of the 121st, Hugley of the 141st, Holly of the 116th, Smith of the 41st and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the Clarke County School District for preserving the historic and significant West Broad Street School Campus; and for other purposes.

HR 1633. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Tran of the 80th, Hong of the 103rd, Lim of the 98th and Au of the 50th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Vietnamese Women's Association of Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 1634. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Schofield of the 63rd, Davis of the 87th, Burnough of the 77th and Jones of the 60th:

A RESOLUTION honoring Jody Thomas for her distinguished leadership and service; and for other purposes.

HR 1635. By Representatives Romman of the 97th, McQueen of the 61st, Holly of the 116th, Tran of the 80th and Ali of the 106th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Shia Ismaili Muslim Community and commemorating the month of Ramadan and Navroz; and for other purposes.

HR 1636. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Burnough of the 77th, Taylor of the 92nd, Neal of the 79th and Alexander of the 66th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and honoring Micah Robinson-Womack as a Phenomenal Woman of service, leadership, and community impact; and for other purposes.

HR 1637. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Bell of the 75th and Neal of the 79th:

A RESOLUTION honoring C. Synamon Baldwin as a Phenomenal Woman of Bold Leadership, courage, and unwavering commitment to justice; and for other purposes.

HR 1638. By Representatives Beckles of the 96th, McClain of the 109th, Ali of the 106th, Adeyina of the 110th, Barnes of the 86th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Empower Her, Elevate All, presented by UBiG-WE Foundation; and for other purposes.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the Senate:

SB 445. By Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Still of the 48th, Walker III of the 20th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-14-27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to required reports and publication format relative to education accountability assessment programs, so as to provide that public schools with a state-wide attendance zone and certain charter schools shall not be included in the separate list of public schools annually reported by the Office of Student Achievement for purposes of the "Georgia Promise Scholarship Act"; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 572. By Senators Strickland of the 42nd, Anavitarte of the 31st, Robertson of the 29th, McNeel of the 18th, Hatchett of the 50th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to justification and excuse in defenses to criminal prosecutions, so as to provide for an additional justification for use of force in defense of self or others; to amend Code Section 51-11-9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to no duty to retreat and immunity in certain instances of threat or use of force, so as to extend immunity from civil liability in justified use of force cases to legal representatives and heirs of the person against whom force was used; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 1112. By Representatives Barrett of the 24th, Martin of the 49th, Cox of the 28th, Blackmon of the 146th, Smith of the 138th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to selling and other trade practices, so as to provide for rounding of total price of the sale of goods or services when using legal tender; to provide for tax exemptions; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and withdrawn:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to selling and other trade practices, so as to provide for rounding of total price of the sale of goods or services when using legal tender; to provide for payment in exact change when using legal tender; to provide for tax exemptions; to provide for certain immunities; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to selling and other trade practices, is amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 38

10-1-970.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Legal tender' means all coins and currencies of the United States.

(2) 'Merchant' means any person engaged in the business of selling goods or services engaging in in-person, face-to-face sales.

10-1-971.

(a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, any merchant in this state shall determine the price of goods and services in the following manner for purchases using legal tender:

(1) The prices of the goods and services shall be totaled, including sales tax and any other applicable tax; and

(2) If one cent, two cents, six cents, or seven cents is at the end of the resulting total, such total shall be rounded down to the nearest five cents. If three cents, four cents, eight cents, or nine cents is at the end of the resulting total, such total shall be rounded

up to the nearest five cents. Such rounding adjustment shall not be interpreted as impacting the sales price of the purchase pursuant to Code Section 48-8-2 or the calculation of any other tax.

(b) The provisions of this Code section shall not apply to transactions for which the total amount is one or two cents, where such total shall be rounded up to five cents, or transactions where payment is made by any demand or negotiable instrument, electronic funds transfer, money order, credit card, debit card, gift card, electronic payment, other like instrument, or mixed tender, unless cash is disbursed to the purchaser.

(c) Rounding to the nearest five cents may apply to the amount of the transaction or to the amount of change tendered to the purchaser.

(d) While the one-cent piece of the United States remains legal tender, any merchant shall accept exact payment in legal tender for the total amount due computed prior to any rounding.

(e) No tax imposed by this state or any local governing authority shall apply to losses or gains resulting from rounding pursuant to this Code section.

(f) Any merchant selling goods or services shall not be in violation of any requirements, laws, regulations, or standards of a state, county, municipality, consolidated government, or political subdivision of this state based on any action taken in compliance with this Code section."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

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AN ACT

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(b) The provisions of this Code section shall not apply to transactions for which the total amount is one or two cents, where such total shall be rounded up to five cents, or transactions where payment is made by any demand or negotiable instrument, electronic funds transfer, money order, credit card, debit card, gift card, electronic payment, other like instrument, or mixed tender, unless cash is disbursed to the purchaser.

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(d) While the one-cent piece of the United States remains legal tender, any merchant shall accept exact payment in legal tender for the total amount due computed prior to any rounding.

(e) No tax imposed by this state or any local governing authority shall apply to losses or gains resulting from rounding pursuant to this Code section.

(f) Any merchant selling goods or services shall not be in violation of any requirements, laws, regulations, or standards of a state, county, municipality, consolidated government, or political subdivision of this state based on any action taken in compliance with this Code section."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to, by substitute.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	E Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
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Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	E O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
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Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
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Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 167, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following Bill of the House, having been postponed from the previous legislative day, was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 1283. By Representatives Panitch of the 51st, Gunter of the 8th, Hagan of the 156th, Holcomb of the 101st and Roberts of the 52nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 13 of Title 19 and Chapter 16 of Title 17 of the O.C.G.A., relating to family violence and discovery,

respectively, so as to authorize the creation of Family Justice Centers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 13 of Title 19 and Chapter 16 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia, relating to family violence and discovery, respectively, so as to authorize the creation of Family Justice Centers; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations relative to establishment and operation of such centers; to provide for the establishment of boards; to authorize powers and duties of law enforcement relative to such centers; to authorize acceptance of funds; to provide for reporting; to provide for confidentiality; to provide for immunity; to exempt certain records and data from public disclosure; to provide for construction of discovery rules in felony and misdemeanor cases for evidence obtained at such centers; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title and legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 13 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to family violence, is amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 5

19-13-70.

(a) This article shall be known and may be cited as the 'Family Justice Center Act.'

(b) The General Assembly finds that victims of family violence, sexual assault, child abuse, elder abuse, and human trafficking often face fragmented and duplicative systems of support that can retraumatize survivors and impede access to justice.

(c) It is the intent of the General Assembly to promote a coordinated, multidisciplinary approach to serving victims of family violence by authorizing the establishment and funding of Family Justice Centers that co-locate governmental and community based victim service providers, including law enforcement officers, in a single, safe, and accessible location.

(d) The General Assembly further intends to leverage both federal and state victim service funding streams, including but not limited to federal funds received under the Victims of Crime Act, 34 U.S.C. Section 20101, et seq.; the Violence Against Women Act, 34 U.S.C. Section 12491, et seq.; and the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 136, et seq., to support the creation, expansion, and sustainability of Family Justice Centers in this state.

19-13-71.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Council' means the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council established under Code Section 35-6A-3.

(2) 'District attorney' means the elected prosecuting attorney for a judicial circuit.

(3) 'Family Justice Center' or 'center' means a co-located, multiagency service center that provides coordinated services to victims of family violence, sexual assault, child abuse, elder abuse, human trafficking, and associated crimes by public and private agencies.

(4) 'Law enforcement unit' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 35-8-2.

(5) 'Participating agency' means any public agency, law enforcement unit, district attorney's office, nonprofit organization, or service provider that delivers victim, social, medical, or legal services within a Family Justice Center.

(6) 'Peace officer' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 35-8-2.

19-13-72.

(a) Any county, municipality, or combination thereof, in partnership with one or more nonprofit organizations, or any district attorney may establish a Family Justice Center consistent with the purposes of this article.

(b) A Family Justice Center may be organized and operated:

(1) Directly by a county or municipal government;

(2) Directly by a district attorney's office;

(3) By a nonprofit corporation formed under Title 14 and designated to operate the center by a county, municipality, or combination thereof; or

(4) By a nonprofit corporation formed under Title 14 and certified as a victim services agency by the council for the purpose of serving one or more populations supported by the Family Justice Center.

(c)(1) When a Family Justice Center is organized or operated by a county government, municipal government, or a district attorney's office pursuant to paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection (b) of this Code section, a board shall oversee the operations of the center. Such board shall consist of not less than five members representing any of the following:

(A) One member appointed by the county or municipal governing authority;

(B) One member appointed by the head of the law enforcement unit with jurisdictional authority over the location of the Family Justice Center;

(C) One member appointed by the district attorney representing the county in which the Family Justice Center is located;

(D) One member appointed by the entity providing victim services at the Family Justice Center;

(E) One member appointed by the entity providing social services at the Family Justice Center; and

(F) Two members elected by a majority of nonprofit, community based organizations designated as participating agencies with the Family Justice Center through a memorandum of understanding.

(2) Board members for a Family Justice Center shall serve terms of two years from the effective date of their appointment and until their successors are appointed or elected.

(3) Any vacancy to the board of a Family Justice Center shall be filled within 60 days in which the position on the board became vacant and shall be filled in the same manner as the appointment to the position on the board which became vacant; provided, however, that, if a vacancy occurs in a position filled by a representative from a nonprofit, community based organization, and there ceases to be any nonprofit organizations that are participating agencies in the Family Justice Center, the remaining members of the board shall elect an individual reasonably familiar with the kind of support services provided by the Family Justice Center to fill such vacancy. An appointment to fill a vacancy other than by expiration of a term of office shall be for the balance of the unexpired term.

(d) When a Family Justice Center is organized or operated by a nonprofit corporation pursuant to paragraph (3) of subsection (b) of this Code section, such nonprofit corporation shall:

(1) File articles of incorporation and adopt bylaws in accordance with Chapter 3 of Title 14;

(2) Maintain a board of directors that meets the requirements of Article 8 of Chapter 3 of Title 14 and which shall include representation from the county or municipal governing authority that designated the nonprofit corporation to operate the center and from law enforcement, victim services, prosecution, social services, and nonprofit community based organizations; and

(3) Designate a lead agency or fiscal agent, which may be the district attorney's office or county or municipal government, for grant administration and oversight.

(e) When a Family Justice Center is organized or operated by a nonprofit corporation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subsection (b) of this Code section, such nonprofit corporation shall maintain a board of directors that meets the requirements of Article 8 of Chapter 3 of Title 14.

(f) Regardless of the organizational structure of a Family Justice Center, each center shall:

(1) Operate under a written memorandum of understanding among participating agencies, including any law enforcement unit with jurisdictional authority over the location of the center;

(2) Provide space for law enforcement personnel assigned to the center to perform duties in support of victim safety, investigation, and coordinated response;

(3) Ensure confidentiality of victim information pursuant to state and federal law;

(4) Provide services in a manner that is trauma-informed, culturally competent, and accessible to all survivors; and

(5) Create bylaws related to the minimum qualifications and certifications of participating agencies and their personnel. While such bylaws may not discriminate

against any individuals upon the sole basis of having a criminal record, certain specific offenses may be used to disqualify individuals from providing certain services at a Family Justice Center.

19-13-73.
(a) A peace officer employed by a law enforcement unit that participates in a Family Justice Center and who is assigned, detailed, or funded by a grant to operate within such center is authorized, when acting in furtherance of the center's mission, to respond to an emergency call for assistance or to provide safety response within the center's designated service area even if response to such would be located outside the peace officer's normal territorial jurisdiction. Such authority to respond shall be limited to exigent or emergency circumstances requiring immediate law enforcement intervention for the protection of life, prevention of serious bodily harm, or response to an active incident.
(b) Any peace officer acting pursuant to this Code section shall have the same immunities, powers, and duties as when acting within his or her ordinary jurisdiction, provided that the officer shall promptly notify the law enforcement unit with jurisdictional authority over the center once the exigency has passed.
(c) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to alter existing mutual aid agreements or to restrict counties and municipalities from entering into intergovernmental agreements consistent with Article IX, Section III of the Georgia Constitution.

19-13-74.
(a) The council is authorized to administer gifts, donations, grants, enter into contracts, and distribute funds appropriated by the General Assembly or received from federal sources for the establishment and support of Family Justice Centers.
(b) Nothing in this article shall preclude a Family Justice Center from accepting funds from independent sources, including private donations, foundation grants, federal funding, local appropriations, or other lawful revenue streams. Any such independently funded center shall remain subject to the oversight, confidentiality, and reporting requirements of this article when established as a Family Justice Center under the laws of this state, unless it does not receive state funding.

19-13-75.
(a) Each center shall submit performance reports as designated by the council that include, but are not limited to, the following:
(1) Services provided;
(2) Victims served;
(3) Outcomes achieved; and
(4) Financial expenditures.
(b) The council shall compile and transmit an annual state-wide report on Family Justice Center performance to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Speaker of the House of

Representatives that summarizes the activities and impact of Family Justice Centers in this state.

19-13-76.
(a) No information shared by a victim within a Family Justice Center shall be disclosed without the informed, written consent of such victim, except as where required by law or court order.
(b) Each partner and each participating agency shall comply with all applicable state and federal confidentiality requirements.
(c) Nothing in this article shall be construed to exempt or relieve any partner or participating agency, employee, or volunteer of a Family Justice Center from the duty to report known or suspected abuse or neglect as required by law. All personnel operating within or affiliated with a Family Justice Center shall comply with the reporting requirement laws of this state, including but not limited to Code Section 19-7-5, Code Section 30-5-4, and any other applicable provisions of law.
(d) When a report is contemplated by subsection (c) of this Code section, the reporting party shall limit disclosure to information necessary to satisfy the reporting obligation and shall otherwise maintain the confidentiality of the victim and case information to the extent permitted by law.
(e) The council may issue guidance and training standards to ensure consistent application of confidentiality and reporting requirements across all Family Justice Centers operating under this article.

19-13-77.
(a) Any county, municipality, or district attorney's office establishing or operating a Family Justice Center pursuant to this article shall be deemed to be carrying out a governmental function.
(b) Any employee, contractor, or volunteer of a partner or participating agency providing services within a Family Justice Center operated under the authority of a county, municipality, or district attorney's office shall be entitled to the same degree of official or governmental immunity from civil liability as officers or employees of the establishing authority for acts or omissions arising directly out of the performance of duties within the scope of Family Justice Center operations, provided that such acts are:
(1) Performed in good faith;
(2) Within the course and scope of assigned duties; and
(3) Not the result of willful or wanton misconduct, gross negligence, or bad faith.
(c) Nothing in this article shall be construed to waive, diminish, or impair the sovereign or official immunity of the state or its political subdivisions or to create a new cause of action against any governmental entity.
(d) A county, municipality, or district attorney's office operating a Family Justice Center shall be authorized to procure insurance for itself and for partner or participating agency personnel acting within the scope of this article. The purchase of such insurance shall not be construed as a waiver of immunity.

19-13-78.

(a) Records, documents, or information created, received, maintained, or possessed related to services provided by a partner or participating agency within a Family Justice Center shall not be considered public records for purposes of Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 unless such agency would otherwise be subject to the provisions of that article independent of its participation in a Family Justice Center.

(b) Any record created or maintained by a county, municipality, or district attorney's office operating a Family Justice Center shall remain subject to disclosure in accordance with Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50. Nothing in this article shall be construed to expand or limit any existing exemption available under that article.

(c) For any partner or participating agency that is not otherwise subject to Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50, the records, documents, or information such agency maintains as part of services rendered within a Family Justice Center shall remain confidential to the same extent as if such services were rendered outside of the center.

(d) Where a record is jointly created or maintained by both a governmental entity and a nongovernmental partner, the record shall be subject to disclosure only to the extent that the governmental entity's ownership, custody, or control of the record is required pursuant to Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50, and disclosure shall be limited to information that does not compromise victim confidentiality or violate federal or state privacy laws.

(e) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to:

(1) Create any new exemption for records otherwise subject to disclosure under the laws of this state;

(2) Prevent a partner from voluntarily releasing its own records consistent with law and victim consent; or

(3) Limit the authority of the council to require data reporting or compliance information from Family Justice Centers."

SECTION 2.

Chapter 16 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia, relating to discovery, is amended in Code Section 17-16-2, relating to applicability of article in felony cases, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

(d.1) For purposes of this article, any records, reports, notes, data, or other materials created, received, or maintained solely by a partner or participating agency within a Family Justice Center established pursuant to Article 5 of Chapter 13 of Title 19 shall not be deemed to be in the possession, custody, or control of the state or prosecution or any law enforcement agency as defined in Code Section 35-3-30 based only on the co-location of such partner or participating agency in a facility with a prosecuting attorney or law enforcement agency."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 17-16-20, relating to applicability of article in misdemeanor cases, as follows:

"17-16-20.

(a) The provisions of this article shall apply only to misdemeanor cases or to felony cases docketed, indicted, or in which an accusation was returned prior to January 1, 1995, if the prosecuting attorney and the defendant do not agree in writing that the provisions of Article 1 of this chapter shall apply.

(b) For purposes of this article, any records, reports, notes, data, or other materials created, received, or maintained solely by a partner or participating agency within a Family Justice Center established pursuant to Article 5 of Chapter 13 of Title 19 shall not be deemed to be in the possession, custody, or control of the state or prosecution or any law enforcement agency as defined in Code Section 35-3-30 based only on the co-location of such partner or participating agency in a facility with a prosecuting attorney or law enforcement agency."

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Pursuant to Rule 133, Representative Holland of the 54th was excused from voting on HB 1283.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	E Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	E Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	E Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	E Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	E O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94

Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	E Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	E Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	E Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	E Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 163, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the Senate:

SB 423. By Senators Bearden of the 30th, Watson of the 11th, Williams of the 25th, Echols of the 49th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to government transparency and campaign finance, so as to prohibit candidates, campaign committees, independent committees, political action committees, and leadership committees from accepting contributions or donations from non-Georgia persons that exceed 50 percent of all contributions received; to provide definitions; to provide for the return of such excess contributions; to provide for the escheatment of excess contributions that are not returned; to provide for exceptions; to provide for injunctive relief; to prohibit and provide penalties for strawman transactions seeking to avoid the contribution cap provided herein; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 553. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Walker III of the 20th, Cowsert of the 46th, Brass of the 6th, Payne of the 54th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to professions and businesses, so as to repeal Chapter 14, relating to electrical contractors, plumbers, conditioned air contractors, low voltage contractors, and utility contractors, and enact a new Chapter 14; to amend Code Section 48-7-38 of the O.C.G.A., relating to deduction for payments to classified subcontractors, disclosure of tax returns, and maintenance of list of classified subcontractors, so as to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 547. By Representatives Cannon of the 172nd, Dickey of the 134th, Corbett of the 174th, Meeks of the 178th, Huddleston of the 72nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-7.4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to preferential assessment for bona fide conservation use property and bona fide residential transitional property, so as to permit the combination of multiple covenants of a single owner into a single, new, ten-year covenant; to provide for exceptions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding ad valorem taxation of property, so as to revise the definition of bona fide conservation use property to include carbon sequestration; to permit the combination of multiple covenants of a single owner into a single, new, ten-year covenant; to provide for exceptions; to provide for the change of forest land use assessment property to current use assessment property after a transfer of ownership; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding ad valorem taxation of property, is amended in Code Section 48-5-7.4, relating to preferential assessment for bona fide conservation use property and

bona fide residential transitional property, by revising subparagraph (a)(1)(F) and adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(F) The primary purpose described in this paragraph includes land conservation and ecological forest management in which commercial production of wood and wood fiber products may be undertaken primarily for conservation and restoration purposes rather than financial gain. Such property may, in addition, have as a secondary use carbon sequestration in accordance with the Georgia Carbon Sequestration Registry or a carbon sequestration program; or"

"(e.1)(1) A single owner, as described in subparagraph (a)(1)(C) of this Code section, who has multiple parcels of bona fide conservation use property that are collectively subject to more than one valid covenant under this Code section may combine such parcels and covenants in whole under a single, new, ten-year covenant for bona fide conservation use without constituting a breach of any of the covenants, provided that all such property would be otherwise eligible to be placed under a renewal covenant under this Code section by the owner upon the natural expiration of the original covenant.

(2) The provisions of this subsection shall not be permitted or be construed to:

(A) Allow any portion of property held under a covenant to be removed from the covenant without being combined into the new covenant;

(B) Change any requirements for what constitutes qualified property; or

(C) Change any requirements for what constitutes qualifying use for purposes of this Code section.

(3) A single owner, as described in subparagraph (a)(1)(C) of this Code section, desiring to proceed with combining parcels pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection shall first file a real property tax return with the appropriate board of tax assessors on or before the deadline to file a real property tax return.

(4) Parcels on which delinquent taxes are owed shall not be eligible to be combined pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 48-5-7.7, relation to preferential assessment for forest land conservation use property, by revising subsection (f) as follows:

"(f)(1) A qualified owner shall not be authorized to make application for and receive conservation use assessment under this Code section for any property which at the time of such application is receiving preferential assessment under Code Section 48-5-7.1 or current use assessment under Code Section 48-5-7.4; provided, however, that, if any property is subject to a covenant under either of those Code sections, it may be changed from such covenant and placed under a covenant under this Code section if it is otherwise qualified. Any such change shall terminate the existing covenant and shall not constitute a breach thereof. No property may be changed more than once under this paragraph.

(2) Any property that is subject to a covenant under this Code section and subsequently fails to adhere to the qualifying purpose, as defined in paragraph (5) of subsection (b)

of this Code section, may be changed from the covenant under this Code section and placed under a covenant provided for in Code Section 48-5-7.4 if the property otherwise qualifies under the provisions of that Code section. In such a case, the existing covenant under this Code section shall be terminated, and the change shall not constitute a breach thereof. No property may be changed more than once under this paragraph.

(3) A qualified owner under this Code section may obtain ownership of property receiving preferential assessment under Code Section 48-5-7.1 or current use assessment under Code Section 48-5-7.4 and have 180 days from the time ownership is acquired to change from such covenant and place under a covenant under this Code section if it is otherwise qualified and would not constitute a breach thereof even if the qualified owner does not qualify for the preferential assessment under Code Section 48-5-7.1 or current use assessment under Code Section 48-5-7.4."

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2027.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	E Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	E O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend

N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 169, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 275. By Representatives Williamson of the 112th, Smith of the 138th, Kelley of the 16th, Blackmon of the 146th, Crowe of the 118th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to change certain definitions regarding such taxes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to provide for the acceptance of tax digests in the event of a publication error made by a newspaper; to revise required information for bills and notices of assessment for ad valorem tax of property; to repeal a provision relating to annual calculation and certification of estimated roll-back rate; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of property, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"48-5-32.2.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Code Sections 48-5-32 and 48-5-32.1, in the event that a digest is not accepted for review by the commissioner on the basis that a newspaper publication did not satisfy the requirements of this chapter, the commissioner shall accept the digest for review upon satisfactory submission of documentation by the county establishing that the inadequacy did not result from an error or omission on the part of the respective levying authority or recommending authority. A newspaper publication that has been redressed pursuant to this Code section shall not constitute grounds for contesting the validity of the digest or levy."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 48-5-34, relating to tax bill and procedures and requirements, as follows:

"48-5-34.

~~(a)~~ In addition to any other requirements provided by law, the ad valorem property tax bill form shall be prepared annually by the county tax commissioner or collector and furnished to each taxpayer who owes state, county, or county school tax for the current tax year. The form shall provide for each given levying authority and recommending authority:

(1) The ~~the~~ total amount of such taxes levied on property owned by the taxpayer~~,~~;

(2) The ~~the~~ amount ~~of property tax credit granted by Act of the 1973 Session of Georgia's General Assembly,~~ by which such taxes were reduced as a result of exemptions and credits that were applied to such property; and

(3) The ~~the~~ net amount of such taxes due for the current tax year.

~~(b) In addition to the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section, if the millage rate adopted by a taxing authority exceeds the estimated roll-back rate and such estimated roll-back rate was provided in the annual notice of assessment, such tax bill shall include a notice containing the name of such taxing authority and the following statement in bold print: 'The adopted millage rate exceeds the estimated roll-back rate as stated in the annual notice of assessment that you previously received for this taxable year, which will result in an increase in the amount of property tax that you will owe.'~~

~~(c)(1) If the governing authority of a county, consolidated government, municipality, or school district elected to opt out of the homestead exemption provided for in Code Section 48-5-44.2 and there is not in effect for such political subdivision a base year value homestead exemption or adjusted base year value homestead exemption that is generally applicable for homestead residents, each ad valorem property tax bill issued by such political subdivision for homestead properties shall contain a notice in bold print that corresponds with the following statement:~~

~~'[Name of the political subdivision] chose to opt out of property tax relief for homeowners related to HB 581 (2024). If you have concerns about that decision, please call [the main telephone number for the levying or recommending authority of the political subdivision].'~~

~~(2) The provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection shall not apply for any taxable year beginning after December 31, 2029.~~"

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 48-5-306, relating to annual notice of current assessment, contents, posting notice, and new assessment description, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) **Contents of notice.**

(1) The annual notice of current assessment required to be given by the county board of tax assessors under subsection (a) of this Code section shall be dated and shall contain the name and last known address of the taxpayer pursuant to Code Section 48-5-10. The annual notice shall be given on the applicable state-wide assessment notice form which shall be established by the commissioner by rule and regulation and shall contain:

(A) The '(insert previous tax year) value' which is the fair market value used for ~~amount of~~ the previous assessment following any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311;

(B) The '(insert current tax year) value' which is the fair market value used for ~~amount of~~ the current assessment;

(C) The year for which the new assessment is applicable;

(D) A brief description of the assessed property broken down into real and personal property classifications;

(E) A brief description of any change in the taxable assessed value from the previous assessment;

(F) A list of each exemption, credit, and preferential assessment granted or allowed for the property as of the date of creation of the notice of assessment;

(G) ~~The fair market value of property of the taxpayer subject to taxation and the assessed value of the taxpayer's property subject to taxation after being reduced~~ The estimated tax savings from all exemptions, credits, and preferential assessments granted or allowed for the property calculated using the sum of all millage rates which were imposed on such property in the previous tax year;

~~(F)~~(H) A brief description of the methods and manner by which the taxpayer may appeal the current assessment;

(I) The name, ~~phone~~ telephone number, and contact information of the person in the assessors' office who is administratively responsible for the handling of the appeal and who the taxpayer may contact if the taxpayer has questions about the reasons for the assessment change or the appeals process;

~~(G)~~(J) If available, the public website address of the office of the county board of tax assessors;

~~(H)~~(K) A statement that all documents and records used to determine the current value are available upon request; and

(L) Such other details as may be required by the department after consultation with the chairpersons of the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Finance Committee.

~~(I)(i) The current year's estimated roll-back rate for each levying or recommending authority that certified its estimated roll-back rate for the current year to the county board of tax assessors and county tax commissioner by the date specified under Code Section 48-5-306.2; or~~

~~(ii) For each levying or recommending authority that did not certify its estimated roll- back rate to the county board of tax assessors and county tax commissioner by the date specified in Code Section 48-5-306.2, the millage rate that was actually levied by or on behalf of such authority for the previous tax year, and an estimate of the amount of ad valorem taxes due for the assessed property based on such millage rate and the amount of the current assessment.~~

(2) In addition to the items required under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the notice shall contain a statement of the taxpayer's right to an appeal and other information which shall be in substantially the following form:

~~'The amount of your ad valorem tax bill for this year will be based on the appraised and assessed values specified in this notice. You have the right to appeal these values to the county board of tax assessors. At the time of filing your appeal you must select one of the following options:~~

~~(A) An appeal to the county board of equalization with appeal to the superior court;~~

~~(B) To arbitration without an appeal to the superior court; or~~

~~(C) For a parcel of nonhomestead property with a fair market value in excess of $500,000.00 as shown on the taxpayer's annual notice of current assessment under this Code section, or for one or more account numbers of wireless property as defined in subparagraph (e.1)(1)(B) of Code Section 48-5-311 with an aggregate fair market value in excess of $500,000.00 as shown on the taxpayer's annual notice of current assessment under this Code section, to a hearing officer with appeal to the superior court.~~

~~If you wish to file an appeal, you must do so in writing no later than 45 days after the date of this notice. If you do not file an appeal by this date, your right to file an appeal will be lost. For further information on the proper method for filing an appeal, you may contact the county board of tax assessors which is located at: (insert address) and which may be contacted by telephone at: (insert telephone number).'~~

'You have the right to appeal the property values provided in this notice. You may also apply for homestead exemptions if your property was owned and occupied as your family's primary residence and homestead as of January 1 of (insert current tax year).

If you wish to appeal your (insert current tax year) property value or apply for homestead exemptions, you must do so in writing no later than 45 days after the

date of this notice. If you do not file an appeal or apply for homestead exemptions by this date, your right to do so for this year will be lost.
You are required by law to notify (insert name of appropriate local tax official) if you were ineligible as of January 1st of (insert current tax year) for any homestead exemption listed in this notice and subject to penalties for failing to do so.
For further information on filing appeals, applying for homestead exemptions, or reporting your ineligibility for a homestead exemption, visit or contact the county board of tax assessors at (insert website, address, and telephone number).
Please note: Tax rates for counties, school districts, and cities will be established by each local government later this year. If a local government intends to increase revenue on existing properties, they must advertise and hold three public meetings to do so.'

(3) The annual notice required under this Code section shall be mailed no later than July 1; provided, however, that the annual notice required under this Code section may be sent later than July 1 for the purpose of notifying property owners of corrections and mapping changes."

SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended by repealing Code Section 48-5-306.2, relating to annual calculation and certification of estimated roll-back rate, in its entirety.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
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Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	E O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
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Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	E Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
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Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 169, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 874. By Representatives Huddleston of the 72nd, Chastain of the 7th, Fleming of the 114th, Jones of the 25th and McCollum of the 30th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to prohibit the disclosure of taxpayer telephone numbers in property tax records sold, transferred, or shared with third parties; to provide for penalties for violations; to provide for complaints; to provide for policies and procedures; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings and purposes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and withdrawn:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to prohibit the disclosure of taxpayer telephone numbers in property tax records sold, transferred, or shared with third parties; to provide for violations; to provide for complaints; to provide

for policies and procedures; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings and purposes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Georgia Taxpayer Privacy Protection Act."

SECTION 2.

(a) The General Assembly finds that:

(1) Some property tax records are public records under Georgia open records laws, Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50, ensuring transparency in government operations;

(2) However, taxpayer telephone numbers are not essential for public transparency and are frequently misused for commercial solicitation, fraud, and identity theft;

(3) The inclusion of taxpayer telephone numbers in bulk data sales by tax authorities compromises individual privacy and serves no legitimate public interest; and

(4) The state has a compelling interest in protecting taxpayer privacy while maintaining public access to necessary tax records.

(b) The purpose of this Act is to:

(1) Prohibit the inclusion of taxpayer telephone numbers in tax records sold, transferred, or shared with third parties; and

(2) Establish penalties for violations to ensure compliance.

SECTION 3.

Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to ad valorem taxation of property, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"48-5-35.

(a)(1) No person shall include taxpayer telephone numbers in any tax roll, assessment record, or other publicly accessible property tax document.

(2) The provisions of this Code section shall apply to both physical and electronic records, including, but not limited to, records made available through data sales, open records requests, and third-party agreements.

(b) The provisions of this Code section shall not apply to:

(1) Internal use by state and local government agencies for tax collection or enforcement;

(2) Court ordered disclosures; or

(3) Any specific use for which the taxpayer provided written consent.

(c) Any person that negligently or knowingly discloses a taxpayer's telephone number in a public tax record shall upon conviction be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $5,000.00.

(d) Any violation of this article shall constitute an unfair or deceptive act or practice under Part 2 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10, the 'Fair Business Practices Act,' as amended. (e) The commissioner and county tax commissioners shall adopt any policies and procedures necessary to implement the provisions of this Code section."

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to prohibit the disclosure of taxpayer telephone numbers in property tax records sold, transferred, or shared with third parties; to provide for violations; to provide for complaints; to provide for policies and procedures; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings and purposes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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(3) The inclusion of taxpayer telephone numbers in bulk data sales by tax authorities compromises individual privacy and serves no legitimate public interest; and

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(1) Internal use by state and local government agencies for tax collection or enforcement;

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(3) Any specific use for which the taxpayer provided written consent.

(c) Any person that recklessly or knowingly discloses a taxpayer's telephone number in a public tax record shall upon conviction be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $5,000.00.

(d) Any violation of this article shall constitute an unfair or deceptive act or practice under Part 2 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10, the 'Fair Business Practices Act,' as amended.

(e) The commissioner and county tax commissioners shall adopt any policies and procedures necessary to implement the provisions of this Code section."

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to, by substitute.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	E Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
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Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP

Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	E O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
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Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	E Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 166, nays 1.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 1261. By Representatives Huddleston of the 72nd, Dickey of the 134th, Williamson of the 112th, Frye of the 122nd, Cannon of the 172nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax exemptions, so as to provide for level 1 freeport exemptions for certain goods in inventory for electric utilities; to provide for application for such exemptions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	N Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
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N Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	N McQueen	N Schofield
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Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Myles	Y Smith, L
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Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Tarvin
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Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	N Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas
N Burnough	N Evans	N Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	N Tran
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Y Carson	N Gilliard	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
N Carter	N Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 100, nays 66.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 880. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Kelley of the 16th, Stephens of the 164th, Newton of the 127th, Martin of the 49th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 and Part 1 of Article 4 of Chapter 12 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to income taxes and management of budgetary and financial affairs, respectively, so as to reduce the income tax rate that may be reached under certain conditions; to provide for certain amounts of the Revenue Shortfall Reserve to be used for tax relief; to increase the limitation on the maximum percentage of net revenue allowed to be held in the Revenue Shortfall Reserve; to remove outdated provisions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 and Part 1 of Article 4 of Chapter 12 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to income taxes and management of budgetary and financial affairs, respectively, so as to reduce the income tax rate that may be reached under certain conditions; to provide for a gradual increase of the amount of the deduction from state taxable income for dependents that may be reached under certain conditions; to provide for a gradual increase of the amount of the standard deduction from state taxable income for individuals that may be reached under certain conditions; to provide for an increase in the amount of retirement income that may be excluded from state taxable income for individuals 65 or older; to provide for certain amounts of the Revenue Shortfall Reserve to be used for tax relief; to increase the limitation on the maximum percentage of net revenue allowed to be held in the Revenue Shortfall Reserve; to remove outdated provisions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to income taxes, is amended in Code Section 48-7-20, relating to individual tax rates, credit for withholding and other payments, and applicability to estates and trusts, by revising subsection (a.1) as follows:

"(a.1)(1) On and after January 1, 2025, the tax imposed pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section shall be 5.19 percent for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025; provided, however, that such rate shall be reduced by 0.10 percent annually beginning on January 1, 2026, until the rate reaches ~~4.99 percent,~~ 3.99 percent; provided that such annual reductions in the tax rate shall be ~~subject to delays as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection~~ delayed by one year for each year that prospective annual reductions in the standard deduction are delayed for any of the reasons provided in paragraph (1.1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 48-7-27.

~~(2) Each prospective annual reduction in the tax rate that would otherwise occur as provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be delayed by one year for each year that any of the following are true as of December 1:~~

~~(A) The Governor's revenue estimate for the succeeding fiscal year is not at least 3 percent above the Governor's revenue estimate for the present fiscal year;~~

~~(B) The prior fiscal year's net revenue collection was not higher than each of the preceding three fiscal years' net tax revenue collection; or~~

~~(C) The Revenue Shortfall Reserve provided for in Code Section 45-12-93 does not contain a sum that exceeds the amount of the decrease in state revenue projected to occur as a result of the prospective reduction in the tax rates set to occur the following year.~~

~~(3) The Office of Planning and Budget shall make the determinations necessary to implement the provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection and shall report its determinations by December 1 of each year to the department, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, and the chairpersons of the House Committee on Appropriations Committee, the House Committee on Ways and Means Committee, the Senate Appropriations Committee, and the Senate Finance Committee. This paragraph shall not be applicable after the final reduction to the rate of 4.99 percent occurs.~~"

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 48-7-26, relating to personal exemptions, as follows:

"(b) Each taxpayer shall be allowed as a deduction in computing his or her Georgia taxable income a personal exemption in the amount of $4,000.00 for each dependent of such taxpayer; provided, however, that such deduction shall be increased by $200.00 annually beginning on January 1, 2027, until such deduction reaches $6,000.00, provided that such increases in such deduction shall be subject to the same delays as those applied to standard deductions as provided in paragraph (1.1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 48-7-27."

SECTION 3.

Said article is further amended in subsection (a) of Code Section 48-7-27, relating to computation of taxable net income, by revising the introductory language and paragraph (1), by adding a new paragraph and a new division, and by revising divisions (a)(5)(A)(xii) and (a)(5)(A)(xiii) to read as follows:

"(a) Georgia taxable net income of an individual shall be the taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income, as defined in the ~~United States~~ Internal Revenue Code of 1986, less:

(1) At the taxpayer's election, either:

(A) The sum of all itemized nonbusiness deductions used in computing such taxpayer's federal taxable income; or

(B) A standard deduction in an amount as follows:

(i) In the case of a married couple filing a joint return, $24,000.00; provided, however, that such deduction shall be increased by $1,200.00 annually beginning on January 1, 2027, until such deduction reaches $36,000.00, provided that such increases in such deduction shall be subject to delays as provided in paragraph (1.1) of this subsection; or

(ii) In the case of a single taxpayer, head of household, or married taxpayer filing a separate return, $12,000.00; provided, however, that such deduction shall be increased by $600.00 annually beginning on January 1, 2027, until such deduction

reaches $18,000.00, provided that such increases in such deduction shall be subject to delays as provided in paragraph (1.1) of this subsection;

(1.1)(A) Each prospective increase in the standard deduction that would otherwise occur as provided in divisions (i) and (ii) of subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be delayed by one year for each year that any of the following are true as of December 1:

(i) The Governor's revenue estimate for the succeeding fiscal year is not at least 3 percent above the Governor's revenue estimate for the present fiscal year;

(ii) The prior fiscal year's net revenue collection was not higher than each of the preceding three fiscal years' net tax revenue collection; or

(iii) The Revenue Shortfall Reserve provided for in Code Section 45-12-93 does not contain a sum that exceeds the amount of the decrease in state revenue projected to occur as a result of the prospective reduction in the tax rates set to occur the following year.

(B) The Office of Planning and Budget shall make the determinations provided in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph and shall report its determinations by December 1 of each year to the department, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, and the chairpersons of the House Committee on Appropriations, the House Committee on Ways and Means, the Senate Appropriations Committee, and the Senate Finance Committee. This paragraph shall not be applicable after the final increases in the standard deductions provided under divisions (i) and (ii) of subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of this subsection occur;"

"(xii) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2008, and prior to January 1, 2012, retirement income from any source not to exceed an exclusion amount of $35,000.00; ~~and~~

(xiii) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2012, and ending on or before December 31, 2026, retirement income from any source not to exceed an exclusion amount of $35,000.00 for each taxpayer meeting the eligibility requirement set forth in division (i) or (ii) of subparagraph (D) of this paragraph or an amount of $65,000.00 for each taxpayer meeting the eligibility requirement set forth in division (iii) of subparagraph (D) of this paragraph; and

(xiv) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2027, retirement income from any source not to exceed an exclusion amount of $35,000.00 for each taxpayer meeting the eligibility requirement set forth in division (i) or (ii) of subparagraph (D) of this paragraph or an amount of $70,000.00 for each taxpayer meeting the eligibility requirement set forth in division (iii) of subparagraph (D) of this paragraph."

SECTION 4.

Part 1 of Article 4 of Chapter 12 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to management of budgetary and financial affairs, is amended by revising Code Section 45-12-93, relating to revenue shortfall reserve, reservation of surplus state funds, appropriation and release of funds, and limitations, as follows:

"45-12-93.

(a) There shall be a reserve of state funds known as the 'Revenue Shortfall Reserve.'

(b) The amount of all surplus in state funds existing as of the end of each fiscal year shall be reserved and added to the Revenue Shortfall Reserve. Funds in the Revenue Shortfall Reserve shall carry forward from fiscal year to fiscal year, without reverting to the general fund at the end of a fiscal year. The Revenue Shortfall Reserve shall be maintained, accumulated, appropriated, and otherwise disbursed only as provided in this Code section.

(c) For each existing fiscal year, the General Assembly may appropriate from the Revenue Shortfall Reserve an amount up to 1 percent of the net revenue collections of the preceding fiscal year for funding increased K-12 needs.

(d) The Governor may release for appropriation by the General Assembly a stated amount from funds in the Revenue Shortfall Reserve that are in excess of 4 8 percent of the net revenue of the preceding fiscal year.

(e) As of the end of each fiscal year, an amount shall be released from the Revenue Shortfall Reserve to the general fund to cover any deficit by which total expenditures and contractual obligations of state funds authorized by appropriation exceed net revenue and other amounts in state funds made available for appropriation.

(f) ~~The combined Revenue Shortfall Reserve and the Midyear Adjustment Reserve existing on May 9, 2005, shall become the Revenue Shortfall Reserve provided for in this Code section.~~

~~(g) Any other provision of law notwithstanding, the General Assembly is authorized to appropriate $7 million for State Fiscal Year 2005 from the Revenue Shortfall Reserve.~~

~~(h)~~ The Revenue Shortfall Reserve shall not exceed ~~15~~ 20 percent of the previous fiscal year's net revenue for any given fiscal year. Any amount of undesignated surplus funds in excess of 20 percent of the previous fiscal year's net revenue may be used for tax relief pursuant to Acts of the General Assembly."

SECTION 5.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2027, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2027.

SECTION 6.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	N Sampson
N Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez

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Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	E O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	N Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas
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Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
N Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	N Frye	N Kendrick	N Prince	Y Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	N Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	N Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, A
E Carter	N Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	N Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 102, nays 69.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the Senate:

SB 439. By Senators Still of the 48th, Goodman of the 8th, Burns of the 23rd and Echols of the 49th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Fair Business Practices Act of 1975," so as to provide for regulation of referral agencies for assisted living communities and personal care homes; to provide for disclosures to prospective residents and acknowledgments of receipt; to provide for charging and collection of fees; to require verification of licensing of assisted living communities and personal care homes by referral agencies; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 551. By Senators Watson of the 11th, Anderson of the 24th, Echols of the 49th and Goodman of the 8th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to standard, labeling, and adulteration of food, so as to repeal provisions relative to eggs; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the House, having been postponed from the previous legislative day, was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 1122. By Representatives Douglas of the 78th, Newton of the 127th, Hugley of the 141st, Hawkins of the 27th and Howard of the 129th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions regarding insurance generally; to amend Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations; to amend Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the O.C.G.A., relating to employees' insurance and benefits plans; to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the O.C.G.A. to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding insurance generally, so as to require certain benefits for peripheral artery disease screening tests for enrollees enrolled in health benefit policies; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to amend Chapter 18 of Title

45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employees' insurance and benefits plans, so as to require certain benefits for peripheral artery disease screening tests; to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to require certain benefits for peripheral artery disease screening tests; to provide for a plan amendment when necessary; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates and applicability contingent upon appropriations by the General Assembly; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

The General Assembly finds that:

(1) Atherosclerosis occurs when blood flow is reduced because arteries become narrowed or blocked with fatty deposits;

(2) Atherosclerosis is responsible for more deaths in the United States than any other condition, and heart attacks resulting from clogged coronary arteries are the leading cause of death in America;

(3) Atherosclerosis also occurs in the legs and is known as peripheral artery disease (PAD),and having PAD significantly increases the risk for heart attack, stroke, amputation, and death;

(4) While most Americans are aware of atherosclerosis in the heart, many Americans have never heard of PAD, and Americans with PAD are often unaware of the serious risks of the disease;

(5) An estimated 21 million Americans have PAD, and about 200,000 of them, who are disproportionately minorities, suffer avoidable amputations every year as a result of such disease;

(6) Screening and arterial testing for PAD is cost effective and should be part of routine medical care; and

(7) Once PAD is detected, amputations and deaths can be reduced through the use of national, evidence based PAD care guidelines.

SECTION 2.

Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding insurance generally, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"33-24-59.37.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'At-risk individual' means an individual who:

(A) Is 65 years of age or older;

(B) Is at least 50 years of age but not older than 64 years of age with risk factors for atherosclerosis, such as diabetes mellitus, a history of smoking, hyperlipidemia, hypertension, or a family history of peripheral artery disease;

(C) Is younger than 50 years of age with diabetes mellitus and one additional risk factor as provided in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph for atherosclerosis; or

(D) Has a known atherosclerotic disease in another vascular bed, such as coronary, carotid, subclavian, renal, or mesenteric artery stenosis, or abdominal aortic aneurysm.

(2) 'Health benefit policy' means any individual or group plan, policy, or contract for healthcare services issued, delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state which provides major medical benefits by a healthcare corporation, health maintenance organization, preferred provider organization, accident and sickness insurer, fraternal benefit society, hospital service corporation, medical service corporation, or other insurer or similar entity.

(3) 'Peripheral artery disease screening test' means:

(A) Noninvasive physiologic studies of extremity arteries, commonly referred to as ankle-brachial index testing; or

(B) Ankle plethysmographic pulse volume recordings and Doppler waveforms.

(b) A health benefit policy amended, delivered, issued, or renewed on or after January 1, 2027, shall provide coverage, no less than once every 12 months, for a peripheral artery disease screening test for any at-risk individual.

(c) The benefits provided in this Code section shall be subject to the same deductibles, coinsurance, copayment provisions, and other limitations established for all covered benefits within such policy. Special deductibles, coinsurance, copayment, and other limitations that are not generally applicable to other benefits shall not be applicable to the benefits described in this Code section.

(d) This Code section shall not be applicable to self-funded, employer sponsored health insurance plans subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, 29 U.S.C. Section 1001, et seq., as amended."

SECTION 3.

Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employees' insurance and benefits plans, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"45-18-4.3.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'At-risk individual' means an individual who:

(A) Is 65 years of age or older;

(B) Is at least 50 years of age but not older than 64 years of age with risk factors for atherosclerosis, such as diabetes mellitus, a history of smoking, hyperlipidemia, or hypertension, or a family history of peripheral artery disease;

(C) Is younger than 50 years of age with diabetes mellitus and one additional risk factor as provided in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph for atherosclerosis; or

(D) Has a known atherosclerotic disease in another vascular bed, such as coronary, carotid, subclavian, renal, or mesenteric artery stenosis, or abdominal aortic aneurysm.

(2) 'Peripheral artery disease screening test' means:

(A) Noninvasive physiologic studies of extremity arteries, commonly referred to as ankle-brachial index testing; or

(B) Ankle plethysmographic pulse volume recordings and Doppler waveforms.

(b) The health insurance plan established pursuant to this article shall provide benefits for an enrollee which shall include coverage, no less than once every 12 months, for a peripheral artery disease screening test for at-risk individuals.

(c) The benefits provided in this Code section shall be subject to the same deductibles, coinsurance, copayment provisions, and other limitations established for all covered benefits within such plan. Special deductibles, coinsurance, copayment, and other limitations that are not generally applicable to other benefits shall not be applicable to the benefits described in this Code section."

SECTION 4.

Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"49-4-159.5.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'At-risk individual' means an individual who:

(A) Is 65 years of age or older;

(B) Is at least 50 years of age but not older than 64 years of age with risk factors for atherosclerosis, such as diabetes mellitus, a history of smoking, hyperlipidemia, or hypertension, or a family history of peripheral artery disease;

(C) Is younger than 50 years of age with diabetes mellitus and one additional risk factor as provided in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph for atherosclerosis; or

(D) Has a known atherosclerotic disease in another vascular bed, such as coronary, carotid, subclavian, renal, or mesenteric artery stenosis, or abdominal aortic aneurysm.

(2) 'Peripheral artery disease screening test' means:

(A) Noninvasive physiologic studies of extremity arteries, commonly referred to as ankle-brachial index testing; or

(B) Ankle plethysmographic pulse volume recordings and Doppler waveforms.

(b) The department shall provide Medicaid recipients with peripheral artery disease screening tests for at-risk individuals no less than once every 12 months.

(c) To implement the provisions of this Code section, the department shall, when necessary, submit a Medicaid state plan amendment or waiver request to the United States Department of Health and Human Services."

SECTION 5.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2027, and shall apply to the state health benefit plan, the state Medicaid plan, and all health benefit policies or contracts issued, delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state on or after such date.

(b)(1) Section 3 of this Act shall become effective only if funds are specifically appropriated for purposes of Section 3 of this Act in an appropriations Act enacted by the General Assembly. If funds are appropriated as described in this paragraph, then Section 3 of this Act shall become effective on the later of:

(A) The date on which such appropriations Act becomes effective; or

(B) The beginning date of the fiscal year for which such appropriations are made.

(2) Section 4 of this Act shall become effective only if funds are specifically appropriated for purposes of Section 4 of this Act in an appropriations Act enacted by the General Assembly. If funds are so appropriated as described in this paragraph, then Section 4 of this Act shall become effective on the later of:

(A) The date on which such appropriations Act becomes effective; or

(B) The beginning date of the fiscal year for which such appropriations are made.

(3) This section and Section 6 of this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026.

SECTION 6.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	E Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	E Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	E O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn

Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 167, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 1324. By Representatives Ridley of the 6th, Cannon of the 172nd, Rhodes of the 124th, Williams of the 148th and Corbett of the 174th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dangerous instrumentalities and practices, so as to repeal the prohibition on possessing a silencer; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dangerous instrumentalities and practices, so as to repeal the prohibition on possessing a silencer; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dangerous instrumentalities and practices, is amended in Part 2, relating to possession of

dangerous weapons, by repealing paragraph (7) of Code Section 16-11-121, relating to definitions relative to possession of dangerous weapons.

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended in said part by revising Code Section 16-11-122, relating to possession of sawed-off shotgun or rifle, machine gun, silencer, or dangerous weapon prohibited, as follows:

"16-11-122.

No person shall have in his or her possession any sawed-off shotgun, sawed-off rifle, machine gun, or dangerous weapon~~, or silencer~~ except as provided in Code Section 16-11-124."

SECTION 3.

Said article is further amended in said part by revising Code Section 16-11-123, relating to unlawful possession of firearms or weapons, as follows:

"16-11-123.

A person commits the offense of unlawful possession of firearms or weapons when he or she knowingly has in his or her possession any sawed-off shotgun, sawed-off rifle, machine gun, or dangerous weapon, ~~or silencer,~~ and, upon conviction thereof, he or she shall be punished by imprisonment for a period of five years."

SECTION 4.

Said article is further amended in said part by revising Code Section 16-11-124, relating to exemptions from application of part, as follows:

"16-11-124.

This part shall not apply to:

(1) A peace officer of any duly authorized police agency of this state or of any political subdivision thereof, or a law enforcement officer of any department or agency of the United States who is regularly employed and paid by the United States, this state, or any such political subdivision, or an employee of the Department of Corrections of this state who is authorized in writing by the commissioner of corrections to transfer or possess such firearms while in the official performance of his or her duties;

(2) A member of the National Guard or of the armed forces of the United States to wit: the army, navy, marine corps, air force, space force, or coast guard who, while serving therein, possesses such firearm in the line of duty;

(3) Any sawed-off shotgun, sawed-off rifle, machine gun, or dangerous weapon~~, or silencer~~ which has been modified or changed to the extent that it is inoperative. Examples of the requisite modification include weapons with their barrel or barrels filled with lead, hand grenades filled with sand, or other nonexplosive materials;

(4) Possession of a sawed-off shotgun, sawed-off rifle, machine gun, or dangerous weapon~~, or silencer~~ by a person who ~~is authorized to possess~~ possesses the same ~~because he has registered the sawed-off shotgun, sawed-off rifle, machine gun,~~

~~dangerous weapon, or silencer~~ in accordance with ~~the dictates of the National Firearms Act, 68A Stat. 725 (26 U.S.C. Sections 5841-5862)~~ federal law; and

(5) A security officer employed by a federally licensed nuclear power facility or a licensee of such facility, including a contract security officer, who is trained and qualified under a security plan approved by the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission or other federal agency authorized to regulate nuclear facility security; provided, however, that this exemption shall apply only while such security officer is acting in connection with his or her official duties on the premises of such nuclear power facility or on properties outside the facility property pursuant to a written agreement entered into with the local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the facility. ~~The exemption under this paragraph does not include the possession of silencers.~~"

SECTION 5.

Said article is further amended in Part 4A, relating to enhanced criminal penalties, by revising Code Section 16-11-160, relating to use of machine guns, sawed-off rifles, sawed-off shotguns, or firearms with silencers during commission of certain offenses and enhanced criminal penalties, as follows:

"16-11-160.

(a)~~(1)~~ As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Bulletproof vest' means a bullet-resistant soft body armor providing, as a minimum standard, the level of protection known as 'threat level I,' which means at least seven layers of bullet-resistant material providing protection from at least three shots of 158-grain lead ammunition fired from a .38 caliber handgun at a velocity of 850 feet per second.

(2) 'Machine gun' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-11-121.

(3) 'Sawed-off rifle' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-11-121.

(4) 'Sawed-off shotgun' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-11-121.

(5) 'Silencer or suppressor' means any device for diminishing the report of any portable weapon or other device from which a shot, bullet, or projectile may be discharged by an explosive.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to possess or to use a machine gun, sawed-off rifle, sawed-off shotgun, or firearm equipped with a silencer or suppressor~~, as those terms are defined in Code Section 16-11-121,~~ during the commission or the attempted commission of any of the following offenses:

(1)~~(A)~~ Aggravated assault as defined in Code Section 16-5-21;

(2)~~(B)~~ Aggravated battery as defined in Code Section 16-5-24;

(3)~~(C)~~ Robbery as defined in Code Section 16-8-40;

(4)~~(D)~~ Armed robbery as defined in Code Section 16-8-41;

(5)~~(D.1)~~ Home invasion in any degree as defined in Code Section 16-7-5;

(6)~~(E)~~ Murder or felony murder as defined in Code Section 16-5-1;

(7)~~(F)~~ Voluntary manslaughter as defined in Code Section 16-5-2;
(8)~~(G)~~ Involuntary manslaughter as defined in Code Section 16-5-3;
(9)~~(H)~~ Sale, possession for sale, transportation, manufacture, offer for sale, or offer to manufacture controlled substances in violation of any provision of Article 2 of Chapter 13 of this title, the 'Georgia Controlled Substances Act';
(10)~~(I)~~ Terroristic threats or acts as defined in Code Section 16-11-37;
(11)~~(J)~~ Arson as defined in Code Section 16-7-60, 16-7-60.1, 16-7-61, or 16-7-62 or arson of lands as defined in Code Section 16-7-63;
(12)~~(K)~~ Influencing witnesses as defined in Code Section 16-10-93; and
(13)~~(L)~~ Participation in criminal gang activity as defined in Code Section 16-15-4.

~~(2)(A) As used in this paragraph, the term 'bulletproof vest' means a bullet-resistant soft body armor providing, as a minimum standard, the level of protection known as 'threat level I,' which means at least seven layers of bullet-resistant material providing protection from at least three shots of 158-grain lead ammunition fired from a .38 caliber handgun at a velocity of 850 feet per second.~~

(c)~~(B)~~ It shall be unlawful for any person to wear a bulletproof vest during the commission or the attempted commission of any of the following offenses:
(1)~~(i)~~ Any crime against or involving the person of another in violation of any of the provisions of this title for which a sentence of life imprisonment may be imposed;
(2)~~(ii)~~ Any felony involving the manufacture, delivery, distribution, administering, or selling of controlled substances or marijuana as provided in Code Section 16-13-30; or
(3)~~(iii)~~ Trafficking of substances in violation of Code Section 16-13-31.

(d)~~(b)~~ Any person who violates ~~paragraph (1) of~~ subsection ~~(a)~~(b) of this Code section shall be guilty of a felony, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by confinement for a period of ten years~~,~~ and such sentence ~~to~~ shall run consecutively to any other sentence which the person has received.

(e) Any person who violates ~~paragraph (2) of~~ subsection ~~(a)~~(c) of this Code section shall be guilty of a felony, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by confinement for a period of one to five years~~,~~ and such sentence ~~to~~ shall run consecutively to any other sentence which the person has received.

(f)~~(c)~~ Upon the second or subsequent conviction of a person under this Code section, the person shall be punished by life imprisonment. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the sentence of any person which is imposed for violating this Code section a second or subsequent time shall not be suspended by a court or a probationary sentence imposed in lieu thereof.

(g)~~(d)~~ The punishment prescribed for the violation of subsections ~~(a) and~~ (b), (c), and (f) of this Code section shall not be probated or suspended as ~~is~~ provided by Code Section 17-10-7.

(h)~~(e)~~ Any crime committed in violation of this Code section shall be considered a separate offense."

SECTION 6.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026, and shall apply to all offenses committed on or after such date.

SECTION 7.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to, by substitute.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	E Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	E Sainz
N Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	N Sampson
N Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Alexander	N Crawford	N Herring	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Ali	Y Crowe	E Hilton	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	N Cummings	E Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
N Au	N Davis	N Holcomb	N Miller	N Scott
N Baker	N Dawson	N Holland	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Momtahan	E Sharper
N Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	N Moore	E Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Myles	E Smith, L
Y Barton	E Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Neal	N Smith, M
N Bazemore	N Douglas	N Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
N Beckles	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Bell	N Drenner	N Hugley	N Okoye	Y Stephens
N Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	N Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, M	E O'Steen	E Taylor, D
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	N Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas
N Burnough	N Evans	N Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	N Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	N Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	E Petrea	Y Wade
N Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	N Frye	N Kendrick	N Prince	Y Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	N Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	N Gilliard	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, A
N Carter	N Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	N Griffin	E Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 87, nays 76.

The Bill, having failed to receive the requisite constitutional majority, was lost.

The following Bill of the House, having been postponed from the previous legislative day, was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 892. By Representatives Holcomb of the 101st, Buckner of the 137th, Miller of the 62nd, Evans of the 57th and Barrett of the 24th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 24A of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to massage therapy practice generally, so as to prohibit massage therapy businesses from operating during certain set hours; to revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 24A of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to massage therapy practice generally, so as to prohibit massage therapy businesses from operating during certain set hours; to revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 24A of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to massage therapy practice generally, is amended by revising paragraphs (5) through (12) of Code Section 43-24A-3, relating to definitions, as follows:

"~~(5) 'Entity' means the owner or operator of a business where massage therapy for compensation is performed.~~

~~(6)~~(5) 'License' means a valid and current certificate of registration issued by the board pursuant to this chapter to practice massage therapy.

~~(7)~~(6) 'Licensee' means any person holding a license.

~~(8)~~(7) 'Massage therapist' means a person licensed under this chapter as a massage therapist who administers or teaches massage or massage therapy for compensation.

~~(9)~~(8) 'Massage therapy' or 'massage' means the application of a system of structured touch, pressure, movement, and holding to the soft tissue of the body in which the primary intent is to enhance or restore health and well-being. Such term includes complementary methods, including without limitation cupping therapy, taping techniques, the external application of water, superficial heat, superficial cold, lubricants, salt scrubs, or other topical preparations and the use of commercially

available electromechanical devices which do not require the use of transcutaneous electrodes and which mimic or enhance the actions possible by the hands; the term also includes determining whether massage therapy is appropriate or contraindicated, or whether referral to another health care provider is appropriate. Such term shall not include the use of ultrasound, fluidotherapy, laser, and other methods of deep thermal modalities.

~~(10)~~(9) 'Massage therapy business' means an entity where the practice of or engagement in massage therapy is performed by a ~~licensed~~ massage therapist.

~~(11)~~(10) 'Person' means a natural person only.

~~(12)~~(11) 'Provisionally permitted massage therapist' means a person issued a provisional permit under this chapter."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 43-24A-15, relating to unlawful acts, to read as follows:

"(g) Beginning on August 1, 2026, it shall be a violation of this chapter for any person or entity to open for business or otherwise operate a massage therapy business between 10:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
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On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 158, nays 6.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE SUPPLEMENTAL RULES CALENDAR
FRIDAY, MARCH 06, 2026

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 28th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

HB 382 Controlled substances; Schedule I; psilocybin; revise a provision (Substitute)(Hth-Stephens-164th)

HB 641 Public utilities; require electric supplier to hold the proposed discontinuation of electrical service to a residential customer who suffers from a serious illness in abeyance for a certain period of time (Substitute)(EU&T-Lim-98th)

HB 668 Crimes and offenses; change references to assistance and guide dogs to service dogs (Substitute)(P&CH-Thomas-21st)

HB 812 Buildings and housing; revise process by which a local governing body may propose amendments to state minimum standard codes (Substitute)(GAff-Cheokas-151st)
(Rules Committee Substitute LC 47 4179S)

HB 1058 Insurance; authorize tax-exempt organizations to be beneficiaries of employee group life insurance policies (Substitute)(Ins-Buckner-137th)
HB 1166 Local government; zoning decisions shall not affect or be required for certain residential dwellings of 400 square feet or fewer; provide (Substitute)(GAff-Herring-145th)
HB 1177 Development authorities; certain affordable housing uses of property qualify as projects; provide (Substitute)(GAff-Williams-168th)
HB 1267 Motor vehicles; increase penalties for certain offenses; provisions (Substitute)(MotV-Corbett-174th)
HB 1434 Aviation; air facilities; identification of airport affected areas; provide (Substitute)(Trans-Jenkins-136th)
HR 1300 Representative Penny Houston Roundabout; Cook County; dedicate (Substitute)(Trans-Ford-170th)

Structured Rule

HB 951 Insurance; require health benefit policy coverage for medically necessary orthotic and prosthetic devices and their materials and components `(Hth-Clark-100th)

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HR 1300. By Representatives Ford of the 170th, Cannon of the 172nd, Hatchett of the 155th, Jones of the 47th, Greene of the 154th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Honorable Penny Houston and dedicating a roundabout in her honor; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A RESOLUTION

Dedicating certain portions of the state highway system; and for other purposes.

PART I

WHEREAS, the Honorable Penny Houston was raised in Leary, Georgia, and graduated from Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri, and from the University of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, she was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 1997 and tirelessly represented the interests of her constituents in District 170 for nearly three decades; and

WHEREAS, Representative Houston served as chairperson of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Economic Development and Tourism and on the Ways and Means, Banks and Banking, Economic Development and Tourism, Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight, and Appropriations committees and the House Rural Development Council; and

WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Representative Houston is an active member of the Nashville United Methodist Church and is a board member of the Methodist Home in Macon, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, her leadership and guidance have been instrumental for numerous organizations, including the Nashville Woman's Club and the Berrien, Tift, and Cook County chambers of commerce; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong advocate for children, Representative Houston has been involved with the Georgia Sheriffs' Youth Homes for more than 30 years, is a member emeritus of the Georgia Sheriffs' Boys Ranch Board in Hahira, and serves on the advisory board of the Atlanta Speech School; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating a roundabout in her honor.

PART II

WHEREAS, Mr. John L. Williams has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced dramatically by his work as an entrepreneur in Cook County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams' significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this state earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an interchange in his memory.

PART III

WHEREAS, Mr. John A. Williams was a visionary civic leader, philanthropist, and real estate developer whose leadership and investment profoundly shaped the economic, cultural, and infrastructure development of Cobb County, Fulton County, and the greater metropolitan Atlanta region; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams played a pivotal role in transforming the Cumberland area into one of Georgia's most significant employment and commercial centers, helping to establish the Cumberland Community Improvement District, which has served as a model for public-private cooperation and infrastructure investment throughout this state; and

WHEREAS, through his leadership and advocacy, Mr. Williams helped secure critical funding for transportation and infrastructure improvements along the U.S. Route 41 corridor and throughout the Cumberland area, strengthening connectivity between Cobb and Fulton counties and enhancing regional mobility; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams was instrumental in the creation and success of landmark developments that elevated the quality of life in Cobb County, including his generous $10 million philanthropic contribution to the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre, a premier cultural venue that has become a cornerstone of the region's arts and economic vitality; and

WHEREAS, he demonstrated a deep and abiding commitment to public service, historic preservation, and community investment, including efforts to preserve treasured local assets such as Glover Park in the City of Marietta, ensuring that growth was balanced with respect for history and community character; and

WHEREAS, widely regarded as one of the most influential civic and business leaders in metro Atlanta, Mr. Williams was known for his bipartisan leadership, forward-thinking approach to urban planning, and dedication to strategic infrastructure development that continues to benefit Georgia's citizens and economy; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

PART IV

WHEREAS, Ms. Cara Jaden Atkins was born on April 27, 2002, in Marietta, Georgia, the beloved daughter of Perry and Christy Atkins; and

WHEREAS, an exceptional athlete, Ms. Atkins graduated from Etowah High School and continued her education at Georgia Highlands College, where she excelled academically, graduating with a perfect 4.0 grade point average, earning repeated spots on the Dean's List, and was a member of the prestigious Phi Theta Kappa honor society; and

WHEREAS, she graduated from dental hygienist school and was eagerly pursuing her bachelor's degree in science, driven by her passion for helping others achieve better health and confidence; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Atkins spent her time giving back to local charities and causes that uplifted others in need, including Jamie's Hope, the Cherokee Humane Society, and Locks of Love; and

WHEREAS, she coached gymnastics to young children and touched the lives of many with her smile that was like sunshine, instantly filling any room with warmth, joy, and positivity; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this encouraging, kind, and selfless Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an interchange in her memory.

PART V

WHEREAS, Mr. Andrew "Drew" Keith Slay was born on February 24, 1999, in Austell, Georgia, the beloved son to Amanda and Jerry Slay; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Slay was a talented graphic designer and an accomplished art major at the University of West Georgia when his life was tragically cut short in a traffic accident on April 8, 2023; and

WHEREAS, known for his positive attitude, creativity, and willingness to support others, Mr. Slay gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his family and friends were admired by others; and

WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Slay was deeply loved by all who knew him, from professors to colleagues at the Farmer's Table, where his positive impact was felt; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

PART VI

WHEREAS, Mr. William Brown Lovett was born on October 6, 1824, in Montgomery County, Georgia, the eldest son of Joshua and Elizabeth Lovett; and

WHEREAS, he grew up on the family farm in Adel, Georgia, learning the trade from his parents, spent his life in Lowndes County, Georgia, and later became known as one of the leading farmers of Berrien County, where his talent and efficiency in growing corn was widely recognized; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lovett was united in love and marriage to his wife, Eliza, and was blessed with eight children; and

WHEREAS, an advocate for education, Mr. Lovett had the Lovett School built on his land, which eventually became known as the Pine Bloom School; and

WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an interchange in his memory.

PART VII

WHEREAS, Master Sgt. Gary I. Gordon was born on August 30, 1960, and grew up in Lincoln, Maine, before joining the United States Army at the age of 18; and

WHEREAS, Master Sgt. Gordon was serving as sniper team leader for the United States Army Special Operations Command with Task Force Ranger in Mogadishu, Somalia, when his unit was subjected to intense enemy fire while attempting to rescue the crew of a downed helicopter; and

WHEREAS, Master Sgt. Gordon volunteered to be inserted to protect four critically wounded personnel, despite the risk to his own safety; and

WHEREAS, he and a fellow sniper fought through intense small arms fire and a maze of shanties and shacks to reach the critically injured crew members; and

WHEREAS, after depleting his ammunition and losing his fellow sniper to enemy fire, Master Sgt. Gordon recovered weapons and ammunition from the crashed helicopter and elected to give the last five rounds of recovered ammunition to the pilot of the crashed helicopter; and

WHEREAS, Master Sgt. Gordon gave the ultimate sacrifice for his fellow man and his selflessness embodied the spirit of service; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished American be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

PART VIII

WHEREAS, Mrs. Edna Sirmans Sessoms was born on October 16, 1892, the beloved daughter of State Senator Frank B. Sirmans and Amanda Strickland Sirmans, and passed away on September 18, 1994; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sessoms grew up on her family's land in Sirmans, Georgia, near Camp Creek Missionary Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, on February 28, 1913, she married Alexander Kelly Sessoms and the couple moved to Cogdell, Georgia, where they opened a large general store; and

WHEREAS, the Sessoms went on to become the largest landowners and operators of naval stores in the entire State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, after her husband's passing in 1944, Mrs. Sessoms continued to oversee the family's timber holdings and business interests; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sessoms was involved in the early pioneering of the modern day forest industry in south Georgia, ensuring that the family's sprawling acreage was improved, contained as one functioning unit, and maintained as sustainable forests for more than five generations; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in her memory.

PART IX

WHEREAS, Zander Trayvon Whatley was born on May 11, 2012, the beloved son of Shareeda Dorsey and Jermaine Whatley, and his life was tragically cut short on April 29, 2024, when he became an innocent bystander in a senseless act of violence within his own home; and

WHEREAS, Zander was 11 years old and a vibrant fifth grade student at Hal Hutchens Elementary School, where he proudly served on the student council; and

WHEREAS, a talented athlete and competitor, Zander excelled at soccer, baseball, and football; and

WHEREAS, Zander had an infectious spirit that shined brightly through his love of the Lord and was demonstrated through his weekly worship; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

PART X

WHEREAS, Representative James A. "Bubber" Epps, Jr., has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he plays in leadership in this state and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Representative Epps served on the Twiggs County Board of Commissioners from 1983 to 1992 and on the Middle Georgia Regional Development Center Board from 1989 to 1992; and

WHEREAS, he served as a member of the Georgia General Assembly from 2009 to 2019, representing the citizens of House District 144, and served as chairman of the House Committee on Motor Vehicles and House Committee on Small Business Development and secretary of the House Committee on Transportation during his tenure; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Representative Epps was appointed to the Middle Georgia Regional Commission Council, where his leadership and guidance earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

WHEREAS, Representative Epps has been known for his collaborative approach, steady leadership, consistent support of the Middle Georgia Regional Commission Council's staff and mission, and his enduring commitment to public service, regional cooperation, and the advancement of Middle Georgia communities through leadership in both the public and private sectors; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an interchange in his honor.

PART XI

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the roundabout at State Route 76 and State Route 37 in Cook County is dedicated as the Representative Penny Houston Roundabout.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange of State Route 401/Interstate 75 and State Route 37 in Cook County is dedicated as the John L. Williams Memorial Interchange.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on U.S. Route 41/State Route 3 over the Chattahoochee River in Cobb County is dedicated as the John A. Williams Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange of Interstate 75 and State Route 92 in Cherokee County is dedicated as the Cara Jaden Atkins Memorial Interchange.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 8CO over I-20 in Douglas County is dedicated as the Andrew "Drew" Keith Slay Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange of State Route 401/I-75 and Barneyville Road in Cook County is dedicated as the William Brown Lovett Memorial Interchange.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of U.S. 78/U.S. 278/State Route 10 from Willhaven Drive eastward to Belfair Lakes Drive in Augusta-Richmond County is dedicated as the Master Sgt. Gary I. Gordon Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 168 over Camp Creek in Clinch County is dedicated as the Edna Sirmans Sessoms Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 92 and Sweetwater Church Road in Paulding County is dedicated as the Zander Trayvon Whatley Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange of I-16 and State Route 96 in Twiggs County is dedicated as the Representative Bubber Epps Interchange.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facilities named in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Department of Transportation; to the Honorable Penny Houston and Representative James A. "Bubber" Epps, Jr.; and to the families of Mr. John L. Williams, Mr. John A. Williams, Ms. Cara Jaden Atkins, Mr. Andrew "Drew" Keith Slay, Mr. William Brown Lovett, Master Sgt. Gary I. Gordon, Mrs. Edna Sirmans Sessoms, and Zander Trayvon Whatley.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the Resolution, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the Resolution, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

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Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the adoption of the Resolution, by substitute, the ayes were 170, nays 0.

The Resolution, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted, by substitute.

HB 1434. By Representatives Jenkins of the 136th, Crowe of the 118th, Jasperse of the 11th and McDonald III of the 26th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to powers of local governments as to air facilities, so as to provide for the identification of airport affected areas; to provide for public notice and public hearing; to require the adoption, administration, and enforcement of regulations relative to the use of land in airport affected areas; to provide for standards for adoption of such regulations;

to provide for consultation with the Department of Transportation; to provide for the adoption of local methods of enforcing regulations relative to airport area affected areas; to provide for a method for requesting variances; to provide for penalties; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 3 of Title 6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to powers of local governments as to air facilities, so as to provide for the identification of airport affected areas; to provide for public notice and public hearing; to require the adoption, administration, and enforcement of regulations relative to the use of land in airport affected areas; to provide for standards for adoption of such regulations; to provide for assistance from the Department of Transportation; to provide for the adoption of local methods of enforcing regulations relative to airport area affected areas; to provide for a method for requesting variances; to provide for penalties; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 3 of Title 6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to powers of local governments as to air facilities, is amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 3

6-3-40.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Airport' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 32-9-8.

(2) 'Airport affected area' means any area of air, land, or water lying beneath a civil airport imaginary surface.

(3) 'Airport affected governing body' means the governing authority of a county, municipality, or other political subdivision that has an airport affected area within its territorial limits.

(4) 'Airport obstruction' means any building, structure, or object of natural growth within an airport affected area that penetrates a civil airport imaginary surface.

(5) 'Airport sponsor' means an airport affected governing body that:

(A) Owns or controls an airport; or

(B) Has acquired, leased, or set apart real property for the purpose or purposes provided for in Code Section 6-3-20.

(6) 'Civil airport imaginary surface' shall have the same meaning as set forth in 14 C.F.R. Part 77 of the Code of Federal Regulations in effect on January 1, 2026.

6-3-41.
(a) No later than January 1, 2027, every airport sponsor in this state shall identify the airport affected area for its airport and notify any airport affected governing body that an airport affected area is located within its territorial limits.
(b) No later than July 1, 2027, and after public notice and public hearing, each airport affected governing body shall adopt, administer, and enforce regulations for the airport affected area within its territorial limits that comply with Code Section 6-3-42.

6-3-42.
(a) Any regulation adopted for an airport affected area pursuant to this article shall be reasonable and designed to promote public health, safety, and general welfare. At a minimum, such regulation shall include, but shall not be limited to, provisions for the limitation of the height of buildings, structures, and objects of natural growth located within the airport affected area for the purpose of keeping civil airport imaginary surfaces clear of airport obstructions.
(b) In adopting, amending, and repealing any airport affected area regulations pursuant to this article, the Department of Transportation shall assist the airport affected governing body in the development, amendment, and repeal of such regulations.
(c) To facilitate the clearance of the civil airport imaginary surfaces, any airport affected area regulations adopted pursuant to this article shall meet those federal standards set forth in 14 C.F.R. Part 77 of the Code of Federal Regulations in effect on January 1, 2026.
(d) Airport affected area regulations adopted pursuant to this article may be amended from time to time in the same manner as provided for the adoption of the original regulation.

6-3-43.
When a local governing authority has adopted a zoning ordinance or resolution relating to land use of property within an airport affected area, any airport affected area regulations adopted pursuant to this article may be made part of such zoning ordinance or resolution and may be administered and enforced in connection with such ordinance or resolution.

6-3-44.
(a) Each airport affected governing body shall provide for the enforcement of airport affected area regulations adopted pursuant to this article. Such enforcement may be by a system of permits or other comparable method; provided, however, that, prior to granting any variance from a regulation that would result in the use of property that would create an airport obstruction, the applicable airport affected governing body shall notify an airport sponsor of the requested variance and such airport sponsor shall be responsible

for determining whether the requested variance would result in a violation of regulations for civil airport imaginary surfaces and requesting a variance from such regulations.
(b) When any airport affected governing body fails to enact or enforce airport affected area regulations pursuant to this article, eligibility for funds through the local maintenance and improvement grant program available under Code Section 32-5-27 shall be suspended for the lesser of three years or until the date the airport affected governing body enacts or enforces such regulations, at which point any such funds shall be remitted to such airport affected governing body."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	E Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
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Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
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Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
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Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 170, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following Bill and Resolution of the House, having been postponed from the previous legislative day, were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 334. By Representatives Crawford of the 89th, Oliver of the 84th, Au of the 50th, Willis of the 55th, Westbrook of the 163rd and others:

A BILL To be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to require the Department of Community Health to conduct an annual review of medications and treatment for sickle cell disease for Medicaid recipients; to provide for public input; to provide for an annual report; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
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Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	N McDonald	Y Santos
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Y Anderson	Y Cummings	E Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
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Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	E Sharper
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Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	E Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	E O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R

Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	N Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	E Petrea	Y Wade
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Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
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Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	E Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	N Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	N Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	E Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	E Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 159, nays 7.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HR 1000. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Williams of the 148th, Dickey of the 134th, Williams of the 168th, Buckner of the 137th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to eliminate the ad valorem tax assessment of certain timber at sale or harvest; to require state appropriations to each county, municipality, or school district affected by such tax elimination; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to eliminate the ad valorem tax assessment of certain timber at sale or harvest; to require state appropriations to each county, municipality, or school district affected by such tax elimination; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article VII, Section I, Paragraph III of the Constitution is amended by revising subparagraph (e)(2) and adding subparagraph (e)(3) to read as follows:

"(2) That standing timber shall be assessed only once, and such assessment shall be made following its harvest or sale and on the basis of its fair market value at the time of harvest or sale. ~~Said~~ Except as provided in subparagraph (e)(3) of this Paragraph, said assessment shall be two and one-half times the assessed percentage of value fixed by law for other real property taxed under the uniformity provisions of subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph but in no event greater than its fair market value; and for a method of temporary supplementation of the property tax digest of any county if the implementation of this method of taxing timber reduces the tax digest by more than 20 percent, such supplemental assessed value to be assigned to the properties otherwise benefiting from such method of taxing timber.

(3)(A) That standing timber shall be assessed as otherwise provided in subparagraph (e)(2) of this Paragraph, except that the rate of the assessment under subparagraph (e)(2) of this Paragraph shall be reduced to zero percent for standing timber harvested or sold from property receiving preferential treatment pursuant to subparagraph (c) of this Paragraph, subparagraph (e)(1) of this Paragraph, or subparagraph (f) of this Paragraph. Such methods of assessment and taxation shall be subject to the following conditions:

(i) Any individual or individuals or any entity registered to do business in this state desiring the benefit of such methods of assessment and taxation for standing timber harvested or sold from property receiving preferential treatment pursuant to subparagraph (c) of this Paragraph, subparagraph (e)(1) of this Paragraph, or subparagraph (f) of this Paragraph shall be required to enter into a covenant to continue the property in a qualifying use; and

(ii) A breach of such covenant within ten years of the harvest or sale of standing timber assessed at the rate provided for in this subparagraph (3)(A) shall result in a recapture of the tax savings resulting from such methods of assessment and taxation and may result in other appropriate penalties.

(B) The General Assembly shall annually appropriate to each county, municipality, or school district that experienced an ad valorem revenue reduction during the preceding tax year resulting from the elimination of the ad valorem tax assessment of timber from the rate of assessment provided for in subparagraph (e)(2) of this Paragraph to the rate of assessment provided for in subparagraph (e)(3)(A) of this Paragraph, an amount equal to 100 percent of such revenue reduction for such tax year."

SECTION 2.

The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

"( ) YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia, for the purpose of encouraging timberland
( ) NO conservation, be amended so as to eliminate the ad valorem tax assessment of certain timber at sale or harvest and to require state appropriations to each

county, municipality, or school district affected by such ad valorem tax assessment elimination?"

All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes." All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall become a part of the Constitution of this state.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the Resolution, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the Resolution, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	E Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
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Y Blackmon	E Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	E O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
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Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
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Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the adoption of the Resolution, by substitute, the ayes were 166, nays 4.

The Resolution, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted, by substitute.

The following messages were received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the Senate:

SB 587. By Senators Still of the 48th, Dickerson of the 21st, Summers of the 13th, Albers of the 56th, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding offenses against public health and morals, so as to provide for the establishment of an animal cruelty database; to provide for purpose and funding; to require the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of the State of Georgia to create, administer, and maintain such database; to provide for minimum requirements; to provide for reporting and forms; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 589. By Senators Brass of the 6th, Hickman of the 4th, Hatchett of the 50th, Anavitarte of the 31st, McNeel of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to revise the date by which a child must attain a certain age to be eligible for enrollment in kindergarten or first grade; to provide for parents and guardians to elect for their children who have attained the age of four or five to be enrolled in a voluntary pre-kindergarten program provided and operated as part of Georgia's Pre-K Program; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the Senate:

SB 465. By Senators Gooch of the 51st, Echols of the 49th, Ginn of the 47th, Robertson of the 29th, Goodman of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to income taxes, so as to disqualify business enterprises that hire illegal aliens for large-scale projects from claiming certain tax credits associated with such projects; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 594. By Senators Bearden of the 30th, Strickland of the 42nd, Hatchett of the 50th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Dixon of the 45th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 4 of Article 6 of Chapter 9 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to internet and e-mail fraud, so as to establish the criminal offense of digital identity fraud; to provide for criminal penalties; to require social media platform operators to evaluate claims of digital identify fraud; to provide for civil penalties; to provide for enforcement; to provide for a cause of action and damages; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Speaker announced the House in recess until 6:45 o'clock, this evening.

The Speaker called the House to order.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 951. By Representatives Clark of the 100th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Silcox of the 53rd, Kelley of the 16th, Schofield of the 63rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance generally, so as to require health benefit plans, policies, or contracts executed by the state to cover medically necessary orthotic devices and prosthetic devices and their materials and components; to revise a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez

Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
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Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
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Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	E O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	E Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	E Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
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Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 163, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 641. By Representatives Lim of the 98th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Werkheiser of the 157th, Drenner of the 85th, Lupton of the 83rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to electric services, so as to require that an electric supplier hold the proposed discontinuation of electrical service to a residential consumer who suffers from a serious illness in abeyance for a certain period of time; to provide for notice requirements; to provide for the renewal of such abeyance period; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 3 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to electric services, so as to require certain electric suppliers to have in place a written policy regarding discontinuation of electric service to residential consumers with serious, life-threatening conditions; to provide for furnishing of such policy to consumers; to provide an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 3 of Title 46, relating to electrical service, is amended in Code Section 46-3-11, relating to application by electric supplier of discriminatory rates, charges, or service rules or regulations and prohibited acts by electric suppliers generally, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(c) Beginning January 1, 2027, any electric supplier that serves residential consumers shall have in place a written policy regarding discontinuation of electric service to residential consumers with serious, life-threatening conditions, and shall furnish such written policy upon request by a consumer or potential consumer."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	N Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	N Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
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Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	N McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	N Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	E Hitchens	Y Meeks	N Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	N Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	N Momtahan	E Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
N Barrett	Y Dickey	N Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	E Donatucci	N Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	N Smith, TP

Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	N Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	E Tarvin
N Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	E O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
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Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	N Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
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Y Clark, J	N Gullett	E Martinez	Y Roberts	N Yearta
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On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 134, nays 28.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 668. By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Seabaugh of the 34th, Washburn of the 144th, McCollum of the 30th, Dempsey of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 16, Chapter 4 of Title 30, and Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, rights of persons with disabilities, and uniform rules of the road, respectively, so as to change references to assistance and guide dogs to service dogs; to provide for definitions and conforming changes; to provide for a criminal penalty for a person who causes death or physical harm to a service dog; to provide for exceptions; to revise provisions relating to the use and training of service dogs; to provide for a penalty for persons who misrepresent the need for a service dog; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 16, Chapter 4 of Title 30, and Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, rights of persons with disabilities, and uniform rules of the road, respectively, so as to change references to assistance and guide dogs to service dogs; to provide for definitions and conforming changes; to provide for a criminal penalty for a person who interferes with, causes death, or physical harm to a service dog; to provide for exceptions; to provide for restitution; to revise provisions relating to the use and training of service dogs; to provide for a penalty for persons who misrepresent the need for a service dog; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, is amended in Chapter 11, relating to offenses against public order and safety, by revising Code Section 16-11-107.1, relating to harassment of assistance dog by humans or other dogs and penalty, as follows:

"16-11-107.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) ~~'Assistance dog' means a dog that is or has been trained by a licensed or certified person, organization, or agency to perform physical tasks for a physically challenged person. Assistance dogs include guide or leader dogs that guide individuals who are legally blind; hearing dogs that alert individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing to specific sounds; and service dogs for individuals with disabilities other than blindness or deafness, which are trained to perform a variety of physical tasks, including, but not limited to, pulling a wheelchair, lending balance support, picking up dropped objects, or providing assistance in a medical crisis.~~

~~(2)~~ 'Harass' means to engage in any conduct directed toward ~~an assistance~~ a service dog that is ~~knowingly~~ likely to impede or interfere with the ~~assistance~~ service dog's performance of its duties or that places the ~~blind, deaf, or physically limited~~ physically or mentally impaired person being served or assisted by the service dog in danger of injury.

~~(3) 'Notice' means an oral or otherwise communicated warning proscribing the behavior of another person and a request that the person stop the particular behavior.~~

(2) 'Service dog' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 30-4-1.

~~(b) Any person who knowingly and intentionally harasses or attempts to harass an assistance dog, knowing the dog to be an assistance dog, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than 90 days or a fine not to exceed $500.00, or both.~~

(b)(1) A person commits the offense of interfering with a service dog when he or she knows or should have known the dog to be a service dog and intentionally commits an act that:

(A) Frightens, agitates, harasses, or tampers with the dog;

(B) Delays, obstructs, or hinders the dog in the performance of its duty as a service dog; or

(C) Allows his or her dog to harass a service dog.

(2) Any person convicted of a violation of this subsection shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment not to exceed 12 months, or a fine not to exceed $1,000.00, or both. Any person who is convicted of a second or subsequent violation of this subsection shall be punished as for a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature.

(c)(1) A ~~Any~~ person ~~who has received notice that his or her behavior is interfering with the use of an assistance dog who continues to harass an assistance dog, knowing the dog to be an assistance dog,~~ commits the offense of harming a service dog when he or she knows or should have known that a dog is a service dog and intentionally commits an act that:

(A) Causes or is likely to cause physical harm, pain, or suffering to a service dog; or

(B) Allows his or her dog to cause physical harm, pain, or suffering to a service dog.

(2) Any person convicted of a violation of this subsection shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than ~~90 days~~ six months nor more than 12 months or a fine not to exceed ~~$500.00~~ $5,000.00, or both~~, provided that any person who is convicted of a second or subsequent violation of this subsection shall be punished as for a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature~~.

(d)(1) A ~~Any~~ person ~~who knowingly and intentionally allows his or her dog to harass an assistance dog, knowing the dog to be an assistance dog, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than 90 days or a fine not to exceed $500.00, or both, provided that any person who is convicted of a second or subsequent violation of this subsection shall be punished as for a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature.~~ commits the offense of aggravated harming of a service dog when he or she knows or should have known that a dog is a service dog and when he or she intentionally commits an act that:

(A) Causes the death of the dog; or

(B) Injures the dog in a manner that materially affects its ability to perform as a service dog.

(2) Any person convicted of a violation of this subsection shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than two nor more than ten years, a fine not to exceed $50,000.00, or both, and the first two years of such sentence shall not be suspended, probated, deferred, or withheld by a sentencing court; provided, however, that in the court's discretion, the court may depart from such mandatory minimum sentence when the prosecuting attorney and defendant have agreed to a sentence that is below such mandatory minimum.

(e) ~~Any person who knowingly and intentionally allows his or her dog to cause death or physical harm to an assistance dog by rendering a part of the assistance dog's body useless or by seriously disfiguring the assistance dog, knowing the dog to be an assistance dog, shall be punished as for a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature.~~ In addition to

any other penalty provided for under this Code section, the court shall order the defendant to make restitution pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter 14 of Title 17 to the owner of a service dog for the costs of the veterinary expenses incurred in the treatment of such dog and the costs of any restorative training necessary to enable the dog to resume its duties. Notwithstanding Code Section 17-14-2 to the contrary, restitution when a service dog dies or is no longer able to engage in performance of its duties as a result of a violation of this Code section shall additionally include the amount of the actual replacement value of the service dog, which shall include the value of a dog to replace the service dog and all costs associated with training such dog and its handler or handlers.

(f) Nothing in this Code section shall prohibit the killing or euthanasia of a service dog for humane purposes in a manner consistent with the provisions of Code Section 4-11-5.1.

(g) Nothing in this Code section shall prohibit the defense of a person against a service dog that attacks such person."

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 12, relating to offenses against public health and morals, by revising paragraph (6) of subsection (a) of Code Section 16-12-120, relating to certain acts in public transit buses, rapid rail cars, or stations and penalty, as follows:

"(6) Carries or possesses any explosives, acids, other dangerous articles, or live animals, except for the following:

(A) A ~~guide dog or~~ service dog as described in Code Section 30-4-2, provided that such ~~guide dog or~~ service dog is accompanied by a ~~physically disabled person, blind person, person with visual disabilities, deaf~~ physically or mentally impaired person~~,~~ or a person who is responsible for training a ~~guide dog or~~ service dog; and

(B) Small pets confined to rigid pet carriers with locks or latches;"

SECTION 3.

Chapter 4 of Title 30 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to rights of persons with disabilities, is amended by revising Code Section 30-4-1, relating to definitions, as follows:

"30-4-1.

As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) 'Activities of daily living' means tasks that are essential, routine, and provide for an individual's basic physical needs, including, but not limited to, eating, toileting, grooming, dressing, shaving, walking, and transferring.

(2) 'Housing accommodations' means any real property or portion thereof which is used or occupied, or intended, arranged, or designed to be used or occupied, as the home, residence, or sleeping place of one or more human beings but shall not include any single-family residence the occupants of which rent, lease, or furnish for compensation not more than one room therein.

~~(2) 'Physically disabled person' means any person, regardless of age, who is subject to a physiological defect or deficiency regardless of its cause, nature, or extent that renders~~

~~the person unable to move about without the aid of crutches, a wheelchair, or any other form of support, or that limits the person's functional ability to ambulate, climb, descend, sit, rise, or to perform any related function.~~

(3) 'Owner training' means training of a dog to become a service dog by an owner who is a physically or mentally impaired person by teaching the dog to perform the specific tasks that directly assist such owner and directly relate to such owner's specific disability and to take a specific action when needed to assist the person.

(4) 'Physically or mentally impaired person' means any person, regardless of age, who, regardless of the cause, nature, or extent, is rendered substantially limited or unable to perform one or more activities of daily living as a result of developmental deficiencies, the aging process, learning disabilities, physical injury or disease, cognitive impairments, or psychological or social disabilities.

(5) 'Service dog' means any domestic canine that has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks that directly assist a physically or mentally impaired person and directly relate to such person's specific disability and to take a specific action when needed to assist the person, or if still in training, that is operating under the guidance of a trainer. Such term shall not include a dog that has not been trained to do a specific job or task or that solely provides comfort, companionship, or emotional support to a person, regardless of such person's disability status.

(6) 'Trainer' means a service dog owner with a disability who is involved in the training process of his or her service dog or an individual who is competent to train service animals and is involved in such processes."

SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 30-4-2, relating to right to equal public accommodations and right to be accompanied by guide dog or service dog, as follows:

"30-4-2.

(a) Physically or mentally impaired ~~Blind persons, persons with visual disabilities, persons with physical disabilities, and deaf~~ persons are entitled to full and equal accommodations, advantages, facilities, and privileges on all common carriers, airplanes, motor vehicles, railroad trains, motor buses, streetcars, boats, or any other public conveyances or modes of transportation and at hotels, lodging places, places of public accommodation, amusement, or resort, and other places to which the general public is invited, subject only to the conditions and limitations established by law and applicable alike to all persons.

(b)(1) Every ~~totally or partially blind person shall have the right to be accompanied by a guide dog, and every physically disabled person and every deaf~~ physically or mentally impaired person shall have the right to be accompanied by a service dog, especially trained for the purpose, in any of the places listed in subsection (a) of this Code section without being required to pay an extra charge for the ~~guide or~~ service dog; provided, however, that he or she shall be liable for any damage done to the premises or facilities by such service dog. In addition, if such ~~totally or partially blind person, physically~~

~~disabled person, or deaf~~ physically or mentally impaired person is a student at a private or public school in this state, such person shall have the right to be accompanied by a ~~guide dog or~~ service dog subject to liability for damage as provided in the preceding sentence. ~~The guide dog or service dog must be identified as having been trained by a school for seeing eye, hearing, service, or guide dogs.~~

(2) Every person engaged in the training of a ~~guide dog or~~ service dog for the purpose of accompanying a person as provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall have the same right to be accompanied by such service dog being trained as the ~~totally or partially blind person, deaf person, or physically disabled~~ physically or mentally impaired person has under paragraph (1) of this subsection, so long as such trainer is engaged in owner training or is identified as an agent or employee of a school for ~~seeing eye, hearing, service, or guide~~ service dogs.

(3) Every person engaged in the raising of a dog for training as a ~~guide dog or~~ service dog for the purpose of accompanying a person as provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection and every physically or mentally impaired person who is engaged in owner training of his or her dog as a service dog shall have the same right to be accompanied by such dog being raised for training or in owner training as the ~~totally or partially blind person, deaf person, or physically disabled~~ physically or mentally impaired person has under paragraph (1) of this subsection, so long as:

(A) The trainer notifies an onsite manager that a service animal in training is being brought onto the premises;

(B) Each trainer or puppy raiser during the training of a service animal is liable for any damage done to persons, premises, or facilities by that service animal in training;

(C) Such dog ~~is being held on a leash and~~ is under the control of the person raising such dog ~~for an accredited school for seeing eye, hearing, service, or guide dogs~~ at all times and such control includes that such dog is on a harness, leash, or other tether, unless either the handler is unable because of a disability to use a harness, leash, or other tether, or the use of a harness, leash, or other tether would interfere with the service dog's safe, effective performance of work or tasks, in which case the service dog must be otherwise under the handler's control through the use of voice control, signals, or other effective means;

~~(B) Such person has on his or her person and available for inspection credentials from the accredited school for which the dog is being raised; and~~

(D) Such dog is at least six months of age and is reliably housebroken; and

~~(C)~~(E) Such dog is wearing a collar, leash, or other appropriate apparel or device that identifies such dog ~~with the accredited school for which such dog is being raised~~ as being trained as a service dog.

(c) If a person engaged in the raising and training of a service dog does not uphold the requirements of paragraph (3) of subsection (b) of this Code section, then business and public entities shall have the right to ask the person to remove the service dog in training. In such instance, the staff of the business or public entity shall offer the person with the disability the opportunity to obtain goods or services without the animal's presence.

(d) Service dogs in training shall have the same rights and protections under the law as working service dogs.

(e) Every totally or partially blind person operating a vending stand shall have the right to be accompanied by a trained ~~guide~~ service dog on the entire premises of his or her vending operation."

SECTION 5.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 30-4-3, relating to right to housing accommodations, as follows:

"30-4-3.

(a) Physically or mentally impaired ~~Blind persons, visually disabled persons, physically disabled persons, and deaf~~ persons shall be entitled to rent, lease, or purchase, as other members of the general public, all housing accommodations offered for rent, lease, or other compensation in this state, subject to the conditions and limitations established by law and applicable alike to all persons.

(b) Every ~~totally or partially blind person, every physically disabled person, and every deaf~~ physically or mentally impaired person who has a ~~guide dog or~~ service dog or who obtains a ~~guide dog or~~ service dog and every person engaged in the training of a ~~guide dog or~~ service dog shall be entitled to full and equal access to all housing accommodations provided for in this Code section, and he or she shall not be required to pay extra compensation for such ~~guide dog or~~ service dog. However, he or she shall be liable for any damage done to the premises by such ~~guide dog or~~ service dog.

(c) Nothing in this Code section shall require any person renting, leasing, or otherwise providing real property for compensation to modify his or her property in any way or provide a higher degree of care for a ~~blind, visually disabled, physically disabled, or deaf~~ physically or mentally impaired person than for a person who is not ~~so disabled~~ physically or mentally impaired."

SECTION 6.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 30-4-4, relating to denial of or interference with admittance to or enjoyment of facilities or exercise of rights, as follows:

"30-4-4.

(a) Any person, firm, or corporation, or the agent of any person, firm, or corporation, who denies or interferes with admittance to or enjoyment of the facilities enumerated in this chapter or otherwise interferes with the rights of a ~~totally or partially blind person, physically disabled person, or deaf~~ physically or mentally impaired person or person engaged in the training or raising of a ~~guide dog or~~ service dog as provided by this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed $2,000.00, ~~imprisonment~~ confinement for not more than 30 days, or both.

(b) Any individual who deliberately misrepresents himself or herself as qualified to use a service dog or train or raise service dogs for the purpose of obtaining accommodations or securing rights under this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and

aggravated nature and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed $2,000.00, confinement for not more than 30 days, or both."

SECTION 7.

Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to uniform rules of the road, is amended by revising Code Section 40-6-94, relating to right of way of blind pedestrian, as follows:

"40-6-94.

The driver of every vehicle shall yield the right of way to any blind pedestrian who is carrying a walking cane or stick white in color or white tipped with red or who is accompanied by a ~~guide dog~~ service dog."

SECTION 8.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	E Hitchens	Y Meeks	E Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	E Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	E O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	E Petrea	E Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson

Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 168, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 1166. By Representatives Herring of the 145th, Oliver of the 84th, Frye of the 122nd, Washburn of the 144th, Roberts of the 52nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 66 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to zoning procedures as pertaining to counties and municipal corporations, so as to provide that zoning decisions shall not affect or be required for certain residential dwellings of 400 square feet or fewer; to provide for construction; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 66 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to zoning procedures as pertaining to counties and municipal corporations, so as to provide that zoning decisions shall not affect or be required for certain residential dwellings of 400 square feet or fewer; to provide for construction; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 66 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to zoning procedures as pertaining to counties and municipal corporations, is amended by revising Code Section 36-66-2, relating to legislative purpose and local government zoning powers; as follows:

"36-66-2.

(a) While recognizing and confirming the authority of local governments to exercise zoning power within their respective territorial boundaries, it is the intention of this

chapter to establish as state policy minimum procedures governing the exercise and means of judicial review of the exercise of that power. The purpose of these minimum procedures is to assure that due process is afforded to the general public when local governments regulate the uses of property through the exercise of the zoning power. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to invalidate any zoning decision made by a local government prior to July 1, 2023, or to require a local government to exercise its zoning power.

(b) Consistent with the minimum procedures required by this chapter, local governments may:

(1) Provide by ordinance or resolution for such administrative officers, boards, or agencies as may be expedient for the efficient exercise of delegated, quasi-judicial zoning powers and to establish procedures and notice requirements for hearings before such quasi-judicial boards or agencies that are consistent with the minimum procedures provided for in this chapter to assure due process is afforded the general public; and

(2) Provide by ordinance or resolution for procedures and requirements in addition to or supplemental to those required by this chapter and, where so adopted, thereby establish the minimum procedures for such local government's exercise of zoning powers.

(c)(1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter to the contrary, no zoning decision shall affect or be required for the construction or modification of dwellings of 400 square feet or fewer on or upon any property zoned for or in which residential uses are authorized.

(2) The provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection shall not be construed to prohibit or impair the power of a local government to enact or enforce:

(A) The state minimum standard codes provided for in paragraph (9) of Code Section 8-2-20;

(B) Ordinances or regulations related to septic tanks or septic tank drainfields;

(C) Ordinances or regulations related to properties or structures:

(i) Located in an area designated as a historic district pursuant to Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 44, the 'Georgia Historic Preservation Act';

(ii) Located in an area designated as a historic district on the National Register of Historic Places; or

(iii) Designated as a local, state, or national historic landmark;

(D) Ordinances or regulations applied to manufactured homes in a manner consistent with Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 8, 'The Uniform Standards Code for Manufactured Homes Act,' and applicable federal law;

(E) Ordinances or regulations adopted as a condition of participation in the National Flood Insurance Program; or

(F) Ordinances, regulations, permit approval processes, requirements, or inspections concerning any infrastructure, utilities, public works, services, or environmental requirements, to be supplied or enforced in whole or in part by the local government.

(3) Any dwelling authorized pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection shall only be authorized as a secondary unit on the same parcel as a homesteaded residential unit

which fully complies with any applicable zoning requirements of the applicable local government and only one such secondary unit shall be authorized per parcel pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	E Cooper	Y Hagan	N Mathis	E Sainz
Y Adesanya	N Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	N Cox	N Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	N McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	N Hilton	Y McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	E Hitchens	N Meeks	N Scoggins
Y Au	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	N Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	N DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	E Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	N Hong	Y Moore	N Silcox
Barrett	Y Dickey	N Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	N Donatucci	N Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	N New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	N Huddleston	N Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	N Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	N Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	E O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	N Paris	E Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	N Townsend
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	N Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	N Jones, T	N Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	N Ford	Y Kahaian	E Petrea	N Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	N Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
N Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	N Gaines	N LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	N Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Wilkerson
Carson	E Gilliard	N Lewis-Ward	N Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	N Rice	Y Williams, MF
N Chastain	Y Glaize	N Lumsden	N Richardson	N Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	N Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
N Clark, D	Y Griffin	N Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	N Martinez	Y Roberts	N Yearta
N Clifton	N Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 111, nays 50.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following Bill of the House, having been postponed from the previous legislative day, was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 421. By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, Rice of the 139th, Reeves of the 99th, Ballinger of the 23rd and Mathiak of the 82nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, so as to establish the offense of traveling to meet a minor for indecent purposes; to provide penalties; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 16-6-5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to enticing a child for indecent purposes, so as to include traveling from another state for the purpose of child molestation or indecent acts; to provide for a penalty; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 16-6-5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to enticing a child for indecent purposes, is amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) A person commits the offense of enticing a child for indecent purposes when he or she solicits, entices, or takes any child under the age of 16 years to any place whatsoever or travels from another state for the purpose of child molestation or indecent acts."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	E Sainz
Y Adesanya	E Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	E Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	E Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
E Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	E O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	E Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	E Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 164, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 382. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th and Newton of the 127th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-13-25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Schedule I controlled substances, so as to revise a provision relating to psilocybin; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 16-13-25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Schedule I controlled substances, so as to revise a provision relating to certain substances; to amend Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pharmacists and pharmacies, so as to modify the supervisory responsibilities of pharmacists; to allow pharmacy technicians to perform certain technical functions from a remote location; to provide for certain supervisory ratios; to provide for pharmacy interns and externs; to provide for definitions; to provide for the removal of the requirement that the State Board of Pharmacy may only require wholesale drug distributors to accept the return of drugs essential to healthcare treatment if such drugs have an expiration date that is less than one year from the date such drug is manufactured; to provide for a short title; to provide for construction; to provide for effectiveness contingencies; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Prescription Drug Security, Supervision, and Return Act."

SECTION 2.

Code Section 16-13-25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Schedule I controlled substances, is amended by revising subparagraph (I) of paragraph (3) as follows:

"(I) Lysergic acid diethylamide. Such term does not include a drug containing lysergide tartrate that is approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration under Section 505 of the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, scheduled in accordance with its scheduling by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, and listed in the federal Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. Section 812;"

SECTION 3.

Said Code section is further amended by revising subparagraph (N) of paragraph (3) as follows:

"(N) Psilocybin. Such term does not include a drug containing crystalline polymorph psilocybin that is approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration under Section 505 of the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, scheduled in accordance with its scheduling by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, and listed in the federal Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. Section 812; or"

SECTION 4.

Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pharmacists and pharmacies, is amended in Article 1, relating to general provisions, by revising paragraph (32) of subsection (a) of Code Section 26-4-5, relating to definitions, as follows:

"(32) 'Pharmacy technician' means those support persons utilized ~~in pharmacies~~ in the practice of pharmacy whose responsibilities are to provide nonjudgmental technical services concerned with the preparation for dispensing of drugs under the direct supervision and responsibility of a pharmacist."

SECTION 5.

Said chapter is further amended in Article 5, relating to prescription drugs, by revising Code Section 26-4-82, relating to duties requiring professional judgment and responsibilities of licensed pharmacist, as follows:

"26-4-82.

(a) In dispensing drugs, no individual other than a licensed pharmacist shall perform or conduct those duties or functions which require professional judgment. It shall be the responsibility of the supervising pharmacist to ensure that no other employee of the pharmacy, including pharmacy technicians, performs or conducts those duties or functions which require professional judgment.

(b) For all prescriptions, it shall be the responsibility of the pharmacist on duty at a facility to ensure that only a pharmacist or a pharmacy intern under the direct supervision of a pharmacist provides professional consultation and counseling with patients or other licensed health care professionals, and that only a pharmacist or a pharmacy intern under the direct supervision of a pharmacist accepts initial telephoned prescription drug orders or provides information in any manner relative to prescriptions or prescription drugs.

(c) In the dispensing of all prescription drug orders:

(1) The pharmacist shall be responsible for all activities of the pharmacy technician in the preparation of the drug for delivery to the patient;

(2) The pharmacist shall be physically present and personally supervising the activities of ~~the~~ any pharmacy technician in the licensed area of a pharmacy at all times;

(3) When electronic systems are employed ~~within the~~ by a pharmacy, pharmacy technicians may enter information into the system and prepare labels; provided, however, that it shall be the responsibility of the pharmacist to verify the accuracy of the information entered and the label produced in conjunction with the prescription drug order;

(4) When a prescription drug order is presented for refilling, it shall be the responsibility of the pharmacist to review all appropriate information and make the determination as to whether to refill the prescription drug order; and

(5) Pharmacy technicians in the ~~dispensing area~~ licensed area of a pharmacy shall be easily identifiable.

(d)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'closed-door pharmacy' means a pharmacy that provides specialized services and is not open to the general public.

(2) The board of pharmacy shall promulgate rules and regulations regarding the activities and utilization of pharmacy technicians ~~in~~ by pharmacies, including the establishment of a registry as required in paragraph (7) of subsection (a) of Code Section 26-4-28; provided, however, that the pharmacist to pharmacy technician ratio shall not exceed one pharmacist providing direct supervision of four pharmacy technicians located in the licensed area of the pharmacy. Any pharmacy technician performing pharmacy technician functions from a remote location outside a pharmacy shall not be counted toward the pharmacist to pharmacy technician supervisory ratio. The board may consider and approve an application to increase the ratio in a pharmacy located in a licensed hospital or in a closed-door pharmacy. Such application ~~must~~ shall be made in writing and ~~must~~ shall be submitted to the board by the pharmacist in charge of a specific hospital pharmacy in this state or a specific closed-door pharmacy. ~~At any time during which the pharmacist directly supervises four or more pharmacy technicians, two of such technicians must be certified. At any time during which the pharmacist directly supervises three pharmacy technicians, one of such technicians must be certified. No certification is required for pharmacy technicians in pharmacies at any time during which the pharmacist directly supervises one or two pharmacy technicians.~~

(e) In order to be certified, pharmacy technicians ~~must~~ shall:

(1) Have successfully passed a certification program approved by the board of pharmacy;

(2) Have successfully passed an employer's training and assessment program which has been approved by the board of pharmacy; or

(3) Have been certified by either the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board or any other nationally recognized certifying body approved by the board of pharmacy.

~~As used in this subsection, the term 'closed-door pharmacy' means a pharmacy that provides specialized services and is not open to the general public.~~

~~(e)~~(f) In addition to the utilization of pharmacy technicians, a pharmacist may be assisted by and directly supervise ~~one pharmacy intern and one pharmacy extern~~ pharmacy interns and pharmacy externs; provided, however, that the total number of such persons under the direct supervision of one pharmacist shall not exceed six persons, in any combination thereof."

SECTION 6.

Said chapter is further amended in Article 6, relating to pharmacies, by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 26-4-115, relating to wholesale drug distributers, registration, fees, reports of excessive purchases, penalty for violations, and transfers of drugs, as follows:

"(c) The board shall be authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to facilitate compliance with this Code section. Such rules and regulations shall include a requirement that all wholesale drug distributors required to register pursuant to this Code section shall make adequate provision for the return of outdated drugs, both full and partial containers, for up to six months after the labeled expiration date for prompt full credit or replacement; provided, however, that such rules and regulations may also

include a list of drugs exempted from the requirements of such provision that have been determined by the board as essential to ~~health care~~ healthcare treatment ~~and having an expiration date of less than one year from the date such drug is manufactured~~."

SECTION 7.

Nothing in this Act shall be construed so as to affect or limit any authority of the State Board of Pharmacy provided by law, including any emergency power. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to affect the scheduling of any drug which is, by rule of the State Board of Pharmacy or by law, already listed as a controlled substance in Schedule II, III, IV, or V of Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

SECTION 8.

(a) Section 2 of this Act shall become effective only if a drug containing lysergide tartrate is approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration under Section 505 of the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, scheduled in accordance with its scheduling by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, and listed in the federal Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. Section 812.

(b) Section 3 of this Act shall become effective only if a drug containing crystalline polymorph psilocybin is approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration under Section 505 of the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, scheduled in accordance with its scheduling by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, and listed in the federal Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. Section 812.

SECTION 9.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	E Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	E Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V

Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	E O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	E Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	E Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 167, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE SUPPLEMENTAL RULES CALENDAR #2
FRIDAY, MARCH 06, 2026

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 28th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

HB 467 State flag, seal, and other symbols; protection of government statues and monuments; revise provisions (Substitute)(GAff-Powell-33rd)

HB 570 Local government; acknowledge that certain international organizations have no jurisdiction in this state (Substitute)(NR&E-Corbett-174th)

HB 669 Quality Basic Education Act; award of low-wealth capital outlay grants to qualifying local school systems that award certain contracts for roofing improvements to suppliers that meet certain criteria; provide (Ed-Meeks-178th)

HB 686 Georgia Sports Betting Act; enact (Substitute)(HEd-Wiedower-121st)
HB 868 Public officers and employees; certain retiring county officers and their spouses and dependents be included in certain county health plans; provide (Substitute)(GAff-Lumsden-12th)
HB 1028 District Attorney Compensation Reform Act; enact (Substitute)(Judy-Reeves-99th)
HB 1095 Fire protection and safety; establish permanent consumer fireworks sales facilities (Substitute)(RegI-Powell-33rd)
HB 1130 Safeguarding Election Candidates Using Reasonable Expenditures (SECURE) Act; enact (GAff-Seabaugh-34th)
HB 1137 MARTA; authority of local governing bodies to collect a 1 percent retail sales and use tax; extend sunset (Trans-Silcox-53rd)
HB 1142 Courts; require certain agreements for certain offenses to be eligible for a Pretrial Intervention and Diversion Program (Substitute) (JudyNC-Hagan-156th)
HB 1197 Georgia Lottery for Education Act; authorize certain billiards and darts tournaments and prizes (RegI-Powell-33rd)
HB 1221 Property owners' associations; written notice of certain sums; provide (Substitute)(Judy-Draper-90th)
HB 1223 Local government; provide exemption from disclosing audio and video recordings captured by law enforcement when such recordings depict a person's death (Substitute)(Judy-Gullett-19th)
HB 1224 Contracts; termination of certain automatic renewal provisions; reduce applicable period (Substitute)(A&CA-Barrett-24th)
HB 1254 Professions and businesses; move regulation of various professions from individual boards to Secretary of State (Substitute)(RegI-Reeves-99th)
HB 1276 Community Health, Department of; review information from certain sources to determine and verify eligibility of Medicaid recipients; provide (Substitute)(Hth-Newton-127th)(Rules Committee Substitute LC 52 1072S)
HB 1318 Labor and industrial relations; actuarial study on state based paid family and medical leave insurance program; provide (I&L-Carpenter-4th)
HB 1390 Motor vehicles; declare vehicles used in the commission of reckless stunt driving offenses contraband and authorize forfeiture (Substitute) (JudyNC-Willis-55th)(Rules Committee Substitute LC 39 5050S)
HB 1394 Community Affairs, Department of; ensure that Rosenwald Schools are treated as historic properties (RDev-Jackson-128th)
HB 1403 Courts; service by judges, justices, court officers, and other individuals as a judge advocate in certain capacities; provide (Judy-Martinez-111th)
HB 1409 Domestic relations; revise mandated reporting of child abuse (Substitute)(JudyJ-Camp-135th)

HB 1413 Georgia Student Finance Authority; establish a needs based scholarship program for students at eligible public and private postsecondary institutions (Substitute)(HEd-Martin-49th)
(Rules Committee Substitute LC 61 0470S)
HB 1415 Stone Mountain Memorial Association; hold all real property obtained before January 1, 1971, in trust; require (GF&P-Seabaugh-34th)
HB 1465 Motor vehicles; repeal requirement to display a revalidation decal as evidence of annual motor vehicle registration renewal (Substitute)
(MotV-McCollum-30th)
HB 1470 Torts; abusive litigation based on alleged website access violations under federal and state law; create a cause of action (Substitute)
(Judy-Kelley-16th)
HR 450 General Assembly; authorize sports betting in Georgia; provide by law - CA
(HEd-Wiedower-121st)

Structured Rule

HB 276 Income tax; change certain definitions (Substitute)(W&M-Burchett-176th)
HB 1116 Homeownership Opportunity and Market Equalization Act of 2026; enact (Substitute)(W&M-Blackmon-146th)
(Rules Committee Substitute LC33 9902S)
HB 1132 Sales and use tax; exempt materials used in construction, renovation, and rehabilitation of affordable housing by purely public charities (Substitute)(W&M-Franklin-160th)
HB 1240 Local government; total ad valorem tax digest limitation upon creating new tax allocation districts shall also apply to the renewal of existing tax allocation districts; provide (W&M-Martin-49th)
HB 1285 Sales and use tax; limit number of local sales and use taxes by authorizing counties; revise provisions (W&M-Cheokas-151st)

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the House was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 1116. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Burns of the 159th, Efstration of the 104th, Hatchett of the 155th, Cannon of the 172nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapters 5 and 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of property and sales and use taxes, respectively, so as to provide for the acceptance of tax digests in the event of a publication error made by a newspaper; to amend Part 4 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to financing under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to exclude amounts attributable to certain exemptions from ad valorem taxation from the equalized adjusted school property tax digest for the purpose of calculating the local five mill share and equalization grants; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 81 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government budgets and audits; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Titles 20, 36, and 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, local government, and revenue and taxation, respectively, so as to provide for property tax reform; to change certain provisions regarding assessment of tangible real property; to require that each sales tax return include specific information regarding the collection of such taxes; to require that the department maintain sales tax data differentiating sales made within the limits of a municipality from sales made within the unincorporated area of a county; to provide for the publication of such data; to authorize grant funding for homeowner's incentive adjustments; to revise provisions regarding caps on local sales and use tax; to revise provisions relating to the distribution of proceeds of such sales and use tax through intergovernmental agreements; to allow county special purpose local option sales taxes (SPLOST) to be imposed at a rate of less than 1 percent; to allow sales tax for educational purposes to be imposed at a rate of less than 1 percent; to eliminate the use of the joint county and municipal sales and use tax (LOST) on a date certain; to eliminate the use of the homestead option sales tax (HOST) on a date certain; to establish a Local Homestead Option Sales Tax (LHOST); to provide for a homestead exemption in the amount of the proceeds derived from an LHOST within a given special district; to provide for the conversion from other sales and use taxes to the LHOST; to provide for definitions; to provide for imposition, collection, and distribution of proceeds; to establish a School Local Homestead Option Sales Tax (S-LHOST); to provide for a homestead exemption in the amount of the proceeds derived from an S-LHOST within a given special district; to provide for the conversion from other sales and use taxes to the S-LHOST; to provide for definitions; to provide for imposition, collection, and distribution of proceeds; to establish a Municipal Homestead Option Sales Tax (M-HOST); to provide for a homestead exemption in the amount of the proceeds derived from an M-HOST within

a given special district; to authorize conversions to the LHOST; to provide for definitions; to provide for imposition, collection, and distribution of proceeds; to increase the cap on reserve funds for local school systems; to exclude amounts attributable to certain exemptions from ad valorem taxation from the equalized adjusted school property tax digest for the purpose of calculating the local five mill share and equalization grants; to expand the period of time within which taxpayers may apply for homestead exemptions; to provide for penalties for failing to report ineligibility for a homestead exemption; to provide for a database of homestead exemption information; to provide for conforming changes; to establish the Joint Legislative Education Finance Study Committee to evaluate the Quality Basic Education formula and education funding for public schools; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for composition; to provide for allowances; to provide for duties and powers; to provide for assistance; to provide for the retention of finance professionals; to provide for a final report; to provide for automatic repeal; to extend the sunset date for a sales and use tax exemption for certain high-technology data center equipment; to provide for an excise tax on high-technology data centers; to provide for the establishment of the Homeowner's Tax Relief Fund; to provide for dedication of funds; to provide for purposes of distribution; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for short titles; to provide for multiple effective dates; to provide for a contingent effective date and automatic repeal; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I

SECTION 1-1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Homeownership Opportunity and Market Equalization Act of 2026."

PART II

SECTION 2-1.

Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, is amended in Code Section 48-5-7, relating to assessment of tangible property, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(a.1) Beginning in taxable year 2027, the percentage of assessment of fair market value for taxable tangible real property subject to homestead exemptions shall be reduced by 3 percent each year for taxable years 2027 through 2037, and on and after January 1, 2037, taxable tangible real property subject to homestead exemptions shall be assessed at 10 percent of its fair market value and shall be taxed on a levy made by each respective tax jurisdiction according to 10 percent of such property's fair market value; provided, however, that local governments and local school systems shall have the local option to accelerate the reduction provided for in this subsection with excess proceeds from sales and use taxes collected pursuant to Article 2C or 2C of this chapter."

SECTION 2-2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 48-8-30, relating to imposition, rate, and collection of tax, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(l)(1) On or after January 1, 2027, each sales tax return remitting taxes collected under this chapter shall include the location at which any of the taxes remitted were collected, including separate line items for collections made within the city limits of a municipality and collections made within an unincorporated area of a county. Vendors submitting such sales tax returns shall provide a North American Industry Classification System code with each respective sales tax return.

(2) The commissioner shall compile and organize sales tax data, differentiating sales made within the limits of a municipality from sales made within the unincorporated area of a county. In the event that a municipality is located in more than one county, the compiled sales tax data shall distinguish between such sales made within the municipal limits of each respective county.

(3) On or before December 31 of each calendar year beginning on and after January 1, 2027, the commissioner shall publish on the department's website the aggregate sales tax data specified by the North American Industry Classification System."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state sales and use taxes, is amended by revising Code Section 48-8-6, relating to prohibition of political subdivisions from imposing various taxes, ceiling on local sales and use tax, and taxation of mobile telecommunications, as follows:

"48-8-6.

(a)(1) ~~Except~~ Until June 30, 2027, except as provided in this subsection, on and after July 1, 2024, there shall not be imposed in any jurisdiction in this state or on any transaction in this state local sales taxes, local use taxes, or local sales and use taxes in excess of 2 percent. For purposes of such 2 percent limitation, the taxes affected are any sales tax, use tax, or sales and use tax which is levied in an area consisting of less than the entire state, however authorized, including such taxes authorized by or pursuant to constitutional amendment, and regardless of whether another provision of law purports to the contrary except for the following:

(A) A 1 percent sales and use tax for educational purposes exempted from such limitation under Article VIII, Section VI, Paragraph IV of the Constitution;

(B) Up to 1 percent in aggregate of any of the transportation related sales and use taxes authorized under Articles 5, 5A, and 5B of this chapter and Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 32, and in a county in which a tax is levied and collected pursuant to Part 2 of Article 2A of this chapter, any tax levied for purposes of a metropolitan area system of public transportation, as authorized by the amendment to the Constitution set out at Georgia Laws, 1964, page 1008, the continuation of such amendment under Article

XI, Section I, Paragraph IV(d) of the Constitution, and the laws enacted pursuant to such constitutional amendment; and

(C) Up to 1 percent in aggregate of any sales and use taxes authorized under Code Section 48-8-96, Code Section 48-8-97, Article 2B of this chapter, Part 3 of Article 3 of this chapter, and Article 4 of this chapter.

(2) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any tax that does not comply with the limitations provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection as of July 1, 2025, but was initiated in compliance with the law in effect prior to January 1, 2025, shall be allowed to continue as authorized under laws that existed prior to July 1, 2025; provided, however, that, upon the expiration or termination of any such tax, the jurisdiction that levied such tax shall be fully subject to the limitations imposed by this subsection.

(3) This subsection shall not limit the imposition of any local excise tax, which is separately authorized under Chapter 13 of this title.

(4) If the imposition of any otherwise authorized local sales tax, local use tax, or local sales and use tax would result in a tax rate in excess of that authorized by this subsection, then such otherwise authorized tax shall not be imposed.

(5) This subsection shall stand repealed and reserved on June 30, 2027.

(b)(1) On and after July 1, 2027, there shall not be imposed in any jurisdiction in this state or on any transaction in this state local sales taxes, local use taxes, or local sales and use taxes in excess of 5 percent. For purposes of such 5 percent limitation, the taxes affected are any sales tax, use tax, or sales and use tax which is levied in an area consisting of less than the entire state, however authorized, including such taxes authorized by or pursuant to constitutional amendment, and regardless of whether another provision of law purports to the contrary except for the 1 percent sales and use tax levied and collected pursuant to Part 2 of Article 2A of this chapter, any tax levied for purposes of a metropolitan area system of public transportation, as authorized by the amendment to the Constitution set out at Georgia Laws, 1964, page 1008, the continuation of such amendment under Article XI, Section I, Paragraph IV(d) of the Constitution, and the laws enacted pursuant to such constitutional amendment. Any local school system located in a county whose boundary is conterminous with the boundary of a special district shall be permitted to exercise a right of first refusal of up to 1 percent of the local sales and use taxes authorized pursuant to this Code section. In the event that more than one local school system is located within such special district, such right of first refusal shall be exercised collectively by all such local school systems.

(2) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any tax that does not comply with the limitations provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection as of July 1, 2032, but was initiated in compliance with the law in effect prior to January 1, 2032, shall be allowed to continue as authorized under laws that existed prior to July 1, 2032; provided, however, that, upon the expiration or termination of any such tax, the jurisdiction that levied such tax shall be fully subject to the limitations imposed by paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(3) This subsection shall not limit the imposition of any local excise tax, which is separately authorized under Chapter 13 of this title.

(4) If the imposition of any otherwise authorized local sales tax, local use tax, or local sales and use tax would result in a tax rate in excess of that authorized by paragraph (1) of this subsection, then such otherwise authorized tax shall not be imposed. ~~Reserved.~~

(c) Where the exception specified in paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this Code section applies, the tax imposed under subparagraph (a)(1)(D) of Code Section 48-8-111 shall not apply to the sale of motor vehicles. This subsection shall stand repealed and reserved on June 30, 2027.

(c.1) Where the exception specified in paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this Code section applies, on and after July 1, 2007, the aggregate amount of all excise taxes imposed under paragraph (5) of subsection (a) of Code Section 48-13-51 and all sales and use taxes shall not exceed 14 percent. This subsection shall stand repealed on June 30, 2027.

(d) Notwithstanding any law or ordinance to the contrary, any tax, charge, or fee levied by any political subdivision of this state and applicable to mobile telecommunications services, as defined in Section 124(7) of the federal Mobile Telecommunications Sourcing Act, 4 U.S.C. Section 124(7), shall apply only if the customer's place of primary use is located within the boundaries of the political subdivision levying such local tax, charge, or fee. For purposes of this subsection, the provisions of Code Section 48-8-13 shall apply in the same manner and to the same extent as such provisions apply to the tax levied by Code Section 48-8-1 on mobile telecommunications services. This subsection shall not be construed to authorize the imposition of any tax, charge, or fee."

SECTION 3-2.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 48-8-109.42, relating to use of tax proceeds, property tax relief requirements, and noncompliance, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) Any proceeds received by a political subdivision from the tax authorized by this article shall be used by such political subdivision exclusively for tax relief for homestead properties and in conjunction with all limitations provided in the intergovernmental agreement authorizing the tax for such political subdivision. The proceeds of such tax may be used, after the renegotiation of any preexisting intergovernmental agreement authorizing the tax for such special district, to provide a homestead exemption in an amount to be determined from the amount of sales and use tax collected under this article. Any such homestead exemption under this article shall be in addition to and not in lieu of any other homestead exemption applicable to county taxes for county purposes, municipal taxes for municipal purposes, and school system taxes for educational purposes, except for such homestead exemption provided by Code Section 48-5-44. If the proceeds of the tax authorized by this article exceed the amount necessary to provide a full exemption from ad valorem property taxation to all homestead properties within the jurisdiction, then the jurisdiction shall roll back its millage rate pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section."

SECTION 3-3.

Said chapter is further amended in paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 48-8-201, relating to intergovernmental contract for distribution of tax proceeds, approval of referendum by voters, cap on aggregate amount of tax, and rate, by striking "paragraph (2) of subsection (a)" and replacing it with "subsection (b)".

SECTION 3-4.

Chapter 13 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to specific, business, and occupation taxes, is amended in division (b)(7)(B)(ii) of Code Section 48-13-51, relating to county and municipal levies on public accommodations charges for promotion of tourism, conventions, and trade shows, by striking "subsection (c.1) of Code Section 48-8-6 and".

PART IV
SECTION 4-1.

Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government, is amended in Code Section 36-60-13, relating to multiyear lease, purchase, or lease-purchase contracts by local governments, is amended by revising subparagraph (h)(1)(A) as follows:

"(A) The average annual payments on the aggregate of all such outstanding contracts exceed 7.5 percent of the governmental fund revenues of the county or municipality for the calendar year preceding the delivery of such contract plus any available special county ~~1 percent~~ sales and use tax proceeds collected pursuant to Code Section 48-8-111; or"

SECTION 4-2.

Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sales and use tax, is amended in Code Section 48-8-110.1, relating to the creation of special districts, authority to impose special sales and use tax, and rate of tax relating to the county special purpose local option sales tax, by revising subsection (c) and adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(c) Except as provided in subsection (d) or (e) of this Code section, any tax imposed under this part shall be at the rate of 1 percent. Except as to rate, a tax imposed under this part shall correspond to the tax imposed by Article 1 of this chapter. No item or transaction which is not subject to taxation under Article 1 of this chapter shall be subject to a tax imposed under this part, except that a tax imposed under this part shall apply to sales of motor fuels as prepaid local tax as that term is defined in Code Section 48-8-2 and shall be applicable to the sale of food and food ingredients and alcoholic beverages as provided for in Code Section 48-8-3."

"(e) Any tax imposed under this part on or after January 1, 2027, may be at a rate of up to 1 percent, but shall not be more than 1 percent. Any rate less than 1 percent shall only be in an increment of 0.05 percent. This subsection shall not apply to taxes under this

part imposed or to be imposed under resolutions or ordinances adopted prior to January 1, 2027."

SECTION 4-3.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 48-8-111, relating to the procedure for the imposition of the county special purpose local option sales tax, by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (c) as follows:

"(c)(1) The ballot submitting the question of the imposition of the tax authorized by this part to the voters of the county within the special district shall have written or printed thereon the following:

'( ) YES Shall a special ~~1~~ __ percent sales and use tax be imposed in the special district of _____County for a period of time not to exceed
( ) NO _____ and for the raising of an estimated amount of $_____ for the purpose of _____?'"

SECTION 4-4.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 48-8-112, relating to the effective date, termination, limitation, and continuation of the county special purpose local option sales tax, by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (c) as follows:

"(c)(1) At any time no more than a single ~~1 percent~~ tax under this part may be imposed within a special district."

PART V
SECTION 5-1.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 48-8-141, relating to manner of imposition of tax, report, and rate regarding sales tax for educational purposes, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b)(1) On or after July 1, 2015, except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, such sales and use tax levied on sales of motor fuels as defined in Code Section 48-9-2 shall be at the rate of 1 percent of the retail sales price of the motor fuel which is not more than $3.00 per gallon.

(2) Any tax imposed under this part on or after January 1, 2027, may be at a rate of up to 1 percent. Any rate less than 1 percent shall only be in an increment of 0.05 percent. This subsection shall not apply to taxes under this part imposed or to be imposed under resolutions or ordinances adopted prior to January 1, 2027."

PART VI
SECTION 6-1.

Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to joint county and municipal sales and use tax (LOST), is amended by adding a new Code

section to the end of Article 2, relating to joint county and municipal sales and use tax (LOST), to read as follows:

"48-8-98.

(a) Any sales and use tax imposed pursuant to this article as of December 31, 2027, shall be converted by operation of law on January 1, 2028, into a sales and use tax pursuant to Article 2C of this chapter.

(b) Any millage rate adjustments due to the elimination of a sales and use tax pursuant to this article pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section shall be exempt from the roll-back calculation provided in Code Section 48-5-32.1."

SECTION 6-2.

Article 2A of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to homestead option sales and use tax (HOST), is amended by adding a new Code section to the end of Part 1, to read as follows:

"48-8-109.01.

Any sales and use tax imposed pursuant to this article as of December 31, 2027, shall be converted by operation of law on January 1, 2028, into a sales and use tax pursuant to Article 2C of this chapter."

PART VII
SECTION 7-1.

Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sales and use tax, is amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 2C

48-8-109.50.

(a) This article shall be known and may be cited as the 'Local Homestead Option Sales Tax' (LHOST).

(b) As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Eligible local government' means each county, consolidated government, and municipality whose governing authority levied and derived revenue from an ad valorem tax on homestead property within the special district at a net millage rate of greater than zero in the tax year immediately preceding the year in which the intergovernmental agreement was executed. Such term excludes any government which levies the tax provided for under Article 4 of this chapter or any consolidated government which elects to implement a sales and use tax pursuant to Code Section 48-8-96 or 48-8-97.

(2) 'Homestead' means homestead as defined and qualified in Code Section 48-5-40, with the additional limitation that such term shall include:

(A) Only the primary residence and not more than five contiguous acres of land immediately surrounding such residence; or

(B) If the property is assessed pursuant to Code Section 48-5-7.4 or 48-5-7.7, only the primary residence and the portion of the underlying property that is excluded from the benefit of such assessment pursuant to subparagraph (a)(1)(B) of Code Section 48-5-7.4 or subparagraph (b)(2)(B) of Code Section 48-5-7.7.

(3) 'Local Homestead Option Sales Tax' or 'LHOST' means any special sales and use tax levied under this article to fund homestead exemptions granted pursuant to Code Section 48-5-44.

48-8-109.51.

(a) Pursuant to the authority granted by Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VI of the Constitution of this state, there are created within this state 159 special districts. The geographical boundary of each county shall correspond with and shall be conterminous with the geographical boundary of one of the 159 special districts.

(b) The territory of each special district shall include all of the territory within the county, including all municipalities, to the extent the municipal boundaries lie within the geographical boundaries of the county.

48-8-109.52.

(a) Subject to the requirements of this article, beginning January 1, 2028, there may be imposed within any given special district a special sales and use tax to be used exclusively to fund homestead exemptions granted within the special district pursuant to Code Section 48-5-44. Such sales and use tax shall be known and may be cited as the 'Local Homestead Option Sales Tax' or 'LHOST.'

(b) Subject to the aggregate limits provided in Code Section 48-8-6, an LHOST may be imposed within a special district in 0.05 percent increments at rates of up to 1 percent within a special district.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in this article, the LHOST shall correspond to the tax imposed by Article 1 of this chapter, and no item or transaction which is not subject to taxation under Article 1 of this chapter shall be subject to a tax imposed under this article; provided, however, that a tax imposed under this article shall apply to sales of motor fuels as prepaid local tax as defined in Code Section 48-8-2 and shall be applicable to the sale of food and food ingredients and alcoholic beverages as provided for in Code Section 48-8-3. The levy of such tax upon sales of motor fuels as defined in Code Section 48-9-2 shall only be imposed on the retail sales price of the motor fuel which is not more than $3.00 per gallon.

48-8-109.53.

(a) For the LHOST to be levied within a special district for the benefit of eligible local governments within the special district, the governing authority of the county whose geographical boundary is conterminous with that of the special district shall deliver or mail a written notice to the governing authority of each municipality which is an eligible local government located within the special district. Such notice shall contain the date, time, place, and purpose of a meeting at which the governing authorities of the county

and of each such municipality are to meet to discuss the possible inclusion of funding of homestead exemptions from ad valorem property taxes for each such municipality. Such notice shall be delivered or mailed at least ten days prior to the date of the meeting which shall be held at least 30 days prior to entering into an intergovernmental agreement or adopting a resolution. The governing authority of the county and the governing authority or authorities, if any, that represent at least 50 percent of the special district's residents of municipalities which are eligible local governments may enter into an intergovernmental agreement and adopt such intergovernmental agreement by resolution. The only terms that may be agreed to in relation to an LHOST are:

(1) The rate of the tax;

(2) The maximum period of time stated in calendar years or quarters for which the tax is to be levied, which shall not exceed ten years;

(3) The date on which the tax will commence; and

(4) The proposed distribution of the proceeds of the tax.

In the event that the parties have not entered into an intergovernmental agreement within 60 days of the county's delivery or mailing of the notice as required in this paragraph, the county shall be authorized to adopt a resolution imposing the tax authorized under the terms of this article, provided that the distribution of the proceeds of the tax shall be as provided for in Code Section 48-8-109.57 at a rate necessary to fund exemptions from ad valorem property taxes on homestead property to the extent granted pursuant to Code Section 48-5-44 on homestead property within the special district levying the LHOST.

(b) Once the conditions of subsection (a) of this Code section are satisfied and the county submits a copy of the required resolution or intergovernmental agreement to the commissioner, the tax shall be imposed on the date specified in the resolution or agreement; provided, however, that such date shall not be earlier than the first day of the next succeeding calendar quarter which begins more than 50 days after the date that the resolution or agreement is received by the commissioner; provided, further, that, with respect to services that are regularly billed on a monthly basis, the tax shall apply to the first regular billing period coinciding with or following the effective date specified in this subsection.

(c) The tax shall cease to be imposed on the final day of the maximum period of time specified in the resolution or intergovernmental agreement for the imposition of the tax; provided, however, that the tax may cease at any earlier specified time through the adoption of concurring resolutions by each eligible local government which was party to the existing intergovernmental agreement; provided, further, that any tax initially imposed pursuant to this article in taxable year 2027 through taxable year 2032 shall automatically expire on December 31, 2037, but shall automatically renew in accordance with subsection (d) of this Code section.

(d) The tax may be renewed for any special district in the same manner and under the same conditions as for an initial imposition of an LHOST within the special district as provided for in this article; provided, however, that any tax initially imposed pursuant to this article in taxable year 2027 through taxable year 2032 which automatically expires on December 31, 2037, pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section, shall be

automatically reimposed for an additional period of ten years unless otherwise provided by a local Act of the General Assembly. Such newly authorized tax shall not be imposed until the expiration of the tax then in effect.

(e) A special district which wholly or partially contains a jurisdiction levying the tax provided for under Article 4 of this chapter may be otherwise eligible to levy the tax authorized under this article due to such jurisdiction, but only in the areas of the special district outside of the jurisdiction levying the tax provided for under Article 4 of this chapter.

(f) If there is only one governing authority within the special district that would be otherwise required to enter into an intergovernmental agreement, the governing authority of such county or consolidated government whose geographical boundary is conterminous with that of the special district shall adopt a resolution which meets the requirements provided for in this Code section for intergovernmental agreements.

48-8-109.54.

(a) Each LHOST shall be exclusively administered and collected by the commissioner for the use and benefit of the special district imposing the tax. Such administration and collection shall be accomplished in the same manner and subject to the same applicable provisions, procedures, and penalties provided in Article 1 of this chapter except that the LHOST shall be applicable to sales of motor fuels as prepaid local tax as defined in Code Section 48-8-2; provided, however, that all moneys collected from each taxpayer by the commissioner shall be applied first to such taxpayer's liability for taxes owed the state; and provided, further, that the commissioner may rely upon a representation by or on behalf of the county government or the Secretary of State that such a tax has been validly imposed, and the commissioner and the commissioner's agents shall not be liable to any person for collecting any such tax which was not validly imposed.

(b) Dealers, as defined in Code Section 48-8-2, shall be allowed a percentage of the amount of the tax due and accounted for and shall be reimbursed in the form of a deduction in submitting, reporting, and paying the amount due if such amount is not delinquent at the time of payment. Such dealer deduction shall be at the rate and subject to the requirements specified under subsections (b) through (f) of Code Section 48-8-50.

48-8-109.55.

Each sales and use tax return remitting sales and use taxes collected under this article shall separately identify the location of each retail establishment at which any of the sales and use taxes remitted were collected and shall specify the amount of sales and the amount of taxes collected at each establishment for the period covered by the return to facilitate the determination by the commissioner that all sales and use taxes imposed by this article are collected and distributed according to situs of sale.

48-8-109.56.

(a) The proceeds of the tax collected by the commissioner under this article shall be disbursed as soon as practicable after collection directly to the county whose boundary is

conterminous with the boundary of the special district and shall be held in a separately designated interest-bearing account for the eligible local governments of the special district.

(b) The funds of an account provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section shall only be removed or disbursed by such county to eligible local governments within the special district in accordance with Code Section 48-8-109.58, unless otherwise provided for in an intergovernmental agreement entered into pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 48-8-109.53, in which case such removal or disbursement of funds from an account shall be in accordance with the provisions of such intergovernmental agreement.

(c) No funds other than the annual LHOST proceeds, and interest accrued thereon, shall be placed in such accounts and shall not be commingled with any other funds.

48-8-109.57.

(a) The proceeds of any tax authorized under this article shall be used exclusively to fund exemptions from ad valorem property taxes on homestead property to the extent granted pursuant to Code Section 48-5-44 on homestead property within the special district levying the LHOST.

(b)(1) For an LHOST imposed for a single eligible local government, following the adoption of millage rates each year by such eligible local government, the county tax commissioner shall:

(A) Calculate for such eligible local government the assessed value within the special district which is exempt from ad valorem tax for such year pursuant to Code Section 48-5-44; and

(B) Multiply that eligible local government's net millage rate by the total determined for such jurisdiction in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph.

(2) For an LHOST imposed for more than one eligible local government within a special district, following the adoption of millage rates each year by all such eligible local governments, the county tax commissioner shall:

(A) Calculate for each individual eligible local government the assessed value within the special district which is exempt from ad valorem tax for such year pursuant to Code Section 48-5-44;

(B) Multiply each eligible local government's net millage rate by the total determined for such jurisdiction in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph;

(C) Add the sums determined in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph;

(D) Divide each eligible local government's amount from subparagraph (B) of this paragraph by the total of subparagraph (C) of this paragraph; and

(E) Multiply the percentage determined by subparagraph (D) of this paragraph by the net proceeds of the tax available in the trust account for eligible local governments as of November 1 of such year.

(c) In the event an eligible local government fails to submit its adopted millage rates by August 1, the county tax commissioner shall use 75 percent of such eligible local government's prior year's millage rate in the calculation under subsection (b) of this Code section, and the county shall only disburse under subsection (b) of this Code section the

lesser of such amount and the net millage rate actually levied by such eligible local government in the current year.

(d) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a county or municipality shall be considered an eligible local government if in the preceding year the tax authorized under Article 2 or Article 2B of this chapter was levied within the special district containing such county or municipality, such county or municipality received funds from the levy of either tax, either tax is no longer levied in the current year, and such county or municipality adopts and submits a millage rate by August 1.

48-8-109.58.

(a) By December 1 each year, the county shall disburse LHOST funds from the trust account the applicable amounts determined for such year pursuant to subparagraph (b)(1)(B) or (b)(2)(E) of Code Section 48-8-109.57, to account, in whole or in part, for the funds each eligible local government did not collect due to exemptions granted under Code Section 48-5-44 for such year; provided, however, that, where an intergovernmental agreement has been entered into pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 48-8-109.53, any such disbursements by the county from the trust account shall be in amounts determined pursuant to the provisions of such intergovernmental agreement, if specified. No disbursement shall be made to any governing authority until it has mailed its ad valorem tax bills for such year.

(b)(1) In the event that the amount of available proceeds exceeds the amount necessary to provide homestead relief down to 10 percent of assessed value on homestead properties, the excess proceeds shall be retained in the interest-bearing trust fund to be applied in subsequent years in accordance with this Code section.

(2) In the event that the amount of the annual proceeds plus any excess proceeds of the LHOST retained under paragraph (1) of this subsection are sufficient to provide homestead relief down to 10 percent of assessed value on homestead properties for all eligible local governments, then the funds shall be used for general tax reduction.

(3) If any proceeds remain after the requirements of paragraph (2) of this subsection have been met, the eligible local government may be used to reduce the rate of the tax by filing an updated resolution with the commissioner, or the remaining proceeds shall be distributed and applied to provide a proportional reduction in the millage rates applied for the eligible local governments which shall be calculated by dividing the net revenue to be generated by each eligible local government from its ad valorem property taxes on the net taxable digest of the special district excluding homestead property by the total net revenue to be generated by the eligible local governments of the special district collectively from ad valorem property taxes on the collective net taxable digest of the special district excluding homestead property.

48-8-109.59.

The commissioner shall have the power and authority to promulgate such rules and regulations as shall be necessary for the effective and efficient administration and enforcement of the collection of the tax authorized by this article.

48-8-109.60.
Except as otherwise provided in this article or Code Section 48-8-6, the tax authorized by this article shall be in addition to any other local sales and use tax. The imposition of any other local sales and use tax within a county, municipality, or special district shall not affect the authority of a county, municipality, or special district to impose the tax authorized by this article, and the imposition of the tax authorized by this article shall not affect the imposition of any otherwise authorized local sales and use tax within a county, municipality, or special district.

48-8-109.61.
(a) The proceeds from any sales and use tax for a given special district levied as of December 31, 2027, under Article 2 or Part 1 of Article 2A of this chapter shall, as of January 1, 2028, be reallocated for the purpose of providing ad valorem property tax relief to homestead properties pursuant to this article, provided that any intergovernmental agreement, ordinance, or resolution required to authorize and impose any such applicable sales and use tax is revised so as to specifically state the intent of all parties and signatories to any such authorizing intergovernmental agreement, ordinance, or resolution to reallocate such proceeds for the purpose of providing homestead tax relief and to specify the effective date of such reallocation.
(b) The proceeds from any sales and use tax for a given special district levied as of December 31, 2027, under Article 4 of this chapter may be reallocated for the purpose of providing ad valorem property tax relief to homestead properties pursuant to this article, provided that any intergovernmental agreement, ordinance, or resolution required to authorize and impose any such applicable sales and use tax is revised so as to specifically state the intent of all parties and signatories to any such authorizing intergovernmental agreement, ordinance, or resolution to reallocate such proceeds for the purpose of providing homestead tax relief and to specify the effective date of such reallocation."

PART VIII
SECTION 8-1.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 2D

48-8-109.70.
(a) This article shall be known and may be cited as the 'School Local Homestead Option Sales Tax' (S-LHOST).
(b) As used in this article, the term:
(1) 'Homestead' means homestead as defined and qualified in Code Section 48-5-40, with the additional limitation that such term shall include:
(A) Only the primary residence and not more than five contiguous acres of land immediately surrounding such residence; or

(B) If the property is assessed pursuant to Code Section 48-5-7.4 or 48-5-7.7, only the primary residence and the portion of the underlying property that is excluded from the benefit of such assessment pursuant to subparagraph (a)(1)(B) of Code Section 48-5-7.4 or subparagraph (b)(2)(B) of Code Section 48-5-7.7.

(2) 'School Local Homestead Option Sales Tax' or 'S-LHOST' means any special sales and use tax levied under this article to fund homestead exemptions granted pursuant to Code Section 48-5-44.

48-8-109.71.

(a) Pursuant to the authority granted by Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VI of the Constitution of this state, there are created within this state 159 special districts. The geographical boundary of each county shall correspond with and shall be conterminous with the geographical boundary of one of the 159 special districts.

(b) The territory of each special district shall include all of the territory within the county, including all local school systems, to the extent the local school system boundaries lie within the geographical boundaries of the county.

48-8-109.72.

(a) Subject to the requirements of this article, each local school system is authorized to impose, beginning January 1, 2028, within any given special district a special sales and use tax to be used exclusively to fund homestead exemptions granted within the special district pursuant to Code Section 48-5-44. Such sales and use tax shall be known and may be cited as the 'School Local Homestead Option Sales Tax' or 'S-LHOST.'

(b) Subject to the aggregate limits provided in Code Section 48-8-6, an S-LHOST may be imposed within a special district in 0.05 percent increments at a rate of up to 2 percent within a special district; provided, however, that the combined rate of the tax under this article and the tax authorized under Article VIII, Section VI, Paragraph IV of the Constitution shall in no event exceed 2 percent combined within a special district.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in this article, the S-LHOST shall correspond to the tax imposed by Article 1 of this chapter, and no item or transaction which is not subject to taxation under Article 1 of this chapter shall be subject to a tax imposed under this article; provided, however, that a tax imposed under this article shall apply to sales of motor fuels as prepaid local tax as defined in Code Section 48-8-2 and shall be applicable to the sale of food and food ingredients and alcoholic beverages as provided for in Code Section 48-8-3. The levy of such tax upon sales of motor fuels as defined in Code Section 48-9-2 shall only be imposed on the retail sales price of the motor fuel which is not more than $3.00 per gallon.

48-8-109.73.

(a) For the S-LHOST to be levied within a special district for the benefit of the local school system or systems within the special district, the local board of education of the local school system with the majority of students within the special district shall adopt a resolution specifying:

(1) The rate of the tax;
(2) The maximum period of time stated in calendar years or quarters for which the tax is to be levied, which shall not exceed ten years; and
(3) The date on which the tax will commence.
(b) Once the conditions of subsection (a) of this Code section are satisfied and the local school system submits a copy of the required resolution to the commissioner, the tax shall be imposed on the date specified in the resolution; provided, however, that such date shall not be earlier than the first day of the next succeeding calendar quarter which begins more than 50 days after the date that the resolution is received by the commissioner; provided, further, that, with respect to services that are regularly billed on a monthly basis, the tax shall apply to the first regular billing period coinciding with or following the effective date specified in this subsection.
(c) The tax shall cease to be imposed on the final day of the maximum period of time specified in the resolution for the imposition of the tax; provided, however, that the tax may cease at any earlier specified time through the adoption of a resolution by the local school system; provided, further, that any tax initially imposed pursuant to this article in taxable year 2027 through taxable year 2032 shall automatically expire on December 31, 2037, but shall automatically renew in accordance with subsection (d) of this Code section.
(d) The tax may be renewed for any local school system in the same manner and under the same conditions as for an initial imposition of an S-LHOST within the special district as provided for in this article; provided, however, that any tax initially imposed pursuant to this article in taxable year 2027 through taxable year 2032 which automatically expires on December 31, 2037, pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section, shall be automatically reimposed for an additional period of ten years unless otherwise provided by a local Act of the General Assembly. Such newly authorized tax shall not be imposed until the expiration of the tax then in effect.

48-8-109.74.
(a) Each S-LHOST shall be exclusively administered and collected by the commissioner for the use and benefit of the local school system imposing the tax within the special district. Such administration and collection shall be accomplished in the same manner and subject to the same applicable provisions, procedures, and penalties provided in Article 1 of this chapter except that the S-LHOST shall be applicable to sales of motor fuels as prepaid local tax as defined in Code Section 48-8-2; provided, however, that all moneys collected from each taxpayer by the commissioner shall be applied first to such taxpayer's liability for taxes owed the state; and provided, further, that the commissioner may rely upon a representation by or on behalf of the county government or the Secretary of State that such a tax has been validly imposed, and the commissioner and the commissioner's agents shall not be liable to any person for collecting any such tax which was not validly imposed.
(b) Dealers, as defined in Code Section 48-8-2, shall be allowed a percentage of the amount of the tax due and accounted for and shall be reimbursed in the form of a

deduction in submitting, reporting, and paying the amount due if such amount is not delinquent at the time of payment. Such dealer deduction shall be at the rate and subject to the requirements specified under subsections (b) through (f) of Code Section 48-8-50.

48-8-109.75.

Each sales and use tax return remitting sales and use taxes collected under this article shall separately identify the location of each retail establishment at which any of the sales and use taxes remitted were collected and shall specify the amount of sales and the amount of taxes collected at each establishment for the period covered by the return to facilitate the determination by the commissioner that all sales and use taxes imposed by this article are collected and distributed according to situs of sale.

48-8-109.76.

(a) The proceeds of the tax collected by the commissioner under this article shall be disbursed as soon as practicable after collection directly to the applicable local school system and shall be held in a separately designated interest-bearing account for such local school system.

(b) The funds of an account provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section shall only be removed or disbursed by such local school system in accordance with Code Section 48-8-109.78.

(c) No funds other than the annual S-LHOST proceeds, and interest accrued thereon, shall be placed in such accounts and shall not be commingled with any other funds.

48-8-109.77.

(a) The proceeds of any tax authorized under this article shall be used exclusively to fund exemptions from ad valorem property taxes on homestead property to the extent granted pursuant to Code Section 48-5-44 on homestead property within the special district levying the S-LHOST, except as otherwise provided in Code Section 48-8-109.78.

(b)(1) For an S-LHOST imposed for a single local school system, following the adoption of millage rates each year by such local school system the county tax commissioner shall:

(A) Calculate for such local school system the assessed value within the special district which is exempt from ad valorem tax for such year pursuant to Code Section 48-5-44; and

(B) Multiply such local school system's net millage rate by the total determined for such jurisdiction in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph.

(2) For an S-LHOST imposed for more than one local school system within a special district, following the adoption of millage rates each year by the local school systems participating in the S-LHOST, the county tax commissioner shall:

(A) Calculate for each individual local school system the assessed value within the special district which is exempt from ad valorem tax for such year pursuant to Code Section 48-5-44;

(B) Multiply each local school system's net millage rate by the total determined for such jurisdiction in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph;

(C) Add the sums determined in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph;

(D) Divide each local school system's amount from subparagraph (B) of this paragraph by the total of subparagraph (C) of this paragraph; and

(E) Multiply the percentage determined by subparagraph (D) of this paragraph by the net proceeds of the tax available in the trust account for local school systems as of November 1 of such year.

(c) In the event a local school system fails to submit its adopted millage rates by August 1, the county tax commissioner shall use 75 percent of such local school system's prior year's millage rate in the calculation under subsection (b) of this Code section, and the county shall only disburse under subsection (b) of this Code section the lesser of such amount and the net millage rate actually levied by such local school system in the current year.

48-8-109.78.

(a) In the event that the amount of available proceeds exceeds the amount necessary to reduce property taxes, the excess proceeds shall be retained in the interest-bearing trust fund to be applied in subsequent years in accordance with this Code section.

(b) In the event that the amount of the annual proceeds plus any excess proceeds of the S-LHOST retained under subsection (a) of this Code section are sufficient to exempt the entire net taxable homestead digest for the local school system, then the funds shall be used to do so, if otherwise authorized by law to provide an additional homestead exemption beyond Code Section 48-5-44.

48-8-109.79.

The commissioner shall have the power and authority to promulgate such rules and regulations as shall be necessary for the effective and efficient administration and enforcement of the collection of the tax authorized by this article.

48-8-109.80.

Except as otherwise provided in this article or Code Section 48-8-6, the tax authorized by this article shall be in addition to any other local sales and use tax. The imposition of any other local sales and use tax within a county, municipality, or special district shall not affect the authority of any local school system to impose the tax authorized by this article, and the imposition of the tax authorized by this article shall not affect the imposition of any otherwise authorized local sales and use tax within any local school system or special district.

48-8-109.81.

The proceeds from any sales and use tax for a given local school system levied as of December 31, 2027, under Article 2B of this chapter or pursuant to a local constitutional amendment shall, as of January 1, 2028, be reallocated for the purpose of providing ad

valorem property tax relief to homestead properties pursuant to this article, provided that any intergovernmental agreement, ordinance, or resolution required to authorize and impose any such applicable sales and use tax is revised so as to specifically state the intent of all parties and signatories to any such authorizing intergovernmental agreement, ordinance, or resolution to reallocate such proceeds for the purpose of providing homestead tax relief and to specify the effective date of such reallocation."

PART IX
SECTION 9-1.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 2E

48-8-109.90.
(a) This article shall be known and may be cited as the 'Municipal Homestead Option Sales Tax' (M-HOST).
(b) As used in this article, the term:
(1) 'Homestead' means homestead as defined and qualified in Code Section 48-5-40, with the additional limitation that it shall include:
(A) Only the primary residence and not more than five contiguous acres of land immediately surrounding such residence; or
(B) If the property is assessed pursuant to Code Section 48-5-7.4 or 48-5-7.7, only the primary residence and the portion of the underlying property that is excluded from the benefit of such assessment pursuant to subparagraph (a)(1)(B) of Code Section 48-5-7.4 or subparagraph (b)(2)(B) of Code Section 48-5-7.7.
(2) 'Municipal Homestead Option Sales Tax' or 'M-HOST' means any special sales and use tax levied under this article to fund homestead exemptions granted pursuant to Code Section 48-5-44.
(3) 'Qualified municipality' means only those incorporated municipalities which provide at least three of the following services and do not levy a tax under Article 4 or Article 2D of this chapter:
(A) Water;
(B) Sewage;
(C) Garbage collection;
(D) Police protection;
(E) Fire protection; or
(F) Library.

48-8-109.91.
(a) Pursuant to the authority granted by Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VI of the Constitution of this state, there are created within this state 159 special districts. The

geographical boundary of each county shall correspond with and shall be conterminous with the geographical boundary of one of the 159 special districts.
(b) The territory of each special district shall include all of the territory within the county including all municipalities, to the extent the municipal boundaries lie within the geographical boundaries of the county.

48-8-109.92.
(a) Subject to the requirements of this article, each qualified municipality is authorized to impose within any given special district, beginning January 1, 2028, a special sales and use tax to be used exclusively to fund homestead exemptions granted within the special district pursuant to Code Section 48-5-44. Such sales and use tax shall be known and may be cited as the 'Municipal Homestead Option Sales Tax' or 'M-HOST.'
(b) Subject to the aggregate limits provided in Code Section 48-8-6, an M-HOST may be imposed within a special district in 0.05 percent increments at a rate of up to 1 percent within a special district.
(c) Except as otherwise provided in this article, the M-HOST shall correspond to the tax imposed by Article 1 of this chapter, and no item or transaction which is not subject to taxation under Article 1 of this chapter shall be subject to a tax imposed under this article; provided, however, that a tax imposed under this article shall apply to sales of motor fuels as prepaid local tax as defined in Code Section 48-8-2 and shall be applicable to the sale of food and food ingredients and alcoholic beverages as provided for in Code Section 48-8-3. The levy of such tax upon sales of motor fuels as defined in Code Section 48-9-2 shall only be imposed on the retail sales price of the motor fuel which is not more than $3.00 per gallon.

48-8-109.93.
(a) For the M-HOST to be levied within a special district by a qualified municipality, the governing authority of such municipality shall adopt a resolution specifying:
(1) The rate of the tax;
(2) The maximum period of time stated in calendar years or quarters for which the tax is to be levied, which shall not exceed ten years; and
(3) The date on which the tax will commence.
(b) Once the conditions of subsection (a) of this Code section are satisfied and the qualified municipality submits a copy of the required resolution to the commissioner, the tax shall be imposed on the date specified in the resolution; provided, however, that such date shall not be earlier than the first day of the next succeeding calendar quarter which begins more than 50 days after the date that the resolution is received by the commissioner; provided, further, that, with respect to services that are regularly billed on a monthly basis, the tax shall apply to the first regular billing period coinciding with or following the effective date specified in this subsection.
(c) The tax shall cease to be imposed on the final day of the maximum period of time specified in the resolution for the imposition of the tax; provided, however, that the tax may cease at any earlier specified time through the adoption of a resolution by the

qualified municipality; provided, further, that any tax initially imposed pursuant to this article in taxable year 2027 through taxable year 2032 shall automatically expire on December 31, 2037, but shall automatically renew in accordance with subsection (d) of this Code section.

(d) The tax may be renewed for any qualified municipality in the same manner and under the same conditions as for an initial imposition of an M-HOST within the special district as provided for in this article; provided, however, that any tax initially imposed pursuant to this article in taxable year 2027 through taxable year 2032 which automatically expires on December 31, 2037, pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section, shall be automatically reimposed for an additional period of ten years, unless otherwise provided by a local Act of the General Assembly. Such newly authorized tax shall not be imposed until the expiration of the tax then in effect.

48-8-109.94.

(a) Each M-HOST shall be exclusively administered and collected by the commissioner for the use and benefit of the qualified municipality imposing the tax within the special district. Such administration and collection shall be accomplished in the same manner and subject to the same applicable provisions, procedures, and penalties provided in Article 1 of this chapter except that the M-HOST shall be applicable to sales of motor fuels as prepaid local tax as defined in Code Section 48-8-2; provided, however, that all moneys collected from each taxpayer by the commissioner shall be applied first to such taxpayer's liability for taxes owed the state; and provided, further, that the commissioner may rely upon a representation by or on behalf of the county government or the Secretary of State that such a tax has been validly imposed, and the commissioner and the commissioner's agents shall not be liable to any person for collecting any such tax which was not validly imposed.

(b) Dealers, as defined in Code Section 48-8-2, shall be allowed a percentage of the amount of the tax due and accounted for and shall be reimbursed in the form of a deduction in submitting, reporting, and paying the amount due if such amount is not delinquent at the time of payment. Such dealer deduction shall be at the rate and subject to the requirements specified under subsections (b) through (f) of Code Section 48-8-50.

48-8-109.95.

Each sales and use tax return remitting sales and use taxes collected under this article shall separately identify the location of each retail establishment at which any of the sales and use taxes remitted were collected and shall specify the amount of sales and the amount of taxes collected at each establishment for the period covered by the return to facilitate the determination by the commissioner that all sales and use taxes imposed by this article are collected and distributed according to situs of sale.

48-8-109.96.

(a) The proceeds of the tax collected by the commissioner under this article shall be disbursed as soon as practicable after collection directly to the applicable qualified

municipality to be held in a separately designated interest-bearing account for such qualified municipality.
(b) The funds of an account shall only be removed or disbursed by such qualified municipality in accordance with Code Section 48-8-109.98.
(c) No funds other than the annual M-HOST proceeds, and interest accrued thereon, shall be placed in such accounts and shall not be commingled with any other funds.

48-8-109.97.
(a) The proceeds of any tax authorized under this article shall be used exclusively to fund exemptions from ad valorem property taxes on homestead property to the extent granted pursuant to Code Section 48-5-44 on homestead property within the special district levying the M-HOST, except as otherwise provided in Code Section 48-8-109.98.
(b) For an M-HOST imposed by a qualified municipality, following the adoption of millage rates each year by such qualified municipality, the county tax commissioner shall:
(1) Calculate for such qualified municipality the assessed value within the special district which is exempt from ad valorem tax for such year pursuant to Code Section 48-5-44; and
(2) Multiply that qualified municipality's net millage rate by the total determined for such jurisdiction in paragraph (1) of this subsection.
(c) In the event a qualified municipality fails to submit their adopted millage rates by August 1, the county tax commissioner shall use 75 percent of such municipality's prior year's millage rate in the calculation under subsection (b) of this Code section, and the county shall only disburse under subsection (b) of this Code section the lesser of such amount and the net millage rate actually levied by such qualified municipality in the current year.

48-8-109.98.
(a) In the event that the amount of available proceeds exceeds the amount necessary to provide homestead relief down to 10 percent of assessed value on homestead properties, the excess proceeds shall be retained in the interest-bearing trust fund to be applied in subsequent years in accordance with this Code section.
(b) In the event that the amount of the annual proceeds plus any excess proceeds of the M-HOST retained under subsection (a) of this Code section are sufficient to provide homestead relief down to 10 percent of assessed value on homestead properties for all qualified municipalities, then the funds shall be used for general tax reduction.
(c) If any proceeds remain after the requirements of subsection (b) of this Code section have been met, the qualified municipality may be used to reduce the rate of the tax by filing an updated resolution with the commissioner, or the remaining proceeds shall be distributed and applied to provide a proportional reduction in the millage rates applied for the qualified municipalities which shall be calculated by dividing the net revenue to be generated by each qualified municipality from its ad valorem property taxes on the net taxable digest of the special district excluding homestead property by the total net

revenue to be generated by the qualified municipalities of the special district collectively from ad valorem property taxes on the collective net taxable digest of the special district excluding homestead property.

48-8-109.99.
The commissioner shall have the power and authority to promulgate such rules and regulations as shall be necessary for the effective and efficient administration and enforcement of the collection of the tax authorized by this article.
48-8-109.100.
Except as otherwise provided in this article or Code Section 48-8-6, the tax authorized by this article shall be in addition to any other local sales and use tax. The imposition of any other local sales and use tax within a county, municipality, or special district shall not affect the authority of any qualified municipality to impose the tax authorized by this article, and the imposition of the tax authorized by this article shall not affect the imposition of any otherwise authorized local sales and use tax within any qualified municipality or special district.

48-8-109.101.
The proceeds from a sales and use tax for a given special district levied prior to January 1, 2028, under Article 2 or Article 2B of this chapter may be reallocated for the purpose of providing ad valorem property tax relief to homestead properties pursuant to this article, provided that any intergovernmental agreement, ordinance, or resolution required to authorize and impose any such applicable sales and use tax is revised so as to specifically state the intent of all parties and signatories to any such authorizing intergovernmental agreement, ordinance, or resolution to reallocate said proceeds for the purpose of providing homestead tax relief and to specify the effective date of such reallocation."

PART X
SECTION 10-1.

Part 4 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to financing under the "Quality Basic Education Act," is amended in paragraph (5) of subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-167, relating to funding for direct instructional, media center, and staff development costs, computerized uniform budget and accounting system, submission of local budget to state board, and provision of certain information by local boards, by striking "15 percent" and replacing it with "25 percent".

SECTION 10-2.
Said part is further amended in Code Section 20-2-164, relating to local five mill share funds, by revising subsection (g) as follows:

"(g) For purposes of calculation under this Code section and Code Section 20-2-165, the equalized adjusted school property tax digest, adjusted by paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Code section, shall be reduced by the sum of the following ~~products~~:

(1) The product of the number of constitutional homestead exemptions for owner occupied homes pursuant to Code Section 48-5-44 granted for that year, exclusive of those homestead exemptions provided pursuant to Code Sections 48-5-47, 48-5-48, and 48-5-52, multiplied by the amount per exemption authorized under Code Section 48-5-44; provided, further, that, in any city operating an independent school system which provides a homestead exemption through local legislation comparable to that provided in Code Section 48-5-44, the product calculated in this paragraph shall represent the number of homestead exemptions provided through the applicable local legislation multiplied by the amount per exemption authorized in Code Section 48-5-44, or by the amount per exemption authorized in the applicable local legislation, whichever is less; and provided, further, that, if the amount per exemption authorized in Code Section 48-5-44 has been changed subsequent to the year of the applicable digest, the more recently adopted amount per exemption shall be used for the product calculated in this paragraph;

(2) The product of the number of constitutional homestead exemptions for disabled veterans pursuant to Code Section 48-5-48 granted for that year, multiplied by the amount per exemption authorized under that Code section; provided, further, that, in any city operating an independent school system which provides a homestead exemption through local legislation comparable to that provided in Code Section 48-5-48, the product calculated in this paragraph shall represent the number of homestead exemptions provided through the applicable local legislation multiplied by the amount per exemption authorized in the applicable local legislation, whichever is less; and provided, further, that, if the amount per exemption authorized in Code Section 48-5-48 has been changed subsequent to the year of the applicable digest, the more recently adopted amount per exemption shall be used for the product calculated in this paragraph;

(3) The product of the estimated number of persons age 65 or older residing in the local school system during that year multiplied by 5,000;

(4) The product which results from the following calculations:

(A) Subtract the estimated state-wide percentage that persons age 65 or older is of the total population, excluding military personnel and institutional population, from the respective percentage for the local school system. If the respective percentage for the local school system is less than the state-wide percentage, a difference of zero shall be used in the calculations in this paragraph;

(B) Multiply the difference which results from subparagraph (A) of this paragraph by 1,000; and

(C) Multiply the product which results from subparagraph (B) of this paragraph by the estimated number of persons age 65 or older residing in the local school system during that year; ~~and~~

(5) The product which results from the following calculations:

(A) Divide the amount reported in paragraph (4) of subsection (e) of this Code section by the average ratio of assessed value to true value used to calculate the most recent equalized adjusted school property tax digest pursuant to Code Section 48-5-274; and
(B) Multiply the quotient which results from subparagraph (A) of this paragraph by .4;

(6) The difference between the assessed value and the net taxable assessed value of all properties for which an exemption pursuant to Code Section 48-5-44.2 was granted for that year;

(7) The difference between the assessed value and the net taxable assessed value of all properties for which an exemption authorized pursuant to a local constitutional amendment or Article VII, Section II, Paragraph II(a) of the Constitution was granted in that year; and

(8) The product of the value of all tangible personal property for which level 1 freeport exemptions pursuant to Code Sections 48-5-48.1 and 48-5-48.2 were granted for that year, multiplied by .4."

SECTION 10-3.

Said part is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-172.

(a) The General Assembly finds that:

(1) State funding for the operation of Georgia's public schools is based on the Quality Basic Education (QBE) formula, which was established in 1985 and calculates funding to local units of administration, including local school systems, based generally on full-time equivalent (FTE) student counts and types of programs;

(2) The QBE formula, which requires local school systems to spend a calculated amount of the local five mill share of funds annually in order to participate in the QBE program, is supplemented with state funding for equalization grants for local school systems that have relatively weak local tax bases and are unable to raise revenues sufficient for facility needs and which serve as additional state capital outlay grants for short-term periods, specifically targeted at low-income school systems, in order to help such systems initiate what they have been unable to accomplish with existing revenue sources;

(3) A comprehensive review of the QBE formula, equalization grants, and all other education financing sources and mechanisms, including programmatic funds, is needed to determine whether the current education financing system continues to be an appropriate and equitable method of calculating and distributing state education funds; and

(4) It would be beneficial to consider overhauling the current education financing structure, if necessary, including to identify ways to simplify the QBE funding formula and to adequately assist economically disadvantaged districts or districts with high poverty levels.

(b)(1) There is created the Joint Legislative Education Finance Study Committee to be composed of ten members as follows:

(A) Five members of the House of Representatives, to include: the chairperson of the House Committee on Appropriations, the chairperson of the House Committee on Education, the chairperson of the House Appropriations Subcommittee for Education, and two members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

(B) Five members of the Senate, to include: the chairperson of the Senate Appropriations Committee, the chairperson of the Senate Education and Youth Committee, the chairperson of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee for Education, and two members of the Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate.

(2) The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate shall each designate one of his appointees to serve as cochairpersons. The committee may elect other officers as deemed necessary. The cochairpersons may designate and appoint subcommittees from among the membership of the committee as well as appoint other persons to perform such functions as they may determine to be necessary and relevant to perform its duties. The committee shall meet at the call of the cochairpersons. A quorum for transacting business shall be a majority of the members of the committee.

(3) The members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8.

(c) The committee shall undertake a comprehensive review of the QBE formula and the various program components of the formula, equalization grants, and all other education financing sources and mechanisms to determine whether the current education financing system continues to be an appropriate and equitable method of calculating and distributing state education funds.

(d) The committee may request assistance and input from state and local agencies and organizations as needed, including the Department of Revenue, the Department of Education, the Department of Audits and Accounts, the State Charter Schools Commission, the Office of Planning and Budget, local school systems, and local tax officials.

(e) Subject to available funding, the committee shall be authorized to retain the services of auditors, attorneys, financial consultants, education experts, economists, and other individuals or firms as determined appropriate by the committee.

(f) The committee shall produce a final report no later than December 1, 2027, which includes specific findings and recommendations, including suggestions for proposed legislation.

(g) The committee shall stand abolished and this Code section shall stand repealed by operation of law on December 31, 2027."

SECTION 10-4.

Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of property, is amended in Code Section 48-5-45, relating to application for

homestead exemption and unlawful to solicit fee to file application for homestead for another, by revising subsections (a) and (b) as follows:

"(a)(1) An applicant seeking a homestead exemption as provided in Code Section 48-5-44 and qualifying under the provisions of Code Section 48-5-40 shall file a written application and schedule with the tax receiver or tax commissioner charged with the duty of receiving returns of property for taxation ~~at any time~~ during the calendar year subsequent to the property becoming the primary residence of the applicant up to and including:

(A) The ~~the~~ date for the closing of the books for the return of taxes for the calendar year~~, except that,~~; or

(B) In ~~in~~ the case of a property which is subject to a reassessment by the board of tax assessors, the final date to file an appeal of the annual notice of current reassessment. Any such application and schedule may be filed in conjunction with or in lieu of an appeal of the reassessment.

(2) The failure to file properly the application and schedule on or before the ~~date for the closing of the books for the return of taxes of a calendar year in which the taxes are due~~ applicable deadline under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall constitute a waiver of the homestead exemption on the part of the applicant failing to make the application for such exemption for that year.

(b) The owner of a homestead which is actually occupied by the owner as a residence and homestead shall not have to apply for the exemption more than once so long as the owner remains in continuous occupation of the residence as a homestead. The exemption shall automatically be renewed from year to year so long as the owner continuously occupies the residence as a homestead. It shall be the duty of any person granted the exemption to notify the tax receiver or tax commissioner in the event such person for any reason becomes ineligible for such exemption."

SECTION 10-5.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"48-5-51.1.

For tax years beginning on and after January 1, 2026, in the event that a person fails to report his or her loss of eligibility for a homestead exemption that is listed on the property's annual notice of current reassessment for such property by the final date to file an appeal of such notice, the person shall be properly assessed and billed for all taxes and interest due and the person shall be assessed a penalty of 50 percent of the amount by which any taxes were to be reduced from exemptions and credits that were improperly applied."

SECTION 10-6.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"48-5-57.

Recognizing the importance and value of properly granting and continually allowing homestead exemptions, beginning January 1, 2028, each local tax official charged by law with the duty of reviewing applications for homestead exemptions shall submit to the department a list of taxpayers that have been granted or denied a homestead exemption for property within its jurisdiction. Such submissions shall be made annually for each taxing jurisdiction within 30 days of the final date to file an appeal of the annual notice of assessment. The commissioner shall maintain a database of homestead exemption information in a manner which allows local tax officials access to review and ensure accuracy of their jurisdiction's properties receiving homestead exemptions. Each such local tax official shall review such database prior to approving a homestead exemption and on an annual basis prior to issuing the notices of assessment for the taxing jurisdiction."

PART XI
SECTION 11-1.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 48-8-3, relating to exemptions from sales and use tax, by revising subparagraphs (A) and (H) of paragraph (68.1) as follows:

"(68.1)(A) For the period commencing on July 1, 2018, and ending on December 31, ~~2031~~ 2037, high-technology data center equipment to be incorporated or used in a high-technology data center that meets the high-technology data center minimum investment threshold and other conditions provided in this paragraph."

"(H) This paragraph shall stand repealed by operation of law on January 1, ~~2032~~ 2038;"

SECTION 11-2.

Said title is further amended by adding a new article to Chapter 13, relating to specific, business, and occupation taxes, to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 9

48-13-150.

This article is enacted pursuant to Article VII, Section IIA, Paragraph I of the Constitution of Georgia.

48-13-151.

(a) For taxable years 2028 through 2037, an excise tax shall be levied on each high-technology data center that has been issued a certificate of exemption pursuant to paragraph (68.1) of Code Section 48-8-3.

(b) The excise tax levied pursuant to this article shall be at a rate equivalent to the total amount of sales and use taxes in effect that would be collected pursuant to this article but for the exemption in paragraph (68.1) of Code Section.

48-13-152.

(a)(1) There shall be established a Homeowner's Tax Relief Fund as a separate fund in the state treasury. The commissioner shall be the trustee of such fund.

(2) The state treasurer shall invest the money held in the Homeowner's Tax Relief Fund in the same manner in which state funds are invested as authorized by the State Depository Board pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 17 of Title 50. Interest earned by the money held in such fund shall be accounted for separately and shall be credited to the fund to be disbursed as other moneys in such fund.

(b) For the period beginning on July 1, 2028, and ending on June 30, 2038, all of the money collected pursuant to this Code section shall be annually appropriated to the Homeowner's Tax Relief Fund established by subsection (a) of this Code section and such funds shall not lapse as otherwise required by Article III, Section IX, Paragraph IV(c) of the Constitution of Georgia. Each annual appropriation shall be made through the General Appropriations Act and shall include all of the money collected from such source during the most recently completed fiscal year.

(c) All of the money appropriated to the Homeowner's Tax Relief Fund pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section shall be used to provide homeowner tax relief grants to counties, municipalities, consolidated governments, and local school systems.

(d) The commissioner shall prepare an accounting of the funds expended pursuant to this Code section during the most recently completed fiscal year to be provided to the Office of Planning and Budget, the House Budget and Research Office, and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office by January 1 of each year.

(e) The excise tax imposed by this article shall be paid by the high-technology data center and due and payable in the same manner as would be otherwise required under Article 1 of Chapter 8 of this title.

48-13-153.

The department shall be authorized to adopt rules and regulations necessary for the enforcement and implementation of the provisions of this article."

PART XII
SECTION 12-1.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this section, this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

(b) Parts II, III, V, VII, and XI of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2027, following the ratification of an amendment to the Constitution of Georgia providing property tax relief for homeowners by reducing the taxable assessed value of residential properties from 40 percent of appraised value to 10 percent of appraised value at the rate of 3 percent each year, adding an additional 100 percent disabled veterans' homestead exemption for the full assessed value of a homestead in certain circumstances, and authorizing local homestead option sales taxes to support homestead exemptions from

taxation by local governments and school systems. If such amendment is not so ratified, then Parts II, III, V, VII, and XI of this Act shall stand automatically repealed on January 1, 2027.

SECTION 12-2.

Section 10-2 of this Act shall be applicable to calculations based upon taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2027.

SECTION 12-3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The House stood at ease.

The Speaker called the House to order.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the House, having previously been read, was again taken up for consideration:

HB 1116. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Burns of the 159th, Efstration of the 104th, Hatchett of the 155th, Cannon of the 172nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapters 5 and 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of property and sales and use taxes, respectively, so as to provide for the acceptance of tax digests in the event of a publication error made by a newspaper; to amend Part 4 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to financing under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to exclude amounts attributable to certain exemptions from ad valorem taxation from the equalized adjusted school property tax digest for the purpose of calculating the local five mill share and equalization grants; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 81 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government budgets and audits; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Committee substitute, having previously been read, was withdrawn.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Titles 20, 36, and 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, local government, and revenue and taxation, respectively, so as to provide for property tax reform; to revise provisions regarding caps on local sales and use tax; to eliminate the use of and to provide for the conversion of certain local sales and use taxes on a date certain; to authorize conversion of the special district option sales and use tax; to establish a Local Homestead Option Sales Tax (LHOST); to provide for imposition, collection, and distribution of proceeds; to provide for the conversion from other sales and use taxes; to increase the cap on reserve funds for local school systems; to require the proposed annual operating budget resolution of a local board of education to be approved in a referendum election if such resolution would increase certain revenues raised by the local board of education by a certain amount; to provide that certain proposed increases in revenue collections by local governments must be approved by the voters of such local government; to revise provisions relating to application for homestead exemptions; to provide for definitions; to amend Code Section 21-2-540 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to conduct and timing of special primaries and special elections generally, so as to limit the dates of a special election presenting a question by a local government to increase revenues; to revise provisions relating to certification of assessed taxable value of property and method of computation, resolution or ordinance required for millage rate, and advertisement of intent to increase property tax; to require municipal and school officials to submit certain information relating to ad valorem taxes; to prohibit the retroactive assessment of additional ad valorem taxes to a taxpayer due to an improperly or mistakenly applied homestead exemption at no fault of the taxpayer; to provide for the holding of a nonbinding, advisory referendum election to determine whether the qualified electors of the State of Georgia desire to have complete property tax relief for homeowners by exempting homestead properties from ad valorem taxation by counties, municipalities, and local school systems; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative intent regarding the appropriation of certain sales tax revenue collected on and after January 1, 2029, on the sale or lease of computer equipment to high-technology companies; to provide for short titles; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Homeownership Opportunity and Market Equalization Act of 2026."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state sales and use taxes, is amended by revising Code Section 48-8-6, relating to prohibition of political subdivisions from imposing various taxes, ceiling on local sales and use tax, and taxation of mobile telecommunications, as follows:

"48-8-6.

(a)(1) ~~Except~~ Until December 31, 2027, except as provided in this subsection, on and after July 1, 2024, there shall not be imposed in any jurisdiction in this state or on any transaction in this state local sales taxes, local use taxes, or local sales and use taxes in excess of 2 percent. For purposes of such 2 percent limitation, the taxes affected are any sales tax, use tax, or sales and use tax which is levied in an area consisting of less than the entire state, however authorized, including such taxes authorized by or pursuant to constitutional amendment, and regardless of whether another provision of law purports to the contrary except for the following:

(A) A 1 percent sales and use tax for educational purposes exempted from such limitation under Article VIII, Section VI, Paragraph IV of the Constitution;

(B) Up to 1 percent in aggregate of any of the transportation related sales and use taxes authorized under Articles 5, 5A, and 5B of this chapter and Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 32, and in a county in which a tax is levied and collected pursuant to Part 2 of Article 2A of this chapter, any tax levied for purposes of a metropolitan area system of public transportation, as authorized by the amendment to the Constitution set out at Georgia Laws, 1964, page 1008, the continuation of such amendment under Article XI, Section I, Paragraph IV(d) of the Constitution, and the laws enacted pursuant to such constitutional amendment; and

(C) Up to 1 percent in aggregate of any sales and use taxes authorized under Code Section 48-8-96, Code Section 48-8-97, Article 2B of this chapter, Part 3 of Article 3 of this chapter, and Article 4 of this chapter.

(2) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any tax that does not comply with the limitations provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection as of July 1, 2025, but was initiated in compliance with the law in effect prior to January 1, 2025, shall be allowed to continue as authorized under laws that existed prior to July 1, 2025; provided, however, that, upon the expiration or termination of any such tax, the jurisdiction that levied such tax shall be fully subject to the limitations imposed by this subsection.

(3) This subsection shall not limit the imposition of any local excise tax, which is separately authorized under Chapter 13 of this title.

(4) If the imposition of any otherwise authorized local sales tax, local use tax, or local sales and use tax would result in a tax rate in excess of that authorized by this subsection, then such otherwise authorized tax shall not be imposed.

(5) This subsection shall stand repealed and reserved on December 31, 2027.

(b)(1) On and after January 1, 2028, there shall not be imposed in any jurisdiction in this state or on any transaction in this state local sales taxes, local use taxes, or local sales and use taxes in excess of 5 percent. For purposes of such 5 percent limitation, the taxes affected are any sales tax, use tax, or sales and use tax which is levied in an

area consisting of less than the entire state, however authorized, including such taxes authorized by or pursuant to constitutional amendment, and regardless of whether another provision of law purports to the contrary except for the following:

(A) Sales and use taxes levied and collected pursuant to Part 3 of Article 2A and Article 4 of this chapter; and

(B) Any tax levied for purposes of a metropolitan area system of public transportation, as authorized by the amendment to the Constitution set out at Georgia Laws, 1964, page 1008, the continuation of such amendment under Article XI, Section I, Paragraph IV(d) of the Constitution, and the laws enacted pursuant to such constitutional amendment.

(2) This subsection shall not limit the imposition of any local excise tax, which is separately authorized under Chapter 13 of this title.

(3) If the imposition of any otherwise authorized local sales tax, local use tax, or local sales and use tax would result in a tax rate in excess of that authorized by paragraph (1) of this subsection, then such otherwise authorized tax shall not be imposed. ~~Reserved.~~

(c) Where the exception specified in paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this Code section applies, the tax imposed under subparagraph (a)(1)(D) of Code Section 48-8-111 shall not apply to the sale of motor vehicles. This subsection shall stand repealed and reserved on December 31, 2027.

(c.1) Where the exception specified in paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this Code section applies, on and after July 1, 2007, the aggregate amount of all excise taxes imposed under paragraph (5) of subsection (a) of Code Section 48-13-51 and all sales and use taxes shall not exceed 14 percent. This subsection shall stand repealed on December 31, 2027.

(d) Notwithstanding any law or ordinance to the contrary, any tax, charge, or fee levied by any political subdivision of this state and applicable to mobile telecommunications services, as defined in Section 124(7) of the federal Mobile Telecommunications Sourcing Act, 4 U.S.C. Section 124(7), shall apply only if the customer's place of primary use is located within the boundaries of the political subdivision levying such local tax, charge, or fee. For purposes of this subsection, the provisions of Code Section 48-8-13 shall apply in the same manner and to the same extent as such provisions apply to the tax levied by Code Section 48-8-1 on mobile telecommunications services. This subsection shall not be construed to authorize the imposition of any tax, charge, or fee."

SECTION 2-2.

Said chapter is further amended in paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 48-8-201, relating to intergovernmental contract for distribution of tax proceeds, approval of referendum by voters, cap on aggregate amount of tax, and rate, by striking "paragraph (2) of subsection (a)" and replacing it with "subsection (b)".

SECTION 2-3.

Chapter 13 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to specific, business, and occupation taxes, is amended in division (b)(7)(B)(ii) of Code Section 48-

13-51, relating to county and municipal levies on public accommodations charges for promotion of tourism, conventions, and trade shows, by striking "subsection (c.1) of Code Section 48-8-6 and".

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to joint county and municipal sales and use tax (LOST), is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"48-8-98.

(a) Any sales and use tax imposed pursuant to this article as of December 31, 2027, shall be converted by operation of law on January 1, 2028, into a sales and use tax pursuant to Article 2C of this chapter.

(b) Any millage rate adjustments due to the elimination of a sales and use tax pursuant to this article pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section shall be exempt from the roll-back calculation provided in Code Section 48-5-32.1.

(c) On and after January 1, 2028, no sales and use tax may be imposed pursuant to this article."

SECTION 3-2.

Part 1 of Article 2A of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to homestead option sales and use tax (HOST), is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"48-8-109.01.

(a) Any sales and use tax imposed pursuant to this part as of December 31, 2027, shall be converted by operation of law on January 1, 2028, into a sales and use tax pursuant to Article 2C of this chapter.

(b) On and after January 1, 2028, no sales and use tax may be imposed pursuant to this part."

SECTION 3-3.

Part 2 of Article 2A of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to equalized homestead option sales tax (EHOST), is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"48-8-109.11.

(a) Any sales and use tax imposed pursuant to this part as of December 31, 2027, shall be converted by operation of law on January 1, 2028, into a sales and use tax pursuant to Article 2C of this chapter.

(b) On and after January 1, 2028, no sales and use tax may be imposed pursuant to this part."

SECTION 3-4.

Part 3 of Article 2A of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revised homestead option sales and use tax (RHOST), is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"48-8-109.25.

(a) Any sales and use tax imposed pursuant to this part as of December 31, 2027, shall be converted by operation of law on January 1, 2028, into a sales and use tax pursuant to Article 2C of this chapter.

(b) On and after January 1, 2028, no sales and use tax may be imposed pursuant to this part."

SECTION 3-5.

Article 2B of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special district option sales and use tax (FLOST), is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"48-8-109.43.

Any sales and use tax imposed pursuant to this article as of December 31, 2027, may be converted upon approval by local referendum on or after January 1, 2028, into a sales and use tax pursuant to Article 2C of this chapter. Any funds accrued pursuant to this article prior to any such conversion shall be distributed to counties and municipalities pursuant to the intergovernmental agreement and used for the purpose of homestead property tax relief."

PART IV
SECTION 4-1.

Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sales and use tax, is amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 2C

48-8-109.50.

(a) This article shall be known and may be cited as the 'Local Homestead Option Sales Tax' (LHOST).

(b) As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Eligible local government' means each county, consolidated government, and municipality whose governing authority levied and derived revenue from an ad valorem tax on homestead property within the special district at a net millage rate of greater than zero in the tax year immediately preceding the year in which the intergovernmental agreement was executed. Such term excludes any consolidated government which elects to implement a sales and use tax pursuant to Code Section 48-8-96 or 48-8-97.

(2) 'Homestead' means homestead as defined and qualified in Code Section 48-5-40, with the additional limitation that such term shall include:

(A) Only the primary residence and not more than five contiguous acres of land immediately surrounding such residence; or

(B) If the property is assessed pursuant to Code Section 48-5-7.4 or 48-5-7.7, only the primary residence and the portion of the underlying property that is excluded from the benefit of such assessment pursuant to subparagraph (a)(1)(B) of Code Section 48-5-7.4 or subparagraph (b)(2)(B) of Code Section 48-5-7.7.

(3) 'Local Homestead Option Sales Tax' or 'LHOST' means any special sales and use tax levied under this article to provide funds for the purpose of homestead property tax relief.

48-8-109.51.

(a) Pursuant to the authority granted by Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VI of the Constitution of this state, there are created within this state 159 special districts. The geographical boundary of each county shall correspond with and shall be conterminous with the geographical boundary of one of the 159 special districts.

(b) The territory of each special district shall include all of the territory within the county, including all municipalities, to the extent the municipal boundaries lie within the geographical boundaries of the county.

48-8-109.52.

(a) Subject to the requirements of this article, beginning January 1, 2028, there may be imposed within any given special district a special sales and use tax to be used to provide funds for the purpose of homestead property tax relief.

(b) Subject to the aggregate limits provided in Code Section 48-8-6, an LHOST of 1 percent may be imposed within a special district.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in this article, the LHOST shall correspond to the tax imposed by Article 1 of this chapter, and no item or transaction which is not subject to taxation under Article 1 of this chapter shall be subject to a tax imposed under this article; provided, however, that a tax imposed under this article shall apply to sales of motor fuels as prepaid local tax as defined in Code Section 48-8-2 and shall be applicable to the sale of food and food ingredients and alcoholic beverages as provided for in Code Section 48-8-3. The levy of such tax upon sales of motor fuels as defined in Code Section 48-9-2 shall only be imposed on the retail sales price of the motor fuel which is not more than $3.00 per gallon.

48-8-109.53.

(a) For the LHOST to be levied within a special district for the benefit of eligible local governments within the special district, the governing authority of the county whose geographical boundary is conterminous with that of the special district shall deliver or mail a written notice to the governing authority of each municipality which is an eligible local government located within the special district. Such notice shall contain the date, time, place, and purpose of a meeting at which the governing authorities of the county and of each such municipality are to meet to discuss the possible inclusion of funding for

the purpose of homestead property tax relief for each such municipality. Such notice shall be delivered or mailed at least ten days prior to the date of the meeting which shall be held at least 30 days prior to entering into an intergovernmental agreement or adopting a resolution. The governing authority of the county and the governing authority or authorities, if any, that represent at least 50 percent of the special district's residents of municipalities which are eligible local governments may enter into an intergovernmental agreement and adopt such intergovernmental agreement by resolution. The only terms that may be agreed to in relation to an LHOST are:

(1) The rate of the tax;

(2) The maximum period of time stated in calendar years or quarters for which the tax is to be levied, which shall not exceed ten years;

(3) The date on which the tax will commence; and

(4) The proposed distribution of the proceeds of the tax.

In the event that the parties have not entered into an intergovernmental agreement within 60 days of the county's delivery or mailing of the notice as required in this paragraph, the county shall be authorized to adopt a resolution imposing the tax authorized under the terms of this article, provided that the distribution of the proceeds of the tax shall be as provided for in Code Section 48-8-109.56 at a rate necessary to provide funds for the purpose of homestead property tax relief within the special district levying the LHOST.

(b) Once the conditions of subsection (a) of this Code section are satisfied and the county submits a copy of the required resolution or intergovernmental agreement to the commissioner, the tax shall be imposed on the date specified in the resolution or agreement; provided, however, that such date shall not be earlier than the first day of the next succeeding calendar quarter which begins more than 50 days after the date that the resolution or agreement is received by the commissioner; provided, further, that, with respect to services that are regularly billed on a monthly basis, the tax shall apply to the first regular billing period coinciding with or following the effective date specified in this subsection.

(c) The tax shall cease to be imposed on the final day of the maximum period of time specified in the resolution or intergovernmental agreement for the imposition of the tax; provided, however, that the tax may cease at any earlier specified time through the adoption of concurring resolutions by each eligible local government which was party to the existing intergovernmental agreement; provided, further, that any tax initially imposed pursuant to this article prior to January 1, 2037, shall automatically expire on December 31, 2037, but shall automatically renew in accordance with subsection (d) of this Code section.

(d) The tax may be renewed for any special district in the same manner and under the same conditions as for an initial imposition of an LHOST within the special district as provided for in this article; provided, however, that any tax initially imposed pursuant to this article prior to January 1, 2037, that automatically expires on December 31, 2037, pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section, shall be automatically reimposed for an additional period of ten years unless otherwise provided by a local Act of the General

Assembly. Such newly authorized tax shall not be imposed until the expiration of the tax then in effect.

(e) If there is only one governing authority within the special district that would be otherwise required to enter into an intergovernmental agreement, the governing authority of such county or consolidated government whose geographical boundary is conterminous with that of the special district shall adopt a resolution which meets the requirements provided for in this Code section for intergovernmental agreements.

48-8-109.54.

(a) Each LHOST shall be exclusively administered and collected by the commissioner for the use and benefit of the special district imposing the tax. Such administration and collection shall be accomplished in the same manner and subject to the same applicable provisions, procedures, and penalties provided in Article 1 of this chapter except that the LHOST shall be applicable to sales of motor fuels as prepaid local tax as defined in Code Section 48-8-2; provided, however, that all moneys collected from each taxpayer by the commissioner shall be applied first to such taxpayer's liability for taxes owed the state; and provided, further, that the commissioner may rely upon a representation by or on behalf of the county government or the Secretary of State that such a tax has been validly imposed, and the commissioner and the commissioner's agents shall not be liable to any person for collecting any such tax which was not validly imposed.

(b) Dealers, as defined in Code Section 48-8-2, shall be allowed a percentage of the amount of the tax due and accounted for and shall be reimbursed in the form of a deduction in submitting, reporting, and paying the amount due if such amount is not delinquent at the time of payment. Such dealer deduction shall be at the rate and subject to the requirements specified under subsections (b) through (f) of Code Section 48-8-50.

48-8-109.55.

(a) The proceeds of the tax collected by the commissioner under this article shall be disbursed as soon as practicable after collection directly to the county whose boundary is conterminous with the boundary of the special district and shall be held in a separately designated interest-bearing account for the eligible local governments of the special district.

(b) The funds of an account provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section shall only be removed or disbursed by such county to eligible local governments within the special district in accordance with this article, unless otherwise provided for in an intergovernmental agreement entered into pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 48-8-109.53, in which case such removal or disbursement of funds from an account shall be in accordance with the provisions of such intergovernmental agreement.

(c) No funds other than the annual LHOST proceeds, and interest accrued thereon, shall be placed in such accounts and shall not be commingled with any other funds.

48-8-109.56.

(a) The proceeds of any tax authorized under this article shall be used for the purpose of homestead property tax relief.

(b)(1) For an LHOST imposed for more than one eligible local government within a special district, following the adoption of millage rates each year by all such eligible local governments, the county tax commissioner shall calculate the proportional share of proceeds to be distributed to each local government in accordance with the intergovernmental agreement or as necessary to provide funds to each eligible local government for property tax relief for homestead properties within the special district.

(2) In the event that the proceeds collected for a special district exceed the total revenue necessary to provide full property tax relief for homestead properties within the special district, the excess proceeds shall be distributed to each eligible local government to provide for property tax relief for nonhomestead properties within the special district.

(3) In the event proceeds remain following the application of paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection, such excess proceeds shall be used by the eligible local government or governments for funding all or any portion of those services which are to be provided by such eligible local government or governments pursuant to and in accordance with Article IX, Section II, Paragraph III of the Constitution of this state.

(c) In the event an eligible local government fails to submit its adopted millage rates by August 1, the county tax commissioner shall use 75 percent of such eligible local government's prior year's millage rate in the calculation under subsection (b) of this Code section, and the county shall only disburse under subsection (b) of this Code section the lesser of such amount and the net millage rate actually levied by such eligible local government in the current year.

(d) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a county or municipality shall be considered an eligible local government if in the preceding year the tax authorized under Article 2 or Article 2B of this chapter was levied within the special district containing such county or municipality, such county or municipality received funds from the levy of either tax, either tax is no longer levied in the current year, and such county or municipality adopts and submits a millage rate by August 1.

48-8-109.57.

The commissioner shall have the power and authority to promulgate such rules and regulations as shall be necessary for the effective and efficient administration and enforcement of the collection of the tax authorized by this article.

48-8-109.58.

Except as otherwise provided in this article or Code Section 48-8-6, the tax authorized by this article shall be in addition to any other local sales and use tax. The imposition of any other local sales and use tax within a county, municipality, or special district shall not affect the authority of a county, municipality, or special district to impose the tax authorized by this article, and the imposition of the tax authorized by this article shall not

affect the imposition of any otherwise authorized local sales and use tax within a county, municipality, or special district.

48-8-109.59.
The proceeds from any sales and use tax for a given special district levied as of December 31, 2027, under Article 2, Part 1 of Article 2A, Part 2 of Article 2A, or Part 3 of Article 2A of this chapter shall, as of January 1, 2028, be reallocated for the purposes of this article."

PART V
SECTION 5-1.

Part 4 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to financing under the "Quality Basic Education Act," is amended in paragraph (5) of subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-167, relating to funding for direct instructional, media center, and staff development costs, computerized uniform budget and accounting system, submission of local budget to state board, and provision of certain information by local boards, by striking "15 percent" and replacing it with "25 percent".

SECTION 5-2.

Said part is further amended in Code Section 20-2-167.1, relating to public meetings on proposed annual operating budget, notice, electronic copies, and exception for certain nonprofits, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b)(1) Each governing body shall hold at least two public meetings, which shall not occur within the same week, for the purpose of providing an opportunity for public input on its proposed annual operating budget before adopting any budget; provided, however, that any other public meeting or hearing held that is related to the budget as required by law shall satisfy all or a portion of such requirement. The governing body of a charter school with a state-wide attendance zone and students residing in 25 percent or more of Georgia's counties or in three or more counties which are not geographically contiguous shall conduct one such public meeting virtually and one such public meeting in the county in which its primary business office is located. The public meetings shall be advertised in a local newspaper of general circulation which shall be the same newspaper in which other legal announcements of the board of education are advertised.

(2)(A)(i) On and after January 1, 2028, no proposed annual operating budget resolution that would result in an increase in the revenues raised by the local board of education from the levy and collection of ad valorem property taxes by an amount that exceeds the greater of 3 percent or the percent change in the rate of economic inflation on individual taxpayers as determined under the Consumer Price Index, as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor, of the amount of such revenues raised by the local board of education which would be raised by the local board of education from the levy of its roll-back rate calculated pursuant to Code Section 48-5-32.1 shall go into effect unless the General Assembly

enacts a local Act authorizing such increase or the electors of the local school system have approved such budget resolution in a referendum election. In calculating whether a proposed annual operating budget resolution would result in such an increase in the revenues raised by the local board of education, increases in revenue attributable to the levies of ad valorem property tax for costs incurred pursuant to a state of emergency declared by any federal, state, or local emergency management agency, official, or authority shall not be counted.

(ii) The call for and conduct of any such election shall be in the manner authorized under Code Section 21-2-540. The costs of any referendum held pursuant to this paragraph shall be paid by the local board of education. The exact ballot language shall be prescribed by the local board of education but shall contain, at a minimum, the projected amount of revenue to be generated by the budget resolution; the amount of revenue received by the local board of education in the previous fiscal year; and a statement as to whether or not such projected revenue increase is the result of an increase in the levy or rate of ad valorem property taxes. All persons desiring to vote in favor of the budget resolution shall vote 'Yes' and all persons opposed to the budget resolution shall vote 'No.' If more than one-half of the votes cast are in favor of the budget resolution, then the budget resolution shall go into effect as provided by law; otherwise, the budget resolution shall either:

(I) Not go into effect and the local board of education shall prepare a new proposed budget which is projected not to increase the revenues raised by the local board of education by an amount that exceeds the 3 percent limitation provided for in this subparagraph; or

(II) Go into effect and the local board of education shall be required to reduce its proposed budget for the subsequent year by an amount corresponding to the unapproved increase exceeding the 3 percent limitation.

(B) A local board of education shall not be required to hold either or both of the public meetings required under paragraph (1) of this subsection after a proposed annual operating budget resolution has been approved in a referendum election required under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph.

(C) Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to require that the public meetings of a local board of education required under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be held at any particular time either prior to or following the referendum election required under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph."

SECTION 5-3.

Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government, is amended in Code Section 36-81-3, relating to establishment of fiscal year, requirement of annual balanced budget, adoption of budget ordinances or resolutions generally, budget amendments, and uniform chart of accounts, by revising subsection (d) as follows:

"(d) Nothing contained in this Code section shall preclude a local government from amending its budget so as to adapt to changing governmental needs during the budget period; provided, however, that, on and after January 1, 2028, no such amendment shall

result in an increase in the revenues raised by the unit of local government from the levy and collection of ad valorem property taxes by an amount that exceeds the greater of 3 percent or the percent change in the rate of economic inflation on individual taxpayers as determined under the Consumer Price Index, as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor, of the amount of such revenues which would be raised by the unit of local government from the levy of its roll-back rate calculated pursuant to Code Section 48-5-32.1; provided, further, that this calculation shall not include increases in a proposed budget attributable to costs incurred pursuant to a state of emergency declared by any federal, state, or local emergency management agency, official, or authority. Amendments shall be made as follows, unless otherwise provided by charter or local law:

(1) Any increase in appropriation at the legal level of control of the local government, whether accomplished through a change in anticipated revenues in any fund or through a transfer of appropriations among departments, shall require the approval of the governing authority. Such amendment shall be adopted by ordinance or resolution;

(2) Transfers of appropriations within any fund below the local government's legal level of control shall require only the approval of the budget officer; and

(3) The governing authority of a local government may amend the legal level of control to establish a more detailed level of budgetary control at any time during the budget period. Said amendment shall be adopted by ordinance or resolution."

SECTION 5-4.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 36-81-6, relating to adoption of budget ordinance or resolution and form of budget, as follows:

"36-81-6.

(a)(1) On a date after the conclusion of the hearing required in subsection (f) of Code Section 36-81-5, the governing authority shall adopt a budget ordinance or resolution making appropriations in such sums as the governing authority may deem sufficient, whether greater or less than the sums presented in the proposed budget. The budget ordinance or resolution shall be adopted at a public meeting which shall be advertised in accordance with the procedures set forth in subsection (e) of Code Section 36-81-5 at least one week prior to the meeting, except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection.

(2)(A) On and after January 1, 2028, if such budget ordinance is projected to result in an increase in the revenues raised by the unit of local government from the levy and collection of ad valorem property taxes by an amount that exceeds the greater of 3 percent or the percent change in the rate of economic inflation on individual taxpayers as determined under the Consumer Price Index, as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor, of the amount of such revenues raised by the unit of local government which would be raised by the unit of local government from the levy of its roll-back rate calculated pursuant to Code Section 48-5-32.1, then such budget ordinance shall not go into effect unless the General Assembly enacts a local Act authorizing such increase or the electors of the

unit of local government have approved such budget ordinance in a referendum election. In calculating whether a proposed annual operating budget resolution would result in such an increase in the revenues raised by the unit of local government, increases in revenue attributable to costs incurred pursuant to a state of emergency declared by any federal, state, or local emergency management agency, official, or authority shall not be counted.

(B) The call for and conduct of any such election shall be in the manner authorized under Code Section 21-2-540. The costs of any referendum held pursuant to this subsection shall be paid by the unit of local government adopting such budget ordinance. The exact ballot language shall be prescribed by the governing authority adopting the budget ordinance but shall contain, at a minimum, the projected amount of revenue to be generated by the budget ordinance; the amount of revenue received by the unit of local government in the previous fiscal year; and a statement as to whether or not such projected revenue increase is the result of an increase in the levy or rate of ad valorem property taxes. All persons desiring to vote in favor of the budget ordinance shall vote 'Yes' and all persons opposed to the budget ordinance shall vote 'No.' If more than one-half of the votes cast are in favor of the budget ordinance, then the budget ordinance shall go into effect as provided by law; otherwise, the budget ordinance shall either:

(i) Not go into effect and the unit of local government shall prepare a new proposed budget pursuant to Code Section 36-81-5 which is projected not to increase the revenues raised by the unit of local government by an amount that exceeds the 3 percent limitation provided for in this subsection; or

(ii) Go into effect and the unit of local government shall be required to reduce its proposed budget for the subsequent year by an amount corresponding to the unapproved increase exceeding the 3 percent limitation.

(C) This paragraph shall not apply to increases in a proposed budget attributable to costs incurred pursuant to a state of emergency declared by any federal, state, or local emergency management agency, official, or authority.

(b) The budget may be prepared in any form that the governing authority deems most efficient in enabling it to make the fiscal policy decisions embodied in the budget, but such budget shall be subject to the provisions of this article."

SECTION 5-5.

Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of property, is amended in Code Section 48-5-45, relating to application for homestead exemption and unlawful to solicit fee to file application for homestead for another, by revising subsections (a) and (b) as follows:

"(a)(1) An applicant seeking a homestead exemption as provided in Code Section 48-5-44 and qualifying under the provisions of Code Section 48-5-40 shall file a written application and schedule with the tax receiver or tax commissioner charged with the duty of receiving returns of property for taxation ~~at any time~~ during the calendar year

subsequent to the property becoming the primary residence of the applicant up to and including:

(A) The ~~the~~ date for the closing of the books for the return of taxes for the calendar year~~, except that,~~; or

(B) In ~~in~~ the case of a property which is subject to a reassessment by the board of tax assessors, the final date to file an appeal of the annual notice of current reassessment. Any such application and schedule may be filed in conjunction with or in lieu of an appeal of the reassessment.

(2) The failure to file properly the application and schedule on or before the ~~date for the closing of the books for the return of taxes of a calendar year in which the taxes are due~~ applicable deadline under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall constitute a waiver of the homestead exemption on the part of the applicant failing to make the application for such exemption for that year.

(b) The owner of a homestead which is actually occupied by the owner as a residence and homestead shall not have to apply for the exemption more than once so long as the owner remains in continuous occupation of the residence as a homestead. The exemption shall automatically be renewed from year to year so long as the owner continuously occupies the residence as a homestead. It shall be the duty of any person granted the exemption to notify the tax receiver or tax commissioner in the event such person for any reason becomes ineligible for such exemption."

PART VI
SECTION 6-1.

Code Section 21-2-540 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to conduct and timing of special primaries and special elections generally, is amended in subsection (c) by revising paragraph (2) and adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary and except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2.1) of this subsection, a special election to present a question to the voters shall be held only on one of the following dates which is at least 29 days after the date of the call for the special election:

(A) In odd-numbered years, any such special election shall only be held on the third Tuesday in March or on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November; and

(B) In even-numbered years, any such special election shall only be held on:

(i) The date of and in conjunction with the presidential preference primary if one is held that year;

~~(ii) The third Tuesday in March; provided, however, that such special election shall occur prior to July 1, 2024, and present a question to the voters on sales and use taxes authorized by Articles 5, 5A, and 5B of Chapter 8 of Title 48;~~

~~(iii)~~(ii) The date of the general primary; or

~~(iv)~~(iii) The Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

(2.1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a special election to present a question or other measure to the voters relating to an increase in revenue

by a local governing authority, including a question or measure that could result in an increase in taxes shall be held only:

(A) In odd-numbered years, on:

(i) The third Tuesday in March; or

(ii) The Tuesday after the first Monday in November; and

(B) In even-numbered years, on:

(i) The date of the general primary; or

(ii) The Tuesday after the first Monday in November."

PART VII
SECTION 7-1.

Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, is amended by revising Code Section 48-5-32.1, relating to certification of assessed taxable value of property and method of computation, resolution or ordinance required for millage rate, and advertisement of intent to increase property tax, as follows:

"48-5-32.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Ad valorem tax' or 'property tax' means a tax imposed upon the assessed value of real property.

(2) 'Certified tax digest' means the total net assessed value on the annual property tax digest certified by the tax commissioner of a taxing jurisdiction to the department and authorized by the commissioner for the collection of taxes, or, in the case where the governing authority of a county whose digest has not been approved by the commissioner has petitioned the superior court of the county for an order authorizing the immediate and temporary collection of taxes, the temporary digest so authorized.

(3) 'Levying authority' means a county, a municipality, or a consolidated city-county governing authority or other governing authority of a political subdivision of this state that exercises the power to levy ad valorem taxes to carry out the governing authority's purposes.

(4) 'Mill' means one one-thousandth of a United States dollar.

(5) 'Millage' or 'millage rate' means the levy, in mills, which is established by the governing authority for purposes of financing, in whole or in part, the taxing jurisdiction's expenses for its fiscal year.

(6) 'Millage equivalent' means the number of mills which would result when the total net assessed value added by reassessments is divided by the certified tax digest and the result is multiplied by the previous year's millage rate.

(7) 'Net assessed value' means the taxable assessed value of property after all exemptions.

(8) 'Recommending authority' means a county, independent, or area school board of education that exercises the power to cause the levying authority to levy ad valorem taxes to carry out the purposes of such board of education.

(9) 'Roll-back rate' means the previous year's millage rate minus the millage equivalent of the total net assessed value added by reassessments:

(A) As calculated and certified to the commissioner by the tax commissioner for county and educational tax purposes; and

(B) As calculated by the collecting officer of the municipality for municipal tax purposes.

(10) 'Taxing jurisdiction' means all the real property subject to the levy of a specific levying authority or the recommended levy of a specific recommending authority.

(11) 'Total net assessed value added by reassessments' means the total net assessed value added to the certified tax digest as a result of revaluation of existing real property that has not been improved since the previous tax digest year.

(b) At the time of certification of the digest, the tax receiver or tax commissioner shall also certify to the recommending authority and levying authority of each taxing jurisdiction the total net assessed value added by reassessments contained in the certified tax digest for that tax digest year of the taxing jurisdiction.

(c)(1) Whenever a recommending authority or levying authority shall propose to adopt a millage rate which does not exceed the roll-back rate, it shall adopt that millage rate at an advertised public meeting and at a time and place which is convenient to the taxpayers of the taxing jurisdiction, in accordance with the procedures specified under Code Section 48-5-32.

(2) In those instances in which the recommending authority or levying authority proposes to establish a general maintenance and operation millage rate which would require increases beyond the roll-back rate, the recommending authority or levying authority shall:

(A) Advertise ~~advertise~~ its intent to do so and shall conduct at least three public hearings thereon, at least one of which shall commence between the hours of 6:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M., inclusive, on a business weekday. The recommending authority or levying authority shall place an advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation serving the residents of the unit of local government and post such advertisement on the website of the recommending or levying authority, which shall read as follows:

'NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The (name of recommending authority or levying authority) has tentatively adopted a millage rate which will require an increase in property taxes by (percentage increase over roll-back rate) percent.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing on this tax increase to be held at (place of meeting) on (date and time).

Times and places of additional public hearings on this tax increase are at (place of meeting) on (date and time).

This tentative increase will result in a millage rate of (proposed millage rate) mills, an increase of (millage rate increase above the roll-back rate) mills. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than (roll-back millage rate) mills. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of (average

home value from previous year's digest rounded to the nearest $25,000.00) is approximately $(increase) and the proposed tax increase for nonhomestead property with a fair market value of (average nonhomestead property value from previous year's digest rounded to nearest $25,000.00) is approximately $(increase).'

Simultaneously with this notice the recommending authority or levying authority shall provide a press release to the local media; and

(B) Notify each taxpayer with property in the taxing jurisdiction, by mail directed to the taxpayer's last known address, of the proposed intent to exceed the roll-back rate at least ten days in advance of the first public hearing. Alternatively, the recommending authority or levying authority may transmit the notice to the taxpayer by electronic means at least ten days in advance of the first public hearing, if such taxpayer and county clerk have consented in writing to service by electronic means. The county clerk shall consolidate the required information for all taxing subdivisions relevant to the taxpayer's property on one notice. The notice shall include, but not be limited to:

(i) The roll-back rate;

(ii) The proposed property tax revenue needed to fund the proposed budget;

(iii) The proposed millage rate based upon the proposed budget and the current year's total assessed valuation;

(iv) The millage rate and property tax of the taxing jurisdiction on the taxpayer's property from the previous year's tax statement;

(v) The proposed percent change in the millage rate between the previous year's tax rate and the proposed tax rate for the current year;

(vi) The appraised value and assessed value of the taxpayer's property for the current year;

(vii) The estimates of the tax for the current tax year on the taxpayer's property based on the roll-back rate and the proposed millage rate; and

(viii) The dates, times, and locations of the public hearings.

(3) The advertisement shall appear at least one week prior to each hearing, be prominently displayed, not be less than 30 square inches, and not be placed in that section of the newspaper where legal notices appear and shall be posted on the appropriate website at least one week prior to each hearing. In addition to the advertisement specified under this paragraph, the levying or recommending authority may include in the notice reasons or explanations for such tax increase.

(4) The recommending authority or levying authority shall provide interested taxpayers of the taxing jurisdiction desiring to be heard an opportunity to present oral testimony within reasonable time limits and without unreasonable restriction on the number of individuals allowed to make public comment.

~~(4)~~(5) No recommending authority shall recommend and no levying authority shall levy a millage rate in excess of the proposed millage rate as established pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection without beginning anew the procedures and hearings required by this Code section and those required by Code Section 48-5-32.

~~(5)~~(6) Any notice or hearing required under this Code section may be combined with any notice or hearing required under Article 1 of Chapter 81 of Title 36 or Code Section 48-5-32.

(d) Nothing contained in this Code section shall serve to extend or authorize any millage rate in excess of the maximum millage rate permitted by law or to prevent the reduction of the millage rate.

(e) The commissioner shall not accept a digest for review or issue an order authorizing the collection of taxes if the recommending authority or levying authority other than municipal governing authorities has established a millage rate that is in excess of the correct rollback without complying fully with the procedures required by this Code section. In the event a digest is not accepted for review by the commissioner pursuant to this subsection, it shall be accepted for review upon satisfactory submission by such authorities of such evidence. The levies of each of the levying authorities other than the county governing authority shall be invalid and unenforceable until such time as the provisions of this Code section have been met.

(f) Any recommending authority or levying authority that does not comply with the provisions of subsection (c) of this Code section shall refund to taxpayers any property taxes over-collected based on the amount of the levy that was in excess of the roll-back rate. The provisions of this subsection shall not be construed as prohibiting any other remedies available under the law.

~~(f)~~(g) The commissioner shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the administration of this Code section."

PART VIII
SECTION 8-1.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 48-5-302, relating to time for completion of revision and assessment of returns and submission of completed digest to commissioner, as follows:

"48-5-302.

Each county board of tax assessors, each municipal official responsible for collecting municipal ad valorem property taxes, and each school official responsible for collecting ad valorem property taxes for a local school system shall complete its revision and assessment of the returns of taxpayers in its respective ~~county~~ jurisdiction by July 15 of each year, except that, in all ~~counties~~ jurisdictions providing for the collection and payment of ad valorem taxes in installments, such date shall be June 1 of each year. The tax receiver or tax commissioner shall then immediately forward one copy of the completed digest to the commissioner for examination and approval."

SECTION 8-2.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 48-5-303, relating to correction of mistakes in county tax digests and notification of correction, as follows:

"48-5-303.

(a)(1) The county board of tax assessors shall have authority to correct factual errors in the tax digest when discovered within three years and when such corrections are of benefit to the taxpayer. Such corrections, after approval of the county board of tax assessors, shall be communicated to the taxpayer and notice shall be provided to the tax commissioner.

(2) If the county board of tax assessors discovers a factual error in the tax digest which is not of benefit to the taxpayer and which relates to an improperly or mistakenly applied homestead exemption that was not due to any intentional misrepresentation or fraudulent act on the part of the taxpayer, the tax receiver or tax commissioner shall be prohibited from retroactively assessing the taxpayer the difference in ad valorem taxes actually paid by the taxpayer and the amount of ad valorem taxes that would have been assessed on the taxpayer but for the improperly or mistakenly applied homestead exemption.

(b) If a tax receiver or tax commissioner makes a mistake in the digest which is not corrected by the county board of tax assessors or county board of equalization, the commissioner, with the sanction of the Governor, shall correct the mistake by making the necessary entries in the digest furnished the commissioner. The commissioner shall notify the county governing authority and the tax collector of the county from which the digest comes of the mistake and correction."

PART IX
SECTION 9-1.

(a) It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to issue the call for a nonbinding, advisory referendum election to determine whether the qualified electors of the State of Georgia desire that there be complete property tax relief for homeowners by exempting homestead properties from ad valorem taxation by counties, municipalities, and local school systems. The Secretary of State shall conduct the referendum election as provided in this section on the date of the November, 2026, general election. The Secretary of State shall issue the call and conduct that referendum election as provided by general law.

(b) The ballot at the referendum election provided under this section shall have displayed or printed thereon the following:

"( ) YES Should the State of Georgia provide complete property tax relief for homeowners by exempting homestead properties from ad valorem
( ) NO taxation by counties, municipalities, and local school systems?"

(c) It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to tabulate and certify the results of the referendum election and report said results to the Governor and the General Assembly immediately following such certification.

PART X
SECTION 10-1.

It is the intent of the General Assembly that all sales tax revenue collected on and after January 1, 2029, on the sale or lease of computer equipment to be incorporated into a facility or facilities in this state to a high-technology company as described in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (68) of Code Section 48-8-3, as it exists on December 31, 2028, shall be appropriated for purposes of homestead property tax relief grants to counties, municipalities, and local school systems pursuant to Code Section 36-89-2.

PART XI
SECTION 11-1.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 11-2.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to, by substitute.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	N Sampson
N Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Alexander	N Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	N Cummings	E Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
N Au	N Davis	N Holcomb	N Miller	N Scott
N Baker	Y Dawson	N Holland	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Momtahan	E Sharper
N Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	N Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Neal	N Smith, M
N Bazemore	N Douglas	N Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
N Beckles	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Bell	N Drenner	N Hugley	N Okoye	Y Stephens
N Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	N Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	E O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	N Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas
N Burnough	N Evans	N Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	N Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	N Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	E Petrea	Y Wade
N Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	N Frye	N Kendrick	N Prince	Y Werkheiser

N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	N Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	N Gilliard	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, A
N Carter	N Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	E Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	N Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 98, nays 68.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following messages were received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the Senate:

SB 324. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Williams of the 25th, Albers of the 56th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 25 of Title 33 of the O.C.G.A., relating to life insurance, so as to provide for certain protections for life insurance policyholders and beneficiaries; to provide for an owner of a life insurance policy or annuity to be represented by a local agent when such policy or annuity is sold; to provide for such owner to be represented by a local agent when such agent does not have a contract with such insurer; to provide such owner with an annual notice report on such policy or annuity; to require an insurer to conduct a quarterly search of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners' policy locator; to provide for annual reporting; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 418. By Senators Burns of the 23rd, Parent of the 44th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Still of the 48th, Hatchett of the 50th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding torts, so as to provide a cause of action against the knowing and unauthorized use of an individual's photograph or image together with representations of nudity or

sexually explicit conduct; to provide for stays of such causes of action; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 454. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Anderson of the 24th and others:

A RESOLUTION to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of fire and other hazards to persons and property generally, so as to authorize the use of temporary door locking devices in public buildings during certain emergency situations; to provide for guidelines for use of such devices; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 485. By Senators Payne of the 54th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Setzler of the 37th, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 10A of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to examination regarding professional counselors, social workers, and marriage and family therapists, so as to authorize applicants for a license in social work enrolled in a master's degree program to take the master's social work licensing examination in their final semester of the program; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 498. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Hickman of the 4th, Kemp of the 38th, Still of the 48th and Halpern of the 39th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 31B of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to charter school capital finance, so as to establish the Georgia Charter School Facilities Authority for the purpose of enabling charter schools to obtain revolving loan funds and other public financing assistance for purposes of constructing, renovating, and rehabilitating educational facilities for such schools; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 17 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission Act," so as to provide for the issuance of general obligation bonds by the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission to provide for educational facilities for charter schools; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 501. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Albers of the 56th, Bearden of the 30th, Brass of the 6th, Still of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 8 and 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to buildings and housing and fire protection and safety, respectively, so as to improve government efficiency by updating provisions of the office of the Safety Fire Commissioner; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 547. By Senators Strickland of the 42nd, Robertson of the 29th, Hatchett of the 50th, Bearden of the 30th, Williams of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-6-13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penalties for violating Code Sections 16-6-9 through 16-6-12, so as to modify the penalties for the offenses of pimping and pandering; to provide that all such offenses shall be punishable as felony offenses; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date and for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 556. By Senators Payne of the 54th, Still of the 48th, Williams of the 25th, Sims of the 12th and Hickman of the 4th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-157 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to uniform reporting system for certain purposes, dual credit courses, and academic eligibility requirements to receive HOPE scholarship, so as to provide for the inclusion of advanced placement and international baccalaureate fine arts courses in the calculation of grade point averages for determining student eligibility for the HOPE scholarships and other scholarships; to provide for applicability; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 569. By Senators Strickland of the 42nd, Robertson of the 29th, Jones of the 10th, Summers of the 13th, Mallow of the 2nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to provide for the issuance of emergency vehicle light permits for towing service companies in certain instances; to revise a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 570. By Senators Still of the 48th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Albers of the 56th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and Dixon of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 21 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to rights, duties, and liabilities of innkeepers, so as to provide for a required human trafficking training program for inns and short-term rental properties; to provide for definitions; to provide for training policies and procedures; to provide for the retention of certain records; to provide for limitations; to provide for penalties; to provide an effective date; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 586. By Senators Williams of the 25th and Robertson of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-11-107 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to interfering with, harming of, or aggravated harming of a public safety animal or search and rescue animal, so as to provide for commendations of public safety animals and search and rescue animals that are injured or killed in the line of duty; to provide for related matters; to provide a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 591. By Senators Gooch of the 51st, Anavitarte of the 31st, Walker III of the 20th, Summers of the 13th, Echols of the 49th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against public order, so as to prohibit the disruption of a religious service; to provide for enhanced penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 593. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th and Tillery of the 19th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 71 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to development impact fees, so as to provide for disclosure of impact fees upon transfer of ownership; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 604. By Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Dolezal of the 27th and Gooch of the 51st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, so as to provide the Attorney General concurrent jurisdiction with district attorneys to conduct criminal prosecutions of violent crimes, illegal immigration offenses, and fentanyl

offenses; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the Senate:

SB 482. By Senators Strickland of the 42nd, Robertson of the 29th, Bearden of the 30th, Tillery of the 19th, Anderson of the 43rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding law enforcement officers and agencies, so as to require persons requesting booking photographs to provide the first and last names of the individuals in the photographs; to require requests for booking photographs to be made as separate requests; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 515. By Senators Hickman of the 4th, Payne of the 54th, Hatchett of the 50th, Parent of the 44th and Dixon of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 9 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to grants for educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to revise and streamline provisions relative to the teacher recruitment and retention tax credit program; to provide for definitions; to amend Code Section 48-7-29.23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax credits for teachers in the teacher recruitment and retention program, so as to provide for tax credit amounts; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 540. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Walker III of the 20th, Still of the 48th, Strickland of the 42nd, Watson of the 1st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 39 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to online internet safety, so as to require certain disclosures related to conversational AI services; to require the operators of conversational AI services to take steps to limit certain actions related to minors by such systems; to require operators to provide certain privacy tools to users; to require operators to adopt a protocol for a conversational AI service's response to suicidal ideation or self-harm; to provide for enforcement by the

Attorney General; to provide for exceptions; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 605. By Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Dolezal of the 27th and Gooch of the 51st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding prosecuting attorneys, so as to provide for additional grounds for discipline of a district attorney or solicitor-general or for his or her removal or involuntary retirement from office; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the Senate:

SB 424. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Summers of the 13th, Brass of the 6th, Burns of the 23rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5A of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Office of State Treasurer, so as to provide for gold and silver specie as legal tender; to provide for a bullion depository; to provide for an electronic payment system; to provide for guidelines, rules and regulations; to provide for insured deposits; to prohibit social credit scoring systems; to provide for annual reports; to prohibit taxation of transactions involving gold and silver specie and legal tender; to provide for an implementation date; to provide for construction; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 458. By Senators Goodman of the 8th, Hatchett of the 50th, Echols of the 49th, Jones of the 10th, Lucas of the 26th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 41 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to residential and commercial general contractors, so as to provide for licensure of home inspectors; to provide for reciprocity of licensure; to provide for licensure of companies performing home inspections; to provide for minimum requirements to apply for licensure; to provide for continuing education requirements; to require home inspectors to maintain insurance; to provide for standards of practice and unfair trade practices; to provide for exceptions; to provide for definitions; to provide for a

short title; to provide for a legislative purpose; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the House was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 1142. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th, Hong of the 103rd, Jones of the 47th, Donatucci of the 105th, Reeves of the 99th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 15 and 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts and domestic relations, respectively, so as to require certain agreements for certain offenses to be eligible for a Pretrial Intervention and Diversion Program; provide for the creation of a registry of recidivist domestic violence offenders; to provide for the maintenance of such registry; to provide for clerks of court to provide certain information to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation; to provide for the registration of recidivist domestic violence offenders; to provide for the assessment of fees on recidivist domestic violence offenders; to provide for the removal of recidivist domestic violence offenders after a period of time; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Titles 15, 19, and 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, domestic relations, and penal institutions, respectively, so as to require certain agreements for certain offenses to be eligible for a Pretrial Intervention and Diversion Program; provide for the creation of a registry of recidivist domestic violence offenders; to provide for the maintenance of such registry; to provide for clerks of court to provide certain information to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation; to provide for the registration of recidivist domestic violence offenders; to provide for the removal of recidivist domestic violence offenders from the registry; to provide for registration requirements for first offender sentencing; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, is amended in Article 4 of Chapter 18, relating to Pretrial Intervention and Diversion Program, by adding a new subsection to Code Section 15-18-80, relating to policy and procedure, to read as follows:

"(i) No prosecuting attorney shall accept any offender into the program for a domestic violence offense if such offender has not agreed that any subsequent domestic violence conviction will be subject to being ordered for inclusion in the domestic violence registry pursuant to Chapter 13B of Title 19."

SECTION 2.

Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to domestic relations, is amended by adding a new chapter to read as follows:

"CHAPTER 13B

19-13B-1.

As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) 'Convicted' or 'conviction' means a verdict of guilty by a judge or jury, a plea of guilty, or a plea of nolo contendere. Such term shall include a person who has been discharged without an adjudication of guilt pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 or had a domestic violence offense discharged under pretrial diversion programs.

(2) 'Dating relationship' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 19-13A-1.

(3) 'Domestic violence offense' means the commission of the offense of simple assault, aggravated assault, simple battery, battery, aggravated battery, false imprisonment, stalking, or aggravated stalking between persons involved in a dating relationship, past or present spouses, persons who are parents of the same child, parents and children, and stepparents and stepchildren.

(4) 'Recidivist domestic violence offender' means a person who has:

(A) Been convicted in this state of a domestic violence offense; and

(B) At least one prior conviction for a domestic violence offense.

19-13B-2.

(a) There is created within the Georgia Bureau of Investigation a searchable registry of recidivist domestic violence offenders.

(b) The Georgia Bureau of Investigation shall maintain such registry based upon information provided by clerks of court pursuant to subsections (c) and (d) of this Code section and information available to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation from the Department of Corrections and local law enforcement agencies. The Georgia Bureau of Investigation shall publish such registry on its website but such registry shall not include an individual's address, social security number, driver's license number, or any other state or federal identification number of a recidivist domestic violence offender.

(c)(1) The registry shall comprise the recidivist domestic violence offender's name, and any known aliases, as listed in criminal history data from the Georgia Crime Information Center; date of birth; conviction date; county or counties of convictions; and a current photograph of each recidivist domestic violence offender.

(2) When an individual's first prior domestic violence offense resulted in a successful discharge without an adjudication of guilt pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 or such offense was resolved through a pretrial diversion program, no information pertaining to such offense shall be identified in the registry; provided, however, that, if such prior offense resulted in a verdict of guilty by a judge or jury, a plea of guilty, or a plea of nolo contendere, to the extent the conviction date and county or counties of conviction information is available regarding the registrant's prior offense, such information shall be included in the registry.

(3) Placement on the registry shall only occur when the Georgia Bureau of Investigation receives an order by the convicting court as provided by the clerk of court pursuant to subsection (d) of this Code section.

(d)(1) If an individual is convicted of a domestic violence offense the convicting court shall, upon proof of any prior domestic violence offense convictions, order the defendant to register under this chapter.

(2) If the convicting court orders a defendant to register under this chapter, such court shall forward to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation a certified copy of the conviction and the date of birth of the defendant. The clerk of court shall forward such information to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation within 30 days of the date of conviction.

(3) The convicting court's order under paragraph (2) of this subsection shall indicate whether the defendant is to remain on the registry for a period of five years if the defendant has one prior domestic violence conviction, or ten years if the defendant has two or more prior domestic violence convictions.

(e) Offenses discharged under a pretrial conversion program shall only be considered a conviction for purposes of meeting registration requirements of this Code section.

(f) The Georgia Bureau of Investigation shall remove from the registry the name and other identifying information of an individual required to register under this chapter:

(1) Within 30 days of receipt of a certified copy of a convicting court order as provided by the clerk of court dismissing or vacating the charge or charges;

(2) Five years after the date of the most recent conviction for a domestic violence offense as indicated in the convicting court order if the defendant has one prior domestic violence offense conviction; and

(3) Ten years after the date of the most recent conviction for a domestic violence offense as indicated in the convicting court order if the defendant has two or more prior domestic violence convictions.

(g) The provisions of this chapter shall apply only to defendants convicted of a domestic violence offense committed on or after January 1, 2027. This chapter shall not apply to any domestic violence offense that occurred prior to January 1, 2027."

SECTION 3.

Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penal institutions, is amended in Chapter 8, relating to probation, by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (h) and subsection (i) of Code Section 42-8-60, relating to probation prior to adjudication of guilt, violation of probation, and review of criminal record by judge, as follows:

"(h)(1) When the clerk of court receives for filing an order of exoneration of guilt and discharge or is notified by the Georgia Crime Information Center that a defendant has completed his or her first offender sentence or was discharged pursuant to subsection (g) of this Code section, it shall be the duty of the clerk of court to enter on the criminal docket, accusation or indictment, sentencing order, and any subsequent order modifying the original first offender sentencing order within 30 days of the receipt of such order or notification the following:

'Discharge filed completely exonerates the defendant of any criminal purpose and shall not affect any of his or her civil rights or liberties, except for registration requirements under the state sexual offender registry and the recidivist domestic violence offender registry and except with regard to employment as specified in Code Section 42-8-63.1; and the defendant shall not be considered to have a criminal conviction. O.C.G.A. 42-8-60.'"

"(i) Except for the registration requirements under the state sexual offender registry and the recidivist domestic violence offender registry and except as otherwise provided in Code Section 42-8-63.1, the first offender exoneration of guilt and discharge shall completely exonerate the defendant of any criminal purpose and shall not affect any of his or her civil rights or liberties, and the defendant shall not be considered to have a criminal conviction."

SECTION 4.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2027, and shall apply to all offenses committed on or after such date.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	E Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins

Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	E Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	E Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	E O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	E Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	E Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	E Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	E Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 163, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the Senate:

SB 190. By Senators Wicks of the 34th, Merritt of the 9th, Harbison of the 15th, McLaurin of the 14th, Jones of the 10th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions of parks, historic areas, memorials, and recreation, so as to provide certain fee

waivers for active duty members of the military, veterans, and family members; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 367. By Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Dolezal of the 27th, Watson of the 1st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 31-6-47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from certificate of need requirements, so as to provide an exemption for health care facilities, services, and equipment dedicated exclusively to the treatment of cancer; to provide for conditions; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills and Resolution of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 1254. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Hatchett of the 155th, Wade of the 9th, Prince of the 132nd, Seabaugh of the 34th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend various titles of the O.C.G.A., so as to move the regulation of various professions from individual boards to the Secretary of State; to amend Chapter 14 of Title 10 of the O.C.G.A., relating to cemetery and funeral services; to amend Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to professions and businesses; to amend Code Section 53-2-27 of the O.C.G.A., relating to DNA testing; to amend Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to professions and businesses; to amend Title 43 and Code Section 12-8-107 of the O.C.G.A., relating to professions and businesses; to amend Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to professions and businesses; to amend Code Section 43-10A-5 of the O.C.G.A., relating to powers and duties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend various titles of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, so as to move the regulation of various professions from individual boards to the Secretary of State; to amend Chapter 14 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to cemetery and funeral services, so as to transfer duties of the State Board of Cemeterians to the Secretary of State; to eliminate the State Board of Cemeterians; to provide the Secretary of State the

authority to issue registrations under said chapter; to provide the Secretary of State necessary powers to carry out provisions and promulgate rules and regulations; to create the Cemeterians Advisory Group; to establish membership, terms, meetings, and duties of the advisory group; to establish a business continuity and succession plan for cemetery owners; to revise regulations regarding preneed dealers and transfers of cemetery ownership; to amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, so as to repeal Chapter 8B, the "Georgia Cemeterians Board Act"; to amend Code Section 53-2-27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to DNA testing for kinship, procedure, costs, conduct of tests, enforcement, and use of results, so as to provide for a conforming change; to amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, so as to dissolve the Georgia Auctioneers Commission; to provide for licensure of auctioneers to be transferred to the Secretary of State; to provide for application for such a licensure; to provide for the refusal to grant such a license; to provide for the suspension, revocation, or refusal to renew such a license; to provide exceptions; to provide for reciprocity; to prohibit certain activities; to provide a civil penalty; to provide for a misdemeanor; to provide for the dissolution of the auctioneers education, research, and recovery fund; to transfer the operation of such fund to the Secretary of State; to provide for the operation of the fund prior to its dissolution; to amend Title 43 and Code Section 12-8-107 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses and submission of voluntary investigation and remediation plan, enrollment, proof of assurance, termination, and compliance status, respectively, so as to repeal and reenact provisions relating to geologists; to provide for the registration of geologists by the Secretary of State; to provide for application for such a registration; to provide for the refusal to grant such a registration; to provide for the suspension, revocation, or refusal to renew such a registration; to abolish the State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists; to provide exceptions; to provide for reciprocity; to provide for the use of seals by geologists; to prohibit certain activities; to provide a civil penalty; to provide for a misdemeanor; to amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, so as to eliminate the State Board of Hearing Aid Dealers and Dispensers; to reconstitute the authority and powers to issue licenses and permits for the dispensing of prescription hearing aids; to provide for rules and regulations; to require licensing and permits relative to the practice of dispensing prescription hearing aids; to remove dealers as a required entity to be licensed; to provide for qualifications of licensure and apprentice permits; to provide for refusal to issue a license or permit; to provide for violations and penalties; to provide for duration of license and renewal; to provide for furnishing a bill of sale or receipt to persons supplied with prescription hearing aids; to provide for exemptions; to provide for construction; to provide for a short title; to provide for purpose and intent; to amend Code Section 43-10A-5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to powers and duties of the board, quorum, and meetings regarding professional counselors, social workers, and marriage and family therapists, so as to correct a reference; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Chapter 14 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to cemetery and funeral services, is amended by revising paragraphs (2), (9), and (34) of Code Section 10-14-3, relating to definitions, as follows:

"(2) ~~'Boards' mean the State Board of Cemeterians as described and authorized in Chapter 8B of Title 43 and the State Board of Funeral Service as described and authorized in Chapter 18 of Title 43.~~ Reserved."

"(9) ~~'Cemetery company' means any entity that owns or controls cemetery lands or property.~~ 'Cemetery owner' or 'cemeterian' means every person registered under this chapter as the legal owner of a cemetery and authorized to employ, appoint, or direct individuals to offer for sale or to sell cemetery burial rights, mausoleum interment rights, columbarium inurnment rights, grave spaces, and burial or funeral services."

"(34) 'Salesperson' or 'sales agent' means an individual employed or appointed or authorized by a cemetery, cemetery ~~company~~ owner, or preneed dealer to sell grave spaces, burial rights, burial or funeral merchandise, burial or funeral services, or any other right or thing of value in connection with the final disposition of human remains. The owner of a cemetery, the executive officers, and general partners of a cemetery ~~company~~ shall not be deemed to be salespersons within the meaning of this definition unless they are paid a commission for the sale of said property, lots, rights, burial or funeral merchandise, or burial or funeral services.

(35) 'Secretary of State' means the Secretary of State of the State of Georgia or his or her designee."

SECTION 1-2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 10-14-3.1, relating to authority of boards, as follows:

"10-14-3.1.

As provided in this Code section, the ~~boards may~~ Secretary of State and the State Board of Funeral Service shall have all administrative powers and other powers necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter, including the authority to promulgate rules and regulations, ~~and the Secretary of State may delegate to the boards all such duties otherwise entrusted to the Secretary of State;~~ provided, however, that the Secretary of State shall have sole authority over matters relating to the regulation of funds, trust funds, and escrow accounts and accounting and investigations concerning such matters but may delegate authority ~~to the appropriate board~~ for the review of such investigations and the determination as to disciplinary matters, necessary sanctions, and the enforcement of such decisions and sanctions. The State Board of Funeral Service shall have authority to promulgate rules and regulations and may be delegated the authority to make disciplinary and sanctioning decisions relating to funeral services or funeral merchandise. The ~~State~~

~~Board of Cemeterians~~ Secretary of State shall have authority to promulgate rules and regulations and ~~may be delegated~~ the authority to make disciplinary and sanctioning decisions relating to burial services or burial merchandise. ~~The Secretary of State may delegate to each board according to such duties and responsibilities of the boards.~~"

SECTION 1-3.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"10-14-3.2.

(a) There is created within the office of the Secretary of State a Cemeterians Advisory Group which shall consist of five members.

(b) The Secretary of State shall appoint all members of the advisory group who shall provide the Secretary of State with expertise and assistance in carrying out his or her duties pursuant to this chapter. Four members of the advisory group shall be registered cemetery owners in this state. One member shall be a consumer.

(c) Members shall serve terms of four years and shall not be compensated.

(d) Members may serve consecutive terms at the will of the Secretary of State. Any vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the regular appointments.

(e) The advisory group shall meet at least once per year or as otherwise called by the Secretary of State.

(f) The Secretary of State may consult with the advisory group prior to setting or changing fees in this chapter and regarding regulation of cemetery care and maintenance matters, disciplinary actions taken, appeals, and denials or revocations of registrations.

(g) The advisory group may facilitate the development of materials that the Secretary of State may utilize to educate the public and industry concerning the requirements regarding maintaining a cemetery.

(h) The Secretary of State may seek the advice of the advisory group on matters necessary to carry out the Secretary of State's responsibilities under this chapter; provided, however, that such advice shall be advisory only and shall not limit or supersede the authority of the Secretary under this chapter."

SECTION 1-4.

Said chapter is further amended by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of Code Section 10-14-4, relating to registration of cemetery owners, preneed dealers, burial or funeral merchandise dealers, exemptions, and nonperpetual care cemeteries, as follows:

"(2) Every person desiring to be a registered preneed dealer, other than a person already licensed by the Board of Funeral Service as a funeral services director in full and continuous charge or an owner of a cemetery ~~licensed by the State Board of Cemeterians as a cemeterian~~ registered under this chapter, shall file with the Secretary of State a registration application in a form prescribed by the Secretary of State, executed and duly verified under oath by the applicant, if the applicant is an individual, or by an executive officer or general partner, if the applicant is a corporation or partnership, or by an individual of similar authority, if the applicant is some other entity, and containing the following information:

(A) The name of the applicant;
(B) The location, mailing address, and telephone number of the applicant's principal business location in Georgia and the same information for other locations where business is conducted, together with any trade names associated with each location;
(C) All locations of the records of the applicant which relate to preneed sales in Georgia;
(D) If the applicant is not a natural person, the names of the president, secretary, and registered agent if the applicant is a corporation, of each general partner if the applicant is a partnership, or of individuals of similar authority, if the applicant is some other entity and their respective addresses and telephone numbers; the name and address of each person who owns 10 percent or more of any class of ownership interest in the applicant and the percentage of such interest; and the date of formation and the jurisdiction of organization of the applicant;
(E) A certified copy of a certificate of existence or certificate of authority issued in accordance with Code Section 14-2-128 if the applicant is a corporation;
(F) A description of any judgment or pending litigation to which the applicant or any affiliate of the applicant is a party and which involves the operation of the applicant's preneed business in Georgia or which could materially affect the business or assets of the applicant;
(G) Whether the applicant or any affiliate of the applicant owns any other entities in Georgia regulated by this chapter and, if so, the location, mailing address, telephone number, and type of registration of such other entities;
(H) A consent to service of process meeting the requirements of Code Section 10-14-24 for actions brought by the State of Georgia;
(I) A list of each individual employed, appointed, or authorized by the applicant to offer for sale or to sell any grave lots, burial rights, burial or funeral merchandise, or burial services on behalf of the applicant;
(J) A balance sheet of the applicant dated as of the end of the most recent fiscal year and in no event dated more than 15 months prior to the date of filing, which the Secretary of State shall treat as confidential and not open to public inspection;
(K) The name, address, location, and telephone number of the preneed trust or escrow account depository or depositories, the names of the accounts, and the account numbers;
(L) An executed copy of the trust or escrow agreement required by Code Section 10-14-7 or 10-14-7.1;
(M) The name, address, and telephone number of the trust or escrow agent;
(N) Such other information and documents as the Secretary of State may require by rule; and
(O) A filing fee of $250.00.

The provisions of this paragraph notwithstanding, a person licensed by the Board of Funeral Service as a funeral services director in full and continuous charge or an owner of a cemetery ~~licensed by the State Board of Cemeterians as a cemeterian~~ registered under this chapter shall not be required to separately register as a preneed dealer,

provided that the requirements of subparagraphs (A) through (N) of this paragraph are satisfied."

SECTION 1-5.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows: "10-14-4.1.

(a) Every cemetery owner registered under this chapter shall establish, implement, and maintain written procedures constituting a business continuity and succession plan. The plan shall be appropriate to the size and structure of the cemetery owner's operations, the nature of the cemetery's services, the number of cemetery locations, and whether preneed sales or perpetual care activities are conducted. Such plan shall be reasonably designed to enable the cemetery to meet its existing obligations to customers. The business continuity plan shall be made available to the Secretary of State.

(b) The business continuity and succession plan shall, at a minimum, provide for:

(1) The protection, backup, and recovery of cemetery records, including burial rights, ownership records, lot sales and plats, interment and disinterment records, preneed contracts and trust or escrow documents, perpetual care trust fund records, cemetery rules and regulations, and all financial books and records required under this chapter;

(2) Alternate means of communication with lot owners, purchasers, preneed contract holders, funeral establishments, key personnel, employees, contractors, vendors, service providers, including trustees, escrow agents, and depositories, and the Secretary of State, as well as procedures for providing timely notice of a significant business interruption, the death or unavailability of key personnel, the inability to perform interments or inurnments, interruptions in access to cemetery property, or any other cessation or disruption of operations;

(3) Temporary or permanent relocation of cemetery operations in the event of a loss of the principal place of business or essential cemetery facilities;

(4) The assignment of duties to qualified responsible persons to ensure continuity of cemetery operations in the event of the death, incapacity, or unavailability of key personnel, including procedures for conducting scheduled interments or inurnments, responding to lot owners and families, complying with trust or escrow deposit requirements, and safeguarding cemetery property and records; and

(5) Procedures designed to minimize service disruptions and prevent harm to lot owners, preneed contract holders, families, and the public in the event of a sudden or significant business interruption, including continuity of grounds maintenance, perpetual care, interment and inurnment services, trust or escrow administration, and the security and integrity of cemetery property.

(c) The Secretary of State shall require a registered cemetery owner to provide such additional information, documentation, or assurances as the Secretary of State considers necessary or appropriate for the protection of purchasers and trust beneficiaries, consistent with the Secretary of State's investigative and supervisory authority under this chapter and under Chapter 5 of this title, the 'Georgia Uniform Securities Act of 2008.'

(d) The Secretary of State shall promulgate such rules and regulations as are necessary to implement and enforce the provisions of this Code section."

SECTION 1-6.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 10-14-5, relating to registration of preneed sales agents and retention of employee applications by registered cemeteries, as follows:

"(a) All individuals who offer preneed contracts to the public, or who execute preneed contracts on behalf of any entity required to be registered as a preneed dealer, and all individuals who offer, sell, or sign contracts for the preneed sale of burial rights shall be registered with the Secretary of State as preneed sales agents, pursuant to this Code section, unless such individuals are exempted under this chapter or individually own a controlling interest in a preneed dealer registered under this chapter. For purposes of this chapter, any person licensed by or registered with the Board of Funeral Service as a funeral services director in full and continuous charge or an owner of a cemetery ~~licensed by the State Board of Cemeterians~~ registered under this chapter as a cemeterian shall be deemed a registered preneed dealer~~,~~ and regulated pursuant to the rules governing same, by virtue thereof."

SECTION 1-7.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsections (b), (e), and (j) of Code Section 10-14-6, relating to perpetual care trust funds, as follows:

"(b)(1) Each cemetery ~~or cemetery company~~ required to be registered by this chapter shall establish and maintain an irrevocable trust fund for each cemetery owned.

(2) For trust funds established on or after July 1, 2000, the initial deposit to said irrevocable trust fund shall be the sum of $10,000.00 and the deposit of said sum shall be made before selling or contracting to sell any burial right. No such initial deposit shall be required with respect to any cemetery for which there is an existing perpetual care account on July 1, 2000. The trust fund shall apply to sales or contracts for sale of lots, grave spaces, niches, mausoleums, columbaria, urns, or crypts in which perpetual care has been promised or guaranteed.

(3) The initial corpus of the trust fund and all subsequent required deposits shall be deposited in a state bank, state savings and loan institution, savings bank, national bank, or federal savings and loan institution, whose deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or other governmental agency, or a state or federally chartered credit union insured under 12 U.S.C. Section 1781 of the Federal Credit Union Act, or other depository or trustee which is approved by the Secretary of State or which meets the standards contained in the rules and regulations promulgated by the Secretary of State.

(4) Each perpetual care trust fund established on or after July 1, 2000, shall be named 'The _____ Cemetery _____ Perpetual Care Trust Fund' with the first blank being filled by the name of the cemetery and the second blank being filled by the month and year of the establishment of such trust fund. If a cemetery has a perpetual

care trust fund existing on July 1, 2000, and the perpetual care trust fund agreement permits, the cemetery may make additional deposits to such a trust fund on the condition that the entire corpus of the trust fund, any income earned by the trust fund, and any subsequent deposits to the trust fund are thereafter governed by the provisions of this chapter, the 'Georgia Cemetery and Funeral Services Act of 2000,' as it existed on July 1, 2000, except for the amount of the initial deposit to the trust fund. If a cemetery owner or ~~company~~ cemetery elects to establish a new perpetual care trust fund subject to the provisions of this chapter, the 'Georgia Cemetery and Funeral Services Act of 2000,' as it existed on July 1, 2000, any perpetual care trust fund which existed on July 1, 2000, is subject to the provisions of law in effect on the date of its establishment, and deposits for sales transacted on or after July 1, 2000, shall be deposited in the trust fund established on or after July 1, 2000. If a cemetery existing on July 1, 2000, has an existing perpetual care trust fund which complies with provisions of law in effect on the date of its establishment, a new trust fund created in compliance with this chapter shall not require an initial deposit."

"(e)(1) The income earned by the trust fund shall be retained by the trust fund. At such time as either:

(A) The cemetery owner is not ~~licensed~~ registered and has not been ~~licensed~~ registered for 90 or more consecutive days to sell burial rights;

(B) The cemetery is under the management of a receiver; or

(C) Less than 50 percent of available lots are unsold,

then 95 percent of the income from the trust fund shall be paid to the owner or receiver exclusively for covering the costs of care and maintenance of the cemetery, including reasonable administrative expenses incurred in connection therewith. The income of the trust fund shall be paid to the owner or receiver at intervals agreed upon by the recipient and the trustee, but in no case shall the income be paid more often than monthly.

(2) Subject to the limitations set forth in paragraph (1) of this subsection, a cemetery owner or receiver may request a trustee to distribute income following the unitrust distribution method provisions outlined in Code Section 53-12-362. The cemetery owner or receiver may select the unitrust distribution method by delivering written instructions to the trustee no later than 60 days prior to when the conversion shall take place. Such notification shall also be provided to the Secretary of State. The unitrust distribution method and the distribution rate selected shall remain in effect unless the cemetery ~~or cemetery company~~ notifies the trustee and the Secretary of State of its desire to effect a change.

(3) Disbursements from the trust in accordance with this subsection shall be made on a monthly, quarterly, semiannual, or annual basis, as agreed upon by the cemetery ~~or cemetery company~~ and the trustee.

(4) The Secretary of State may limit or prohibit any distribution based on the unitrust distribution method provisions in situations where investment returns and distribution practices have not resulted in sufficient protection of the perpetual care trust fund's trust principal based upon a ~~three~~ three-year to five-year analysis."

"(j) Upon a finding by a court of competent jurisdiction of failure to deposit or maintain funds in the trust account as required by this chapter or of fraud, theft, or misconduct by the owners of the cemetery or the officers or directors of a cemetery ~~company~~ which has wasted or depleted such funds, the cemetery owners or the officers or directors of a cemetery ~~company~~ may be held jointly and severally liable for any deficiencies in the trust account as required in this chapter."

SECTION 1-8.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (i) of Code Section 10-14-7, relating to preneed escrow accounts or trust funds, as follows:

"(i) Trust funds shall not be invested in or loaned to any business venture controlled by the preneed dealer, a person who owns a controlling interest of a ~~cemetery owner~~ preneed dealer that is not a natural person, any cemetery or cemetery controlled by such persons, or an affiliate of any of these persons or entities."

SECTION 1-9.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 10-14-9, relating to amendment of registration applications, audit of registrant records, and transfer of ownership in cemeteries or preneed dealers, as follows:

"(c)(1) When ~~any~~ a cemetery or preneed dealer registered under Code Section 10-14-4 ~~is sold or the~~ transfers ownership ~~is otherwise transferred~~ of a cemetery or preneed business, or a controlling interest is sold or transferred, the vendor or the transferor of such cemetery, preneed dealer, or interest shall remain liable for any funds that should have been deposited prior to the date of such sale or transfer in the perpetual care trust fund or the preneed escrow account, or both.

~~(1)~~(2) Prior to such sale or transfer, the vendor or transferor shall notify the Secretary of State of the proposed transfer and submit to the Secretary of State any document or record the Secretary of State may require in order to demonstrate that said vendor or transferor is not indebted to the perpetual care trust fund or the preneed escrow account, or both. After the transfer of ownership or control and the presentation of proof of currency of the perpetual care trust fund or the preneed escrow account, or both, by the vendor or transferor, the Secretary of State may require the presentation of proof of the continued current status of the perpetual care trust fund or the preneed escrow account, or both, by the vendee or transferee. The Secretary of State is authorized to recover from such vendor, transferor, vendee, or transferee, for the benefit of the perpetual care trust fund or the preneed escrow account, or both, all sums which the vendor, transferor, vendee, or transferee has not properly accounted for and paid into the trust fund.

~~(2)~~(3) When the vendee or transferee has complied with the provisions of this subsection, he or she shall submit to the Secretary of State an application for registration and appropriate fees pursuant to Code Section 10-14-4. The Secretary of State shall then issue a certificate of registration to said vendee or transferee."

SECTION 1-10.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (d) of Code Section 10-14-19, relating to enforcement of chapter and civil penalties, as follows:

"(d) In any civil proceeding brought under this Code section, if the Secretary of State shall establish that a perpetual care trust fund or preneed escrow account has not been established and maintained as required, the assets of the cemetery owner, cemetery ~~company~~, or preneed dealer may be seized and sold by the state under orders of the court to the extent necessary to provide said perpetual care trust fund or preneed escrow account and set up the same. In addition, where the registration has been revoked, the whole ~~company~~ cemetery property may be ordered sold after the perpetual care trust fund and preneed escrow account have been established so that the purchaser of the cemetery may continue to operate the same and maintain it under the terms of this chapter."

SECTION 1-11.

Said chapter is further amended by replacing "cemetery company" and "cemetery company's" with "cemetery" and "cemetery's" wherever each such former term appears in:

(1) Code Section 10-14-12, relating to separate accounts and records, owner acting as truster, removal of trustee, removal of trustee or escrow agent, and financial reports;

(2) Code Section 10-14-17, relating to prohibited acts and fees; and

(3) Code Section 10-14-29, relating to construction of mausoleums and columbariums and preconstruction trust funds.

SECTION 1-12.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 10-14-23, relating to administrative appeal of orders issued by Secretary of State, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) Where the Secretary of State has issued any order forbidding the sale of burial lots, burial rights, burial merchandise, or burial services under any provision of this chapter, he or she shall promptly send to the cemetery owner, ~~cemetery company,~~ burial or funeral merchandise dealer, or preneed dealer and to the persons who have filed such application for registration a notice of opportunity for hearing. Before entering an order refusing to register any person or entity and after the entering of any order for revocation or suspension, the Secretary of State shall promptly send to such person or entity a notice of opportunity for hearing. Hearings shall be conducted by the Secretary of State pursuant to this Code section."

SECTION 1-13.

Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and business, is amended by repealing Chapter 8B, relating to cemetarians.

SECTION 1-14.

Code Section 53-2-27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to DNA testing for kinship, procedure, costs, conduct of tests, enforcement, and use of results, is amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (d) as follows:

"(d)(1) The costs of obtaining and testing of DNA samples, including the costs of disinterment and reinterment of the remains of the decedent, if necessary, as well as the costs of providing the report, shall be assessed against and paid by the moving party, and the court may award such costs as part of its final decree; provided, however, that the court may, in its discretion after all parties in interest have been given reasonable opportunity to be heard, cast all or part of such costs against one or more parties in interest upon entering a finding of fact that any such party has asserted in bad faith a position with respect to the kinship in controversy in a proceeding under this article or has failed unreasonably to cooperate with an order for DNA testing entered pursuant to this Code section. The costs of disinterment may include a reasonable fee for services provided by a cemetery ~~company~~ in connection therewith, subject to the limitation upon such charges imposed by subsection (d) of Code Section 10-14-17."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, is amended by repealing Chapter 6, relating to auctioneers, and enacting a new Chapter 6 to read as follows:

"CHAPTER 6

43-6-1.
As used in this chapter, the term:
(1) 'Absolute auction' means that ownership and title of real or personal property offered at auction shall be conveyed to the high bidder without reservation and without any competing bids of any type by the owner or an agent of the owner of the property.
(2) 'Auction business' or 'business of auctioning' means the performing of any of the acts of an auctioneer, including bid calling for a fee, commission, or any other valuable consideration or with the intention or expectation of receiving the same by means of or by process of an auction or sale at auction or offering, negotiating, or attempting to negotiate a listing contract for the sale, purchase, or exchange of goods, chattels, merchandise, real or personal property, or any other commodity which lawfully may be kept or offered for sale.
(3) 'Auction with reserve' means that the seller reserves the right to refuse any and all bids.
(4) 'Auctioneer' means any person, licensed under this chapter, who, for a fee, commission, or any other valuable consideration or with the intention or expectation of receiving the same by means of or by process of an auction or sale at auction, whether conducted in person, online, electronically, or through an internet-based platform, offers, negotiates, or attempts to negotiate a listing contract, sale, purchase, or exchange of goods, chattels, merchandise, real or personal property, or any other commodity which lawfully may be kept or offered for sale.

(5) 'Goods' means any chattel, goods, merchandise, real or personal property, or commodities of any form or type which lawfully may be kept or offered for sale.
(6) 'Person or persons' means an individual.
(7) 'Ringperson' means any person employed directly by an auctioneer or auction company responsible for a sale who assists the auctioneer in the conduct of an auction, provided that such person shall not be permitted to call or chant a bid or negotiate a listing contract.
(8) 'Secretary of State' means the Secretary of State of the State of Georgia or his or her designee.

43-6-2.
In carrying out the duties and responsibilities under this chapter, the Secretary of State may seek the advice and counsel of industry representatives, stakeholders, or subject matter experts as he or she deems appropriate to provide expertise and assistance in the administration and enforcement of this chapter.

43-6-3.
The Secretary of State shall have the power to regulate the issuance of licenses, to revoke or suspend licenses issued under this chapter, and to censure licensees for any violation of this chapter.

43-6-4.
(a) It shall be unlawful for any person, directly or indirectly, to engage in, conduct, advertise, hold himself or herself out as engaging in or conducting the business of, or act in the capacity of, an auctioneer within this state without first obtaining a license as an auctioneer as provided in this chapter, unless he or she is exempted from obtaining a license under Code Section 43-6-15.
(b) It shall be unlawful for any licensed auctioneer to act in such capacity in the sale of real property unless such auctioneer is also licensed as a real estate broker, associate broker, or salesperson under Chapter 40 of this title; provided, however, that any auctioneer who was licensed as such by this state prior to July 1, 1978, and who, prior to December 31, 1984, submits proof to the commission that he or she has been auctioning real property for five years or more immediately prior to the date of application shall not be required to meet the provisions of this subsection, but such person shall not thereby be construed to be a real estate broker, associate broker, or salesperson under Chapter 40 of this title.

43-6-5.
(a) Any person desiring to act as an auctioneer shall file an application for licensure with the Secretary of State. The application shall be completed and submitted upon a form and in such manner as prescribed by the Secretary of State and shall be accompanied by the applicable fees and evidence satisfactory to the Secretary of State that the applicant meets the requirements for licensure under this chapter.

(b) To be eligible for licensure as an auctioneer, an applicant shall:

(1) Be at least 18 years of age;

(2) Have obtained a high school diploma or its equivalent, as determined by the Secretary of State;

(3) Have successfully completed an auctioneer education program approved pursuant to this chapter;

(4) Successfully pass an examination approved or administered by the Secretary of State to determine the applicant's knowledge and competency to practice as an auctioneer in this state;

(5) Maintain an escrow or trustee account for the receipt, holding, or disbursement of funds belonging to others and provide information identifying such account, together with authorization permitting examination of the account by the Secretary of State or his or her designee; and

(6) Provide at least one secure and verifiable document, as defined in Code Section 50-36-2, establishing the applicant's identity, and submits an affidavit verifying lawful presence in the United States pursuant to Code Section 50-36-1, together with any required immigration documentation for noncitizen applicants.

(c) An application for a license under this Code section shall constitute express consent and authorization for the Secretary of State to perform a criminal background check conducted by the Georgia Crime Information Center and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Each applicant who submits an application to the Secretary of State for licensure agrees to provide any and all information necessary to run a criminal background check, including, but not limited to, classifiable sets of fingerprints. The applicant shall be responsible for all fees associated with the performance of such background check.

(d) The Secretary of State shall have the authority to approve auctioneer education programs and schools that are accredited by a recognized accrediting body or otherwise deemed eligible by the Secretary of State to meet the education requirements of this chapter. The Secretary of State may establish standards, criteria, and procedures by rule for such approval or eligibility determinations.

43-6-6.

(a) All licenses issued under this chapter shall be renewable biennially at such time as may be designated by the division director, as defined in Code Section 43-1-1, and shall expire as provided in Code Section 43-1-4. Applications for renewal shall be filed with the Secretary of State prior to the expiration date and shall be accompanied by the renewal fee prescribed by the Secretary of State, and proof, in a form acceptable to the Secretary of State, that the licensee has completed continuing education as required in Code Section 43-6-7.

(b) Each licensee shall be responsible for the timely renewal of his or her license and shall notify the Secretary of State, in a manner prescribed by the Secretary of State, of any change in mailing address or contact information.

(c) Failure to renew a license shall result in forfeiture of the license, which shall have no force or effect unless and until reinstated in accordance with this Code section.

(1) A forfeited license may be reinstated within one year of the expiration date upon submission of an application and payment of all required renewal and restoration fees, in such manner as prescribed by the Secretary of State.

(2) A license that has been forfeited for more than one year but less than two years may be reinstated at the discretion of the Secretary of State upon submission of an application, payment of the required fees, and compliance with any continuing education requirements established pursuant to this chapter.

(d) Failure to restore a forfeited license within two years of the expiration date shall result in automatic termination of the license, and the Secretary of State may require the individual to reapply for licensure as a new applicant.

43-6-7.

(a) The Secretary of State shall be authorized to require persons seeking renewal of an auctioneer's license under this chapter to complete approved continuing education of not more than eight hours biennially.

(b) The Secretary of State shall be authorized to waive the continuing education requirement in cases of hardship, disability, or illness or under such other circumstances as the Secretary of State deems appropriate.

(c) The Secretary of State shall be authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to implement and ensure compliance with the requirements of this Code section.

43-6-8.

(a) Any resident of another state who holds a current license as an auctioneer under the laws of any other state having requirements similar to those in this chapter may, at the discretion of the Secretary of State, be issued a license to practice as an auctioneer in this state without written examination upon the payment of the fees as required by the Secretary of State.

(b) Any resident of another state which does not have a law regulating the licensing of auctioneers but who holds a current and valid license in a state which has a reciprocal licensing agreement with Georgia may, at the discretion of the Secretary of State, be issued a license to practice as an auctioneer in this state without examination upon the payment of a fee as required by the Secretary of State.

(c) By applying for or engaging in the business of auctioning in this state pursuant to this Code section, a nonresident auctioneer shall be deemed to have appointed the Secretary of State as the auctioneer's lawful agent for service of process in any civil action or legal proceeding arising out of or related to the auctioneer's business of auctioning in this state. Service of process upon the Secretary of State pursuant to this subsection shall be of the same legal force and effect as personal service upon the auctioneer. Upon receipt of such process, the Secretary of State shall forward a copy thereof to the auctioneer at the auctioneer's last known address on file with the Secretary of State.

43-6-9.
(a) Every licensed auctioneer shall maintain an active escrow or trustee account at a financial institution for the receipt, holding, and disbursement of funds belonging to others arising from auction activities.
(b) All auction proceeds received by an auctioneer shall be deposited into an escrow or trustee account not later than 48 hours or the next business day after receipt, unless settlement is made within 24 hours.
(c) Funds belonging to others shall not be commingled with the auctioneer's personal funds or with any general operating account and shall be held in the escrow or trustee account until properly disbursed to the appropriate parties.
(d) Every licensed auctioneer shall provide to the Secretary of State information identifying the escrow or trustee account, including the name of the financial institution and the account number, together with authorization permitting examination of such account by the Secretary of State or his or her designee.
(e) Every licensed auctioneer shall notify the Secretary of State of any change in the name or location of the escrow or trustee account or any other material change affecting compliance with this Code section, in such manner as prescribed by the Secretary of State.
(f) The Secretary of State may adopt rules governing escrow or trustee account requirements, reporting, recordkeeping, and examination as necessary to administer and enforce this Code section.

43-6-10.
The Secretary of State shall prepare and deliver a pocket card certifying that the person whose name appears thereon is a licensed auctioneer, as the case may be, stating the period of time for which fees have been paid.
(b) A Georgia auctioneer's license identification card, or an electronic or digital version thereof approved by the Secretary of State, shall be carried on the auctioneer's person when participating in the business of auctioning in any capacity.
(c) Should the auctioneer change his or her place of business, he or she shall notify the Secretary of State in writing within ten days of such change, and thereupon a new pocket card shall be granted to the auctioneer.

43-6-11.
(a) Where an applicant has been convicted of forgery, embezzlement, obtaining money under false pretenses, larceny, extortion, conspiracy to defraud, or other like offense or offenses or has been convicted of any other crime in a court of competent jurisdiction of this or any other state, district, or territory of the United States or of a foreign country, such untrustworthiness of the applicant and the conviction, in itself, may be a sufficient ground for refusal of a license.
(b) Where an applicant has made a false statement of material fact on his or her application, such false statement, in itself, may be sufficient ground for refusal of a license.

(c) Grounds for suspension or revocation of a license, as provided for by this chapter, shall also be grounds for refusal to grant a license.

43-6-12.
The refusal to grant a license as provided in this chapter shall not be considered to be a contested case within the meaning of Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' and notice and hearing as provided in such chapter shall not be required in connection with such refusal. Notice of refusal to grant a license shall be sent by registered mail or statutory overnight delivery or personal service setting forth the particular reasons for the refusal. The written notice shall be sent to the applicant's address of record with the Secretary of State, and the applicant shall be allowed to appear before the Secretary of State, or their designee, if the applicant requests to do so in writing.

43-6-13.
The Secretary of State shall have the authority to investigate the actions of any auctioneer and shall have power to censure such licensee or to revoke or suspend any license issued under this chapter whenever such license has been obtained by false or fraudulent representation or the licensee has been found guilty of any unfair trade practices, including, but not limited to:

(1) Making any substantial misrepresentation while describing any property, real or personal; using any false, deceptive, misleading, or untruthful advertising; or making any statements, whether in person or through advertising, which may create false or unjustified expectations of the services to be performed;

(2) Engaging in a continued and flagrant course of misrepresentation, making false promises through an agent, or advertising an auction to be an absolute auction while conducting the auction with reserve or otherwise inconsistently with such representation;

(3) Failing to account for or remit, within 30 days unless otherwise provided by contract, any money belonging to others that comes into his or her possession, commingling funds of others with his or her own, or failing to keep such funds of others in an escrow or trustee account;

(4) Conviction by a court of competent jurisdiction in this state or any other state of a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude;

(5) Violation of this chapter, any rule or regulation, or code of ethics promulgated by the Secretary of State;

(6) Engaging in conduct demonstrating bad faith, dishonesty, fraud, incompetence, or untruthfulness in connection with the business of auctioning;

(7) Having had any license to practice a business or profession revoked, suspended, annulled, or sanctioned, or otherwise having had any disciplinary action taken by any other licensing authority in this or any other state; or

(8) Knowingly making any misleading, false, or deceptive statement on any application for a licensure or renewal under this chapter.

(b) The Secretary of State may discipline, suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew a license only after proper notice and an opportunity for a hearing.
(c) Except as otherwise provided, the provisions of Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' shall be applicable to the provisions of this chapter and to the Secretary of State in carrying out the provisions of this chapter.

43-6-14.
Whenever, in the judgment of the Secretary of State, any person has engaged in any acts or practices which constitute a violation of this chapter, the Attorney General may bring an action in the name of the state in the superior court of the county in which venue is proper, to abate and temporarily and permanently to enjoin such acts and practices and to enforce compliance with this chapter. The plaintiff shall not be required to give any bond.

43-6-15.
Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, this chapter shall not apply to:
(1) Any person acting as a receiver, trustee in bankruptcy, administrator, executor, or any such person acting under order of any court;
(2) Any nonprofit organization conducting an auction where the funds are to be used in a way as to benefit persons with physical or mental disabilities or disorders or for research related to cures or prevention of such disabilities or disorders, nor shall this chapter apply to any auction conducted by a nonprofit organization where the funds are to be used for the preservation of wildlife or its habitats whether conducted by a licensed auctioneer or nonlicensed auctioneer;
(3) Any person acting as an auctioneer in the auction of livestock, forest products, or farm products in an auction facility which is licensed and bonded under the provisions of Article 3 of Chapter 6 of Title 4 or in an auction facility which is licensed under Code Section 10-4-101 or to any youth livestock auction, sponsored by a 4-H Club or the Future Farmers of America;
(4) Any students of approved auctioneering schools during the term of their course of study;
(5) Any person conducting a public sale of personal property pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 10-4-213; or
(6) Ringpersons as defined in Code Section 43-6-1.

43-6-16.
Any person acting as an auctioneer as provided in this chapter without a license and any person who violates this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed $1,000.00, by imprisonment for a term not to exceed 90 days, or both.

43-6-17.

Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit any lawful regulation or licensing of auctioneers by any municipality, county, or other political subdivision of this state; provided, however, that no such political subdivision shall license any auctioneer required to be licensed by this chapter unless such auctioneer has been approved for licensure by the Secretary of State as required in this chapter.

43-6-18.

(a) Effective July 1, 2026, the Georgia Auctioneers Commission shall stand dissolved. Notwithstanding such dissolution, the auctioneers education, research, and recovery fund established pursuant to the former provisions of Code Section 43-6-22.1 as such provisions existed prior to July 1, 2026, shall remain in existence solely for the purpose of administering, defending, and paying claims arising from acts, representations, transactions, or conduct of a licensee and to fund continuing education for auctioneers.

(b) On and after July 1, 2026, the Secretary of State shall serve as the successor administrator to the Georgia Auctioneers Commission for all matters arising under this Code section, including the receipt of notices, the defense of actions, the processing of claims, and the payment of court ordered damages from the fund. Any person, except bonding companies when they are not principals in an auction transaction, aggrieved by an act, representation, transaction, or conduct of an individual licensed under this chapter which is in violation of the current or former provisions of this chapter or of the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to such, may recover, by order of any court having competent jurisdiction, actual or compensatory damages, not including interests and costs sustained by the act, representation, transaction, or conduct, provided that nothing shall be construed to obligate the fund for more than $10,000.00 per transaction regardless of the number of persons aggrieved or parcels of real estate or lots of personal property involved in such transaction. In addition:

(1) The liability of the fund for the acts of an individual licensed under this chapter, when acting as such, is terminated upon the issuance of court orders authorizing payments from the fund for judgments, or any unsatisfied portion of judgments, in an aggregate amount of $20,000.00 on behalf of such licensee;

(2) A licensee acting as a principal or agent in an auction transaction has no claim against the fund;

(3) No person who establishes a proper claim or claims under this Code section shall ever obtain more than $10,000.00 from the fund; and

(4) The fund shall not pay out for any wrongdoing by an auction company if the wrongdoing occurred on or after July 1, 2026.

(c)(1) No action for a judgment which subsequently results in an order for collection from the fund shall be started later than two years from the accrual of the cause of action thereon. When any aggrieved person commences action for a judgment which may result in collection from the fund, the aggrieved person shall notify the Secretary of State in writing, by certified mail or statutory overnight delivery, return receipt

requested, to this effect at the time of the commencement of such action. The Secretary of State shall have the right to intervene in and defend any such action.

(2) When any aggrieved person recovers a valid judgment in any court of competent jurisdiction against any individual licensed under the provisions of this chapter for any act, representation, transaction, or conduct which is in violation of this chapter or of the regulations promulgated pursuant to this chapter, or which is in violation of Chapter 47 of this title or of the regulations promulgated pursuant to Chapter 47 of this title, which act occurred on or after January 1, 1992, the aggrieved person may, upon termination of all proceedings, including reviews and appeals in connection with the judgment, file a verified claim in the court in which the judgment was entered and, upon ten days' written notice to the Secretary of State, may apply to the court for an order directing payment out of the fund of the amount unpaid upon the judgment, subject to the limitations stated in this Code section.

(3) The court shall proceed upon such application in a summary manner and, upon the hearing thereof, the aggrieved person shall be required to show:

(A) That he or she is not a spouse of the judgment debtor or the personal representative of such spouse;

(B) That he or she has complied with all the requirements of this Code section;

(C) That he or she has obtained a judgment, as set out in paragraph (2) of this subsection, stating the amount thereof and the amount owing thereon at the date of the application; and that, in such action, he or she had joined any and all bonding companies which issued corporate surety bonds to the judgment debtors as principals and all other necessary parties;

(D) That he or she has caused to be issued a writ of execution upon such judgment and the officer executing the same has made a return showing that no personal or real property of the judgment debtor liable to be levied upon in satisfaction of the judgment could be found or that the amount realized on the sale of them as were found, under such execution, was insufficient to satisfy the judgment, stating the amount so realized and the balance remaining due to the judgment after application thereon of the amount realized;

(E) That he or she has caused the judgment debtor to make discovery under oath concerning his or her property in accordance with Chapter 11 of Title 9, the 'Georgia Civil Practice Act';

(F) That he or she has made all reasonable searches and inquiries to ascertain whether the judgment debtor is possessed of real or personal property or other assets liable to be sold or applied in satisfaction of the judgment;

(G) That by such search he or she has discovered no personal or real property or other assets liable to be sold or applied or that he or she has discovered certain of them, describing them, owned by the judgment debtor and liable to be so applied and that he or she has taken all necessary action and proceedings for the realization thereof and that the amount thereby realized was insufficient to satisfy the judgment, stating the amount so realized and the balance remaining due on the judgment after application of the amount realized; and

(H) That the following items, if any, as recovered by him or her have been applied to the actual or compensatory damages awarded by the court:

(i) Any amount recovered from the judgment debtor or debtors;

(ii) Any amount recovered from the bonding company or companies; or

(iii) Any amount recovered in out-of-court settlements as to particular defendants.

(4) Whenever the aggrieved person satisfies the court that it is not practical to comply with one or more of the requirements enumerated in subparagraphs (D), (E), (F), (G), or (H) of paragraph (3) of this subsection and that the aggrieved person has taken all reasonable steps to collect the amount of the judgment or the unsatisfied part thereof and has been unable to collect the same, the court may, in its discretion, dispense with the necessity for complying with such requirements.

(5) The court shall make an order directed to the Secretary of State requiring payment from the fund of whatever sum it shall find to be payable upon the claim, pursuant to the provisions of and in accordance with the limitations contained in this Code section, if the court is satisfied, upon the hearing, of the truth of all matters required to be shown by the aggrieved person by paragraph (3) of this subsection and is satisfied that the aggrieved person has fully pursued and exhausted all remedies available to him or her for recovering the amount awarded by the judgment of the court.

(6) If, at any time, the money deposited in the fund is insufficient to satisfy any duly authorized claim or portion thereof, the Secretary of State, as successor administrator to the Georgia Auctioneers Commission, shall satisfy such unpaid claims or portions thereof in the order that such claims or portions thereof were originally filed, plus accumulated interest at the rate of 4 percent per annum. In no event shall the state, the Secretary of State, the former Georgia Auctioneers Commission, or any member or employee thereof be liable to any person for any deficiency in payment under this Code section.

(d)(1) On and after July 1, 2026, the fund shall continue to be held in trust for the payment of claims, and the Secretary of State shall administer only the balance existing on such date and any earnings thereon.

(2) On December 31 of each year, the fund balance shall be assessed and, if the balance is below $10,000.00, any remaining moneys shall be transferred to the general fund of the state treasury, and the fund shall stand abolished. Until such date, such moneys may be invested in any investments which are legal for domestic insurance companies under Articles 1 and 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 33, and the interest from these investments shall be deposited to the credit of the fund. Revenue generated by the annual compounding interest from the date of the fund's inception may be dispensed by the Secretary of State or his or her designee to fund continuing education for auctioneers.

(e) It shall be unlawful for any person or his or her agent to file with the commission any notice, statement, or other document required under this Code section which is false, untrue, or contains any material misstatement of fact and shall, upon conviction, be punishable as a misdemeanor.

(f) When the Secretary of State receives notice, as provided in subsection (c) of this Code section, the Secretary of State may enter an appearance, file an answer, appear at the

court hearing, defend the action, or take whatever other action he or she may deem appropriate on behalf of and in the name of the defendant and take recourse through any appropriate method of review on behalf of and in the name of the defendant.
(g) When, upon the order of the court, the Secretary of State has paid from the fund any sum to the judgment creditor, the Secretary of State shall be subrogated to all of the rights of the judgment creditor. The judgment creditor shall assign all its right, title, and interest in the judgment to the Secretary of State before any payment is made from the fund, and any amount and interest so recovered by the Secretary of State on the judgment shall be deposited in the fund. If the total amount collected on the judgment by the Secretary of State exceeds the amount paid from the fund to the original judgment creditor plus interest and the cost of collection, the Secretary of State may elect to pay any overage collected to the original judgment creditor or reassign the remaining interest in the judgment to the original judgment creditor. The payment or reassignment to the original judgment creditor shall not subject the fund to further liability for payment to the original judgment creditor based on that transaction or judgment. Any costs incurred by the Secretary of State's attempt to collect assigned judgments shall be paid from the fund.
(h) The failure of an aggrieved person to comply with all of the provisions of this Code section shall constitute a waiver of any rights under this Code section."

SECTION 2-2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-47-10, relating to investigation of licensees by board, suspension or revocation of license, and other sanctions, by revising division (1)(P)(iii) as follows:

"(iii) A violation of this subparagraph shall also be grounds for suspension or censure of a license under Code Section ~~43-6-18~~ 43-6-13, and any auction violating this subparagraph may be required by the board to surrender its master tag;"

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

Said title is further amended by repealing Chapter 19, relating to geologists, and enacting a new Chapter 19 to read as follows:

"CHAPTER 19

43-19-1.
This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the 'Registration of Professional Geologists Act' and is enacted to safeguard life, health, and property and to promote the public welfare.

43-19-2.
As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) 'Geologist' means a person registered under this chapter to engage in the practice of geology.
(2) 'Geology' means that science which treats of the earth in general; investigation of the earth's crust and the rocks and other materials which compose it; and the applied science of utilizing knowledge of the earth and its constituent rocks, minerals, liquids, gases, and other materials for the benefit of mankind.
(3) 'Public practice of geology' means the performance of geological service or work such as consultation, investigation, surveys, evaluation, planning, mapping, and inspection of geological work in which the performance is related to public welfare or safeguarding of life, health, property, and the environment, except as specifically exempted by this chapter. A person shall be construed to practice publicly or offer to practice publicly geology, within the meaning and intent of this chapter, who practices any branch of the profession of geology; or who by verbal claim, sign, advertisement, letterhead, card, or in any other way represents themselves to be a geologist; or through the use of some other title implies that he or she is a geologist; or that he or she is registered under this chapter; or who holds themselves out as able to perform or who does perform any geological services or work recognized as geology.
(4) 'Registered professional geologist' means a person who is registered as a geologist under this chapter.
(5) 'Responsible charge of work' means the independent control and direction, by the use of initiative, skill, and independent judgment, of geological work or the supervision of such work.
(6) 'Secretary of State' means the Secretary of State of the State of Georgia or his or her designee.
(7) 'Subordinate' means any person who assists a registered professional geologist or a registered engineer in the practice of geology without assuming the responsible charge of work.

43-19-3.
In carrying out the duties and responsibilities under this chapter, the Secretary of State shall seek the advice and counsel of industry representatives, stakeholders, or subject matter experts to provide expertise and assistance in the administration and enforcement of this chapter.

43-19-4.
By engaging in the public practice of geology in this state, a nonresident individual appoints the Secretary of State as the individual's agent for service of process in any civil action in this state related to the individual's public practice of geology in this state.

43-19-5.
(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (e) of this Code section, an individual shall not engage in the public practice of geology in this state without holding a certificate of registration under this chapter.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person other than a registered professional geologist or a subordinate under his or her direction to prepare any geologic plans, reports, or documents in which the performance is related to the public welfare or safeguarding of life, health, property, or the environment.
(c) It shall be unlawful for any person other than a registered professional geologist to stamp or seal any plans, plats, reports, or other documents with the seal or stamp of a registered professional geologist or to use in any manner the title 'registered professional geologist.'
(d) It shall be unlawful for any person to affix his or her signature or to stamp or seal any plans, plats, reports or other documents after the certification of the registrant named thereon has expired or has been suspended or revoked, unless the certificate has been renewed or reissued.
(e) The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to any individual who is:
(1) Engaged in the practice of any profession or trade for which a license is required under any other law of this state, including, without limitation, licensed professional engineers lawfully practicing soil mechanics, foundation engineering, and other professional engineering as provided in this title; or licensed architects lawfully practicing architecture as provided in this title;
(2) Engaged solely in teaching the science of geology or engaged in nonpublic geologic research in this state;
(3) An officer or employee of the United States or this state practicing geology solely as such officer or employee; and
(4) A subordinate to a geologist registered under this chapter, insofar as he or she acts solely in such capacity; provided, however, that this paragraph shall not be construed to permit any such subordinate to practice geology for others in his or her own right or use the title 'registered professional geologist.'
(f) The right to engage in the practice of geology shall be deemed a personal right, based on the qualifications of the individual as evidenced by his or her certificate of registration, and shall not be transferable.

43-19-6.
(a) The Secretary of State shall issue a certificate of registration as a professional geologist to an applicant when such applicant has completed and submitted an application upon a form and in such manner as the Secretary of State prescribes, accompanied by applicable fees and evidence satisfactory to the Secretary of State that:
(1) The applicant has graduated from an accredited college or university with a bachelor's degree or higher in geology, engineering geology, geological engineering, or a comparable earth or environmental science or engineering focused discipline; or has completed 45 quarter hours or the equivalent in geological science courses leading to a major in geology, of which at least 36 quarter hours or the equivalent were taken in the third or fourth year or in graduate courses;
(2) The applicant has at least seven years of professional geological work, including a minimum of three years under the supervision of a registered professional geologist or

a registered civil engineer, or another individual who is legally authorized to practice geology. For purposes of calculating an applicant's years of professional geological work:

(A) Each year of undergraduate study in geological sciences counts as one-half year of training, up to a maximum of two years, and each year of graduate study counts as one full year of training. Credit for undergraduate study, graduate study, and graduate courses, individually or combined, shall not exceed four years toward the required seven years of professional geological work;

(B) Professional geological work or geological research performed by full-time faculty at an accredited college or university shall count toward the required seven years when the work or research involves activities that fall within the definition of geology as defined under this chapter; and

(C) An applicant's years of professional geological work used to satisfy the required seven years shall meet the following criteria:

(i) The professional geological work shall consist of geological tasks included within the statutory definition of the public practice of geology;

(ii) Only professional geological work performed in a position with assigned professional responsibility for geological work shall be counted; and

(iii) Documentation of supervision and experience shall be submitted in the format prescribed by the Secretary of State;

(3) The applicant has successfully passed such examinations endorsed by the National Association of State Boards of Geology as are required by the Secretary of State;

(4) The applicant is in good standing based on a review of the applicant's licensure history in any other jurisdiction, including a review of any prior disciplinary action, alleged misconduct, or negligence in the practice of geology and the applicant has not been previously denied a certificate of registration under this chapter, unless the Secretary of State determines that the grounds for such denial no longer apply; and

(5) The applicant provides at least one secure and verifiable document, as defined in Code Section 50-36-2, establishing the applicant's identity, and submits an affidavit verifying lawful presence in the United States pursuant to Code Section 50-36-1, together with any required immigration documentation for non-citizen applicants.

(b) An application for a certificate of registration under this Code section shall constitute express consent and authorization for the Secretary of State to perform a criminal background check conducted by the Georgia Crime Information Center and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Each applicant who submits an application to the Secretary of State for a certificate of registration agrees to provide any and all information necessary to run a criminal background check, including, but not limited to, classifiable sets of fingerprints. The applicant shall be responsible for all fees associated with the performance of such background check.

43-19-7.

A person holding a certificate of registration to engage in the public practice of geology, on the basis of comparable licensing requirements issued to him or her by a proper

authority of a state, territory, or possession of the United States or the District of Columbia, and who, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, otherwise meets the requirements of this chapter based on verified evidence may be registered, upon application, without further examination.

43-19-8.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, the Secretary of State shall issue a certificate of registration to an individual who complies with Code Section 43-19-6.

(b) The Secretary of State may refuse to issue a certificate of registration if it is determined that the applicant has engaged in conduct that has a significant adverse effect on the applicant's fitness to engage in the public practice of geology. In making the determination, the Secretary of State may consider whether the applicant has:

(1) Been convicted of, or entered a plea of nolo contendere to, a crime that, if committed in this state, would constitute a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude, including any offense reasonably related to the applicant's fitness to engage in the public practice of geology. A record of conviction, plea, or a certified copy thereof shall be conclusive evidence of such conviction or plea;

(2) Made a material false, misleading, deceptive, or fraudulent representation in the application or as a geologist;

(3) Engaged in conduct prohibited by this chapter or regulation adopted pursuant to this chapter; or

(4) Had a registration or licensure as a geologist suspended, revoked, or denied or been refused renewal of registration or licensure as a geologist in any state.

(c) The refusal to grant a registration as provided in this Code section shall not be considered to be a contested case within the meaning of Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' and notice and hearing within the meaning of such chapter shall not be required in connection with such refusal. Notice of refusal to grant a registration shall be sent by registered mail or statutory overnight delivery or personal service setting forth the particular reasons for the refusal. The written notice shall be sent to the applicant's address of record with the Secretary of State, and the applicant shall be allowed to appear before the Secretary of State if the applicant requests to do so in writing.

43-19-9.

(a) The Secretary of State may suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew a registration or may discipline an individual registered under this chapter for conduct that would have justified denial of registration under Code Section 43-19-8.

(b) The Secretary of State may discipline, suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew a certificate of registration only after proper notice and an opportunity for a hearing.

(c) Except as otherwise provided, the provisions of Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' shall be applicable to the provisions of this chapter and to the Secretary of State in carrying out the provisions of this chapter.

43-19-10.
(a) All certificates shall be renewable biennially at such time as may be designated by the Secretary of State. All applications for renewal shall be filed with the Secretary of State prior to the expiration date, accompanied by the renewal fee prescribed by the Secretary of State. A certificate which has expired for failure to renew may only be restored after application and payment of the prescribed restoration fee.
(b) Each person shall be responsible for timely renewal of his or her certificate of registration and shall notify the Secretary of State, in a manner prescribed by the Secretary of State, of any change in his or her mailing address or contact information.
(c) Failure to renew a certificate of registration shall result in forfeiture of the certificate. Certificates that have been forfeited may be restored within one year of the expiration date upon payment of renewal and restoration fees. Failure to restore a forfeited certificate within one year of the date of its expiration shall result in the automatic termination of the certificate, and the Secretary of State may require the individual to reapply for his or her certificate of registration as a new applicant.

43-19-11.
Each registrant under this chapter, upon issuance of a certificate of registration, may use a seal of such design as is authorized by the Secretary of State, bearing the registrant's name and the legend 'Registered Professional Geologist'. All drawings, reports, or other geologic papers or documents involving the practice of geology, as defined in this chapter, which shall have been prepared or approved by a registered professional geologist or a subordinate employee under his or her direction for the use of or for delivery to any person or for public record within this state shall be signed by him or her and impressed with the seal provided for in this Code section or the seal of a nonresident practicing under this chapter, either of which shall indicate his or her responsibility for them.

43-19-12.
The Secretary of State may assess a civil penalty against a geologist not to exceed $10,000.00 for a violation of this chapter.

43-19-13.
This state and its political subdivisions, such as a county, a municipality, or a legally constituted board, district, commission, or authority, shall contract for geological services only with persons registered under this chapter or with a firm employing a registered professional geologist.

43-19-14.
(a) This chapter does not prohibit one or more geologists from practicing through the medium of a sole proprietorship, partnership, limited liability company, or corporation. In a partnership, limited liability company, or corporation whose primary activity consists

of geological services, at least one partner, member, or officer shall be a registered professional geologist.

(b) This chapter does not prevent or prohibit an individual, firm, company, association, or corporation whose principal business is other than the public practice of geology from employing a nonregistered geologist to perform nonpublic geological services necessary to the conduct of its business.

(c) This chapter shall not be construed to prevent or to affect:

(1) The practice of any profession or trade for which a license is required under any other law of this state; the practice of registered professional engineers from lawfully practicing soils mechanics, foundation engineering, and other professional engineering as provided in this title; or licensed architects from lawfully practicing architecture as provided in this title; or

(2) The practice of a person who is not a resident of and has no established place of business in this state or who has recently become a resident hereof practicing or offering to practice the profession of geology herein for more than 90 days in any calendar year if the person shall have filed with the Secretary of State an application for a certificate of registration and shall have paid the fee required by this chapter. Such practice shall continue only for such time as the Secretary of State requires for the consideration of the applicant for registration.

43-19-15.

Any person who engages in the public practice of geology or publicly offers to engage in the public practice of geology for others in this state without being registered in accordance with this chapter; any person presenting or attempting to use as his or her own the certificate of registration or the seal of another; any person who gives any false or forged evidence of any kind to the Secretary of State in obtaining a certificate of registration; any person who falsely impersonates any other registrant of like or different name; or any person who attempts to use an expired or revoked certificate of registration or who attempts to practice at any time during a period when the Secretary of State has suspended or revoked his or her certificate of registration shall, upon conviction, be sentenced as for a misdemeanor."

SECTION 3-2.

Code Section 12-8-107 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to submission of voluntary investigation and remediation plan, enrollment, proof of assurance, termination, and compliance status, is amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) In order to enroll any qualifying property in the voluntary remediation program described in this part, an applicant shall submit to the director a voluntary investigation and remediation plan prepared by a registered professional engineer or a registered professional geologist who is registered with the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors or the ~~State Board of Registration for Geologists~~ Secretary of State and who has experience in responsible charge of the investigation and remediation of such releases. The voluntary investigation and

remediation plan shall be in such streamlined form as may be prescribed by the director; provided, however, that the plan shall, at minimum, enumerate and describe those actions planned to bring the qualifying property into compliance with the applicable cleanup standards, with one or more registered professionals to be retained by the applicant at its sole cost to oversee the investigation and remediation described in the plan; all in accordance with the provisions, purposes, standards, and policies of the voluntary remediation program. The voluntary investigation and remediation plan shall be considered an application for enrollment in the voluntary remediation program, and a nonrefundable application fee of $5,000.00 shall be submitted with the application. The director may, at any time, invoice the participant for any costs to the division in reviewing the application or subsequent document that exceed the initial application review fee, including reasonably detailed itemization and justification of the costs. Failure to remit payment within 60 days of receipt of such invoice may cause rejection of the participant from the voluntary remediation program. The director may not issue a written concurrence with a certification of compliance if there is an outstanding fee to be paid by the participant."

PART IV
SECTION 4-1.

Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, is amended by repealing and reserving Chapter 20, relating to hearing aid dealers and dispensers.

SECTION 4-2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-44-2, relating to declaration of purpose, as follows:

"43-44-2.

It is declared to be a policy of this state that in order to safeguard the public health, safety, and welfare and to protect the public from being misled by incompetent, unscrupulous, and unauthorized persons, it is necessary to provide regulatory authority over persons offering speech-language pathology and audiology services and hearing aid dispensing to the public."

SECTION 4-3.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-44-3, relating to definitions regarding speech-language pathologists and audiologists, by revising paragraph (5) as follows:

"(5) 'Board' means the State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology, ~~and~~ Audiology, and Hearing Aid Dispensing."

SECTION 4-4.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-44-4, relating to creation of board, effect on prior board, composition, appointment, vacancies, terms of office, removal of members, liability for official acts, as follows:

"43-44-4.

(a) ~~The State Board of Examiners for Speech Pathology and Audiology existing on June 30, 1987, is abolished and there is created beginning July 1, 1987, and continuing thereafter the State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology which shall succeed to all of that abolished board's powers, duties, and responsibilities which are not inconsistent with this article and which new board shall be composed of those members of the abolished board serving as such on June 30, 1987, which members shall serve out their respective terms of office and until their respective successors are appointed and qualified pursuant to this Code section. The board created by this Code section shall administer this article. The board shall consist of eight members who shall be appointed by the Governor and shall be confirmed by the Senate. Three of the members shall be licensed speech-language pathologists and three shall be licensed audiologists, all of whom shall have been engaged in rendering services to the public, teaching, or research in speech-language pathology or audiology for a period of at least three years immediately preceding their appointments. One member shall be a board certified otolaryngologist of this state. One member shall be a lay person representing the public. All members shall be residents of this state and shall have been residents of this state for at least one year prior to their appointments.~~ There is continued the State Board of Examiners for Speech Pathology and Audiology. Effective July 1, 2026, the name of such board shall be the State Board of Examiners for Speech Language Pathology, Audiology, and Hearing Aid Dispensing. Such board shall administer this article. Beginning July 1, 2026, the board shall consist of ten members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. Three members shall be licensed speech language pathologists, three members shall be licensed audiologists, two members shall be licensed hearing aid dispensers, one member shall be a board certified otolaryngologist licensed to practice in this state, and one member shall be a lay person representing the public. Each professional member shall have been actively engaged in rendering services to the public, teaching, or researching in his or her respective profession for at least three years immediately preceding appointment. All members shall be residents of this state and shall have been residents of this state for at least one year prior to appointment.

(b) ~~Appointments by the Governor may be made from lists of names submitted by the Georgia Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Georgia Organization for School-Based Speech Language Pathologists, Georgia Academy of Audiology, and the Georgia Society of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery or other interested persons.~~ Board members shall be appointed for a period of three years and until their respective successors are appointed and qualified. No member of the board may serve more than two consecutive full terms.

(c) Members of the board shall serve until the expiration of the terms for which they have been appointed and until their respective successors are appointed and qualified.

When a vacancy upon the board occurs, the Governor shall appoint, pursuant to this Code section, a successor to fill the unexpired term.

(d) The Governor may remove any member of the board for dishonorable conduct, incompetency, or neglect of duty.

(e) No member of the board shall be liable to civil action for any act performed in good faith in performance of the member's duties as prescribed by law."

SECTION 4-5.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-44-6, relating to general powers and duties of board, as follows:

"43-44-6.

(a) The board shall:

(1) Have the responsibility and duty of administering and enforcing this article and shall assist the division director in carrying out this article;

(2) Have the power to establish and to revise the requirements for obtaining licensure or the renewal of licensure;

(3) Make all rules, not inconsistent with this article, that are reasonably necessary for the conduct of its duties and proceedings;

(4) Adopt rules and regulations relating to professional conduct commensurate with the policy of this article, including, but not limited to, regulations which establish ethical standards of practice and for other purposes. Following their adoption, such rules and regulations consistent with this article shall govern and control the professional conduct of every person who holds a license to practice under this article;

(5) Conduct hearings and keep records and minutes as are necessary to the orderly dispatch of its functions;

(6) Adopt a common seal;

(7) Register and otherwise regulate qualified speech-language pathology aides and audiology assistants. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to any student, intern, or trainee performing speech-language pathology or audiology services while completing the supervised clinical experience;

(8) Issue provisional licenses to speech-language pathologists during the paid clinical experience;

(9) Issue, renew, and reinstate licenses and permits;

(10) Deny, suspend, revoke, or otherwise sanction licenses;

(11) Accept results of qualifying examinations, administer examinations, or contract with qualified testing services to conduct or supervise examinations;

(12) Establish fees;

(13) Establish requirements for continuing professional education of persons subject to this article by appropriate regulation;

(14) Conduct national background checks by the submission of fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation through the Georgia Crime Information Center; provided, however, that reports from such background check records shall not be shared with entities outside of this state; ~~and~~

(15) Administer the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact contained in Article 2 of this chapter; and

(16) Administer the Georgia Hearing Aid Dispensers Act contained in Article 3 of this chapter.

(b) The division director shall be guided by the recommendations of the board in all matters relating to this article."

SECTION 4-6.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 44, relating to state speech-language pathology and audiology licensing, by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 3

43-44-40.

This article may be cited as the 'Georgia Hearing Aid Dispensers Act.'

43-44-41.

All duties, powers, obligations, and functions formerly exercised by the State Board of Hearing Aid Dealers and Dispensers under the former provisions of Chapter 20 of this title shall be transferred to the State Board of Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology, and Hearing Aid Dispensing established under this chapter. All licenses, permits, registrations, and apprentice permits issued under the former provisions of Chapter 20 of this title that are valid and in effect on July 1, 2026, shall continue in full force and effect and shall be deemed issued under this article.

43-44-42.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Apprentice dispenser permit' or 'permit' means a temporary nonrenewable one-year permit issued while an applicant is in apprenticeship under a licensed dispenser or audiologist in order to become a licensed prescription hearing aid dispenser.

(2) 'Board' means the State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology, and Hearing Aid Dispensing.

(3) 'Dispenser license' or 'license' means the license required and issued for each person who engages in the practice of dispensing prescription hearing aids to or for use by the eventual user of such hearing aid.

(4) 'Hearing aid' means any wearable electronic instrument or device designed for or represented or offered for the purpose of compensating for defective human hearing, including parts, attachments, earmolds, and accessories, except batteries, cords, replacement tubing, and minor service limited to the removal of battery corrosion.

(5) 'Over-the-counter hearing aid' means a hearing aid as defined by the federal Food and Drug Administration that is intended for adults ages 18 or older with perceived mild to moderate hearing impairment and may be sold directly to consumers without a prescription, medical evaluation, or professional fitting.

(6) 'Practice of dispensing prescription hearing aids' means the provision of a prescription hearing aid to a consumer by sale, rental, lease, or otherwise.

(7) 'Prescription hearing aid' means a hearing aid that is not an over-the-counter hearing aid and that, under federal law and regulations of the federal Food and Drug Administration, is required to be dispensed only pursuant to a written or electronic prescription by a licensed practitioner and is intended for individuals whose hearing impairment exceeds the limits of an over-the-counter hearing aid or requires professional fitting, adjustment, or programming.

43-44-43.

By engaging in the practice of dispensing prescription hearing aids in this state, a nonresident individual or entity thereby appoints the board as such individual's or entity's lawful agent for service of process in any civil action arising from the practice of dispensing prescription hearing aids.

43-44-44.

(a) It is unlawful for any person or firm to engage in the practice of dispensing prescription hearing aids in this state without having a valid license under this article.

(b) No person or firm, except those exempted in Code Section 43-44-10, shall engage in the practice of dispensing prescription hearing aids or display a sign or in any way advertise or represent such person or firm as practicing the dispensing of prescription hearing aids in this state unless such person or firm holds a valid license issued by the board under this article.

43-44-45.

(a) The board shall issue a license to engage in the practice of dispensing prescription hearing aids to an applicant when such applicant has completed and submitted an application upon a form and in such manner as prescribed by the board, accompanied by applicable fees, and evidence satisfactory to the board that:

(1) The applicant is at least 18 years of age;

(2) The applicant provides proof of successful completion of the International Licensing Examination administered by the International Hearing Society or any successor organization or fulfills the requirements enumerated in subsection (c) of this Code section;

(3) The applicant provides proof of successful completion of a jurisprudence examination approved by the board that tests such applicant's knowledge relative to this article, applicable Georgia laws and rules, and relevant federal requirements governing prescription hearing aids under 21 C.F.R. Section 801.109;

(4) The applicant demonstrates competency in audiometric testing and prescription hearing aid fitting by submitting documentation, including, but not limited to:

(A) A completed audiogram performed by the applicant;

(B) Documentation of earmold impressions or equivalent fitting procedures performed by the applicant; and

(C) Evaluation records showing the applicant's ability to interpret audiometric data, determine suitability for prescription hearing aids, and select, program, and fit such hearing aids;

(5) The applicant is in good standing based on a review of such applicant's licensure history in any other jurisdiction, including a review of any prior disciplinary action, alleged misconduct, or negligence in the practice of dispensing prescription hearing aids or other regulated health related practices, and confirmation that the applicant has not been previously denied a license under this article prior to July 1, 2026, unless the board determines that the grounds for such denial no longer apply; and

(6) The applicant provides at least one secure and verifiable document, as such term is defined in Code Section 50-36-2, establishing such applicant's identity, and submits an affidavit verifying lawful presence in the United States pursuant to Code Section 50-36-1, together with any required immigration documentation for noncitizen applicants.

(b) The board shall issue an apprentice dispenser permit to an applicant who is seeking licensure as a prescription hearing aid dispenser through the apprenticeship pathway when such applicant has completed and submitted an application upon a form and in such manner as prescribed by the board, accompanied by applicable fees, and evidence that:

(1) The applicant is at least 18 years of age;

(2) The applicant has submitted a 'Statement of Supervision,' executed by the licensed prescription hearing aid dispenser or audiologist that will provide indirect supervision for the duration of the apprenticeship, affirming such dispenser's or audiologist's agreement to supervise the applicant's practice under the apprentice dispenser permit;

(3) The applicant is in good standing based on a review of such applicant's licensure history in any other jurisdiction, including a review of any prior disciplinary action, alleged misconduct, or negligence in the dispensing of prescription hearing aids or other regulated health related practices, and the applicant has not been previously denied a permit under this article prior to July 1, 2026, unless the board determines that the grounds for such denial no longer apply; and

(4) The applicant provides at least one secure and verifiable document, as defined in Code Section 50-36-2, establishing such applicant's identity and submits an affidavit verifying lawful presence in the United States pursuant to Code Section 50-36-1, together with any required immigration documentation for noncitizen applicants.

(c) An applicant that holds a valid apprenticeship permit issued under this article shall be eligible for full licensure upon meeting the following additional requirements, accompanied by applicable fees, and evidence satisfactory to the board that:

(1) The applicant has completed the apprenticeship, and such completion shall be verified through an affidavit, executed by such applicant's supervising licensed dispenser or audiologist, attesting under oath that the applicant has completed all apprenticeship requirements;

(2) The applicant has successfully completed a jurisprudence examination approved by the board that tests such applicant's knowledge relative to this article, applicable Georgia laws and rules, and relevant federal requirements governing prescription hearing aids under 21 C.F.R. Section 801.109; and

(3) The applicant demonstrates competency in audiometric testing and prescription hearing aid fitting by submitting documentation, including, but not limited to:

(A) A completed audiogram performed by the applicant;

(B) Documentation of earmold impressions or equivalent fitting procedures performed by the applicant; and

(C) Evaluation records showing the applicant's ability to interpret audiometric data, determine suitability for prescription hearing aids, and select, program, and fit such hearing aids.

(d) An application for a permit or license under this Code section shall constitute express consent and authorization for the board to perform a criminal background check conducted by the Georgia Crime Information Center and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Each applicant who submits an application to the board for a permit or licensure agrees to provide any and all information necessary to run a criminal background check, including, but not limited to, classifiable sets of fingerprints. The applicant shall be responsible for all fees associated with the performance of such background check.

43-44-46.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article to the contrary, an applicant licensed to dispense prescription hearing aids in another state or jurisdiction shall be eligible for issuance of a prescription hearing aid dispenser license in this state without examination, provided that:

(1) The applicant is at least 18 years of age;

(2) The applicant submits a proper application upon a form and in such manner as prescribed by the board and pays all required fees;

(3) The applicant submits verification that the applicant holds a current, unsuspended, and unrevoked license to dispense prescription hearing aids issued by another state or jurisdiction;

(4) The applicant provides satisfactory evidence that such other state or jurisdiction maintains licensure qualifications and a program for determining the competency of applicants that are equivalent to or more stringent than those required under this article;

(5) The applicant provides satisfactory evidence that such other state or jurisdiction affords reciprocity to Georgia licensees; and

(6) The applicant provides at least one secure and verifiable document, as defined in Code Section 50-36-2, establishing such applicant's identity and submits an affidavit verifying lawful presence in the United States pursuant to Code Section 50-36-1, together with any required immigration documentation for noncitizen applicants.

(b) An application for a permit or license under this Code section shall constitute express consent and authorization for the board to perform a criminal background check conducted by the Georgia Crime Information Center and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Each applicant who submits an application to the board for a permit or licensure agrees to provide any and all information necessary to run a criminal background check, including, but not limited to, classifiable sets of fingerprints. The

applicant shall be responsible for all fees associated with the performance of such background check.

43-44-47.

(a) The board may refuse to issue a license or permit if it is determined that the applicant has engaged in conduct that has a significant adverse effect on such applicant's fitness to act as a prescription hearing aid dispenser. In making the determination, the board may consider whether the applicant has:

(1) Been convicted of, or entered a plea of nolo contendere to, a crime that, if committed in this state, would constitute a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude, including any offense reasonably related to the individual's fitness to dispense prescription hearing aids or to protect the health, safety, and welfare of consumers. Record of conviction or plea or a copy thereof certified by the clerk of the court shall be conclusive evidence of such conviction or plea;

(2) Made a materially false, misleading, deceptive, or fraudulent representation in the application;

(3) Engaged in conduct prohibited by this article; or

(4) Had a registration, license, or permit as a hearing aid dispenser suspended, revoked, or denied or been refused renewal of registration or licensure as a hearing aid dispenser in any state.

(b) The refusal to issue a license or permit as provided in subsection (a) of this Code section shall not be a contested case within the meaning of Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' and notice and hearing within the meaning of such chapter shall not be required in connection with such refusal. Notice of refusal to issue a license or permit shall be sent by registered mail or statutory overnight delivery or personal service setting forth the reasons for the refusal. Such notice shall be sent to the applicant's address of record with the board, and the applicant shall be allowed to appear before the board, if such applicant requests in writing to do so.

(c) In addition to any other penalties as provided for in this article, the board is authorized to reprimand any licensee or permit holder and to suspend, revoke, or otherwise sanction such person's license or permit for a fixed period, or may refuse to renew, upon affording an opportunity for a hearing, for any of the following causes:

(1) Conviction of, or entered a plea of nolo contendere to, a crime that, if committed in this state, would constitute a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude, including any offense reasonably related to the individual's fitness to dispense prescription hearing aids or to protect the health, safety, and welfare of consumers. Record of conviction or plea or a copy thereof certified by the clerk of the court shall be conclusive evidence of such conviction or plea;

(2) Committing fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation in obtaining, renewing, altering, selling, lending, using, or attempting to use any license or permit issued under this article, including permitting another person to use such license or permit;

(3) Engaging in fraud, misrepresentation, deception, or other misleading conduct in the dispensing, fitting, advertising, or sale of prescription hearing aids, including, but not limited to:

(A) False, misleading, or deceptive advertisements or representations;

(B) Implying medical treatment, diagnosis, or audiological involvement when such services are not provided or using the words 'hearing center,' 'doctor,' 'ear specialist,' 'clinic,' 'clinical audiologists,' 'state licensed clinic,' 'state registered,' 'state certified,' 'state approved,' or any other term, abbreviation, or symbol when it would falsely give the impression that an individual is being treated medically or that the licensee's or permit holder's service has been recommended by the state;

(C) Representing or implying that a prescription hearing aid is or will be 'custom made,' 'made to order,' 'prescription made,' or in any other sense specially fabricated for an individual person when it is not;

(D) Representing that a recommendation for a specific brand, model, product, or service is unbiased or impartial when it is not;

(E) Advertising a manufacturer's product or using a manufacturer's name or trademark which implies a relationship with the manufacturer that does not exist;

(F) Giving or receiving, directly or indirectly, kickbacks or improper inducements to influence consumer purchases; and

(G) Selecting or fitting a prescription hearing aid for a person who has not received the tests necessary to determine prescription hearing aid candidacy or using procedures and instrumentation required under this article or as prescribed by the board; and

(4) Violating any provision of this article or any rule or regulation promulgated by the board under this article.

(d) The board may discipline, suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew a license after proper notice and an opportunity for a hearing.

(e) The provisions of Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' shall be applicable to the board and the provisions of this article.

(f) The board may assess a civil penalty against a prescription hearing aid dispenser not to exceed $10,000.00 for each violation of this article.

43-44-48.

(a) A license issued under this article shall be valid for a period of two years. A licensee may renew such license by submitting a renewal application in a form prescribed by the board, paying all required fees, and providing verification that the licensee has successfully completed 20 hours of continuing education approved by the board. A renewal application filed pursuant to this subsection shall be a public record.

(b) Each licensee shall be responsible for timely renewal of such license and shall notify the board, in a manner prescribed by the board, of any change in the licensee's mailing address or contact information.

(c) Failure to renew a license shall result in forfeiture of the license. Any license that has been forfeited may be restored within one year of the expiration date upon payment

of renewal and restoration fees. Failure to restore a forfeited license within one year of the date of its expiration shall result in the automatic termination of the license, and the board may require the individual to reapply for licensure as a new applicant.

43-44-49.

(a) Any person who dispenses a prescription hearing aid shall provide to each individual supplied with such hearing aid a written receipt or bill of sale in a form prescribed by the board. Such receipt or bill of sale shall contain, at a minimum:

(1) The name and license number of the prescription hearing aid dispenser;

(2) The signature of the dispenser;

(3) The make, model, and serial number of the prescription hearing aid furnished;

(4) A description of the condition of the hearing aid, including whether it is new, reconditioned, or used;

(5) A statement indicating whether a guarantee or warranty is provided and, if so, the terms thereof;

(6) The total sale price, including any discounts, trade-in allowances, and applicable sales taxes;

(7) A statement printed or stamped on the receipt or bill of sale, in all capital letters, in black or blue ink, in a type size of not less than 12 point font, containing one of the following statements:

(A) 'THE SALE OF THIS HEARING AID IS FINAL. I UNDERSTAND THAT I AM NOT ENTITLED TO A REFUND OR CREDIT.'; or

(B) 'I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND, AND HAVE SIGNED OR INITIALED A COPY OF THE REFUND AND RETURN POLICY. THE POLICY STATES WHETHER, AND UNTIL WHAT DATE, I MAY RETURN THE HEARING AID FOR A FULL REFUND, A PARTIAL REFUND, OR A FULL OR PARTIAL CREDIT, AND IDENTIFIES ANY FEES FOR SERVICES THAT WILL OR WILL NOT BE REFUNDED OR CREDITED.';

(8) If a refund or return policy applies, a copy of such policy shall be provided to the purchaser and signed or initialed by the purchaser;

(9) The name and street address of the prescription hearing aid user;

(10) The name and street address of the purchaser or a notation that the purchaser and user are the same individual;

(11) The date of delivery of the prescription hearing aid to the user or purchaser; and

(12) The signature of the purchaser acknowledging receipt of the prescription hearing aid and a copy of the receipt or bill of sale.

(b) If a prescription hearing aid that is not new is dispensed, the receipt or bill of sale shall be clearly and conspicuously marked 'used' or 'reconditioned,' as applicable, and shall state the terms of any guarantee or warranty provided, if any.

(c) A copy of the receipt or bill of sale and any applicable refund or return policy acknowledgment shall be maintained by the licensee or permit holder for a period of not less than six years following delivery of the prescription hearing aid.

(d) The board may require such additional information on the receipt or bill of sale as he or she determines to be necessary in the public interest.

43-44-50.
(a) This article shall not apply to a person who is a physician licensed to practice medicine in this state or to a person who is licensed as an audiologist under this chapter.
(b) This article shall not apply to a person while he or she is working as an employee of a federal, state, county, or municipal agency or a duly chartered educational institution or a training center, provided that such person does not engage in the sale, rental, or lease of prescription hearing aids.
(c) Nothing in this article shall be construed to prevent a person licensed under any other law of this state from operating within the scope of that license, provided that such person does not engage in the sale, rental, or lease of prescription hearing aids.
(d) Nothing in this article shall be construed to prohibit any person or entity from manufacturing, selling, offering for sale, or distributing over-the-counter hearing aids, provided that such activities are conducted in compliance with applicable federal law. The sale or distribution of over-the-counter hearing aids shall not require licensure under this article, and no person or entity engaged solely in such activities shall be subject to the licensure, supervision, or regulatory requirements of this article.

43-44-51.
Any person who dispenses or sells prescription hearing aids without a license or that otherwise is in violation of this article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and such misdemeanor shall be considered a crime involving moral turpitude."

PART V
SECTION 5-1.

Code Section 43-10A-5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to powers and duties of the board, quorum, and meetings regarding professional counselors, social workers, and marriage and family therapists, is amended by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c) ~~Unless specifically delegated to a standards committee pursuant to Code Section 43-10A-6, the~~ The board shall have the following powers and duties:

(1) To adopt, amend, and repeal such rules and regulations not inconsistent with this article necessary for the proper administration and enforcement of this article;

(2) To issue, renew, and reinstate the licenses of duly qualified applicants for licensure to practice a specialty in this state;

(3) To deny, suspend, revoke, or otherwise sanction licenses to practice a specialty in this state;

(4) To initiate investigations for the purpose of discovering violations of this article;

(5) To conduct hearings upon charges calling for the discipline of a licensee or on violations of this article;

(6) To issue to specialists licensed under this article certificates under the seal of the board evidencing such licensure and signed, either by hand or facsimile signature, by the chairperson of the board and the division director;
(7) To adopt a seal; and
(8) To do all other things necessary to administer and enforce this article and all rules and regulations adopted by the board pursuant to this article."

PART VI
SECTION 6-1.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

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Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	E Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
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Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	E Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
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Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	E Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
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Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
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Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 163, nays 3.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 1415. By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, Sainz of the 180th, Martinez of the 111th, Oliver of the 84th, Mitchell of the 88th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 4 of Article 6 of Chapter 3 of Title 12 and Article 1 of Chapter 16 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Stone Mountain Memorial Association and public property of state generally, respectively, so as to require such association to hold all real property obtained before January 1, 1971, in trust; to prohibit such association from selling such real property; to provide for an exception; to provide for requirements for the exceptional sale of real property by such association; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	N Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Alexander	N Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Crowe	Y Hilton	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	E Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	N Davis	Y Holcomb	N Miller	N Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Momtahan	E Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	N Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	N Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
N Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	E Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	E O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend

Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	E Petrea	Y Wade
N Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	N Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
E Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	N Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
N Carter	Y Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	E Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 138, nays 24.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 1470. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Williamson of the 112th, Efstration of the 104th, Oliver of the 84th and Smith of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to false arrest, false imprisonment, malicious prosecution, and abusive litigation, so as to create a cause of action for abusive litigation based on alleged website access violations under federal and state law; to provide factors for evaluating a claim of abusive website access litigation; to provide for a rebuttable presumption when corrective action is taken after receiving notice of an alleged website access violation; to provide for damages; to authorize the Attorney General to intervene and seek certain relief and to make investigative demands for evidence in certain circumstances; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 1 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to torts, so as to provide for a cause of action against a claimant and his or her attorney for certain unsuccessful actions under the Americans with Disabilities Act; to provide for damages and attorney fees; to provide for a statute of limitations; to provide for construction; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 1 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to torts, is amended by enacting a new Code section to read as follows:

"51-1-58.

(a) When a civil action brought by a claimant against a person or entity of this state alleging that such person or entity operates a website that violates the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. Section 12101, et seq., as amended, is adjudicated on the merits against such claimant, involuntarily dismissed at any stage of the civil proceedings, or dismissed based on the claimant's lack of standing, such person or entity shall be entitled to recover the following from the claimant and the claimant's attorney:

(1) Actual damages for disruption of such person's or entity's business or other lost opportunity costs related to the unsuccessful action, or statutory damages of $10,000.00, whichever is greater;

(2) Reasonable attorney fees related to the defense of the unsuccessful action and to the prosecution of an action under this Code section; and

(3) Treble damages when, prior to the entry of judgment in the underlying unsuccessful action, the claimant was given written notice of the provisions of this Code section but refused or otherwise failed to voluntarily dismiss such action.

(b) Any action under this Code section shall be brought within two years after the entry of judgment in the underlying unsuccessful action.

(c) This Code section shall be narrowly construed and shall not be construed to alter or amend any other provision of law."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026, and shall apply to causes of action accruing on or after such date.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	N Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
N Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	N McQueen	Y Schofield

Y Anderson	N Cummings	E Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
N Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	N Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Momtahan	E Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	N Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	N Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
N Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	E Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	E O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
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Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	E Petrea	Y Wade
N Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	E Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	N Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 144, nays 22.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 1132. By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Stephens of the 164th, Evans of the 57th, Jones of the 25th, Crowe of the 118th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to state sales and use tax, so as to exempt from state and local sales and use taxation materials used in construction, renovation, and rehabilitation of affordable housing by purely public charities; to provide for requirements; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to state sales and use tax, so as to exempt from state sales and use taxation materials used in construction, renovation, and rehabilitation of affordable housing by purely public charities; to provide for requirements; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to state sales and use tax, is amended by revising paragraph (103) of Code Section 48-8-3, relating to exemptions, as follows:

"(103)(A) Notwithstanding any provision of Code Section 48-8-63 to the contrary, sales of tangible personal property to a purely public charity used by such charity for the construction, renovation, or rehabilitation of affordable housing on real property; provided, however, that the exemption shall only apply to such personal property that will remain on the real property permanently, and only if:

(i) Such charity is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the federal Internal Revenue Code;

(ii) Such real property is held exclusively for the purpose of constructing, renovating, and rehabilitating single-family homes to be financed by such charity to individuals purchasing their first home using loans that shall not bear interest;

(iii) Such individuals at the time of purchase shall have an income equal to or less than 80 percent of the median income based on the maximum household income limits for the county where the real property is located as established annually by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

(iv) Such individuals shall reside in such homes as a primary residence and such residence shall be subject to a covenant for at least 30 years that restricts the resale of the home to a buyer who at the time of purchase has an income equal to or less than 80 percent of the median income based on the maximum household income limits for the county where the real property is located as established annually by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

(B) This paragraph shall stand repealed and reserved on December 31, 2031 ~~Reserved~~;"

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2027.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	E Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
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Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
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Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
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Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
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Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	N Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 163, nays 3.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

House of Representatives
Coverdell Legislative Office Building
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Atlanta, Georgia 30334

To Clerk's Office:

Please record my vote on HB 1132 to Yes, this day, March 6th, 2026.

Warm regards,

/s/ A. Beckles
Dr. Arlene Beckles
District 96
Georgia House of Representatives

HB 1413. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Hatchett of the 155th, Evans of the 57th, Newton of the 127th, Erwin of the 32nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Student Finance Authority, so as to establish a needs based scholarship program for students at eligible public and private postsecondary institutions; to provide for eligibility; to establish a fund for the scholarship; to provide definitions; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and withdrawn:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Student Finance Authority, so as to provide for postsecondary scholarship opportunities; to establish the DREAMS scholarship; to provide for eligibility; to create an endowment fund for such scholarship; to provide for reports; to provide for definitions; to amend Part 6 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical scholarships, so as to establish a scholarship for students enrolled medical school; to provide for eligibility; to provide terms and conditions; to provide definitions; to amend Code Section 50-27-13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to disposition of lottery proceeds, budget report by Governor, appropriations by General Assembly, and shortfall reserve subaccount, so as to increase the minimum amount of the lottery shortfall reserve; to provide for related matters;

to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Student Finance Authority, is amended by adding a new subpart to read as follows:

"Subpart 2B

20-3-367.

As used in this subpart, the term:

(1) 'Academic year,' 'first professional degree program,' 'matriculated status,' 'quarter hours,' and 'semester hours' shall have the same meanings as set forth in Code Section 20-3-519.

(2) 'Cost of attendance' means the estimate of a student's educational expenses as calculated by the eligible postsecondary institution at which such student is enrolled pursuant to Title IV.

(3) 'DREAMS scholarship' or 'scholarship' means the Dedicating Resources to Educationally Advance More Students (DREAMS) scholarship provided for in this subpart.

(4) 'DREAMS Scholarship Endowment Fund' or 'endowment fund' means the DREAMS Scholarship Endowment Fund provided for in Code Section 20-3-367.2.

(5) 'Eligible postsecondary institution' means:

(A) An institution of the University System of Georgia; and

(B) A unit of the Technical College System of Georgia.

(6) 'Financial aid' means all scholarships and grants awarded to a student, excluding the DREAMS scholarship.

(7) 'Grade point average' means the grade point average calculated by the commission for purposes of the HOPE scholarship provided for in Part 7 of this article.

(8) 'Student aid index' means the student aid index calculated in accordance with Title IV.

(9) 'Title IV' means Title IV of the federal Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, 20 U.S.C. Section 1070, et seq.

(10) 'Unmet financial need' means the amount of the cost of attendance remaining after the student aid index and all other financial aid received by the student have been applied.

20-3-367.1.

(a) To be eligible for a DREAMS scholarship, a student seeking an undergraduate degree at an eligible postsecondary institution shall:

(1) Meet the requirements provided for in paragraph (1) of subsection (a) and subsection (b) of Code Section 20-3-519.1;
(2) Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA);
(3) Meet enrollment standards by being admitted, enrolled, and classified as an undergraduate student in a matriculated status;
(4) Be enrolled for not less than six semester hours, or the equivalent quarter hours, in any given semester or quarter;
(5) Have not yet earned a baccalaureate or first professional degree; and
(6) Have unmet financial need.

(b) To maintain eligibility for a scholarship under this subpart, a student shall:
(1) Continue to meet the eligibility requirements provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section; and
(2) Maintain a minimum 2.0 grade point average and satisfactory academic progress in accordance with the standards and practices used for Title IV programs by the institution at which such student is enrolled.

(c) Using moneys from the endowment fund, the authority shall provide scholarships to eligible students in accordance with the following conditions:
(1) The maximum award amount per student per academic year shall be $3,000.00; provided, however, that no student shall be awarded an amount that is more than such student's unmet financial need; and
(2) No student shall receive a scholarship award for more than eight semesters or 12 quarters.

(d) Each student who is awarded a scholarship shall:
(1) Complete a financial literacy course; and
(2) Be engaged in paid or unpaid work at least part-time, which may include, but shall not be limited to, employment, an internship or externship, volunteer work, or military service.

20-3-367.2.

(a) There is created the DREAMS Scholarship Endowment Fund as a separate fund in the state treasury. The endowment fund shall be administered by the authority. Moneys in the endowment fund shall be used only as provided for in this subpart. All appropriations made by the General Assembly for the scholarship and all public or private grants, gifts, donations, or contributions received for the scholarship shall be credited to the endowment fund. Unless specifically designated otherwise, all moneys credited to the endowment fund shall be credited to the principal account. All moneys appropriated or otherwise paid or credited to the endowment fund shall be presumptively concluded to have been committed to the purpose for which they have been appropriated, paid, or credited and shall not lapse.

(b) Three separate accounts shall be created within the endowment fund:
(1) The principal account shall constitute the permanent endowment corpus. Except as otherwise provided in this Code section, moneys credited to such account shall not be appropriated, transferred, expended, encumbered, or otherwise diverted. The

authority shall determine the minimum amount of moneys needed in the principal account in order to produce sufficient funds to sustain scholarship awards;

(2) The scholarship account shall consist of moneys allocated to such account pursuant to the spending policy adopted by the authority. Moneys in such account shall be used to provide scholarship awards in accordance with this subpart; and

(3) The transitional scholarship account shall consist of funds appropriated for scholarship awards during the first two fiscal years of the scholarship. Moneys in such account shall be used to provide scholarships in accordance with this subpart.

(c) The authority shall adopt an investment policy which provides for the investment of moneys in the principal account as a pooled portfolio in accordance with prudent investor standards applicable to public trust funds. Such investment policy shall include provisions to preserve and grow the long-term value of the principal account while promoting the stability and sustainability of scholarship awards.

(d) In the event of a shortfall in moneys available for scholarship awards compared with projected expenditures for scholarship awards over the same period, and if such shortfall will have a materially adverse effect on scholarship awards, the authority shall be authorized to adopt an emergency stabilization authorization to allow the distribution or transfer of moneys from the principal account so as to mitigate any reduction in such awards. Such authorization shall:

(1) Require a two-thirds' majority vote of the board of the authority for adoption;

(2) Be limited to the minimum amount necessary to mitigate any reduction in awards;

(3) Not be used to permanently increase award levels;

(4) Provide for the principal account to be replenished to not less than the minimum amount determined by the authority pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section; and

(5) Expire within one year; provided, however, that this shall not prohibit consecutive emergency stabilization authorizations.

(e) The authority shall adopt a spending policy which provides for the allocation of earnings to the principal account and to the scholarship account at the end of each fiscal year. Such spending policy shall:

(1) Require that earnings allocated to the principal account shall be used to grow the permanent endowment corpus in accordance with the investment policy; and

(2) Require that earnings allocated to the scholarship account shall be used to provide scholarships in accordance with Code Section 20-3-367.1

(f) During the first two fiscal years following capitalization of the endowment fund, scholarship awards shall be paid from the transitional scholarship account. The transitional scholarship account shall terminate at the end of the second fiscal year following capitalization of the fund, and any remaining moneys shall be transferred to the principal account. In the third fiscal year following capitalization of the fund and each fiscal year thereafter, scholarship awards shall be paid from the scholarship account.

(g) Not later than December 1 of the second fiscal year following capitalization of the fund and each fiscal year thereafter, the authority shall prepare and publish on its website an annual report regarding the endowment fund for the immediately preceding fiscal year.

Such report shall include the endowment fund's market value, investment performance, scholarship distributions, any distributions or transfers from the principal account, and confirmation of compliance with the requirements of this Code section and the policies adopted pursuant to this Code section.

20-3-367.3.

Not later than December 1 each year, the authority shall provide a report on the DREAMS scholarship and the endowment fund to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, the chairpersons of the House Committee on Higher Education and the Senate Higher Education Committee, the chancellor of the University System of Georgia, and the commissioner of the Technical College System of Georgia."

SECTION 2.

Part 6 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical scholarships, is amended by designating the existing provisions of said part as Subpart 2, by replacing "this part" and "This part" with "this subpart" and "This subpart", respectively, everywhere such terms occur in the new Subpart 2, and by adding a new subpart to read as follows:

"Subpart 1

20-3-505.

As used in this subpart, the term:

(1) 'Academic year' and 'full-time' shall have the same meanings as set forth in Code Section 20-3-519.

(2) 'Applicant' means an individual who applies for a scholarship under this subpart.

(3) 'Authority' means the Georgia Student Finance Authority.

(4) 'Cost of attendance' means the estimate of a student's educational expenses as calculated by the eligible postsecondary institution at which such student is enrolled pursuant to Title IV.

(5) 'Eligible applicant' means an applicant who meets the eligibility criteria provided for in this subpart.

(6) 'Eligible medical school' means a medical school in the University System of Georgia.

(7) 'Scholarship' means a scholarship provided for in this subpart.

(8) 'Title IV' means Title IV of the federal Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, 20 U.S.C. Section 1070, et seq.

20-3-506.

(a) To be eligible for a scholarship under this subpart, an applicant seeking a medical degree at an eligible medical school shall:

(1) Meet the requirements provided for in paragraph (1) of subsection (a) and subsection (b) of Code Section 20-3-519.1;

(2) Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA);

(3) Meet enrollment standards by being enrolled full-time in an eligible medical school and making satisfactory academic progress in accordance with the standards and practices used for Title IV programs by the medical school at which such student is enrolled;

(4) Have not yet earned a medical degree; and

(5) Submit an application for such scholarship.

(b) Subject to appropriations, the authority shall award scholarships to eligible applicants in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

(1) The maximum award amount per applicant per academic year shall not exceed such student's cost of attendance;

(2) No applicant shall receive a scholarship award for more than eight semesters; and

(3) Each scholarship awarded pursuant to this subpart shall be conditional upon the applicant agreeing that the full amount of the scholarship shall be repaid to the State of Georgia in services to be rendered by such applicant by practicing medicine in this state for not less than four years after graduation from an eligible medical school.

(c) Before being awarded a scholarship, each eligible applicant shall enter into a contract with the authority agreeing to the terms and conditions upon which such scholarship is granted, including such terms and conditions as set forth in this subpart. Each such contract shall provide that, in the event such recipient does not complete medical school and fails to receive a medical degree, fails to obtain licensure from the Georgia Composite Medical Board to practice medicine, or fails to practice medicine in this state in accordance with the requirements of this subpart, the recipient shall repay any and all scholarship awards received pursuant to this subpart; provided, however that for each year of practicing medicine in this state, such applicant shall receive credit for the amount of the scholarship received during any one year in an eligible medical school."

SECTION 3.

Code Section 50-27-13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to disposition of lottery proceeds, budget report by Governor, appropriations by General Assembly, and shortfall reserve subaccount, is amended by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (b) as follows:

"(3)(A) A ~~Beginning in Fiscal Year 2025, a~~ shortfall reserve shall be maintained within the Lottery for Education Account in an amount equal to at least ~~50~~ 100 percent of the average amount of net proceeds deposited into such account for the preceding three fiscal years, hereinafter referred to as the minimum reserve. Beginning in Fiscal Year 2025 and for each fiscal year thereafter, if on the last day of the preceding fiscal year the total reserve fund balance exceeds the minimum reserve, an amount equal to 10 percent of the excess reserve funds, meaning the amount that the total reserve fund balance exceeds the minimum reserve, shall be appropriated for educational purposes and programs.

(B) If the net proceeds paid into the Lottery for Education Account in any year are not sufficient to meet the amount appropriated for educational purposes and programs, the shortfall reserve may be drawn upon to meet the deficiency and any

amount so drawn may count for purposes of appropriations in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph.

(C) If the shortfall reserve is drawn upon and falls below ~~50~~ 100 percent of the average amount of net proceeds deposited into such account for the preceding three fiscal years, the shortfall reserve shall be replenished to the level required by subparagraph (A) of this paragraph in the next fiscal year and the lottery funded programs shall be reviewed and adjusted accordingly."

SECTION 4.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026. Sections 1 and 2 of this Act shall apply to all academic years beginning with the 2026-2027 academic year. Section 3 of this Act shall apply to all fiscal years beginning in Fiscal Year 2027.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Student Finance Authority, so as to provide for postsecondary scholarship opportunities; to establish the DREAMS scholarship; to provide for eligibility; to create an endowment fund for such scholarship; to provide for reports; to provide for definitions; to amend Part 6 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical scholarships, so as to establish a scholarship for students enrolled medical school; to provide for eligibility; to provide terms and conditions; to provide definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Student Finance Authority, is amended by adding a new subpart to read as follows:

"Subpart 2B

20-3-367.

As used in this subpart, the term:

(1) 'Academic year,' 'first professional degree program,' 'matriculated status,' 'quarter hours,' and 'semester hours' shall have the same meanings as set forth in Code Section 20-3-519.

(2) 'Cost of attendance' means the estimate of a student's educational expenses as calculated by the eligible postsecondary institution at which such student is enrolled pursuant to Title IV.

(3) 'DREAMS scholarship' or 'scholarship' means the Dedicating Resources to Educationally Advance More Students (DREAMS) scholarship provided for in this subpart.

(4) 'DREAMS Scholarship Endowment Fund' or 'endowment fund' means the DREAMS Scholarship Endowment Fund provided for in Code Section 20-3-367.2.

(5) 'Eligible postsecondary institution' means:

(A) An institution of the University System of Georgia; and

(B) A unit of the Technical College System of Georgia.

(6) 'Financial aid' means all scholarships and grants awarded to a student, excluding the DREAMS scholarship.

(7) 'Grade point average' means the grade point average calculated by the commission for purposes of the HOPE scholarship provided for in Part 7 of this article.

(8) 'Student aid index' means the student aid index calculated in accordance with Title IV.

(9) 'Title IV' means Title IV of the federal Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, 20 U.S.C. Section 1070, et seq.

(10) 'Unmet financial need' means the amount of the cost of attendance remaining after the student aid index and all other financial aid received by the student have been applied.

20-3-367.1.

(a) To be eligible for a DREAMS scholarship, a student seeking an undergraduate degree at an eligible postsecondary institution shall:

(1) Meet the requirements provided for in paragraph (1) of subsection (a) and subsection (b) of Code Section 20-3-519.1;

(2) Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA);

(3) Meet enrollment standards by being admitted, enrolled, and classified as an undergraduate student in a matriculated status;

(4) Be enrolled for not less than six semester hours, or the equivalent quarter hours, in any given semester or quarter;

(5) Have not yet earned a baccalaureate or first professional degree; and

(6) Have unmet financial need.

(b) To maintain eligibility for a scholarship under this subpart, a student shall:

(1) Continue to meet the eligibility requirements provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section; and

(2) Maintain a minimum 2.0 grade point average and satisfactory academic progress in accordance with the standards and practices used for Title IV programs by the institution at which such student is enrolled.

(c) Using moneys from the endowment fund, the authority shall provide scholarships to eligible students in accordance with the following conditions:

(1) The maximum award amount per student per academic year shall be $3,000.00; provided, however, that no student shall be awarded an amount that is more than such student's unmet financial need; and

(2) No student shall receive a scholarship award for more than eight semesters or 12 quarters.

(d) Each student who is awarded a scholarship shall:

(1) Complete a financial literacy course; and

(2) Be engaged in paid or unpaid work at least part-time, which may include, but shall not be limited to, employment, an internship or externship, volunteer work, or military service.

20-3-367.2.

(a) There is created the DREAMS Scholarship Endowment Fund as a separate fund in the state treasury. The endowment fund shall be administered by the authority. Moneys in the endowment fund shall be used only as provided for in this subpart. All appropriations made by the General Assembly for the scholarship and all public or private grants, gifts, donations, or contributions received for the scholarship shall be credited to the endowment fund. Unless specifically designated otherwise, all moneys credited to the endowment fund shall be credited to the principal account. All moneys appropriated or otherwise paid or credited to the endowment fund shall be presumptively concluded to have been committed to the purpose for which they have been appropriated, paid, or credited and shall not lapse.

(b) Three separate accounts shall be created within the endowment fund:

(1) The principal account shall constitute the permanent endowment corpus. Except as otherwise provided in this Code section, moneys credited to such account shall not be appropriated, transferred, expended, encumbered, or otherwise diverted. The authority shall determine the minimum amount of moneys needed in the principal account in order to produce sufficient funds to sustain scholarship awards;

(2) The scholarship account shall consist of moneys allocated to such account pursuant to the spending policy adopted by the authority. Moneys in such account shall be used to provide scholarship awards in accordance with this subpart; and

(3) The transitional scholarship account shall consist of funds appropriated for scholarship awards during the first two fiscal years of the scholarship. Moneys in such account shall be used to provide scholarships in accordance with this subpart.

(c) The authority shall adopt an investment policy which provides for the investment of moneys in the principal account as a pooled portfolio in accordance with prudent investor standards applicable to public trust funds. Such investment policy shall include

provisions to preserve and grow the long-term value of the principal account while promoting the stability and sustainability of scholarship awards.

(d) In the event of a shortfall in moneys available for scholarship awards compared with projected expenditures for scholarship awards over the same period, and if such shortfall will have a materially adverse effect on scholarship awards, the authority shall be authorized to adopt an emergency stabilization authorization to allow the distribution or transfer of moneys from the principal account so as to mitigate any reduction in such awards. Such authorization shall:

(1) Require a two-thirds' majority vote of the board of the authority for adoption;

(2) Be limited to the minimum amount necessary to mitigate any reduction in awards;

(3) Not be used to permanently increase award levels;

(4) Provide for the principal account to be replenished to not less than the minimum amount determined by the authority pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section; and

(5) Expire within one year; provided, however, that this shall not prohibit consecutive emergency stabilization authorizations.

(e) The authority shall adopt a spending policy which provides for the allocation of earnings to the principal account and to the scholarship account at the end of each fiscal year. Such spending policy shall:

(1) Require that earnings allocated to the principal account shall be used to grow the permanent endowment corpus in accordance with the investment policy; and

(2) Require that earnings allocated to the scholarship account shall be used to provide scholarships in accordance with Code Section 20-3-367.1

(f) During the first two fiscal years following capitalization of the endowment fund, scholarship awards shall be paid from the transitional scholarship account. The transitional scholarship account shall terminate at the end of the second fiscal year following capitalization of the fund, and any remaining moneys shall be transferred to the principal account. In the third fiscal year following capitalization of the fund and each fiscal year thereafter, scholarship awards shall be paid from the scholarship account.

(g) Not later than December 1 of the second fiscal year following capitalization of the fund and each fiscal year thereafter, the authority shall prepare and publish on its website an annual report regarding the endowment fund for the immediately preceding fiscal year. Such report shall include the endowment fund's market value, investment performance, scholarship distributions, any distributions or transfers from the principal account, and confirmation of compliance with the requirements of this Code section and the policies adopted pursuant to this Code section.

20-3-367.3.

Not later than December 1 each year, the authority shall provide a report on the DREAMS scholarship and the endowment fund to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, the chairpersons of the House Committee on Higher Education and the Senate Higher Education Committee, the chancellor of the

University System of Georgia, and the commissioner of the Technical College System of Georgia."

SECTION 2.

Part 6 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical scholarships, is amended by designating the existing provisions of said part as Subpart 2, by replacing "this part" and "This part" with "this subpart" and "This subpart", respectively, everywhere such terms occur in the new Subpart 2, and by adding a new subpart to read as follows:

"Subpart 1

20-3-505.

As used in this subpart, the term:

(1) 'Academic year' and 'full-time' shall have the same meanings as set forth in Code Section 20-3-519.

(2) 'Applicant' means an individual who applies for a scholarship under this subpart.

(3) 'Authority' means the Georgia Student Finance Authority.

(4) 'Cost of attendance' means the estimate of a student's educational expenses as calculated by the eligible postsecondary institution at which such student is enrolled pursuant to Title IV.

(5) 'Eligible applicant' means an applicant who meets the eligibility criteria provided for in this subpart.

(6) 'Eligible medical school' means a medical school in the University System of Georgia.

(7) 'Scholarship' means a scholarship provided for in this subpart.

(8) 'Title IV' means Title IV of the federal Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, 20 U.S.C. Section 1070, et seq.

20-3-506.

(a) To be eligible for a scholarship under this subpart, an applicant seeking a medical degree at an eligible medical school shall:

(1) Meet the requirements provided for in paragraph (1) of subsection (a) and subsection (b) of Code Section 20-3-519.1;

(2) Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA);

(3) Meet enrollment standards by being enrolled full-time in an eligible medical school and making satisfactory academic progress in accordance with the standards and practices used for Title IV programs by the medical school at which such student is enrolled;

(4) Have not yet earned a medical degree; and

(5) Submit an application for such scholarship.

(b) Subject to appropriations, the authority shall award scholarships to eligible applicants in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

(1) The maximum award amount per applicant per academic year shall not exceed such student's cost of attendance;

(2) No applicant shall receive a scholarship award for more than eight semesters; and

(3) Each scholarship awarded pursuant to this subpart shall be conditional upon the applicant agreeing that the full amount of the scholarship shall be repaid to the State of Georgia in services to be rendered by such applicant by practicing medicine in this state for not less than four years after completion of a residency program approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME).

(c) Before being awarded a scholarship, each eligible applicant shall enter into a contract with the authority agreeing to the terms and conditions upon which such scholarship is granted, including such terms and conditions as set forth in this subpart. Each such contract shall provide that, in the event such recipient does not complete medical school and fails to receive a medical degree, fails to obtain licensure from the Georgia Composite Medical Board to practice medicine, or fails to practice medicine in this state in accordance with the requirements of this subpart, the recipient shall repay any and all scholarship awards received pursuant to this subpart; provided, however that for each year of practicing medicine in this state, such applicant shall receive credit for the amount of the scholarship received during any one year in an eligible medical school."

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026, and shall apply to all academic years beginning with the 2026-2027 academic year.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to, by substitute.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
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Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	E Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	E Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V

Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	E O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	E Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	E Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	E Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 165, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 1465. By Representatives McCollum of the 30th, Efstration of the 104th, Corbett of the 174th, Powell of the 33rd, Hitchens of the 161st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 40 and Code Section 48-5C-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and alternative ad valorem taxation of motor vehicles and title ad valorem tax fee, respectively, so as to repeal the requirement to display a revalidation decal as evidence of annual motor vehicle registration renewal; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2 of Title 40 and Code Section 48-5C-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and alternative ad valorem taxation of motor vehicles and title ad valorem tax fee, respectively, so as to repeal

the requirement to display a revalidation decal as evidence of annual motor vehicle registration renewal; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, is amended in subsection (a) of Code Section 40-2-4, relating to manufacture, sale, or issuance of license plate or revalidation decal prohibited, as follows:

"(a) Except as otherwise provided for in Article 2B of this chapter, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to make, sell, or issue any license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 40-2-8, relating to operation of unregistered vehicle or vehicle without current license plate, revalidation decal, or county decal, as follows:

"40-2-8.

(a) No person shall own, rent, lease, or operate any vehicle required to be registered pursuant to Code Section 40-2-20 upon a highway in this state without registering such vehicle. Any person who becomes a resident of this state shall register his or her vehicle within 30 days of becoming a resident. Any person who fails to comply with this subsection shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished by a fine of $100.00 for each day in which the vehicle is in violation.

(b)(1) It shall be unlawful and punishable as for a misdemeanor to operate any vehicle required to be registered in this state pursuant to Code Section 40-2-20 without a valid numbered license plate ~~properly validated with a current revalidation decal~~, unless such operation is otherwise permitted under this chapter; and provided, further, that the purchaser of a new vehicle or a used vehicle from a dealer of new or used motor vehicles who displays a temporary operating permit issued as provided by Code Section 40-2-8.1 may operate such vehicle on the highways of this state without a current valid license plate during the period authorized by Code Sections 40-2-8.1 and 40-2-20. An owner acquiring a motor vehicle from an entity that is not a new or used vehicle dealer shall register such vehicle as provided for in Code Section 40-2-29 unless such vehicle is to be registered under the International Registration Plan pursuant to Article 3A of this chapter.

(2) The purchaser and operator of a vehicle shall not be subject to the penalties set forth in this Code section during the period allowed for the registration of such vehicle.

(c) It shall be unlawful and punishable as for a misdemeanor to operate any vehicle required to be registered in this state without a valid county <u>name</u> decal designating the county where the vehicle was last registered, unless such operation is otherwise permitted

under this chapter. A county name decal shall not be required if there is no space provided for a county name decal on the current license plate. ~~Any person convicted of a violation of this subsection shall be subject to a fine not to exceed $25.00 if that person shows to the court having jurisdiction of the offense that the proper revalidation decal had been obtained prior to the time of the offense.~~

(d) No violation of this Code section shall have occurred upon presentation of evidence that the owner had properly applied for the registration of such vehicle, but that the license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~ had not been delivered to such owner at the time the uniform traffic citation was issued.

(e) The commissioner is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Code section."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 40-2-20, relating to registration and license requirements, certificate of registration and temporary operating permit, and two-year registration option for new motor vehicles, by revising subparagraph (a)(1)(A) as follows:

"(a)(1)(A) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (d) of this Code section and subsection (a) of Code Section 40-2-47, every owner of a motor vehicle, including a tractor or motorcycle, and every owner of a trailer shall, during the owner's registration period in each year, register such vehicle as provided in this chapter and obtain ~~a license plate or revalidation decal~~ authority to operate it for the 12 month period until such person's next registration period."

SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 40-2-30, relating to purchase by mail, as follows:

"40-2-30.

An applicant may purchase a vehicle license plate or ~~revalidation decal~~ required annual registration renewal ~~by mail,~~ by mailing a properly completed application form to the tag agent of the county of his or her residence along with a bank check or money order in the amount of the license fee and all ad valorem taxes due ~~thereon plus an additional fee of $1.00~~."

SECTION 5.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 40-2-31, relating to license plate design, retention of manufacturing and delivery costs, revalidation, county, and "In God We Trust" decals, by revising subsections (b.1) through (g) as follows:

"(b.1) Notwithstanding the provisions of Code Sections 40-2-131 and 48-2-17, the commissioner shall retain the costs of manufacturing and delivery of license plates~~,~~ ~~revalidation decals,~~ and county name decals from the registration fee as set forth in Code Section 40-2-151; provided, however, that this subsection shall not apply to license plates issued pursuant to Article 2B of this chapter.

(c) Except for license plates issued pursuant to Article 2B of this chapter, the face of the license plate to be displayed shall be treated completely with a retroreflective material which will increase the nighttime visibility and legibility of the plate. The department shall prepare the specifications which such retroreflective material shall meet.

(d) ~~In those years in which a new license plate is not issued and the license plate was not issued pursuant to Article 2B of this chapter, a revalidation decal with a distinctive serial number shall be issued and affixed in the space provided on the license plate issued to the applicant which shall indicate the year and month through which the registration of the vehicle shall be valid; provided, however, that, if the commissioner determines that it is necessary, two revalidation decals shall be issued for each license plate to reflect the required information. When an applicant is issued a revalidation decal and such applicant registered the vehicle in another county the previous year, the applicant shall also be issued a new county decal which shall be properly affixed to the license plate and shall replace the other county decal.~~

~~(e) The commissioner shall furnish without cost to each tag agent reflective adhesive decals in sufficient number, upon which there shall be printed the name of the agent's county. Such a decal shall be issued with each metal license plate and shall be affixed in the space provided on the license plate without obscuring any number or other information required to be present on the plate. A tag agent shall offer, upon such issuance of a new metal license plate, the option of obtaining a county decal or a decal providing for the nation's motto, 'In God We Trust.'~~

~~(f)~~ A county tag agent shall issue a county name decal, upon request, for the agent's county only if:

(1) The applicant is a resident of or a business located in the county named on the decal;

(2) The applicant is registering a new vehicle in such county, is renewing a current vehicle registration, or is transferring registration of a vehicle to the county named on the decal;

(3) The application for registration of the vehicle is being made in the county named on the decal; and

(4) The license plate was not issued pursuant to Article 2B of this chapter.

~~(g)~~(e) The commissioner shall furnish without cost to each tag agent reflective adhesive decals in sufficient number, upon which there shall be printed the nation's motto, 'In God We Trust.' A tag agent shall offer, upon such issuance of a new metal license plate, the option of obtaining a county decal or a decal providing for the nation's motto, 'In God We Trust.' Such a decal shall be issued, upon request and free of charge, by a county tag agent with each new metal license plate."

SECTION 6.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 40-2-33, relating to issuance of license plates and decals, transfer of registration to a digital license plate, compensation of tag agents, and required identification, by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) and subsection (b) as follows:

"(a)(1) Upon compliance with the provisions of this chapter and the payment of the license fee required by law, the tag agent shall accept the application for registration and, except as otherwise provided for in this chapter, if the license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~ applied for is in such tag agent's inventory, he or she shall issue the appropriate plate ~~or revalidation decal~~."

"(b) Except as provided for in Code Section 40-2-22, the amount of commission permitted as compensation to tag agents under this Code section shall be $1.00 per license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~ issued during any calendar year. Twenty-five cents for each license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~ sold in excess of 4,000 during any one calendar year shall become the property of the county and shall be turned over to the fiscal authorities of the county by the tag agent. The remaining portion of such commissions shall be disposed of as provided in Code Section 40-2-34."

SECTION 7.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 40-2-40, relating to registration of delinquent vehicles and collection and disposition of penalties, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) All applications for the registration of a delinquent vehicle shall, before being accepted by a tag agent, be first endorsed by a sheriff or a deputy sheriff, a chief of police or his or her designated representative, a state law enforcement officer, a tax commissioner, or a tax collector. The officer endorsing the delinquent application shall indicate, with his or her endorsement on the application, the total amount of the prescribed registration fee together with the 25 percent penalty provided in this Code section, and the full total of such amount shall be paid to the tag agent before any license plate or ~~revalidation decal~~ registration renewal as provided for in this chapter shall be assigned to the applicant."

SECTION 8.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 40-2-41.1, relating to authentic historical Georgia license plates, by revising subsections (b) through (d) as follows:

"(b) The owner of any antique motor vehicle manufactured in 1989 or earlier shall be authorized to display in lieu of and in the same manner as the license plate otherwise required under Code Section 40-2-41 an authentic historical Georgia license plate which clearly represents the model year within four years of any such antique motor vehicle, provided that the owner has properly registered such antique motor vehicle for the current year as otherwise required under this chapter and has obtained a current license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~ for such antique motor vehicle. Such currently valid license plate shall be kept in such antique motor vehicle at all times but need not be displayed in a manner to be visible from outside the vehicle.

(c) For purposes of this Code section, the authentic historical Georgia license plate shall be furnished by the owner of any such antique motor vehicle.

(d) ~~No later than January 1, 2006, the~~ The commissioner shall have installed within the department's computer information system applicable to the registration of motor

vehicles the necessary program which will include in the information relating to the current license plate or ~~revalidation decal~~ registration renewal issued for an antique motor vehicle the information relating to the authentic historical Georgia license plate authorized to be displayed on such antique motor vehicle."

SECTION 9.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 40-2-42, relating to transfer of license plates and revalidation decals, as follows:

"40-2-42.

(a) A license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~, when issued, shall be transferred from one vehicle to another vehicle of the same class acquired by the same person as provided in this chapter. Any use of a license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~ by any other person or persons in any manner not provided for in this chapter shall be a violation of this chapter.

(b) The commissioner shall provide by rules and regulations appropriate procedures whereby, upon the payment of a fee of $5.00, and, upon preparation and filing of an appropriate application therefor, currently valid ~~annual and five-year~~ license plates ~~and revalidation decals~~ shall be transferred from one vehicle to another vehicle of the same class of which ownership is acquired following that person's or those persons' ceasing to own or operate on the public roads the vehicle for which such plate was originally issued and during the initial registration period for the acquired vehicle. If such acquired vehicle is of a different class than the vehicle no longer owned or operated by such person, he or she shall submit the license plate currently issued to him or her for cancellation and, upon payment of any additional fee for registering such acquired vehicle, the commissioner shall issue a new license plate to such person for use on such acquired vehicle. License plates ~~and revalidation decals~~ may be transferred in accordance with the provisions of this subsection at any time after issuance or renewal thereof and until the expiration of the period for which issued.

(c) The commissioner shall provide appropriate procedures whereby, when the registered owner of a jointly owned motor vehicle is deceased, the license plate issued for the motor vehicle may, upon appropriate application and payment of fees, be transferred to the surviving owner's name, provided that the surviving owner acquires a new certificate of title under subsection (d) or paragraph (1) of subsection (e) of Code Section 40-3-34 and makes the payment of appropriate ad valorem taxes."

SECTION 10.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 40-2-44, relating to reporting of theft, loss, or mutilation of license plates or revalidation decals and issuance of duplicates or replacements, as follows:

"40-2-44.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, the owner of a motor vehicle shall immediately report the theft, loss, or mutilation of a license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~ to the appropriate law enforcement agency or official, including but not limited to a municipal or county police department or officer, the county sheriff, the

Department of Public Safety, or the Georgia State Patrol. ~~Said~~ Such owner shall obtain a copy of the police report and shall submit such copy to the commissioner with a fee of $8.00 to obtain a duplicate license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~. Alternatively, the copy of the police report may be submitted to the applicant's county tag agent with a fee of $8.00 in which case the county tag agent is authorized to issue a replacement license plate ~~or decal~~. In those instances in which a vehicle owner is unable to obtain a police report of such theft, loss, or mutilation of a license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~, the owner shall be authorized to submit to the appropriate law enforcement agency or official and to either the commissioner or to the county tag agent a sworn affidavit as to such theft, loss, or mutilation in lieu of a police report and obtain a replacement license plate ~~or decal~~. The county tag agent shall be entitled to retain as compensation for issuance of a replacement license plate ~~or decal~~ the same commission as provided for issuance of a new license plate ~~or decal~~ under the terms and conditions provided in subsection (b) of Code Section 40-2-33.

(b) If the license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~ is mutilated but still legible and if such license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~ is surrendered with the application for the duplicate, the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section, relating to reporting the theft, loss, or mutilation of a license plate ~~or decal~~ and submitting a copy of a police report, shall not apply.

(c) A duplicate county decal when the original has been lost, defaced, or destroyed may be obtained from the commissioner at no cost. A replacement license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~ when the original has been lost in the mail prior to receipt by the registered owner shall be issued by the commissioner without charge upon application and completion of the form and affidavit prescribed by the commissioner setting forth the circumstances of nonreceipt of the license plate ~~or decal~~. The owner shall report the nonreceipt or loss of the license plate ~~or decal~~ to the appropriate law enforcement agency or official, including, but not limited to, a municipal or county police department or officer, the county sheriff, or the Department of Public Safety. ~~Said~~ Such owner shall obtain a copy of the police report on which the license plate ~~or decal number~~ is listed and shall submit such copy to the commissioner. The owner shall not be charged a fee by the Department of Public Safety or the local law enforcement agency or official for a copy of such police report.

(d) The commissioner is authorized to establish procedures and promulgate rules and regulations for carrying out this Code section."

SECTION 11.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 40-2-45, relating to transferring license plate or revalidation decal for "salvage", "rebuilt", damaged, or demolished motor vehicles, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) No person shall transfer a license plate ~~or decal~~ from one vehicle to any other motor vehicle which is a 'salvage' or 'rebuilt' motor vehicle as provided in Chapter 3 of this title unless the owner of such vehicle submits satisfactory proof to the commissioner that the

motor vehicle inspection required by Code Section 40-3-37 has been performed and such vehicle has been determined to be in full compliance with the law."

SECTION 12.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 40-2-53, relating to license plates for fleet motor vehicles, by revising subsections (b) and (c) as follows:

"(b) Fleet motor vehicle license plates shall be similar in design to regular license plates issued under Code Section 40-2-31~~, except that such fleet motor vehicle license plates shall contain such words or symbols, in addition to the numbers and letters otherwise prescribed by law, so as to distinctively identify the motor vehicles on which they are placed as fleet motor vehicles. Such motor vehicle license plates shall contain the word 'FLEET' in the location of and in lieu of the revalidation decal required under Code Section 40-2-8 so as to distinctly identify the motor vehicle as part of an enrolled fleet~~.

(c) License plates issued under this Code section shall be renewed annually upon payment of a renewal fee to the department. ~~Such fee shall be the same amount that would be charged for a revalidation decal for such vehicle.~~"

SECTION 13.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 40-2-57, relating to application for digital license plate, renewals, and fees, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) A motor vehicle owner with a digital license plate shall renew the registration annually as provided by this chapter. The department shall notify the digital license plate provider upon satisfactory renewal. ~~Evidence of such renewal shall be displayed upon the digital license plate in a manner that indicates the year and month through which the registration of the vehicle shall be valid. Compliance with this subsection shall satisfy the revalidation decal requirements of this chapter.~~"

SECTION 14.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 40-2-60, relating to prestige license plates, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) Motor vehicle owners who are residents of Georgia, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and, except as provided in subsection (c) of this Code section, upon the payment of a fee of $35.00 in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee, shall be issued special personalized prestige license plates by the commissioner. Special personalized license plates issued pursuant to this Code section shall be subject to an additional annual registration fee of $35.00 as a condition of ~~obtaining an annual revalidation decal for~~ renewing such license plate which fee shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34."

SECTION 15.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 40-2-60.1, relating to standardized administrative process for special license plates, designs, fees, and application process, by revising paragraph (5) of subsection (c) as follows:

"(5) 'Special license plate renewal fee' means a $35.00 fee paid at the time a special license plate is renewed ~~and a revalidation decal is issued~~."

SECTION 16.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 40-2-61, relating to license plates for U.S. Senators and Congressmen, state constitutional officers, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Justices of Supreme Court, Judges of Court of Appeals, and Public Service Commission members, as follows:

"40-2-61.

The commissioner shall design and issue distinctive license plates to each United States Senator and Congressman elected from the State of Georgia, each state constitutional officer, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, each Justice of the Supreme Court and each Judge of the Court of Appeals, and each member of the Public Service Commission to be placed on such official's personal motor vehicle. Each such distinctive license plate shall indicate the individual's elected office and no county name decal need be affixed to such plate as required pursuant to Code Section 40-2-9. The special license plate authorized by this Code section shall be issued to such elected official upon application and payment of a manufacturing fee of $25.00 and upon compliance with the state laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and shall be transferred as provided in Code Section 40-2-80. Distinctive license plates issued pursuant to this Code section shall be renewed annually~~, and revalidation decals shall be issued~~ upon compliance with the laws relating to registration and licensing and upon payment of an additional registration fee of $35.00 which shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time for collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34. For purposes of this Code section, the term 'state constitutional officer' means the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, State School Superintendent, Commissioner of Insurance, Commissioner of Agriculture, or Commissioner of Labor."

SECTION 17.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 40-2-62, relating to license plates for current and former members of the General Assembly, as follows:

"40-2-62.

The commissioner shall mail special and distinctive license plates printed for members of the General Assembly and former members of the General Assembly who are hereby deemed to have emeritus status after having served in the General Assembly eight or more years to the local tag agent in the counties wherein such members or former members reside on or before the owner's registration period each year. Such special and distinctive license plates shall be issued only upon applications made to the local tag

agent and payment of a $25.00 manufacturing fee. License plates may be issued by the local tag agent upon a proper application and in accordance with the terms of this chapter. License plates issued pursuant to this Code section need not contain a place for the county name decal, and no county name decal need be affixed to a license plate issued pursuant to this Code section. Special and distinctive license plates issued pursuant to this Code section shall be renewed annually~~, and revalidation decals shall be issued~~ upon compliance with the laws relating to registration and licensing and upon payment of an additional registration fee of $35.00 which shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time for collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34. The special license plates issued pursuant to this Code section shall be transferred to another vehicle as provided in Code Section 40-2-80."

SECTION 18.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 40-2-63.1, relating to license plates for public safety first responders injured in the line of duty, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) License plates issued pursuant to this Code section need not contain a place for the county name decal as required pursuant to Code Section 40-2-9, and a county name decal need not be affixed to a license plate issued pursuant to this Code section. Special and distinctive license plates issued pursuant to this Code section shall be renewed annually~~, and free revalidation decals shall be issued upon compliance with the laws relating to registration and licensing~~ without payment of an annual renewal fee. The special license plates issued pursuant to this Code section shall be transferred to another vehicle as provided in Code Section 40-2-80."

SECTION 19.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 40-2-81, relating to license plates for members of the Georgia State Defense Force, by revising subsection (f) as follows:

"(f) Special license plates issued under this Code section, except as provided in subparagraph (b)(2)(A) of this Code section, shall be renewed annually ~~with a revalidation decal~~ as provided in Code Section 40-2-31 without payment of an additional $25.00 annual registration fee."

SECTION 20.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 40-2-85, relating to license plates for veterans who survived attack on Pearl Harbor, by revising subsection (e) as follows:

"(e) Special license plates issued under this Code section shall be renewed annually ~~with a revalidation decal~~ as provided in Code Section 40-2-31. It shall be a requirement that a county name decal shall be affixed and displayed on license plates issued under this Code section."

SECTION 21.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 40-2-85.1, relating to license plates for certain veterans, by revising subsection (f) as follows:

(f) Special license plates issued under this Code section, except as provided in subparagraph (b)(2)(A) of this Code section, shall be renewed annually ~~with a revalidation decal~~ as provided in Code Section 40-2-31 without payment of an additional $25.00 annual registration fee."

SECTION 22.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 40-2-85.2, relating to license plates for veterans of the Chosin Reservoir Campaign, by revising subsection (e) as follows:

"(e) Special license plates issued under this Code section shall be renewed annually ~~with a revalidation decal~~, as provided in Code Section 40-2-31, without payment of an additional $25.00 annual registration fee. Special license plates issued under this Code section shall be transferred between vehicles as provided in Code Section 40-2-80."

SECTION 23.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 40-2-85.3, relating to license plates for Gold Star family members, by revising subsections (d), (g), and (h) as follows:

"(d) Any motor vehicle owner who is a resident of Georgia, other than one registering under the International Registration Plan, upon complying with state laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles shall be issued such a special license plate upon application therefor. Special license plates issued under this Code section shall be renewed annually ~~with a revalidation decal~~ as provided in Code Section 40-2-31. Upon payment of all ad valorem taxes and other fees due at registration of a motor vehicle, an eligible family member may apply for a Gold Star license plate. In order to qualify as an eligible family member for purposes of this Code section, the person must be related to the fallen service member as a spouse, mother, father, sibling, child, stepparent, or surviving spouse of such service member's sibling. Up to two free license plates shall be allowed for any eligible family member and they may purchase additional license plates for each motor vehicle they register in this state. If a Gold Star license plate is lost, damaged, or stolen, the eligible family member must pay the reasonable cost, to be established by the department, but not to exceed the cost of other specialty license plates, to replace the Gold Star license plate."

"(g) ~~Renewal decals shall be issued at no cost to~~ No fee shall be required for the renewal of a registration for any person that received a free license plate under the provisions of this Code section upon the payment of ad valorem taxes and other registration fees, provided that the renewal is applied for on or within 30 days prior to the renewal date of the eligible person. If the eligible person fails to renew within such time, he or she shall pay a standard renewal fee and be subject to the standard penalties for late payment of ad valorem taxes due on the motor vehicle."

"(h) An eligible family member may request a Gold Star license plate at any time during his or her registration period. ~~If such a license plate is to replace a current valid license plate, the license plate shall be issued with appropriate renewal decals attached.~~"

SECTION 24.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 40-2-86, relating to license plates promoting or supporting certain agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations with proceeds disbursed to the general fund and the agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation, by revising subparagraph (a)(1)(C), subsection (d), and subsection (f) as follows:

"(C) 'Special license plate renewal fee' means a $35.00 fee paid at the time ~~a revalidation decal is issued~~ the registration for a special license plate is renewed."

"(d) Any Georgia resident who is the owner of a motor vehicle, except a vehicle registered under the International Registration Plan, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and upon the payment of the appropriate fees in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee shall be able to apply for a special license plate listed in this Code section. ~~Revalidation decals shall be issued for special license plates in the same manner as provided for general issue license plates.~~"

"(f) An applicant may request a special license plate any time during the applicant's registration period~~. If such a license plate is to replace a current valid license plate, the special license plate shall be issued with appropriate decals attached~~ upon payment of the manufacturing fee and the special license plate renewal fee."

SECTION 25.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 40-2-86.1, relating to license plates promoting or supporting certain agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations or issued to qualified motor vehicles or owners with proceeds deposited in the general fund, by revising subsections (d) and (g) and subparagraph (l)(9)(B) as follows:

"(d) Any Georgia resident who is the owner of a motor vehicle, except a vehicle registered under the International Registration Plan, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and upon the payment of a manufacturing fee of $25.00 and a special license plate fee of $35.00, in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee, shall be able to apply for a special license plate listed in subsection (l) of this Code section. ~~Revalidation decals shall be issued for special license plates in the same manner as provided for general issue license plates, with the addition of a~~ A $35.00 special license plate renewal fee shall be required for registration renewals, provided that special license plates issued pursuant to paragraph (9) of subsection (l) of this Code section shall be exempt from such special license plate renewal fee."

"(g) An applicant may request a special license plate any time during the applicant's registration period~~. If such a license plate is to replace a current valid license plate, the special license plate shall be issued with appropriate decals attached,~~ upon the payment

of any applicable registration fees, the manufacturing fee, and the special license plate fee."

"(B) Should a certified firefighter or volunteer firefighter who has been issued a special and distinctive license plate be separated from such firefighter's department for any reason other than retirement from employment, the separated firefighter shall, within 14 days of such separation, return such special and distinctive license plate to the issuing county tag agent. Upon receipt of such special and distinctive license plate, a county tag agent shall reissue a regular license plate ~~and the appropriate revalidation decal~~ for the applicable registration period, at no additional charge, to such former firefighter to replace the special and distinctive license plate. Should a firefighter return to service with the same or another fire department, the chief of the fire department employing such firefighter shall secure the regular license plate of such person and return same to the commissioner, along with a certificate to the effect that such person has become a member of the fire department, and the effective date thereof, whereupon the commissioner shall, upon application and upon the payment of a $35.00 manufacturing fee and all other applicable registration and licensing fees at the time of registration, reissue a special and distinctive license plate to such new member to replace the returned regular license plate."

SECTION 26.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 40-2-135, relating to revocation and seizure of license plates and renewal decals, by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c) Any state or county law enforcement officer or any special agent or enforcement officer appointed under Code Section 40-2-134 may, upon the direction or request of the commissioner, go upon public or private property to seize a license plate ~~or renewal decal~~ which has been revoked as provided in subsection (a) of this Code section."

SECTION 27.

Code Section 48-5C-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alternative ad valorem taxation of motor vehicles and title ad valorem tax fee, is amended by revising paragraph (5) of subsection (d) as follows:

"(5) Any motor vehicle subject to state and local title ad valorem tax fees under paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section shall continue to be subject to the title, license plate, ~~revalidation decal,~~ and registration requirements and applicable fees as otherwise provided in Title 40 in the same manner as motor vehicles which are not subject to state and local title ad valorem tax fees under paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section."

SECTION 28.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2027.

SECTION 29.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
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Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	N Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	E Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	N Momtahan	E Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
N Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	N Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	N New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	E O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
N Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	E Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	E Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	N Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	E Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	N Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 158, nays 8.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 1409. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Persinger of the 119th, Dempsey of the 13th, Hatchett of the 155th, Rice of the 139th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to provisions relative to parent and child relationship generally, so as to revise mandated reporting of child abuse; to provide for definitions; to provide for reporting requirements; to provide for the use of a secure web based reporting platform; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to provisions relative to parent and child relationship generally, so as to revise mandated reporting of child abuse; to provide for definitions; to provide for reporting requirements; to provide for the use of a secure web based reporting platform; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to provisions relative to parent and child relationship generally, is amended by revising Code Section 19-7-5, relating to reporting of child abuse, when mandated or authorized, content of report, to whom made, immunity from liability, report based upon privileged communication, penalty for failure to report, and spiritual treatment for illnesses, as follows:

"19-7-5.

(a) The purpose of this Code section is to provide for the protection of children. It is intended that mandatory reporting will cause the protective services of the state to be brought to bear on the situation in an effort to prevent abuses, to protect and enhance the welfare of children, and to preserve family life wherever possible. This Code section shall be liberally construed so as to carry out the purposes thereof.

(b) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Abandonment' means any conduct on the part of a parent, guardian, or legal custodian showing an intent to forgo parental duties or relinquish parental claims. Intent to forgo parental duties or relinquish parental claims may be evidenced by:

(A) Failure, for a period of at least six months, to communicate meaningfully with a child;

(B) Failure, for a period of at least six months, to maintain regular visitation with a child;

(C) Leaving a child with another person without provision for his or her support for a period of at least six months;

(D) Failure, for a period of at least six months, to participate in any court ordered plan or program designed to reunite a child with his or her parent, guardian, or legal custodian;

(E) Leaving a child without affording means of identifying such child or his or her parent, guardian, or legal custodian and:

(i) The identity of such child's parent, guardian, or legal custodian cannot be ascertained despite diligent searching; and

(ii) A parent, guardian, or legal custodian has not come forward to claim such child within three months following the finding of such child;

(F) Being absent from the home of his or her child for a period of time that creates a substantial risk of serious harm to a child left in the home;

(G) Failure to respond, for a period of at least six months, to notice of child protective proceedings; or

(H) Any other conduct indicating an intent to forgo parental duties or relinquish parental claims.

(2) 'Abortion' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 15-11-681.

(3) 'Abused' means subjected to child abuse.

(4) 'Child' means any person under 18 years of age.

(5) 'Child abuse' means:

(A) Physical injury or death inflicted upon a child by a parent, guardian, legal custodian, or other person responsible for the care of such child by other than accidental means; provided, however, that physical forms of discipline may be used as long as there is no physical injury to the child;

(B) Neglect of a child by a parent, guardian, legal custodian, or other person responsible for the care of such child;

(C) Emotional abuse of a child;

(D) Sexual abuse or sexual exploitation of a child;

(E) Prenatal abuse of a child by a parent;

(F) An act or failure to act that presents an imminent risk of serious harm to the child's physical, mental, or emotional health; or

(G) Trafficking a child for labor servitude.

(6) 'Child service organization personnel' means persons employed by or volunteering at a business or an organization, whether public, private, for profit, not for profit, or voluntary, that provides care, treatment, education, training, supervision, coaching, counseling, recreational programs, or shelter to children.

(7) 'Clergy' means ministers, priests, rabbis, imams, or similar functionaries, by whatever name called, of a bona fide religious organization.

(8) 'Emotional abuse' means acts or omissions by a parent, guardian, legal custodian, or other person responsible for the care of a child that cause any mental injury to such child's intellectual or psychological capacity as evidenced by an observable and significant impairment in such child's ability to function within a child's normal range of performance and behavior or that create a substantial risk of impairment.

(9) 'Labor servitude' means work or service of economic or financial value which is performed or provided by another individual and is induced or obtained by coercion or deception.

(10) 'Legal custodian' means:

(A) A person to whom legal custody of a child has been given by order of a court; or

(B) A public or private agency or other private organization licensed or otherwise authorized by law to receive and provide care for a child to which legal custody of such child has been given by order of a court.

(11) 'Neglect' means:

(A) The failure to provide proper parental care or control, subsistence, education as required by law, or other care or control necessary for a child's physical, mental, or emotional health or morals;

(B) The failure to provide a child with adequate supervision necessary for such child's well-being; or

(C) The abandonment of a child by his or her parent, guardian, or legal custodian.

(12) 'Person responsible for the care of a child' means:

(A) An adult member of a child's household;

(B) A person exercising supervision over a child for any part of the 24 hour day; or

(C) Any adult who, based on his or her relationship to the parent, guardian, or legal custodian or a member of a child's household, has access to such child.

(13) 'Pregnancy resource center' means an organization or facility that:

(A) Provides pregnancy counseling or information as its primary purpose, either for a fee or as a free service;

(B) Does not provide or refer for abortions;

(C) Does not provide or refer for FDA approved contraceptive drugs or devices; and

(D) Is not licensed or certified by the state or federal government to provide medical or health care services and is not otherwise bound to follow the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, P.L. 104-191, or other state or federal laws relating to patient confidentiality.

(14) 'Prenatal abuse' means exposure to chronic or severe use of alcohol or the unlawful use of any controlled substance, as such term is defined in Code Section 16-13-21, which results in:

(A) Symptoms of withdrawal in a newborn or the presence of a controlled substance or a metabolite thereof in a newborn's body, blood, urine, or meconium that is not the result of medical treatment; or

(B) Medically diagnosed and harmful effects in a newborn's physical appearance or functioning.

(15) 'Reproductive health care facility' means any office, clinic, or any other physical location that provides abortions, abortion counseling, abortion referrals, or gynecological care and services.

(16) 'Secure web based platform' means a type of software that allows for the secure creation and transmission of reports required by this Code section. A secure web based platform shall satisfy the criteria established by the Division of Family and Children

Services of the Department of Human Services as set forth in subsection (k) of this Code section.

~~(16)~~(17) 'School' means any public or private pre-kindergarten, elementary school, secondary school, technical school, vocational school, college, university, or institution of postsecondary education.

~~(17)~~(18) 'Sexual abuse' means a person's employing, using, persuading, inducing, enticing, or coercing any minor who is not such person's spouse to engage in any act which involves:

(A) Sexual intercourse, including genital-genital, oral-genital, anal-genital, or oral-anal, whether between persons of the same or opposite sex;

(B) Bestiality;

(C) Masturbation;

(D) Lewd exhibition of the genitals or pubic area of any person;

(E) Flagellation or torture by or upon a person who is nude;

(F) Condition of being fettered, bound, or otherwise physically restrained on the part of a person who is nude;

(G) Physical contact in an act of apparent sexual stimulation or gratification with any person's clothed or unclothed genitals, pubic area, or buttocks or with a female's clothed or unclothed breasts;

(H) Defecation or urination for the purpose of sexual stimulation;

(I) Penetration of the vagina or rectum by any object except when done as part of a recognized medical procedure; or

(J) Any act described by subsection (c) of Code Section 16-5-46.

Sexual abuse shall include consensual sex acts when the sex acts are between minors if any individual is less than 14 years of age; provided, however, that it shall not include consensual sex acts when the sex acts are between a minor and an adult who is not more than four years older than the minor. This provision shall not be deemed or construed to repeal any law concerning the age or capacity to consent.

~~(18)~~(19) 'Sexual exploitation' means conduct by any person who allows, permits, encourages, or requires a child to engage in:

(A) Sexual servitude, as defined in Code Section 16-5-46; or

(B) Sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing any visual or print medium depicting such conduct, as defined in Code Section 16-12-100.

(c)(1) The following persons having reasonable cause to believe that suspected child abuse has occurred shall report or cause reports of such abuse to be made as provided in this Code section:

(A) Physicians licensed to practice medicine, physician assistants, interns, or residents;

(B) Hospital or medical personnel;

(C) Dentists;

(D) Licensed psychologists and persons participating in internships to obtain licensing pursuant to Chapter 39 of Title 43;

(E) Podiatrists;

(F) Registered professional nurses or licensed practical nurses licensed pursuant to Chapter 26 of Title 43 or nurse's aides;
(G) Professional counselors, social workers, or marriage and family therapists licensed pursuant to Chapter 10A of Title 43;
(H) School teachers;
(I) School administrators;
(J) School counselors, visiting teachers, school social workers, or school psychologists certified pursuant to Chapter 2 of Title 20;
(K) Child welfare agency personnel, as such agency is defined in Code Section 49-5-12;
(L) Child-counseling personnel;
(M) Child service organization personnel;
(N) Law enforcement personnel; ~~or~~
(O) Firefighters, as defined in Code Section 25-4-2, including career and volunteer firefighters certified or recognized by the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council or its successor, who have reasonable cause to believe that suspected child abuse or neglect has occurred or is occurring while acting in their official capacity;
(P) Animal service workers, including animal control officers as defined in Code Section 4-11-2, humane society employees, animal cruelty investigators, and animal shelter personnel whose professional duties may bring them into contact with children or household conditions indicative of child abuse or neglect; or
~~(O)~~(Q) Reproductive health care facility or pregnancy resource center personnel and volunteers.

(2) If a person is required to report child abuse pursuant to this subsection because such person attends to a child pursuant to such person's duties as an employee of or volunteer at a hospital, school, social agency, or similar facility, such person shall notify the person in charge of such hospital, school, agency, or facility, or the designated delegate thereof, and the person so notified shall report or cause a report to be made in accordance with this Code section. An employee or volunteer who makes a report to the person designated pursuant to this paragraph shall be deemed to have fully complied with this subsection. Under no circumstances shall any person in charge of such hospital, school, agency, or facility, or the designated delegate thereof, to whom such notification has been made exercise any control, restraint, or modification or make any other change to the information provided by the reporter, although each of the aforementioned persons may be consulted prior to the making of a report and may provide any additional, relevant, and necessary information when making the report.

(3) When a person identified in paragraph (1) of this subsection has reasonable cause to believe that child abuse has occurred involving a person who attends to a child pursuant to such person's duties as an employee of or volunteer at a hospital, school, social agency, or similar facility, the person who received such information shall notify the person in charge of such hospital, school, agency, or facility, or the designated delegate thereof, and the person so notified shall report or cause a report to be made in accordance with this Code section. An employee or volunteer who makes a report to

the person designated pursuant to this paragraph shall be deemed to have fully complied with this subsection. Under no circumstances shall any person in charge of such hospital, school, agency, or facility, or the designated delegate thereof, to whom such notification has been made exercise any control, restraint, or modification or make any other change to the information provided by the reporter, although each of the aforementioned persons may be consulted prior to the making of a report and may provide any additional, relevant, and necessary information when making the report.

(d) Any other person, other than one specified in subsection (c) of this Code section, who has reasonable cause to believe that suspected child abuse has occurred may report or cause reports to be made as provided in this Code section.

(e)(1) As used in the subsection, the term:

(A) 'Active duty' means full-time duty status.

(B) 'Armed forces of the United States' or 'military' means the United States Army, United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, United States Coast Guard, United States Air Force, United States Space Force, United States National Guard, Georgia Army National Guard, or Georgia Air National Guard, or a reserve component thereof.

(C) 'Family advocacy program' means, for the particular branch, the program established by the military for the prevention, education, prompt reporting, investigation, intervention, or treatment of spouse or child abuse.

(D) 'Military law enforcement' means, for the particular branch, the police corps, division, branch, agency, or authority of the military responsible for law enforcement or force protection.

(2) ~~With respect to reporting~~ Reports required by subsection (c) of this Code section~~, an oral report by telephone or other oral communication or a written report by electronic submission or facsimile shall~~:

(A) Shall be made immediately, but in no case later than 24 hours from the time there is reasonable cause to believe that suspected child abuse has occurred~~.~~;

(B) If the report is made by telephone or other oral communication, it shall be made to the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services, a child welfare agency providing protective services, as designated by the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services or, in the absence of such agency, to an appropriate police authority, military law enforcement, or district attorney. All telephonic or other oral reports shall be followed by a later written report submitted to the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services as specified in subparagraph (C) of this paragraph;

(C) All written reports ~~When a report is being~~ made by electronic submission or facsimile to the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services~~, it shall be done~~ shall be made in the manner specified by ~~the division. Oral reports shall be followed by a later report in writing, if requested, to a child welfare agency providing protective services, as designated by the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services, or, in the~~

~~absence of such agency, to an appropriate police authority or district attorney.~~ this subparagraph as follows:

(i) The Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services shall make a report form available on its website for any person to complete and securely submit to the division;

(ii) The Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services shall allow persons specified in subsection (c) of this Code section to submit reports directly to the division through the division's website or to the division through a secure web based platform;

(iii) Such report shall be provided to military law enforcement, if applicable~~.~~, through a method or methods identified by military law enforcement; and

(iv) If a report of child abuse is made to or received by the child welfare agency or if the report is independently discovered by the agency, and the agency has reasonable cause to believe such report is true or the report contains any allegation or evidence of child abuse, then the agency shall immediately notify the appropriate police authority or district attorney and notify military law enforcement, if applicable~~.~~; and

(D) Reports required by this Code section ~~Such reports~~ shall contain the names and addresses of the child and the child's parents or caretakers, if known, the child's age, the nature and extent of the child's injuries, including any evidence of previous injuries~~,~~. The report form shall also contain space for the person completing the report to provide ~~and~~ any other information that the reporting person believes might be helpful in establishing the cause of the injuries and the identity of the perpetrator. A secure web based platform may utilize prompts or other methods to assist the person completing the form to provide information deemed relevant or important. Photographs of the child's injuries to be used as documentation in support of allegations by hospital employees or volunteers, physicians, law enforcement personnel, school officials, or employees or volunteers of legally mandated public or private child protective agencies may be taken without the permission of the child's parent or guardian. Such photographs shall be made available as soon as possible to the chief welfare agency providing protective services, the appropriate police authority, and military law enforcement.

(3) A report made in accordance with this subsection shall be received by the receiving agency and thoroughly evaluated to determine child safety and whether an allegation of child abuse exists. A report will be screened in or screened out based only on the criteria set forth in law. The Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services shall not refuse to receive, log, or process a report submitted via the division website or a secure web based platform that satisfies subsection (k) of this Code section. Reports shall be screened in or screened out based only on criteria set forth in law and not on the method or vendor used for submission.

~~(3)~~(4) For each child who is the subject of child abuse allegations, the child welfare agency as provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall make efforts as soon as practicable to determine whether a parent or guardian of such child is on active duty in

the armed forces of the United States. If such agency determines that a parent or guardian of such child is on active duty in the armed forces of the United States, such agency shall notify the applicable military installation's family advocacy program of the allegation of child abuse that relates to the parent or guardian of such child.

(5) By January 1, 2027, the department shall adopt rules that address and set forth criteria and standards relevant to the intake, disposition, and investigation of reports of abuse or neglect.

(f) Any person or persons, partnership, firm, corporation, association, hospital, or other entity participating in the making of a report or causing a report to be made, and individuals who otherwise provide information or assistance, including, but not limited to, medical evaluations or consultations, in connection with a report made to a child welfare agency providing protective services, an appropriate police authority, or military law enforcement pursuant to this Code section or any other law or participating in any judicial proceeding or any other proceeding resulting therefrom shall in so doing be immune from any civil or criminal liability that might otherwise be incurred or imposed, provided that such participation pursuant to this Code section or any other law is made in good faith. Any person making a report, whether required by this Code section or not, shall be immune from liability as provided in this subsection.

(g) Suspected child abuse which is required to be reported by any person pursuant to this Code section shall be reported notwithstanding that the reasonable cause to believe such abuse has occurred or is occurring is based in whole or in part upon any communication to that person which is otherwise made privileged or confidential by law; provided, however, that a member of the clergy shall not be required to report child abuse reported solely within the context of confession or other similar communication required to be kept confidential under church doctrine or practice. When a clergy member receives information about child abuse from any other source, the clergy member shall comply with the reporting requirements of this Code section, even though the clergy member may have also received a report of child abuse from the confession of the perpetrator.

(h) Any person or official required by subsection (c) of this Code section to report a suspected case of child abuse who knowingly and willfully fails to do so shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(i) A report of child abuse or information relating thereto and contained in such report, when provided to a law enforcement agency or district attorney pursuant to subsection (e) of this Code section or pursuant to Code Section 49-5-41, shall not be subject to public inspection under Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 even though such report or information is contained in or part of closed records compiled for law enforcement or prosecution purposes unless:

(1) There is a criminal or civil court proceeding which has been initiated based in whole or in part upon the facts regarding abuse which are alleged in the child abuse reports and the person or entity seeking to inspect such records provides clear and convincing evidence of such proceeding; or

(2) The superior court in the county in which is located the office of the law enforcement agency or district attorney which compiled the records containing such

reports, after application for inspection and a hearing on the issue, shall permit inspection of such records by or release of information from such records to individuals or entities who are engaged in legitimate research for educational, scientific, or public purposes and who comply with the provisions of this paragraph. When those records are located in more than one county, the application may be made to the superior court of any one of such counties. A copy of any application authorized by this paragraph shall be served on the office of the law enforcement agency or district attorney which compiled the records containing such reports. In cases where the location of the records is unknown to the applicant, the application may be made to the Superior Court of Fulton County. The superior court to which an application is made shall not grant the application unless:

(A) The application includes a description of the proposed research project, including a specific statement of the information required, the purpose for which the project requires that information, and a methodology to assure the information is not arbitrarily sought;

(B) The applicant carries the burden of showing the legitimacy of the research project; and

(C) Names and addresses of individuals, other than officials, employees, or agents of agencies receiving or investigating a report of abuse which is the subject of a report, shall be deleted from any information released pursuant to this subsection unless the court determines that having the names and addresses open for review is essential to the research and the child, through his or her representative, gives permission to release the information.

(j) The treatment of a child in good faith solely by spiritual means through prayer in accordance with the tenets and practices of a recognized church or religious denomination by a duly accredited practitioner thereof shall not in and of itself be considered child abuse.

(k)(1) Agencies that employ mandated reporters may authorize its employees to create or transmit reports required by this Code section through a secure web based platform designated by the agency. An agency may only designate one secure web based platform for its employees to use to create or transmit the reports, and the agency may designate a secure web based platform if:

(A) The agency is satisfied that the secure web based platform complies with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, Federal Bureau of Investigation's Criminal Justice Information Services Security Policy, or Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, as applicable; or

(B) The secure web based platform provider demonstrates to the agency that it has been deemed compliant with the relevant security standard by a federal, state, or local government agency or by a third party that has been approved by a federal, state, or local government agency for security and compliance attestation.

(2) A reporting agency that utilizes a secure web based platform shall notify the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services not less than ten days before implementing the secure web based platform. The notice shall

identify the name of the secure web based platform provider and any domain names utilized by the secure web based platform to submit reports.

(l) Mandatory reporting training shall be required for users of any secure web based platform used to submit reports under this Code section. Training requirements may be satisfied by a course provided either by the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services or by an organization with demonstrated subject matter expertise in mandated reporting, including accredited continuing education providers, law enforcement training entities, school training entities, or child advocacy organizations. The Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services may publish learning objectives, but shall not require platform specific training, exclusive delivery methods, or requirements that have the effect of excluding otherwise compliant platforms."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	E Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	E Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	E O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	E Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	E Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	E Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser

Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	E Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 166, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HR 450. By Representatives Wiedower of the 121st, Martin of the 49th, Williams of the 168th, Williams of the 148th, Hugley of the 141st and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Georgia so as to authorize the Georgia General Assembly to provide by general law for sports betting in this state; to provide for the regulation and allocation of revenues of such activities; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the Resolution, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the Resolution, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	N Cooper	N Hagan	N Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	N Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	N Sampson
N Adeyina	N Cox	Y Hawkins	N McCollum	N Sanchez
N Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	N Cummings	E Hitchens	N Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	N Scott
N Baker	N Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	N DeLoach	N Holly	N Momtahan	E Sharper
N Barnes	N Dempsey	Y Hong	N Moore	Y Silcox
N Barrett	N Dickey	Y Horner	N Myles	N Smith, L
N Barton	N Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	N Smith, M
N Bazemore	N Douglas	N Howard, K	N New	N Smith, TP
N Beckles	N Draper	Y Huddleston	N Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Drenner	N Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	N Stinson
Blackmon	N Dunahoo	N Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
N Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, M	E O'Steen	N Taylor, D
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	N Jasperse	Y Panitch	E Taylor, R
N Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas

N Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	N Park	N Townsend
N Byrd	N Fincher	N Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
N Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	N Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	N Flournoy	N Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
N Campbell, J	N Ford	N Kahaian	E Petrea	N Wade
N Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	N Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	N Frye	E Kendrick	N Prince	N Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	N Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	E Westbrook
Y Carpenter	N Gambill	N Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
N Carson	E Gilliard	N Lewis-Ward	N Rhodes	N Williams, A
E Carter	N Gisler	N Lim	N Rice	E Williams, MF
N Chastain	N Glaize	N Lumsden	N Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	N Williamson
Y Clark, D	N Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	N Willis
N Clark, J	N Gullett	N Martinez	N Roberts	N Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	E Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the adoption of the Resolution, the ayes were 63, nays 98.

The Resolution, having failed to receive the requisite constitutional majority, was lost.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the Senate:

SB 11. By Senators Rhett of the 33rd, Harbison of the 15th, Payne of the 54th, Williams of the 25th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 2 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to service creditable toward retirement benefits, so as to provide for creditable service for certain military service; to provide for application and payment; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 475. By Senators Kemp of the 38th, Dixon of the 45th, Payne of the 54th, Halpern of the 39th, Howard of the 35th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-2068.1, relating to charter school funding, so as to require local boards of education to treat local charter schools no less favorably than other local schools with respect to the expenditure of the proceeds of a special purpose local option sales tax for

education; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 499. By Senators Ginn of the 47th, Walker III of the 20th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Still of the 48th, Payne of the 54th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dangerous instrumentalities and practices, so as to repeal the prohibition on possessing a silencer; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 532. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Parent of the 44th, Anderson of the 43rd, Davenport of the 17th, Kemp of the 38th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Articles 2 and 7 of Chapter 11 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commencement of action and service and default judgment, respectively, so as to provide for defendant notices of certain proceedings and pleadings when such defendant failed to file pleadings; to clarify defendant's right to appear and introduce evidence of damages in certain default judgment actions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE SUPPLEMENTAL RULES CALENDAR #3
FRIDAY, MARCH 06, 2026

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 28th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

HB 810 Insurance; require that final reimbursements to pharmacies for prescription drugs are based on certain formulas (Substitute)(Hth-Jasperse-11th)

HB 947 Georgia SNAP Healthier Choices Act of 2026; enact (Substitute) (A&CA-Momtahan-17th)

HB 1089 Controlled substances; ivermectin as an over-the-counter medication; provide (Substitute)(Hth-Mathiak-82nd)

HB 1208 Civil practice; require depositions to be taken before certified court reporters (Substitute)(Judy-Gunter-8th)

HB 1265 Traffic offenses; fleeing or attempting to elude a pursuing vehicle or law enforcement officer performing duties; provisions (PS&HS-McDonald III-26th)

HB 1269 Quality Basic Education Act; content standards for digital literacy instruction; provide (Substitute)(Ed-Wade-9th)

HB 1354 Surprise Billing Consumer Protection Act; require certain health insurers providing a network plan to approve credentialing applications within a certain time frame (Substitute)(B&FAO-Kelley-16th)

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 947. By Representatives Momtahan of the 17th, Cannon of the 172nd, Tarvin of the 2nd, Jones of the 25th, Kelley of the 16th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions of public assistance, so as to prohibit the purchase of certain food and beverage items with federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions of public assistance, so as to provide for requirements for the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); to provide for restrictions on broad based categorical eligibility, gross income standards, and allowable financial

resource standards; to provide for certification periods for certain households; to provide for verification requirements for expedited service applications; to require verification of all eligibility criteria within 30 days of application; to prohibit the issuance of benefits for a second month of the certification period prior to the completion of verifications; to provide for a pre-authorization accuracy checklist for all SNAP eligibility determinations; to provide for verification procedures relative to the Department of Public Health and the Department of Corrections; to provide for restrictions on the waiver of work requirements; to provide for jurisdiction; to provide for private rights of action; to provide for reports; to provide for regulation and enforcement of D-SNAP benefits; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for construction; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Georgia SNAP Integrity Act of 2026."

SECTION 2.

The General Assembly finds that:

(1) The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is a federally funded program administered in partnership with the states;

(2) States are responsible for program administration, integrity, and fraud prevention;

(3) Federal law reserves retailer authorization and sanction authority to the United States Department of Agriculture;

(4) Nothing in federal law preempts the state from establishing mechanisms to monitor program performance, investigate complaints, and refer violations to federal authorities; and

(5) A centralized state body is necessary to ensure effective oversight of SNAP waiver implementation, reduce error rates, improve program integrity, and provide a formal referral pathway to federal enforcement authorities.

SECTION 3.

Article 1 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions of public assistance, is amended by revising Code Section 49-4-15.1, relating to examination of financial records in instances of alleged fraud, as follows:

"49-4-15.1.

The department may examine any documents, books, papers, ~~or~~ memoranda, electronic material, financial records, or business records relating to recipients, applicants, authorized representatives, household members, federally authorized retailers, or state contractors ~~reflecting the income of, or financial records bearing upon the determination of the eligibility of, recipients~~ in instances of alleged fraud ~~by recipients~~ of food stamps and public assistance. ~~This process~~ Such examination may be implemented by means of

a subpoena which may be issued by the commissioner of human services, upon the advice of the State Department of Law. In order to consider the issuance of such subpoenas, ~~the director of the department's office of fraud and abuse must~~ inspector general shall personally make application in writing to the commissioner of human services specifying why such information is necessary. If issued, such subpoenas shall compel the production of relevant documents. Subpoenas shall be served in the same manner as if issued by a superior court. If any person fails to obey a subpoena issued and served under this Code section with respect to any matter germane to the department's investigation, on application of the department, through the commissioner of human services or the commissioner's duly authorized representative, the superior court of the county in which the documents were required to be produced may issue an order requiring the person to comply with the subpoena and to produce the relevant documents."

SECTION 4.

Said article is further amended by adding new Code sections to read as follows:

"49-4-23.

(a) In no case shall categorical eligibility under 7 U.S.C. Section 2014(a) or 7 C.F.R. Section 273.2(j)(2)(ii) be granted for any noncash, in-kind, or other benefit unless expressly required by the federal law for the SNAP program.

(b) The department shall not apply gross income standards for SNAP benefits higher than the standards specified on January 1, 2026, in 7 U.S.C. Section 2014(c) or establish allowable financial resource standards higher than the standards specified in 7 U.S.C. Section 2014(g)(1), other than financial resources described in 7 U.S.C. Section 2014(g)(2)(D), unless expressly required by federal law. Categorical eligibility and exemptions for households from such gross income standards or allowable financial resource standards shall not be granted for any noncash, in-kind, or other benefit unless expressly required by federal law for the SNAP program.

(c) The department may apply alternate vehicle allowance standards as authorized by 7 U.S.C. Section 2014(g)(2)(D).

(d) By January 1, 2029, the department shall assign certification periods of no greater than four months to households with zero net income, households that include an able-bodied adult without dependents, or other households whose circumstances are determined by the department to be unstable unless otherwise prohibited under federal law for SNAP programs. This subsection shall not apply to households in which all members are elderly or disabled.

(e) By January 1, 2029, the department shall assign certification periods of one to two months to households that the department determines will become ineligible for the SNAP within 30 days of such determination, unless otherwise prohibited under federal law for the SNAP program.

(f) By January 1, 2029, the department shall verify the eligibility of households applying for SNAP benefits in accordance with the following requirements:

(1) Regarding applications for expedited service, the department shall make all reasonable efforts to verify all eligibility criteria, including, but not limited to, identity,

residency, and income, within the seven-day expedited processing period required by federal law;

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code section, the department shall verify all eligibility criteria for the applicant and all household members, including, but not limited to, income, residency, and citizenship or immigration status, within 30 days of the date of application; and

(3) All SNAP verification requirements not completed during expedited service processing shall be submitted and completed before the second month's benefits are issued; provided, however, that the department shall provide the household a specific written notice at least 15 days prior to the end of the 30 day verification period prescribed in paragraph (2) of this subsection identifying the exact documents or information required to complete such verification. The department shall not issue benefits for the second month of the certification period to any household that has failed to provide the necessary documentation to verify all eligibility factors within the period prescribed in paragraph (2) of this subsection after being provided timely notice and an opportunity to submit the required documentation or resolve any verification issues in accordance with federal SNAP requirements.

(g) No private right of action shall arise from any violation of this Code section by the department.

(h)(1) Beginning July 1, 2027, and every six months thereafter until January 1, 2029, the department shall submit a status report to the chairpersons of the House Committee on Appropriations, the Senate Appropriations Committee, the House Committee on Public and Community Health, and the Senate Health and Human Services Committee regarding progress in the implementation of subsections (d), (e), (f), and (i) of this Code section.

(2) This subsection shall stand repealed by operation of law on January 2, 2029.

(i)(1) By January 1, 2029, the department shall implement a pre-authorization accuracy checklist for all SNAP eligibility determinations and shall require either a second-party review or an automated system validation of:

(A) Gross earned and unearned income;

(B) Household composition; and

(C) Shelter and utility deductions.

(2) No benefit issuance shall be finalized until the items described in subparagraphs (A) through (C) of paragraph (1) of this subsection have been validated.

(3) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to delay the issuance of benefits required under federal expedited service time frames.

49-4-24.

(a) The department shall establish and maintain data-matching agreements and automated verification procedures to identify changes in circumstances affecting eligibility for the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). As used in this Code section, the term 'SNAP' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 49-4-26.

(b) On at least a monthly basis, the department shall review information from the Department of Public Health concerning individuals in households enrolled in SNAP that indicates a change in circumstances that may affect eligibility for SNAP, including, but not limited to, death records.

(c) On at least a quarterly basis, the department shall receive and review information from the Department of Labor concerning individuals in households enrolled in SNAP that indicates a change in circumstances that may affect eligibility for SNAP, including, but not limited to, changes in employment or wages.

(d) On at least a monthly basis, the department shall receive and review information concerning individuals in households enrolled in SNAP that indicates a change in circumstances that may affect eligibility for SNAP, including, but not limited to, potential changes in residency as identified by out-of-state electronic benefit transfer transactions.

(e) On at least a quarterly basis, the department shall receive and review information from the centralized employee registry established and maintained pursuant to Code Section 19-11-9.2 concerning individuals in households enrolled in SNAP that indicates a change in circumstances that may affect eligibility for SNAP, including, but not limited to, unreported employment, new sources of income, or changes in wage levels.

(f) On at least a monthly basis, the department shall receive and review information from the Department of Corrections concerning individuals in households enrolled in SNAP that indicates a change in circumstances that may affect eligibility for SNAP, including, but not limited to, incarceration status.

(g) On at least a monthly basis, the department shall, to assess continued eligibility for SNAP and act on such findings, review and act on the following data from federal sources:

(1) Earned income information, death registry information, incarceration records, supplemental security income information, beneficiary records, earnings information, and pension information maintained by the United States Social Security Administration;

(2) Income and employment information maintained in the National Directory of New Hires database and child support enforcement data maintained by the United States Department of Health and Human Services;

(3) National fleeing felon information maintained by the United States Federal Bureau of Investigation; and

(4) Address change information maintained in the United States Postal Service National Change of Address database.

(h) The department shall enter into a data-matching agreement with the Georgia Lottery Corporation to identify households with lottery winnings equal to or exceeding the applicable allowable financial resource limit for elderly or disabled households as defined in 7 U.S.C. Section 2014(g)(1) and, to the extent permitted under federal law, shall treat such data as verified upon receipt. When such data may not be treated as verified upon receipt, the department shall refer such cases for further investigation to confirm allowable financial resource eligibility for SNAP.

(i)(1) The department shall treat data received from the Department of Public Health concerning death records pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section and data received from the Department of Corrections concerning incarceration status pursuant subsection (f) of this Code section as verified upon receipt.

(2) Upon receipt of the data described in paragraph (1) of this subsection, the department may take appropriate action to suspend, terminate, or adjust benefits in accordance with federal law without requiring additional verification from the household.

(3) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to authorize the reduction or termination of benefits based solely on wage or employment data without first providing the household notice and an opportunity to respond as required under federal law.

(j) Nothing in this Code section shall prohibit the department from contracting with one or more independent vendors to provide additional data or information which may indicate a change in circumstances that may affect eligibility for SNAP.

(k) Other departments and agencies of the state shall cooperate in a timely and responsive manner to requests from the department to provide information required for a determination of eligibility for participation in SNAP.

49-4-25.

(a) The department shall not seek, apply for, accept, or renew any waiver of work requirements under 7 U.S.C. Section 2015(o)(4) without first obtaining specific authorization from the General Assembly. Such authorization shall be provided in a duly enacted statute.

(b) The department shall not exercise the state's option to provide any exemptions from the work requirement under 7 U.S.C. Section 2015(o)(6)(F). This subsection shall not be construed to limit the application of good cause exemptions for temporary absence from employment as provided in 7 C.F.R. Section 273.24(b)(2).

49-4-26.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program' or 'D-SNAP' means the emergency assistance program, authorized in the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 and the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1988, that provides temporary food assistance in the form of benefit to low to moderate income households that lost income or that or sustained property damage following a presidentially declared disaster.

(2) 'EBT card' means an embedded, encrypted chip card requiring a four-digit personal identification number for in-person use in a computer based electronic benefit transfer system approved by the United States Department of Agriculture to obtain food benefits.

(3) 'Food sales establishment' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 26-2-21.

(4) 'Food service establishment' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 26-2-370.

(b) All EBT cards issued in Georgia shall display:

(1) The full legal name of the SNAP participant;

(2) A printed statement citing applicable Georgia or federal law prohibiting the sale, trade, or transfer of EBT cards for unlawful purposes; and

(3) The SNAP fraud-reporting hotline number for the United States Department of Agriculture and instructions for reporting suspected fraudulent use.

(c) Nothing contained in subsection (h) of Code section 49-4-24 shall limit the ability of any legally authorized individual to use the EBT card consistent with federal law and regulations.

(d) No individual or family may receive SNAP benefits in this state unless such individual or family:

(1) Verifies United States citizenship at application and recertification, consistent with federal law; and

(2) Meets all federal SNAP work requirements applicable to such person's household category.

(e) Beginning January 1, 2027, SNAP recipients shall recertify their eligibility in accordance with 7 C.F.R. Part 273.

(f) The Georgia Department of Agriculture, in coordination with the Division of Family and Children Services, may:

(1) Identify and pursue all federal grants, pilot programs, and technical assistance opportunities offered by the United States Department of Agriculture to support and expand the use of SNAP at local farmers markets;

(2) Provide training and assistance for farmers markets and agricultural vendors seeking SNAP authorization;

(3) Promote participation by vendors offering fruits, vegetables, and meats that comply with this Code section; and

(4) Expand state-wide access to SNAP eligible agricultural vendors.

(g) The Division of Family and Children Services shall jointly with the Department of Human Services submit an annual report to the General Assembly by December 31 of each year summarizing:

(1) Vendor participation in farmers market SNAP programs;

(2) Any implementation issues or unintended consequences; and

(3) Recommendations for improvements or additional pilot programs.

(h) SNAP benefits shall not be used to purchase:

(1) Foods or beverages in a food service establishment; or

(2) Beverages customized on-site for immediate and individual consumption at the time of purchase, including those that are:

(A) Hot beverages which are prepared, mixed, or blended in a food sales establishment or

(B) Cold beverages which are prepared, mixed, or blended in a food sales establishment.

(i) The Division of Family and Children Services may issue guidance to authorized SNAP retailers clarifying that SNAP benefits shall not be accepted for any items listed in subsection (h) of this Code section.
(j) The Division of Family and Children Services shall require affected retailers to implement point-of-sale controls that ensure benefits shall not be used for any items listed in subsection (h) of this Code section.
(k) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the enforcement of this Code section shall remain the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States Department of Agriculture.
(l) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to limit or otherwise regulate D-SNAP or emergency circumstances that are the same or similar to those governed by D-SNAP."

SECTION 5.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2027.

SECTION 6.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The Speaker Pro Tem assumed the Chair.

The Committee substitute was adopted.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	N Sampson
N Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Alexander	N Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	N Cummings	E Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
N Au	N Davis	N Holcomb	N Miller	N Scott
N Baker	N Dawson	N Holland	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Momtahan	E Sharper
N Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	N Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Neal	E Smith, M
N Bazemore	N Douglas	N Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
N Beckles	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Bell	N Drenner	N Hugley	N Okoye	Y Stephens
N Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, M	E O'Steen	Y Taylor, D

N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	E Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas
N Burnough	N Evans	N Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	N Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	N Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	E Petrea	Y Wade
N Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	N Frye	E Kendrick	N Prince	Y Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	E Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	E Williams, A
N Carter	N Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	E Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	N Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	E Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 95, nays 66.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 1285. By Representatives Cheokas of the 151st, Stephens of the 164th, Barrett of the 24th, Williams of the 148th, Hong of the 103rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sales and use taxes, so as to revise provisions limiting the number of local sales and use taxes by authorizing counties to collect an enhanced homestead option sales tax as well as a local option sales tax; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	N Sampson
N Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Alexander	N Crawford	N Herring	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Ali	Crowe	Y Hilton	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	N Cummings	E Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
N Au	N Davis	N Holcomb	N Miller	N Scott
N Baker	Y Dawson	N Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Momtahan	E Sharper
N Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	N Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Myles	Y Smith, L

Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	E Neal	E Smith, M
N Bazemore	N Douglas	N Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
N Beckles	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Bell	N Drenner	N Hugley	E Okoye	Y Stephens
N Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	E O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	E Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas
N Burnough	N Evans	N Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	N Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	E Petrea	Y Wade
N Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	N Frye	E Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	E Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	E Williams, A
N Carter	N Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	E Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	E Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	N Willis
E Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 98, nays 58.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 1208. By Representatives Gunter of the 8th, Burchett of the 176th, Leverett of the 123rd, Smith of the 18th, Kelley of the 16th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 11 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to depositions and discovery, so as to require depositions in this state to be taken before certified court reporters; to repeal requirements that depositions in this state shall be recorded by stenographic means; to provide an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 5 of Chapter 11 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to depositions and discovery, so as to require depositions in this state to be taken before certified court reporters; to repeal requirements that depositions in this state shall be

recorded by stenographic means; to provide an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 5 of Chapter 11 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to depositions and discovery, is amended in Code Section 9-11-28, relating to persons before whom depositions may be taken, disqualification for interest, and consent of parties, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) **Within the United States and its possessions.** Within the United States or within a territory or insular possession subject to the dominion of the United States, depositions shall be taken before an officer authorized to administer oaths by the laws of the United States or by the laws of the place where the examination is held or before a court reporter appointed by the court in which the action is pending ~~or, if~~, except that within this state, depositions shall be taken before a certified court reporter, as such term is defined in Code Section 15-14-22 ~~or as otherwise provided by the rules of the Board of Court Reporting~~. A person so appointed has power to administer oaths and take testimony."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 9-11-30, relating to depositions upon oral examination, by revising paragraph (4) of subsection (b) as follows:

"(4) **Recording of deposition.** Unless the court orders otherwise, the testimony at a deposition ~~must~~ shall be recorded by ~~stenographic means~~ a certified court reporter, as such term is defined in Code Section 15-14-22, and may also be recorded by sound or sound and visual means ~~in addition to stenographic means~~, and the party taking the deposition shall bear the costs of the recording. A deposition shall be conducted before an officer appointed or designated under Code Section 9-11-28, and within this state such deposition shall be conducted before a certified court reporter, as such term is defined in Code Section 15-14-22. Upon motion of a party or upon its own motion, the court may issue an order designating the manner of recording, preserving, and filing of a deposition ~~taken by nonstenographic means~~, which order may include other provisions to assure that the recorded testimony will be accurate and trustworthy. Any party may arrange for a transcription to be made from the recording of a deposition ~~taken by nonstenographic means~~. With prior notice to the deponent and other parties, any party may designate another method to record the deponent's testimony in addition to the methods specified by the person taking the deposition. The additional record or transcript shall be made at that party's expense unless the court otherwise orders. The appearance or demeanor of deponents or attorneys shall not be distorted through camera or sound-recording techniques. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, a deposition may be taken by telephone or other remote electronic means only upon the stipulation of the parties or by order of the court. For purposes of the requirements of this chapter, a deposition taken by telephone or other remote electronic

means is taken in ~~the~~ this state and at the place where the deponent is to answer questions."

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	N Santos
Y Ali	Crowe	Y Hilton	N McQueen	N Schofield
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Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Myles	Y Smith, L
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Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
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E Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 138, nays 17.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1640. By Representatives Smith of the 70th, Corbett of the 174th, Smith of the 138th, DeLoach of the 167th, Greene of the 154th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and legacy of Harold Franklin Reheis; and for other purposes.

HR 1641. By Representative Jones of the 60th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the Metropolitan Atlanta Baptist Ministers Union upon 141 years of service to the Baptist churches and community; and for other purposes.

HR 1642. By Representatives Baker of the 64th, Alexander of the 66th and New of the 40th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Tri Mu Chapter, for its longstanding service and contributions to Douglas, Paulding, and Carroll Counties; and for other purposes.

HR 1643. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Davis of the 87th and Scott of the 76th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Bobby Dodd Institute; and for other purposes.

HR 1644. By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Ehrhart of the 36th and Ridley of the 22nd:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Grant Penner; and for other purposes.

HR 1645. By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Ehrhart of the 36th and Ridley of the 22nd:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Jonathan Sandberg; and for other purposes.

HR 1646. By Representatives Roberts of the 52nd, Tran of the 80th, Lupton of the 83rd, Kendrick of the 95th and Campbell of the 35th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Judi Carlson for receiving the 2026 Yellow Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leadership Award; and for other purposes.

HR 1647. By Representatives Cummings of the 39th, Campbell of the 35th, Jones of the 60th and Beckles of the 96th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Shelia Edwards for receiving the 2026 Yellow Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leadership Award; and for other purposes.

HR 1648. By Representatives Tran of the 80th, Au of the 50th, Panitch of the 51st, Olaleye of the 59th and Clark of the 108th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Vietnamese-American Community of Georgia and recognizing March 11, 2026, as Vietnamese-American Community Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

The following members were recognized during the period of Afternoon Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Ali of the 106th, Sanchez of the 42nd, and Santos of the 117th.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House do now adjourn until 1:00 o'clock, P.M., Monday, March 9, 2026, and the motion prevailed.

Pursuant to the adjournment Resolution previously adopted by the House and Senate, the Speaker announced the House adjourned until 1:00 o'clock, P.M., Monday, March 9, 2026.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Monday, March 9, 2026

Twenty-Ninth Legislative Day

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 1:00 o'clock, P.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

The following communication was received:

House of Representatives
Georgia State Capitol
Room 415
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

March 4, 2026

Dear Clerk of the House,

While meeting with a group from district 176 today, I missed the vote on House Bill 1128. Please let the record show that I support and am voting "yes" on:

Sincerely,

/s/ James Burchett
Representative, District 176

The roll was called and the following Representatives answered to their names:

Adesanya	Cooper	Gunter	Lupton	Ridley, Jor
Adeyina	Corbett	Hagan	Martin	E Roberts
Alexander	Cox	Hatchett	Martinez	Romman
Ali	Crawford	Hawkins	Mathiak	Sainz
Anderson	Cummings	Herring	Mathis	Sampson
Au	Davis	Hilton	McClain	Schofield
Baker	Dawson	Hitchens	McCollum	E Scoggins
Ballard	DeLoach	Holcomb	McDonald	Scott
Barrett	Dempsey	Holland	E McQueen	Seabaugh
Barton	Dickey	Holly	Meeks	Silcox
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Berry	Drenner	E Howard, K	Newton	Smith, V
Blackmon	Dubnik	Huddleston	Okoye	Stephens
Bonner	Dunahoo	Jackson, D	Olaleye	Stinson
Buckner	Efstration	Jackson, E	E O'Steen	Tarvin

Burchett	Ehrhart	Jackson, M	Panitch	Taylor, D
Burnough	Erwin	Jasperse	Paris	Taylor, R
Byrd	Evans	Jenkins	Park	Townsend
Cameron	Fincher	Jones, A	Parrish	Tran
Camp	Fleming	Jones, J	Parsons	Wade
Campbell, J	Flournoy	Jones, S	Persinger	Washburn
E Campbell, L	E Ford	E Jones, T	Petrea	Werkheiser
Cannon, C	E Franklin	Kahaian	Powell	Westbrook
Carpenter	Gaines	Kelley	Prince	Wilkerson
Carson	Gambill	E Kendrick	Reese	Williams, A
Chastain	E Gilliard	LaHood	Reeves	Williams, N
Cheokas	Gisler	Leverett	Rhodes	Williamson
Clark, D	Greene	Lewis-Ward	Rice	E Willis
E Clark, J	Griffin	Lim	Richardson	Yearta
Clifton	Gullett	Lumsden	Ridley, Jas	Burns, Speaker

The following members were off the floor of the House when the roll was called:

Representatives Barnes of the 86th, Cannon of the 58th, Carter of the 93rd, Crowe of the 118th, Frye of the 122nd, Glaize of the 67th, Hugley of the 141st, Mitchell of the 88th, Moore of the 91st, Myles of the 126th, Neal of the 79th, Oliver of the 84th, Sanchez of the 42nd, Santos of the 117th, Sharper of the 177th, and Williams of the 37th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Reverend Dr. David P. Gushee, Atlanta, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Hilton of the 48th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

By unanimous consent, the following was established as the order of business during the first part of the period of unanimous consents:

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

2. First reading and reference of House Bills and Resolutions.

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

6. First reading and reference of Senate Bills and Resolutions.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House were introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committees:

HB 1516. By Representatives Romman of the 97th, Park of the 107th, Frye of the 122nd and Cannon of the 58th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to real estate transfer tax, so as to revise the tax for sales to the United States Department of Homeland Security or United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement; to revise an exemption; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 1517. By Representative Lim of the 98th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 41 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions regarding nuisances, so as to provide for a presumption of the creation of a nuisance based on certain residential local ordinance violations; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to ad valorem taxation of property generally; to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the O.C.G.A., relating to medical assistance generally; to amend Chapter 2 of Title 14 of the O.C.G.A., relating to business corporations, so as to require corporations to provide a list of authorized filers to the Secretary of State; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1518. By Representatives Lim of the 98th, Lupton of the 83rd and Clark of the 108th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 17-6-11 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to issuance of uniform traffic citation, failure to appear or dispose of charges, and examination of driver's license at motor vehicle accident scene for organ donor designation, so as to provide for notice upon the change of date, time, or location for required court appearance

from that listed upon a uniform traffic citation; to provide for additional notice prior to orders of license suspension for failure to appear in certain instances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 1519. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Mathiak of the 82nd, Bazemore of the 69th and Jackson of the 68th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create the City of Peachtree City Public Facilities Authority, approved May 13, 2011 (Ga. L. 2011, p. 4121), as amended, so as to provide for terms of office for certain members of the authority; to prohibit transfer of membership in the authority; to provide for members not receiving any benefit of or right to or interest in assets of the authority; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1520. By Representatives Miller of the 62nd, Draper of the 90th, Jackson of the 68th, Campbell of the 35th, Cummings of the 39th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Fair Business Practices Act of 1975," so as to prohibit certain practices by landlords and coordinators involving the use of nonpublic competitor data to influence rental price and occupancy decisions; to provide for annual certification and record retention; to provide for enforcement; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings and intent; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1521. By Representatives Miller of the 62nd, Draper of the 90th, Jackson of the 68th, Campbell of the 35th and Westbrook of the 163rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 7 and Chapter 5 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to financial institutions and the "Georgia Uniform Securities Act of 2008," respectively, so as to remove an exemption from securities regulation for certain financial institutions; to provide for notes as securities; to exempt certain notes as

securities; to provide for a rebuttable presumption; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Banks & Banking.

HB 1522. By Representatives Burnough of the 77th, Scott of the 76th and Bell of the 75th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Clayton County Water Authority, approved March 7, 1955 (Ga. L. 1955, p. 3344), as amended, so as to authorize the board of the authority to fix the compensation and reimbursement of expenses for members of the board; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1523. By Representatives Cheokas of the 151st and Stinson of the 150th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Sumter County Public Facilities Authority and to provide for the appointment of members of the authority; to confer powers upon the authority; to authorize and provide for the issuance of revenue bonds; to provide that credit is not pledged; to provide for security, validation, and protection of revenue bonds; to provide bondholder remedies; to fix and provide the venue and jurisdiction; to provide for proceeds as trust funds; to provide for tort immunity; to provide for the tax statutes of property and revenue bonds of the authority; to provide for reversion of assets; to provide for construction and severability; to provide a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1524. By Representatives Donatucci of the 105th, Efstration of the 104th, Hong of the 103rd, Hilton of the 48th, Reeves of the 99th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Gwinnett County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of 50 percent of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who are 65 years of age but less than 70 years of age and in the amount of the full assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who are 70 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures

relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1525. By Representative Efstration of the 104th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Auburn, approved February 17, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, p. 807), as amended, so as to revise and readopt the charter in its entirety; to provide for incorporation, name, and powers of the city; to provide for corporate boundaries; to provide for audits; to provide for contracting and purchasing procedures; to provide for the sale of city property; to provide for prior ordinances and pending matters; to provide for construction; to provide for severability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HR 1608. By Representatives Scoggins of the 14th, Cannon of the 172nd, McDonald III of the 26th, Kelley of the 16th, Gullett of the 19th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Municipal Electric Franchise Fees; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1609. By Representatives Adeyina of the 110th and Lupton of the 83rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Lieutenant Colonel Albert "Butch" S. Welch, Jr., and dedicating a bridge in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 1639. By Representatives Neal of the 79th, Scott of the 76th, Douglas of the 78th, Bell of the 75th and Flournoy of the 74th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Mr. Darryl W. Jordan and dedicating an intersection in his honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House and Senate were read the second time:

HB 1506
HB 1507
HB 1508
HB 1509
HB 1510
HB 1511
HB 1512
HB 1513
HB 1514
HB 1515
HR 1583
HR 1584
HR 1585
HR 1586
SB 157
SB 198
SB 216
SB 230
SB 261
SB 285
SB 306
SB 406
SB 425
SB 478
SB 489
SB 503
SB 523
SB 524
SB 552
SB 565
SR 624

Representative Hatchett of the 155th District, Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Appropriations has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 974 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Hatchett of the 155th
Chairman

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
MONDAY, MARCH 09, 2026

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 29th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

HR 145 Education and Public Health, Departments of; collaborate to prioritize the expansion of vision and hearing screenings at various grade levels; urge (Substitute)(Ed-Erwin-32nd)

HR 948 House Study Committee on Pharmacy Benefits Managers and Consumer Access to Prescription Medications; create (Substitute) (Hth-Stephens-164th)

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the Senate were read the first time and referred to the Committees:

SB 11. By Senators Rhett of the 33rd, Harbison of the 15th, Payne of the 54th, Williams of the 25th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 2 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to service creditable toward retirement benefits, so as to provide for creditable service for certain military service; to provide for application and payment; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

SB 190. By Senators Wicks of the 34th, Merritt of the 9th, Harbison of the 15th, McLaurin of the 14th, Jones of the 10th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions of parks, historic areas, memorials, and recreation, so as to provide certain fee waivers for active duty members of the military, veterans, and family

members; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Game, Fish, & Parks.

SB 324. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Williams of the 25th, Albers of the 56th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 25 of Title 33 of the O.C.G.A., relating to life insurance, so as to provide for certain protections for life insurance policyholders and beneficiaries; to provide for an owner of a life insurance policy or annuity to be represented by a local agent when such policy or annuity is sold; to provide for such owner to be represented by a local agent when such agent does not have a contract with such insurer; to provide such owner with an annual notice report on such policy or annuity; to require an insurer to conduct a quarterly search of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners' policy locator; to provide for annual reporting; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

SB 367. By Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Dolezal of the 27th, Watson of the 1st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 31-6-47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from certificate of need requirements, so as to provide an exemption for health care facilities, services, and equipment dedicated exclusively to the treatment of cancer; to provide for conditions; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

SB 410. By Senators Brass of the 6th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Albers of the 56th, Walker III of the 20th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to state sales and use taxes, so as to repeal the data center equipment sales and use tax exemption; to allow for the continued use of certificates of exemption issued prior to the date of repeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 418. By Senators Burns of the 23rd, Parent of the 44th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Still of the 48th, Hatchett of the 50th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding torts, so as to provide a cause of action against the knowing and unauthorized use of an individual's photograph or image together with representations of nudity or sexually explicit conduct; to provide for stays of such causes of action; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation.

SB 423. By Senators Bearden of the 30th, Watson of the 11th, Williams of the 25th, Echols of the 49th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to government transparency and campaign finance, so as to prohibit candidates, campaign committees, independent committees, political action committees, and leadership committees from accepting contributions or donations from non-Georgia persons that exceed 50 percent of all contributions received; to provide definitions; to provide for the return of such excess contributions; to provide for the escheatment of excess contributions that are not returned; to provide for exceptions; to provide for injunctive relief; to prohibit and provide penalties for strawman transactions seeking to avoid the contribution cap provided herein; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

SB 424. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Summers of the 13th, Brass of the 6th, Burns of the 23rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5A of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Office of State Treasurer, so as to provide for gold and silver specie as legal tender; to provide for a bullion depository; to provide for an electronic payment system; to provide for guidelines, rules and regulations; to provide for insured deposits; to prohibit social credit scoring systems; to provide for annual reports; to prohibit taxation of transactions involving gold and silver specie and legal tender; to provide for

an implementation date; to provide for construction; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Banks & Banking.

SB 439. By Senators Still of the 48th, Goodman of the 8th, Burns of the 23rd and Echols of the 49th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Fair Business Practices Act of 1975," so as to provide for regulation of referral agencies for assisted living communities and personal care homes; to provide for disclosures to prospective residents and acknowledgments of receipt; to provide for charging and collection of fees; to require verification of licensing of assisted living communities and personal care homes by referral agencies; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

SB 442. By Senators Dickerson of the 21st, Albers of the 56th, Walker III of the 20th, Burns of the 23rd, Hatchett of the 50th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to drivers' licenses, so as to provide for revocation and expiration of commercial drivers' licenses for noncitizens; to provide for testing requirements for renewal of commercial drivers' licenses for noncitizens; to amend Chapter 36 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to verification of lawful presence within the United States, so as to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

SB 445. By Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Still of the 48th, Walker III of the 20th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-14-27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to required reports and publication format relative to education accountability assessment programs, so as to provide that public schools with a state-wide attendance zone and certain charter schools

shall not be included in the separate list of public schools annually reported by the Office of Student Achievement for purposes of the "Georgia Promise Scholarship Act"; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

SB 454. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Anderson of the 24th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of fire and other hazards to persons and property generally, so as to authorize the use of temporary door locking devices in public buildings during certain emergency situations; to provide for guidelines for use of such devices; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

SB 458. By Senators Goodman of the 8th, Hatchett of the 50th, Echols of the 49th, Jones of the 10th, Lucas of the 26th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 41 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to residential and commercial general contractors, so as to provide for licensure of home inspectors; to provide for reciprocity of licensure; to provide for licensure of companies performing home inspections; to provide for minimum requirements to apply for licensure; to provide for continuing education requirements; to require home inspectors to maintain insurance; to provide for standards of practice and unfair trade practices; to provide for exceptions; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for a legislative purpose; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

SB 465. By Senators Gooch of the 51st, Echols of the 49th, Ginn of the 47th, Robertson of the 29th, Goodman of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to income taxes, so as to disqualify business enterprises that hire illegal aliens for large-scale projects from claiming certain

tax credits associated with such projects; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 475. By Senators Kemp of the 38th, Dixon of the 45th, Payne of the 54th, Halpern of the 39th, Howard of the 35th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-2068.1, relating to charter school funding, so as to require local boards of education to treat local charter schools no less favorably than other local schools with respect to the expenditure of the proceeds of a special purpose local option sales tax for education; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

SB 482. By Senators Strickland of the 42nd, Robertson of the 29th, Bearden of the 30th, Tillery of the 19th, Anderson of the 43rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding law enforcement officers and agencies, so as to require persons requesting booking photographs to provide the first and last names of the individuals in the photographs; to require requests for booking photographs to be made as separate requests; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

SB 485. By Senators Payne of the 54th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Setzler of the 37th, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 10A of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to examination regarding professional counselors, social workers, and marriage and family therapists, so as to authorize applicants for a license in social work enrolled in a master's degree program to take the master's social work licensing examination in their final semester of the program; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

SB 498. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Hickman of the 4th, Kemp of the 38th, Still of the 48th and Halpern of the 39th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 31B of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to charter school capital finance, so as to establish the Georgia Charter School Facilities Authority for the purpose of enabling charter schools to obtain revolving loan funds and other public financing assistance for purposes of constructing, renovating, and rehabilitating educational facilities for such schools; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 17 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission Act," so as to provide for the issuance of general obligation bonds by the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission to provide for educational facilities for charter schools; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

SB 499. By Senators Ginn of the 47th, Walker III of the 20th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Still of the 48th, Payne of the 54th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dangerous instrumentalities and practices, so as to repeal the prohibition on possessing a silencer; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

SB 501. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Albers of the 56th, Bearden of the 30th, Brass of the 6th, Still of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 8 and 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to buildings and housing and fire protection and safety, respectively, so as to improve government efficiency by updating provisions of the office of the Safety Fire Commissioner; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

SB 515. By Senators Hickman of the 4th, Payne of the 54th, Hatchett of the 50th, Parent of the 44th and Dixon of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 9 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to grants for educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to revise and streamline provisions relative to the teacher recruitment and retention tax credit program; to provide for definitions; to amend Code Section 48-7-29.23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax credits for teachers in the teacher recruitment and retention program, so as to provide for tax credit amounts; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

SB 532. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Parent of the 44th, Anderson of the 43rd, Davenport of the 17th, Kemp of the 38th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Articles 2 and 7 of Chapter 11 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commencement of action and service and default judgment, respectively, so as to provide for defendant notices of certain proceedings and pleadings when such defendant failed to file pleadings; to clarify defendant's right to appear and introduce evidence of damages in certain default judgment actions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 540. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Walker III of the 20th, Still of the 48th, Strickland of the 42nd, Watson of the 1st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 39 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to online internet safety, so as to require certain disclosures related to conversational AI services; to require the operators of conversational AI services to take steps to limit certain actions related to minors by such systems; to require operators to provide certain privacy tools to users; to require operators to adopt a protocol for a conversational AI service's response to suicidal ideation or self-harm; to provide for enforcement by the Attorney General; to provide for exceptions; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation.

SB 542. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Hatchett of the 50th, Strickland of the 42nd, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sexual offenses, so as to permit clergy members to be charged with certain improper sexual contact offenses; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 547. By Senators Strickland of the 42nd, Robertson of the 29th, Hatchett of the 50th, Bearden of the 30th, Williams of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-6-13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penalties for violating Code Sections 16-6-9 through 16-6-12, so as to modify the penalties for the offenses of pimping and pandering; to provide that all such offenses shall be punishable as felony offenses; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date and for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

SB 551. By Senators Watson of the 11th, Anderson of the 24th, Echols of the 49th and Goodman of the 8th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to standard, labeling, and adulteration of food, so as to repeal provisions relative to eggs; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs.

SB 553. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Walker III of the 20th, Cowsert of the 46th, Brass of the 6th, Payne of the 54th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to professions and businesses, so as to repeal Chapter 14, relating to electrical contractors, plumbers, conditioned air contractors, low voltage contractors, and utility contractors, and enact a new Chapter 14; to amend Code Section 48-7-38 of the O.C.G.A., relating to deduction for payments to classified subcontractors, disclosure of tax returns, and maintenance of list of classified

subcontractors, so as to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

SB 555. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Payne of the 54th, Cowsert of the 46th, Burns of the 23rd, Ginn of the 47th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to war veterans home, so as to authorize the admission of eligible nonveteran residents to a Georgia War Veterans' Home under certain circumstances; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Defense & Veterans Affairs.

SB 556. By Senators Payne of the 54th, Still of the 48th, Williams of the 25th, Sims of the 12th and Hickman of the 4th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-157 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to uniform reporting system for certain purposes, dual credit courses, and academic eligibility requirements to receive HOPE scholarship, so as to provide for the inclusion of advanced placement and international baccalaureate fine arts courses in the calculation of grade point averages for determining student eligibility for the HOPE scholarships and other scholarships; to provide for applicability; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

SB 566. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Anavitarte of the 31st, Albers of the 56th, Hickman of the 4th and Still of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to provide for the acceptance of tax digests in the event of a publication error made by a newspaper; to revise required information for bills and notices of assessment for ad valorem taxation of property; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 569. By Senators Strickland of the 42nd, Robertson of the 29th, Jones of the 10th, Summers of the 13th, Mallow of the 2nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to provide for the issuance of emergency vehicle light permits for towing service companies in certain instances; to revise a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

SB 570. By Senators Still of the 48th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Albers of the 56th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and Dixon of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 21 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to rights, duties, and liabilities of innkeepers, so as to provide for a required human trafficking training program for inns and short-term rental properties; to provide for definitions; to provide for training policies and procedures; to provide for the retention of certain records; to provide for limitations; to provide for penalties; to provide an effective date; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 572. By Senators Strickland of the 42nd, Anavitarte of the 31st, Robertson of the 29th, McNeel of the 18th, Hatchett of the 50th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to justification and excuse in defenses to criminal prosecutions, so as to provide for an additional justification for use of force in defense of self or others; to amend Code Section 51-11-9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to no duty to retreat and immunity in certain instances of threat or use of force, so as to extend immunity from civil liability in justified use of force cases to legal representatives and heirs of the person against whom force was used; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

SB 586. By Senators Williams of the 25th and Robertson of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-11-107 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to interfering with, harming of, or aggravated harming of a public safety animal or search and rescue animal, so as to provide for commendations of public safety animals and search and rescue animals that are injured or killed in the line of duty; to provide for related matters; to provide a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

SB 587. By Senators Still of the 48th, Dickerson of the 21st, Summers of the 13th, Albers of the 56th, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding offenses against public health and morals, so as to provide for the establishment of an animal cruelty database; to provide for purpose and funding; to require the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of the State of Georgia to create, administer, and maintain such database; to provide for minimum requirements; to provide for reporting and forms; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

SB 589. By Senators Brass of the 6th, Hickman of the 4th, Hatchett of the 50th, Anavitarte of the 31st, McNeel of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to revise the date by which a child must attain a certain age to be eligible for enrollment in kindergarten or first grade; to provide for parents and guardians to elect for their children who have attained the age of four or five to be enrolled in a voluntary pre-kindergarten program provided and operated as part of Georgia's Pre-K Program; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

SB 591. By Senators Gooch of the 51st, Anavitarte of the 31st, Walker III of the 20th, Summers of the 13th, Echols of the 49th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against public order, so as to prohibit the disruption of a religious service; to provide for enhanced penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

SB 593. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th and Tillery of the 19th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 71 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to development impact fees, so as to provide for disclosure of impact fees upon transfer of ownership; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

SB 594. By Senators Bearden of the 30th, Strickland of the 42nd, Hatchett of the 50th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Dixon of the 45th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 4 of Article 6 of Chapter 9 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to internet and e-mail fraud, so as to establish the criminal offense of digital identity fraud; to provide for criminal penalties; to require social media platform operators to evaluate claims of digital identify fraud; to provide for civil penalties; to provide for enforcement; to provide for a cause of action and damages; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation.

SB 601. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Orrock of the 36th, Kemp of the 38th, Parent of the 44th, McLaurin of the 14th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to continue the existence of the Atlanta Independent School System under the management and control of the Atlanta Board of Education, approved June 3, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 4154), as amended, so as to remove residency limitations on qualifications for employment of the executive assistant to the board, chief financial officer, and internal auditor; to revise provisions related to the selection, removal, and supervision of the executive assistant to the board and the internal auditor; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

SB 604. By Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Dolezal of the 27th and Gooch of the 51st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, so as to provide the Attorney General concurrent jurisdiction with district attorneys to conduct criminal prosecutions of violent crimes, illegal immigration offenses, and fentanyl offenses; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

SB 605. By Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Dolezal of the 27th and Gooch of the 51st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding prosecuting attorneys, so as to provide for additional grounds for discipline of a district attorney or solicitor-general or for his or her removal or involuntary retirement from office; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

SB 612. By Senator Walker III of the 20th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the City of Cochran Public Facilities Authority; to provide that the authority is a body corporate and politic and an instrumentality of the State of Georgia; to authorize the authority to acquire, construct, equip, maintain, and operate certain projects, including buildings and facilities for use by the City of Cochran for its governmental, proprietary, and administrative functions; to provide that certain moneys are trust funds; to provide that this Act shall be liberally construed; to define the scope of the authority's operation; to provide for disposition of property upon dissolution of the authority; to provide for severability; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

SB 613. By Senators Davenport of the 17th, Wicks of the 34th and Parent of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act placing the sheriff and clerk of the Superior Court of Clayton County on an annual salary, approved February 25, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, p. 1910), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 3, 2018 (Ga. L. 2018, p. 3573), so as to change the compensation of the sheriff; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

SB 614. By Senator Davenport of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Hampton ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes for the total amount of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who have resided at such homestead for at least five years; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

SB 616. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Kemp of the 38th, James of the 28th, Orrock of the 36th, McLaurin of the 14th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating one or more community improvement districts in unincorporated Fulton County, approved April 3, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 5460), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 2, 1998 (Ga. L. 1998, p. 4065) and an Act approved April 2, 2014 (Ga. L. 2014, p. 3526), so as to provide for written consent for the creation of community improvement districts; to provide for submission of certain resolutions; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Herring of the 145th et al., Gambill of the 15th, Kelley of the 16th et al., Lupton of the 83rd et al., Cannon of the 58th et al., Crawford of the 89th et al., Romman of the 97th et al., Park of the 107th et al., Jones of the 143rd et al., Erwin of the 32nd et al., and Williams of the 148th.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Resolution of the House was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HR 948. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Kelley of the 16th, Hawkins of the 27th, Buckner of the 137th and Newton of the 127th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Pharmacy Benefits Managers and Consumer Access to Prescription Medications; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A RESOLUTION

Creating the House Study Committee on Pharmacy Benefits Managers and Consumer Access to Prescription Medications; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, according to the United States Office of Health Policy, the cost of prescription drugs has increased at rates exceeding the rate of inflation each year since 2016; and

WHEREAS, pharmacy benefits managers administer prescription drug insurance benefits, negotiate with drug manufacturers and pharmacies, and establish drug formularies and pharmacy networks; and

WHEREAS, pharmacy benefits managers undertake practices that have been criticized and investigated by industry stakeholders, including health policy experts, state attorneys general, and the Federal Trade Commission; and

WHEREAS, such policies include leveraging vertical integration to steer patients to pharmacy benefits manager affiliate pharmacies, marking up the cost of medications at pharmacy benefits manager owned pharmacies, manipulating pharmacy reimbursement rates, and engaging in other unfair practices that harm patients, retail pharmacies, payers, and employers; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Georgia passed the first pharmacy benefits manager steering laws in the nation but many believe that pharmacy benefits managers continue to steer patients to pharmacy benefits manager affiliate pharmacies within this state; and

WHEREAS, Georgia law requires that pharmacy benefits managers publicly report drug prices that are greater than 10 percent over the national average drug acquisition costs and such reports have revealed markups for some medications for commercial and government payers and markups of thousands of percent above the national average drug acquisition costs for medications used to treat multiple sclerosis, cancer, and kidney disease, among other medications; and

WHEREAS, a recent study by the Georgia Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College indicates that pharmacy benefits manager practices pose risks to patients and independent pharmacies, including increasing the number of counties in Georgia without a single pharmacy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

(1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee on Pharmacy Benefits Managers and Consumer Access to Prescription Medications.

(2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of the following members:

(A) The chairperson of the House Committee on Appropriations;

(B) The chairperson of the House Committee on Health;

(C) Three other members of the House of Representatives or experts on pharmacy benefits managers or consumer access to prescription medication to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

(D) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson of the committee.

(3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.

(4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

(5) **Allowances, expenses, and funding.**

(A) The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

(B) Members of the committee who are state officials, other than legislative members, or state employees shall receive no compensation for their services on the committee, but they may be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties as members of the committee in the same manner as they are reimbursed for expenses in their capacities as state officials or employees.

(C) Members of the committee who are not legislators, state officials, or state employees shall receive a daily expense allowance in an amount the same as that specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 of the Official Code of Georgia

Annotated, as well as the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for state employees.

(D) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds appropriated to the House of Representatives; except that funds for the reimbursement of the expenses of state officials, other than legislative members, and for the reimbursement of the expenses of state employees shall come from funds appropriated to or otherwise available to their respective agencies.

(6) **Report.**

(A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file a report of the same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file the report, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee. A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

(D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Clerk of the House of Representatives a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

(7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2026.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the Resolution, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the Resolution, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	E Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	E Donatucci	Y Howard, J	E Neal	E Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	E Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Smith, V

Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	E O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	E Paris	Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	E Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
E Campbell, L	E Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	E Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	E LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Willis
E Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	E Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the adoption of the Resolution, by substitute, the ayes were 157, nays 0.

The Resolution, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted, by substitute.

Representative Erwin of the 32nd moved that the following Resolution of the House be withdrawn from the Rules Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Rules:

HR 145. By Representatives Erwin of the 32nd, Dubnik of the 29th, Cheokas of the 151st, Wade of the 9th, Barton of the 5th and others:

A RESOLUTION urging the Department of Education and the Department of Public Health to collaborate to prioritize the expansion of vision and hearing screening at various grade levels to identify students with undiagnosed and untreated vision or hearing problems that may impede their acquisition of literacy skills; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Powell of the 33rd moved that the following Bill of the Senate be withdrawn from the Committee on Health and recommitted to the Committee on Insurance:

SB 462. By Senators Still of the 48th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Watson of the 1st, Harrell of the 40th, Hatchett of the 50th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 20E of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Surprise Billing Consumer Protection Act," so as to provide for insurance coverage for certain out-of-network ambulance transportation service; to provide for the minimum allowable reimbursement rate for such service; to provide for maximum amounts on copayments, coinsurance, or deductibles for such service; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

The following members were recognized during the period of Afternoon Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Lim of the 98th, Adeyina of the 110th, Ali of the 106th, Sainz of the 180th, and Ridley of the 22nd et al.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1652. By Representative Martin of the 49th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 28, 2026, as Turner Syndrome Awareness Day; and for other purposes.

HR 1653. By Representative Williams of the 148th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Mack Allington Pearce; and for other purposes.

The following communication was received:

House of Representatives

Coverdell Legislative Office
Building
Suite 411-A
Atlanta, GA 30334

The Honorable Bill Reilly
Clerk of the House
Georgia House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reilly,

Please accept this letter as formal notice of my resignation from the Georgia House of Representatives, representing House District 177, effective **Monday, March 9, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.**

After careful reflection and consultation with my family and counsel, I believe this decision is in the best interest of my constituents, the House, and the State of Georgia as I prepare to resolve a pending legal matter.

It has been the honor of my lifetime to serve the people of Valdosta and Lowndes County in this role and in public service for many years. I am grateful for the opportunity and for the trust placed in me.

Respectfully,

/s/ Dexter Sharper
Dexter Sharper, Georgia State Representative
Community Leader & Business Consultant

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House do now adjourn until 10:00 o'clock, tomorrow morning, and the motion prevailed.

The Speaker announced the House adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, tomorrow morning.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Thirtieth Legislative Day

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

The following communications were received:

House of Representatives

Coverdell Legislative Office
Building
Suite 411-A
Atlanta, GA 30334

The Honorable Brian P. Kemp
Governor of Georgia

Dear Governor Kemp,

Please accept this letter as formal notice of my resignation from the Georgia House of Representatives, representing House District 177, effective **Monday, March 9, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.**

After careful reflection and consultation with my family and counsel, I believe this decision is in the best interest of my constituents, the House, and the State of Georgia as I prepare to resolve a pending legal matter.

It has been the honor of my lifetime to serve the people of Valdosta and Lowndes County in this role and in public service for many years. I am grateful for the opportunity and for the trust placed in me.

Respectfully,

/s/ Dexter Sharper
Dexter Sharper, Georgia State Representative
Community Leader & Business Consultant

State of Georgia
Office of the Governor
Atlanta 30334-0090

March 9, 2026

The Honorable Dexter Sharper
Representative, District 177
Georgia House of Representatives
19 Sharper Circle
Valdosta, Georgia 31601

Dear Representative Sharper:

I am in receipt of your letter regarding your resignation as the District 177 Representative in the Georgia House of Representatives. Your resignation is hereby accepted, effective immediately.

Sincerely,

/s/ Brian P. Kemp

BPK:rbw

cc: The Honorable Brad Raffensperger, Secretary of State
The Honorable Jon Burns, Speaker, Georgia House of Representatives
Mr. William Reilly, Clerk of the Georgia House of Representatives

The roll was called and the following Representatives answered to their names:

Adesanya	Davis	Hawkins	Mathiak	Ridley, Jas
Adeyina	Dawson	Herring	Mathis	Roberts
Ali	DeLoach	Hilton	McClain	Romman
Anderson	E Dempsey	Hitchens	McCollum	Sainz
Baker	Dickey	Holcomb	McDonald	Sampson
Ballard	E Donatucci	Holland	McQueen	Schofield
Barrett	Douglas	Holly	Meeks	Scoggins
Barton	Drenner	Hong	Mitchell	Scott
Bazemore	Dubnik	Horner	Momtahan	Seabaugh
Beckles	Dunahoo	Howard, J	Myles	Silcox
Berry	Efstration	Howard, K	Neal	E Smith, M
Blackmon	Ehrhart	Huddleston	New	Smith, TP
Bonner	Erwin	Hugley	Newton	Smith, V
Buckner	Evans	Jackson, D	Okoye	Stephens
Burchett	Fincher	Jackson, M	Olaleye	E Stinson
Burnough	Fleming	Jasperse	E Oliver	Tarvin
Byrd	Flournoy	Jenkins	E O'Steen	Taylor, D
Cameron	Ford	Jones, A	Panitch	Taylor, R
Camp	E Franklin	Jones, J	Park	Townsend
Campbell, J	Frye	Jones, S	Parrish	Tran
Cannon, C	Gaines	Jones, T	Parsons	Wade
Carpenter	Gambill	Kahaian	Persinger	Werkheiser

Chastain	Gilliard	Kelley	Petrea	Westbrook
Cheokas	Gisler	Kendrick	Powell	Williams, A
E Clark, J	Greene	E LaHood	Prince	Williams, MF
Clifton	Griffin	Leverett	Reese	Williams, N
Cooper	Gullett	Lewis-Ward	Reeves	Williamson
Corbett	Gunter	Lumsden	Rhodes	E Willis
Cox	Hagan	Martin	Rice	Yearta
Crawford	Hatchett	E Martinez	Richardson	Burns, Speaker
Crowe				

The following members were off the floor of the House when the roll was called:

Representatives Alexander of the 66th, Barnes of the 86th, Campbell of the 35th, Cannon of the 58th, Carson of the 46th, Carter of the 93rd, Cummings of the 39th, Draper of the 90th, Glaize of the 67th, Lim of the 98th, Lupton of the 83rd, Miller of the 62nd, Moore of the 91st, Ridley of the 22nd, Sanchez of the 42nd, Smith of the 70th, Thomas of the 21st, and Washburn of the 144th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Pastor Daniel Postell, Calvary Chapel Blue Ridge, Blue Ridge, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Hilton of the 48th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

By unanimous consent, the following was established as the order of business during the first part of the period of unanimous consents:

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

2. First reading and reference of House Bills and Resolutions.

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

6. First reading and reference of Senate Bills and Resolutions.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House were introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committees:

HB 1526. By Representative Greene of the 154th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal a former local constitutional amendment (Ga. L. 1962, p. 808), which former local constitutional amendment was continued in effect as statutory law pursuant to Article VII, Section II, Paragraph IV of the Constitution of Georgia and which provided a five year exemption from local ad valorem property taxes to any person who built, equipped, established, completed, or enlarged a plant for manufacturing or processing in Early County; to provide that exemptions granted prior to the effective date of this Act shall continue for the remainder of their unexpired terms; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1527. By Representative Powell of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Franklin Springs ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes for the full assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 65 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1528. By Representative Powell of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Municipal Court of the City of Franklin Springs; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1529. By Representative Powell of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Municipal Court of the City of Canon; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1530. By Representatives Barton of the 5th and Ridley of the 6th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to repeal and replace the charter of the City of Fairmount, approved April 17, 1975 (Ga. L. 1975, p. 3136), as amended, so as to provide that future mayors shall be elected to four-year terms of office; to conform compensation provisions with general law; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1531. By Representative Jasperse of the 11th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Ball Ground, approved March 28, 1990 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 4552), as amended, so as to revise provisions relating to elections so as to provide that primaries and elections for the City of Ball Ground shall be held and conducted in accordance with the "Georgia Election Code"; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1532. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th and Tarvin of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to continue the existence of the Dalton Independent School System, approved May 13, 2011 (Ga. L. 2011, p. 4111), so as to remove the increased millage rate limitation; to provide for the maximum millage rate to be charged by such school system; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1533. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th and Tarvin of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to continue the existence of the Dalton Independent School System, approved May 13, 2011 (Ga. L. 2011, p. 4111), so as to remove the increased millage rate limitation; to provide for the maximum millage rate to be charged by such school system; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1534. By Representatives Westbrook of the 163rd, Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th, Jackson of the 165th and Hitchens of the 161st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Chatham County, approved December 18, 1819 (Ga. L. 1819, p. 16), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 30, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 3667), so as to provide for an additional judge of the State Court of Chatham County; to provide for the election, powers, duties, jurisdiction, privileges, immunities, and compensation of such additional judge; to authorize the governing authority of Chatham County to provide facilities, office space, supplies, equipment, and personnel for such judge; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HR 1649. By Representative Hatchett of the 155th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Sheriff Russell Tanner and dedicating a road in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 1650. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd and Crowe of the 118th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Local Government Emergency Disaster Relief Loans; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1651. By Representatives Clifton of the 131st, Powell of the 33rd, Richardson of the 125th, Hawkins of the 27th and Mathis of the 133rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Senator Ben Joseph "Joey" Brush, Jr., and dedicating an intersection in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House and Senate were read the second time:

HB 1516
HB 1517
HB 1518
HB 1519
HB 1520
HB 1521
HB 1522
HB 1523
HB 1524
HB 1525
HR 1608
HR 1609
HR 1639
SB 11
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SB 616

Representative Hawkins of the 27th District, Chairman of the Committee on Health, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 399	Do Pass	SB 411	Do Pass
SB 427	Do Pass, by Substitute	SB 428	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Hawkins of the 27th
Chairman

Representative McDonald of the 26th District, Chairman of the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Legislation has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 1307	Do Pass	HB 1316	Do Pass
HB 1321	Do Pass	HB 1340	Do Pass
HB 1341	Do Pass	HB 1349	Do Pass
HB 1356	Do Pass	HB 1440	Do Pass
HB 1452	Do Pass	HB 1491	Do Pass
HB 1492	Do Pass	HB 1496	Do Pass
HB 1504	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ McDonald of the 26th
Chairman

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 30th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Open Rule

HB 974 General appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027 (Substitute)(App-Burns-159th)

Modified Structured Rule

SB 239 Funeral Directors and Establishments; funeral directors be licensed embalmers; remove the requirement (Substitute)(RegI-Powell-33rd) Walker III-20th

SB 420 License, Permit, Tag, and Stamp Fees; fees for reef and migratory fish endorsement; provide (GF&P-Petrea-166th) Echols-49th

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

Representative McDonald III of the 26th moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the Local Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local:

HB 1504. By Representatives Crawford of the 89th, Tran of the 80th, Drenner of the 85th, Lupton of the 83rd, Mitchell of the 88th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of DeKalb County, formerly known as the Civil and Criminal Court of DeKalb County, approved February 14, 1951 (Ga. L. 1951, p. 2401), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 3, 2021 (Ga. L. 2021, p. 3624), so as to authorize the charge and collection of technology fees; to provide for a court administrator; to revise provisions related to compensation; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 1307. By Representatives Roberts of the 52nd, Lupton of the 83rd and Holcomb of the 101st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the City of Brookhaven in DeKalb County, approved April 16, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 5527), as amended, so as to increase the existing homestead exemption for senior citizens and disabled persons to $200,000.00; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1316. By Representatives Tarvin of the 2nd and Cameron of the 1st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Walker County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes, approved May 13, 2025 (Ga. L. 2025, p. 3901), so as to remove the five year residency requirement for the homestead exemption for residents of such school district who are 75 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1321. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th and Scoggins of the 14th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Cartersville ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of $100,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1340. By Representatives McCollum of the 30th, Dunahoo of the 31st, Cox of the 28th, Hong of the 103rd, Clark of the 100th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for homestead exemptions from Hall County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes for certain residents of that school district who are senior citizens, approved April 6, 1998 (Ga. L. 1998, p. 4281), as amended, so as to increase the income cap on the homestead exemption provided to residents of the school district 62 years of age and older; to provide that any person 66 years of age or older shall receive a new exemption on the first $400,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1341. By Representatives McCollum of the 30th, Dunahoo of the 31st, Cox of the 28th, Clark of the 100th, Dubnik of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Hall County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of $10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that county; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1349. By Representatives Glaize of the 67th, Miller of the 62nd, Dawson of the 65th, Panitch of the 51st, Bazemore of the 69th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing in Fulton County a system for pension and retirement to pay teachers and employees of the Board of Education of Fulton County, approved February 2, 1945 (Ga. L. 1945, p.

528), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 9, 2017 (Ga. L. 2017, p. 4002), and an Act approved May 3, 2018 (Ga. L. 2018, p. 3568), so as to revise the membership of the pension board; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1356. By Representative Stinson of the 150th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a board of commissioners for Macon County, approved August 26, 1872 (Ga. L. 1872, p. 434), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 14, 1983 (Ga. L. 1983, p. 4048), and by an Act approved March 18, 1985 (Ga. L. 1985, p. 3849), so as to revise the compensation of the chairperson and members of the board of commissioners; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1440. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Stephens of the 164th and Franklin of the 160th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Bryan County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide a short title; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1452. By Representatives Cummings of the 39th, McQueen of the 61st and Sanchez of the 42nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Municipal Court of the City of Mableton; to identify the

authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1491. By Representatives Scoggins of the 14th and Gambill of the 15th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a homestead exemption from certain Bartow County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of $5,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of that county, approved March 24, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 4058), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 1, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 3891), so as to increase the exemption to $30,000.00; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1492. By Representatives Flournoy of the 74th and Douglas of the 78th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Hampton ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of the full assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who have resided within the city for five years or more; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1496. By Representatives Campbell of the 35th, Jones of the 60th, Parsons of the 44th, McQueen of the 61st, Ehrhart of the 36th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to reincorporate and provide a new charter for the City of Acworth, approved February 17, 1989 (Ga. L. 1989,

p. 3512), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 13, 2025 (Ga. L. 2025, p. 3711), so as to adopt by reference a certain map; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, the following roll call vote was made applicable to the previously read Bills.

On the passage of the Bills, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	E Smith, M
Y Barton	E Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	E Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	E Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	E O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
E Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	E Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	E LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Willis
E Clark, J	Y Gullett	E Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bills, the ayes were 159, nays 0.

The Bills, having received the requisite constitutional majority, were passed.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has agreed to the House substitute as amended by the Senate to the following bill of the Senate:

SB 179. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Gooch of the 51st, Cowsert of the 46th, Kennedy of the 18th, Ginn of the 47th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to require that the academic and disciplinary records of each transferring student shall be provided by such student's previous school to the receiving school within five days; to reduce the number of days by which a parent or guardian of a transferring student shall receive copies of such records; to provide for evidence based youth violence prevention training programs; to provide for student violence prevention clubs; to provide for local policies for anonymous reporting; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Gaines of the 120th, New of the 40th et al., Cannon of the 58th et al., Baker of the 64th et al., Carpenter of the 4th et al., Williams of the 37th, Griffin of the 149th et al., Park of the 107th et al., Taylor of the 92nd et al., Cummings of the 39th et al., Williams of the 148th, Werkheiser of the 157th et al., and Huddleston of the 72nd et al.

The Speaker Pro Tem assumed the Chair.

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives McDonald III of the 26th et al., Schofield of the 63rd et al., Taylor of the 173rd et al., Glaize of the 67th et al., Mitchell of the 88th et al., Hagan of the 156th, and Clark of the 100th et al.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the House was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 974. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027; to make and provide such appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read:

House
A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027; to make and provide such appropriations for the operation of the State government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I

The sums of money hereinafter provided are appropriated for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, as prescribed hereinafter for such fiscal year:

Total Funds	**$76,618,695,803**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$24,724,430,335**
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds (CFDA 93.596)	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant (CFDA 93.575)	$345,896,595
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.958)	$14,163,709
Community Service Block Grant (CFDA 93.569)	$11,785,851
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$1,499,466,641
Foster Care Title IV-E (CFDA 93.658)	$95,859,658
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (CFDA 93.568)	$75,051,873
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.994)	$17,292,191

Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$13,538,992,423
Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Block Grant (CFDA 93.959)	$47,852,222
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.991)	$4,937,680
Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667)	$61,459,448
State Children's Insurance Program (CFDA 93.767)	$532,087,304
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$2,644,189
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$435,633,209
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$7,948,558,322
Federal Recovery Funds	**$12,007,384**
Federal Recovery Funds Not Specifically Identified	$12,007,384
Other Funds	**$7,588,177,260**
Agency Funds	$4,861,961,581
Indigent Care Trust Fund - Public Hospital Authorities	$139,386,524
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,119,778,742
Records Center Storage Fee	$912,482
Research Funds	$1,466,137,931
State Funds	**$38,499,917,737**
Ambulance Provider Fees	$11,458,192
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$1,945,286
Fireworks Trust Funds	$2,640,636
Georgia Agricultural Trust Fund	$2,597,582
Georgia Transit Trust Funds	$41,879,733
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$14,889,007
Hospital Provider Payment	$539,210,578
Lottery Funds	$1,738,815,158
Motor Fuel Funds	$2,612,194,500
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$128,537,304
Opioid Settlement Trust Fund	$25,305,545
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$136,314
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$10,108,446
State Children's Trust Funds	$1,187,489
State General Funds	$32,947,014,704
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$148,578,162
Transportation Trust Funds	$253,791,143
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$16,618,843
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$3,009,115
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$5,794,163,087**
Health Insurance Payments	$5,142,505,397
Medicaid Services Payments - Other Agencies	$280,857,262
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$151,749,397
Self Insurance Trust Fund Payments	$219,051,031

Section 1: Georgia Senate

Total Funds	**$18,265,468**
State Funds	**$18,265,468**
State General Funds	$18,265,468

1.1. Lieutenant Governor's Office

Total Funds	$2,346,940
State Funds	$2,346,940

State General Funds $2,346,940

1.2. Secretary of the Senate's Office
Total Funds $1,553,243
State Funds $1,553,243
State General Funds $1,553,243

1.3. Senate
Total Funds $14,365,285
State Funds $14,365,285
State General Funds $14,365,285

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$14,115,285	$14,115,285
Increase funds for legislative operations.	$250,000	$250,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$14,365,285	$14,365,285

Section 2: Georgia House of Representatives

Total Funds **$28,867,765**
State Funds **$28,867,765**
State General Funds $28,867,765

2.1. House of Representatives
Total Funds $28,867,765
State Funds $28,867,765
State General Funds $28,867,765

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$26,664,595	$26,664,595
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$0	$0
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($1,096,830)	($1,096,830)
Increase funds for legislative operations.	$3,300,000	$3,300,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$28,867,765	$28,867,765

Section 3: Georgia General Assembly Joint Offices

Total Funds **$23,443,735**
State Funds **$23,443,735**
State General Funds $23,443,735

3.1. Ancillary Activities
Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services for the legislative branch of government.
Total Funds $15,386,257
State Funds $15,386,257
State General Funds $15,386,257

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$15,476,476	$15,476,476
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$132	$132
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$1,531	$1,531
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($49,540)	($49,540)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($292,342)	($292,342)
Increase funds for legislative operations.	$250,000	$250,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$15,386,257	$15,386,257

3.2. Legislative Fiscal Office

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to act as the bookkeeper-comptroller for the legislative branch of government and maintain an account of legislative expenditures and commitments.

Total Funds	$1,379,291
State Funds	$1,379,291
State General Funds	$1,379,291

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,400,401	$1,400,401
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($58,468)	($58,468)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$37,358	$37,358
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,379,291	$1,379,291

3.3. Office of Legislative Counsel

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide bill-drafting services, advice and counsel for members of the General Assembly.

Total Funds	$6,678,187
State Funds	$6,678,187
State General Funds	$6,678,187

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$6,487,234	$6,487,234
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($309,047)	($309,047)
Increase funds for Georgia Laws digitization project.	$500,000	$500,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$6,678,187	$6,678,187

Section 4: Audits and Accounts, Department of

Total Funds	**$49,504,285**
Other Funds	**$60,000**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$60,000

State Funds	**$49,444,285**
State General Funds	$49,444,285

4.1. Audit and Assurance Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide audit and assurance services for State Agencies, Authorities, Commissions, Bureaus, and higher education systems to facilitate Auditor's reports for the State of Georgia Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, the State of Georgia Single Audit Report, and the State of Georgia Budgetary Compliance Report; to conduct audits of public school systems in Georgia; to conduct performance audits; to perform special examinations at the request of the General Assembly; to conduct reviews of audits reports conducted by other independent auditors of local governments and non-profit organizations contracting with the State; and to provide state financial information online to promote transparency in government.

Total Funds	$41,042,005
Other Funds	$60,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$60,000
State Funds	$40,982,005
State General Funds	$40,982,005

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$39,356,229	$39,416,229
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($3,021)	($3,021)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($1,813,334)	($1,813,334)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$2,697	$2,697
Increase funds for an increase to base salary and merit-based adjustments in support of market alignment for critical employee recruitment and retention initiatives.	$688,173	$688,173
Increase funds for continued investment in subscription-based data analytics and AI technologies to innovate and improve the productivity in support of audit work and results.	$464,162	$464,162
Increase funds for three existing software subscriptions.	$354,578	$354,578
Increase funds to invest in agency cloud-based auditing software to strengthen audit capabilities and enhance efficiency, quality, and consistency in audit execution.	$248,021	$248,021
Provide funds to assume responsibility for additional public school system audits over a three-year period.	$1,684,500	$1,684,500
Amount appropriated in this Act	$40,982,005	$41,042,005

4.2. Departmental Administration (DOAA)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all Department programs.

Total Funds	$3,226,634
State Funds	$3,226,634
State General Funds	$3,226,634

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,255,621	$3,255,621
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$147	$147

Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($194)	($194)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($116,401)	($116,401)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$173	$173
Increase funds for an increase to base salary and merit-based adjustments in support of market alignment for critical employee recruitment and retention initiatives.	$64,527	$64,527
Increase funds for three existing software subscriptions.	$22,761	$22,761
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,226,634	$3,226,634

4.3. Legislative Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to analyze proposed legislation affecting state retirement systems for fiscal impact and review actuarial investigations and to prepare fiscal notes upon request on other legislation having a significant impact on state revenues and/or expenditures.

Total Funds	$2,243,000
State Funds	$2,243,000
State General Funds	$2,243,000

4.4. Statewide Equalized Adjusted Property Tax Digest

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to establish an equalized adjusted property tax digest for each county and for the State as a whole for use in allocating state funds for public school systems; to provide the Revenue Commissioner statistical data regarding county Tax Assessor compliance with requirements for both uniformity of assessment and level of assessment; and to establish the appropriate level of assessment for centrally assessed public utility companies.

Total Funds	$2,992,646
State Funds	$2,992,646
State General Funds	$2,992,646

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,050,682	$3,050,682
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($236)	($236)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($141,463)	($141,463)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$210	$210
Increase funds for an increase to base salary and merit-based adjustments in support of market alignment for critical employee recruitment and retention initiatives.	$55,792	$55,792
Increase funds for three existing software subscriptions.	$27,661	$27,661
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,992,646	$2,992,646

Section 5: Appeals, Court of

Total Funds	**$28,246,094**
Other Funds	**$150,000**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$150,000
State Funds	**$28,096,094**
State General Funds	$28,096,094

5.1. Court of Appeals

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for this court to review and exercise appellate and certiorari jurisdiction pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Georgia, Art. VI, Section V, Para. III, in all cases not reserved to the Supreme Court of Georgia or conferred on other courts by law.

Total Funds	$28,246,094
Other Funds	$150,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$150,000
State Funds	$28,096,094
State General Funds	$28,096,094

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$27,677,694	$27,827,694
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($3,944)	($3,944)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($4,015)	($4,015)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($1,192,501)	($1,192,501)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$3,073	$3,073
Increase funds to annualize judges' FY 2026 salary increase.	$592,672	$592,672
Increase funds to annualize FY 2026 recruitment and retention increases for attorneys and professional staff with largest disparities between current salaries and market value due to critical turnover of experienced senior-level staff (Phase 1 of a multi-year plan).	$338,459	$338,459
Increase funds to annualize FY 2026 recruitment and retention increases for Court staff due to critical turnover (Phase 1 of a multi-year plan).	$109,272	$109,272
Increase funds for judges' salaries pursuant to O.C.G.A. 45-7-4 (HB 86 (2025 Session)).*(H:No)*	$0	$0
Increase funds to annualize commute funds for a new judge appointed January 1, 2025.	$40,000	$40,000
Increase funds for two positions and associated operating expenses for a new Judicial Protection Services office to be shared with the Supreme Court.	$291,631	$291,631
Increase funds for the one-time purchase of a judicial security vehicle to be utilized by the Judicial Protection Services office.	$46,753	$46,753
Increase funds to annualize ongoing licensing and maintenance costs associated with moving the Court's technology platform to a cloud-based solution.	$197,000	$197,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$28,096,094	$28,246,094

Section 6: Judicial Council

Total Funds	**$33,753,678**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$1,627,367**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,627,367
Other Funds	**$2,839,320**
Agency Funds	$1,440,415
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,398,905
State Funds	**$29,286,991**
State General Funds	$29,286,991

6.1. Council of Accountability Court Judges

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.

Total Funds	$1,279,774
State Funds	$1,279,774
State General Funds	$1,279,774

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,325,892	$1,325,892
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($46,118)	($46,118)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,279,774	$1,279,774

6.2. Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to oversee the state's court-connected alternative dispute resolution (ADR) services by promoting the establishment of new ADR court programs, providing support to existing programs, establishing and enforcing qualifications and ethical standards, registering ADR professionals and volunteers, providing training, administering statewide grants, and collecting statistical data to monitor program effectiveness.

Total Funds	$690,923
Other Funds	$487,212
Agency Funds	$487,212
State Funds	$203,711
State General Funds	$203,711

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$0	$487,212
Increase funds to support the Schedule Alternative Dispute Resolution case management system.	$78,000	$78,000
Increase funds for one program coordinator.	$125,711	$125,711
Amount appropriated in this Act	$203,711	$690,923

6.3. Institute of Continuing Judicial Education

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide basic training and continuing education for Superior Court Judges, Juvenile Court Judges, State Court Judges, Probate Court Judges, Magistrate Court Judges, Municipal Court Judges, Superior Court Clerks, Juvenile Court Clerks, Municipal Court Clerks, and other court personnel.

Total Funds	$1,861,027
Other Funds	$953,203
Agency Funds	$953,203
State Funds	$907,824
State General Funds	$907,824

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$844,596	$1,797,799
Increase funds for one accounting paraprofessional position.	$63,228	$63,228
Amount appropriated in this Act	$907,824	$1,861,027

6.4. Judicial Council

Purpose: The purpose of the appropriation is to support the Administrative Office of the Courts; to provide administrative support for the councils of the Magistrate Court Judges, the Municipal Court Judges, the Probate Court Judges, the State Court Judges, and the Georgia Council of Court Administrators; to operate the Child Support E-Filing system, the Child Support Guidelines Commission, and the Commission on Interpreters; and to support the Committee on Justice for Children.

Total Funds	$22,835,438
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,627,367
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,627,367
Other Funds	$1,388,905
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,388,905
State Funds	$19,819,166
State General Funds	$19,819,166

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$18,476,799	$21,493,071
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($536)	($536)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($484)	($484)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($349,454)	($349,454)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$6,192	$6,192
Increase funds to annualize FY 2026 recruitment and retention initiatives effective January 1, 2026.	$100,000	$100,000
Increase funds for continuity for the Georgia Case Management System project.	$586,649	$586,649
Increase funds for Civil Legal Services for families of indigent patients.*(H:No)*	$0	$0
Increase funds to contract with Council of Superior Court Judges, the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council, and the Georgia Public Defender Council for the express purpose of speedy adjudication of individuals held in county jails charged with crimes specifically related to state prison contraband.	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$19,819,166	$22,835,438

6.5. Judicial Qualifications Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate complaints filed against a judicial officer, impose and recommend disciplinary sanctions against any judicial officer, and when necessary, file formal charges against that officer and provide a formal trial or hearing. The purpose of this appropriation is also to produce formal and informal advisory opinions; provide training and guidance to judicial candidates regarding the Code of Judicial Conduct; and investigate allegations of unethical campaign practices.

Total Funds	$2,147,373
State Funds	$2,147,373
State General Funds	$2,147,373

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,593,094	$1,593,094

Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($40,041)	($40,041)
Increase funds for personnel for a second full-time investigator position.	$134,092	$134,092
Increase funds for security partnerships.	$50,000	$50,000
Increase funds to support growing operational costs, including litigation before the Judicial Qualification Commission's Hearing Panel.	$75,000	$75,000
Increase funds for personnel for a fourth full-time attorney position.*(H:Increase funds for personnel for a fourth and fifth full-time attorney position.)*	$335,228	$335,228
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,147,373	$2,147,373

6.6. Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to carry out the duties associated with investigative and hearing panels on the conduct of district attorneys and solicitors general, as well as funding administrative personnel and operations.

Total Funds	$1,100,494
State Funds	$1,100,494
State General Funds	$1,100,494

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,125,000	$1,125,000
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($24,506)	($24,506)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,100,494	$1,100,494

6.7. Resource Center

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide direct representation to death penalty sentenced inmates and to recruit and assist private attorneys to represent plaintiffs in habeas corpus proceedings.

Total Funds	$1,025,000
State Funds	$1,025,000
State General Funds	$1,025,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$900,000	$900,000
Increase funds to offset reductions in other funding sources.	$125,000	$125,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,025,000	$1,025,000

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

6.8. Georgia State-wide Business Court

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support a state-wide business court in matters of resolving commercial dispute and litigation.

Total Funds	$2,012,179
Other Funds	$10,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$10,000
State Funds	$2,002,179
State General Funds	$2,002,179

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,997,160	$2,007,160
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($56,385)	($56,385)
Increase funds to increase judge salary to the maximum authorized salary per O.C.G.A. 45-7-4 (HB 86 (2025 Session)), which includes the annualized increase ($22,271) consistent with appropriations effective January 1, 2026, and the annual increase ($19,168) in authorized salary.*(H:Increase funds to annualize judge salary effective January 1, 2026.)*	$22,271	$22,271
Increase funds to align salaries per O.C.G.A. 15-5A-11.	$8,747	$8,747
Increase funds to annualize FY 2026 recruitment and retention initiatives effective January 1, 2026.	$30,386	$30,386
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,002,179	$2,012,179

6.10. Georgia Tax Court

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support a tax court with state-wide jurisdiction over challenges and appeals of tax matters involving the Georgia Department of Revenue.

Total Funds	$801,470
State Funds	$801,470
State General Funds	$801,470

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$0	$0
Increase funds for judge salary at the maximum authorized salary per O.C.G.A. 45-7-4 (HB 86 (2025 Session)).*(H:Increase funds for judge salary to mirror the Statewide Business Court judge salary effective January 1, 2026.)*	$346,517	$346,517
Increase funds for personal services for a staff attorney position.	$217,899	$217,899
Increase funds for one court administrator.	$95,054	$95,054
Increase funds for operating expenses.	$45,000	$45,000
Increase funds for software maintenance and equipment.	$15,000	$15,000
Increase funds for contracts.	$82,000	$82,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$801,470	$801,470

Section 7: Juvenile Courts

Total Funds	**$10,311,126**
Other Funds	**$67,486**
Agency Funds	$67,486
State Funds	**$10,243,640**
State General Funds	$10,243,640

7.1. Council of Juvenile Court Judges

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for the Council of Juvenile Court Judges to represent all the juvenile judges in Georgia. Jurisdiction in cases involving children includes delinquencies, status offenses, and deprivation.

Total Funds	$2,034,229
Other Funds	$67,486
Agency Funds	$67,486
State Funds	$1,966,743

State General Funds $1,966,743

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,026,916	$2,094,402
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$487	$487
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($679)	($679)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($59,981)	($59,981)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,966,743	$2,034,229

7.2. Grants to Counties for Juvenile Court Judges

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for payment of state funds to circuits to pay for juvenile court judges salaries.

Total Funds $8,276,897
State Funds $8,276,897
State General Funds $8,276,897

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$7,783,729	$7,783,729
Increase funds to reflect an increase in the Judicial Retirement System employer contribution rate due to the passage of HB 85 (2025 Session).	$493,168	$493,168
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,276,897	$8,276,897

Section 8: Prosecuting Attorneys

Total Funds **$142,331,227**
State Funds **$139,690,700**
State General Funds $139,690,700
Intra-State Government Transfers **$2,640,527**
Other Intra-State Government Payments $2,640,527

8.1. Conflict Case

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist District Attorneys in the execution of their duties when a District Attorney is disqualified from interest or relationship to engage in a prosecution per OCGA 15-18-5.

Total Funds $0

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,700,282	$1,700,282
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$936	$936
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($53,030)	($53,030)
Increase funds to annualize FY 2026 revised pay scale and one step increase for attorneys.	$41,729	$41,729
Increase funds to annualize FY 2026 salary increases for recruitment and retention of prosecution support.	$5,597	$5,597

Provide funds for a one step increase for attorneys to support recruitment and retention needs.*(H:No)*	$0	$0
Provide funds for year two of a revised pay scale for attorneys to support recruitment and retention needs.	$115,477	$115,477
Transfer funds from the Conflict Case program to the Prosecuting Attorney's Council program to reflect realignment.	($1,460,991)	($1,460,991)
Transfer funds from the Conflict Case program to the District Attorneys program to reflect realignment.	($150,000)	($150,000)
Reduce funds for conflict case travel.	($200,000)	($200,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$0

8.2. Council of Superior Court Clerks

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist superior court clerks throughout the state in the execution of their duties and to promote and assist in the training of superior court clerks.

Total Funds	$190,721
State Funds	$190,721
State General Funds	$190,721

8.3. District Attorneys

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for the District Attorney to represent the State of Georgia in the trial and appeal of criminal cases in the Superior Court for the judicial circuit and delinquency cases in the juvenile courts per Ga. Const., Art. VI, Sec. VIII. Para I and OCGA 15-18.

Total Funds	$129,468,125
State Funds	$126,827,598
State General Funds	$126,827,598
Intra-State Government Transfers	$2,640,527
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$2,640,527

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$118,315,041	$120,554,844
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$92,555	$92,555
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($5,577,347)	($5,577,347)
Provide funds to implement a new salary structure for district attorneys.*(H:Increase funds to set district attorney salary to $175,000, effective January 1, 2027.)*	$1,570,584	$1,570,584
Provide funds for a one step increase for assistant district attorneys to support recruitment and retention needs.*(H:No)*	$0	$0
Increase funds to annualize FY 2026 revised pay scale and one step increase for assistant district attorneys.	$5,074,284	$5,074,284
Increase funds to annualize FY 2026 salary increases for recruitment and retention of prosecution support.	$414,015	$414,015
Increase funds to annualize additional assistant district attorney positions for new judgeships in Alapaha and Douglas Judicial Circuits.	$179,746	$179,746
Provide funds for one investigator, one victim advocate, and two secretaries for the West Georgia Judicial Circuit pursuant to SB 424 (2024 Session).	$467,594	$467,594
Provide funds for year two of a revised pay scale for assistant district attorneys to support recruitment and retention needs.*(H:Provide funds for year two of a revised pay scale for assistant district attorneys to support recruitment and retention needs effective January 1, 2027.)*	$5,723,518	$5,723,518

Provide funds for three additional assistant district attorney positions for new judgeships in the Gwinnett, Middle, and Northeastern Judicial Circuits, effective January 1, 2027.*(H:Provide funds for four additional assistant district attorney positions for new judgeships in the Atlanta, Gwinnett, Middle, and Northeastern Judicial Circuits effective January 1, 2027.)*	$403,420	$403,420
Transfer funds from the Conflict Case program to the District Attorneys program for conflict case travel.	$150,000	$150,000
Increase intra-state government transfers to reflect a change in the Department of Human Services Child Support Services contract (Department of Human Services grant funds).*(H:Yes)*	$0	$400,724
Increase funds to reflect an increase in the Judicial Retirement System employer contribution rate from 8.89% to 9.10%.	$14,188	$14,188
Amount appropriated in this Act	$126,827,598	$129,468,125

8.4. Prosecuting Attorney's Council

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist Georgia's District Attorneys and State Court Solicitors.

Total Funds	$12,672,381
State Funds	$12,672,381
State General Funds	$12,672,381

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$10,799,384	$10,799,384
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$6,287	$6,287
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($356,032)	($356,032)
Increase funds to annualize FY 2026 revised pay scale and one step increase for attorneys.	$109,347	$109,347
Increase funds to annualize FY 2026 salary increases for recruitment and retention of prosecution support.	$77,113	$77,113
Provide funds for a one step increase for attorneys to support recruitment and retention needs.*(H:No)*	$0	$0
Provide funds for year two of a revised pay scale for attorneys to support recruitment and retention needs.	$327,686	$327,686
Provide funds for one victim advocate.	$115,094	$115,094
Transfer funds from the Conflict Case program to the Prosecuting Attorney's Council program for conflict case personnel and travel.	$1,460,991	$1,460,991
Increase funds to reflect an increase in employer retirement contributions for elected solicitors-general and solicitor-general staff in Bibb and DeKalb counties.	$132,511	$132,511
Amount appropriated in this Act	$12,672,381	$12,672,381

Section 9: Superior Courts

Total Funds	**$111,831,521**
Other Funds	**$82,750**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$82,750
State Funds	**$111,748,771**
State General Funds	$111,748,771

9.1. Council of Superior Court Judges

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for the operations of the Council of Superior Court Judges and is to further the improvement of the Superior Court in the administration of justice through leadership, training, policy development and budgetary and fiscal administration.

Total Funds	$2,143,273
Other Funds	$55,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$55,000
State Funds	$2,088,273
State General Funds	$2,088,273

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,950,532	$2,005,532
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$122	$122
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($88,657)	($88,657)
Provide funds for personal services for one human resources generalist position.	$125,711	$125,711
Increase funds for targeted retention initiatives for staff.	$100,565	$100,565
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,088,273	$2,143,273

9.2. Judicial Administrative Districts

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regional administrative support to the judges of the superior court. This support includes managing budgets, policy, procedure, and providing a liaison between local and state courts.

Total Funds	$3,844,667
Other Funds	$12,750
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$12,750
State Funds	$3,831,917
State General Funds	$3,831,917

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,487,043	$3,499,793
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($160,692)	($160,692)
Increase funds for targeted recruitment and retention initiatives.	$505,566	$505,566
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,831,917	$3,844,667

9.3. Superior Court Judges

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enable Georgia's Superior Courts to be the general jurisdiction trial court and exercise exclusive, constitutional authority over felony cases, divorce, equity and cases regarding title to land, provided that law clerks over the fifty provided by law are to be allocated back to the circuits by caseload ranks.

Total Funds	$105,843,581
Other Funds	$15,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$15,000
State Funds	$105,828,581
State General Funds	$105,828,581

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$97,990,472	$98,005,472
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($4,109)	($4,109)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($4,499,577)	($4,499,577)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$17,029	$17,029
Increase funds for the employer contribution rate for Judicial Retirement System from 8.89% to 9.10%.	$97,112	$97,112
Provide funds to annualize the cost of implementing the new judicial salary structure pursuant to HB 85 (2025 Session).	$9,643,451	$9,643,451
Provide funds to annualize the cost of the new judgeship in the Alapaha Circuit created in HB 55 (2025 Session).	$225,847	$225,847
Provide funds to annualize the cost of the new judgeship in the Augusta Circuit created in SB 145 (2025 Session).	$225,847	$225,847
Provide funds to annualize the cost of the new judgeship in the Douglas Circuit created in SB 88 (2025 Session).	$225,847	$225,847
Provide funds for the new salary structure pursuant to HB 85 (2025 Session) for the Alapaha Circuit new judgeship effective January 1, 2026, created in HB 55 (2025 Session).	$84,964	$84,964
Provide funds for the new salary structure pursuant to HB 85 (2025 Session) for the Augusta Circuit new judgeship effective January 1, 2026, created in SB 145 (2025 Session).	$84,964	$84,964
Provide funds for the new salary structure pursuant to HB 85 (2025 Session) for the Douglas Circuit new judgeship effective January 1, 2026, created in SB 88 (2025 Session).	$84,964	$84,964
Provide funds to increase superior court judge salaries to the allowable annual salary pursuant to the funding formula in HB 85 (2025 Session).*(H:No)*	$0	$0
Provide additional funds for senior judge usage.	$635,230	$635,230
Provide funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Middle Circuit effective July 1, 2026.*(H:Provide funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Middle Circuit effective January 1, 2027.)*	$269,260	$269,260
Provide funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Northeastern Circuit effective July 1, 2026.*(H:Provide funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Northeastern Circuit effective January 1, 2027.)*	$269,260	$269,260
Provide funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Gwinnett Circuit effective July 1, 2026.*(H:Provide funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Gwinnett Circuit effective January 1, 2027.)*	$269,260	$269,260
Reduce funds for the initial equipment set-up funds for the Houston Circuit new judgeship created in HB 960 (2024 Session).	($30,250)	($30,250)
Reduce funds for the initial equipment set-up funds for the Tifton Circuit new judgeship created in HB 906 (2024 Session).	($30,250)	($30,250)
Provide funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Atlanta Circuit effective January 1, 2027.	$269,260	$269,260
Amount appropriated in this Act	$105,828,581	$105,843,581

Section 10: Supreme Court

Total Funds	**$21,664,191**

Other Funds	**$1,859,823**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,859,823
State Funds	**$19,804,368**
State General Funds	$19,804,368

10.1. Supreme Court of Georgia

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Supreme Court of Georgia which exercises exclusive appellate jurisdiction in all cases involving: the construction of a treaty, the Constitution of the State of Georgia or of the United States, the constitutionality of a law, ordinance, or constitutional provision that has been drawn in question, and all cases of election contest per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. II. The purpose of this appropriation is also to support the Supreme Court of Georgia in its exercise of jurisdiction in cases per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. III and its administration of the Bar Exam and oversight of the Office of Reporter of Decisions.

Total Funds	$21,664,191
Other Funds	$1,859,823
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,859,823
State Funds	$19,804,368
State General Funds	$19,804,368

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$19,622,337	$21,482,160
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($6,818)	($6,818)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($12,978)	($12,978)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($806,011)	($806,011)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$4,395	$4,395
Increase funds for the Georgia State Patrol (DPS) Trooper agreement with the Supreme Court.	$25,399	$25,399
Provide funds to increase Justice salaries to the maximum authorized salary permitted by O.C.G.A. 45-7-4 (HB 86 (2025 Session)). Includes annualized increase ($366,612) consistent with appropriation effective January 1, 2026, and annual increase ($238,382) in authorized salary.*(H:Increase funds to annualize justice salary increase effective January 1, 2026.)*	$366,612	$366,612
Provide funds to annualize FY2026 attorneys and professional staff salary enhancement appropriation effective January 1, 2026.	$229,891	$229,891
Provide funds to annualize FY 2026 court staff salary enhancement appropriation effective January 1, 2026.	$43,156	$43,156
Provide funds for two positions and associated operating expenses for a new Judicial Protection Services office to be shared with the Court of Appeals.	$291,632	$291,632
Provide funds for the one-time purchase of a judicial security vehicle to be utilized by the Judicial Protection Services office.	$46,753	$46,753
Amount appropriated in this Act	$19,804,368	$21,664,191

Section 11: Accounting Office, State

Total Funds	**$38,496,385**
Other Funds	**$592,280**

Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$592,280
State Funds	**$8,321,565**
State General Funds	$8,321,565
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$29,582,540**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$29,582,540

11.1. Administration (SAO)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

Total Funds	$1,276,146
State Funds	$362,774
State General Funds	$362,774
Intra-State Government Transfers	$913,372
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$913,372

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$371,853	$1,285,225
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($729)	($729)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($10,301)	($10,301)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$1,951	$1,951
Amount appropriated in this Act	$362,774	$1,276,146

11.2. Financial Systems

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to operate, support, monitor, and improve the State's enterprise financial accounting, payroll, and human capital management systems.

Total Funds	$27,015,850
Intra-State Government Transfers	$27,015,850
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$27,015,850

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$0	$23,427,195
Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in ERP Billings to reflect the projected cost of operating and maintaining the statewide financial and human capital management systems.	$0	$3,588,655
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$27,015,850

11.3. Shared Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support client agencies in processing payroll and other financial transactions and to implement and support the Statewide Travel Consolidation Program.

Total Funds	$2,781,926
Other Funds	$592,280
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$592,280
State Funds	$918,140
State General Funds	$918,140
Intra-State Government Transfers	$1,271,506
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$1,271,506

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$967,930	$2,831,716
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($3,289)	($3,289)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($46,501)	($46,501)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$918,140	$2,781,926

11.4. Statewide Accounting and Reporting

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide financial reporting, accounting policy, business process improvement, and compliance with state and federal fiscal reporting requirements.

Total Funds	$3,125,326
State Funds	$2,743,514
State General Funds	$2,743,514
Intra-State Government Transfers	$381,812
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$381,812

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,885,818	$3,267,630
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($9,400)	($9,400)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($132,904)	($132,904)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,743,514	$3,125,326

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

11.5. Georgia State Board of Accountancy

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public financial, fiscal, and economic interests by licensing certified public accountants and public accountancy firms; regulating public accountancy practices; and investigating complaints and taking appropriate legal and disciplinary actions when warranted.

Total Funds	$866,694
State Funds	$866,694
State General Funds	$866,694

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$902,213	$902,213
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($35,519)	($35,519)
Utilize projected cost savings resulting from database migration to address increased operational costs.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$866,694	$866,694

11.6. State Ethics Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the integrity of the democratic process and ensure compliance by candidates, public officials, non-candidate campaign committees, lobbyists and vendors with Georgia's Campaign and Financial Disclosure requirements.

Total Funds	$3,430,443
State Funds	$3,430,443
State General Funds	$3,430,443

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,306,312	$3,306,312
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$8,057	$8,057
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($121,826)	($121,826)
Increase funds for one attorney and one trainer position to manage new filing responsibilities pursuant to SB 199 (2025 Session).	$237,900	$237,900
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,430,443	$3,430,443

Section 12: Administrative Services, Department of

Total Funds	**$308,405,503**
Other Funds	**$54,399,972**
Agency Funds	$39,296,607
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$15,103,365
State Funds	**$20,581,912**
State General Funds	$20,581,912
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$233,423,619**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$14,372,588
Self Insurance Trust Fund Payments	$219,051,031

The Department is authorized to assess state agencies the equivalent of .176% of salaries for the cost of departmental operations and may roll forward any unexpended prior years Merit System Assessment balance to be expended in the current fiscal year.

12.1. Certificate of Need Appeal Panel

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to review decisions made by the Department of Community Health on Certificate of Need applications.

Total Funds	$39,506
State Funds	$39,506
State General Funds	$39,506

12.2. Departmental Administration (DOAS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

Total Funds	$9,615,905
Other Funds	$8,805,905
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$8,805,905
State Funds	$810,000
State General Funds	$810,000

12.3. Fleet Management

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and manage a fuel card program for state and local governments, to implement the Motor Vehicle Contract Maintenance program to provide repairs, roadside assistance, and maintenance for state and local government fleets, and to establish a motor pool for traveling state employees.

Total Funds	$1,707,160
Other Funds	$1,707,160
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,707,160

12.4. Human Resources Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide centralized services for statewide human resources in support of state agencies, the State Personnel Board, and employees; develop human resource policies, create job descriptions and classification, develop fair and consistent compensation practices, and administer the employee benefits program.

Total Funds	$14,372,588
Intra-State Government Transfers	$14,372,588
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$14,372,588

12.5. Risk Management

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer a liability insurance program to protect state government and employees from work-related claims, to provide indemnification funds for public officers and public school personnel in case of disability or death, to identify and control risks and hazards to minimize loss, to insure state-owned buildings and property against damage or destruction, to partner with the Department of Labor in administering unemployment claims, and to administer the Workers Compensation Program.

Total Funds	$223,520,537
Other Funds	$2,323,752
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$2,323,752
State Funds	$2,145,754
State General Funds	$2,145,754
Intra-State Government Transfers	$219,051,031
Self Insurance Trust Fund Payments	$219,051,031

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,145,754	$223,520,537
Redirect funds to reflect a shift of 15% of workers compensation insurance billings to the property insurance risk pool to align billing revenues with excess insurance and claims expenses.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,145,754	$223,520,537

12.6. State Purchasing

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to publicize government contract opportunities on the Georgia Procurement Registry; to maintain a comprehensive listing of all agency contracts; to manage bids, Requests For Proposals, and Requests For Quotes; to provide and oversee Purchasing Cards; to conduct reverse auctions for non-construction goods and services valued above $100,000; to leverage the state's purchasing power in obtaining contracts; to train vendors seeking contract opportunities; and to certify small and/or minority business vendors.

Total Funds	$21,671,215
Other Funds	$21,671,215
Agency Funds	$21,671,215

12.7. Surplus Property

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce cost through maximization of the useful life of state-owned equipment and redistribution of property to state and local governments, qualifying non-profits, and to the public through auction.

Total Funds	$2,266,548
Other Funds	$2,266,548
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$2,266,548

12.8. Wrongful Conviction and Incarceration Compensation Trust Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for the Wrongful Conviction and Incarceration Compensation Trust Fund and to support the Office of State Administrative Hearings' administrative responsibilities related to such claims for compensation pursuant to Chapter 22 of Title 17.

Total Funds $0

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$0	$0
Change the name of the Compensation Per General Assembly Resolutions program to the Wrongful Conviction and Incarceration Compensation Trust Fund program to reflect the passage of SB 244 (2025 Session).*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Reflect new program purpose statement.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$0

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

12.9. Georgia Tax Tribunal

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent trial court with jurisdiction over appeals of tax matters involving the Georgia Department of Revenue.

Total Funds $0

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$582,689	$582,689
Eliminate funds to reflect the elimination of the Georgia Tax Tribunal and creation of the Georgia Tax Court as a distinct judicial branch agency pursuant to HB 1267 (2024 Session).	($582,689)	($582,689)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$0

12.10. Office of State Administrative Hearings

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent forum for the impartial and timely resolution of disputes between the public and state agencies.

Total Funds	$6,628,900
Other Funds	$4,042,248
Agency Funds	$4,042,248
State Funds	$2,586,652
State General Funds	$2,586,652

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,745,174	$6,787,422
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($196)	($196)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($158,326)	($158,326)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,586,652	$6,628,900

12.11. Office of the State Treasurer

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to set cash management policies for state agencies; assist agencies with bank services and accounts; monitor agency deposits and disbursement patterns; to invest funds

for state and local entities; to track warrants, fund agency allotments, and pay state debt service; and to manage state revenue collections; and to manage the Path2College 529 Plan.

Total Funds	$13,583,144
Other Funds	$13,583,144
Agency Funds	$13,583,144

12.12. Payments to Georgia Technology Authority

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to set the direction for the state's use of technology and promote efficient, secure, and cost-effective delivery of information technology services.

Total Funds	$15,000,000
State Funds	$15,000,000
State General Funds	$15,000,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$15,000,000	$15,000,000
Recognize a decrease in billings for telecommunications and infrastructure to reflect renegotiated service contracts.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$15,000,000	$15,000,000

Section 13: Agriculture, Department of

Total Funds	**$82,639,990**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$8,601,145**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$8,601,145
Other Funds	**$2,775,701**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$2,775,701
State Funds	**$71,063,144**
Georgia Agricultural Trust Fund	$2,597,582
State General Funds	$68,465,562
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$200,000**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$200,000

13.1. Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide payment to the Board of Regents for diagnostic laboratory testing, for veterinary consultation and assistance, for disease surveillance, and for outreach to veterinarians, animal industries, and pet owners within the State of Georgia.

Total Funds	$4,180,885
State Funds	$4,180,885
State General Funds	$4,180,885

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$4,175,403	$4,175,403
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$5,482	$5,482
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,180,885	$4,180,885

13.2. Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a central information and research hub for rural leadership training and best practices.

Total Funds	$2,392,985
State Funds	$2,392,985
State General Funds	$2,392,985

13.3. Consumer Protection

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for public health and safety by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the cultivation, processing, and production of livestock, meat, poultry, and other food products; by inspecting establishments that sell food for offsite consumption, food warehouses, wholesale and mobile meat and seafood vendors, dairy farms, and food banks; by certifying organic products, shellfish, and bottled water; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the companion animal, bird, and equine industries (including reports of abuse by private owners); by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the plant and apiary industries, including performing phytosanitary inspections; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the pesticide and wood treatment industries; and by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating animal feed, pet food, and grains. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure accurate commercial transactions by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating weights and measures and fuel sales.

Total Funds	$49,906,012
Federal Funds and Grants	$7,751,145
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$7,751,145
Other Funds	$1,920,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,920,000
State Funds	$40,234,867
State General Funds	$40,234,867

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$38,803,395	$48,474,540
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$3,490	$3,490
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$38,852	$38,852
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$2,801	$2,801
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($1,607,447)	($1,607,447)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$18,939	$18,939
Reduce one-time funds for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza and emergency response.	($450,000)	($450,000)
Increase funds for the operation and maintenance of new Food Safety division software.*(H:Provide funds for the operation and maintenance of new inspection software.)*	$293,000	$293,000
Increase funds for prior year cost-of-living adjustments for which the agency did not receive increased federal reimbursement and to reflect formula correction for prior year cost-of-living adjustment.	$576,949	$576,949
Increase funds for personnel to reflect increased retention of Consumer Protection positions.*(H:Increase funds to address recruitment and retention of Consumer Protection positions.)*	$2,104,888	$2,104,888
Provide funds to address emerging threats impacting the agricultural industry.	$450,000	$450,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$40,234,867	$49,906,012

13.4. Departmental Administration (DOA)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

Total Funds	$8,818,625
Federal Funds and Grants	$850,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$850,000
State Funds	$7,768,625
State General Funds	$7,768,625
Intra-State Government Transfers	$200,000
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$200,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$8,264,713	$9,314,713
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$562	$562
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$9,509	$9,509
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($393,432)	($393,432)
Increase funds to reflect formula correction for prior year cost-of-living adjustment.	$37,273	$37,273
Eliminate one-time funds for agricultural projects.	($250,000)	($250,000)
Provide funds for agricultural projects.	$100,000	$100,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$7,768,625	$8,818,625

13.5. Marketing and Promotion

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to manage the state's farmers markets, to promote Georgia's agricultural products domestically and internationally, to administer relevant certification marks, to provide poultry and livestock commodity data, to administer surety bonds, to provide information to the public, and to publish the Market Bulletin.

Total Funds	$9,343,183
Other Funds	$855,701
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$855,701
State Funds	$8,487,482
Georgia Agricultural Trust Fund	$2,597,582
State General Funds	$5,889,900

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$8,453,282	$9,308,983
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$158	$158
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$3,449	$3,449
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$4,185	$4,185
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($173,136)	($173,136)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$3,298	$3,298

Reduce one-time funds for the pilot of the Georgia Grown Wood Product Program and recognize phase two funding in Amended FY 2026.	($200,000)	($200,000)
Increase funds for the Agricultural Trust Fund to reflect FY 2025 collections of the Agricultural Tax Exemption fee.	$372,015	$372,015
Increase funds to reflect formula correction for prior year cost-of-living adjustment.	$24,231	$24,231
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,487,482	$9,343,183

13.6. Poultry Veterinary Diagnostic Labs

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to pay for operation of the Poultry Diagnostic Veterinary Labs, which conduct disease diagnoses and monitoring.

Total Funds	$3,132,538
State Funds	$3,132,538
State General Funds	$3,132,538

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,049,057	$3,049,057
Increase funds for the operation and maintenance of new lab information and management software.	$83,481	$83,481
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,132,538	$3,132,538

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

13.7. Payments to Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce the rates charged by the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority for youth and livestock events.

Total Funds	$899,778
State Funds	$899,778
State General Funds	$899,778

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,042,458	$2,042,458
Eliminate one-time funds for major facility improvements and renovations.	($1,142,680)	($1,142,680)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$899,778	$899,778

13.8. State Soil and Water Conservation Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect, conserve, and improve the soil and water resources of the State of Georgia by administering the use of state and federal resources to inspect, maintain, and provide assistance to owners of USDA flood control structures in order to comply with the state Safe Dams Act and to provide planning and research assistance to landowners and local governments on water management, erosion, and sedimentation control.

Total Funds	$3,965,984
State Funds	$3,965,984
State General Funds	$3,965,984

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,425,347	$3,425,347

Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($7,863)	($7,863)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,165	$1,165
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($136,864)	($136,864)
Provide funds for three plan reviewer positions.	$219,579	$219,579
Provide funds for retention of existing plan reviewers.	$57,120	$57,120
Provide funds to initiate a feral hog eradication incentive program.	$407,500	$407,500
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,965,984	$3,965,984

Section 14: Banking and Finance, Department of

Total Funds	**$15,382,460**
State Funds	**$15,382,460**
State General Funds	$15,382,460

14.1. Departmental Administration (DBF)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

Total Funds	$2,932,165
State Funds	$2,932,165
State General Funds	$2,932,165

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,942,778	$2,942,778
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($291)	($291)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$536	$536
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($133,255)	($133,255)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$2,535	$2,535
Provide funds for business automation software to enhance agency efficiency.	$37,800	$37,800
Provide funds for increased rent.	$82,062	$82,062
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,932,165	$2,932,165

14.2. Financial Institution Supervision

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to examine and regulate depository financial institutions, state-chartered banks, trust companies, credit unions, bank holding companies, and international banking organizations; to track performance of financial service providers operating in Georgia, to monitor industry trends, respond to negative trends, and establish operating guidelines; and to collaborate with law enforcement, federal regulators, and other regulatory agencies on examination findings.

Total Funds	$9,069,748
State Funds	$9,069,748
State General Funds	$9,069,748

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$8,949,097	$8,949,097

Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($759)	($759)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,433	$1,433
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($355,823)	($355,823)
Increase funds for two examiners specializing in Merchant Acquirer Limited Purpose Banks to meet increased workload due to new charters.	$475,800	$475,800
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,069,748	$9,069,748

14.3. Non-Depository Financial Institution Supervision

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect consumers from unfair, deceptive, or fraudulent money service businesses and residential mortgage and installment loan lending practices, protect consumers by licensing, regulating, and enforcing applicable laws and regulations, and provide efficient and flexible application, registration, and notification procedures for non-depository financial institutions.

Total Funds	$3,380,547
State Funds	$3,380,547
State General Funds	$3,380,547

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,522,391	$3,522,391
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($558)	($558)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$571	$571
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($141,857)	($141,857)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,380,547	$3,380,547

Section 15: Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Department of

Total Funds	**$2,370,319,646**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$653,583,618**
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.958)	$14,163,709
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$440,688,213
Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Block Grant (CFDA 93.959)	$47,482,075
Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667)	$40,481,142
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$12,096,720
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$98,671,759
Other Funds	**$25,546,962**
Agency Funds	$23,512,036
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$2,034,926
State Funds	**$1,688,394,356**
Opioid Settlement Trust Fund	$12,652,772
State General Funds	$1,665,486,446
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$10,255,138
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$2,794,710**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$2,794,710

15.1. Adult Addictive Diseases Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a continuum of programs, services and supports for adults who abuse alcohol and other drugs, have a chemical dependency and who need assistance for compulsive gambling.

Total Funds	$102,178,132
Federal Funds and Grants	$44,254,231
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$50,000
Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Block Grant (CFDA 93.959)	$29,607,511
Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667)	$2,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$12,096,720
Other Funds	$434,903
Agency Funds	$434,903
State Funds	$57,113,998
Opioid Settlement Trust Fund	$12,652,772
State General Funds	$44,461,226
Intra-State Government Transfers	$375,000
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$375,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$57,353,550	$102,274,765
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($2,882)	($2,882)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($43,751)	($43,751)
Replace state general funds with other funds for the expansion of Hepatitis C screening services at core behavioral health provider sites.	($142,919)	$0
Eliminate funds for one-time funding for Hope House.	($50,000)	($50,000)
Utilize $12,652,772 in Opioid Settlement Trust Funds to provide a continuum of programs, services, and supports for adults who abuse opioids.*(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$57,113,998	$102,178,132

15.2. Adult Developmental Disabilities Respite Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for respite services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Total Funds	$2,100,000
State Funds	$2,100,000
State General Funds	$2,100,000

15.3. Adult Developmental Disabilities Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote independence of adults with significant developmental disabilities through institutional care, community support and respite, job readiness, training, and a crisis and access line.

Total Funds	$1,063,892,339
Federal Funds and Grants	$496,724,949
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$377,303,445
Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667)	$37,981,142
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$81,440,362
Other Funds	$22,860,000
Agency Funds	$22,860,000

State Funds	$544,307,390
State General Funds	$534,052,252
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$10,255,138

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$555,798,655	$1,075,383,604
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$187	$187
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($40,168)	($40,168)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($529,800)	($529,800)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($16,629,831)	($16,629,831)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$134,108	$134,108
Increase funds to annualize the cost of 150 New Options Waiver (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) slots for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.	$3,213,955	$3,213,955
Increase funds for 100 additional slots for the New Options Waiver (NOW) and the Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.*(H:Increase funds for 200 additional slots and recognize additional waiver enrollment due to attrition for the New Options Waiver (NOW) and the Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.)*	$4,637,008	$4,637,008
Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.40% to 66.63%.	($2,890,282)	($2,890,282)
Increase funds for New Options Waiver (NOW) and the Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) administration.	$513,558	$513,558
Increase funds for Citizen Advocacy to expand services.	$100,000	$100,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$544,307,390	$1,063,892,339

15.4. Adult Forensic Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide psychological evaluations of defendants, mental health screening and evaluations, inpatient mental health treatment, competency remediation, forensic evaluation services, and supportive housing for forensic consumers.

Total Funds	$152,932,575
Other Funds	$191,500
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$191,500
State Funds	$152,741,075
State General Funds	$152,741,075

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$154,822,624	$155,014,124
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$180	$180
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($9,867)	($9,867)

Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($3,940,604)	($3,940,604)
Increase funds to annualize the operations of a 30-bed Project New Hope forensic step-down unit at the West Central Georgia Regional Hospital in Columbus.	$1,618,742	$1,618,742
Restore funds for jail-based competency restoration in Cobb County Jail.	$250,000	$250,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$152,741,075	$152,932,575

15.5. Adult Mental Health Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to facilitate rehabilitation and recovery for adults with mental illnesses.

Total Funds	$718,842,158
Federal Funds and Grants	$59,639,192
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.958)	$6,726,178
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$49,850,659
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,062,355
Other Funds	$390,095
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$390,095
State Funds	$658,812,871
State General Funds	$658,812,871

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$662,732,874	$722,762,161
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$26,717	$26,717
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($699,048)	($699,048)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($17,616,340)	($17,616,340)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$80,280	$80,280
Increase funds for mobile crisis response teams to support mental health crisis services.	$2,357,480	$2,357,480
Increase funds to support mental health crisis intervention services through the '988' hotline.	$2,933,069	$2,933,069
Increase funds for the Georgia Housing Voucher Program for 404 additional housing vouchers to achieve substantial compliance with and termination of the behavioral health requirements of the Department of Justice (DOJ) Settlement Agreement.	$9,324,320	$9,324,320
Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.40% to 66.63%.	($326,481)	($326,481)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$658,812,871	$718,842,158

15.6. Child and Adolescent Addictive Diseases Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services to children and adolescents for the safe withdrawal from abused substances and promote a transition to productive living.

Total Funds	$11,252,140
Federal Funds and Grants	$7,928,149
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$50,000
Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Block Grant (CFDA 93.959)	$7,878,149

State Funds $3,323,991
State General Funds $3,323,991

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,330,959	$11,259,108
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($312)	($312)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($6,656)	($6,656)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,323,991	$11,252,140

15.7. Child and Adolescent Developmental Disabilities

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, residential, support, and education services to promote independence for children and adolescents with developmental disabilities.

Total Funds $20,551,052
Federal Funds and Grants $3,285,496
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778) $3,285,496
State Funds $17,265,556
State General Funds $17,265,556

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$17,390,174	$20,675,670
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($978)	($978)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($123,640)	($123,640)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$17,265,556	$20,551,052

15.8. Child and Adolescent Forensic Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment and residential services to children and adolescents clients referred by Georgia's criminal justice or corrections system.

Total Funds $7,027,504
State Funds $7,027,504
State General Funds $7,027,504

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$7,308,144	$7,308,144
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($751)	($751)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($279,889)	($279,889)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$7,027,504	$7,027,504

15.9. Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to children and adolescents with mental illness.

Total Funds $70,900,460
Federal Funds and Grants $11,057,531
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.958) $7,437,531

Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$870,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,750,000
Other Funds	$195,000
Agency Funds	$195,000
State Funds	$59,647,929
State General Funds	$59,647,929

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$58,027,803	$69,280,334
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($1,566)	($1,566)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($118,666)	($118,666)
Increase funds to annualize the operational cost of the new Gateway child and adolescent crisis stabilization unit in Savannah.	$1,140,358	$1,140,358
Increase funds for psychiatric residential facility discharge planning.	$600,000	$600,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$59,647,929	$70,900,460

15.10. Departmental Administration (DBHDD)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all mental health, developmental disabilities and addictive diseases programs of the department.

Total Funds	$38,923,127
Federal Funds and Grants	$9,278,613
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$9,278,613
Other Funds	$22,133
Agency Funds	$22,133
State Funds	$29,622,381
State General Funds	$29,622,381

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$30,989,579	$40,290,325
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$186	$186
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($12,140)	($12,140)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($201,207)	($201,207)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($1,372,766)	($1,372,766)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$4,258	$4,258
Increase hourly rates for special assistant attorneys general (SAAGs) and paralegals.	$14,471	$14,471
Increase funds to create the Georgia Mental Health Consortium to expand workforce capacity.	$200,000	$200,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$29,622,381	$38,923,127

15.11. Direct Care Support Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to operate five state-owned and operated hospitals.

Total Funds	$155,724,334
Other Funds	$1,453,331
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,453,331
State Funds	$151,851,293
State General Funds	$151,851,293
Intra-State Government Transfers	$2,419,710
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$2,419,710

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$157,576,528	$161,449,569
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$21,180	$21,180
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($42,832)	($42,832)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($507,966)	($507,966)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($5,195,617)	($5,195,617)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$151,851,293	$155,724,334

15.12. Substance Abuse Prevention

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the health and well-being of children, youth, families and communities through preventing the use and/or abuse of alcohol, tobacco and drugs.

Total Funds	$19,755,645
Federal Funds and Grants	$19,396,415
Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Block Grant (CFDA 93.959)	$9,996,415
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$9,400,000
State Funds	$359,230
State General Funds	$359,230

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

15.13. Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote quality services and support for people with developmental disabilities and their families.

Total Funds	$2,835,478
Federal Funds and Grants	$2,019,042
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,019,042
State Funds	$816,436
State General Funds	$816,436

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$826,598	$2,845,640
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($10,162)	($10,162)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$816,436	$2,835,478

15.14. Sexual Offender Risk Review Board

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect Georgia's children by identifying convicted sexual offenders that present the greatest risk of sexually reoffending.

Total Funds	$3,404,702
State Funds	$3,404,702
State General Funds	$3,404,702

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,527,396	$3,527,396
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($122,694)	($122,694)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,404,702	$3,404,702

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Total Funds	**$307,611,384**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$222,364,117**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$222,364,117
Other Funds	**$27,673,160**
Agency Funds	$2,700
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$27,670,460
State Funds	**$57,574,107**
State General Funds	$57,574,107

16.1. Accountable Housing Initiative – Special Project

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Accountable Housing Initiative.

Total Funds	$1,935,028
Other Funds	$192,383
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$192,383
State Funds	$1,742,645
State General Funds	$1,742,645

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,750,000	$1,942,383
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($7,355)	($7,355)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,742,645	$1,935,028

16.2. Building Construction

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain up-to-date minimum building construction standards for all new structures built in the state; to inspect factory built (modular) buildings to ensure Georgia's minimum construction codes are met; to review proposed enhancements to local government construction codes; and to provide professional training to building inspectors and builders on Georgia's construction codes.

Total Funds	$782,270
Other Funds	$481,451
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$481,451
State Funds	$300,819
State General Funds	$300,819

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$315,409	$796,860
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($14,590)	($14,590)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$300,819	$782,270

16.3. Community Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is promote volunteerism and community and economic development among local governments, development authorities, and private entities; to promote access to department programs through a statewide network which provides technical and financial assistance for community, economic, and housing developments; to assist Georgia cities, small towns, and neighborhoods in the development of their core commercial areas; to administer federal grant and loan programs; and to provide technical assistance and establish standards, procedures, and reviews for comprehensive plans submitted by local governments.

Total Funds	$69,360,447
Federal Funds and Grants	$58,810,708
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$58,810,708
Other Funds	$2,235,623
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$2,235,623
State Funds	$8,314,116
State General Funds	$8,314,116

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$8,592,936	$69,639,267
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$11,080	$11,080
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$432	$432
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($292,610)	($292,610)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$2,278	$2,278
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,314,116	$69,360,447

16.4. Departmental Administration (DCA)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

Total Funds	$15,627,294
Federal Funds and Grants	$5,283,371
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$5,283,371
Other Funds	$5,791,626
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$5,791,626
State Funds	$4,552,297
State General Funds	$4,552,297

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,813,085	$12,888,082

Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($34,247)	($34,247)
Increase funds to reduce allocated administrative costs to affordable housing and community development programs resulting from unfunded cost-of-living adjustments and reduced federal funding.	$2,773,459	$2,773,459
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,552,297	$15,627,294

16.5. Historic Preservation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide technical assistance to communities for historic preservation efforts; to administer federal and state grants for historic preservation; and to function as Georgia's State Historic Preservation Office.

Total Funds	$8,135,967
Federal Funds and Grants	$5,979,876
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$5,979,876
Other Funds	$400,397
Agency Funds	$2,700
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$397,697
State Funds	$1,755,694
State General Funds	$1,755,694

16.6. Housing Initiatives

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the affordable housing supply and promote home ownership for low- and moderate- income individuals through housing grants, construction financing, mortgage and down payment assistance programs, and the administration of federal and state tax credits; to administer low-interest loans and provide tenant-based assistance to low-income households allowing them to rent safe, decent, and sanitary dwelling units in the private rental market; and to fund the State Housing Trust Fund, provide grants for services to the homeless, and provide for other special housing initiatives.

Total Funds	$178,605,154
Federal Funds and Grants	$152,290,162
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$152,290,162
Other Funds	$17,816,247
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$17,816,247
State Funds	$8,498,745
State General Funds	$8,498,745

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$10,328,745	$180,435,154
Reduce one-time funding for the State Housing Trust Fund and recognize funds in Amended FY 2026.	($2,000,000)	($2,000,000)
Provide funds for the Southern Georgia Area Agency on Aging.	$170,000	$170,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,498,745	$178,605,154

16.7. State Economic Development Programs

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and loans to local governments and businesses and to leverage private investment in order to attract and promote economic development and job creation.

Total Funds	$11,305,868
Other Funds	$609,912
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$609,912
State Funds	$10,695,956
State General Funds	$10,695,956

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$10,728,595	$11,338,507
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$211	$211
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($33,053)	($33,053)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$203	$203
Amount appropriated in this Act	$10,695,956	$11,305,868

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

16.8. Payments to Georgia Environmental Finance Authority

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for water, wastewater, solid waste, energy, and land conservation projects.

Total Funds	$1,253,495
State Funds	$1,253,495
State General Funds	$1,253,495

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,753,495	$1,753,495
Eliminate one-time funds.	($500,000)	($500,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,253,495	$1,253,495

16.9. Payments to OneGeorgia Authority

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for the OneGeorgia Authority.

Total Funds	$20,605,861
Other Funds	$145,521
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$145,521
State Funds	$20,460,340
State General Funds	$20,460,340

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Total Funds	**$25,720,861,186**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$13,429,246,622**
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$12,881,542,845
State Children's Insurance Program (CFDA 93.767)	$532,087,304
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$15,616,473
Other Funds	**$1,027,963,032**
Agency Funds	$739,992,596
Indigent Care Trust Fund - Public Hospital Authorities	$139,386,524
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$148,583,912
State Funds	**$5,840,288,873**
Ambulance Provider Fees	$11,458,192
Hospital Provider Payment	$539,210,578
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$128,537,304
State General Funds	$5,037,020,448

Tobacco Settlement Funds	$124,062,351
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$5,423,362,659**
Health Insurance Payments	$5,142,505,397
Medicaid Services Payments - Other Agencies	$280,857,262

17.1. Departmental Administration (DCH)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.

Total Funds	$483,494,157
Federal Funds and Grants	$363,033,140
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$332,927,306
State Children's Insurance Program (CFDA 93.767)	$29,454,740
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$651,094
Other Funds	$4,284,769
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$4,284,769
State Funds	$94,864,663
State General Funds	$94,864,663
Intra-State Government Transfers	$21,311,585
Health Insurance Payments	$21,311,585

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$95,091,814	$482,133,654
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$130	$130
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$112,116	$112,116
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($114,293)	($114,293)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($1,295,115)	($1,295,115)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$66,155	$66,155
Increase funds for eight Katie Beckett Medicaid caseworkers to address increased workload.	$121,678	$486,712
Increase funds for a $3,000 salary enhancement for Katie Beckett Medicaid caseworkers for parity with Department of Human Services Medicaid caseworkers.	$20,222	$80,886
Increase funds for one position in the Medical Assistance Plans division to continue oversight of long term care.	$64,991	$129,982
Eliminate one-time funds for the submission of a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to change any rules, regulations, or policies necessary to allow for the use of Medicaid funding for Graduate Medical Education slots.	($300,000)	($300,000)
The department shall submit a report to the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, the chair of the House and Senate Health Appropriations Subcommittees, the chair of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, the House Budget and Research Office, and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office on the impact to the State Health Benefit Plan (SHBP) and Georgia Medicaid arising from 340B entity purchases, contract pharmacy arrangements, and general practices related to 340B drugs, whether self-administered or provider-administered by September 1, 2026. The report shall include, but not be	$0	$0

limited to, an analysis of forgone rebates, impact on premiums, and impact to state employees' out-of-pocket costs.*(H:Yes)*		
Provide funds for 17 positions to support agency operations.	$1,096,965	$2,193,930
Amount appropriated in this Act	$94,864,663	$483,494,157

17.2. Georgia Board of Dentistry

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified applicants as dentists and dental hygienists, regulating the practice of dentistry, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary action when warranted.

Total Funds	$1,448,441
State Funds	$1,448,441
State General Funds	$1,448,441

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,274,815	$1,274,815
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$399	$399
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($3,349)	($3,349)
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$1,159	$1,159
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($37,949)	($37,949)
Eliminate one-time funds for protective equipment.	($36,960)	($36,960)
Increase funds for one criminal investigator.*(H:Increase funds for two criminal investigators.)*	$199,242	$199,242
Increase one-time funds for one vehicle and protective equipment.	$32,789	$32,789
Provide funds for a 3% pay increase.	$18,295	$18,295
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,448,441	$1,448,441

17.3. Georgia State Board of Pharmacy

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified pharmacists and pharmacies, regulating the practice of pharmacy, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary actions when warranted.

Total Funds	$1,250,101
State Funds	$1,250,101
State General Funds	$1,250,101

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,128,029	$1,128,029
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$399	$399
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($3,068)	($3,068)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($34,760)	($34,760)
Provide funds for an executive administrative assistant.	$79,212	$79,212
Provide funds for a customer service representative.	$61,785	$61,785

Provide funds for a 3% pay increase.	$18,504	$18,504
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,250,101	$1,250,101

17.4. Health Care Access and Improvement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and other support services for programs that seek to improve health access and outcomes in rural and underserved areas of Georgia through the State Office of Rural Health, the various commissions of the Office of Health Improvement, and the Office of Health Information Technology and Transparency.

Total Funds	$27,970,963
Federal Funds and Grants	$172,588
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$172,588
State Funds	$27,798,375
State General Funds	$27,798,375

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$20,819,637	$20,992,225
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($2,454)	($2,454)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($27,808)	($27,808)
Eliminate one-time funding for telecare and maternal health programs.*(H:No)*	$0	$0
Eliminate one-time funding to establish a regional vascular center allowed by passage of HB 1339 (2024 Session).	($407,000)	($407,000)
Eliminate one-time funding for behavioral and mental health services stabilization and augmentation.	($3,000,000)	($3,000,000)
Provide funding for behavioral and mental health services stabilization by supporting inpatient psychiatric services for any Level 1 trauma center that is the only general acute care hospital providing inpatient psychiatric services in its county, and where no other general acute care hospital in an adjacent county provides inpatient psychiatric care.	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Provide funds to conduct colorectal cancer screenings.	$916,000	$916,000
Provide one-time funds to create a grant opportunity for contracted PACE providers to apply for funding to support the establishment of their transportation infrastructure.	$500,000	$500,000
Eliminate funds for one-time start-up funding for federally qualified health centers.	($500,000)	($500,000)
Increase funds for one-time grants for emergency preparedness in rural Georgia.	$3,000,000	$3,000,000
Increase funds for rural hospital stabilization grants to include rural emergency hospitals.	$3,000,000	$3,000,000
Increase funds to develop and implement a solvency evaluation process for rural hospitals.	$2,000,000	$2,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$27,798,375	$27,970,963

17.5. Healthcare Facility Regulation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to inspect and license long term care and health care facilities.

Total Funds	$39,453,463
Federal Funds and Grants	$12,005,577
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$12,005,577
Other Funds	$100,000

Agency Funds	$100,000
State Funds	$27,347,886
State General Funds	$27,347,886

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$27,054,557	$39,160,134
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$2,889	$2,889
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($92,411)	($92,411)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($1,047,149)	($1,047,149)
Provide funds to sustain the nurse aide and medication aide training and credentialing program.	$1,430,000	$1,430,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$27,347,886	$39,453,463

17.6. Indigent Care Trust Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support rural and other healthcare providers, primarily hospitals that serve medically indigent Georgians.

Total Funds	$1,010,856,696
Federal Funds and Grants	$671,388,987
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$671,388,987
Other Funds	$286,585,667
Agency Funds	$3,200,000
Indigent Care Trust Fund - Public Hospital Authorities	$139,386,524
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$143,999,143
State Funds	$52,882,042
State General Funds	$52,882,042

17.7. Medicaid- Aged Blind and Disabled

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health care access primarily to elderly and disabled individuals. There is also hereby appropriated to the Department of Community Health a specific sum of money equal to all the provider fees paid to the Indigent Care Trust Fund created pursuant to Article 6A of chapter 8 of Title 31. The sum of money is appropriated for payments for nursing homes pursuant to Article 6A.

Total Funds	$9,770,457,221
Federal Funds and Grants	$6,245,243,023
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$6,242,455,809
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,787,214
Other Funds	$97,574,403
Agency Funds	$97,574,403
State Funds	$3,160,351,163
Ambulance Provider Fees	$11,458,192
Hospital Provider Payment	$54,893,739
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$128,537,304
State General Funds	$2,959,270,122
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,191,806
Intra-State Government Transfers	$267,288,632
Medicaid Services Payments - Other Agencies	$267,288,632

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,844,180,261	$8,697,555,150
Increase funds for growth in Medicaid based on projected utilization.	$308,177,918	$921,860,359
Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.40% to 66.63%.	($51,741,896)	$0
Increase funds for skilled nursing centers to reflect 2024 cost reports.	$5,143,638	$15,387,445
Increase funds for the hold harmless provision in Medicare Part B premiums.	$33,780,887	$101,049,617
Increase funds for the Medicare Part D Clawback payment.	$11,237,928	$11,237,928
Reduce funds for high-cost drugs based on projected utilization.	($11,818,678)	($35,356,153)
Reduce funds for FMAP savings from FY 2026 provider rate enhancements.	($26,467)	($75,163)
Replace $7,638,097 in state general funds with hospital provider fees.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Replace $30,458,227 in nursing home provider fees with state general funds.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for ambulance provider fees based on projected revenue.	$2,646,178	$2,646,178
Provide funds to increase dental code reimbursement rates.	$1,030,020	$3,081,356
Provide funds to increase the psychiatric residential treatment facilities rate to $800 per day.	$229,228	$685,747
Provide funds to increase two primary care codes.	$2,891,398	$8,649,109
Provide funds to increase reimbursement for the training of parents with autistic children.	$350,796	$1,049,424
Provide funds to create parity between in-home and in-office reimbursement rates for autism services.	$4,368,395	$13,067,289
Provide funds to increase the prospective payment rate for federally qualified health centers.	$362,982	$1,085,858
Provide funds to increase reimbursement rates for air ambulance.	$299,092	$894,748
The department shall submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to change any rules, regulations, or policies necessary to allow for reimbursement of adult heart and lung transplants.	$837,530	$2,505,325
Provide funds to increase the Elderly and Disabled Waiver (EDWP) Enhanced Case Management rates.	$600,000	$1,794,795
The department shall submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to change any rules, regulations, or policies necessary to allow for reimbursement of registered dietitians (RDs) providing services for Medicaid members receiving diagnostic, screening, and preventive services.	$136,472	$408,263
Provide funds to adjust fair rental value (FRV) formula to incentivize improvements to nursing centers by increasing the equipment allowance to $8,000 per bed, bringing the RS Means Index up one year, and adjusting maximum age of facility to 40 years and depreciation rate to 1.25%.	$6,800,000	$20,341,011
Provide funds for a Medicaid rate enhancement for privately-owned intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities.	$352,859	$1,055,516
Increase funds for an increase in the nursing home ventilator reimbursement rate.	$512,622	$1,533,419
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,160,351,163	$9,770,457,221

17.8. Medicaid- Low-Income Medicaid

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide healthcare access primarily to low-income individuals.

Total Funds	$8,611,573,471
Federal Funds and Grants	$5,757,912,088
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$5,624,812,568
State Children's Insurance Program (CFDA 93.767)	$133,099,520
Other Funds	$639,118,193
Agency Funds	$639,118,193
State Funds	$2,201,126,343
Hospital Provider Payment	$484,316,839
State General Funds	$1,598,938,959
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$117,870,545
Intra-State Government Transfers	$13,416,847
Medicaid Services Payments - Other Agencies	$13,416,847

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,246,744,451	$8,655,479,189
Reduce funds for Medicaid based on projected utilization.	($41,316,199)	($123,590,185)
Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.40% to 66.63%.	($30,937,864)	$0
Reduce funds for FMAP savings from FY 2026 provider rate enhancements.	($29,825)	($85,464)
Replace $67,389,454 in state general funds with hospital provider fees.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Provide funds to increase dental code reimbursement rates.	$10,572,405	$31,627,865
The Division for Medicaid Services shall establish a rate floor to reimburse at no less than 100% of the state Medicaid program for durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies. The provider network and appropriate access to care will be consistent across the Medicaid program with a standardized fee schedule in place.	$1,379,160	$4,125,825
Provide funds to increase the psychiatric residential treatment facilities rate to $800 per day.	$3,719,263	$11,126,357
Provide funds to increase two primary care codes.	$4,767,855	$14,262,203
Provide funds to increase reimbursement for the training of parents with autistic children.	$359,190	$1,074,535
Provide funds to create parity between in-home and in-office reimbursement rates for autism services.	$3,562,962	$10,657,977
Provide funds to increase the prospective payment rate for federally qualified health centers.	$1,081,287	$3,234,723
Provide funds to increase reimbursement rates for air ambulance.	$246,311	$736,851
The department shall submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to change any rules, regulations, or policies necessary to allow for reimbursement of adult heart and lung transplants.	$837,530	$2,505,325
The department shall submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to change any rules, regulations, or policies necessary to allow for reimbursement of registered dietitians (RDs) providing services for Medicaid members receiving diagnostic, screening, and preventive Services.	$139,817	$418,270
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,201,126,343	$8,611,573,471

17.9. PeachCare

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health insurance coverage for qualified low-income Georgia children.

Total Funds	$490,800,212
Federal Funds and Grants	$371,618,260
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$2,085,216
State Children's Insurance Program (CFDA 93.767)	$369,533,044
State Funds	$119,030,169
State General Funds	$119,030,169
Intra-State Government Transfers	$151,783
Medicaid Services Payments - Other Agencies	$151,783

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$122,733,823	$502,235,943
Reduce funds for Medicaid based on projected utilization.	($3,000,735)	($12,823,654)
Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (eFMAP) from 76.48% to 76.64%.	($1,022,067)	$0
Reduce funds for FMAP savings from FY 2026 provider rate enhancements.	($5,626)	$0
Provide funds to increase dental code reimbursement rates.	$296,037	$1,265,115
Provide funds to increase reimbursement rates for air ambulance.	$28,737	$122,808
Amount appropriated in this Act	$119,030,169	$490,800,212

17.10. State Health Benefit Plan

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a healthcare benefit for teachers and state employees that is competitive with other commercial benefit plans in quality of care and access to providers; and to provide for the efficient management of provider fees and utilization rates.

Total Funds	$5,125,367,653
State Funds	$4,173,841
State General Funds	$4,173,841
Intra-State Government Transfers	$5,121,193,812
Health Insurance Payments	$5,121,193,812

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$6,011,921	$5,127,205,733
Increase funds to implement HB 196 (2025 Session).	$1,261,920	$1,261,920
Eliminate funds for interim one-time funding for a $3 per prescription dispensing fee for independent pharmacists awaiting the outcome of an SHBP Prescription Benefit Manager (PBM) study.	($3,100,000)	($3,100,000)
Recognize an increase in formula funds ($207,516,476) in the Department of Education, Department of Early Care and Learning, and Georgia Military College to reflect an increase in the employer healthcare contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) for certified school employees and lead and assistant teachers to $2,028, effective July 1, 2026.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes; Recognize an increase in funds ($75,169,997) in the Department of Education, Department of Early Care and Learning, Georgia Public Libraries, and Georgia Military College to reflect an increase in the employer healthcare contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) for certified school employees and lead and assistant teachers to $1,935, effective July 1, 2026.)*	$0	$0
Increase the employer health care contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) for non-certified school employees to match the PMPM for certified school employees, effective July 1, 2026, to maintain the financial stability of the plan.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0

Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,173,841	$5,125,367,653

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

17.11. Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Board Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all agency programs.

Total Funds	$1,918,969
State Funds	$1,918,969
State General Funds	$1,918,969

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,986,170	$1,986,170
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$109	$109
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($5,296)	($5,296)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($62,014)	($62,014)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,918,969	$1,918,969

17.12. Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Graduate Medical Education

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to address the physician workforce needs of Georgia communities through the support and development of medical education programs.

Total Funds	$55,197,737
Federal Funds and Grants	$7,872,959
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$7,872,959
State Funds	$47,324,778
State General Funds	$47,324,778

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$43,283,730	$51,156,689
Increase funds for 105 new residency slots in primary care medicine.*(H:Provide funds for 147 new residency slots.)*	$4,793,685	$4,793,685
Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.40% to 66.63%.	($234,123)	($234,123)
Redirect existing funds ($734,438) for grants for graduate medical education (GME) programs based on the use of Medicaid Reimbursements for new residency slots pending approval of a State Plan Amendment to fund the Rural Surgery Initiative and child and adolescent psychiatry slots at Augusta University.*(G:Yes)(H:No)*	$0	$0
Reduce funds due to delayed approval of a State Plan Amendment.	($6,844,122)	($6,844,122)
Increase funds and utilize existing funds ($432,338) for the Rural Surgery Initiative and child and adolescent psychiatry slots at Augusta University.	$734,438	$734,438
Provide funds for 13 new fellowship slots.	$1,920,000	$1,920,000
Provide one-time funds for resident education spaces.	$3,671,170	$3,671,170
Amount appropriated in this Act	$47,324,778	$55,197,737

17.13. Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Mercer School of Medicine Grant

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Mercer University School of Medicine to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.

Total Funds	$38,589,368
State Funds	$38,589,368
State General Funds	$38,589,368

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$34,576,801	$34,576,801
Increase funds for the seventh year of the seven-year plan for Mercer School of Medicine's medical school campus in Columbus.	$12,567	$12,567
Provide funds to pilot a pediatric residency with a rural training track.	$4,000,000	$4,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$38,589,368	$38,589,368

17.14. Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Morehouse School of Medicine Grant

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Morehouse School of Medicine and affiliated hospitals to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.

Total Funds	$37,429,696
State Funds	$37,429,696
State General Funds	$37,429,696

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$33,429,696	$33,429,696
Provide funds to the Phoebe Health-Morehouse Consortium for the creation of a regional campus and graduate medical education program.	$4,000,000	$4,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$37,429,696	$37,429,696

17.15. Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Healthcare Practitioner Loan Repayment

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of physicians in rural areas of the state and to provide a program of aid to promising medical students.

Total Funds	$6,215,000
State Funds	$6,215,000
State General Funds	$6,215,000

17.16. Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Healthcare Education Programs

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of health practitioners through a public/private partnership with medical and nursing schools in Georgia.

Total Funds	$9,763,723
State Funds	$9,763,723
State General Funds	$9,763,723

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$7,195,783	$7,195,783
Increase funds for medical student capitation for 380 certified Georgia residents at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM).	$2,417,940	$2,417,940

Change program name from Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Undergraduate Medical Education to Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Healthcare Education Programs to include nursing education.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Provide funds to support the nursing program at Andrew College.	$150,000	$150,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,763,723	$9,763,723

17.17. Georgia Composite Medical Board

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to license qualified applicants as physicians, physician's assistants, respiratory care professionals, perfusionists, acupuncturists, orthotists, prosthetists, and auricular (ear) detoxification specialists. Also, investigate complaints and discipline those who violate the Medical Practice Act or other laws governing the professional behavior of the Board licensees.

Total Funds	$5,768,194
Other Funds	$300,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$300,000
State Funds	$5,468,194
State General Funds	$5,468,194

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$5,278,810	$5,578,810
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($17,388)	($17,388)
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$4,499	$4,499
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($214,382)	($214,382)
Eliminate one-time funding to seed program to address career fatigue and wellness of healthcare professionals pursuant to HB 455 (2024 Session).*(H:No; Maintain funding to address career fatigue and wellness of healthcare professionals pursuant to HB 455 (2024 Session).)*	$0	$0
Utilize funds appropriated in HB 68 (2025 Session) for a paralegal position.*(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Provide funds for a medical director and a compliance inspector.	$416,655	$416,655
Amount appropriated in this Act	$5,468,194	$5,768,194

17.18. Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the general public by providing an enforcement presence to oversee all laws and regulations pertaining to controlled substances and dangerous drugs.

Total Funds	$3,306,121
State Funds	$3,306,121
State General Funds	$3,306,121

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,304,145	$3,304,145
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$3,609	$3,609
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($14,269)	($14,269)

Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$18,745	$18,745
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($157,159)	($157,159)
Increase funds for one special agent.	$151,050	$151,050
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,306,121	$3,306,121

Section 18: Community Supervision, Department of

Total Funds	**$225,622,577**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$636,008**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$636,008
Other Funds	**$227,478**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$227,478
State Funds	**$223,857,862**
State General Funds	$223,857,862
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$901,229**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$901,229

18.1. Departmental Administration (DCS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.

Total Funds	$10,637,840
Other Funds	$1,200
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,200
State Funds	$10,636,640
State General Funds	$10,636,640

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$11,138,823	$11,140,023
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($3,660)	($3,660)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$951	$951
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$1,003	$1,003
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($501,441)	($501,441)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$964	$964
Amount appropriated in this Act	$10,636,640	$10,637,840

18.2. Field Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve Georgia citizens through effective and efficient offender supervision in communities, while providing opportunities for successful outcomes.

Total Funds	$208,525,572
Federal Funds and Grants	$447,884
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$447,884

Other Funds	$116,278
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$116,278
State Funds	$207,111,410
State General Funds	$207,111,410
Intra-State Government Transfers	$850,000
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$850,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$215,373,753	$216,787,915
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($61,651)	($61,651)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$18,765	$18,765
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$876,193	$876,193
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($9,846,470)	($9,846,470)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$24,626	$24,626
Increase funds for rent at the West Georgia Circuit, Ogeechee Circuit, and the Mountain Circuit.	$726,194	$726,194
Amount appropriated in this Act	$207,111,410	$208,525,572

18.3. Governor's Office of Transition, Support, and Reentry

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a collaboration of governmental and non-governmental stakeholders to develop and execute a systematic reentry plan for Georgia offenders and ensure the delivery of services to reduce recidivism and support the success of returning citizens.

Total Funds	$4,423,273
State Funds	$4,423,273
State General Funds	$4,423,273

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$4,592,794	$4,592,794
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($3,345)	($3,345)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($166,476)	($166,476)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$300	$300
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,423,273	$4,423,273

18.4. Misdemeanor Probation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of all governmental and private misdemeanor providers through inspection and investigation.

Total Funds	$965,600
State Funds	$965,600
State General Funds	$965,600

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,017,668	$1,017,668
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($52,068)	($52,068)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$965,600	$965,600

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

18.5. Georgia Commission on Family Violence

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the study and evaluation of needs and services relating to family violence in Georgia, develop models for community task forces on family violence, provide training and continuing education on the dynamics of family violence, and develop standards to be used in the certification and regulation of Family Violence Intervention Programs.

Total Funds	$1,070,292
Federal Funds and Grants	$188,124
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$188,124
Other Funds	$110,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$110,000
State Funds	$720,939
State General Funds	$720,939
Intra-State Government Transfers	$51,229
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$51,229

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$739,174	$1,088,527
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$4,230	$4,230
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($22,465)	($22,465)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$720,939	$1,070,292

Section 19: Corrections, Department of

Total Funds	**$1,813,184,714**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$809,589**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$809,589
Other Funds	**$15,960,082**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$15,960,082
State Funds	**$1,796,415,043**
State General Funds	$1,796,415,043

19.1. Departmental Administration (DOC)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by providing an effective and efficient department that administers a balanced correctional system.

Total Funds	$40,370,773
Other Funds	$372,424
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$372,424
State Funds	$39,998,349
State General Funds	$39,998,349

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$41,565,500	$41,937,924
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($20,748)	($20,748)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($37,154)	($37,154)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($1,584,390)	($1,584,390)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$5,304	$5,304
Increase funds for the Fleet Services Department to add one mechanic position to continue saving on inhouse vehicle repairs and maintenance.	$69,837	$69,837
The department is directed to explore all options for additional closed-security, single-cell inmate capacity and report to the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget and the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees by Friday, March 13, 2026.*(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$39,998,349	$40,370,773

19.2. Detention Centers

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, vocational training, work details, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for probationers who require more security or supervision than provided by regular community supervision.

Total Funds	$74,646,304
Other Funds	$1,374,456
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,374,456
State Funds	$73,271,848
State General Funds	$73,271,848

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$76,423,479	$77,797,935
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($15,746)	($15,746)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($78,495)	($78,495)
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$275,818	$275,818
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($3,347,325)	($3,347,325)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$14,117	$14,117
Amount appropriated in this Act	$73,271,848	$74,646,304

19.3. Food and Farm Operations

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to manage timber, raise crops and livestock, and produce dairy items used in preparing meals for offenders.

Total Funds	$36,948,529
Other Funds	$568,986

Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$568,986
State Funds	$36,379,543
State General Funds	$36,379,543

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$30,349,192	$30,918,178
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($282)	($282)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,855)	($1,855)
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$5,851	$5,851
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($79,091)	($79,091)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$479	$479
Increase funds for food services at four modular correctional units.	$364,749	$364,749
Provide funds for food services across state facilities contracted with Georgia Correctional Industries due to rising food costs.	$4,890,500	$4,890,500
Increase funds for farm equipment upgrades.	$850,000	$850,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$36,379,543	$36,948,529

19.4. Health

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the required constitutional level of physical, dental, and mental health care to all inmates of the state correctional system.

Total Funds	$444,255,719
Federal Funds and Grants	$573,812
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$573,812
Other Funds	$305,972
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$305,972
State Funds	$443,375,935
State General Funds	$443,375,935

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$376,598,234	$377,478,018
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$149	$149
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($4,670)	($4,670)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($4,700)	($4,700)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($200,420)	($200,420)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$1,137	$1,137

Increase funds for the physical health contract for a per diem increase ($23,627,395) and to reflect the opening of additional beds ($24,253,500).*(H:Increase funds for the physical health contract for a per diem increase and to reflect the opening of additional beds.)*	$48,693,993	$48,693,993
Increase funds for the dental health contract to increase staffing ratios.	$2,483,850	$2,483,850
Increase funds for the mental health contract to increase staffing ratios.	$12,127,034	$12,127,034
Increase funds for the pharmacy contract for a per diem increase.	$3,681,328	$3,681,328
Amount appropriated in this Act	$443,375,935	$444,255,719

19.5. Offender Management

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and operate the following agency-wide support services to ensure public safety: canine units, the County Correctional Institutions program, Correctional Emergency Response Teams, inmate classification, inmate diagnostics, the jail coordination unit, the release and agreements unit, and tactical squads.

Total Funds	$60,482,980
State Funds	$60,482,980
State General Funds	$60,482,980

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$58,596,973	$58,596,973
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($3,125)	($3,125)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($5,459)	($5,459)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($232,782)	($232,782)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$1,157	$1,157
Increase funds for maintenance and support of the inmate assignment decision support system.	$257,800	$257,800
Increase funds for residential substance abuse treatment programs.	$368,416	$368,416
Provide funds for rural local county jail reimbursement where more than 20% of jail capacity utilization is occupied by detainees unable to make bail on contraband or drone-related charges.	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$60,482,980	$60,482,980

19.6. Private Prisons

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to contract with private companies to provide cost effective prison facilities that ensure public safety.

Total Funds	$177,768,805
State Funds	$177,768,805
State General Funds	$177,768,805

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$172,485,527	$172,485,527
Increase funds for Jenkins Correctional Institution and Riverbend Correctional Institution to fully utilize available beds at correct tier rate added in HB 68 (2025 Session).	$1,055,658	$1,055,658

Increase funds to add 160 private prison beds at Coffee Correctional Institution and 103 private prison beds at Wheeler Correctional Institution.	$4,227,620	$4,227,620
Amount appropriated in this Act	$177,768,805	$177,768,805

19.7. State Prisons

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, religious support, vocational training, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for violent and/or repeat offenders, or nonviolent offenders who have exhausted all other forms of punishment in a secure, well-supervised setting; to assist in the reentry of these offenders back into society; and to provide fire services and work details to the Department, state agencies, and local communities.

Total Funds	$929,521,868
Federal Funds and Grants	$235,777
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$235,777
Other Funds	$13,118,591
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$13,118,591
State Funds	$916,167,500
State General Funds	$916,167,500

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$888,604,327	$901,958,695
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$776	$776
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($151,445)	($151,445)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($665,416)	($665,416)
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$2,095,612	$2,095,612
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($28,375,825)	($28,375,825)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$170,066	$170,066
Utilize existing funds ($10,793,600) for managed access and drone detection systems to prevent contraband in facilities.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for additional correctional officer positions to improve staff-to-offender ratios based on improved retention.	$34,914,395	$34,914,395
Increase funds for six canine handlers.	$695,018	$695,018
Increase funds to annualize personnel for the Over Watch and Logistics (OWL) Unit.	$1,443,038	$1,443,038
Increase funds for additional programming at Metro Reentry Facility.	$39,786	$39,786
Provide funds for three security threat group regional coordinators.	$377,168	$377,168
Provide funds for five managed access analysts.	$409,040	$409,040
Increase funds for operations at Lee Arrendale State Prison.	$3,879,259	$3,879,259
Increase funds for additional technology costs for the Over Watch and Logistics (OWL) Unit to enhance safety, security, and technology.	$5,521,230	$5,521,230
Provide funds for required staff needed to meet accreditation requirements to operate a high school diploma program.	$953,033	$953,033
Provide funds for operations at five modular correctional units.	$1,760,207	$1,760,207

Increase funds for rent at Arnall North Basic Correctional Officer Training Building.*(H:Increase funds for rent at the Arnall North Basic Correctional Officer Training Building ($168,000), the Book Repository ($17,136), and a warden residency in Metro Atlanta ($34,100).)*	$219,236	$219,236
Increase funds for food contracts.	$528,167	$528,167
Increase funds for residential substance abuse treatment programs.	$881,584	$881,584
Increase funds for offender call monitoring contract due to an increase in usage.	$1,118,244	$1,118,244
Increase funds for data intelligence annual maintenance.	$1,750,000	$1,750,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$916,167,500	$929,521,868

19.8. Transition Centers

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide "work release," allowing inmates to obtain and maintain a paying job in the community, while still receiving housing, academic education, counseling, and substance abuse treatment in a structured center.

Total Funds	$49,189,736
Other Funds	$219,653
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$219,653
State Funds	$48,970,083
State General Funds	$48,970,083

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$50,675,045	$50,894,698
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($9,604)	($9,604)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($43,567)	($43,567)
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$151,718	$151,718
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($1,857,844)	($1,857,844)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$7,138	$7,138
Increase funds for rent at LaGrange and Clayton Transition Centers.	$47,197	$47,197
The department is directed to work with the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission (GSFIC) to design and construct two new transition centers funded in the Amended Fiscal Year 2026 budget and provide a progress reports quarterly to the Office of Planning and Budget, the House Appropriations Committee, and the Senate Appropriations Committee.*(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$48,970,083	$49,189,736

Section 20: Defense, Department of

Total Funds	**$111,204,859**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$77,025,266**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$77,025,266
Other Funds	**$22,339,739**
Agency Funds	$2,330,569

Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$20,009,170
State Funds	**$11,839,854**
State General Funds	$11,839,854

20.1. Departmental Administration (DOD)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration to the organized militia in the State of Georgia.

Total Funds	$2,365,256
Federal Funds and Grants	$982,494
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$982,494
State Funds	$1,382,762
State General Funds	$1,382,762

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,438,364	$2,420,858
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$126	$126
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,377	$1,377
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($61,157)	($61,157)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$4,052	$4,052
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,382,762	$2,365,256

20.2. Military Readiness

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and maintain facilities for the training of Army National Guard, Air National Guard, and State Defense Force personnel, and to provide an organized militia that can be activated and deployed at the direction of the President or Governor for a man-made crisis or natural disaster.

Total Funds	$92,534,851
Federal Funds and Grants	$63,495,500
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$63,495,500
Other Funds	$22,335,861
Agency Funds	$2,330,569
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$20,005,292
State Funds	$6,703,490
State General Funds	$6,703,490

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$6,146,980	$91,978,341
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$3,183	$3,183
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($141,384)	($141,384)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$80,899	$80,899
Increase funds for increased operating costs.	$613,812	$613,812
Amount appropriated in this Act	$6,703,490	$92,534,851

20.3. Youth Educational Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational and vocational opportunities to at-risk youth through Youth Challenge Academies and Starbase programs.

Total Funds	$16,304,752
Federal Funds and Grants	$12,547,272
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$12,547,272
Other Funds	$3,878
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$3,878
State Funds	$3,753,602
State General Funds	$3,753,602

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$4,881,057	$17,432,207
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$2,006	$2,006
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$3,232	$3,232
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($143,617)	($143,617)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$25,858	$25,858
Reduce state funds match to reflect a loss of federal funding from lower graduation targets.	($1,014,934)	($1,014,934)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,753,602	$16,304,752

Section 21: Driver Services, Department of

Total Funds	**$88,202,758**
Other Funds	**$2,844,121**
Agency Funds	$2,844,121
State Funds	**$85,358,637**
State General Funds	$85,358,637

21.1. Departmental Administration (DDS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for administration of license issuance, motor vehicle registration, and commercial truck compliance.

Total Funds	$10,967,801
Other Funds	$500,857
Agency Funds	$500,857
State Funds	$10,466,944
State General Funds	$10,466,944

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$10,851,981	$11,352,838
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($209,255)	($209,255)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($10,204)	($10,204)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($353,697)	($353,697)

Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$38,119	$38,119
Increase funds to comply with federal CDL mandates regarding national registry notifications.	$150,000	$150,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$10,466,944	$10,967,801

21.2. License Issuance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to issue and renew drivers' licenses, maintain driver records, operate Customer Service Centers, provide online access to services, provide motorcycle safety instruction, produce driver manuals, and investigate driver's license fraud.

Total Funds	$75,765,417
Other Funds	$1,827,835
Agency Funds	$1,827,835
State Funds	$73,937,582
State General Funds	$73,937,582

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$74,559,504	$76,387,339
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($447,446)	($447,446)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($84,150)	($84,150)
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$4,326	$4,326
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($2,916,956)	($2,916,956)
Increase funds for rent at the Conyers, Fayetteville, Marietta, Kennesaw, Lawrenceville, Macon, Decatur, Locust Grove, and Toccoa Customer Service Centers.	$159,865	$159,865
Increase funds for armed guard services for new and higher-traffic locations.	$150,426	$150,426
Increase funds for personal services due to decreased turnover.	$2,326,576	$2,326,576
Increase funds for GTA security services and additional staffing infrastructure.	$185,437	$185,437
Utilize existing funds ($635,437) previously appropriated for Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) fees to meet an increase in card production volume.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$73,937,582	$75,765,417

21.3. Regulatory Compliance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate driver safety and education programs for both novice, problem drivers, and commercial drivers by approving driver education curricula and auditing third-party driver education providers for compliance with state laws and regulations; to certify ignition interlock device providers; and to monitor the status of all commercial driver license convictions.

Total Funds	$1,469,540
Other Funds	$515,429
Agency Funds	$515,429
State Funds	$954,111
State General Funds	$954,111

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,003,957	$1,519,386
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($1,696)	($1,696)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,350)	($1,350)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($46,800)	($46,800)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$954,111	$1,469,540

Section 22: Early Care and Learning, Bright from the Start: Department of

Total Funds	**$1,278,874,928**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$607,659,885**
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds (CFDA 93.596)	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant (CFDA 93.575)	$344,735,865
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$170,175,000
Other Funds	**$50,000**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$50,000
State Funds	**$671,165,043**
Lottery Funds	$593,876,996
State General Funds	$77,288,047

22.1. Child Care Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate, license, and train child care providers; to support the infant and toddler and afterschool networks; and to provide inclusion services for children with disabilities.

Total Funds	$457,579,194
Federal Funds and Grants	$380,291,147
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds (CFDA 93.596)	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant (CFDA 93.575)	$287,542,127
State Funds	$77,288,047
State General Funds	$77,288,047

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$77,355,059	$457,646,206
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$1,171	$1,171
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($474)	($474)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($69,147)	($69,147)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$1,438	$1,438
Utilize existing funds to expand CAPS slots to an additional 1,288 children.*(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$77,288,047	$457,579,194

22.2. Nutrition Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that USDA-compliant meals are served to eligible children and adults in day care settings and to eligible youth during the summer.

Total Funds	$170,000,000
Federal Funds and Grants	$170,000,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$170,000,000

22.3. Pre-Kindergarten Program

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding, training, technical assistance, and oversight of Pre-Kindergarten programs operated by public and private providers throughout the state and to improve the quality of early learning and increase school readiness for Georgia's four-year-olds.

Total Funds	$594,051,996
Federal Funds and Grants	$175,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$175,000
State Funds	$593,876,996
Lottery Funds	$593,876,996

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$563,040,616	$563,215,616
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$420,525	$420,525
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$1,237	$1,237
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($2,910)	($2,910)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($424,175)	($424,175)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$1,801	$1,801
Reduce formula funds for annual update of teacher training and experience.	($125,304)	($125,304)
Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member-per-month (PMPM) rate for eligible employees from $1,885 to $2,028 effective July 1, 2026.*(H:Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member-per-month (PMPM) rate for eligible employees from $1,885 to $1,935 effective July 1, 2026.)*	$4,217,340	$4,217,340
Increase funds for year three of a four-year phase in to reduce classroom size from 22 to 20 students to improve instructional quality.	$12,001,234	$12,001,234
Increase funds to expand the extended day program to the Pre-K priority group.	$9,713,072	$9,713,072
Increase funds to expand Rising Pre-K program and add 25 new classes in the 2026-2027 school year.	$708,500	$708,500
Increase funds to provide five days of leave for Pre-K lead and assistant teachers.	$3,975,060	$3,975,060
Increase funds for the Summer Transition Program partnership expansion.	$350,000	$350,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$593,876,996	$594,051,996

22.4. Quality Initiatives

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to implement innovative strategies and programs that focus on improving the quality of and access to early education, child care, and nutrition for Georgia's children and families.

Total Funds	$57,243,738
Federal Funds and Grants	$57,193,738
Child Care & Development Block Grant (CFDA 93.575)	$57,193,738
Other Funds	$50,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$50,000

Section 23: Economic Development, Department of

Total Funds	**$38,811,277**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$926,190**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$926,190
State Funds	**$37,885,087**
State General Funds	$37,885,087

23.1. Departmental Administration (DEcD)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to influence, affect, and enhance economic development in Georgia and provide information to people and companies to promote the state.

Total Funds	$5,783,057
State Funds	$5,783,057
State General Funds	$5,783,057

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$5,883,113	$5,883,113
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$1,891	$1,891
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($4,314)	($4,314)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($210,338)	($210,338)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$12,705	$12,705
Increase funds to support economic development on navigable rivers.	$100,000	$100,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$5,783,057	$5,783,057

23.2. Film, Video, and Music

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to increase industry awareness of Georgia business opportunities, financial incentives, infrastructure resources, and natural resources in order to attract film, video, music, and electronic gaming industry projects and businesses to the state.

Total Funds	$1,118,494
State Funds	$1,118,494
State General Funds	$1,118,494

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,168,059	$1,168,059
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$206	$206

Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,000)	($1,000)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($48,771)	($48,771)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,118,494	$1,118,494

23.3. Georgia Council for the Arts

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for Council operations and maintain the Georgia State Art Collection and Capitol Galleries.

Total Funds	$581,336
State Funds	$581,336
State General Funds	$581,336

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$610,794	$610,794
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($592)	($592)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($28,866)	($28,866)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$581,336	$581,336

23.4. Georgia Council for the Arts - Special Project

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to increase arts participation and support throughout the state with grants for non-profit arts and cultural organizations through Partner Grants, Project Grants, Education Grants and the 'Grassroots' arts program.

Total Funds	$1,835,756
Federal Funds and Grants	$659,400
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$659,400
State Funds	$1,176,356
State General Funds	$1,176,356

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$976,356	$1,635,756
Provide one-time funds to increase community art grants.	$200,000	$200,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,176,356	$1,835,756

23.5. Global Commerce

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote Georgia as a state that is appealing to businesses along with being competitive in the international trade market; recruit, retain, and expand businesses in Georgia through a network of statewide and regional project managers, foreign and domestic marketing, and participation in Georgia Allies; and help develop international markets for Georgia products and attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing international technical and educational assistance to businesses.

Total Funds	$10,918,768
State Funds	$10,918,768
State General Funds	$10,918,768

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$11,298,921	$11,298,921
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$1,638	$1,638
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($7,672)	($7,672)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($374,119)	($374,119)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$10,918,768	$10,918,768

23.6. Innovation and Technology

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to market and promote strategic industries to existing and potential Georgia businesses.

Total Funds	$2,670,015
State Funds	$2,670,015
State General Funds	$2,670,015

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,758,197	$2,758,197
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$204	$204
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,776)	($1,776)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($86,610)	($86,610)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,670,015	$2,670,015

23.7. International Relations and Trade

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to develop international markets for Georgia products and to attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing technical and educational assistance to businesses.

Total Funds	$3,207,529
Federal Funds and Grants	$266,790
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$266,790
State Funds	$2,940,739
State General Funds	$2,940,739

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,879,577	$3,146,367
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$236	$236
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,428)	($1,428)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($69,646)	($69,646)
Increase funds for international relations and trade.	$132,000	$132,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,940,739	$3,207,529

23.8. Rural Development

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote rural economic development opportunities and to recruit, retain and expand businesses in rural communities.

Total Funds $0

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$0	$0
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*(H:No)*	$0	$0
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*(H:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$0

23.9. Small and Minority Business Development

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist entrepreneurs and small and minority businesses by providing technical assistance on planning, advocacy, business needs, and identifying potential markets and suppliers; and to provide assistance to local communities in growing small businesses.

Total Funds $1,032,947

State Funds $1,032,947

State General Funds $1,032,947

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,080,487	$1,080,487
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($955)	($955)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($46,585)	($46,585)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,032,947	$1,032,947

23.10. Tourism

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide information to visitors about tourism opportunities throughout the state, operate and maintain state welcome centers, fund the Georgia Historical Society and Georgia Humanities Council, and work with communities to develop and market tourism products in order to attract more tourism to the state.

Total Funds $11,663,375

State Funds $11,663,375

State General Funds $11,663,375

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$11,760,500	$11,760,500
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$1,350	$1,350
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($4,775)	($4,775)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($232,819)	($232,819)
Reduce one-time funds for the Martin Luther King Jr. Center and maintain existing base budget ($500,000).	($125,000)	($125,000)
Increase funds for Georgia Humanities.	$188,000	$188,000

Increase funds for operational expenses.	$76,119	$76,119
Amount appropriated in this Act	$11,663,375	$11,663,375

Section 24: Education, Department of

Total Funds	**$16,671,641,218**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$2,457,954,507**
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.994)	$112,501
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,457,842,006
Other Funds	**$47,783,992**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$47,783,992
State Funds	**$14,165,902,719**
State General Funds	$14,165,902,719

The formula calculation for Quality Basic Education funding assumes a base unit cost of $3,253.19. In addition, all local school system allotments for Quality Basic Education shall be made in accordance with funds appropriated by this Act.

24.1. Agricultural Education

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems with developing and funding agricultural education programs, and to provide afterschool and summer educational and leadership opportunities for students.

Total Funds	$19,848,768
Federal Funds and Grants	$461,806
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$461,806
Other Funds	$1,305,500
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,305,500
State Funds	$18,081,462
State General Funds	$18,081,462

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$16,262,584	$18,029,890
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$18,137	$18,137
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($2,282)	($2,282)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($51,360)	($51,360)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$433	$433
Eliminate funds for camp-affiliated staff. (See HB 68 intent language considered nonbinding by the Governor.)	($268,157)	($268,157)
Provide one-time funds to complete storm damage repairs at FFA camps.	$591,965	$591,965
Provide funds for annual major repairs and rehabilitation at youth camps.	$325,051	$325,051
Increase funds for support staff to prioritize private funds for direct student services.	$498,206	$498,206
Increase funds to fully-fund extended year and extended day programs.	$706,885	$706,885
Amount appropriated in this Act	$18,081,462	$19,848,768

24.2. Business and Finance Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for business, finance, facilities, and pupil transportation.

Total Funds	$33,288,146
Federal Funds and Grants	$3,100,020
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,100,020
Other Funds	$21,851,693
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$21,851,693
State Funds	$8,336,433
State General Funds	$8,336,433

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$8,323,145	$33,274,858
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$521	$521
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$310	$310
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($16,690)	($16,690)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($375,684)	($375,684)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$24,831	$24,831
Increase funds for two financial review positions.	$260,000	$260,000
Increase funds for one pupil transportation consultant position.	$120,000	$120,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,336,433	$33,288,146

24.3. Central Office

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the State Board of Education, Departmental programs, and local school systems.

Total Funds	$60,329,599
Federal Funds and Grants	$54,207,947
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$54,207,947
Other Funds	$537,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$537,000
State Funds	$5,584,652
State General Funds	$5,584,652

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$5,243,123	$59,988,070
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$487	$487
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$637	$637
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($7,172)	($7,172)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($161,437)	($161,437)

Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$9,014	$9,014
Increase funds for one chief financial turnaround officer and one statewide attendance officer.	$500,000	$500,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$5,584,652	$60,329,599

24.4. Charter Schools

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize charter systems and completion schools, and to provide funds for competitive grants for planning, implementation, facilities, and operations of charter systems and locally authorized charter schools.

Total Funds	$8,200,911
State Funds	$8,200,911
State General Funds	$8,200,911

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$7,711,471	$7,711,471
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$121	$121
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($531)	($531)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($11,949)	($11,949)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$1,799	$1,799
Eliminate one-time funds for completion schools planning grant for Southern Rivers Completion High School.*(H:No; Maintain funds for planning grants for State Completion Special Schools and release funding contingent upon submission of an implementation plan.)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for grants to school systems to encourage the authorization of locally approved charter schools pursuant to SB 82 (2025 Session (Total Funds: $1,000,000)).	$500,000	$500,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,200,911	$8,200,911

24.5. Communities in Schools

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support Performance Learning Centers and maintain a network of local affiliate organizations across the state, and to partner with other state and national organizations to support student success in school and beyond.

Total Funds	$1,940,100
State Funds	$1,940,100
State General Funds	$1,940,100

24.6. Curriculum Development

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to develop a statewide, standards-based curriculum to guide instruction and assessment, and to provide training and instructional resources to teachers for implementing this curriculum.

Total Funds	$20,596,059
Federal Funds and Grants	$7,513,979
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$7,513,979
Other Funds	$50,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$50,000

State Funds	$13,032,080
State General Funds	$13,032,080

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$11,836,755	$19,400,734
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$1,435	$1,435
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($8,573)	($8,573)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($192,985)	($192,985)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$14,087	$14,087
Utilize existing funds for one Cambridge International Program exam for free and reduced-paying lunch students.*(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for college preparatory exams.	$1,381,361	$1,381,361
Amount appropriated in this Act	$13,032,080	$20,596,059

24.7. Federal Programs

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate federally funded programs and allocate federal funds to school systems.

Total Funds	$1,280,135,111
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,280,135,111
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,280,135,111

24.8. Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS), which provides services, education, and resources for students ages three to twenty-one with autism or severe emotional behavioral problems and their families.

Total Funds	$52,943,082
Federal Funds and Grants	$7,160,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$7,160,000
State Funds	$45,783,082
State General Funds	$45,783,082

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$47,692,687	$54,852,687
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$125,798	$125,798
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($405)	($405)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($9,122)	($9,122)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$578	$578
Reduce formula funds based on enrollment and training and experience.	($2,159,054)	($2,159,054)

Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member-per-month (PMPM) rate for eligible employees from $1,885 to $2,028 effective July 1, 2026.*(H:Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member-per-month (PMPM) rate for eligible employees from $1,885 to $1,935 effective July 1, 2026.)*	$132,600	$132,600
Amount appropriated in this Act	$45,783,082	$52,943,082

24.9. Georgia Virtual School

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the accessibility and breadth of course offerings so that Georgia students can recover credits, access supplementary resources, enhance their studies, or earn additional credits in a manner not involving on-site interaction with a teacher.

Total Funds	$12,229,261
Other Funds	$9,319,806
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$9,319,806
State Funds	$2,909,455
State General Funds	$2,909,455

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,079,735	$12,399,541
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$1,132	$1,132
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($7,291)	($7,291)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($164,121)	($164,121)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,909,455	$12,229,261

24.10. Information Technology Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to manage enterprise technology for the department, provide internet access to local school systems, support data collection and reporting needs, and support technology programs that assist local school systems.

Total Funds	$23,770,133
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,676,565
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,676,565
State Funds	$22,093,568
State General Funds	$22,093,568

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$22,683,485	$24,360,050
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$1,135	$1,135
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$232	$232
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($26,802)	($26,802)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($603,309)	($603,309)

Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$38,827	$38,827
Amount appropriated in this Act	$22,093,568	$23,770,133

24.11. Literacy Coach Initiative

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for RESA-based literacy coaches to support the Georgia Council on Literacy's literacy coaching initiative.

Total Funds	$18,480,000
State Funds	$18,480,000
State General Funds	$18,480,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$18,480,000	$18,480,000
Recognize existing funds for RESA-based literacy coaches to align with the purpose set forth in HB 1193 (2026 Session).*(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$18,480,000	$18,480,000

24.12. Non Quality Basic Education Formula Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund specific initiatives including: children in residential education facilities and sparsity grants.

Total Funds	$41,117,213
State Funds	$41,117,213
State General Funds	$41,117,213

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$35,385,807	$35,385,807
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$79,118	$79,118
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($281)	($281)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($6,330)	($6,330)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$578	$578
Increase formula funds for Residential Treatment Facilities based on attendance.	$459,010	$459,010
Increase formula funds for Sparsity Grants based on enrollment data.	$1,435,311	$1,435,311
Eliminate one-time funds for character education programming.*(H:Increase funds for character education programming.)*	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Increase funds for custodian supplement grants.	$64,000	$64,000
Increase funds to provide one-time grants to school systems to purchase vision and auditory screening equipment.	$2,700,000	$2,700,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$41,117,213	$41,117,213

24.13. Nutrition

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide leadership, training, technical assistance, and resources, so local program personnel can deliver meals that support nutritional well-being and performance at school and comply with federal standards.

Total Funds	$1,069,209,054

Federal Funds and Grants	$1,028,297,007
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,028,297,007
Other Funds	$184,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$184,000
State Funds	$40,728,047
State General Funds	$40,728,047

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$39,680,252	$1,068,161,259
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$134	$134
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($977)	($977)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($21,998)	($21,998)
Increase formula funds for school nutrition.	$70,636	$70,636
Increase funds to administer a summer nutrition program for eligible students in coordination with the Department of Human Services.	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$40,728,047	$1,069,209,054

24.14. Preschool Disabilities Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide early educational services to three- and four-year-old students with disabilities so that they enter school better prepared to succeed.

Total Funds	$63,087,936
State Funds	$63,087,936
State General Funds	$63,087,936

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$61,471,592	$61,471,592
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$152,660	$152,660
Reduce funds based on formula earnings.*(H:Increase funds based on formula earnings.)*	$1,125,866	$1,125,866
Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member-per-month (PMPM) rate for eligible employees from $1,885 to $2,028 effective July 1, 2026.*(H:Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member-per-month (PMPM) rate for eligible employees from $1,885 to $1,935 effective July 1, 2026.)*	$337,818	$337,818
Amount appropriated in this Act	$63,087,936	$63,087,936

24.15. Pupil Transportation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems in their efforts to provide safe and efficient transportation for students to and from school and school related activities.

Total Funds	$405,227,415
State Funds	$405,227,415
State General Funds	$405,227,415

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$364,145,902	$364,145,902
Increase funds for pupil transportation formula grants to reflect updated bus counts and operations.	$41,160,713	$41,160,713
Reduce funds to reflect ongoing operating costs for required bus driver safety training.	($79,200)	($79,200)
Utilize $15,155,852 in existing funds from an Amended FY 2022 appropriation for bus replacement and safety equipment to provide funds to local education agencies to replace 172 out-of-cycle buses.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes; Utilize $9,453,083 in existing funds from an Amended FY 2022 appropriation for bus replacement and safety equipment to provide funds to local education agencies to replace 107 out-of-cycle buses.)*	$0	$0
Recognize the use of $9,844,148 in Volkswagen Settlement funds to replace 98 out-of-cycle buses pursuant to the State's 2024 Mitigation Plan Update.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes; Recognize the use of $15,546,917 in Volkswagen Settlement funds to replace 155 out-of-cycle buses pursuant to the State's 2024 Mitigation Plan Update.)*	$0	$0
Utilize $1,698,264 in existing funds from an Amended FY 2022 appropriation for bus replacement and safety equipment to provide funds to local education agencies to retrofit 943 out-of-cycle diesel buses with filtration systems to promote interior air-quality mitigation.*(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Redirect $20,000,000 in existing funds from an Amended FY 2022 appropriation for bus replacement and safety equipment to the K-12 Capital Outlay Program - Regular to provide funds for local school construction.*(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$405,227,415	$405,227,415

24.16. Quality Basic Education Equalization

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide additional financial assistance to local school systems ranking below the statewide average of per pupil tax wealth as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-165.

Total Funds	$1,166,102,116
State Funds	$1,166,102,116
State General Funds	$1,166,102,116

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$909,708,064	$909,708,064
Increase formula funds for Equalization grants.	$258,866,082	$258,866,082
Reduce funds based on compliance with HB 1259 (2026 Session).	($2,472,030)	($2,472,030)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,166,102,116	$1,166,102,116

24.17. Quality Basic Education Local Five Mill Share

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to recognize the required local portion of the Quality Basic Education program as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-164.

Total Funds	($2,898,325,110)
State Funds	($2,898,325,110)
State General Funds	($2,898,325,110)

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	($2,868,165,769)	($2,868,165,769)
Adjust funds for the Local Five Mill Share.	($30,159,341)	($30,159,341)
Amount appropriated in this Act	($2,898,325,110)	($2,898,325,110)

24.18. Quality Basic Education Program

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide formula funds to school systems based on full time equivalent students for the instruction of students in grades K-12 as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-161.

Total Funds	$14,888,597,802
State Funds	$14,888,597,802
State General Funds	$14,888,597,802

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$14,693,944,090	$14,693,944,090
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$36,415,287	$36,415,287
Increase funds for enrollment growth and training and experience.	$14,492,646	$14,492,646
Increase formula funds for the State Commission Charter School supplement for a total supplement of $309,966,618.*(H:Increase formula funds for the State Commission Charter School supplement for a total supplement of $305,545,988.)*	$40,265,641	$40,265,641
Reduce formula funds for differentiated pay for newly-certified math and science teachers.	($250,199)	($250,199)
Increase formula funds for the Completion Special Schools supplement.	$1,627,924	$1,627,924
Reduce formula funds for the charter system grant.	($633,398)	($633,398)
Increase funds for the employer share of TRS for non-certified school management positions pursuant to O.C.G.A. 47-3-63.	$1,400,000	$1,400,000
Reduce formula funds for the local charter school grant.	($218,552)	($218,552)
Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member-per-month (PMPM) rate for eligible employees from $1,885 to $2,028 effective July 1, 2026.*(H:Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member-per-month (PMPM) rate for eligible employees from $1,885 to $1,935 effective July 1, 2026.)*	$70,234,200	$70,234,200
Increase funds for the Special Needs Scholarship based on enrollment growth.	$5,526,296	$5,526,296
Increase funds to begin implementation of literacy coaches in schools with students grades K-3 per HB 1193 (2026 Session).	$31,235,112	$31,235,112
Reduce funds based on compliance with HB 1259 (2026 Session).	($5,441,245)	($5,441,245)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$14,888,597,802	$14,888,597,802

24.19. Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia's sixteen Regional Education Service Agencies with funds to assist local school systems with improving the effectiveness of their educational programs by providing curriculum consultation, skill enhancement, professional development, technology training, and other shared services.

Total Funds	$16,792,844
State Funds	$16,792,844
State General Funds	$16,792,844

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$16,497,495	$16,497,495
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$16,866	$16,866
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($414)	($414)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($9,308)	($9,308)
Increase formula funds for Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs) based on enrollment.	$259,347	$259,347
Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member-per-month (PMPM) rate for eligible employees from $1,885 to $2,028 effective July 1, 2026.*(H:Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member-per-month (PMPM) rate for eligible employees from $1,885 to $1,935 effective July 1, 2026.)*	$28,858	$28,858
Amount appropriated in this Act	$16,792,844	$16,792,844

24.20. School Improvement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide research, technical assistance, resources, teacher professional learning, and leadership training for low-performing schools and local educational agencies to help them design and implement school improvement strategies to improve graduation rates and overall student achievement.

Total Funds	$15,496,769
Federal Funds and Grants	$5,025,627
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$5,025,627
State Funds	$10,471,142
State General Funds	$10,471,142

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$10,894,216	$15,919,843
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$1,467	$1,467
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($18,451)	($18,451)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($415,329)	($415,329)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$9,239	$9,239
Amount appropriated in this Act	$10,471,142	$15,496,769

24.21. School Nurse

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for school nurses who provide health procedures for students at school.

Total Funds	$43,569,299
State Funds	$43,569,299
State General Funds	$43,569,299

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$42,993,857	$42,993,857
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$128,239	$128,239
Reduce formula funds for school nurses.*(H:Increase formula funds for school nurses.)*	$447,203	$447,203
Amount appropriated in this Act	$43,569,299	$43,569,299

24.22. School Security Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to local school systems to support school security needs and to provide for student mental health support.

Total Funds	$116,018,875
State Funds	$116,018,875
State General Funds	$116,018,875

24.23. State Charter School Commission Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to focus on the development and support of charter schools in order to better meet the growing and diverse needs of students in this state and to further ensure that state and local charter schools of the highest academic quality are approved and supported throughout the state in an efficient manner.

Total Funds	$9,559,448
Other Funds	$8,952,839
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$8,952,839
State Funds	$606,609
State General Funds	$606,609

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$618,351	$9,571,190
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($499)	($499)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($11,243)	($11,243)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$606,609	$9,559,448

24.24. State Schools

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare sensory-impaired and multi-disabled students to become productive citizens by providing a learning environment addressing their academic, vocational, and social development.

Total Funds	$39,847,562
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,146,556
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.994)	$112,501
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,034,055
Other Funds	$1,111,904
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,111,904
State Funds	$37,589,102
State General Funds	$37,589,102

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$39,091,861	$41,350,321
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$5,904	$5,904
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$3,048	$3,048
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($64,350)	($64,350)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($1,448,541)	($1,448,541)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$1,180	$1,180
Reduce funds for training and experience.*(H:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$37,589,102	$39,847,562

24.25. Student Support Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for additional school-based social workers above what is earned in the Quality Basic Education formula and for grants to providers of out-of-school care.

Total Funds	$40,880,000
State Funds	$40,880,000
State General Funds	$40,880,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$49,741,982	$49,741,982
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$13,085	$13,085
Eliminate one-time pilot funds to districts for targeted support to economically disadvantaged students.	($15,275,991)	($15,275,991)
Increase formula funds for grants for social work services.	$2,600,924	$2,600,924
Increase funds for mental health support grants to reflect accurate count of middle and high schools.	$1,300,000	$1,300,000
Recognize existing funds ($800,000) for administering grants and increase funds for additional out-of-school care for statewide and community grantees.	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$40,880,000	$40,880,000

24.26. Technology/Career Education

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to equip students with academic, vocational, technical, and leadership skills and to extend learning opportunities beyond the traditional school day and year.

Total Funds	$84,327,867
Federal Funds and Grants	$51,180,613
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$51,180,613
Other Funds	$4,471,250
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$4,471,250
State Funds	$28,676,004
State General Funds	$28,676,004

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$26,167,196	$81,819,059
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$54,863	$54,863
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($4,307)	($4,307)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($96,962)	($96,962)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$5,214	$5,214
Increase funds for high-demand equipment grants.	$750,000	$750,000
Increase funds for high-demand heavy equipment simulator grants.	$800,000	$800,000
Increase funds for an artificial intelligence and coding literacy program.	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$28,676,004	$84,327,867

24.27. Testing

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the statewide student assessment program and provide related testing instruments and training to local schools.

Total Funds	$36,919,012
Federal Funds and Grants	$18,049,276
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$18,049,276
State Funds	$18,869,736
State General Funds	$18,869,736

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$19,048,403	$37,097,679
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$1,211	$1,211
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($8,128)	($8,128)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($182,959)	($182,959)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$11,209	$11,209
Amount appropriated in this Act	$18,869,736	$36,919,012

24.28. Tuition for Multiple Disability Students

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to partially reimburse school systems for private residential placements when the school system is unable to provide an appropriate program for a multi-disabled student.

Total Funds	$1,451,946
State Funds	$1,451,946
State General Funds	$1,451,946

Section 25: Employees' Retirement System of Georgia

Total Funds	**$102,416,410**
Other Funds	**$37,418,742**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$37,418,742
State Funds	**$64,997,668**

State General Funds $64,997,668

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution rate for the Employees' Retirement System shall not exceed 29.28% for New Plan employees and 24.53% for Old Plan employees. For the GSEPS employees, the employer contribution rate shall not exceed 25.51% for the pension portion of the benefit and 9.0% in employer match contributions for the 401(k) portion of the benefit. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution for Public School Employees' Retirement System shall not exceed $1,076.05 per member for State Fiscal Year 2027.

25.1. Deferred Compensation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide excellent service to participants in the deferred compensation program for all employees of the state, giving them an effective supplement for their retirement planning.

Total Funds	$5,290,536
Other Funds	$5,290,536
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$5,290,536

25.2. Georgia Military Pension Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirement allowances and other benefits for members of the Georgia National Guard.

Total Funds	$2,705,268
State Funds	$2,705,268
State General Funds	$2,705,268

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,781,444	$2,781,444
Reduce funds for the actuarially determined employer contribution in accordance with the most recent actuarial report.	($76,176)	($76,176)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,705,268	$2,705,268

25.3. Public School Employees Retirement System

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to account for the receipt of retirement contributions, ensure sound investing of system funds, and provide timely and accurate payment of retirement benefits.

Total Funds	$35,532,000
State Funds	$35,532,000
State General Funds	$35,532,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$40,895,000	$40,895,000
Reduce funds for the actuarially determined employer contribution in accordance with the most recent actuarial report.	($5,363,000)	($5,363,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$35,532,000	$35,532,000

25.4. System Administration (ERS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to collect employee and employer contributions, invest the accumulated funds, and disburse retirement benefits to members and beneficiaries.

Total Funds	$58,888,606
Other Funds	$32,128,206
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$32,128,206
State Funds	$26,760,400
State General Funds	$26,760,400

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$36,760,400	$68,888,606
Eliminate one-time funds and recognize existing funds ($26,750,000) for an annual supplemental payment to eligible retired members.	($10,000,000)	($10,000,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$26,760,400	$58,888,606

Section 26: Forestry Commission, State

Total Funds	**$71,171,662**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$6,988,753**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$6,988,753
Other Funds	**$9,427,187**
Agency Funds	$428,645
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$8,998,542
State Funds	**$54,705,722**
State General Funds	$54,705,722
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$50,000**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$50,000

26.1. Commission Administration (SFC)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer workforce needs, handle purchasing, accounts receivable and payable, meet information technology needs, and provide oversight that emphasizes customer values and process innovation.

Total Funds	$7,793,773
Federal Funds and Grants	$123,800
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$123,800
Other Funds	$507,780
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$507,780
State Funds	$7,162,193
State General Funds	$7,162,193

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$7,171,601	$7,803,181
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$980	$980
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$17,981	$17,981
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($225,526)	($225,526)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$18,612	$18,612
Increase funds for grants to counties with more than 20,000 acres of state-owned land pursuant to O.C.G.A.48-14-1.	$148,545	$148,545
Increase funds to promote forestry.	$30,000	$30,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$7,162,193	$7,793,773

26.2. Forest Management

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure the stewardship of forest lands; to collect and analyze state forestry inventory data; to administer federal forestry cost share assistance programs; to study forest

health and invasive species control issues; to manage state-owned forests; to educate private forest landowners and timber harvesters about best management practices; to assist communities with management of forested greenspace; to promote and obtain conservation easements; to manage Georgia's Carbon Registry; to promote retention, investment, and/or expansion of new emerging and existing forest and forest biomass industries, and, during extreme fire danger, to provide logistical, overhead, and direct fire suppression assistance to the Forest Protection program.

Total Funds	$9,231,843
Federal Funds and Grants	$3,682,151
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,682,151
Other Funds	$1,089,732
Agency Funds	$428,645
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$661,087
State Funds	$4,409,960
State General Funds	$4,409,960
Intra-State Government Transfers	$50,000
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$50,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$4,682,080	$9,503,963
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$1,149	$1,149
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$18,477	$18,477
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($231,746)	($231,746)
Transfer funds for a duplicative county grant to the Forest Protection program to offset increased fire suppression costs.	($60,000)	($60,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,409,960	$9,231,843

26.3. Forest Protection

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an aggressive and efficient response and suppression of forest fires in the unincorporated areas of the State; to mitigate hazardous forest fuels; to issue burn permits, to provide statewide education in the prevention of wildfires; to perform wildfire arson investigations; to promote community wildland fire planning and protection through cooperative agreements with fire departments; to train and certify firefighters in wildland firefighting; to provide assistance and support to rural fire departments including selling wildland fire engines and tankers; and to support the Forest Management program during periods of low fire danger.

Total Funds	$51,963,546
Federal Funds and Grants	$3,049,085
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,049,085
Other Funds	$6,756,312
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$6,756,312
State Funds	$42,158,149
State General Funds	$42,158,149

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$41,181,198	$50,984,191
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$142,759	$142,759

Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$0	$2,404
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($1,790,547)	($1,790,547)
Transfer funds from the Forest Management program and utilize existing funds ($1,010,738) to offset increased fire suppression costs resulting from increased maintenance costs and workload. (Total Funds: $1,070,738)	$60,000	$60,000
Increase funds for the operation of a new helicopter purchased in FY 2025.	$428,000	$428,000
Increase funds for personnel to promote retention.	$2,136,739	$2,136,739
Amount appropriated in this Act	$42,158,149	$51,963,546

26.4. Special Project - Forest Protection

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for overtime pay earned by firefighters while awaiting reimbursements from the federal government or other states.

Total Funds	$975,420
State Funds	$975,420
State General Funds	$975,420

26.5. Tree Seedling Nursery

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to produce an adequate quantity of high quality forest tree seedlings for sale at reasonable cost to Georgia landowners.

Total Funds	$1,207,080
Federal Funds and Grants	$133,717
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$133,717
Other Funds	$1,073,363
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,073,363

Section 27: Governor, Office of the

Total Funds	**$105,237,530**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$31,454,912**
Child Care & Development Block Grant (CFDA 93.575)	$1,160,730
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$30,294,182
Other Funds	**$817,856**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$817,856
State Funds	**$72,964,762**
State General Funds	$72,964,762

The Mansion allowance shall be $60,000.

27.1. Governor's Office

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide numerous duties including, but not limited to: granting commissions, appointments and vacancies, maintaining order, and temporary transfer of institutions between departments or agencies. The Mansion allowance per O.C.G.A. 45-7-4 shall be $60,000.

Total Funds	$6,252,417
State Funds	$6,252,417
State General Funds	$6,252,417

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$6,901,111	$6,901,111
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$148	$148
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($9,952)	($9,952)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$58,864	$58,864
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($697,754)	($697,754)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$6,252,417	$6,252,417

27.2. Governor's Emergency Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide emergency funds to draw on when disasters create extraordinary demands on government.

Total Funds	$11,062,041
State Funds	$11,062,041
State General Funds	$11,062,041

27.3. Governor's Office of Planning and Budget

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to improve state government operations and services by leading and assisting in the evaluation, development, and implementation of budgets, plans, programs, and policies.

Total Funds	$8,601,667
State Funds	$8,601,667
State General Funds	$8,601,667

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$9,053,931	$9,053,931
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($405)	($405)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$12,443	$12,443
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($307,889)	($307,889)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$38,343	$38,343
Eliminate funds for one position and operations to support State Workforce Board responsibilities.	($194,756)	($194,756)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,601,667	$8,601,667

27.4. Georgia Data Analytic Center

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to consolidate data and analytics from across state government to provide transparency and accountability to lawmakers, agencies, researchers, and the public.

Total Funds	$1,956,075
State Funds	$1,956,075
State General Funds	$1,956,075

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,999,667	$1,999,667

Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$187	$187
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($806)	($806)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,810	$1,810
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($44,783)	($44,783)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,956,075	$1,956,075

27.5. Office of Health Strategy and Coordination

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to share healthcare information and coordinate policy between state agencies, healthcare providers, and the public; coordinate the state's healthcare system; and develop innovative approaches for lowering costs while improving access to quality healthcare.

Total Funds	$1,467,711
State Funds	$1,467,711
State General Funds	$1,467,711

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,991,567	$1,991,567
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($1,781)	($1,781)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$919	$919
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($22,744)	($22,744)
Reduce funds based on projected expenditures.	($500,250)	($500,250)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,467,711	$1,467,711

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

27.6. Office of the Child Advocate

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide independent oversight of persons, organizations, and agencies responsible for the protection and well-being of children.

Total Funds	$1,409,496
State Funds	$1,409,496
State General Funds	$1,409,496

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,475,882	$1,475,882
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($1,346)	($1,346)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$2,687	$2,687
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($67,727)	($67,727)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,409,496	$1,409,496

27.7. Georgia Commission on Equal Opportunity

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the Georgia Fair Employment Practices Act of 1978, as amended, and the Fair Housing Act, which makes it unlawful to discriminate against any individual.

Total Funds	$1,780,270
Federal Funds and Grants	$441,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$441,000
State Funds	$1,339,270
State General Funds	$1,339,270

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,400,557	$1,841,557
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($150)	($150)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$3,416	$3,416
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($64,553)	($64,553)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,339,270	$1,780,270

27.8. Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a disaster, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery program by coordinating federal, state, and other resources and supporting local governments to respond to major disasters and emergency events, and to coordinate state resources for the preparation and prevention of threats and acts of terrorism and to serve as the State's point of contact for the federal Department of Homeland Security.

Total Funds	$39,214,370
Federal Funds and Grants	$29,703,182
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$29,703,182
Other Funds	$807,856
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$807,856
State Funds	$8,703,332
State General Funds	$8,703,332

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$5,004,456	$35,515,494
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($1,037)	($1,037)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,260)	($1,260)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($227,642)	($227,642)
Increase funds to meet federal matching requirements for emergency preparedness.*(H:No)*	$0	$0
Transfer funds from the Georgia Bureau of Investigations to the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency for gang case management system support.*(H:No)*	$0	$0
Transfer funds from the Department of Public Safety to the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency for the protection of communities through the Nonprofit Security Grant Program.	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Increase funds for operations.	$928,815	$928,815

Increase funds for emergency services.	$2,000,000	$2,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,703,332	$39,214,370

27.9. Office of the State Inspector General

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to foster and promote accountability and integrity in state government by investigating and preventing fraud, waste, and abuse.

Total Funds	$1,746,131
State Funds	$1,746,131
State General Funds	$1,746,131

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,829,910	$1,829,910
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($119)	($119)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($4,813)	($4,813)
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$5,778	$5,778
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($84,625)	($84,625)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,746,131	$1,746,131

27.10. Georgia Professional Standards Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to direct the preparation of, certify, recognize, and recruit Georgia educators, and to enforce standards regarding educator professional preparation, performance, and ethics.

Total Funds	$10,399,481
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,310,730
Child Care & Development Block Grant (CFDA 93.575)	$1,160,730
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$150,000
Other Funds	$10,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$10,000
State Funds	$9,078,751
State General Funds	$9,078,751

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$8,952,136	$10,272,866
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$150	$150
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($3,202)	($3,202)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,580	$1,580
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($395,157)	($395,157)
Eliminate funds for one-time computer and startup costs for two ethics investigator positions.	($4,722)	($4,722)

Increase funds to provide four additional program approval specialists to support early literacy efforts.	$527,966	$527,966
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,078,751	$10,399,481

27.11. Governor's Office of Student Achievement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support educational accountability, evaluation, and reporting efforts, establishment of standards on state assessments, the preparation and release of the state's education report card and scoreboard, and education research to inform policy and budget efforts.

Total Funds	$9,136,948
State Funds	$9,136,948
State General Funds	$9,136,948

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$4,352,825	$4,352,825
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$457	$457
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($10,613)	($10,613)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($15,693)	($15,693)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($211,314)	($211,314)
Increase funds for ongoing operational costs associated with new responsibilities to support Top State for Talent initiatives including a Career Navigator system.	$4,010,086	$4,010,086
Increase funds for personal services and operating expenses for three new policy and reporting positions.	$445,200	$445,200
Increase funds for professional learning and development for current teachers, literacy coaches, and administrators.	$150,000	$150,000
Increase funds to support the review and recommendations of high quality instructional literacy materials in Pre-K through third grade.	$330,000	$330,000
Provide funds for the review and recommendations of universal reading screeners.	$96,000	$96,000
Transfer funds for state participation in regional crisis recovery network at the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) to support student mental health to the Board of Regents to be included with SREB payments.	($10,000)	($10,000)
The office shall submit quarterly reports on all initiatives, activities, and results related to funded programs including, but not limited to, literacy activities and Career Navigator to the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committee, the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Education Subcommittees, the House Budget and Research Office, and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office beginning July 1, 2026.*(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,136,948	$9,136,948

27.12. Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's Honors Program

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide gifted high school students a summer program of challenging and enriching educational opportunities not usually available during the regular school year.

Total Funds	$1,641,249
State Funds	$1,641,249

State General Funds $1,641,249

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,658,765	$1,658,765
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,211)	($1,211)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($16,305)	($16,305)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,641,249	$1,641,249

27.13. Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's School Leadership Academy

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide high-quality, selective, statewide leadership preparation and support designed to develop high-capacity school leaders across Georgia.

Total Funds $0

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,615,233	$2,615,233
Eliminate funds for the Governor’s School Leadership Academy.	($2,615,233)	($2,615,233)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$0

27.14. Governor’s Office of Student Achievement: Literacy Initiative Coordination

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for personnel and operations for the Georgia Council on Literacy and support the implementation of effective literacy methods, including competency-based research and training, literacy coach coordination, universal reading screeners for K through 3, and digital curriculum for Pre-K through 5.

Total Funds $10,569,674

State Funds $10,569,674

State General Funds $10,569,674

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$5,275,173	$5,275,173
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($659)	($659)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($8,870)	($8,870)
Eliminate one-time funds for a research contract.	($2,028,970)	($2,028,970)
Provide one-time funds to conduct phase two research and landscape analysis, conduct a leadership pilot with selected RESAs, and establish a framework for the Georgia READS community collaborative.*(H:Provide one-time funds to conduct phase two research and landscape analysis, conduct a leadership pilot with selected RESAs, establish a framework for the Georgia READS community collaborative, and provide ongoing data monitoring and quarterly reports to the Georgia Literacy Coordinating Committee, the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, the chairs of the House and Senate Education Appropriations Subcommittees, the chair of the House Education Committee, the chair of the Senate Education and Youth Committee, the House Budget and Research Office, and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office beginning July 1, 2026.)*	$1,583,000	$1,583,000

Increase funds to establish an applied reading center that will design professional development programming for teachers and literacy coaches, to include assessment of competencies prior to professional learning and model teacher preparation programs.	$5,500,000	$5,500,000
Increase funds for a director of literacy.	$250,000	$250,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$10,569,674	$10,569,674

Section 28: Human Services, Department of

Total Funds	**$2,573,307,129**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$1,381,776,642**
Community Service Block Grant (CFDA 93.569)	$11,785,851
Foster Care Title IV-E (CFDA 93.658)	$95,340,543
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (CFDA 93.568)	$75,051,873
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$216,761,365
Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667)	$20,978,306
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$2,644,189
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$402,866,078
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$556,348,437
Other Funds	**$27,556,219**
Agency Funds	$3,400,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$24,156,219
State Funds	**$1,163,419,362**
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$136,314
State Children's Trust Funds	$1,187,489
State General Funds	$1,162,095,559
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$554,906**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$554,906

All Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefit payments are calculated utilizing a factor of 66.0% of the standards of need; such payments shall be made from the date of certification and not from the date of application; and the following maximum benefits and maximum standards of need shall apply:
For an assistance group of one, the standard of need is $235, and the maximum monthly amount is $155.
For an assistance group of two, the standard of need is $356, and the maximum monthly amount is $235.
For an assistance group of three, the standard of need is $424, and the maximum monthly amount is $280.
For an assistance group of four, the standard of need is $500, and the maximum monthly amount is $330.
For an assistance group of five, the standard of need is $573, and the maximum monthly amount is $378.
For an assistance group of six, the standard of need is $621, and the maximum monthly amount is $410.
For an assistance group of seven, the standard of need is $672, and the maximum monthly amount is $444.
For an assistance group of eight, the standard of need is $713, and the maximum monthly amount is $470.
For an assistance group of nine, the standard of need is $751, and the maximum monthly amount is $496.
For an assistance group of ten, the standard of need is $804, and the maximum monthly amount is $530.
For an assistance group of eleven, the standard of need is $860, and the maximum monthly amount is $568.
Provided, the Department of Human Services is authorized to make supplemental payments on these maximum monthly amounts up to the amount that is equal to the minimum hourly wage for clients who are enrolled in subsidized work experience and subsidized employment.

28.1. Adoptions Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support and facilitate the safe permanent placement of children by prescreening families and providing support and financial services after adoption.

Total Funds	$125,714,659
Federal Funds and Grants	$81,791,478
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$9,121,401
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$72,670,077

State Funds	$43,923,181
State General Funds	$43,923,181

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$45,396,313	$127,187,791
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($36,531)	($36,531)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($1,162,819)	($1,162,819)
Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.40% to 66.63%.	($273,782)	($273,782)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$43,923,181	$125,714,659

28.2. Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote child abuse and neglect prevention programs and support child victims of abuse.

Total Funds	$11,401,353
Federal Funds and Grants	$7,556,577
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$2,966,090
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$4,590,487
State Funds	$3,844,776
State Children's Trust Funds	$1,187,489
State General Funds	$2,657,287

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$4,277,622	$11,834,199
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($15,915)	($15,915)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($506,583)	($506,583)
Reduce funds to reflect FY 2025 collections of marriage and divorce filing fees pursuant to HB 511 (2021 Session).	($35,348)	($35,348)
Increase funds to expand services for at-risk girls.	$125,000	$125,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,844,776	$11,401,353

28.3. Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention - Special Project

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for an integrated child welfare reporting system.

Total Funds	$3,000,000
State Funds	$3,000,000
State General Funds	$3,000,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$0	$0
Provide funds for an integrated child welfare reporting system.	$3,000,000	$3,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,000,000	$3,000,000

28.4. Child Support Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to encourage and enforce the parental responsibility of paying financial support.

Total Funds	$162,416,723
Federal Funds and Grants	$120,467,708
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$120,467,708
Other Funds	$3,400,000
Agency Funds	$3,400,000
State Funds	$38,153,255
State General Funds	$38,153,255
Intra-State Government Transfers	$395,760
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$395,760

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$34,390,191	$150,952,903
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($39,581)	($39,581)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($17,433)	($17,433)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($1,132,942)	($1,132,942)
Increase funds to maintain software applications on the Georgia Technology Authority mainframe.	$3,637,354	$10,458,146
Increase funds for judicial circuit contracts to restore FY 2021 budget reductions.	$456,374	$1,336,338
Increase funds to support the attainment of child support for out of state non-custodial parents.	$440,732	$440,732
Increase hourly rates for special assistant attorneys general (SAAGs) and paralegals.	$418,560	$418,560
Amount appropriated in this Act	$38,153,255	$162,416,723

28.5. Child Welfare Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate allegations of child abuse, abandonment, and neglect, and to provide services to protect the child and strengthen the family.

Total Funds	$538,811,606
Federal Funds and Grants	$296,862,325
Foster Care Title IV-E (CFDA 93.658)	$46,855,776
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$580,858
Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667)	$3,665,164
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$2,644,189
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$209,104,473
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$34,011,865
State Funds	$241,790,135
State General Funds	$241,790,135
Intra-State Government Transfers	$159,146
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$159,146

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$246,970,227	$543,991,698
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($304,062)	($304,062)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($9,678,553)	($9,678,553)

Transfer funds for community action teams to deter child welfare involvement from Out-of-Home Care to Child Welfare Services to align budgets with expenditures.	$371,500	$371,500
Reduce funds for technology platform for community service referral to reflect projected expenditures.	($50,000)	($50,000)
Increase hourly rates for special assistant attorneys general (SAAGs) and paralegals.	$2,302,969	$2,302,969
Increase funds ($178,054) and utilize Children Trust Funds ($821,946) for the court appointed special advocates (CASA) to enhance statewide capacity (Total funds: $1,000,000).	$178,054	$178,054
Increase funds to support reunification, youth exiting foster care, and families at risk of child welfare involvement.	$3,000,000	$3,000,000
Transfer funds from the Department of Human Services to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the administration of child advocacy centers.	($1,000,000)	($1,000,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$241,790,135	$538,811,606

28.6. Community Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services and activities through local agencies to assist low-income Georgians with employment, education, nutrition, and housing services.

Total Funds	$11,527,897
Federal Funds and Grants	$11,527,897
Community Service Block Grant (CFDA 93.569)	$11,527,897

28.7. Departmental Administration (DHS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration and support for the Divisions and Operating Office in meeting the needs of the people of Georgia.

Total Funds	$122,874,590
Federal Funds and Grants	$44,273,529
Community Service Block Grant (CFDA 93.569)	$165,047
Foster Care Title IV-E (CFDA 93.658)	$6,380,087
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (CFDA 93.568)	$344,280
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$6,532,450
Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667)	$25,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$4,841,607
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$25,985,058
Other Funds	$13,602,976
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$13,602,976
State Funds	$64,998,085
State General Funds	$64,998,085

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$62,135,630	$125,937,572
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($33,417)	($33,417)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($47,077)	($47,077)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($3,059,417)	($3,059,417)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$80,124	$80,124

Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (eFMAP) from 76.48% to 76.64%.	($3,195)	($3,195)
Increase funds to reflect a reduction in the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) administrative reimbursement from 50% to 25%.	$5,925,437	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$64,998,085	$122,874,590

28.8. Elder Abuse Investigations and Prevention

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to prevent disabled adults and elder persons from abuse, exploitation and neglect, and investigate situations where it might have occurred.

Total Funds	$36,834,843
Federal Funds and Grants	$7,689,877
Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667)	$4,970,060
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,719,817
State Funds	$29,144,966
State General Funds	$29,144,966

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$30,886,034	$38,575,911
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($9,164)	($9,164)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($26,372)	($26,372)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($1,713,820)	($1,713,820)
Increase hourly rates for special assistant attorneys general (SAAGs) and paralegals.	$8,288	$8,288
Amount appropriated in this Act	$29,144,966	$36,834,843

28.9. Elder Community Living Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgians who need nursing home level of care the option of remaining in their own communities.

Total Funds	$119,594,437
Federal Funds and Grants	$58,947,806
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$250,000
Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667)	$12,141,007
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$46,556,799
Other Funds	$250,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$250,000
State Funds	$60,396,631
State General Funds	$60,396,631

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$53,817,460	$113,015,266
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,604)	($1,604)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($104,225)	($104,225)
Increase funds for Georgia Memory Net for service and treatment expansion.	$3,320,000	$3,320,000

Provide funds for non-Medicaid home and community-based services (HCBS).	$1,365,000	$1,365,000
Increase funds for caregiver support services.	$2,000,000	$2,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$60,396,631	$119,594,437

28.10. Energy Assistance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist low-income households in meeting their immediate home energy needs.

Total Funds	$72,852,525
Federal Funds and Grants	$72,852,525
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (CFDA 93.568)	$72,852,525

28.11. Federal Eligibility Benefit Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to verify eligibility and provide support services for Medicaid, Food Stamp, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

Total Funds	$493,087,964
Federal Funds and Grants	$282,811,274
Community Service Block Grant (CFDA 93.569)	$92,907
Foster Care Title IV-E (CFDA 93.658)	$7,222,080
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (CFDA 93.568)	$1,855,068
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$208,061,092
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$15,861,324
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$49,718,803
State Funds	$210,276,690
State General Funds	$210,276,690

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$162,674,638	$485,914,880
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$2,544	$2,544
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($116,895)	($116,895)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($3,720,881)	($3,720,881)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$28,316	$28,316
Increase funds to reflect a reduction in the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) administrative reimbursement from 50% to 25%.	$40,428,968	$0
Increase funds for a SNAP payment accuracy innovation effort to reduce the SNAP payment error rate.*(H:Increase funds for eligibility staff to reduce the SNAP payment error rate.)*	$10,980,000	$10,980,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$210,276,690	$493,087,964

28.12. Out-of-Home Care

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide safe and appropriate temporary homes for children removed from their families due to neglect, abuse, or abandonment.

Total Funds	$554,794,168
Federal Funds and Grants	$129,891,960
Foster Care Title IV-E (CFDA 93.658)	$34,368,776
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$95,376,053

Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$147,131
State Funds	$424,902,208
State General Funds	$424,902,208

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$368,397,670	$495,008,181
Transfer funds for a Commercial Sexual Exploitation Recovery Center (CSERC) from the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission to the Out-of-Home Care program to align expenditures with program purpose and allow for maximization of federal matching funds (Total Funds: $8,121,840).	$8,121,840	$8,121,840
Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.40% to 66.63%.	($122,759)	($122,759)
Eliminate funds for one-time funding for essential clothing and supplies for foster youth.*(H:Increase funds for essential clothing and supplies for foster youth.)*	$300,000	$300,000
Eliminate funds for one-time funding to place foster youth closer to their biological families.*(H:Increase funds to place foster youth closer to their biological families.)*	$250,000	$250,000
Transfer funds for community action teams to deter child welfare involvement from Out-of-Home Care to Child Welfare Services to align budgets with expenditures.	($371,500)	($371,500)
Increase funds ($19,401,801) for utilization growth and increased costs of care and transfer funds from the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission ($1,892,348) to recognize savings from federal match for the above referenced CSERC and increase funds ($19,401,801) for utilization growth and increased costs of care.*(H:Increase funds for utilization growth and increased costs of care.)*	$48,326,957	$51,608,406
Amount appropriated in this Act	$424,902,208	$554,794,168

28.13. Out-of-School Care Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the provision of out-of-school services and draw down TANF maintenance of effort funds.

Total Funds	$16,600,000
Federal Funds and Grants	$15,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$15,500,000
State Funds	$1,100,000
State General Funds	$1,100,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$0	$15,500,000
Increase funds for community youth wellness.	$100,000	$100,000
Increase funds to administer a summer nutrition program for eligible students in coordination with the Department of Education.	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,100,000	$16,600,000

28.14. Refugee Assistance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide employment, health screening, medical, cash, and social services assistance to refugees.

Total Funds	$20,174,463

Federal Funds and Grants	$20,174,463
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$20,174,463

28.15. Residential Child Care Licensing

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health and safety of children who receive full-time care outside of their homes by licensing, monitoring, and inspecting residential care providers.

Total Funds	$2,886,257
Federal Funds and Grants	$513,824
Foster Care Title IV-E (CFDA 93.658)	$513,824
State Funds	$2,372,433
State General Funds	$2,372,433

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,569,435	$3,083,259
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($233)	($233)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($2,982)	($2,982)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($193,787)	($193,787)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,372,433	$2,886,257

28.16. Support for Needy Families - Basic Assistance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide cash assistance to needy families in compliance with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

Total Funds	$36,523,008
Federal Funds and Grants	$36,453,008
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$36,453,008
State Funds	$70,000
State General Funds	$70,000

28.17. Support for Needy Families - Work Assistance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist needy Georgian families in achieving self-sufficiency by obtaining and keeping employment as well as complying with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

Total Funds	$20,477,236
Federal Funds and Grants	$20,377,236
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$13,642,122
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$6,735,114
State Funds	$100,000
State General Funds	$100,000

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

28.18. Council On Aging

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist older individuals, at-risk adults, persons with disabilities, their families and caregivers in achieving safe, healthy, independent and self-reliant lives.

Total Funds	$389,368
State Funds	$389,368
State General Funds	$389,368

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$466,562	$466,562
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($20,815)	($20,815)
Reduce funds for personal services. (See HB 68 (2025 Session) intent language considered non-binding by the Governor.)	($56,379)	($56,379)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$389,368	$389,368

28.19. Family Connection

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a statewide network of county collaboratives that work to improve conditions for children and families.

Total Funds	$11,696,854
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,336,965
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$1,336,965
State Funds	$10,359,889
State General Funds	$10,359,889

28.20. Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Business Enterprise Program

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people who are blind in becoming successful contributors to the state's economy.

Total Funds	$3,096,288
Federal Funds and Grants	$2,779,295
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,779,295
State Funds	$316,993
State General Funds	$316,993

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$335,520	$3,114,815
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$191	$191
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($18,718)	($18,718)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$316,993	$3,096,288

28.21. Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Departmental Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to help people with disabilities to become fully productive members of society by achieving independence and meaningful employment.

Total Funds	$12,240,859
Federal Funds and Grants	$8,866,476
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$8,866,476
Other Funds	$284,597
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$284,597
State Funds	$3,089,786
State General Funds	$3,089,786

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,587,333	$12,738,406

Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$191	$191
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($6,167)	($6,167)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$4,979	$4,979
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($488,277)	($488,277)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	($8,273)	($8,273)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,089,786	$12,240,859

28.22. Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Disability Adjudication Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to efficiently process applications for federal disability programs so that eligible Georgia citizens can obtain support.

Total Funds	$64,972,843
Federal Funds and Grants	$64,972,843
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$64,972,843

28.23. Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Georgia Industries for the Blind

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to employ people who are blind in manufacturing and packaging facilities in Bainbridge and Griffin.

Total Funds	$4,810,758
Other Funds	$4,810,758
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$4,810,758

28.24. Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Vocational Rehabilitation Program

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people with disabilities so that they may go to work.

Total Funds	$126,292,116
Federal Funds and Grants	$96,129,576
Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667)	$177,075
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$95,952,501
Other Funds	$5,207,888
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$5,207,888
State Funds	$24,954,652
State General Funds	$24,954,652

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$25,147,327	$126,307,716
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($2,908)	($2,908)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$13,522	$13,522
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($1,326,214)	($1,326,214)
Increase funds to supply new and used durable medical equipment and assistive technology.	$47,925	$225,000
Increase funds for family support services.	$400,000	$400,000
Increase funds for independent living services.	$675,000	$675,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$24,954,652	$126,292,116

28.25. Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds to the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission for the purposes of providing care, rehabilitative services, residential housing, health services, and social services to sexually exploited children.

Total Funds	$236,314
State Funds	$236,314
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$136,314
State General Funds	$100,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$8,356,049	$8,356,049
Transfer funds for a Commercial Sexual Exploitation Recovery Center (CSERC) from the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission to the Out-of-Home Care program to align expenditures with program purpose and allow for maximization of federal matching funds.	($8,121,840)	($8,121,840)
Increase funds to reflect FY 2025 collections of financial penalties for sex trafficking and sexual offenses pursuant to O.C.G.A. 15-21-208 and adult entertainment establishment assessments pursuant to O.C.G.A. 15-21-209.	$2,105	$2,105
Amount appropriated in this Act	$236,314	$236,314

Section 29: Insurance, Office of the Commissioner of

Total Funds	**$1,406,866,625**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$1,016,575,819**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,016,575,819
Other Funds	**$246,223,715**
Agency Funds	$21,816,597
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$224,407,118
State Funds	**$143,499,486**
State General Funds	$143,499,486
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$567,605**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$567,605

29.1. Departmental Administration (COI)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to be responsible for protecting the rights of Georgia citizens in insurance and maintain a fire-safe environment.

Total Funds	$2,427,254
Other Funds	$2,427,254
Agency Funds	$2,377,654
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$49,600

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,594,229	$2,643,829
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($2,568)	($2,568)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($38,891)	($38,891)

Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($180,222)	($180,222)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$5,106	$5,106
Replace all state funds with other funds in recognition of increased appointment fees generated by the Insurance Regulation program.	($2,377,654)	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$2,427,254

29.2. Enforcement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide legal advice and to initiate legal proceedings with regard to enforcement of specific provisions of state law relating to insurance, fire safety, and fraud.

Total Funds	$499,921
Other Funds	$499,921
Agency Funds	$499,921

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$582,923	$582,923
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($1,155)	($1,155)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($15,007)	($15,007)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($69,544)	($69,544)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$2,704	$2,704
Replace all state funds with other funds in recognition of increased appointment fees generated by the Insurance Regulation program.	($499,921)	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$499,921

29.3. Fire Safety

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote fire safety awareness through education and training, and to protect the public from fire and limit the loss of life and property by setting the minimum fire safety standards in the state, enforcing and regulating fire safety rules for public buildings and manufactured housing, and regulating the storage, transportation, and handling of hazardous materials, and elevators, boilers and carnivals.

Total Funds	$20,598,916
Federal Funds and Grants	$742,458
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$742,458
Other Funds	$4,390,389
Agency Funds	$3,982,139
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$408,250
State Funds	$15,466,069
State General Funds	$15,466,069

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$16,129,615	$21,262,462
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($119,591)	($119,591)

Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$10,226	$10,226
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($554,181)	($554,181)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$15,466,069	$20,598,916

29.4. Insurance Regulation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that licensed insurance entities maintain solvency and conform to state law by conducting financial and market examinations, investigating policyholder complaints, monitoring for compliance with state laws and regulations, reviewing and approving premium rates, and disseminating information to the public and the insurance industry about the state's insurance laws and regulations.

Total Funds	$14,956,883
Other Funds	$14,956,883
Agency Funds	$14,956,883

29.5. Reinsurance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide affordable healthcare insurance premiums and to operate a healthcare exchange for individuals to review and enroll in healthcare insurance.

Total Funds	$1,360,652,037
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,015,833,361
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,015,833,361
Other Funds	$223,949,268
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$223,949,268
State Funds	$120,869,408
State General Funds	$120,869,408

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$145,875,196	$1,385,657,825
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,027)	($1,027)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($4,761)	($4,761)
Annualize a reduction of funds based on projected expenditures.	($25,000,000)	($25,000,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$120,869,408	$1,360,652,037

29.6. Special Fraud

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to identify and take appropriate action to deter insurance fraud.

Total Funds	$7,731,614
State Funds	$7,164,009
State General Funds	$7,164,009
Intra-State Government Transfers	$567,605
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$567,605

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$7,424,165	$7,991,770
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($1,258)	($1,258)

Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($50,838)	($50,838)
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$22,714	$22,714
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($235,581)	($235,581)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$4,807	$4,807
Amount appropriated in this Act	$7,164,009	$7,731,614

Section 30: Investigation, Georgia Bureau of

Total Funds	**$370,976,399**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$57,272,157**
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.991)	$369,946
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$329,017
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$56,573,194
Other Funds	**$33,030,206**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$33,030,206
State Funds	**$280,674,036**
Opioid Settlement Trust Fund	$12,652,773
State General Funds	$268,021,263

30.1. Bureau Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the highest quality investigative, scientific, information services, and resources for the purpose of maintaining law and order and protecting life and property.

Total Funds	$10,850,609
Federal Funds and Grants	$12,600
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$12,600
Other Funds	$353,303
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$353,303
State Funds	$10,484,706
State General Funds	$10,484,706

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$10,541,503	$10,907,406
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$80,952	$80,952
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$15,592	$15,592
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($314,809)	($314,809)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$17,300	$17,300
Provide funds for security contracts at the Coastal Crime Lab and Headquarters.	$144,168	$144,168
Amount appropriated in this Act	$10,484,706	$10,850,609

30.2. Criminal Justice Information Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the State of Georgia with essential information and identification services through the operation of the Automated Fingerprint Identification System, Criminal History System, Criminal Justice Information Services network, Protective Order Registry, Sexual Violent Offender Registry, and the Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

Total Funds	$19,043,138
Other Funds	$11,500,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$11,500,000
State Funds	$7,543,138
State General Funds	$7,543,138

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$7,596,576	$19,096,576
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$43,627	$43,627
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$18,977	$18,977
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($383,163)	($383,163)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$565	$565
Provide funds for technology disaster recovery services to comply with Georgia Technology Authority policy.	$266,556	$266,556
Amount appropriated in this Act	$7,543,138	$19,043,138

30.3. Forensic Scientific Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forensic analysis and testimony in the areas of chemistry (drug identification), firearms, digital imaging, forensic biology (serology/DNA), latent prints, pathology, questioned documents, photography, toxicology, implied consent, and trace evidence in support of the criminal justice system; to provide medical examiner (autopsy) services; and to analyze and enter samples into national databases such as AFIS, CODIS, and NIBIN.

Total Funds	$70,419,046
Federal Funds and Grants	$2,229,366
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,229,366
Other Funds	$5,856
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$5,856
State Funds	$68,183,824
State General Funds	$68,183,824

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$68,288,507	$70,523,729
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$418,723	$418,723
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$134,837	$134,837
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($2,722,411)	($2,722,411)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$29,088	$29,088
Increase funds for ongoing maintenance of upgraded DNA software.	$74,920	$74,920

Eliminate funds for one-time purchase of three handheld portable mass spectrometer chemical detection systems, accessories, and warranties.	($327,546)	($327,546)
Increase funds for the recruitment and retention of medical examiners.	$1,045,598	$1,045,598
Increase funds to address recruitment and retention for evidence receiving technicians and forensic technicians.	$491,178	$491,178
Increase funds for a $2,000 salary adjustment for recruitment and retention for crime lab scientists, supervisors, and managers.	$750,930	$750,930
Provide discretion to hire new medical examiners on the appropriate pay scale level based on years of experience without base funding to support the hire.*(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Utilize existing funds to provide a salary increase to the fellows program and authorize one additional fellow.*(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$68,183,824	$70,419,046

30.4. Regional Investigative Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to identify, collect, preserve, and process evidence located during crime scene investigations, and to assist in the investigation, identification, arrest and prosecution of individuals. The purpose of this appropriation is also to coordinate and operate the following specialized units: bingo unit, anti-terrorist team, forensic art, bomb disposal unit, high technology investigations unit, communications center, regional drug enforcement, and polygraph examinations.

Total Funds	$84,573,019
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,812,153
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,812,153
Other Funds	$1,885,738
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,885,738
State Funds	$80,875,128
State General Funds	$80,875,128

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$80,706,986	$84,404,877
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$179	$179
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$480,631	$480,631
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$161,780	$161,780
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$239,630	$239,630
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($3,266,389)	($3,266,389)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$32,284	$32,284
Increase funds to annualize three human trafficking positions.	$287,300	$287,300
Provide funds for three special agent positions.	$838,206	$838,206
Increase funds to annualize four criminal intelligence analysts for the Georgia Information Sharing Analysis Center (GISAC).	$171,841	$171,841
Eliminate funds for one-time purchase of technology funded in HB 68 (2025 Session).	($877,320)	($877,320)

Transfer funds from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation to the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency for gang case management system support.*(H:Increase funds for gang case management system support. (Total: $3,100,000))*	$2,100,000	$2,100,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$80,875,128	$84,573,019

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

30.5. Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and coordinate criminal justice efforts throughout Georgia, help create safe and secure communities, and award grants.

Total Funds	$88,608,299
Federal Funds and Grants	$53,218,038
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.991)	$369,946
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$329,017
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$52,519,075
Other Funds	$19,285,309
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$19,285,309
State Funds	$16,104,952
State General Funds	$16,104,952

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$19,866,465	$92,369,812
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$3,129	$3,129
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,512)	($1,512)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($354,572)	($354,572)
Reduce funds for operations. (HB 68 (2025 Session) intent language considered non-binding by the Governor)	($33,558)	($33,558)
Reduce funds for the offset of the loss of Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds for Federal Fiscal Year 2025.*(H:Transfer funds from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council program to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Family Violence program for Child Advocacy Centers.)*	($3,125,000)	($3,125,000)
Eliminate funds for one-time funding for gang prevention activities in Chatham County.	($250,000)	($250,000)
Utilize existing funds ($133,867) from rental savings for grant opportunities.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes; Utilize existing funds ($133,867) from rental savings for operations.)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$16,104,952	$88,608,299

30.6. Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Council of Accountability Court Judges

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.

Total Funds	$41,806,664
State Funds	$41,806,664
Opioid Settlement Trust Fund	$12,652,773

State General Funds $29,153,891

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$38,674,273	$38,674,273
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($314)	($314)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($74,931)	($74,931)
Utilize $25,305,545 in Opioid Settlement Trust Funds for court grants to locals and medication assisted treatment (MAT).*(G:Yes)(H:Yes; Utilize $12,652,773 in Opioid Settlement Trust Funds for court grants to locals and medication assisted treatment (MAT).)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for new and existing accountability courts to support population growth.	$3,114,034	$3,114,034
Increase funds for a veterans treatment court in Rockdale county.	$93,602	$93,602
Amount appropriated in this Act	$41,806,664	$41,806,664

30.7. Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Family Violence

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide certified domestic violence shelters and sexual assault centers with funds so as to provide the necessary services to primary and secondary victims of domestic violence and sexual assault statewide.

Total Funds $55,675,624

State Funds $55,675,624

State General Funds $55,675,624

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$34,973,074	$34,973,074
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($5,981)	($5,981)
Increase funds for domestic violence shelters to support vulnerable men, women, and children seeking refuge from violence.	$9,400,000	$9,400,000
Increase funds for sexual assault centers to support vulnerable men, women, and children.	$3,300,166	$3,300,166
Transfer funds ($1,000,000) from the Department of Human Services to Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Family Violence program and increase funds ($821,946) for child advocacy centers.	$1,821,946	$1,821,946
Transfer funds from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council program ($3,125,000) and increase funds for child advocacy centers to support vulnerable children.	$5,273,778	$5,273,778
Increase funds for eight child advocacy centers and 20 satellite child advocacy centers not receiving state funding.	$912,641	$912,641
Amount appropriated in this Act	$55,675,624	$55,675,624

Section 31: Juvenile Justice, Department of

Total Funds	**$389,992,364**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$7,090,662**
Foster Care Title IV-E (CFDA 93.658)	$519,115
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$6,571,547
Other Funds	**$528,891**

Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$528,891
State Funds	**$382,372,811**
State General Funds	$382,372,811

31.1. Community Service

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public, hold youth accountable for their actions, assist youth in becoming law-abiding citizens and transition youth from secure detention, and provide the following alternative detention options: non-secure detention shelters, housebound detention, emergency shelters, a short-term stay in a residential placement, tracking services, wraparound services, electronic monitoring, or detention in an alternative program. Additionally, Community Supervision supervises youth directly in the community according to their risk and need levels, provides transitional and treatment services to those youth either directly or by brokering or making appropriate referrals for services, and provides agency-wide services, including intake, court services, and case management.

Total Funds	$102,343,718
Federal Funds and Grants	$663,141
Foster Care Title IV-E (CFDA 93.658)	$519,115
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$144,026
Other Funds	$281,298
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$281,298
State Funds	$101,399,279
State General Funds	$101,399,279

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$105,394,014	$106,338,453
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$119	$119
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($53,373)	($53,373)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($757,050)	($757,050)
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$49,481	$49,481
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($3,263,521)	($3,263,521)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$29,609	$29,609
Amount appropriated in this Act	$101,399,279	$102,343,718

31.2. Departmental Administration (DJJ)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by holding youthful offenders accountable for their actions through the delivery of effective services in appropriate settings.

Total Funds	$27,239,062
State Funds	$27,239,062
State General Funds	$27,239,062

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$28,597,656	$28,597,656

Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($5,790)	($5,790)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($259,720)	($259,720)
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$19,477	$19,477
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($1,119,611)	($1,119,611)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$7,050	$7,050
Amount appropriated in this Act	$27,239,062	$27,239,062

31.3. Secure Commitment (YDCs)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions, and provide secure care and supervision of youth including academic, recreational, vocational, medical, mental health, counseling, and religious services for those youth committed to the Department's custody, or convicted of an offense under Senate Bill 440.

Total Funds	$100,736,118
Federal Funds and Grants	$3,220,618
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,220,618
Other Funds	$247,593
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$247,593
State Funds	$97,267,907
State General Funds	$97,267,907

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$101,188,032	$104,656,243
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$24,928	$24,928
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($42,985)	($42,985)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($775,381)	($775,381)
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$176,376	$176,376
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($3,342,541)	($3,342,541)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$39,478	$39,478
Amount appropriated in this Act	$97,267,907	$100,736,118

31.4. Secure Detention (RYDCs)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions and, provide temporary, secure care, and supervision of youth who are charged with crimes or who have been found guilty of crimes and are awaiting disposition of their cases by juvenile courts or awaiting placement in one of the Department's treatment programs or facilities, or sentenced to the Short Term Program.

Total Funds	$159,673,466

Federal Funds and Grants	$3,206,903
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,206,903
State Funds	$156,466,563
State General Funds	$156,466,563

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$160,049,615	$163,256,518
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$18,876	$18,876
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($84,349)	($84,349)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,220,129)	($1,220,129)
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$352,668	$352,668
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($5,259,781)	($5,259,781)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$64,857	$64,857
Annualize increase for personal services due to decreased turnover.	$2,544,806	$2,544,806
Amount appropriated in this Act	$156,466,563	$159,673,466

Section 32: Labor, Department of

Total Funds	**$100,169,568**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$75,340,557**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$75,340,557
Other Funds	**$11,896,123**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$11,896,123
State Funds	**$12,932,888**
State General Funds	$12,932,888

32.1. Departmental Administration (DOL)

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to provide administrative support for the Labor Market Information and Unemployment Insurance programs.

Total Funds	$30,496,771
Federal Funds and Grants	$20,539,169
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$20,539,169
Other Funds	$7,347,618
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$7,347,618
State Funds	$2,609,984
State General Funds	$2,609,984

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,101,946	$29,988,733
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($1,852)	($1,852)

Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($73,308)	($73,308)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$5,898	$5,898
Reduce one-time funds for staff training.	($62,700)	($62,700)
Provide funds to implement call center enhancements.	$640,000	$640,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,609,984	$30,496,771

32.2. Labor Market Information

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to collect, analyze, and publish a wide array of information about the state's labor market.

Total Funds	$2,121,776
Federal Funds and Grants	$2,121,776
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,121,776

32.3. Unemployment Insurance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance Georgia's economic strength by collecting unemployment insurance taxes from Georgia's employers and distributing unemployment benefits to eligible claimants.

Total Funds	$67,551,021
Federal Funds and Grants	$52,679,612
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$52,679,612
Other Funds	$4,548,505
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$4,548,505
State Funds	$10,322,904
State General Funds	$10,322,904

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$6,828,244	$64,056,361
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($246,551)	($246,551)
Increase funds for twenty additional positions to reduce collection delinquency and replenish the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.	$1,642,557	$1,642,557
Increase funds for 15 customer service positions to reduce call abandonment and wait times.	$998,071	$998,071
Increase funds for 12 financial auditors to prevent unemployment insurance fraud.	$1,100,583	$1,100,583
Amount appropriated in this Act	$10,322,904	$67,551,021

Section 33: Law, Department of

Total Funds	**$130,629,254**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$3,633,332**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,633,332
Other Funds	**$80,173,040**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$80,173,040
State Funds	**$46,822,882**
State General Funds	$46,822,882

There is hereby appropriated to the Department of Law the sum of $625,000 of the moneys collected in accordance with O.C.G.A. Title 10, Chapter 1, Article 28. The sum of money is appropriated for use by the

Department of Law for consumer protection for all the purposes for which such moneys may be appropriated pursuant to Article 28.

33.1. Department of Law

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the attorney and legal advisor for all state agencies, departments, authorities, and the Governor; to provide binding opinions on legal questions concerning the state of Georgia and its agencies; and to prepare all contracts and agreements regarding any matter in which the State of Georgia is involved.

Total Funds	$125,354,591
Other Funds	$80,173,040
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$80,173,040
State Funds	$45,181,551
State General Funds	$45,181,551

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$47,802,872	$127,975,912
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$894	$894
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($114,511)	($114,511)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($2,531,903)	($2,531,903)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$24,199	$24,199
Amount appropriated in this Act	$45,181,551	$125,354,591

33.2. Medicaid Fraud Control Unit

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the center for the identification, arrest, and prosecution of providers of health services and patients who defraud the Medicaid Program.

Total Funds	$5,274,663
Federal Funds and Grants	$3,633,332
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,633,332
State Funds	$1,641,331
State General Funds	$1,641,331

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,693,029	$5,326,361
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($3,730)	($3,730)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($68,358)	($68,358)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$20,390	$20,390
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,641,331	$5,274,663

Section 34: Natural Resources, Department of

Total Funds	**$362,092,926**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$70,919,242**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$70,919,242

Other Funds	**$101,815,729**
Agency Funds	$27,907,835
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$73,907,894
State Funds	**$189,357,955**
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$14,889,007
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$10,108,446
State General Funds	$161,351,387
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$3,009,115

Provided, that to the extent State Parks and Historic Sites receipts are realized in excess of the amount of such funds contemplated in this Act, the Office of Planning and Budget is authorized to use up to 50 percent of the excess receipts to supplant State funds and the balance may be amended into the budget of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites Division for the most critical needs of the Division. This provision shall not apply to revenues collected from a state park's parking pass implemented by the Department.

34.1. Coastal Resources

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to preserve the natural, environmental, historic, archaeological, and recreational resources of the state's coastal zone by balancing economic development with resource preservation and improvement by assessing and restoring coastal wetlands, by regulating development within the coastal zone, by promulgating and enforcing rules and regulations to protect the coastal wetlands, by monitoring the population status of commercially and recreationally fished species and developing fishery management plans, by providing fishing education, and by constructing and maintaining artificial reefs.

Total Funds	$8,670,257
Federal Funds and Grants	$5,096,144
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$5,096,144
Other Funds	$107,925
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$107,925
State Funds	$3,466,188
State General Funds	$3,466,188

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$4,672,283	$9,876,352
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($979)	($979)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$7,515	$7,515
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($136,648)	($136,648)
Eliminate funds for beach restoration.	($1,000,000)	($1,000,000)
Eliminate one-time funds for equipment and vehicle costs and maintain funds ($273,017) for ongoing costs related to reef/migratory fish surveys.	($75,983)	($75,983)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,466,188	$8,670,257

34.2. Departmental Administration (DNR)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

Total Funds	$13,122,968
State Funds	$13,122,968
State General Funds	$13,122,968

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$13,515,482	$13,515,482
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($1,746)	($1,746)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$26,964	$26,964
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($482,082)	($482,082)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$64,350	$64,350
Amount appropriated in this Act	$13,122,968	$13,122,968

34.3. Environmental Protection

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the quality of Georgia's air by controlling, monitoring and regulating pollution from large, small, mobile, and area sources (including pollution from motor vehicle emissions) by performing ambient air monitoring, and by participating in the Clean Air Campaign; to protect Georgia's land by permitting, managing, and planning for solid waste facilities, by implementing waste reduction strategies, by administering the Solid Waste Trust Fund and the Underground Storage Tank program, by cleaning up scrap tire piles, and by permitting and regulating surface mining operations; to protect Georgia and its citizens from hazardous materials by investigating and remediating hazardous sites, and by utilizing the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund to manage the state's hazardous sites inventory, to oversee site cleanup and brownfield remediation, to remediate abandoned sites, to respond to environmental emergencies, and to monitor and regulate the hazardous materials industry in Georgia. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure the quality and quantity of Georgia's water supplies by managing floodplains, by ensuring the safety of dams, by monitoring, regulating, and certifying water quality, and by regulating the amount of water used.

Total Funds	$125,738,951
Federal Funds and Grants	$29,887,490
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$29,887,490
Other Funds	$60,823,953
Agency Funds	$27,907,835
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$32,916,118
State Funds	$35,027,508
State General Funds	$35,027,508

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$35,087,578	$125,799,021
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($8,620)	($8,620)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$76,075	$76,075
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($1,127,525)	($1,127,525)
Provide funds to support air emissions program operations to allow preservation of existing revenue to delay a fiscal shortfall.	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$35,027,508	$125,738,951

34.4. Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding through grant and loan opportunities for land conservation, parks, trails, and outdoor recreation.

Total Funds	$33,754,042
State Funds	$33,754,042
State General Funds	$33,754,042

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$23,012,109	$23,012,109
Increase funds to reflect sufficient increase in FY 2025 collections of sporting goods stores sales and use tax to restore 20% prior year reduction in the appropriation pursuant to O.C.G.A. 12-6A-5.	$5,753,027	$5,753,027
Increase funds for grants and benefits to reflect an increase in FY 2025 collections of sporting goods stores sales and use tax.	$4,988,906	$4,988,906
Amount appropriated in this Act	$33,754,042	$33,754,042

34.5. Hazardous Waste Trust Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund investigations and cleanup of abandoned landfills and other hazardous sites, to meet cost-sharing requirements for Superfund sites identified by the US Environmental Protection Agency, to fund related operations and oversight positions within the Environmental Protection Division, and to reimburse local governments for landfill remediation.

Total Funds	$14,889,007
State Funds	$14,889,007
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$14,889,007

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$11,771,491	$11,771,491
Increase funds for the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund to reflect FY 2025 collections of Solid Waste Tipping Fees, Hazardous Waste Fees, and Hazardous Substance Reporting Fees.	$3,117,516	$3,117,516
Amount appropriated in this Act	$14,889,007	$14,889,007

34.6. Law Enforcement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce all state and federal laws and departmental regulations relative to protecting Georgia's wildlife, natural, archeological, and cultural resources, DNR properties, boating safety, and litter and waste laws; to teach hunter and boater education classes; and to assist other law enforcement agencies upon request in providing public safety for the citizens and visitors of Georgia.

Total Funds	$35,762,599
Federal Funds and Grants	$2,751,293
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,751,293
Other Funds	$3,657
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$3,657
State Funds	$33,007,649
State General Funds	$33,007,649

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$34,310,618	$37,065,568
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$81,929	$81,929
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$104,809	$104,809
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($1,489,707)	($1,489,707)

Amount appropriated in this Act	$33,007,649	$35,762,599

34.7. Parks Recreation and Historic Sites

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to manage, operate, market, and maintain the state's golf courses, parks, lodges, conference centers, and historic sites.

Total Funds	$55,006,347
Federal Funds and Grants	$3,204,029
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,204,029
Other Funds	$32,391,791
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$32,391,791
State Funds	$19,410,527
State General Funds	$19,410,527

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$23,457,853	$59,053,673
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$20,760	$20,760
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($377,479)	($377,479)
Eliminate one-time funding for outdoor recreation.	($7,000,000)	($7,000,000)
Eliminate one-time funds for the SAM Shortline Railroad.*(H:No; Maintain ongoing funds for the SAM Shortline Railroad.)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for outdoor recreation.	$2,659,393	$2,659,393
Increase funds for historic preservation.	$650,000	$650,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$19,410,527	$55,006,347

34.8. Solid Waste Trust Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the administration of the scrap tire management activity; to enable emergency, preventative, and corrective actions at solid waste disposal facilities; to assist local governments with the development of solid waste management plans; and to promote statewide recycling and waste reduction programs.

Total Funds	$10,108,446
State Funds	$10,108,446
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$10,108,446

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$9,838,299	$9,838,299
Increase funds for the Solid Waste Trust Fund to reflect FY 2025 collections of Scrap Tire Fees.	$270,147	$270,147
Amount appropriated in this Act	$10,108,446	$10,108,446

34.9. Wildlife Resources

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate hunting, fishing, and the operation of watercraft in Georgia; to provide hunter and boating education; to protect non-game and endangered wildlife; to promulgate statewide hunting, fishing, trapping, and coastal commercial fishing regulations; to operate the state's archery and shooting ranges; to license hunters and anglers; and to register boats.

Total Funds	$65,040,309
Federal Funds and Grants	$29,980,286
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$29,980,286
Other Funds	$8,488,403

Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$8,488,403
State Funds	$26,571,620
State General Funds	$23,562,505
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$3,009,115

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$25,439,288	$63,907,977
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($6,003)	($6,003)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$50,340	$50,340
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($915,316)	($915,316)
Increase funds for the Wildlife Endowment Trust Fund to reflect FY 2025 collections of Lifetime Sportsman's License revenues.	$1,015,650	$1,015,650
Increase funds for operational costs at fish hatcheries due to rising input costs of spawning.	$200,000	$200,000
Provide funds for contractual services, positions, and a vehicle due to an increase in applications for the Georgia Conservation Tax Credit Program.	$287,661	$287,661
Increase funds for a public-private feral hog management pilot program.	$500,000	$500,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$26,571,620	$65,040,309

Section 35: Pardons and Paroles, State Board of

Total Funds	**$20,449,234**
State Funds	**$20,449,234**
State General Funds	$20,449,234

35.1. Board Administration (SBPP)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.

Total Funds	$2,316,500
State Funds	$2,316,500
State General Funds	$2,316,500

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,405,193	$2,405,193
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$145	$145
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$487	$487
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($97,181)	($97,181)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$7,856	$7,856
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,316,500	$2,316,500

35.2. Clemency Decisions

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Board in exercising its constitutional authority over executive clemency. This includes setting tentative parole dates for offenders in the correctional system

and all aspects of parole status of offenders in the community including warrants, violations, commutations, and revocations. The Board coordinates all interstate compact release matters regarding the acceptance and placement of parolees into and from the State of Georgia and administers the pardon process by reviewing all applications and granting or denying these applications based on specific criteria.

Total Funds	$17,429,088
State Funds	$17,429,088
State General Funds	$17,429,088

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$18,272,571	$18,272,571
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$2,538	$2,538
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$4,370	$4,370
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$22,080	$22,080
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($872,471)	($872,471)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$17,429,088	$17,429,088

35.3. Victim Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide notification to victims of changes in offender status or placement, conduct outreach and information gathering from victims during clemency proceedings, host victims visitors' days, and act as a liaison for victims to the state corrections, community supervision, and pardons and paroles systems.

Total Funds	$703,646
State Funds	$703,646
State General Funds	$703,646

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$730,035	$730,035
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$133	$133
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($26,522)	($26,522)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$703,646	$703,646

Section 36: State Properties Commission

Total Funds	**$2,600,000**
Other Funds	**$2,600,000**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$2,600,000

36.1. State Properties Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain long-term plans for state buildings and land; to compile an accessible database of state-owned and leased real property with information about utilization, demand management, and space standards; and to negotiate better rates in the leasing market and property acquisitions and dispositions.

Total Funds	$2,600,000
Other Funds	$2,600,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$2,600,000

Section 37: Public Defender Council, Georgia

Total Funds	**$132,837,205**
Other Funds	**$44,840,000**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$44,840,000
State Funds	**$87,997,205**
State General Funds	$87,997,205

37.1. Public Defender Council

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Office of the Georgia Capital Defender, Office of the Mental Health Advocate, Central Office, and the administration of the Conflict Division.

Total Funds	$10,812,932
Other Funds	$1,840,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,840,000
State Funds	$8,972,932
State General Funds	$8,972,932

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$9,424,496	$11,264,496
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$1,878	$1,878
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($11,721)	($11,721)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($442,206)	($442,206)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$485	$485
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,972,932	$10,812,932

37.2. Public Defenders

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assure that adequate and effective legal representation is provided, independently of political considerations or private interests, to indigent persons who are entitled to representation under this chapter; provided that staffing for circuits are based on O.C.G.A. 17-12; including providing representation to clients in cases where the Capital Defender or a circuit public defender has a conflict of interest.

Total Funds	$122,024,273
Other Funds	$43,000,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$43,000,000
State Funds	$79,024,273
State General Funds	$79,024,273

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$73,513,361	$116,513,361
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$1,377	$1,377

Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($88,765)	($88,765)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($3,348,992)	($3,348,992)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$12,091	$12,091
Increase funds to offset the loss of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to continue representation in large, multi-defendant cases.*(H:No)*	$0	$0
Increase funds to align assistant public defender salaries to assistant district attorney salaries at the Prosecuting Attorneys Council.*(H:Increase funds to align assistant public defender salaries to assistant district attorney salaries at the Prosecuting Attorneys Council, effective January 1, 2027.)*	$7,000,820	$7,000,820
Increase funds for four assistant public defender positions for new judgeships in the Atlanta, Gwinnett, Middle, and Northeastern Judicial Circuits effective January 1, 2027.	$414,987	$414,987
Increase funds to set circuit public defender salary to $175,000 effective January 1, 2027.	$1,519,394	$1,519,394
Amount appropriated in this Act	$79,024,273	$122,024,273

Section 38: Public Health, Department of

Total Funds	**$938,057,252**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$482,967,325**
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.994)	$17,179,690
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.991)	$4,567,734
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$20,341,394
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$440,878,507
Other Funds	**$20,101,843**
Agency Funds	$750,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$19,351,843
State Funds	**$433,516,850**
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$1,945,286
State General Funds	$401,125,831
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$13,826,890
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$16,618,843
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$1,471,234**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$1,471,234

38.1. Adolescent and Adult Health Promotion

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote the health and well-being of Georgians. Activities include preventing teenage pregnancies, tobacco use prevention, cancer screening and prevention, and family planning services.

Total Funds	$57,485,819
Federal Funds and Grants	$30,989,391
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.994)	$78,075
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$20,341,394
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$10,569,922
Other Funds	$695,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$695,000
State Funds	$25,801,428
State General Funds	$18,904,854

Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,896,574

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$25,194,276	$56,878,667
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($5,008)	($5,008)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($6,604)	($6,604)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($133,646)	($133,646)
Provide funds to support critical personnel to stabilize services and maintain essential infusion and emergency care.	$700,000	$700,000
Provide funds and recognize $1,752,413 in base funds for the Sickle Cell Foundation of Georgia.	$561,000	$561,000
Transfer funds for the Office of Cardiac Care from the Adolescent and Adult Health Promotion to Emergency Preparedness/Trauma System Improvement.	($508,590)	($508,590)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$25,801,428	$57,485,819

38.2. Adult Essential Health Treatment Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide treatment and services to low-income Georgians with cancer, and Georgians at risk of stroke or heart attacks.

Total Funds	$7,635,588
Federal Funds and Grants	$957,168
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.991)	$957,168
State Funds	$6,678,420
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,678,420

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$6,716,158	$7,673,326
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($1,286)	($1,286)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,716)	($1,716)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($34,736)	($34,736)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$6,678,420	$7,635,588

38.3. Departmental Administration (DPH)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.

Total Funds	$36,480,037
Federal Funds and Grants	$5,814,613
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.991)	$1,208,613
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$4,606,000
Other Funds	$230,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$230,000
State Funds	$30,435,424
State General Funds	$30,303,629
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$131,795

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$32,249,062	$38,293,675
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$4,134	$4,134
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($56,344)	($56,344)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($84,116)	($84,116)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($1,702,245)	($1,702,245)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$24,933	$24,933
Amount appropriated in this Act	$30,435,424	$36,480,037

38.4. Emergency Preparedness/Trauma System Improvement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare for natural disasters, bioterrorism, and other emergencies, as well as improving the capacity of the state's trauma system.

Total Funds	$43,484,621
Federal Funds and Grants	$32,667,295
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.994)	$724,300
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$31,942,995
Other Funds	$460,141
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$460,141
State Funds	$10,357,185
State General Funds	$10,357,185

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$6,548,028	$42,119,277
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($8,449)	($8,449)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($8,993)	($8,993)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($181,991)	($181,991)
Transfer funds and positions from the Emergency Preparedness/Trauma System Improvement program to the Georgia Public Health Laboratory program.	$0	($2,443,813)
Transfer funds for the Office of Cardiac Care to Emergency Preparedness/Trauma System Improvement from the Adolescent and Adult Health Promotion.	$508,590	$508,590
Provide funds to the Office of Cardiac Care for grants to hospitals.	$2,000,000	$2,000,000
Provide funds to sustain core clinical staff who operate the Trauma Recovery Center.	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$10,357,185	$43,484,621

38.5. Epidemiology

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor, investigate, and respond to disease, injury, and other events of public health concern.

Total Funds	$22,419,832
Federal Funds and Grants	$13,783,545
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$13,783,545
State Funds	$8,636,287
State General Funds	$8,516,186
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$120,101

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$8,364,236	$23,824,110
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($21,186)	($21,186)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($7,185)	($7,185)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($145,392)	($145,392)
Transfer funds and positions from the Epidemiology program to the Georgia Public Health Laboratory program.	($334,186)	($2,010,515)
Provide funds for the Coverdell Stroke Registry.	$500,000	$500,000
Provide funds to the Georgia Poison Center.	$280,000	$280,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,636,287	$22,419,832

38.6. Georgia Public Health Laboratory

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support the state's public health laboratory program that conducts clinical and environmental testing, advances disease surveillance and emergency response capability, and provides reliable laboratory services to state and local public health partners.

Total Funds	$30,496,758
Federal Funds and Grants	$6,213,117
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$6,213,117
State Funds	$24,283,641
State General Funds	$24,283,641

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$0	$0
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($30,165)	($30,165)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($11,932)	($11,932)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($540,822)	($540,822)
Transfer laboratory funds and positions from the Epidemiology program ($334,186), Infant and Child Essential Health Treatment Services program ($456,117), Infant and Child Health Promotion program ($10,239,731), Infectious Disease Control program ($10,997,494), Inspections and Environmental Hazard Control program ($831,259), and the Public Health Formula Grants to Counties program ($2,007,773) to establish the Georgia Public Health Laboratory program to consolidate statewide laboratory services, align program structure with agency responsibilities, and reduce administrative burden.	$24,866,560	$31,079,677
Amount appropriated in this Act	$24,283,641	$30,496,758

38.7. Immunization

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide immunization, consultation, training, assessment, vaccines, and technical assistance.

Total Funds	$26,104,892
Federal Funds and Grants	$11,000,391
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$11,000,391
Other Funds	$12,649,702
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$12,649,702
State Funds	$2,454,799
State General Funds	$2,454,799

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,499,795	$26,149,888
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($1,133)	($1,133)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($2,065)	($2,065)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($41,798)	($41,798)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,454,799	$26,104,892

38.8. Infant and Child Essential Health Treatment Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to avoid unnecessary health problems in later life by providing comprehensive health services to infants and children.

Total Funds	$81,208,952
Federal Funds and Grants	$38,374,024
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.994)	$10,818,769
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.991)	$675,828
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$26,879,427
Other Funds	$1,217,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,217,000
State Funds	$41,617,928
State General Funds	$41,617,928

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$35,235,681	$74,826,705
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($4,251)	($4,251)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($5,018)	($5,018)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($93,429)	($93,429)
Increase funds to expand the maternal home visiting program to an additional 21 counties to increase access to maternal fetal medicine in rural communities.*(H:Increase funds to expand the maternal home visiting program to an additional 62 counties to increase access to maternal fetal medicine in rural communities.)*	$6,981,200	$6,981,200
Transfer funds and positions from the Infant and Child Essential Health Treatment Services program to the Georgia Public Health Laboratory program.	($456,117)	($456,117)

Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage from 66.40% to 66.63%.	($40,138)	($40,138)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$41,617,928	$81,208,952

38.9. Infant and Child Health Promotion

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote health and nutrition for infants and children.

Total Funds	$220,607,747
Federal Funds and Grants	$214,275,415
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.994)	$5,558,546
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.991)	$546,125
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$208,170,744
State Funds	$6,332,332
State General Funds	$6,332,332

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$16,630,765	$231,228,155
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($9,903)	($9,903)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($6,720)	($6,720)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($42,079)	($42,079)
Transfer funds and positions from the Infant and Child Health Promotion program to the Georgia Public Health Laboratory program.	($10,239,731)	($10,561,706)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$6,332,332	$220,607,747

38.10. Infectious Disease Control

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure quality prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, and other infectious diseases.

Total Funds	$133,988,065
Federal Funds and Grants	$99,141,495
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$99,141,495
State Funds	$34,846,570
State General Funds	$34,846,570

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$46,149,968	$147,062,463
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($32,003)	($32,003)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($22,190)	($22,190)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($251,711)	($251,711)
Transfer funds and positions from the Infectious Disease Control program to the Georgia Public Health Laboratory program.	($10,997,494)	($12,768,494)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$34,846,570	$133,988,065

38.11. Inspections and Environmental Hazard Control

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to detect and prevent environmental hazards, as well as providing inspection and enforcement of health regulations for food service establishments, sewage management facilities, and swimming pools.

Total Funds	$13,319,661
Federal Funds and Grants	$4,606,558
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.991)	$1,180,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,426,558
Other Funds	$750,000
Agency Funds	$750,000
State Funds	$7,963,103
State General Funds	$7,963,103

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$9,088,599	$14,445,157
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($13,198)	($13,198)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($13,234)	($13,234)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($267,805)	($267,805)
Transfer funds from the Inspections and Environmental Hazard Control program to the Georgia Public Health Laboratory program.	($831,259)	($831,259)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$7,963,103	$13,319,661

38.12. Public Health Formula Grants to Counties

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide general grant-in-aid to county boards of health delivering local public health services.

Total Funds	$224,146,617
Federal Funds and Grants	$25,000,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$25,000,000
Other Funds	$1,800,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,800,000
State Funds	$197,346,617
State General Funds	$197,346,617

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$210,308,336	$237,108,336
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($208,323)	($208,323)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($497)	($497)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($10,790,805)	($10,790,805)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$45,679	$45,679
Transfer funds from the Public Health Formula Grants to Counties program to the Georgia Public Health Laboratory program.	($2,007,773)	($2,007,773)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$197,346,617	$224,146,617

38.13. Vital Records

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to register, enter, archive and provide to the public in a timely manner vital records and associated documents.

Total Funds	$7,136,243
Other Funds	$2,300,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$2,300,000
State Funds	$4,836,243
State General Funds	$4,836,243

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$5,080,867	$7,380,867
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$130	$130
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($30,049)	($30,049)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($10,110)	($10,110)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($204,595)	($204,595)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,836,243	$7,136,243

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

38.14. Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide disbursements from the Trust Fund to offset the costs of care and rehabilitative services to citizens of the state who have survived brain or spinal cord injuries.

Total Funds	$2,089,599
Federal Funds and Grants	$144,313
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$144,313
State Funds	$1,945,286
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$1,945,286

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,010,871	$2,155,184
Reduce funds to reflect FY 2025 collections of fines relating to driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs pursuant to O.C.G.A. 15-21-150.	($65,585)	($65,585)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,945,286	$2,089,599

38.15. Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to establish, maintain, and administer a trauma center network, to coordinate the best use of existing trauma facilities and to direct patients to the best available facility for treatment of traumatic injury and participate in the accountability mechanism for the entire Georgia trauma system, primarily overseeing the flow of funds for system improvement.

Total Funds	$31,452,821
State Funds	$29,981,587
State General Funds	$13,362,744
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$16,618,843
Intra-State Government Transfers	$1,471,234
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$1,471,234

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$28,940,946	$30,412,180
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($55,359)	($55,359)
Increase funds for Trauma Care Network Trust Funds to reflect FY 2025 Super Speeder Collections pursuant to HB 511 (2021 Session).	$228,970	$228,970
Increase funds to reflect FY 2025 drivers' license reinstatement fees collection.	$867,030	$867,030
Amount appropriated in this Act	$29,981,587	$31,452,821

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Total Funds	**$310,703,111**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$34,695,566**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$34,695,566
Other Funds	**$13,093,402**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$13,093,402
State Funds	**$250,135,297**
State General Funds	$250,135,297
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$12,778,846**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$12,778,846

39.1. Aviation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide aerial support for search and rescue missions and search and apprehension missions in criminal pursuits within the State of Georgia; to provide transport flights to conduct state business, for emergency medical transport, and to support local and federal agencies in public safety efforts with aerial surveillance and observation.

Total Funds	$5,043,925
State Funds	$5,043,925
State General Funds	$5,043,925

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$5,200,659	$5,200,659
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($550)	($550)
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$5,371	$5,371
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($162,219)	($162,219)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$664	$664
Amount appropriated in this Act	$5,043,925	$5,043,925

39.2. Capitol Police Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect life and property in the Capitol Square area, enforce traffic regulations around the Capitol, monitor entrances of state buildings, screen packages and personal

items of individuals entering state facilities, and provide general security for elected officials, government employees, and visitors to the Capitol.

Total Funds	$9,612,660
Intra-State Government Transfers	$9,612,660
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$9,612,660

39.3. Commercial Vehicle Enforcement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide inspection, regulation, and enforcement for size, weight, and safety standards as well as traffic and criminal laws for commercial motor carriers, limousines, nonconsensual tow trucks, household goods movers, all buses, and large passenger vehicles as well as providing High Occupancy Vehicle and High Occupancy Toll lane use restriction enforcement.

Total Funds	$45,043,416
Federal Funds and Grants	$11,348,744
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$11,348,744
Other Funds	$10,761,804
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$10,761,804
State Funds	$22,561,945
State General Funds	$22,561,945
Intra-State Government Transfers	$370,923
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$370,923

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$23,175,493	$45,656,964
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($45,636)	($45,636)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($2,137)	($2,137)
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$56,422	$56,422
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($630,336)	($630,336)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$8,139	$8,139
Change program name from Motor Carrier Compliance to Commercial Vehicle Enforcement pursuant to HB 116 (2025 Session).*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$22,561,945	$45,043,416

39.4. Departmental Administration (DPS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department and administratively attached agencies.

Total Funds	$10,131,545
Other Funds	$3,510
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$3,510
State Funds	$10,128,035
State General Funds	$10,128,035

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$10,560,862	$10,564,372

Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,477)	($1,477)
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$1,163	$1,163
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($435,835)	($435,835)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$3,322	$3,322
Amount appropriated in this Act	$10,128,035	$10,131,545

39.5. Field Offices and Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide enforcement for traffic and criminal laws through the Department of Public Safety's Uniform Division, and support a variety of specialized teams and offices, which include the Motorcycle Unit, Criminal Interdiction Unit, the Crisis Negotiations Team, the Special Projects Adjutant Office, Headquarters Adjutant Office, Special Investigations Office, the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Unit, and the Training Unit.

Total Funds	$158,559,323
Federal Funds and Grants	$2,494,501
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,494,501
Other Funds	$673,900
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$673,900
State Funds	$155,015,136
State General Funds	$155,015,136
Intra-State Government Transfers	$375,786
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$375,786

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$161,998,462	$165,542,649
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($101,334)	($101,334)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($23,175)	($23,175)
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$634,385	$634,385
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($6,836,391)	($6,836,391)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$43,189	$43,189
Transfer funds from the Department of Public Safety to the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency for the protection of communities through the Nonprofit Security Grant Program.	($1,000,000)	($1,000,000)
Increase funds for hardening and protection of patrol vehicles.	$300,000	$300,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$155,015,136	$158,559,323

39.6. Law Enforcement Training

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide training of State Troopers through Georgia State Patrol trooper schools.

Total Funds	$9,433,355
State Funds	$9,433,355
State General Funds	$9,433,355

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$9,772,892	$9,772,892
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,245)	($1,245)
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$25,804	$25,804
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($367,418)	($367,418)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$3,322	$3,322
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,433,355	$9,433,355

39.7. Office of Public Safety Officer Support

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide peer counselors and critical incident support services to requesting local and state public entities that employ public safety officers.

Total Funds	$2,007,178
State Funds	$2,007,178
State General Funds	$2,007,178

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,101,414	$2,101,414
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($348)	($348)
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$8,212	$8,212
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($102,764)	($102,764)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$664	$664
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,007,178	$2,007,178

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

39.8. Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide professionally trained, competent, and ethical firefighters with the proper equipment and facilities to ensure a fire-safe environment for Georgia citizens, and establish professional standards for fire service training including consulting, testing, and certification of Georgia firefighters.

Total Funds	$1,946,099
State Funds	$1,946,099
State General Funds	$1,946,099

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,854,276	$1,854,276
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$4,395	$4,395
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$1,536	$1,536
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($81,628)	($81,628)
Increase funds for a safety and compliance specialist in the metro area.	$167,520	$167,520
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,946,099	$1,946,099

39.9. Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to set standards for the law enforcement community; ensure adequate training at the highest level for all of Georgia's law enforcement officers and public safety professionals; and, certify individuals when all requirements are met. Investigate officers and public safety professionals when an allegation of unethical and/or illegal conduct is made, and sanction these individuals by disciplining officers and public safety professionals when necessary.

Total Funds	$6,757,470
State Funds	$6,757,470
State General Funds	$6,757,470

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$6,322,125	$6,322,125
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($1,443)	($1,443)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$6,208	$6,208
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$13,152	$13,152
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($266,616)	($266,616)
Increase funds for rent at the Peace Officer Standards and Training Council Headquarters.	$20,331	$20,331
Provide funds for security upgrades.	$22,960	$22,960
Provide funds for a content management service.	$15,587	$15,587
Eliminate funds for the one-time purchase of a cloud storage solution.	($9,823)	($9,823)
Increase funds for statutory training for the Chiefs of Police ($309,979) and Georgia Sheriffs Association ($325,000).	$634,989	$634,989
Amount appropriated in this Act	$6,757,470	$6,757,470

39.10. Georgia Public Safety Training Center

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to develop, deliver, and facilitate training that results in professional and competent public safety services for the people of Georgia.

Total Funds	$35,407,395
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,061,179

Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,061,179
Other Funds	$1,492,086
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,492,086
State Funds	$30,925,463
State General Funds	$30,925,463
Intra-State Government Transfers	$1,928,667
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$1,928,667

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$30,741,590	$35,223,522
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$1,152	$1,152
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$124,055	$124,055
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$92,960	$92,960
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($1,211,587)	($1,211,587)
Provide funds for the new Metro Academy in Austell.	$831,134	$831,134
Increase funds for rent at the Tifton Academy.	$41,072	$41,072
Increase funds for rent at the Columbus Academy.	$14,025	$14,025
Increase funds for rent at the Rome Academy.	$22,445	$22,445
Increase funds for ongoing costs related to the statewide radio system.	$97,500	$97,500
Increase funds for officer training for at-risk adults following the passage of HB 238 (2025 Session).	$171,117	$171,117
Amount appropriated in this Act	$30,925,463	$35,407,395

39.11. Office of Highway Safety

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to educate the public on highway safety issues, and facilitate the implementation of programs to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities on Georgia roadways.

Total Funds	$21,304,758
Federal Funds and Grants	$19,791,142
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$19,791,142
Other Funds	$162,102
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$162,102
State Funds	$860,704
State General Funds	$860,704
Intra-State Government Transfers	$490,810
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$490,810

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$892,229	$21,336,283
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($696)	($696)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$2,607	$2,607
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($33,436)	($33,436)

Amount appropriated in this Act	$860,704	$21,304,758

39.12. Office of Highway Safety: Georgia Driver's Education Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide driver's education grant scholarships for Georgia drivers ages 15-17 to help satisfy driver's education requirements and reduce motor vehicle crashes in Georgia.

Total Funds $5,455,987
State Funds $5,455,987
State General Funds $5,455,987

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,452,310	$3,452,310
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($909)	($909)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,214	$1,214
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($15,571)	($15,571)
Increase funds for driver's education and training in accordance with FY 2025 Joshua's Law collections.	$2,018,943	$2,018,943
Amount appropriated in this Act	$5,455,987	$5,455,987

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Total Funds $14,193,007
Federal Funds and Grants $1,231,100
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified $1,231,100
State Funds $12,961,907
State General Funds $12,961,907

40.1. Commission Administration (PSC)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist the Commissioners and staff in achieving the agency's goals.

Total Funds $2,063,209
State Funds $2,063,209
State General Funds $2,063,209

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,020,221	$2,020,221
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$210	$210
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($2,383)	($2,383)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($95,859)	($95,859)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$306	$306
Provide funds for dedicated security at commission meetings.	$34,560	$34,560
Provide funds for one administrative assistant.	$91,886	$91,886
Provide funds for rent and DOAS premiums shortfall.	$14,268	$14,268
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,063,209	$2,063,209

40.2. Facility Protection

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce state and federal regulations pertaining to buried utility facility infrastructure and to promote safety through training and inspections.

Total Funds	$3,046,457
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,231,100
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,231,100
State Funds	$1,815,357
State General Funds	$1,815,357

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,914,149	$3,145,249
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($2,407)	($2,407)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($96,831)	($96,831)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$446	$446
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,815,357	$3,046,457

40.3. Utilities Regulation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor the rates and service standards of electric, natural gas, and telecommunications companies, approve supply plans for electric and natural gas companies, monitor utility system and telecommunications network planning, arbitrate complaints among competitors, provide consumer protection and education, and certify competitive natural gas and telecommunications providers.

Total Funds	$9,083,341
State Funds	$9,083,341
State General Funds	$9,083,341

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$9,245,843	$9,245,843
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$1,082	$1,082
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($10,753)	($10,753)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($432,660)	($432,660)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$1,350	$1,350
Provide funds for one engineer.	$134,661	$134,661
Provide funds for one financial analyst.	$118,818	$118,818
Increase funds for universal access fund auditing.	$25,000	$25,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,083,341	$9,083,341

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Total Funds	**$11,097,633,012**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$2,204,301,725**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,204,301,725
Other Funds	**$5,014,832,925**

Agency Funds	$3,547,782,512
Records Center Storage Fee	$912,482
Research Funds	$1,466,137,931
State Funds	**$3,878,498,362**
State General Funds	$3,878,498,362

41.1. Agricultural Experiment Station

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to improve production, processing, new product development, food safety, storage, and marketing to increase profitability and global competitiveness of Georgia's agribusiness.

Total Funds	$141,270,937
Federal Funds and Grants	$46,453,199
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$46,453,199
Other Funds	$38,020,201
Agency Funds	$11,885,005
Research Funds	$26,135,196
State Funds	$56,797,537
State General Funds	$56,797,537

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$55,392,661	$139,866,061
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$78,152	$78,152
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$10,084	$10,084
Increase funds for two College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences faculty members and one staff position to support sustainable bioeconomy through the University of Georgia's Synthetic Biology initiative.	$450,000	$450,000
Provide funds for one associate director position at the Institute for Integrative Precision Agriculture to lead extension outreach efforts.	$250,000	$250,000
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$456,640	$456,640
Increase funds to support the peanut breeding program and the cotton breeding program at the University of Georgia.	$160,000	$160,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$56,797,537	$141,270,937

41.2. Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories Contract

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide diagnostic services, disease research, and educational outreach for veterinarians and animal owners to ensure the safety of Georgia's food supply and the health of Georgia's production, equine, and companion animals.

Total Funds	$9,620,403
Federal Funds and Grants	$991,572
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$991,572
Other Funds	$8,628,831
Agency Funds	$7,995,403
Research Funds	$633,428

41.3. Cooperative Extension Service

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide training, educational programs, and outreach to Georgians in agricultural, horticultural, food, and family and consumer sciences, and to manage the 4-H youth program for the state.

Total Funds	$94,292,579
Federal Funds and Grants	$11,140,781
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$11,140,781
Other Funds	$29,713,277
Agency Funds	$18,179,403
Research Funds	$11,533,874
State Funds	$53,438,521
State General Funds	$53,438,521

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$52,136,614	$92,990,672
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$107,700	$107,700
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$7,171	$7,171
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$841,921	$841,921
Increase funds for five agriculture and natural resources county extension agents.	$345,115	$345,115
Amount appropriated in this Act	$53,438,521	$94,292,579

41.4. Enterprise Innovation Institute

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to advise Georgia manufacturers, entrepreneurs, and government officials on best business practices and technology-driven economic development, and to provide the state share to federal incentive and assistance programs for entrepreneurs and innovative businesses.

Total Funds	$31,789,926
Federal Funds and Grants	$12,500,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$12,500,000
Other Funds	$6,100,000
Agency Funds	$6,100,000
State Funds	$13,189,926
State General Funds	$13,189,926

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$13,089,185	$31,689,185
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$14,772	$14,772
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$106	$106
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$85,863	$85,863
Amount appropriated in this Act	$13,189,926	$31,789,926

41.5. Forestry Cooperative Extension

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for faculty to support instruction and outreach about conservation and sustainable management of forests and other natural resources.

Total Funds	$3,242,627
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,003,095
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,003,095
Other Funds	$1,089,486
Agency Funds	$330,000
Research Funds	$759,486
State Funds	$1,150,046
State General Funds	$1,150,046

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,131,781	$3,224,362
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$1,971	$1,971
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$16,294	$16,294
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,150,046	$3,242,627

41.6. Forestry Research

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct research about economically and environmentally sound forest resources management and to assist non-industrial forest landowners and natural resources professionals in complying with state and federal regulations.

Total Funds	$20,452,376
Federal Funds and Grants	$5,328,944
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$5,328,944
Other Funds	$11,780,836
Agency Funds	$2,359,780
Research Funds	$9,421,056
State Funds	$3,342,596
State General Funds	$3,342,596

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,302,080	$20,411,860
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$4,178	$4,178
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$491	$491
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$35,847	$35,847
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,342,596	$20,452,376

41.7. Georgia Archives

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain the state's archives; document and interpret the history of the Georgia State Capitol building; and assist State Agencies with adequately documenting their activities, administering their records management programs, scheduling their records, and transferring their non-current records to the State Records Center.

Total Funds	$5,763,405
Other Funds	$1,176,115
Agency Funds	$263,633
Records Center Storage Fee	$912,482
State Funds	$4,587,290

State General Funds $4,587,290

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$4,567,521	$5,743,636
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$3,367	$3,367
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$593	$593
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$15,809	$15,809
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,587,290	$5,763,405

41.8. Georgia Cyber Innovation and Training Center

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance cybersecurity technology for private and public industries through unique education, training, research, and practical applications.

Total Funds $4,238,337
Federal Funds and Grants $199,458
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified $199,458
Other Funds $1,999,550
Agency Funds $1,999,550
State Funds $2,039,329
State General Funds $2,039,329

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,013,318	$4,212,326
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$4,560	$4,560
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$21,451	$21,451
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,039,329	$4,238,337

41.9. Georgia Research Alliance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to expand research and commercialization capacity in public and private universities in Georgia to launch new companies and create jobs.

Total Funds $13,018,159
State Funds $13,018,159
State General Funds $13,018,159

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$5,138,976	$5,138,976
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$960	$960
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$6,305	$6,305
Provide additional funds to Georgia Research Alliance (GRA) member institutions and expand membership to two additional institutions.	$4,871,918	$4,871,918
Provide one-time state matching funds for three Eminent Scholar endowments.	$3,000,000	$3,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$13,018,159	$13,018,159

41.10. Georgia Tech Research Institute

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding to laboratories and research centers affiliated with the Georgia Institute of Technology whose scientific, engineering, industrial, or policy research promotes economic development, health, and safety in Georgia.

Total Funds	$1,052,845,689
Federal Funds and Grants	$665,160,311
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$665,160,311
Other Funds	$379,613,855
Research Funds	$379,613,855
State Funds	$8,071,523
State General Funds	$8,071,523

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$7,534,889	$1,052,309,055
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$4,346	$4,346
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$32,288	$32,288
Increase funds for research on post-harvest technology to support the peanut industry.	$500,000	$500,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,071,523	$1,052,845,689

41.11. Marine Institute

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support research on coastal processes involving the unique ecosystems of the Georgia coastline and to provide access and facilities for graduate and undergraduate classes to conduct field research on the Georgia coast.

Total Funds	$1,650,773
Other Funds	$461,183
Agency Funds	$161,183
Research Funds	$300,000
State Funds	$1,189,590
State General Funds	$1,189,590

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,177,550	$1,638,733
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$1,952	$1,952
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$655	$655
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$9,433	$9,433
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,189,590	$1,650,773

41.12. Marine Resources Extension Center

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund outreach, education, and research to enhance coastal environmental and economic sustainability.

Total Funds	$5,035,006
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,278,001
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,278,001

Other Funds	$1,921,999
Agency Funds	$800,000
Research Funds	$1,121,999
State Funds	$1,835,006
State General Funds	$1,835,006

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,806,088	$5,006,088
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$4,320	$4,320
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$590	$590
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$24,008	$24,008
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,835,006	$5,035,006

41.13. Medical College of Georgia Hospital and Clinics

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support graduate medical education at the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University and provide patient care, including ambulatory, trauma, cancer, neonatal intensive, and emergency and express care.

Total Funds	$37,328,820
State Funds	$37,328,820
State General Funds	$37,328,820

41.14. Public Libraries

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to award grants from the Public Library Fund, promote literacy, and provide library services that facilitate access to information for all Georgians regardless of geographic location or special needs.

Total Funds	$58,088,324
Federal Funds and Grants	$4,082,311
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$4,082,311
State Funds	$54,006,013
State General Funds	$54,006,013

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$52,671,821	$56,754,132
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$96,695	$96,695
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$549	$549
Increase funds for the public libraries' formula based on an increase in the state population.	$458,862	$458,862
Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member-per-month (PMPM) rate for eligible employees from $1,885 to $2,028 effective July 1, 2026.*(H:Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member-per-month (PMPM) rate for eligible employees from $1,885 to $1,935 effective July 1, 2026.)*	$169,200	$169,200
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$23,955	$23,955

Increase funds for the Public Information Network for Electronic Services (PINES) program in order to lower the rising cost burden of providing increased access to library resources to residents throughout the state.	$584,931	$584,931
Amount appropriated in this Act	$54,006,013	$58,088,324

41.15. Public Service/Special Funding Initiatives

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund leadership, service, and education initiatives that require funding beyond what is provided by formula.

Total Funds	$37,391,716
State Funds	$37,391,716
State General Funds	$37,391,716

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$35,567,095	$35,567,095
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$31,647	$31,647
Recognize existing funds ($375,000) and increase funds to establish the Institute of Civic Thought and Leadership at the Georgia Institute of Technology (Total Funds: $3,180,000).*(H:Recognize existing funds ($375,000) and increase funds to establish the Institute of Civic Thought and Leadership at the Georgia Institute of Technology (Total Funds: $1,750,000).)*	$1,375,000	$1,375,000
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$217,974	$217,974
Increase funds to research polyfluoroalkyl substance (PFAS) removal and remediation.	$200,000	$200,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$37,391,716	$37,391,716

41.16. Regents Central Office

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to institutions of the University System of Georgia and to fund membership in the Southern Regional Education Board.

Total Funds	$12,151,249
Other Funds	$320,000
Agency Funds	$320,000
State Funds	$11,831,249
State General Funds	$11,831,249

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$11,385,591	$11,705,591
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$8,206	$8,206
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$35,317	$35,317
Increase funds to support increased costs of the Georgia Library Learning Online (GALILEO) system.	$350,000	$350,000
Transfer funds for state participation in regional crisis recovery network at the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) to support student mental health from the Governor's Office of Student Achievement to the Board of Regents to be included with SREB payments.	$10,000	$10,000
Increase funds for SREB slots in out-of-state optometry programs.	$42,135	$42,135

Amount appropriated in this Act	$11,831,249	$12,151,249

41.17. Skidaway Institute of Oceanography

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund research and educational programs regarding marine and ocean science and aquatic environments.

Total Funds	$10,121,274
Federal Funds and Grants	$3,811,440
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,811,440
Other Funds	$3,061,472
Agency Funds	$2,122,292
Research Funds	$939,180
State Funds	$3,248,362
State General Funds	$3,248,362

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,423,225	$10,296,137
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$2,823	$2,823
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,043	$1,043
Eliminate one-time funds for a dock electrical supply line replacement.	($193,072)	($193,072)
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$14,343	$14,343
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,248,362	$10,121,274

41.18. Teaching

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds to the Board of Regents for annual allocations to University System of Georgia institutions for student instruction and to establish and operate other initiatives that promote, support, or extend student learning.

Total Funds	$9,492,087,924
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,451,294,435
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,451,294,435
Other Funds	$4,494,754,298
Agency Funds	$3,461,266,263
Research Funds	$1,033,488,035
State Funds	$3,546,039,191
State General Funds	$3,546,039,191

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,282,472,916	$9,228,521,649
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$4,063,949	$4,063,949
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$133,554	$133,554
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$939,181	$939,181
Increase funds to reflect a 4.95% increase in enrollment ($216,513,365) and a 0.56% increase in square footage ($2,096,877).	$218,610,242	$218,610,242
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$34,964,011	$34,964,011

Eliminate start-up funds for Augusta University and Georgia Southern University medical school expansion.	($4,692,816)	($4,692,816)
Provide advance funding for the University of Georgia School of Medicine based on Group 5 credit hour earnings.	$9,548,154	$9,548,154
Eliminate one-time funds for Georgia Capitol history publication.*(H:No; Maintain funds for publications.)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,546,039,191	$9,492,087,924

41.19. Veterinary Medicine Experiment Station

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and conduct research at the University of Georgia on animal disease problems of present and potential concern to Georgia's livestock and poultry industries and to provide training and education in disease research, surveillance, and intervention.

Total Funds	$8,646,367
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,058,178
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,058,178
Other Funds	$2,191,822
Research Funds	$2,191,822
State Funds	$5,396,367
State General Funds	$5,396,367

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$5,346,504	$8,596,504
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$7,007	$7,007
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$274	$274
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$42,582	$42,582
Amount appropriated in this Act	$5,396,367	$8,646,367

41.20. Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide clinical instruction for veterinary medicine students, support research that enhances the health and welfare of production and companion animals in Georgia, and address the shortage of veterinarians in Georgia and the nation.

Total Funds	$34,607,827
Other Funds	$34,000,000
Agency Funds	$34,000,000
State Funds	$607,827
State General Funds	$607,827

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$600,851	$34,600,851
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$1,755	$1,755
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$5,221	$5,221
Amount appropriated in this Act	$607,827	$34,607,827

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

41.21. Payments to Georgia Commission on the Holocaust

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to teach the lessons of the Holocaust to present and future generations of Georgians in order to create an awareness of the enormity of the crimes of prejudice and inhumanity.

Total Funds	$609,184
State Funds	$609,184
State General Funds	$609,184

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$627,460	$627,460
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$3,352	$3,352
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($22,329)	($22,329)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$701	$701
Amount appropriated in this Act	$609,184	$609,184

41.22. Payments to Georgia Military College Junior Military College

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for Georgia Military College's Junior Military College and pooled expenses.

Total Funds	$3,965,446
State Funds	$3,965,446
State General Funds	$3,965,446

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,939,264	$3,939,264
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$123	$123
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$11,478	$11,478
Increase funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member-per-month (PMPM) rate for eligible employees from $1,885 to $2,028 effective July 1, 2026.*(H:Increase funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member-per-month (PMPM) rate for eligible employees from $1,885 to $1,935 effective July 1, 2026.)*	$14,581	$14,581
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,965,446	$3,965,446

41.23. Payments to Georgia Military College Preparatory School

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide quality basic education funding for grades kindergarten through twelve at Georgia Military College's Preparatory School.

Total Funds	$6,536,548
State Funds	$6,536,548
State General Funds	$6,536,548

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$6,457,184	$6,457,184

Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$15,251	$15,251
Increase formula funds for enrollment, training, and experience.	$28,713	$28,713
Increase funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member-per-month (PMPM) rate for eligible employees from $1,885 to $2,028 effective July 1, 2026.*(H:Increase funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member-per-month (PMPM) rate for eligible employees from $1,885 to $1,935 effective July 1, 2026.)*	$35,400	$35,400
Amount appropriated in this Act	$6,536,548	$6,536,548

41.24. Payments to Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to create, produce, and distribute high quality programs and services that educate, inform, and entertain audiences, and enrich the quality of their lives.

Total Funds	$12,878,116
State Funds	$12,878,116
State General Funds	$12,878,116

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$13,271,993	$13,271,993
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$1,036	$1,036
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$34,868	$34,868
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($438,268)	($438,268)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$8,487	$8,487
Amount appropriated in this Act	$12,878,116	$12,878,116

Section 42: Revenue, Department of

Total Funds	**$224,893,169**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$1,058,059**
Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Block Grant (CFDA 93.959)	$370,147
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$687,912
Other Funds	**$2,247,671**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$2,247,671
State Funds	**$221,587,439**
Fireworks Trust Funds	$2,640,636
State General Funds	$218,513,020
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$433,783

42.1. Departmental Administration (DOR)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer and enforce the tax laws of the State of Georgia and provide general support services to the operating programs of the Department of Revenue.

Total Funds	$13,739,331
State Funds	$13,739,331
State General Funds	$13,739,331

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$14,348,537	$14,348,537
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($36,409)	($36,409)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($32,416)	($32,416)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($542,501)	($542,501)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$2,120	$2,120
Amount appropriated in this Act	$13,739,331	$13,739,331

42.2. Forestland Protection Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide reimbursement for forestland conservation use property and qualified timberland property to counties, municipalities, and school districts.

Total Funds	$34,941,371
State Funds	$34,941,371
State General Funds	$34,941,371

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$33,989,695	$33,989,695
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($2,725)	($2,725)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($45,599)	($45,599)
Provide funds based on projected expenditures to avoid a shortfall.	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$34,941,371	$34,941,371

42.3. Industry Regulation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of the distribution, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages and tobacco products.

Total Funds	$10,373,006
Federal Funds and Grants	$370,147
Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Block Grant (CFDA 93.959)	$370,147
Other Funds	$485,887
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$485,887
State Funds	$9,516,972
State General Funds	$9,083,189
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$433,783

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$9,921,056	$10,777,090
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($34,341)	($34,341)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($22,406)	($22,406)

Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$26,197	$26,197
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($374,980)	($374,980)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$1,446	$1,446
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,516,972	$10,373,006

42.4. Local Government Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local tax officials with the administration of state tax laws and administer the unclaimed property unit.

Total Funds	$7,446,141
Other Funds	$420,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$420,000
State Funds	$7,026,141
Fireworks Trust Funds	$2,640,636
State General Funds	$4,385,505

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$24,537,013	$24,957,013
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($10,995)	($10,995)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($9,386)	($9,386)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($157,083)	($157,083)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$927	$927
Reduce funds for the Fireworks Trust Fund to reflect FY 2025 collections of Fireworks Excise Tax pursuant to HB 511 (2021 Session).	($34,335)	($34,335)
Eliminate funds for local reimbursement for a one-time timber severance tax pursuant to the passage of HB 223 (2025 Session).	($17,300,000)	($17,300,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$7,026,141	$7,446,141

42.5. Local Tax Officials Retirement and FICA

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide state retirement benefits and employer share of FICA to local tax officials.

Total Funds	$9,169,007
State Funds	$9,169,007
State General Funds	$9,169,007

42.6. Motor Vehicle Registration and Titling

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to establish motor vehicle ownership by maintaining title and registration records and validate rebuilt vehicles for road-worthiness for new title issuance.

Total Funds	$45,791,305
State Funds	$45,791,305
State General Funds	$45,791,305

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$46,275,032	$46,275,032
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($193,524)	($193,524)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($34,545)	($34,545)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($578,132)	($578,132)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$6,113	$6,113
Increase funds for the maintenance and support of the Driver Record and Integrated Vehicle Enterprise System (DRIVES).	$213,815	$213,815
Increase funds to reflect an increase in postage for motor vehicle registration and licensing production.	$102,546	$102,546
Amount appropriated in this Act	$45,791,305	$45,791,305

42.7. Office of Special Investigations

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate fraudulent taxpayer and criminal activities involving department efforts; and conduct checkpoints in areas where reports indicate the use of dyed fuels in on-road vehicles.

Total Funds	$6,235,601
Federal Funds and Grants	$416,081
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$416,081
State Funds	$5,819,520
State General Funds	$5,819,520

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$5,984,179	$6,400,260
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($18,697)	($18,697)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($8,885)	($8,885)
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$10,825	$10,825
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($148,700)	($148,700)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$798	$798
Amount appropriated in this Act	$5,819,520	$6,235,601

42.8. Tax Compliance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to audit tax accounts, ensure compliance, and collect on delinquent accounts.

Total Funds	$65,838,919
Other Funds	$1,341,784
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,341,784
State Funds	$64,497,135
State General Funds	$64,497,135

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$66,839,660	$68,181,444
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($250,489)	($250,489)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($131,221)	($131,221)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($2,196,015)	($2,196,015)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$10,072	$10,072
Increase funds for the maintenance and support of the Integrated Tax System (ITS).	$225,128	$225,128
Amount appropriated in this Act	$64,497,135	$65,838,919

42.9. Tax Policy

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct all administrative appeals of tax assessments; draft regulations for taxes collected by the department; support the State Board of Equalization; and draft letter rulings and provide research and analysis related to all tax law and policy inquiries.

Total Funds	$4,649,965
State Funds	$4,649,965
State General Funds	$4,649,965

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$4,866,429	$4,866,429
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($9,491)	($9,491)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($11,715)	($11,715)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($196,047)	($196,047)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$789	$789
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,649,965	$4,649,965

42.10. Taxpayer Services

Purpose: The purpose of the appropriation is to ensure that all tax payments are processed in accordance with the law; that all returns are reviewed and taxpayer information is recorded accurately; to provide assistance to customer inquiries about the administration of individual income tax, sales and use tax, withholding tax, corporate tax, motor fuel and motor carrier taxes, and all registration functions.

Total Funds	$26,708,523
Federal Funds and Grants	$271,831
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$271,831
State Funds	$26,436,692
State General Funds	$26,436,692

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$27,532,578	$27,804,409

Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($109,856)	($109,856)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($55,849)	($55,849)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($934,652)	($934,652)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$4,471	$4,471
Amount appropriated in this Act	$26,436,692	$26,708,523

Section 43: Secretary of State

Total Funds	**$53,227,101**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$98,227**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$98,227
Other Funds	**$18,655,500**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$18,655,500
State Funds	**$34,473,374**
State General Funds	$34,473,374

43.1. Corporations

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to accept and review filings made pursuant to statutes; to issue certifications of records on file; and to provide general information to the public on all filed entities.

Total Funds	$15,000,000
Other Funds	$15,000,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$15,000,000

43.2. Elections

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer all duties imposed upon the Secretary of State by providing all required filing and public information services, performing all certification and commissioning duties required by law, and assisting candidates, local governments, and citizens in interpreting and complying with all election, voter registration, and financial disclosure laws.

Total Funds	$8,245,125
Federal Funds and Grants	$98,227
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$98,227
Other Funds	$50,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$50,000
State Funds	$8,096,898
State General Funds	$8,096,898

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$8,297,307	$8,445,534
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$200	$200
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($15,130)	($15,130)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($183,856)	($183,856)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$3,017	$3,017

Eliminate one-time funds for precinct card mailings due to passage of SB 424 (2024 Session).	($4,640)	($4,640)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,096,898	$8,245,125

43.3. Investigations

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the laws and regulations related to professional licenses, elections, and securities; to investigate complaints; and to conduct inspections of applicants and existing license holders.

Total Funds	$4,130,162
State Funds	$4,130,162
State General Funds	$4,130,162

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$4,373,179	$4,373,179
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($18,617)	($18,617)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($226,232)	($226,232)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$1,832	$1,832
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,130,162	$4,130,162

43.4. Office Administration (SOS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the Office of Secretary of State and its attached agencies.

Total Funds	$3,351,128
Other Funds	$5,500
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$5,500
State Funds	$3,345,628
State General Funds	$3,345,628

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,476,378	$3,481,878
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$353	$353
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($10,108)	($10,108)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($122,827)	($122,827)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$1,832	$1,832
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,345,628	$3,351,128

43.5. Professional Licensing Boards

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public health and welfare by supporting all operations of Boards which license professions.

Total Funds	$12,690,327
Other Funds	$2,500,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$2,500,000
State Funds	$10,190,327

State General Funds $10,190,327

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$10,628,027	$13,128,027
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$148	$148
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($33,931)	($33,931)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($412,322)	($412,322)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$8,405	$8,405
Amount appropriated in this Act	$10,190,327	$12,690,327

43.6. Securities

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the administration and enforcement of the Georgia Securities Act, the Georgia Charitable Solicitations Act, and the Georgia Cemetery Act. Functions under each act include registration, examination, investigation, and administrative enforcement actions.

Total Funds $2,131,322
Other Funds $1,000,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified $1,000,000
State Funds $1,131,322
State General Funds $1,131,322

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,179,844	$2,179,844
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($3,747)	($3,747)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($45,529)	($45,529)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$754	$754
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,131,322	$2,131,322

43.7. Special Project - Office Administration (SOS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide start-up funds for the Victim Centered Address Confidentiality Program pursuant to SB 324 (2024 Session).

Total Funds $250,000
State Funds $250,000
State General Funds $250,000

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

43.8. Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide access to low THC oil for registered Georgia patients by regulating the production, transport, and sale of low THC oil; to develop a network of low THC oil; and to study the use, efficacy, and best practices of low THC oil use in Georgia.

Total Funds $1,756,478
State Funds $1,756,478
State General Funds $1,756,478

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,806,873	$1,806,873
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$116	$116
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$6,151	$6,151
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($56,662)	($56,662)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,756,478	$1,756,478

43.9. Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Board

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for professional engineers and land surveyors.

Total Funds	$1,716,579
State Funds	$1,716,579
State General Funds	$1,716,579

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,361,143	$1,361,143
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($57,647)	($57,647)
Provide funds for one safety and compliance specialist, one attorney, and human resources and financial services fees.	$413,083	$413,083
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,716,579	$1,716,579

43.10. Real Estate Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for real estate brokers and salespersons, and provide administrative support to the Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board in their administration of the Real Estate Appraisal Act.

Total Funds	$3,134,499
Other Funds	$100,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$100,000
State Funds	$3,034,499
State General Funds	$3,034,499

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,133,354	$3,233,354
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($1,501)	($1,501)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$6,889	$6,889
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($104,243)	($104,243)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,034,499	$3,134,499

43.11. State Elections Board

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for the promulgation and enforcement of rules and regulations related to elections and the investigation of any violations thereof.

Total Funds	$821,481
State Funds	$821,481
State General Funds	$821,481

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,389,283	$1,389,283
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($23,802)	($23,802)
Reduce funds to align budget with projected expenditures.	($544,000)	($544,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$821,481	$821,481

Section 44: Student Finance Commission, Georgia

Total Funds	**$1,397,752,680**
Other Funds	**$5,154,126**
Agency Funds	$582,608
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$4,571,518
State Funds	**$1,392,598,554**
Lottery Funds	$1,144,938,162
State General Funds	$247,660,392

44.1. College Completion Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to provide needs-based financial aid to eligible students to complete remaining credential credit requirements.

Total Funds	$11,000,000
State Funds	$11,000,000
Lottery Funds	$11,000,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$10,000,000	$10,000,000
Increase funds to support updated grant eligibility requirements for students at Technical College System of Georgia institutions pursuant to HB 38 (2025 Session).*(H:Increase funds to support updated eligibility requirements pursuant to HB 38 (2025 Session).)*	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$11,000,000	$11,000,000

44.2. Commission Administration (GSFC)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide scholarships that reward students with financial assistance in degree, diploma, and certificate programs at eligible Georgia public and private colleges and universities, and public technical colleges.

Total Funds	$10,781,279
Other Funds	$114,427
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$114,427
State Funds	$10,666,852
Lottery Funds	$10,666,852

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$11,098,270	$11,256,470
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$2,585	$2,585
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$19,392	$21,348
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($454,595)	($500,445)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$1,200	$1,321
Amount appropriated in this Act	$10,666,852	$10,781,279

44.3. Dual Enrollment

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to allow students to pursue postsecondary study at approved public and private postsecondary institutions, while receiving dual high school and college credit for courses successfully completed.

Total Funds	$124,178,812
State Funds	$124,178,812
State General Funds	$124,178,812

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$108,732,275	$108,732,275
Increase funds to meet projected need.	$15,446,537	$15,446,537
Amount appropriated in this Act	$124,178,812	$124,178,812

44.4. Engineer Scholarship

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forgivable loans to Georgia residents who are engineering students at Mercer University (Macon campus) and retain those students as engineers in the State.

Total Funds	$1,260,000
State Funds	$1,260,000
State General Funds	$1,260,000

44.5. Foster Care Scholarship

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide postsecondary education grants to eligible students who are current or former foster youth.

Total Funds	$2,500,000
State Funds	$2,500,000
State General Funds	$2,500,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$0	$0
Provide funds to establish the Georgia Foster Care Scholarship pursuant to SB 85 (2025 Session).	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,500,000	$2,500,000

44.6. Georgia Military College Scholarship

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend Georgia Military College, thereby strengthening Georgia's National Guard with their membership.

Total Funds	$1,839,153

State Funds $1,839,153
State General Funds $1,839,153

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,082,916	$1,082,916
Increase funds to meet projected need to provide three scholars per congressional district.	$756,237	$756,237
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,839,153	$1,839,153

44.7. HERO Scholarship

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to members of the Georgia National Guard and U.S. Military Reservists who served in combat zones and the spouses and children of such members.

Total Funds $250,000
State Funds $250,000
State General Funds $250,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$280,000	$280,000
Reduce funds to meet projected need.	($30,000)	($30,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$250,000	$250,000

44.8. HOPE Grant

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to students seeking a diploma or certificate at a public postsecondary institution.

Total Funds $93,789,605
State Funds $93,789,605
Lottery Funds $93,789,605

44.9. HOPE High School Equivalency Exam

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to encourage Georgia's High School Equivalency Exam recipients to pursue education beyond the high school level at an eligible postsecondary institution located in Georgia.

Total Funds $500,000
State Funds $500,000
Lottery Funds $500,000

44.10. HOPE Scholarships - Private Schools

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible private postsecondary institution.

Total Funds $91,417,628
State Funds $91,417,628
Lottery Funds $91,417,628

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$88,239,188	$88,239,188
Increase funds to meet projected need.	$3,178,440	$3,178,440
Amount appropriated in this Act	$91,417,628	$91,417,628

44.11. HOPE Scholarships - Public Schools

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible public postsecondary institution.

Total Funds	$937,564,077
State Funds	$937,564,077
Lottery Funds	$937,564,077

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$895,819,276	$895,819,276
Increase funds to meet projected need.	$41,744,801	$41,744,801
Amount appropriated in this Act	$937,564,077	$937,564,077

44.12. Inclusive Postsecondary Education (IPSE) Grant

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to provide financial aid to students with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are currently enrolled in the Georgia Inclusive Postsecondary Education program at a postsecondary institution in this state.

Total Funds	$2,100,000
State Funds	$2,100,000
State General Funds	$2,100,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
Reduce funds to meet projected need.	($500,000)	($500,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,100,000	$2,100,000

44.13. North Georgia Military Scholarship Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend the University of North Georgia, thereby strengthening Georgia's Army National Guard with their membership.

Total Funds	$3,709,694
State Funds	$3,709,694
State General Funds	$3,709,694

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,037,740	$3,037,740
Increase funds to meet projected need to provide three scholars per congressional district.	$671,954	$671,954
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,709,694	$3,709,694

44.14. North Georgia ROTC Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia residents with non-repayable financial assistance to attend the University of North Georgia and to participate in the Reserve Officers Training Corps program.

Total Funds	$1,113,750
State Funds	$1,113,750
State General Funds	$1,113,750

44.15. Promise Scholarship

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to provide scholarships to eligible students to attend private elementary and secondary schools in accordance with the Promise Scholarship Act.

Total Funds	$69,217,042
State Funds	$69,217,042
State General Funds	$69,217,042

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$141,016,057	$141,016,057
Adjust funds to reflect a 30% increase in utilization over FY 2026.	($71,799,015)	($71,799,015)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$69,217,042	$69,217,042

44.16. Public Service Memorial Grant

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance through the Public Safety Memorial Grant and the Public School Employee Memorial Grant.

Total Funds	$250,000
State Funds	$250,000
State General Funds	$250,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$540,000	$540,000
Reduce funds and utilize surplus funds to meet projected need.	($290,000)	($290,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$250,000	$250,000

44.17. REACH Georgia Scholarship

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide needs-based scholarships to selected students participating in the REACH Georgia mentorship and scholarship program, which encourages and supports academically promising middle and high school students in their educational pursuits.

Total Funds	$6,370,000
State Funds	$6,370,000
State General Funds	$6,370,000

44.18. Service Cancelable Loans

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide service cancelable loans as authorized in statute including programs for large animal veterinarians and Georgia National Guard members.

Total Funds	$9,898,830
Other Funds	$3,178,830
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$3,178,830
State Funds	$6,720,000
State General Funds	$6,720,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$5,120,000	$8,298,830
Reduce funds to meet the projected need for the Peace Officers Loan Repayment Program.	($2,700,000)	($2,700,000)
Utilize existing surplus funds from the Peace Officers Loan Repayment Program ($2,000,000) and increase funds for the Behavioral Health Professions Service Cancelable Loan Program to meet the projected need for behavioral health professionals. ($6,000,000 Total Funds)	$4,000,000	$4,000,000
Increase funds for veterinary student loan repayment.	$300,000	$300,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$6,720,000	$9,898,830

44.19. Tuition Equalization Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the private segment of higher education in Georgia by providing non-repayable grant aid to Georgia residents who attend eligible private postsecondary institutions.

Total Funds	$28,428,231
Other Funds	$1,278,261
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,278,261
State Funds	$27,149,970
State General Funds	$27,149,970

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$23,157,067	$24,435,328
Increase funds to meet projected need.	$3,992,903	$3,992,903
Amount appropriated in this Act	$27,149,970	$28,428,231

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

44.20. Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize private postsecondary schools in Georgia; provide transcripts for students who attended schools that closed; and resolve complaints.

Total Funds	$1,584,579
Other Funds	$582,608
Agency Funds	$582,608
State Funds	$1,001,971
State General Funds	$1,001,971

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,055,070	$1,637,678
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$734	$734
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($53,833)	($53,833)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,001,971	$1,584,579

Section 45: Teachers Retirement System

Total Funds	**$62,118,673**
Other Funds	**$62,092,673**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$62,092,673
State Funds	**$26,000**
State General Funds	$26,000

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution rate for the Teachers' Retirement System shall not exceed 22.32% for State Fiscal Year 2027.

45.1. Local/Floor COLA

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirees from local retirement systems a minimum allowance upon retirement (Floor) and a post-retirement benefit adjustment (COLA) whenever such adjustment is granted to teachers who retired under TRS.

Total Funds	$26,000

State Funds	$26,000
State General Funds	$26,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$62,000	$62,000
Reduce funds to reflect the declining population of teachers who qualify for benefits.	($36,000)	($36,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$26,000	$26,000

45.2. System Administration (TRS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, including paying retiree benefits, investing retirement funds, accounting for the status and contributions of active and inactive members, counseling members, and processing refunds.

Total Funds	$62,092,673
Other Funds	$62,092,673
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$62,092,673

Section 46: Technical College System of Georgia

Total Funds	**$1,334,944,350**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$252,624,151**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$252,624,151
Other Funds	**$442,636,642**
Agency Funds	$427,817,713
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$14,818,929
State Funds	**$553,848,345**
State General Funds	$553,848,345
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$85,835,212**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$85,835,212

46.1. Adult Education

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to develop Georgia's workforce by providing adult learners in Georgia with basic reading, writing, computation, speaking, listening, and technology skills; to provide secondary instruction to adults without a high school diploma; and to provide oversight of high school equivalency preparation, testing, and the processing of diplomas and transcripts.

Total Funds	$59,537,917
Federal Funds and Grants	$33,233,713
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$33,233,713
Other Funds	$5,295,696
Agency Funds	$5,295,696
State Funds	$20,873,508
State General Funds	$20,873,508
Intra-State Government Transfers	$135,000
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$135,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$19,088,372	$57,752,781
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$3,455	$3,455

Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$32,475	$32,475
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($750,794)	($750,794)
Provide funds to establish the Adult Workforce High School Diploma Program pursuant to SB 193 (2025 Session).	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$20,873,508	$59,537,917

46.2. Departmental Administration (TCSG)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide statewide administrative services to support the state workforce development efforts undertaken by the department through its associated programs and institutions.

Total Funds	$8,180,014
State Funds	$8,180,014
State General Funds	$8,180,014

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$8,623,596	$8,623,596
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$835	$835
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$8,575	$8,575
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($452,992)	($452,992)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,180,014	$8,180,014

46.3. Economic Development and Customized Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide customized services for existing businesses in the state.

Total Funds	$50,119,578
Federal Funds and Grants	$14,416,366
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$14,416,366
Other Funds	$29,599,575
Agency Funds	$29,599,575
State Funds	$3,304,648
State General Funds	$3,304,648
Intra-State Government Transfers	$2,798,989
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$2,798,989

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,375,358	$50,190,288
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$2,850	$2,850
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,617	$1,617
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($75,177)	($75,177)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,304,648	$50,119,578

46.4. Quick Start

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote job creation and retention by developing and delivering customized workforce training for Georgia businesses during start-up, expansion, or when they make capital investments in new technology, processes, or product lines in order to remain competitive in the global marketplace.

Total Funds	$24,236,423
Other Funds	$3,879
Agency Funds	$3,879
State Funds	$20,904,364
State General Funds	$20,904,364
Intra-State Government Transfers	$3,328,180
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$3,328,180

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$21,552,619	$24,884,678
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$1,952	$1,952
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$326	$326
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$12,552	$12,552
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($663,085)	($663,085)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$20,904,364	$24,236,423

46.5. Technical Education

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for workforce development through certificate, diploma, and degree programs in technical education and continuing education programs for adult learners, and to encourage both youth and adult learners to acquire postsecondary education or training to increase their competitiveness in the workplace.

Total Funds	$1,015,913,426
Federal Funds and Grants	$68,938,560
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$68,938,560
Other Funds	$407,643,166
Agency Funds	$392,918,563
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$14,724,603
State Funds	$459,758,657
State General Funds	$459,758,657
Intra-State Government Transfers	$79,573,043
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$79,573,043

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$444,181,110	$1,000,335,879
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$117,775	$117,775
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$83,445	$83,445

Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$837,616	$837,616
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($18,982,715)	($18,982,715)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$1,494	$1,494
Increase funds to reflect a 9.4% increase in enrollment ($33,594,041) and a 0.9% increase in square footage ($553,441).	$34,147,482	$34,147,482
Eliminate funds for Dual Achievement Pilot program pursuant to HB 217 (2025 Session).	($4,793,500)	($4,793,500)
Provide funds to implement a mobile alert pilot program at 5 colleges.	$450,000	$450,000
Provide one-time funds for start-up costs associated with aviation welding programming at Southern Crescent Technical College to support the aerospace community in the region.	$950,000	$950,000
Increase funds for equipment needs at Central Georgia Technical College to support Georgia's healthcare workforce.	$2,615,950	$2,615,950
Increase funds for support services.	$150,000	$150,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$459,758,657	$1,015,913,426

46.6. Technical Education: High-Cost Programs - Special Project

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to bridge the funding gap between formula earnings and instructional delivery for the high-cost program areas of Aviation, Commercial Truck Driving, and Nursing.

Total Funds	$30,962,682
State Funds	$30,962,682
State General Funds	$30,962,682

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$31,711,098	$31,711,098
Reduce funds to reflect a 1.8% decrease in enrollment for high-cost programs.	($748,416)	($748,416)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$30,962,682	$30,962,682

46.7. Workforce Development

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to improve the job training and marketability of Georgia's workforce and assist employers and job seekers with job matching services to promote economic growth and development.

Total Funds	$145,994,310
Federal Funds and Grants	$136,035,512
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$136,035,512
Other Funds	$94,326
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$94,326
State Funds	$9,864,472
State General Funds	$9,864,472

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$9,770,675	$145,900,513
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$255	$255

Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$3,501	$3,501
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($184,959)	($184,959)
Eliminate funds for one unfilled workforce development position.	($225,000)	($225,000)
Increase funds for the High Demand Apprenticeship Program (HDAP) for additional slots across the state.	$500,000	$500,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,864,472	$145,994,310

Section 47: Transportation, Department of

Total Funds	**$4,650,072,019**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$1,611,757,546**
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$1,499,466,641
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$112,290,905
Other Funds	**$175,979,549**
Agency Funds	$19,098,513
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$156,881,036
State Funds	**$2,862,334,924**
Georgia Transit Trust Funds	$41,879,733
Motor Fuel Funds	$2,515,958,683
State General Funds	$50,705,365
Transportation Trust Funds	$253,791,143

It is the intent of this General Assembly that the following provisions apply:
a.) In order to meet the requirements for projects on the Interstate System, the Office of Planning and Budget is hereby authorized and directed to give advanced budgetary authorization for letting and execution of Interstate Highway Contracts not to exceed the amount of Motor Fuel Tax Revenues actually paid into the Office of the State Treasurer, attached agency of the Department of Administrative Services.
b.) Programs financed by Motor Fuel Tax Funds may be adjusted for additional appropriation or balances brought forward from previous years with prior approval by the Office of Planning and Budget.
c.) The Fiscal Officers of the State are hereby directed as of July 1st of each fiscal year to determine the collection of Motor Fuel Tax in the immediately preceding year less refunds, rebates and collection costs and enter this amount as being the appropriation payable in lieu of the Motor Fuel Tax Funds appropriated in this Bill, in the event such collections, less refunds, rebates and collection costs, exceed such Motor Fuel Tax Appropriation.
d.) Functions financed with General Fund appropriations shall be accounted for separately and shall be in addition to appropriations of Motor Fuel Tax revenues required under Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI, Subsection (b) of the State Constitution.
e.) Bus rental income may be retained to operate, maintain and upgrade department-owned buses.

47.1. Airport Aid

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Airports.

Total Funds	$86,497,035
Federal Funds and Grants	$46,509,284
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$46,509,284
Other Funds	$6,233
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$6,233
State Funds	$39,981,518
State General Funds	$39,981,518

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$30,000,000	$76,515,517
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($18,482)	($18,482)
Increase funds for airport aid.	$10,000,000	$10,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$39,981,518	$86,497,035

47.2. Capital Construction Projects

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for Capital Outlay road construction and enhancement projects on local and state road systems.

Total Funds	$2,294,505,938
Federal Funds and Grants	$930,452,699
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$930,452,699
Other Funds	$122,300,430
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$122,300,430
State Funds	$1,241,752,809
Motor Fuel Funds	$1,086,977,495
Transportation Trust Funds	$154,775,314

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,128,927,865	$2,181,680,994
Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for increased project capacity.	$80,759,240	$80,759,240
Increase Transportation Trust Funds to reflect FY 2025 collections of hotel/motel excise tax, highway impact fees, and alternative fuel vehicle fees.	$14,039,579	$14,039,579
Redirect motor fuel savings from the reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan.	$18,026,125	$18,026,125
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,241,752,809	$2,294,505,938

47.3. Capital Maintenance Projects

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay for maintenance projects.

Total Funds	$586,696,217
Federal Funds and Grants	$281,600,000
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$281,600,000
Other Funds	$350,574
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$350,574
State Funds	$304,745,643
Motor Fuel Funds	$260,588,167
Transportation Trust Funds	$44,157,476

47.4. Data Collection, Compliance, and Reporting

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to collect and disseminate crash, accident, road, and traffic data in accordance with state and federal law in order to provide current and accurate information for planning and public awareness needs.

Total Funds	$12,128,411
Federal Funds and Grants	$9,043,897
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$9,043,897

State Funds	$3,084,514
Motor Fuel Funds	$3,084,514

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,180,059	$12,223,956
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$2,248	$2,248
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($97,793)	($97,793)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,084,514	$12,128,411

47.5. Departmental Administration (DOT)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to plan, construct, maintain, and improve the state's roads and bridges and to provide planning and financial support for other modes of transportation such as mass transit, airports, railroads and waterways.

Total Funds	$103,190,340
Federal Funds and Grants	$10,839,823
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$10,839,823
Other Funds	$398,970
Agency Funds	$398,970
State Funds	$91,951,547
Motor Fuel Funds	$91,951,547

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$93,103,898	$104,342,691
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($43,087)	($43,087)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$106,205	$106,205
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$4,286	$4,286
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($4,621,017)	($4,621,017)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$581,263	$581,263
Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for increased monthly telecommunication rates and IT maintenance support.	$2,819,999	$2,819,999
Amount appropriated in this Act	$91,951,547	$103,190,340

47.6. Local Maintenance and Improvement Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for Capital Outlay grants to local governments for road and bridge resurfacing projects through the State Funded Construction - Local Road Assistance Program.

Total Funds	$261,219,451
State Funds	$261,219,451
Motor Fuel Funds	$261,219,451

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$247,644,281	$247,644,281
Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for local maintenance and improvement grants to the statutorily required level of 10% of projected motor fuel excise tax revenue.	$13,575,170	$13,575,170
Amount appropriated in this Act	$261,219,451	$261,219,451

47.7. Local Road Assistance Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide technical and financial assistance to local governments for construction, maintenance, and resurfacing of local roads and bridges.

Total Funds	$62,002,378
Federal Funds and Grants	$51,655,917
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$51,655,917
Other Funds	$6,000,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$6,000,000
State Funds	$4,346,461
Motor Fuel Funds	$4,346,461

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$9,846,461	$67,502,378
Eliminate one-time state general funds for pedestrian improvements in the Cumberland Community Improvement District and roadway safety improvements.	($5,500,000)	($5,500,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,346,461	$62,002,378

47.8. Planning

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to develop the state transportation improvement program and the state-wide strategic transportation plan, and coordinate transportation policies, planning, and programs related to design, construction, maintenance, operations, and financing of transportation.

Total Funds	$27,550,405
Federal Funds and Grants	$22,772,795
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$22,772,795
State Funds	$4,777,610
Motor Fuel Funds	$2,777,610
Transportation Trust Funds	$2,000,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$4,907,406	$27,680,201
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$3,053	$3,053
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($132,849)	($132,849)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,777,610	$27,550,405

47.9. Ports and Waterways

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development, and maintenance of Georgia's Ports and Waterways.

Total Funds	$1,374,692
State Funds	$1,374,692
State General Funds	$1,374,692

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,398,641	$1,398,641
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($23,949)	($23,949)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,374,692	$1,374,692

47.10. Program Delivery Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and expand the state's transportation infrastructure by planning for and selecting road and bridge projects, acquiring rights-of-way, completing engineering and project impact analyses, procuring and monitoring construction contracts, and certifying completed projects.

Total Funds	$189,796,395
Federal Funds and Grants	$53,642,990
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$53,642,990
Other Funds	$1,098,619
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,098,619
State Funds	$135,054,786
Motor Fuel Funds	$135,054,786

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$142,904,450	$197,646,059
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$248,967	$248,967
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($10,832,638)	($10,832,638)
Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for multiyear upgrade for project tracking database.	$2,734,007	$2,734,007
Amount appropriated in this Act	$135,054,786	$189,796,395

47.11. Rail

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development, and maintenance of Georgia's Rail.

Total Funds	$10,386,580
Federal Funds and Grants	$616,315
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$616,315
Other Funds	$88,239
Agency Funds	$88,239
State Funds	$9,682,026
State General Funds	$9,349,155
Transportation Trust Funds	$332,871

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$8,252,142	$8,956,696
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($39,608)	($39,608)
Reduce funds to reflect FY 2025 collections of locomotive diesel fuel sales tax pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-8-78.	($1,363,379)	($1,363,379)
Increase Transportation Trust Funds to reflect FY 2025 collections of hotel/motel excise tax, highway impact fees, and alternative fuel vehicle fees.	$332,871	$332,871
Increase funds for targeted freight congestion relief along key intermodal corridors impacting inland ports.	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,682,026	$10,386,580

47.12. Routine Maintenance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and adequately maintained state transportation system by inspecting roads and bridges, cataloguing road and bridge conditions and maintenance needs, and providing routine maintenance for state road and bridges. The purpose of this appropriation is also to maintain landscaping on road easements and rights-of-way through planting, litter control, vegetation removal, and grants to local governments, to provide for emergency operations on state routes, and to maintain state rest areas and welcome centers.

Total Funds	$627,447,735
Federal Funds and Grants	$11,577,366
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$11,577,366
Other Funds	$19,500,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$19,500,000
State Funds	$596,370,369
Motor Fuel Funds	$596,370,369

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$562,829,445	$593,906,811
Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for increased maintenance costs.	$33,540,924	$33,540,924
Amount appropriated in this Act	$596,370,369	$627,447,735

47.13. Traffic Management and Control

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and efficient transportation system statewide by conducting traffic engineering studies for traffic safety planning, permitting for activity on or adjacent to state roads, providing motorist assistance and traffic information through the Highway Emergency Response Operators (HERO) program and Intelligent Transportation System, and conducting inspections, repairs, and installations of traffic signals.

Total Funds	$178,800,121
Federal Funds and Grants	$79,677,354
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$79,527,354
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$150,000
Other Funds	$25,534,484
Agency Funds	$18,611,304
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$6,923,180
State Funds	$73,588,283
Motor Fuel Funds	$73,588,283

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$69,181,749	$174,393,587
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$53,822	$53,822
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($2,341,828)	($2,341,828)
Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for increased contractual agreement costs.	$6,694,540	$6,694,540
Amount appropriated in this Act	$73,588,283	$178,800,121

47.14. Transit

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development, and maintenance of Georgia's Transit.

Total Funds	$122,433,812
Federal Funds and Grants	$65,015,306
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$65,015,306
Other Funds	$702,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$702,000
State Funds	$56,716,506
Georgia Transit Trust Funds	$41,879,733
Transportation Trust Funds	$14,836,773

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$52,318,878	$118,036,184
Increase Georgia Transit Trust Funds to reflect FY 2025 collections of Hired Transport Fees.	$3,874,376	$3,874,376
Increase Transportation Trust Funds to reflect FY 2025 collections of hotel/motel excise tax, highway impact fees, and alternative fuel vehicle fees.	$523,252	$523,252
Amount appropriated in this Act	$56,716,506	$122,433,812

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

47.15. Payments to Atlanta- Region Transit Link (ATL) Authority

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative funds for the Atlanta-Region Transit Link (ATL) Authority.

Total Funds	$9,210,331
State Funds	$9,210,331
Transportation Trust Funds	$9,210,331

47.16. Payments to State Road and Tollway Authority

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund debt service payments and other finance instruments and for operations of the State Road and Tollway Authority and the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority.

Total Funds	$76,832,178
Federal Funds and Grants	$48,353,800
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$48,353,800
State Funds	$28,478,378
Transportation Trust Funds	$28,478,378

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$27,854,078	$76,207,878
Increase Transportation Trust Funds for the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority for two employees and contracted support to fulfill statutory requirement of reviewing Transportation Improvement Program projects.	$625,000	$625,000
Reduce funds to reflect Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle (GARVEE) bond debt requirements.	($700)	($700)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$28,478,378	$76,832,178

Section 48: Veterans Service, Department of

Total Funds	**$63,610,056**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$24,210,246**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$24,210,246
Other Funds	**$3,465,491**
Agency Funds	$2,890,628
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$574,863
State Funds	**$35,934,319**
State General Funds	$35,934,319

48.1. Departmental Administration (DVS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate, manage, and supervise all aspects of department operations to include financial, public information, personnel, accounting, purchasing, supply, mail, records management, and information technology.

Total Funds	$4,131,831
State Funds	$4,131,831
State General Funds	$4,131,831

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$4,241,773	$4,241,773
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($11,534)	($11,534)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$2,669	$2,669
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($101,676)	($101,676)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$599	$599
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,131,831	$4,131,831

48.2. Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the interment of eligible Georgia Veterans who served faithfully and honorably in the military service of our country.

Total Funds	$1,425,578
Federal Funds and Grants	$327,896
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$327,896
State Funds	$1,097,682
State General Funds	$1,097,682

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,051,037	$1,378,933
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,505	$1,505
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($57,320)	($57,320)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$460	$460
Increase funds for a director for the new veterans cemetery in Augusta.	$102,000	$102,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,097,682	$1,425,578

48.3. Georgia War Veterans Nursing Homes

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide skilled nursing care to aged and infirmed Georgia war veterans.

Total Funds	$45,175,476
Federal Funds and Grants	$23,128,424
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$23,128,424
Other Funds	$3,465,491
Agency Funds	$2,890,628
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$574,863
State Funds	$18,581,561
State General Funds	$18,581,561

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$18,114,399	$44,708,314
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$25,780	$25,780
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($5,894)	($5,894)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$226	$226
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($8,595)	($8,595)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$486	$486
Increase funds to match increased federal funds to maintain existing bed count.	$455,159	$455,159
Amount appropriated in this Act	$18,581,561	$45,175,476

48.4. Veterans Benefits

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to serve Georgia's veterans, their dependents, and survivors in all matters pertaining to veterans' benefits by informing the veterans and their families about veterans' benefits, and directly assisting and advising them in securing the benefits to which they are entitled.

Total Funds	$12,877,171
Federal Funds and Grants	$753,926
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$753,926
State Funds	$12,123,245
State General Funds	$12,123,245

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$9,737,326	$10,491,252
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($4,045)	($4,045)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$11,688	$11,688
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($445,178)	($445,178)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$3,692	$3,692
Increase funds for Field Operations and Appeals positions to meet the Department of Administrative Services' minimum salary guidelines.	$258,776	$258,776
Increase funds for one position for the new Savannah Tech VECTR Center.	$60,986	$60,986
Increase funds to provide evidence-based rehabilitation services for military veterans and service members with traumatic brain injuries and mental health concerns.	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Increase funds for a technology platform for community service referral.	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$12,123,245	$12,877,171

Section 49: Workers' Compensation, State Board of

Total Funds	**$21,119,490**
Other Funds	**$373,832**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$373,832
State Funds	**$20,745,658**
State General Funds	$20,745,658

49.1. Administer the Workers' Compensation Laws

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide exclusive remedy for resolution of disputes in the Georgia Workers' Compensation law.

Total Funds	$14,652,118
Other Funds	$308,353
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$308,353
State Funds	$14,343,765
State General Funds	$14,343,765

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$15,120,939	$15,429,292
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($2,566)	($2,566)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($71,019)	($71,019)
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$3,254	$3,254
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($706,843)	($706,843)

Amount appropriated in this Act	$14,343,765	$14,652,118

49.2. Board Administration (SBWC)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide superior access to the Georgia Workers' Compensation program for injured workers and employers in a manner that is sensitive, responsive, and effective.

Total Funds	$6,467,372
Other Funds	$65,479
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$65,479
State Funds	$6,401,893
State General Funds	$6,401,893

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$6,609,841	$6,675,320
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($18,775)	($18,775)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($17,911)	($17,911)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($178,267)	($178,267)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$7,005	$7,005
Amount appropriated in this Act	$6,401,893	$6,467,372

Section 50: Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission

Total Funds	**$0**

50.1. Capital Projects Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to finance capital projects, including facilities, property, and equipment for state entities and to provide funds for the defeasance of outstanding general obligation debt.

Total Funds	$0

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$715,736,336	$715,736,336
Reduce funds for one-time projects appropriated in the FY 2026 budget (HB 68, 2025 Session).	($715,736,336)	($715,736,336)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$0

Section 51: Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund

Total Funds	**$1,142,147,602**
Federal Recovery Funds	**$12,007,384**
Federal Recovery Funds Not Specifically Identified	$12,007,384
State Funds	**$1,130,140,218**
Motor Fuel Funds	$96,235,817
State General Funds	$1,033,904,401

51.1. GO Bonds Issued

Total Funds	$1,045,559,607
Federal Recovery Funds	$12,007,384
Federal Recovery Funds Not Specifically Identified	$12,007,384
State Funds	$1,033,552,223
Motor Fuel Funds	$96,235,817
State General Funds	$937,316,406

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,067,094,690	$1,079,102,074
Increase funds for debt service.	$14,173,469	$14,173,469
Transfer motor fuel funds to the Department of Transportation to reflect debt service savings on road and bridge bond issuances.	($5,328,939)	($5,328,939)
Reduce funds for debt service to reflect savings associated with debt retirement and defeasance.	($42,386,997)	($42,386,997)
Redirect $13,360,000 in 20-year unissued bonds from FY 2024 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Low Wealth (HB 19, Bond #376.101) to be used for the FY 2027 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. (H:Yes)	$0	$0
Redirect $5,010,000 in 20-year unissued bonds from FY 2023 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Additional Low Wealth (HB 911, Bond #2) to be used for the FY 2027 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. (H:Yes)	$0	$0
Redirect $5,990,000 in 20-year unissued bonds from FY 2022 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Regular (HB 81, Bond #353.101) to be used for the FY 2027 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. (H:Yes)	$0	$0
Redirect $2,270,000 in 20-year unissued bonds from FY 2022 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Regular Advance (HB 81, Bond #353.102) to be used for the FY 2027 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. (H:Yes)	$0	$0
Redirect $1,605,000 in 20-year unissued bonds from FY 2022 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Low Wealth (HB 81, Bond #353.103) to be used for the FY 2027 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. (H:Yes)	$0	$0
Redirect $4,141,654 in 20-year issued bonds from FY 2022 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Regular (HB 81, Bond #353.101) to be used for the FY 2027 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. (H:Yes)	$0	$0

Redirect $1,465,000 in 20-year unissued bonds from FY 2021 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Regular (HB 793, Bond #1) to be used for the FY 2027 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. (H:Yes)	$0	$0
Redirect $1,014,148 in 20-year issued bonds from FY 2021 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Regular (HB 793, Bond #1) to be used for the FY 2027 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. (H:Yes)	$0	$0
Redirect $2,840,000 in 20-year issued bonds from FY 2021 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Regular (HB 793, Bond #1) to be used for the FY 2025 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. (H:Yes)	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,033,552,223	$1,045,559,607

51.2. GO Bonds New

Total Funds	$96,587,995
State Funds	$96,587,995
State General Funds	$96,587,995

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$0	$0
Increase funds for debt service.	$96,587,995	$96,587,995
Amount appropriated in this Act	$96,587,995	$96,587,995

Bond Financing Appropriated:

[Bond # 1] From State General Funds, $9,666,051 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than $104,385,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 2] From State General Funds, $3,639,643 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than $39,305,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 3] From State General Funds, $1,431,133 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than $15,455,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 4] From State General Funds, $4,267,934 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than $46,090,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 5] From State General Funds, $1,921,972 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than $8,035,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 6] From State General Funds, $118,065 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Education by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment

or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,275,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 7] From State General Funds, $11,960,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Education by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $50,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 8] From State General Funds, $1,172,080 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $4,900,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 9] From State General Funds, $751,200 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $3,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 10] From State General Funds, $621,920 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $2,600,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 11] From State General Funds, $358,800 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 12] From State General Funds, $310,960 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,300,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 13] From State General Funds, $8,638,800 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $34,500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 14] From State General Funds, $400,640 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,600,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 15] From State General Funds, $239,200 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in

connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 16] From State General Funds, $1,057,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $10,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 17] From State General Funds, $930,160 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $8,800,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 18] From State General Funds, $528,500 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 19] From State General Funds, $463,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 20] From State General Funds, $528,500 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 21] From State General Funds, $463,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 22] From State General Funds, $453,740 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $4,900,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 23] From State General Funds, $465,080 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $4,400,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 24] From State General Funds, $388,920 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in

connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $4,200,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 25] From State General Funds, $180,570 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,950,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 26] From State General Funds, $324,100 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $3,500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 27] From State General Funds, $277,800 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $3,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 28] From State General Funds, $3,931,280 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $15,700,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 29] From State General Funds, $50,930 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Trustees of the Georgia Military College by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $550,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 30] From State General Funds, $10,186 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Trustees of the Georgia Military College by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $110,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 31] From State General Funds, $26,391 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Trustees of the Georgia Military College by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $285,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 32] From State General Funds, $15,279 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Trustees of the Georgia Military College by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $165,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 33] From State General Funds, $59,192 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $560,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 34] From State General Funds, $83,503 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $790,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 35] From State General Funds, $78,218 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $740,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 36] From State General Funds, $69,762 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $660,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 37] From State General Funds, $83,340 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than $900,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 38] From State General Funds, $277,800 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than $3,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 39] From State General Funds, $83,340 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than $900,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 40] From State General Funds, $46,300 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than $500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 41] From State General Funds, $138,900 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than $1,500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 42] From State General Funds, $53,245 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities,

and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than $575,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 43] From State General Funds, $138,900 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than $1,500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 44] From State General Funds, $239,200 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than $1,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 45] From State General Funds, $41,670 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than $450,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 46] From State General Funds, $215,280 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $900,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 47] From State General Funds, $119,917 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Trustees of the Georgia Military College by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,295,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 48] From State General Funds, $2,253,600 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $9,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 49] From State General Funds, $1,115,532 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $4,455,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 50] From State General Funds, $393,128 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,570,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 51] From State General Funds, $359,324 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,435,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 52] From State General Funds, $141,476 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $565,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 53] From State General Funds, $2,105,544 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $19,920,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 54] From State General Funds, $331,780 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,325,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 55] From State General Funds, $565,904 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $2,260,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 56] From State General Funds, $1,410,567 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $13,345,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 57] From State General Funds, $932,274 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $8,820,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 58] From State General Funds, $256,660 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,025,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 59] From State General Funds, $528,500 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 60] From State General Funds, $277,800 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $3,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 61] From State General Funds, $317,100 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $3,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 62] From State General Funds, $126,840 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,200,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 63] From State General Funds, $400,640 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,600,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 64] From State General Funds, $550,880 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $2,200,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 65] From State General Funds, $222,240 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $2,400,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 66] From State General Funds, $106,953 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Public Health by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,155,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 67] From State General Funds, $169,921 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Veterans Service by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,835,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 68] From State General Funds, $20,372 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Veterans Service by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $220,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 69] From State General Funds, $3,937,352 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Corrections by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $42,520,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 70] From State General Funds, $370,400 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Defense by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $4,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 71] From State General Funds, $1,111,200 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Defense by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $12,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 72] From State General Funds, $463,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 73] From State General Funds, $1,196,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 74] From State General Funds, $252,798 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $2,730,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 75] From State General Funds, $263,120 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,100,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 76] From State General Funds, $478,400 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $2,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 77] From State General Funds, $3,498,300 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Juvenile Justice by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $14,625,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 78] From State General Funds, $1,428,024 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Juvenile Justice by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $5,970,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 79] From State General Funds, $491,556 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Juvenile Justice by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $2,055,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 80] From State General Funds, $130,103 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Public Safety by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,405,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 81] From State General Funds, $143,520 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Public Safety by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $600,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 82] From State General Funds, $558,532 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Public Safety by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $2,335,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 83] From State General Funds, $277,800 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Public Safety by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $3,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 84] From State General Funds, $27,508 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Public Safety by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $115,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 85] From State General Funds, $27,508 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Public Safety by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $115,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 86] From State General Funds, $62,192 is specifically appropriated for the Department of Public Safety for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Public Safety Training Center by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $260,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 87] From State General Funds, $834,808 is specifically appropriated for the Department of Public Safety for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Public Safety Training Center by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $3,490,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 88] From State General Funds, $100,464 is specifically appropriated for the Department of Public Safety for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Public Safety Training Center by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $420,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 89] From State General Funds, $220,064 is specifically appropriated for the Department of Public Safety for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Public Safety Training Center by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $920,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 90] From State General Funds, $623,198 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Labor by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $6,730,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 91] From State General Funds, $87,044 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Labor by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $940,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 92] From State General Funds, $2,820,133 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Agriculture by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $30,455,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 93] From State General Funds, $235,612 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Agriculture by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $985,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 94] From State General Funds, $545,376 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Agriculture by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $2,280,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 95] From State General Funds, $418,600 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the State Forestry Commission by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,750,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 96] From State General Funds, $155,568 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the State Forestry Commission by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,680,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 97] From State General Funds, $99,545 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the State Forestry Commission by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,075,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.
[Bond # 98] From State General Funds, $3,074,320 is specifically appropriated for the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority for the purpose of financing loans to counties, municipal corporations, political subdivisions, local authorities, and other local government entities for water or sewerage facilities or systems or for regional or multijurisdictional solid waste recycling or solid waste facilities or systems, through the issuance of not more than $33,200,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.
[Bond # 99] From State General Funds, $1,181,648 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Natural Resources by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $4,940,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.
[Bond # 100] From State General Funds, $1,565,866 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Natural Resources by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $16,910,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

Section 52: General Obligation Bonds Repealed, Revised, or Reinstated

Reserved.

Section 53: Salary Adjustments

The appropriations to budget units made above include funds for, and have the added purpose of, the following salary increases and adjustments, administered in conformity with the applicable compensation and performance management plans as provided by law:

1.) To provide for a targeted salary adjustment for Katie Beckett Medicaid caseworkers in the Georgia Department of Community Health and for certain employees in specified classes of jobs in the Department of Audits and Accounts, Superior Courts, Department of Agriculture, State Forestry Commission, and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. The amount for this Item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2026.

2.) To provide for a targeted salary adjustment for certain employees in specified classes of jobs in the Prosecuting Attorneys' and the Georgia Public Defender Council. The amount for this Item is calculated according to an effective date of January 1, 2027.

3.) Effective July 1, 2026, the salary for each justice of the Supreme Court shall be $230,000.

4.) Effective July 1, 2026, the salary for each judge of the Court of Appeals shall be $227,700.

5.) Effective July 1, 2026, the salary for each judge of the State-wide Business Court shall be $218,500.

6.) Effective July 1, 2026, the salary for each judge of the Georgia Tax Court shall be $218,500.

7.) Effective July 1, 2026, the state-paid salary for each superior court judge shall be $201,060.

8.) Effective January 1, 2027, the salary for each district attorney shall be $175,000.

9.) Effective January 1, 2027, the salary for each circuit public defender shall be $175,000.

Section 54: Refunds

In addition to all other appropriations, there is hereby appropriated, as needed, a specific sum of money equal to each refund authorized by law, which is required to make refunds of taxes and other monies collected in error, farmer gasoline tax refunds, and any other refunds specifically authorized by law.

Section 55: Leases

In accordance with the requirements of Article IX, Section III, Paragraph I(a) of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, as amended, there is hereby appropriated payable to each department, agency, or institution of the State sums sufficient to satisfy the payments required to be made in each year under existing lease contracts between any department, agency, or institution of the State and any authority created and activated at the time of the effective date of the aforesaid constitutional provision, as amended, or appropriated for the State Fiscal Year addressed within this Act. If for any reason any of the sums herein provided under any other provision of this Act are insufficient to make the required payments in full, then there shall be taken from other funds appropriated to the department, agency, or institution involved an amount sufficient to satisfy such deficiency in full, and the lease payment shall constitute a first charge on all such appropriations.

Section 56: Budgetary Control and Interpretation

The appropriations of State Funds in this Act shall consist of the amount stated for each line at the most specific level of detail associated with the statement of Program Name and Program Purpose, including text and change items within a box.

The appropriations of Federal Funds and of Other Funds in this Act shall consist of the amount stated at the broadest or summary level of detail associated with the statement of Program Name and Program Purpose, and the more specific levels of detail shall be for information only. In the preceding sentence, "Federal Funds" means any federal funding source, whether specifically identified or not specifically identified; "Other Funds" means all other fund sources except State Funds and Federal Funds, including in Other Funds without limitation all Intra-State Government Transfers. Regardless of placement on the page, both the broadest or summary level of detail and the more specific detail of appropriations of Intra-State Government Transfers shall be deemed more specific levels of detail of Other Funds, and the broadest or summary amount shall be deemed added to the broadest or summary amount of the appropriation of Other Funds for the program.

Within this Act, Program Names appear as underlined captions, and Program Purpose appears immediately below as italicized text. The most specific level of detail for authorizations for general obligation debt in Section 51 shall be the authorizing paragraphs.

Section 57: Flex

Notwithstanding any other statement of purpose, the purpose of each appropriation of federal funds or other funds shall be the stated purpose or any other lawful purpose consistent with the fund source and the general law powers of the budget unit.

In the preceding sentence, "Federal Funds" means any federal funding source, whether specifically identified or not specifically identified; "Other Funds" means all other fund sources except State Funds or Federal Funds, including without limitation Intra-State Government Transfers. This paragraph shall not permit an agency to include within its flex the appropriations for an agency attached to it for administrative purposes.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid," "Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled," and "PeachCare" programs of the Department of Community Health, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 10 percent (10%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the three programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "Capital Construction Projects," "Capital Maintenance Projects," and "Local Road Assistance Administration" programs of the Department of Transportation, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 10 percent (10%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the three programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "Airport Aid," "Ports and Waterways," and "Rail" programs of the Department of Transportation, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 20 percent (20%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the three programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "HOPE Grant," "HOPE High School Equivalency Exam," "HOPE Scholarships – Private Schools," and "HOPE Scholarships – Public Schools" programs of the Georgia Student Finance Commission, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 10 percent (10%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the four programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

PART II

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

PART III

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The Speaker Pro Tem resolved the House into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering the Committee substitute to HB 974, designating Representative Efstration of the 104th as Chairman thereof.

The Speaker called the House to order.

The Committee of the Whole arose and through its Chairman reported HB 974 back to the House with the recommendation that the same Do Pass, by the Appropriations Committee substitute.

The Committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	E Smith, M
Y Barton	E Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	E Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	E O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
E Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	E Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	E LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Willis
E Clark, J	Y Gullett	E Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 159, nays 4.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

Representative Hatchett of the 155th moved that HB 974 be immediately transmitted to the Senate.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	E Smith, M
Y Barton	E Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	E Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	E O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
E Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	E Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	E LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Willis
E Clark, J	Y Gullett	E Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 160, nays 0.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the following Resolution of the House be withdrawn from the Rules Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Rules:

HR 1049. By Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Griffin of the 149th, Berry of the 56th, Park of the 107th and Jones of the 143rd:

A RESOLUTION designating the Wednesday of the last week in October of each year as "Fentanyl and Opioid Awareness Day" in Georgia; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the Senate were postponed until the next legislative day:

SB 239. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Robertson of the 29th, Harbin of the 16th, Mallow of the 2nd and Williams of the 25th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to funeral directors and establishments, embalmers, and crematories, so as to remove the requirement that funeral directors be licensed embalmers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 420. By Senators Echols of the 49th, Anderson of the 24th, Gooch of the 51st, Anavitarte of the 31st, Still of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 27-2-23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to license, permit, tag, and stamp fees, so as to provide for fees for reef and migratory fish endorsements; to amend Code Section 12-2-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Environmental Protection Division, appeal procedures generally, permit applications, and inspections, Code Section 27-1-39 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to rules and regulations used to establish criminal violations, and Code Section 52-7-26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penalty, respectively, so as to revise effective dates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following member was recognized during the period of Afternoon Orders and addressed the House:

Representative Ali of the 106th.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1659. By Representative Herring of the 145th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Reverend Moses Lee Herring; and for other purposes.

HR 1660. By Representatives Evans of the 57th, McClain of the 109th, Jones of the 60th, Greene of the 154th, Hugley of the 141st and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Tasso Knight; and for other purposes.

HR 1661. By Representative Moore of the 91st:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Reverend Dr. Sidney Holston; and for other purposes.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House do now adjourn until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Thursday, March 12, 2026, and the motion prevailed.

Pursuant to the adjournment Resolution previously adopted by the House and Senate, the Speaker announced the House adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Thursday, March 12, 2026.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Thursday, March 12, 2026

Thirty-First Legislative Day

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

The following communications were received:

House of Representatives

Coverdell Office Building, Room 607-E
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Clerk,

Please accept this correspondence as my votes on the following House Bills considered during this legislative session:

HB 1020
HB 1027
HB 1181

Please record my votes accordingly in the official record of the House.

Should you require any additional information or documentation, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Respectfully,

/s/ Jasmine Clark
108th District
Georgia House of Representatives

House of Representatives

Coverdell Office Building, Room 607-E
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Clerk,

Please accept this correspondence as my votes on the following House Bills considered during this legislative session:

HB 974 – General appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027 – YEA

Please record my votes accordingly in the official record of the House.

Should you require any additional information or documentation, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jasmine Clark
State Representative Dr. Jasmine Clark
Georgia House District *108*

The roll was called and the following Representatives answered to their names:

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Alexander	Davis	Hitchens	McClain	Roberts
Anderson	Dawson	Holcomb	McCollum	Romman
Baker	DeLoach	Holland	McDonald	Sainz
Ballard	Dickey	Holly	McQueen	Sampson
Barnes	Donatucci	Hong	Meeks	Schofield
Barton	Douglas	Horner	Miller	Scoggins
Bazemore	Drenner	Howard, J	Mitchell	Scott
Beckles	Dubnik	Howard, K	Momtahan	Seabaugh
Bell	Dunahoo	Huddleston	E Moore	Silcox
Berry	Efstration	Hugley	Myles	Smith, L
Blackmon	Ehrhart	Jackson, D	New	E Smith, M
Bonner	Erwin	Jackson, E	Newton	Smith, TP
Buckner	Evans	Jackson, M	Okoye	Smith, V
Burchett	Fincher	Jasperse	Olaleye	Stephens
Burnough	Fleming	Jenkins	Oliver	Stinson
Byrd	Flournoy	Jones, A	E O'Steen	Tarvin
Cameron	Ford	Jones, J	Panitch	Taylor, D
Camp	E Franklin	Jones, S	Paris	Taylor, R
Campbell, J	Gaines	Jones, T	Park	Thomas
Campbell, L	Gambill	Kahaian	Parrish	Townsend
Cannon, C	Gilliard	Kelley	Parsons	Washburn
Carpenter	Gisler	Kendrick	Persinger	Werkheiser
Carson	Glaize	LaHood	Petrea	Westbrook
Chastain	Greene	Leverett	Powell	Williams, A
Cheokas	Griffin	Lewis-Ward	Prince	Williams, MF
Clark, J	Gullett	Lim	Reese	Williams, N
Clifton	Gunter	Lumsden	Reeves	Williamson
Corbett	Hagan	Lupton	Rhodes	E Willis
Cox	Hatchett	Martin	Rice	Yearta
Crawford	Hawkins	Martinez	Richardson	Burns, Speaker
Crowe	Herring	Mathiak		

The following members were off the floor of the House when the roll was called:

Representatives Adesanya of the 43rd, Ali of the 106th, Au of the 50th, Barrett of the 24th, Carter of the 93rd, Clark of the 100th, Dempsey of the 13th, Draper of the 90th, Frye of the 122nd, Neal of the 79th, Santos of the 117th, Tran of the 80th, and Wade of the 9th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Pastor Eric Kennedy, Stevens Creek Church, Augusta, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Hilton of the 48th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

By unanimous consent, the following was established as the order of business during the first part of the period of unanimous consents:

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

2. First reading and reference of House Bills and Resolutions.

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

6. First reading and reference of Senate Bills and Resolutions.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House were introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committees:

HB 1535. By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Panitch of the 51st, Holland of the 54th and Roberts of the 52nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the City of Sandy Springs, Georgia, to exercise all redevelopment and other powers provided for under Article IX,

Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Georgia Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide for effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1536. By Representatives Rhodes of the 124th and Washburn of the 144th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Eatonton; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal specific Acts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1537. By Representatives Herring of the 145th, Paris of the 142nd, Jones of the 143rd, Griffin of the 149th and Washburn of the 144th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Bibb County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $17,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are between the ages of 65 and 74; to provide a homestead exemption from Bibb County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $32,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are between the ages of 75 and 84; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1538. By Representatives Herring of the 145th, Paris of the 142nd, Jones of the 143rd, Griffin of the 149th and Washburn of the 144th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Macon-Bibb County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of $17,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that county who are between the ages of 65 and 74; to provide a homestead exemption from Macon-Bibb County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of $32,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that county who are between the ages of 75 and 84; to provide a homestead exemption from Macon-Bibb County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of the full assessed value of the homestead for residents of that

county who are 85 years of age or older; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HR 1654. By Representatives Flournoy of the 74th, Au of the 50th, Cannon of the 58th, Roberts of the 52nd and Herring of the 145th:

A RESOLUTION urging Georgia's medical schools to prioritize patient-centered care; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1655. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Mathis of the 133rd, Greene of the 154th, Taylor of the 173rd, Au of the 50th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Diabetes Related Amputations; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1656. By Representatives Barnes of the 86th, Erwin of the 32nd, Ballard of the 147th, Hugley of the 141st, Park of the 107th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on School Nutrition, Student Food Security, Georgia Agriculture, and Student Success; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1657. By Representatives Powell of the 33rd, Taylor of the 173rd, Greene of the 154th, Hawkins of the 27th, Stephens of the 164th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Medicaid Waiver Populations and Long-Term Financial and Administrative Sustainability; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1658. By Representatives Barnes of the 86th, Drenner of the 85th, Holcomb of the 101st, Mitchell of the 88th and McClain of the 109th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Representative Michele Henson and dedicating an interchange in her honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 1662. By Representatives Momtahan of the 17th, Gaines of the 120th, Smith of the 18th, Jones of the 25th, Burchett of the 176th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the leadership of President Donald J. Trump; commending the courage and professionalism of the United States Armed Forces; acknowledging the killing and elimination of the authoritarian dictator Ayatollah Ali Khameini; expressing solidarity with the Iranian people in their pursuit of freedom and self-determination; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House were read the second time:

HB 1526	HB 1527
HB 1528	HB 1529
HB 1530	HB 1531
HB 1532	HB 1533
HB 1534	HR 1649
HR 1650	HR 1651

Representative Dickey of the 134th District, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 435	Do Pass
SB 551	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Dickey of the 134th
Chairman

Representative Bonner of the 73rd District, Chairman of the Committee on Defense and Veterans Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Defense and Veterans Affairs has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 555 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Bonner of the 73rd
Chairman

Representative Martin of the 49th District, Chairman of the Committee on Higher Education, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Higher Education has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 432 Do Pass
SB 523 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Martin of the 49th
Chairman

Representative McDonald of the 26th District, Chairman of the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Legislation has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 1507 Do Pass
HB 1508 Do Pass
HB 1513 Do Pass
SB 544 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ McDonald of the 26th
Chairman

Representative Camp of the 135th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, Juvenile, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary, Juvenile has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 402 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Camp of the 135th
Chairman

Representative Barton of the 5th District, Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Motor Vehicles, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Motor Vehicles has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 293 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Barton of the 5th
Vice-Chairman

Representative Cooper of the 45th District, Chairman of the Committee on Public and Community Health, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Public and Community Health has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 535 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Cooper of the 45th
Chairman

Representative Crowe of the 118th District, Chairman of the Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 116 Do Pass
SB 454 Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 524 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Crowe of the 118th
Chairman

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2026

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 31st Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

HR 145 Education and Public Health, Departments of; collaborate to prioritize the expansion of vision and hearing screenings at various grade levels; urge (Substitute)(Ed-Erwin-32nd)(Rules Committee Substitute LC 49 2792S)

HR 1049 Fentanyl and Opioid Awareness Day; last Wednesday of October each year; designate (SRules-Hugley-141st)
(Rules Committee Substitute LC 64 0094S)

SB 177 Government Transparency and Campaign Finance; transparency in foreign funded political activities within the state; provide (Substitute) (T&II-Gullett-19th) Anavitarte-31st

SB 220 "Putting Georgia's Patients First Act"; enact (Substitute) (RegI-Newton-127th) Brass-6th

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the House and Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 1507. By Representatives Meeks of the 178th and DeLoach of the 167th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act establishing the State Court of Wayne County (formerly the City Court of Jesup, in and for the County of Wayne), approved July 31, 1916 (Ga. L. 1916, p. 248), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 26, 2016 (Ga. L. 2016, p. 3661), so as to revise the salary of the judge and solicitor; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1508. By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Stephens of the 164th and Petrea of the 166th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to amend, consolidate, create, revise, and supersede the several Acts incorporating the City of Pembroke, approved March 28, 1985 (Ga. L. 1985, p. 4846), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 1, 2025 (Ga. L. 2025, p. 3599), so as to revise provisions relating to the election and terms for the mayor and city council members; to provide for elections; to provide for the current terms of city officers to continue; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1513. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Mathiak of the 82nd, Bazemore of the 69th and Jackson of the 68th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Fayette County, approved April 13, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 4980), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 25, 2022 (Ga. L. 2022, p. 5856), so as to change the compensation of the judge; to change the compensation of the solicitor; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

SB 544. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Anderson of the 24th and Strickland of the 42nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Butts County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of $70,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that county who are 62 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, the following roll call vote was made applicable to the previously read Bills.

On the passage of the Bills, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	E Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	E Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	E Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Neal	Y Smith, TP

Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	E Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	E Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bills, the ayes were 158, nays 0.

The Bills, having received the requisite constitutional majority, were passed.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the House:

HB 115. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Stephens of the 164th, Franklin of the 160th, Townsend of the 179th, DeLoach of the 167th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 52 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to registration, operation, and sale of watercraft, so as to provide for certain notice upon registration of a vessel with the Department of Natural Resources; to provide for performance of unattended vessel checks; to authorize restitution to the Department of Natural Resources for the cost of removal, storage, and disposal of abandoned vessels; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 945. By Representatives Williamson of the 112th, Williams of the 148th and Chastain of the 7th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to banking and finance, so as to provide for holds on accounts of eligible adults for suspected financial exploitation; to provide for procedures for placing and lifting such holds; to no longer require independent credit reports to be obtained from a consumer reporting agency as defined in the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act; to provide for procedures for cease and desist orders for unregistered persons providing litigation finance; to provide for judicial hearings to review department decisions regarding litigation finance; to provide for registrant disclosures; to provide for definitions; to make conforming changes; to provide for construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bill of the House:

HB 244. By Representatives Cannon of the 172nd, Yearta of the 152nd, Greene of the 154th, Jackson of the 128th and Hagan of the 156th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 36-81-7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to audit of financial affairs and transactions, contents, copy to state auditor, and public inspection, so as to provide for local governments to request and receive in certain circumstances due date extensions related to filing annual audits with the state auditor; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has adopted by the requisite constitutional majority the following resolution of the House:

HR 1008. By Representatives Smith of the 70th, Dickey of the 134th, Corbett of the 174th, Townsend of the 179th and Smith of the 138th:

A RESOLUTION to ratify amendments to a certain comprehensive state-wide water management plan; to provide for force and effect; to provide for construction; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Hawkins of the 27th et al., Huddleston of the 72nd et al., Dickey of the 134th, Beckles of the 96th et al., Oliver of the 84th et al., Kendrick of the 95th et al., Stephens of the 164th et al., Adeyina of the 110th et al., Smith of the 18th, Bell of the 75th et al., Erwin of the 32nd, Santos of the 117th et al., and Scott of the 76th et al.

Representative Gullett of the 19th moved that the following Bill of the Senate be withdrawn from the Rules Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Rules:

SB 177. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Albers of the 56th, Burns of the 23rd, Robertson of the 29th, Williams of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to government transparency and campaign finance, so as to provide for transparency in foreign funded political activities within the state; to require agents of hostile foreign principals and foreign supported political organizations to register with the State Ethics Commission; to provide for registration requirements; to provide for definitions; to provide legislative findings; to provide for civil penalties; to authorize the Attorney General to bring civil actions or criminal investigations for violations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House and Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HR 1049. By Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Griffin of the 149th, Berry of the 56th, Park of the 107th and Jones of the 143rd:

A RESOLUTION designating the Wednesday of the last week in October of each year as "Fentanyl and Opioid Awareness Day" in Georgia; and for other purposes.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A RESOLUTION

Designating the Wednesday of the last week in October of each year as Fentanyl and Opioid Awareness Day in Georgia; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, the Red Ribbon Campaign is the oldest, largest drug prevention program in the United States, and Red Ribbon Week, held annually October 23 through 31, is a time when schools and communities focus on young people living safe, healthy, and drug-free lives; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Public Health reports that from 2019 to 2021, the total number of opioid-related overdose deaths increased from 853 to 1,718, and more than half were attributed to fentanyl; and

WHEREAS, fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is 50 times more potent than heroin and 100 times more potent than morphine, and is inexpensive, widely available, and highly addictive, and comes in a variety of colors, shapes, and forms; and

WHEREAS, many colleges and universities are making naloxone, an antidote for opioid poisoning, accessible on campus at clinics and counseling centers, the campus police, or in vending machines in resident halls; and

WHEREAS, fentanyl use and abuse are happening at middle schools and high schools, and the best way to protect students from substance use and abuse is having regular and open conversations to educate them about the risks, dangers, and effects of fentanyl use and abuse; and

WHEREAS, fentanyl overdoses are happening at middle schools and high schools, and the best way to counter an overdose is raising awareness of the symptoms of an overdose, offering students a reliable space to seek help, and having naloxone readily available at the school nurse's office; and

WHEREAS, on Fentanyl and Opioid Awareness Day and throughout the year, Georgia policymakers can and should make it their number one priority to encourage all Georgia students to live safe, healthy, and drug-free lives by providing educational materials and overdose prevention kits at middle schools and high schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that the members of this body designate the Wednesday of the last week in October of each year as Fentanyl and Opioid Awareness Day in Georgia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the press.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the Resolution, was agreed to, by substitute.

On the adoption of the Resolution, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Cooper	Y Hagan	E Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	E Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	E Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	E Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the adoption of the Resolution, by substitute, the ayes were 159, nays 0.

The Resolution, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted, by substitute.

House of Representatives

State Capitol Room 436
Atlanta, GA 30334

March 12, 2026

Mr. Clerk,

Please note that I would have voted in the affirmative on HR 1049 but was off the House floor taking a call from the Governor's Office.

Thank you,

/s/ Sharon Cooper
Representative, District 45

SC/js

HR 145. By Representatives Erwin of the 32nd, Dubnik of the 29th, Cheokas of the 151st, Wade of the 9th, Barton of the 5th and others:

A RESOLUTION urging the Department of Education and the Department of Public Health to collaborate to prioritize the expansion of vision and hearing screening at various grade levels to identify students with undiagnosed and untreated vision or hearing problems that may impede their acquisition of literacy skills; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and withdrawn:

A RESOLUTION

Urging the Department of Education and the Department of Public Health to collaborate to prioritize the expansion of vision and hearing screening at various grade levels to identify students with undiagnosed and untreated vision or hearing problems that may impede their acquisition of literacy skills; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, a significant percentage of school age children, approximately one-third, experience vision problems, yet for many of them the lack of vision screening and necessary follow-up diagnostic evaluations are impairing their ability to acquire literacy skills; and

WHEREAS, hearing screening is only required as a newborn before hospital discharge and at entry into a school system, and vision screening is only required at entry into a school system; and

WHEREAS, eight percent of children have hearing loss between six and 19 years of age; and

WHEREAS, there is a well documented direct link between vision and hearing health and the acquisition of literacy skills; and

WHEREAS, Code Section 20-2-771 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated authorizes and requires the Department of Education to collaborate with public health authorities to address health related mandates for students; and

WHEREAS, effective screening programs can identify vision and hearing impairments early, allowing timely interventions that support academic success and literacy development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY that:

(1) The Department of Education and Department of Public Health are urged to collaborate in developing a comprehensive strategy and methods to expand vision and hearing screening for students in pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and first, third, fifth, and eighth grades, as well as for transfer students in all grade levels; and

(2) Such comprehensive strategy and methods, once developed, shall be presented to the chairpersons of the House Committee on Education and the Senate Education and Youth Committee and the Georgia Council on Literacy to ensure alignment with state literacy goals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to representatives of the Department of Education and the Department of Public Health.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A RESOLUTION

Urging the Department of Education and the Department of Public Health to collaborate and to prioritize the expansion of vision and hearing screenings at various grade levels to identify students with undiagnosed and untreated vision or hearing problems that may impede their acquisition of literacy skills; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, a significant percentage of school age children, approximately one-third, experience vision problems, yet for many of them the lack of vision screening and necessary follow-up diagnostic evaluations are impairing their ability to acquire literacy skills; and

WHEREAS, hearing screening is only required as a newborn before hospital discharge and at entry into a school system, and vision screening is only required at entry into a school system; and

WHEREAS, 8 percent of children have hearing loss between six and 19 years of age; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to representatives of the Department of Education and the Department of Public Health.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the Resolution, by substitute, was agreed to, by substitute.

On the adoption of the Resolution, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	E Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield

Y Anderson	E Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	E Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	E Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Cannon, P	E Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the adoption of the Resolution, by substitute, the ayes were 162, nays 0.

The Resolution, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted, by substitute.

The following Bill of the Senate, having been postponed from the previous legislative day, was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 420. By Senators Echols of the 49th, Anderson of the 24th, Gooch of the 51st, Anavitarte of the 31st, Still of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 27-2-23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to license, permit, tag, and stamp fees, so as to provide for fees for reef and migratory fish endorsements; to amend Code Section 12-2-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Environmental Protection Division, appeal procedures generally, permit applications, and inspections, Code Section 27-1-39 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to rules and regulations used to establish criminal

violations, and Code Section 52-7-26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penalty, respectively, so as to revise effective dates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	E Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
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On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 163, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following Bill of the Senate, having been postponed from the previous legislative day, was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 239. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Robertson of the 29th, Harbin of the 16th, Mallow of the 2nd and Williams of the 25th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to funeral directors and establishments, embalmers, and crematories, so as to remove the requirement that funeral directors be licensed embalmers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to funeral directors and establishments, embalmers, and crematories, so as to remove the requirement that funeral directors be licensed embalmers; to revise definitions; to revise provisions concerning the unlicensed practice of funeral directing and embalming; to revise the powers and duties of the State Board of Funeral Services; to revise membership and terms of the board; to provide for term limits; to change certain provisions concerning the education requirements for funeral directors and embalmers; to provide separate examination requirements for funeral directors and embalmers; to change certain provisions relating to the apprenticeship requirements of funeral directors and embalmers; to revise provisions concerning the licensure of funeral directors and embalmers by reciprocity; to make the provisions concerning the reinstatement of licenses applicable to embalmers; to revise provisions concerning funeral establishments; to require that a funeral director in full and continuous charge of a funeral establishment be licensed as both a funeral director and an embalmer; to provide for responsibility of all funeral services offered at a funeral establishment, organic human reduction facility, or crematory; to change certain provisions concerning the disposition of cremated remains; to provide for conforming cross-references and terminology; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to funeral directors and establishments, embalmers, and crematories, is amended by revising Code Section 43-18-1, relating to definitions, as follows:

"43-18-1.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Alternative container' means any receptacle or enclosure which is of sufficient strength to be used to hold and to transport a dead human body. Such term does not include a casket.

(2) 'Apprentice' means a person who practices embalming, funeral directing, or both, under the direct supervision of a funeral director, embalmer, or both, in this state.

(3) 'Board' means the State Board of Funeral Service.

(4) 'Casket' means a container which is designed for the encasement and viewing of a dead human body.

(5) 'Cremation' means the reduction of the dead human body to residue by intense heat or any mechanical, chemical, thermal, or other professionally accepted process. Such term also includes any other mechanical, chemical, thermal, or other professionally accepted process whereby dead human bodies are pulverized, burned, recremated, or otherwise further reduced in size or quantity. Such term does not include organic human reduction.

(5.1) 'Cremation device' means a retort, vat, or container in which dead human bodies are cremated by traditional flame, alkaline hydrolysis, or other means approved by the board.

(6) 'Crematory' means any place where cremation is performed, other than a hospital, clinic, laboratory, or other facility authorized by the Department of Community Health for such purposes.

(7) 'Direct supervision' means that the embalmer, funeral director, or both, are present overseeing the activities of the apprentice.

(8) 'Embalmer' means a person who practices embalming ~~or uses in connection with such person's name the words 'embalmer,' 'licensed embalmer,' 'undertaker,' or 'mortician' or offers~~ or holds himself or herself out as offering such ~~services~~ service.

(9) 'Final disposition' means the final disposal of a dead human body whether it is by, but not limited to, earth interment, above-ground interment, cremation, burial at sea, or delivery to a medical institution for lawful dissection if such medical institution assumes responsibility for disposal.

(10) 'Funeral' or 'funeral services' means the observances, services, or ceremonies held for dead human bodies and includes any service relating to the transportation, embalming, cremation, organic human reduction, and interment of a dead human body.

(11) 'Funeral director' means a person who practices funeral directing ~~or uses in connection with such person's name or with a picture of such person the words 'funeral director,' 'licensed funeral director,' 'undertaker,' or 'mortician'~~ or offers or holds himself or herself out as offering such ~~services~~ service.

(12) 'Funeral director in full and continuous charge' means a funeral director who is approved by the board to assume full responsibility for the operations of a particular funeral establishment, organic human reduction facility, or crematory and who shall ensure that such establishment complies with this article and with all rules promulgated pursuant to this article.

(13) 'Funeral establishment' means a place where embalming or funeral directing is practiced and which is open to the public and transacting business relating to funeral services.

(14) 'Funeral merchandise' means ~~the~~ any goods that ~~may only be~~ are sold or offered for sale by a funeral director ~~working in a funeral establishment, organic human reduction facility, or crematory and includes, but is not limited to, a casket or alternative container, but does not include an outer burial container or cemetery marker~~ for use in connection with the memorialization, interment, entombment, or inurnment of dead human bodies.

(15) 'Funeral service contract' means a written ~~or oral~~ agreement between a funeral director or funeral establishment, organic human reduction facility, or crematory and a legally authorized person for the embalming, funeral, or final disposition of a dead human body.

(16) 'Legally authorized person' means the deceased's surviving spouse, a son or daughter who is 18 years of age or older; the deceased's parent, a brother or sister who is 18 years of age or older; any other person who is 18 years of age or older and who is in the next degree of kinship to the deceased; the deceased's guardian or personal representative; or a public health officer.

(16.1) 'Organic human reduction' means the contained, accelerated conversion of dead human bodies to soil.

(16.2) 'Organic human reduction container' means a container in which organic human reduction occurs.

(16.3) 'Organic human reduction facility' means a location where organic human reduction is performed.

(16.4) 'Organically reduced remains' means the resulting residue of a dead human body that has undergone organic human reduction.

(17) 'Outer burial container' means an enclosure into which a casket is placed, including, but not limited to, a vault made of concrete, steel, fiberglass, or copper, a sectional concrete enclosure, a crypt; or a wooden enclosure.

(18) 'Practice of embalming' or 'embalming' means disinfecting or preserving or attempting to disinfect or preserve dead human bodies by ~~replacing certain body fluids with~~ the internal or external application of preserving and disinfecting chemicals.

(19) 'Practice of funeral directing' or 'funeral directing' means making or directing, at need or preneed, arrangements for the preparation and transportation of dead human bodies for final disposition and the supervision and direction of all funeral services.

(20) 'Retort' means a furnace where dead human bodies are cremated.

(21) 'Soliciting' means the making of any uninvited contact with another person by a funeral director or by a funeral director's agent, assistant, employer, or employee for the purpose of the sale of funeral services or merchandise. Such term shall not include any advertising which is directed to the public in general."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 43-18-3, relating to practice without complying with article, as follows:

"43-18-3.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the practice of embalming or to represent to the public that such person is an embalmer~~, mortician, or undertaker~~ without first complying with this article.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the business or profession of funeral directing or to represent to the public that such person is a funeral director~~, undertaker, or mortician~~ without first complying with this article.

(c) Any person who actively engages or participates in any way in the business or profession of funeral directing, including, but not limited to, consulting with consumers about potential funeral services, shall be considered to be practicing as a funeral director and must be a licensed funeral director under the terms of this article.

(d) It shall be unlawful for any person to use in connection with such person's name or with a picture of such person:

(1) The words 'funeral director' or 'licensed funeral director' without being a licensed funeral director under the terms of this article;

(2) The words 'embalmer' or 'licensed embalmer' without being licensed as an embalmer under the terms of this article; or

(3) The words 'undertaker' or 'mortician' without being licensed as either a funeral director or an embalmer under the terms of this article.

(e)(1) The board may issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of records or other documents in connection with an investigation of a potential violation of this Code section.

(2) If any person fails or refuses to comply with a subpoena issued pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection, a superior court of appropriate jurisdiction, upon application of the board, may issue to the person an order requiring such person to appear before the court to show cause why such person should not be held in contempt for the failure or refusal to comply with the subpoena.

(f) Any person who violates the provisions of this Code section shall be subject to the civil penalties provided in Code Section 43-1-20.1."

SECTION 3.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 43-18-4, relating to unlicensed practice as constituting public nuisance and injunctions, as follows:

"43-18-4.

(a) The practice of embalming or funeral directing, as defined in this article, is declared to be a business or profession affecting the public interest and involving the health and safety of the public. Such practice by a person who is not licensed to practice in this state is declared to be a public nuisance; and any citizen of this state, the board, or the appropriate prosecuting attorney where such practice is carried on by such unlicensed person may, on behalf of the public, bring an action in the superior court of the county

where such nuisance exists or is carried on to restrain and abate the same. On satisfactory proof to the judge of the superior court that such illegal practice or business of funeral directing or embalming is being carried on, the judge shall issue ~~a temporary~~ an injunction against the party or parties operating such practice or business until they have qualified and been licensed under the terms of this article.

(b) In any action brought pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section or pursuant to Code Section 43-1-20 where the plaintiff prevails in obtaining an injunction against the unlicensed practice of funeral director or embalming, the plaintiff shall be entitled to recover the costs incurred in bringing such action, including reasonable attorney's fees."

SECTION 4.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 43-18-21, relating to composition of board, qualification of members, vacancies, and removal of members, as follows:

"43-18-21.

(a) The board shall consist of ~~six~~ seven members as follows:

(1) Three members who shall be licensed ~~and practicing~~ funeral directors ~~and embalmers with~~ who have practiced in this state as such for a minimum of five years ~~as such in this state~~ immediately preceding their appointment;

(2) Three members who shall be licensed embalmers who have practiced in this state as such for a minimum of five years immediately preceding their appointment; and

(3) One ~~one~~ member who shall have no connection whatsoever with the funeral service industry but who shall have a recognized interest in consumer affairs and in consumer protection concerns.

(b) The members of the board shall be appointed by the Governor for terms of office of ~~six years and all~~ four years and not to exceed two terms. All vacancies occurring on the board shall be filled by the Governor. When an appointment is made to fill a vacancy caused by death or resignation of a member, such appointment shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term of the member whose death or resignation caused the vacancy so filled.

(c) An individual who is licensed as both a funeral director and an embalmer may be appointed by the Governor as one of the three members of the board provided for in paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Code section or as one of the three members of the board provided for in paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this Code section.

~~(c)~~(d) A majority of the members of the board may remove any member who misses three or more consecutive regular meetings of the board without a medical reason and may declare that position on the board to be vacant. A member so removed shall not be eligible for reappointment until the expiration of the term of office for which such person was serving. The Governor shall have the power to remove from office any member of the board for willful neglect of duty or for conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude.

~~(d)~~(e) Those persons serving as members of the board immediately prior to ~~April 11, 1990~~ July 1, 2026, shall continue to serve out the respective terms of office for which they were appointed and until their respective successors are appointed and qualified."

SECTION 5.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 43-18-23, relating to powers and duties, rules and regulations, and seal, as follows:

"43-18-23.

For the purpose of better protection of life and health, preventing the spread of contagious, communicable, and infectious diseases, and regulating the practice of embalming and funeral directing and the care and disposition of dead human bodies, the board is authorized:

(1) To prescribe a standard of proficiency as to the qualifications and fitness of those engaged in and who may engage in the practice of embalming or funeral directing and the care and disposition of dead human bodies;

(2) To revoke the license of any embalmer or funeral director for incompetency, conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude, violation of this article, failure to observe the standards of proficiency or rules and regulations promulgated by the board, or any other cause as provided in this article;

(3) To fix and prescribe rules and regulations governing the business or profession of funeral directing and the business or profession of embalming;

(4) To fix and prescribe standards of sanitation to be observed in the embalming of dead human bodies or cremation of dead human bodies;

(5) To regulate and control the business or profession of funeral directing or embalming;

(6) To fix and prescribe minimum standards of general appearance of funeral establishments or crematories;

(7) To adopt a common seal; ~~and~~

(8) To make and promulgate rules and regulations not inconsistent with the laws of this state for the regulation of such board and for the practice of embalming and funeral directing within this state. All rules and regulations of the board existing immediately prior to April 11, 1990, which are not inconsistent with this article shall continue in effect until repealed, amended, or otherwise changed by the board; and

(9) To issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses before the board, administer oaths, and compel production of records or other documents and testimony of witnesses whenever, in the judgment of the board, it is necessary to do so for the effectual discharge of the duties of the board under this article."

SECTION 6.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 43-18-40, relating to application for license and examination, as follows:

"43-18-40.

Any person desiring to engage either in the practice of embalming or in the business or practice of funeral directing, or both, and who has not been licensed to do so shall make written application to the board through the division director for such license or licenses. Such application shall be upon such form and shall be submitted in such manner as shall be prescribed by the board and the applicant shall pay such fee or fees as may be fixed

by the board. ~~Before being issued a license to practice funeral directing or embalming in this state, all applicants shall pass an examination approved by the board which tests their qualifications and skill in either funeral directing or embalming, or both, as the case may be; and such examination shall be made in the manner provided for in this article and by the board through rules and regulations.~~"

SECTION 7.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 43-18-41, relating to qualifications of embalmer or funeral director applicants, as follows:

"43-18-41.

(a) Each applicant for a license as either an embalmer or a funeral director shall:

(1) Be at least 18 years of age;

(2) Be of good moral character; and

(3) Have graduated from a high school or have earned a state approved high school equivalency (HSE) certificate.

(b) In addition to the qualifications set out in subsection (a) of this Code section, an applicant for an embalmer's license shall:

(1) Have ~~graduated from a program at an accredited college of funeral service or such other college as provided by board rule; and~~ obtained an associate's degree or higher by successfully completing, at an institution of postsecondary education, a program of funeral service education that consists of not less than 60 semester hours, or equivalent quarter credit hours, and that is accredited by a national or regional accrediting organization recognized by the board, such as the American Board of Funeral Service Education;

(2) Have attained a passing score, as determined by the board, on an examination approved by the board which tests the applicant's qualifications and skill in the practice of embalming, such as the science section of the national examination administered by the International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards;

~~(2)~~(3) Have completed a minimum of 3,120 hours, pursuant to rules and regulations of the board, of service as an apprentice under the direct supervision of a licensed embalmer as provided in Code Sections 43-18-50 through 43-18-54; and

(4) Furnish an affidavit stating that, as an apprentice as provided in Code Section 43-18-50, the applicant assisted in the embalming of at least 50 dead human bodies and specifying the names and dates of death relating to such dead human bodies.

(c) In addition to the qualifications set out in subsection (a) of this Code section, an applicant for a funeral director's license shall ~~have, prior to the issuance of said license, a valid embalmer's license; shall furnish~~:

(1) Have met the educational requirements specified in paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section;

(2) Have attained a passing score, as determined by the board, on an examination approved by the board which tests the applicant's qualifications and skill in the practice of funeral directing, such as the arts section of the national examination administered by the International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards;

(3) Have completed a minimum of 3,120 hours, pursuant to rules and regulations of the board, of service as an apprentice under the direct supervision of a licensed funeral director as provided in Code Sections 43-18-50 through 43-18-54;
(4) Furnish an affidavit ~~which lists the names of the 50 funerals at which the apprentice assisted as provided in Code Section 43-18-50~~ stating that, as an apprentice as provided in Code Section 43-18-50, the applicant assisted with at least 50 funerals and specifying the names and dates of death for the deceased at such funerals; and~~, effective~~
(5) Effective January 1, 1991, ~~must pass~~ have passed an examination approved by the board which tests knowledge of the law of this state relating to funeral directors.
(d)(1) An individual who has met the educational requirement specified in paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section shall be eligible to take ~~the section of~~ the examination required under paragraph (2) of such subsection ~~for embalmer relating directly to scholastic training~~ without waiting until such individual meets the additional requirements for licensure specified in ~~paragraph (2)~~ paragraphs (3) and (4) of ~~said~~ such subsection~~; provided, however, that such individual must submit a proper application and pay the required fees as determined by the board~~.
(2) An individual who has met the educational requirement specified in paragraph (1) of subsection (c) of this Code section shall be eligible to take the examination required under paragraph (2) of such subsection without waiting until such individual meets the additional requirements for licensure specified in paragraphs (3), (4), and (5) of such subsection.
(3) Notwithstanding the passing of either or both of the examinations required under paragraph (2) of subsection (b) or paragraph (2) of subsection (c) of this Code section, an ~~An~~ applicant for licensure as an embalmer or funeral director ~~who shall have successfully completed the section of the examination for embalmer relating directly to scholastic training~~ shall have no status as an embalmer or funeral director until such applicant meets all other requirements for licensure as outlined in this article and has received a license as an embalmer or funeral director from the board.
(e)(1) An applicant may satisfy the requirements specified in paragraph (3) of subsection (b) and paragraph (3) of subsection (c) of this Code section simultaneously by completing a minimum of 3,120 hours of service as an apprentice under the direct supervision of a licensed funeral director and a licensed embalmer, or an individual licensed as both a funeral director and an embalmer, as provided in Code Sections 43-18-50 through 43-18-54; provided, however, that such individual shall, during such service as an apprentice, assist in the embalming of at least 50 dead human bodies and assist with at least 50 funerals as required under paragraph (4) of subsection (b) and paragraph (4) of subsection (c) of this Code section.
(2) An applicant for an embalmer's license who is licensed as a funeral director in this state and who has not satisfied the requirements specified in paragraph (3) of subsection (b) of this Code section may satisfy the requirements of such paragraph by assisting, as an apprentice under the direct supervision of a licensed embalmer, in the embalming of at least 50 dead human bodies as provided in paragraph (1) of subsection (d) of Code

Section 43-18-50; provided, however, that such applicant shall be required to satisfy all other requirements for an embalmer's license as set forth in this Code section.

(3) An applicant for a funeral director's license who is licensed as an embalmer in this state and who has not satisfied the requirements specified in paragraph (3) of subsection (c) of this Code section may satisfy the requirements of such paragraph by assisting, as an apprentice under the direct supervision of a licensed funeral director, with at least 50 funerals as provided in paragraph (2) of subsection (d) of Code Section 43-18-50; provided, however, that such applicant shall be required to satisfy all other requirements for a funeral director's license as set forth in this Code section."

SECTION 8.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 43-18-42, relating to reciprocity and examination upon meeting qualifications, as follows:

"43-18-42.

(a) The board may, in its discretion and in accordance with regulations adopted by the board, grant to any person licensed in another state, territory, or country~~,~~ or the District of Columbia full privileges to engage in equivalent practice authorized by this article without taking ~~a national examination~~ the examination required under paragraph (2) of subsection (b) or paragraph (2) of subsection (c) of Code Section 43-18-41 if:

(1)(A) ~~On or after January 1, 1991, such person successfully passes an examination approved by the board which tests knowledge of the law of this state relating to funeral directors; and~~

~~(B)~~ Such person satisfied in another state, territory, or country~~,~~ or the District of Columbia the requirements for licensure which are:

(i) In effect in Georgia on the date of application; or

(ii) Substantially equal to the requirements for a similar license in Georgia; and

(B) Such person, if seeking a funeral director's license, passes an examination approved by the board which tests knowledge of the law of this state relating to funeral directors; or

(2) Such person seeking a license pursuant to this Code section has, in another state, territory, or country or the District of Columbia, engaged in the active practice of ~~funeral service~~ funeral directing as a licensed funeral director ~~and~~ or the active practice of embalming as a licensed embalmer, as applicable, for three years immediately preceding his or her application for ~~a~~ such license in Georgia.

(b) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to prevent an applicant denied pursuant to this Code section from ~~taking the examination for licensure pursuant to this article~~ being issued a license as a funeral director or embalmer under this article if that applicant otherwise meets the qualifications set out in Code Section 43-18-41."

SECTION 9.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 43-18-43.1, relating to application for reinstatement of licensure, as follows:

"43-18-43.1.

If a licensee who has passed ~~the examination for licensure as a funeral director required under this part~~ either or both of the examinations required under paragraph (2) of subsection (b) or paragraph (2) of subsection (c) of Code Section 43-18-41 and who has not been subject to disciplinary action by the board allows or has allowed his or her license to lapse for a period of not more than ten years, the board shall reinstate such ~~funeral director's~~ license upon such applicant for reinstatement:

(1) Paying the total amount of all renewal fees for the period during which the license was lapsed, plus a reinstatement fee not to exceed the amount of the biennial renewal fee; and

(2) Successfully completing continuing education hours as the board may require under Code Section 43-18-55 or 43-18-56, unless such continuing education hours would be waived under subsection (c) of Code Section 43-18-55 or subsection (c) of Code Section 43-18-56, if such applicant for reinstatement had not let the license lapse."

SECTION 10.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 43-18-50, relating to application for funeral service apprenticeship and period of apprenticeship, as follows: "43-18-50.

(a) Every person desiring to serve as an apprentice shall make application as a funeral service apprentice to the board upon a form provided by the board. The applicant must be at least 18 years of age and have either graduated from high school or have a state approved high school equivalency (HSE) certificate. The apprenticeship shall be served at an approved establishment and under the direct supervision of a funeral director, embalmer, or both. The application must be verified by oath of applicant and be accompanied by a fee to be established by the board. The application shall be submitted to the board and may be accepted or rejected by a majority of the board.

(b) An apprenticeship shall be approved for a specific establishment and under a specific supervising funeral director, embalmer, or both. Any change in establishment or supervising funeral director, embalmer, or both shall terminate that apprenticeship and shall require submission of a new application.

(c) ~~The~~ Except as provided in subsection (d) of this Code section, the total period of apprenticeship shall be 3,120 hours and must be served in a minimum of 18 months, but the minimum period shall be in addition to the time required to ~~graduate from a college of funeral service or other college pursuant to~~ complete the education requirements provided for in paragraph (1) of subsection (b) or paragraph (1) of subsection (c) of Code Section 43-18-41. An apprentice shall be authorized to earn apprenticeship hours in an amount to be determined by the board while attending a postgraduate school or a program at an accredited college of funeral service or other college approved by the board.

(d)(1) An individual who is licensed as a funeral director in this state, who is seeking licensure as an embalmer, and who did not simultaneously satisfy the apprenticeship requirements of both licenses pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (e) of Code Section 43-18-41 shall not be required, in connection with obtaining an embalmer's

license, to complete a specified number of hours in service as an apprentice over a specified period of time; provided, however, that such individual shall still be required to apply for and obtain an apprentice registration under this article and, as an apprentice under the direct supervision of a licensed embalmer, assist in the embalming of at least 50 dead human bodies.

(2) An individual who is licensed as an embalmer in this state, who is seeking licensure as a funeral director, and who did not simultaneously satisfy the apprenticeship requirements of both licenses pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (e) of Code Section 43-18-41 shall not be required, in connection with obtaining a funeral director's license, to complete a specified number of hours in service as an apprentice over a specified period of time; provided, however, that such individual shall still be required to apply for and obtain an apprentice registration under this article and, as an apprentice under the direct supervision of a licensed funeral director, assist with at least 50 funerals."

SECTION 11.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 43-18-52, relating to supervision and control of apprentices and reporting hours served, as follows: "43-18-52.

(a) All apprentices shall be under the supervision and control of the board and shall submit reports to the board every six months, in a form and manner provided by the board, detailing the hours spent and activities performed in service as an apprentice and, upon application for licensure, submit to the board proof of having ~~served the required number of hours~~ satisfied the applicable apprenticeship requirements provided for in this article on forms provided by the board. ~~After completing the~~

(b) An apprentice who is required to complete 3,120 hours ~~for~~ of apprenticeship within the specified period~~, they~~ shall, upon completing such hours, send ~~the last~~ a final report to the board regardless of the date indicating that such hours have been completed. The information contained in the final report shall be certified as correct by the funeral director in full and continuous charge and by the supervising funeral director, ~~and~~ embalmer, or both.

(c) An apprentice who is not required to complete a specified number of hours of service as an apprentice over a specified period of time pursuant to subsection (d) of Code Section 43-18-50 shall, upon assisting in the embalming of at least 50 dead human bodies or assisting with at least 50 funerals, whichever is applicable, send a final report to the board regardless of the date indicating that such assistance has been given. The information contained in the final report shall be certified as correct by the funeral director in full and continuous charge and by the supervising funeral director or embalmer, whichever is applicable."

SECTION 12.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 43-18-70, relating to practice at licensed funeral establishment or crematory, facilities, and living quarters, requirement to only practice at licensed funeral establishment, organic human reduction facility, or

crematory and requirements of funeral establishments, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(e) Each funeral establishment shall maintain, and make available to the board upon request:

(1) A general price list for all funeral services offered and funeral merchandise sold at the funeral establishment; and

(2) Invoices, contracts, or other records evidencing all agreements entered into by legally authorized persons and the funeral establishment, or a funeral director offering funeral services at the funeral establishment, for funeral services or funeral merchandise during the previous 12 months."

SECTION 13.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 43-18-71, relating to funeral establishments, organic human reduction facilities, and crematories to be licensed and to employ a licensed funeral director to be in full and continuous charge and display of name and license of funeral director, as follows:

"43-18-71.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, or association to operate a funeral establishment, organic human reduction facility, or crematory engaged in the business of providing funeral services without first obtaining a license from the board in accordance with this article. The board shall not issue a license to any funeral establishment, organic human reduction facility, or crematory unless such funeral establishment or crematory shall employ the service of a funeral director licensed in accordance with this article, who shall be the funeral director in full and continuous charge of the establishment and who is a resident of this state. There shall be conspicuously displayed in each funeral establishment, organic human reduction facility, and crematory the name and license of the funeral director in full and continuous charge. A funeral director in full and continuous charge shall:

(1) Assume full responsibility for the supervision and operation of the funeral establishment, organic human reduction facility, or crematory for which that person has been designated as the funeral director in full and continuous charge;

(2) Act as funeral director for only one funeral establishment, organic human reduction facility, or crematory, or at only one funeral establishment that is separately licensed as an organic human reduction facility or crematory; ~~and~~

(3) Spend a minimum of 40 hours per week in the employ and operation of the establishment and be accessible and available to the community; and

(4) If serving as a funeral director in full and continuous charge of a funeral establishment, be licensed as both a funeral director and an embalmer.

(b) When there is a change in the funeral director in full and continuous charge, such change shall be reported to the board in writing within five days of the effective date of such change. The board may request the new funeral director in full and continuous charge and owner to appear before the board to determine if the requirements for a funeral director in full and continuous charge have been met.

(c) Each funeral establishment, organic human reduction facility, or crematory, and the funeral director in full and continuous charge of such funeral establishment, organic human reduction facility, or crematory, shall be responsible for all funeral services offered or provided to consumers at the funeral establishment, organic human reduction facility, or crematory and for ensuring that all such funeral services are offered or provided in a manner that complies with the provisions of this article and the rules and regulations of the board."

SECTION 14.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 43-18-80, relating to authorizing agent, statement specifying disposition of cremated or organically reduced remains, and shipment of remains, as follows:

"43-18-80.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'authorizing agent' means a person legally entitled to authorize the organic human reduction or cremation of a dead human body.

(b) The authorizing agent shall provide to the funeral establishment, organic human reduction facility, or crematory in which the organic human reduction or cremation arrangements are made a signed statement specifying the ultimate disposition of the organically reduced remains or cremated remains, if known. A copy of such statement shall be retained by the funeral establishment, organic human reduction facility, or crematory offering or conducting the organic human reduction or cremation.

(c) Organically reduced remains or cremation remains shall be shipped only by a method that has an internal tracking system available and that provides a receipt signed by the person accepting delivery.

(d) The authorizing agent shall be responsible for the disposition of the organically reduced remains or cremated remains. If, after 60 days from the date the organic human reduction is completed or the date of cremation, the authorizing agent or his or her representative has not specified the ultimate disposition or claimed the organically reduced or cremated remains, the funeral establishment, organic human reduction facility, crematory, or other entity in possession of the organically reduced remains or cremated remains shall send a notification to the authorizing agent notifying him or her that, pursuant to this subsection, failure to respond to such notification and specify the ultimate disposition of the organically reduced remains or cremated remains within 30 days of the transmission of such notice shall authorize the funeral establishment, organic human reduction facility, crematory, or other entity to make arrangements for the disposition of such remains. If, after 30 days, the funeral establishment, organic human reduction facility, crematory or entity in possession of the organically reduced remains or cremated remains has not received instructions from the authorizing agent describing a specific method of disposing of such remains, the funeral establishment, organic human reduction facility, crematory or entity in possession of such remains shall be authorized to dispose of the organically reduced remains or cremated remains in a dignified and humane manner by the entombment, internment, or scattering of such remains in accordance with local and state law or by storage in the funeral establishment, organic

human reduction facility, crematory, or location of the entity in possession of the remains. The final resting place of the organically reduced remains or cremated remains shall be clearly marked, unless such remains are scattered, and recorded by the funeral establishment, organic human reduction facility, crematory, or entity that disposed of such remains. Any costs or fees incurred to entomb, inter, scatter, or disinter such remains shall be the responsibility of the authorizing agent~~; provided, however, that such cost shall not exceed $100.00~~.

(e) Any funeral establishment, organic human reduction facility, or crematory, or entity in possession of cremated remains that disposes of cremated remains in accordance with subsection (d) of this Code section shall be discharged from any legal obligation or liability concerning such cremated remains."

SECTION 15.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	E Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
N Alexander	Y Crawford	E Herring	E McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	E Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
E Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	N Smith, TP
Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	N Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
N Burnough	Y Evans	E Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	E Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	N Frye	Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Cannon, P	E Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Wilkerson

Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
N Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	E Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	E Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 148, nays 6.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SB 220. By Senators Brass of the 6th, Summers of the 13th, Hatchett of the 50th, Strickland of the 42nd, Jackson of the 41st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend various provisions of the O.C.G.A., so as to rename low THC oil as medical cannabis; to amend Chapter 12 of Title 16, Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Title 16, and Article 1 of Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to offenses against the public health and morals, regulation of controlled substances, and general provisions relative to the Department of Public Health, respectively, so as to clarify and revise criminal penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend various provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, so as to rename low THC oil as medical cannabis; to amend Chapter 12 of Title 16, Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Title 16, and Article 1 of Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against the public health and morals, regulation of controlled substances, and general provisions relative to the Department of Public Health, respectively, so as to clarify and revise criminal penalties relating to medical cannabis; to clarify and revise exemptions to criminal penalties; to revise the duties of the Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission; to provide for the provision of certain information by licensees; to provide limitations on the provision of such information; to revise the prohibition on certain manners of ingesting medical cannabis; to exclude the lawful possession and control of medical cannabis from the provisions of the "Georgia Controlled Substances Act;" to revise the list of diagnosed conditions for which a medical cannabis registration card can be issued; to revise provisions related to registration card

renewal; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for definitions; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Putting Georgia's Patients First Act."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to agriculture, is amended by replacing "low THC oil" and "Low THC oil" with "medical cannabis" and "Medical cannabis", respectively, wherever such terms occur in:

(1) Code Section 2-11-36, relating to seeds used in production of low THC oil;

(2) Code Section 2-23-9.2, relating to consumable hemp products, packaging, advertising, and distribution; and

(3) Code Section 2-23-9.3, relating to location of retail establishments selling or distributing consumable hemp products.

SECTION 2-2.

Article 9 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to access to medical cannabis, is amended by replacing "low THC oil" and "Low THC oil" with "medical cannabis" and "Medical cannabis", respectively, and by replacing "Low THC Oil Patient Registry" with "Medical Cannabis Patient Registry" wherever such terms occur in:

(1) Code Section 16-12-201, relating to prohibition against producing, growing, manufacturing, or dispensing low THC oil or products;

(2) Code Section 16-12-204, relating to nontransferable designated university licenses to produce low THC oil and products, research and reporting of collected information, and license revocation;

(3) Code Section 16-12-206, relating to annual, nontransferable dispensing license, adoption of rules, and fees;

(4) Code Section 16-12-210, relating to powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission, no undue burden on patients, and remission of fees;

(5) Code Section 16-12-211, relating to class 1 production licenses, application fee, revocation, and limitation on ownership;

(6) Code Section 16-12-212, relating to class 2 production licenses, application fees, revocation, and limitation on ownership;

(7) Code Section 16-12-213, relating to tracking system requirements;

(8) Code Section 16-12-216, relating to Bureau of Investigation, Access to Medical Cannabis Commission, and Composite Medical Board to jointly establish procedures to ensure compliance;
(9) Code Section 16-12-217, relating to on-demand access to facilities, provision of samples, testing, and secured transportation;
(10) Code Section 16-12-224, relating to limitation on ownership by member or former member of the Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission, limitation on physician's involvement, and identification when contributing to political campaigns;
(11) Code Section 16-12-226, relating to sales and use taxes applicable;
(12) Code Section 16-12-233, relating to contracts not against public policy;
(13) Code Section 16-12-235, relating to research in compliance with federal regulations; and
(14) Code Section 16-12-235.1, relating to possession of low THC oil and products by colleges and universities for research purposes, permitting requirements, and inspection.

SECTION 2-3.

Chapter 1 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to torts, is amended in Code Section 51-1-29.6, relating to liability of health care institutions and providers regarding low THC oil, by replacing "low THC oil" and "Low THC oil" with "medical cannabis" and "Medical cannabis", respectively.

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against the public health and morals, is amended by revising Article 8, relating to regulation of low THC oil, as follows:

"ARTICLE 8

16-12-190.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Medical cannabis' means any plant within the genus Cannabis and any part of such plant, including all derivatives, extracts, cannabinoids, isomers, acids, salts, and salts of isomers, whether growing or not, ~~'low THC oil' means an oil~~ that contains ~~an amount of cannabidiol and not more than 5 percent by weight of~~ tetrahydrocannabinol, tetrahydrocannabinolic acid, or a combination of tetrahydrocannabinol and tetrahydrocannabinolic acid ~~which does not contain plant material exhibiting the external morphological features of the plant of the genus Cannabis~~. Such term shall not ~~mean~~ include:

(A) Drug products approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration under Section 505 of the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act; or

(B) Hemp or hemp products, as defined in Code Section 2-23-3.

(2) 'Product' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-12-200.
(3) 'Registered patient' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-12-200.

16-12-191.
(a)(1) Notwithstanding any provision of Chapter 13 of this title, it shall be lawful for any person to possess, purchase, or have under his or her control ~~20 fluid ounces or less of low THC oil~~ a product or products containing a cumulative total of 12,000 milligrams or less of tetrahydrocannabinol if such ~~substance is~~ product or products are in a pharmaceutical container labeled by the manufacturer indicating the ~~percentage~~ amount of milligrams of tetrahydrocannabinol therein and:
(A) Such person is a registered patient ~~with the Department of Public Health as set forth in Code Section 31-2A-18~~ and has in his or her possession a physical or electronic registration card issued by the Department of Public Health pursuant to Code Section 31-2A-18; or
(B) Such person has in his or her possession a registration card issued to such person by another state that allows the same possession of ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis as provided by this state's law; provided, however, that such registration card shall not be lawful authority when such person has been present in this state for 45 days or more.
(2) Notwithstanding any provision of Chapter 13 of this title, any ~~person~~ registered patient who possesses, purchases, or has under his or her control ~~20 fluid ounces or less of low THC oil~~ a product or products containing a cumulative total of 12,000 milligrams or less of tetrahydrocannabinol without complying with paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be punished as for a misdemeanor.
(b)(1) Notwithstanding any provision of Chapter 13 of this title, it shall be lawful for any person to possess, purchase, or have under his or her control ~~20 fluid ounces or less of low THC oil~~ a product or products containing a cumulative total of 12,000 milligrams or less of tetrahydrocannabinol if:
(A) Such person is involved in a clinical research program being conducted by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia or any authorized clinical trial or research study in this state or their authorized agent as:
(i) A program participant;
(ii) A parent, guardian, or legal custodian of a program participant;
(iii) An employee of the board of regents designated to participate in the research program;
(iv) A program agent;
(v) A program collaborator and ~~their~~ its designated employees;
(vi) A program supplier and ~~their~~ its designated employees;
(vii) A program physician;
(viii) A program clinical researcher;
(ix) Program pharmacy personnel; or
(x) Other program medical personnel; and

(B) Such ~~substance is~~ product or products are in a pharmaceutical container labeled by the manufacturer indicating the ~~percentage~~ amount of tetrahydrocannabinol therein.

(2) Notwithstanding any provision of Chapter 13 of this title, any such person who possesses, purchases, or has under his or her control ~~20 fluid ounces or less of low THC oil~~ a product or products containing a cumulative total of 12,000 milligrams or less of tetrahydrocannabinol without complying with ~~subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) of~~ paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be punished as for a misdemeanor.

(c) ~~Notwithstanding any provision of Chapter 13 of this title, any person~~ Any registered patient having possession of, purchasing, or having under his or her control ~~more than 20 fluid ounces of low THC oil but less than 160 fluid ounces of low THC oil or who manufactures, distributes, dispenses, sells, purchases, or possesses with the intent to distribute low THC oil shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than ten years, a fine not to exceed $50,000.00, or both~~ a product or products containing a cumulative total of more than 12,000 milligrams of tetrahydrocannabinol shall be subject to the penalties set forth in Chapter 13 of this title.

~~(d) Notwithstanding any provision of Chapter 13 of this title, any person who sells, manufactures, delivers, brings into this state, purchases, or has possession of 160 or more fluid ounces of low THC oil shall be guilty of the felony offense of trafficking in low THC oil and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished as follows:~~

~~(1) If the quantity of low THC oil is at least 160 fluid ounces but less than 31,000 fluid ounces, by imprisonment for not less than five years nor more than ten years and a fine not to exceed $100,000.00;~~

~~(2) If the quantity of low THC oil is at least 31,000 fluid ounces but less than 154,000 fluid ounces, by imprisonment for not less than seven years nor more than 15 years and a fine not to exceed $250,000.00; and~~

~~(3) If the quantity of low THC oil is 154,000 or more fluid ounces, by imprisonment for not less than ten years nor more than 20 years and a fine not to exceed $1 million.~~

~~(e)~~(d) Subsection ~~Subsections~~ (c) ~~and (d)~~ of this Code section shall not apply to a person involved in a research program being conducted by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia or its authorized agent as an employee of the board of regents designated to participate in such program, a program agent, a program collaborator and ~~their~~ its designated employees, a program supplier and ~~their~~ its designated employees, a physician, clinical researcher, pharmacy personnel, or other medical personnel.

~~(f) Subsections (c) and (d) of this Code section shall not apply to a designated university, pharmacy, or licensee under Article 9 of Chapter 12 of Title 16, provided that such possession, purchase, control, sale, manufacturing, distribution, or dispensing is solely conducted in accordance with the provisions of Article 9 of Chapter 12 of Title 16.~~

~~(g)~~(e) Nothing in this article shall require an employer to permit or accommodate the use, consumption, possession, transfer, display, transportation, purchase, sale, or growing of marijuana in any form, or to affect the ability of an employer to have a written zero

tolerance policy prohibiting the on-duty, and off-duty, use of marijuana, or prohibiting any employee from having a detectable amount of marijuana in such employee's system while at work."

SECTION 3-2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 16-12-200, relating to definitions relative to access to medical cannabis, as follows:

"16-12-200.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Applicant' means a corporate entity applying for a license pursuant to this article.

(2) 'Available capital' means corporate assets that are available to fund business operations in the event a license is awarded pursuant to Part 2 of this article.

(3) 'Class 1 production license' means a license to produce and manufacture ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis and products issued pursuant to Code Section 16-12-211.

(4) 'Class 2 production license' means a license to produce and manufacture ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis and products issued pursuant to Code Section 16-12-212.

(5) 'Commission' means the Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission created pursuant to Code Section 16-12-202.

(6) 'Designated universities' means the University of Georgia and Fort Valley State University.

(7) 'Designated university license' means a license issued by the commission pursuant to this article to a designated university to, separately or jointly, produce, manufacture, and purchase ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis and products in accordance with this article.

(8) 'Dispense' means the sale or provision of ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis and products to registered patients by a dispensing licensee.

(9) 'Dispensing license' means a specialty license issued by the State Board of Pharmacy or the commission pursuant to Code Section 16-12-206 to dispense ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis and products to registered patients.

(10) 'Grow' means cultivating and harvesting cannabis for use in producing ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis and products.

(11) 'Licensee' means any business, or owner of such business, with a valid license issued pursuant to this article.

(12) ~~'Low THC oil' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-12-190.~~

~~(13)~~ 'Manufacture' means to process cannabis to produce ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis and products.

(13) 'Medical cannabis' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-12-190.

(14) 'Owner' means any person who directly or indirectly owns, actually or beneficially, or controls 5 percent or greater of interests of the applicant or any licensee. In the event that one person owns a beneficial right to interests and another person holds

the voting rights with respect to such interests, then both shall be considered an owner of such interests.

(15) 'Product' means any item that contains medical cannabis, or is derived from or made by processing medical cannabis, that is prepared in a form available for commercial sale and does not contain more than 1,200 milligrams of tetrahydrocannibinol in an individual package. ~~low THC oil delivered through an oil, tincture, transdermal patch, lotion, or capsule, except as prohibited by Code Section 16-12-234, but not including~~ Such term shall not include:

(A) Hemp products; or

(B) Any ~~any~~ food products ~~infused with low THC oil~~ containing medical cannabis, including~~, but not limited to,~~ cookies~~,~~ and candies~~, or edibles~~.

(16) 'Registered patient' means an individual or his or her caregiver who is legally authorized to possess and use ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis and products pursuant to Code Section 31-2A-18.

(17) 'Tracking system' means a seed-to-sale tracking system to track marijuana that is grown, processed, manufactured, transferred, stored, or disposed of and ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis and products that are transferred, stored, sold, dispensed, or disposed of pursuant to this article."

SECTION 3-3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 16-12-203, relating to the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission, as follows:

"16-12-203.

The commission shall have the following powers, duties, and responsibilities:

(1) To apply for, receive, and administer state funds appropriated to the commission, private grants and donations, and other funds and donations. The commission's annual distributions shall be capped and limited to funds received from the sources specified in this paragraph. The commission shall ensure that its funds are not used as a supplement or secondary payor to any other third-party payor;

(2) To execute a contract or contracts to purchase or obtain ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis, cannabis, cannabinoids, or any other derivative, compound, or substantially similar products from any available legal source and to provide logistics related thereto in accordance with this article. Such contract or contracts may be executed with one or more qualified corporations or with one or more governmental entities. Purchases made pursuant to this paragraph shall not be subject to state purchasing laws contained in Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 50 or in other provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated;

(3) To utilize funds appropriated to the commission as may be necessary to purchase and transport ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis and products to the State of Georgia for use by registered patients;

(4) To develop, establish, maintain, and administer a ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis and products distribution network to obtain and distribute ~~low THC oil~~ medical

cannabis and products to registered patients in this state and to coordinate the best use of facilities and resources to operate such distribution network;
(5) To establish procedures for inspecting production facilities operated by designated universities;
(6) To establish requirements and procedures to ensure quality control, security, and oversight of ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis and products production in this state, including, but not limited to, testing for purity and dosage levels and verification that product labels accurately reflect product content;
(7) To provide for oversight of tracking systems;
(8) To coordinate and assist in the collection of data to evaluate the provision of ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis and products in this state;
(9) To study the provision of ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis and products in this state to determine the best practices and methods of providing such services, to determine what changes are needed to improve the provision of ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis and products, and to report any proposed legislative changes to the General Assembly each year;
(10) To coordinate its activities with the Department of Public Health;
(10.1) To engage in public awareness activities concerning the medical cannabis program in this state and effective uses of medical cannabis and products, including, but not limited to, publishing materials and conducting outreach and public education activities to inform members of the public, law enforcement, and healthcare providers about the medical cannabis program in this state and the potential benefits that medical cannabis and products may have to eligible patients;
(11) To employ an executive director and other staff and to establish duties and responsibilities of such persons;
(12) To employ and manage consultants, as deemed necessary, in order to fulfill its duties and responsibilities under this article;
(13) To review new treatment and delivery methods for ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis and products that may result from medical research and are not otherwise inconsistent with this article, and recommend statutory changes to the General Assembly to authorize such treatment and delivery methods and products;
(14) To be responsible for the noncriminal enforcement of the provisions of this article and to have all of the necessary duties, power, and authority to carry out such responsibility;
(15) To be authorized to draft, adopt, amend, repeal, and enforce such rules and regulations as it deems necessary for the administration and enforcement of this article in the protection of public health, safety, and welfare;
(16) To enforce qualifications for licensure; and
(17) To levy fines for failure by a Class 1 production licensee, Class 2 production licensee, or dispensing licensee to operate in accordance with rules and regulations established by the commission within 14 days of written notice by the commission of specific violations. Such fines shall not exceed $25,000.00 for a first offense, $50,000.00 for a failure to remedy the offense within 60 days after written notice of a

first offense, and $75,000.00 for subsequent failures to remedy noncompliance within 90 days after written notice of a first offense. Following a third written notice of a recurring violation, the commission may also order a licensee to cease operations for a period of up to 30 days to correct the violation. Any such fines or orders to cease operations shall be subject to Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'"

SECTION 3-4.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 16-12-215, relating to limitations on locations, advertising or marketing prohibited, and information available to physicians, as follows:

"16-12-215.

(a) No licensee shall operate in any location, whether for cultivation, harvesting, and processing of marijuana or for processing, manufacturing, packaging, or distributing ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis or products, within a 3,000 foot radius of a covered entity, measured from property boundary to property boundary. ~~No dispensing licensee may operate in any location within a 1,000 foot radius of a covered entity, measured from property boundary to property boundary~~ On and after July 1, 2026, no dispensing license shall be issued for any location in which the retail sale of distilled spirits would be prohibited under paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 3-3-21; provided, however, that this shall not apply to a license issued by the State Board of Pharmacy. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, local governments may, via use of existing zoning powers otherwise provided by law, allow dispensing licensees only to locate in places other than those provided in this subsection so long as such modification is needed to allow retail outlets to be established to service registered patients residing within such local jurisdiction. As used in this subsection, the term 'covered entity' means a public or private school; an early care and education program as defined in Code Section 20-1A-2; or a church, synagogue, or other place of public religious worship, in existence prior to the date of licensure of such licensee by the commission or State Board of Pharmacy.

(b)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, no ~~No~~ licensee shall advertise or market ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis or products to registered patients or the public.

(2) A~~; provided, however, that a~~ licensee shall be authorized to provide information:

(A) Regarding ~~regarding~~ its ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis and products directly to physicians and healthcare providers; and

(B) About the legal and safe uses of medical cannabis and products to registered patients.

(3) Any information provided by a licensee pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection shall not:

(A) Include any medical claim, unless such claim is supported by reliable scientific evidence;

(B) Make any false or misleading claim; or

(C) Be attractive to children or otherwise directly or indirectly targeted to individuals under 21 years of age. For purposes of this subparagraph, the term 'attractive to children' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 2-23-3."

SECTION 3-5.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 16-12-225, relating to criminal offenses and penalties, as follows:

"16-12-225.

(a) A licensee or licensee's employee who knowingly or willfully encourages, causes, abets, connives, conspires, or aids in the endangerment of patients, trafficking of ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis, products, or its manufacturing by-products, or criminal distribution of raw materials and agricultural inputs, including but not limited to seeds, under this part shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not to exceed $100,000.00, imprisonment for not less than five nor more than ten years, or both.

(b) Any person whose acts or omissions of gross, willful, or wanton negligence contribute to or cause the endangerment of patients, trafficking of ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis, products, or its manufacturing by-products, or criminal distribution of raw materials and agricultural inputs, including but not limited to seeds, under this part shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature and, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of up to $5,000.00, imprisonment for up to 12 months, or both.

(c) Failure to comply with all other provisions of this part shall be punishable by a fine of up to $500.00 for the first offense. All persons convicted of a second or subsequent offense shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of up to $1,000.00, imprisonment for up to six months, or both, for each violation.

(d) The provisions of this Code section shall not preclude prosecution and punishment for the commission of any offense otherwise provided by law."

SECTION 3-5A.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 16-12-230, relating to requirements for dispensing low THC oil and products, as follows:

"16-12-230.

(a) ~~Low THC oil and~~ Medical cannabis or products shall only be dispensed to registered patients or caregivers in this state by a dispensing licensee or directly from the commission pursuant to this article.

(b) A pharmacist who dispenses ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis or products shall seek and review information on a registered patient from the prescription drug monitoring program data base established pursuant to Code Section 16-13-57 prior to dispensing ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis or products to the registered patient."

SECTION 3-6.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 16-12-231, relating to exemptions from arrest, prosecutions, or penalty, as follows:

"16-12-231.

The following persons and entities, when acting in accordance with the provisions of this article, shall not be subject to arrest, prosecution, or any civil or administrative penalty, including a civil penalty or disciplinary action by a professional licensing board, or be denied any right or privilege, for the medical use, prescription, administration, manufacture, distribution, or transport of ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis or products:

(1) A registered patient who is in possession of an amount of ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis or products authorized under Code Section 16-12-191 or such patient's caregiver, parent, or guardian;

(2) A physician who certifies a patient to the Department of Public Health as being diagnosed with a condition or in a hospice program and authorized to use ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis or products for treatment pursuant to Code Section 31-2A-18;

(3) A pharmacist or pharmacy that dispenses or provides ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis ~~or products to a registered patient;~~ or products to a registered patient, or such patient's caregiver, parent, or guardian;

(4) The commission or its employees or contractors associated with the production of ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis or products in accordance with this article;

(5) A designated university, an employee of a designated university, or any other person associated with the production of ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis or products in accordance with this article; and

(6) A licensee or an ~~An~~ employee, contractor, or agent of a licensee with proper identification associated with the production, manufacture, distribution, transport, or sale of ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis or products in accordance with this article."

SECTION 3-7.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 16-12-234, relating to unlawful ways to ingest low THC oil or products, as follows:

"16-12-234.

(a) It shall be unlawful to ingest ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis or products:

(1) Through smoking or combustion of medical cannabis by any individual; provided, however, that such prohibition shall not include the vaporization of medical cannabis, except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2) of this Code section;

(2) Through vaporization of medical cannabis by any individual 21 years of age or younger; or

(3) In any manner in any public place by any individual ~~in a manner that employs a heating element, power source, electronic circuit, or other electronic, chemical, or mechanical means, regardless of shape or size, that can be used to produce vapor in a solution or other form, including but not limited to any electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or similar product or device and any vapor cartridge or other container of low THC oil or product in a solution or other form that is intended to be used with or in an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or similar product or device~~.

(b) The department shall promulgate rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Code section no later than January 1, 2027."

SECTION 3-8.

Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of controlled substances, is amended in Code Section 16-13-21, relating to definitions, by revising paragraph (16) as follows:

"(16) 'Marijuana' means all parts of the plant of the genus Cannabis, whether growing or not, the seeds thereof, the resin extracted from any part of such plant, and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of such plant, its seeds, or resin, but shall not include samples as described in subparagraph (P) of paragraph (3) of Code Section 16-13-25; shall not include the completely defoliated mature stalks of such plant, fiber produced from such stalks, oil, or cake, or the completely sterilized samples of seeds of the plant which are incapable of germination; and shall not include hemp or hemp products, as such terms are defined in Code Section 2-23-3, or medical cannabis or products, as such terms are defined in Code Sections 16-12-190 and 16-12-200, respectively, when in the possession or control of a person authorized to possess and control such medical cannabis or products under the provisions of Article 8 or Article 9 of Chapter 12 of this title. Such term shall not include drug products approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration under Section 505 of the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act."

SECTION 3-9.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 16-13-25, relating to Schedule I, by revising subparagraph (P) of paragraph (3) as follows:

"(P) Tetrahydrocannabinol, tetrahydrocannabinolic acid, or a combination of tetrahydrocannabinol and tetrahydrocannabinolic acid which does not contain plant material exhibiting the external morphological features of the plant of the genus Cannabis, but not including such substance when found in hemp or hemp products, as such terms are defined in Code Section 2-23-3, or in medical cannabis or products, as such terms are defined in Code Sections 16-12-190 and 16-12-200, respectively, when in the possession or control of a person authorized to possess or control such medical cannabis or products under the provisions of Article 8 or Article 9 of Chapter 12 of this title. Tetrahydrocannabinols do not include drug products approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration under Section 505 of the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act;"

SECTION 3-10.

Article 1 of Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to the Department of Public Health, is amended by revising Code Section 31-2A-18, relating to low THC oil patient registry, registration cards, reports, waiver forms, and annual review and recommendations, as follows:

"31-2A-18.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Board' means the Georgia Composite Medical Board.

(2) 'Caregiver' means:

(A) A ~~the~~ parent, guardian, or legal custodian of ~~an individual~~ a patient who is less than 18 years of age ~~or the legal guardian of an adult~~;

(B) An adult who is designated by a patient as being an individual authorized to provide assistance, and who is willing to provide such assistance, with purchasing, possessing, and administering medical cannabis or products for such patient's use; or

(C) A health care institution as defined in Code Section 51-1-29.6 where a patient is receiving health or medical care for a condition and where such institution agrees to allow such patient to possess and use medical cannabis or products on such institution's premises.

(3) 'Condition' means any of the following, provided that the patient's symptoms associated with any such condition can reasonably be expected to be relieved by the use of medical cannabis and the potential benefits of such use to the patient outweigh the potential health risks that such use might pose to the patient:

(A) Any cancer except skin cancer, unless it is metastatic skin cancer ~~Cancer, when such disease is diagnosed as end stage or the treatment produces related wasting illness or recalcitrant nausea and vomiting~~;

(B) Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis~~, when such disease is diagnosed as severe or end stage~~;

(C) Seizure disorders related to a diagnosis of epilepsy or trauma related head injuries;

(D) Multiple sclerosis~~, when such disease is diagnosed as severe or end stage~~;

(E) ~~Crohn's disease~~ Inflammatory bowel disease;

(F) Mitochondrial disease;

(G) Parkinson's disease~~, when such disease is diagnosed as severe or end stage~~;

(H) Sickle cell disease~~, when such disease is diagnosed as severe or end stage~~;

(I) Tourette's syndrome~~, when such syndrome is diagnosed as severe~~;

(J) Autism spectrum disorder, when such disorder is diagnosed for a patient who is at least 18 years of age, or severe autism, when diagnosed for a patient who is less than 18 years of age;

(K) Epidermolysis bullosa;

(L) Alzheimer's disease~~, when such disease is diagnosed as severe or end stage~~;

(M) ~~Acquired immune deficiency syndrome~~ Human immunodeficiency virus, when such ~~syndrome~~ disease is diagnosed as ~~severe or end stage~~ Stage III;

(N) Peripheral neuropathy, when such symptoms are diagnosed as severe ~~or end stage~~;

(O) Post-traumatic stress disorder resulting from direct exposure to or the witnessing of a trauma for a patient who is at least 18 years of age; ~~or~~

(P) Intractable pain;

(Q) Lupus;

(R) Severe arthritis; or

(S) Severe insomnia.

(4) 'Department' means the Department of Public Health.

(5) 'Intractable pain' means pain that has a cause that cannot be removed and for which, according to generally accepted medical practice, the full range of pain management modalities appropriate for the patient has been used for a period of at least six months without adequate results or with intolerable side effects.

(6) '~~Low THC oil~~ Medical cannabis' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-12-190.

(7) 'Physician' means an individual licensed to practice medicine pursuant to Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 and whose principal place of practice is located in this state.

(8) 'Registry' means the ~~Low THC Oil~~ Medical Cannabis Patient Registry.

(b) There is established within the department the ~~Low THC Oil~~ Medical Cannabis Patient Registry.

(c) The purpose of the registry is to provide a registration of ~~individuals~~ patients and caregivers who have been issued registration cards. The department shall establish procedures and promulgate rules and regulations for the establishment and operation of the registration process and dispensing of registry cards to individuals and caregivers. The department shall not promulgate any rules or regulations or impose any excessive or unnecessary fees relating to the issuance of registration cards that would unduly burden access to medical cannabis or products by patients and caregivers.

(d) The department shall issue a registration card to any ~~individual~~ patient who has been certified to the department by his or her physician as being diagnosed with a condition or is an inpatient or outpatient in a hospice program and has been authorized by such physician to use ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis as treatment. The department shall issue a registration card to a caregiver ~~when the circumstances warrant the issuance of such card~~ on behalf of a patient if such individual or entity meets the criteria in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this Code section with respect to such patient. The board shall establish procedures and promulgate rules and regulations to assist physicians in providing required uniform information relating to certification and any other matter relating to the issuance of certifications. In promulgating such rules and regulations, the board shall require that physicians have a doctor-patient relationship when certifying an individual as needing ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis and physicians shall be required to be treating such ~~individual~~ patient for the specific condition requiring such treatment or be treating such ~~individual~~ patient in a hospice program. A physician shall seek and review information about a patient from the prescription drug monitoring program data base established pursuant to Code Section 16-13-57 prior to certifying such patient to the department ~~as being diagnosed with a specific condition that requires the use of low THC oil as treatment~~. A registration card issued pursuant to this Code section shall be valid for five years from the date of issuance regardless of the patient's nonuse so long as the ~~individual~~ patient or caregiver remains eligible for receipt of such card based on an annual certification of the continued diagnosis of such ~~individual~~ patient with a condition; provided, however, that patients with incurable or irreversible conditions

shall not be subject to such annual certifications. ~~If the individual or caregiver requests delivery of the registration card, the department shall deliver such card either via certified mail or by secure electronic means, including email.~~ The department shall issue an electronic registration card, physical registration card, or both, at the sole election of each patient or caregiver. Electronic registration cards shall allow for immediate purchase of medical cannabis or products upon receipt of an eligible application for a registration card.

(e) The board shall require physicians to issue semiannual reports to the board. Such reports shall require physicians to provide information, including, but not limited to, dosages recommended for a particular condition, patient clinical responses, levels of tetrahydrocannabinol or tetrahydrocannabinolic acid present in test results, compliance, responses to treatment, side effects, and drug interactions. Such reports shall be used for research purposes to determine the efficacy of the use of ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis as a treatment for conditions.

(f) Information received and records kept by the department for purposes of administering this Code section shall be confidential; provided, however, that such information shall be disclosed, subject to the provisions of the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, P.L. 104-191, and any regulations promulgated thereunder:

(1) Upon written request of ~~an individual~~ a patient or caregiver registered pursuant to this Code section for information related to the ~~individual~~ patient or his or her caregiver;

(2) To peace officers and prosecuting attorneys for the purpose of:

(A) Verifying that an individual in possession of a registration card is ~~registered~~ the patient authorized to possess and use such registration card pursuant to this Code section; or

(B) Determining that an individual in possession of ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis is registered pursuant to this Code section; and

(3) To government entities and other entities for statistical, research, educational, instructional, drug abuse prevention, or grant application purposes after removing all personal identifiers from the health information and removing all information that could be used to identify prescribers.

(g) ~~The board shall develop a waiver form that will advise that the use of cannabinoids and THC containing products have not been approved by the FDA and the clinical benefits are unknown and may cause harm. Any patient or caregiver shall sign such waiver prior to his or her approval for registration.~~

~~(h)~~ The board, in coordination with the Department of Public Health, shall annually review the conditions included in paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of this Code section and recommend additional conditions that have been shown through medical research to be effectively treated with ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis. Such recommendations shall include recommended dosages for a particular condition, patient responses to treatment with respect to the particular condition, and drug interactions with other drugs commonly taken by patients with the particular condition. Such recommendations shall be made

jointly by the board and the Department of Public Health to the General Assembly no later than December 1 of each year."

PART IV
SECTION 4-1.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	E Cooper	Y Hagan	E Mathis	E Sainz
Y Adesanya	N Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	N Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	E Cummings	Y Hitchens	N Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	N Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	N Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	N Tarvin
Y Blackmon	N Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	E Taylor, D
N Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	N O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	N Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	E Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	N Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	N Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	N Wade
Y Campbell, L	E Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Cannon, P	E Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Carpenter	E Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	N Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	E Rice	Y Williams, MF
N Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	N Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	N Ridley, Jas	N Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	N Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	N Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	N Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 138, nays 21.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following members were recognized during the period of Afternoon Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Mathiak of the 82nd et al., New of the 40th et al., Stephens of the 164th et al., Jackson of the 165th et al., Wade of the 9th et al., Dunahoo of the 31st, Beckles of the 96th, Holcomb of the 101st et al., Reese of the 140th, Stinson of the 150th et al., Lupton of the 83rd, Ali of the 106th et al., and Glaize of the 67th.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1676. By Representatives Panitch of the 51st, Cox of the 28th and Silcox of the 53rd:

A RESOLUTION commending the Yeshiva University Maccabees; and for other purposes.

HR 1677. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Dunahoo of the 31st, Dubnik of the 29th, Cox of the 28th and Hong of the 103rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Jason Hughes; and for other purposes.

HR 1678. By Representatives Jackson of the 68th, Mitchell of the 88th and Reese of the 140th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Brother LaDray Brandan Gilbert, J.D.; and for other purposes.

HR 1679. By Representatives Mathiak of the 82nd and Jones of the 143rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Aubrey T. Villines Jr. for 50 years of distinguished public service at the Georgia State Capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1680. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Adeyina of the 110th, Jackson of the 68th and Bazemore of the 69th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Paula Whittle; and for other purposes.

HR 1681. By Representatives Hatchett of the 155th, Efstration of the 104th, Burns of the 159th, Hugley of the 141st, Gambill of the 15th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the Atlanta World Cup Host Committee; and for other purposes.

HR 1682. By Representatives Campbell of the 35th, Jones of the 60th, McQueen of the 61st, Adeyina of the 110th, Adesanya of the 43rd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Pastor Wilbur T. Purvis III on the occasion of his 33rd pastoral anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 1683. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Williamson of the 112th, Cheokas of the 151st and Washburn of the 144th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Building Owners and Managers Association of Georgia (BOMA Georgia) and recognizing February 3, 2026, as BOMA Georgia Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1684. By Representatives Smith of the 138th, Rice of the 139th, Buckner of the 137th, Reese of the 140th and Hugley of the 141st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Terry L. Hudson II; and for other purposes.

HR 1685. By Representatives Reese of the 140th, Hugley of the 141st, Smith of the 138th and Buckner of the 137th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating Breyana Anyaegbunam upon being named the 2025–2026 Youth of the Year for the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Chattahoochee Valley; and for other purposes.

HR 1686. By Representatives Reese of the 140th, Hugley of the 141st, Smith of the 138th and Buckner of the 137th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating Columbus Police Sergeant Katina Williams upon being named WRBL News 3's 2026 Remarkable Woman; and for other purposes.

HR 1687. By Representatives Williams of the 168th and DeLoach of the 167th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Valerie Barnett; and for other purposes.

HR 1688. By Representatives Williams of the 168th and DeLoach of the 167th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the First Preparatory Christian Academy boys basketball team for winning the 2026 GIAA Class A Boys State Basketball Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 1689. By Representatives Williams of the 168th and DeLoach of the 167th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Mrs. Nancy "Nan" McClellan Flowers; and for other purposes.

HR 1690. By Representative Jones of the 60th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Conor Farnsworth; and for other purposes.

HR 1691. By Representative Jones of the 60th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Iglesia Pentecostal Divina Trinidad and honoring Pastors Ronal Monroy and Maria Mercedes Monroy on the occasion of their 16th pastoral anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 1692. By Representative Jones of the 60th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Emmaline Farnsworth; and for other purposes.

HR 1693. By Representative Jones of the 60th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Soha Subramanian; and for other purposes.

HR 1694. By Representatives Burnough of the 77th, Jackson of the 165th, Jones of the 60th and Davis of the 87th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the U.S. United Pageant System; and for other purposes.

HR 1695. By Representatives Campbell of the 35th, Jones of the 60th, Evans of the 57th, Beckles of the 96th, Adeyina of the 110th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Dr. Beverly Griffin Patton for receiving the 2026 Yellow Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leader Award; and for other purposes.

HR 1696. By Representatives Campbell of the 35th, Erwin of the 32nd, Glaize of the 67th, Cummings of the 39th, Berry of the 56th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 25, 2026, as Executive Function Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1697. By Representatives Okoye of the 102nd, Park of the 107th, Romman of the 97th, Adeyina of the 110th, McClain of the 109th and others:

A RESOLUTION celebrating the 205th anniversary of the City of Lawrenceville; and for other purposes.

HR 1698. By Representatives Okoye of the 102nd, Berry of the 56th, Carter of the 93rd, Olaleye of the 59th, Romman of the 97th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Honorable Dewey McClain; and for other purposes.

HR 1699. By Representatives Jackson of the 68th, Mitchell of the 88th, Reese of the 140th, Okoye of the 102nd, Beckles of the 96th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 25, 2026, as the United Nations International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of the Transatlantic Slave Trade; and for other purposes.

HR 1700. By Representative Park of the 107th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and honoring Stephanie Cho, Sonjui Kumar, Sarah Park, Victoria Huynh, and Aparna Bhattacharyya for their extraordinary leadership following the Atlanta-area spa shootings and their ongoing commitment to justice, healing, and the safety of Asian American communities in Georgia; and for other purposes.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House do now adjourn until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Monday, March 16, 2026, and the motion prevailed.

Pursuant to the adjournment Resolution previously adopted by the House and Senate, the Speaker announced the House adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Monday, March 16, 2026.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Monday, March 16, 2026

Thirty-Second Legislative Day

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called and the following Representatives answered to their names:

Adesanya	Corbett	Hagan	Martinez	Romman
Adeyina	Cox	Hatchett	Mathiak	Sainz
Alexander	Crawford	Hawkins	Mathis	Sampson
Ali	Davis	Herring	McClain	Sanchez
Anderson	Dawson	Hilton	McCollum	E Santos
Au	DeLoach	Hitchens	McDonald	Schofield
Baker	Dempsey	Holcomb	McQueen	Scoggins
Ballard	Dickey	Holland	Meeks	Scott
Barnes	Donatucci	Hong	Mitchell	Seabaugh
Barrett	Douglas	Horner	Momtahan	Silcox
Barton	Draper	Howard, J	Myles	E Smith, M
Bazemore	Drenner	Howard, K	New	Smith, TP
Beckles	Dubnik	Huddleston	Newton	Smith, V
Bell	Dunahoo	Hugley	Okoye	Stephens
Berry	Efstration	Jackson, D	Olaleye	Stinson
Bonner	Ehrhart	Jackson, E	O'Steen	Tarvin
Buckner	Erwin	Jackson, M	Panitch	Taylor, D
Burchett	Evans	Jasperse	Paris	Taylor, R
Burnough	Fincher	Jenkins	Park	Townsend
Byrd	Fleming	Jones, A	Parrish	Tran
Cameron	Flournoy	Jones, J	Parsons	Wade
Camp	Ford	E Jones, S	Persinger	E Washburn
Campbell, J	Franklin	Kahaian	Powell	Werkheiser
Cannon, C	Gaines	Kelley	Prince	Westbrook
Cannon, P	Gambill	LaHood	Reeves	Williams, A
Carpenter	Gilliard	Leverett	Rhodes	E Williams, MF
Carson	Gisler	E Lewis-Ward	Rice	Williams, N
Chastain	Glaize	Lim	Richardson	Williamson
Cheokas	Greene	Lumsden	Ridley, Jas	E Willis
Clark, J	Griffin	Lupton	Ridley, Jor	Yearta
E Clifton	Gullett	Martin	Roberts	Burns, Speaker
Cooper	Gunter			

The following members were off the floor of the House when the roll was called:

Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Campbell of the 35th, Carter of the 93rd, Clark of the 100th, Crowe of the 118th, Cummings of the 39th, Holly of the 116th, Jones of the 25th, Kendrick of the 95th, Miller of the 62nd, Moore of the 91st, Neal of the 79th, Oliver

of the 84th, Petrea of the 166th, Reese of the 140th, Smith of the 70th, and Thomas of the 21st.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by The Right Reverend Michael Mitchell, African Methodist Episcopal Church, Atlanta, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Hilton of the 48th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

By unanimous consent, the following was established as the order of business during the first part of the period of unanimous consents:

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

2. First reading and reference of House Bills and Resolutions.

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

6. First reading and reference of Senate Bills and Resolutions.

Pursuant to HR 1681, the House commended the Atlanta World Cup Host Committee.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House were introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committees:

HB 1539. By Representative Burchett of the 176th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Probate Court of Ware County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology

fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1540. By Representative Burchett of the 176th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the State Court of Ware County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1541. By Representative Burchett of the 176th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Magistrate Court of Ware County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1542. By Representative Yearta of the 152nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Magistrate Court of Worth County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1543. By Representative Lumsden of the 12th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a $40,000.00 homestead exemption from certain ad valorem taxes levied by, for, or on behalf of the Chattooga County School District for residents of that district who are 70 years of age or older and whose gross income does not exceed $20,000.00, approved April 23, 1998 (Ga. L. 1998, p. 4660), so as to increase the income cap on such exemption; to increase the value of the exemption in

steps over a two-year period; to revise a definition; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1544. By Representative Lumsden of the 12th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Chattooga County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of $70,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that county who are 70 years of age or older and whose income does not exceed $38,000.00; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1545. By Representatives Rhodes of the 124th and Washburn of the 144th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the board of commissioners for Putnam County, approved September 8, 1879 (Ga. L. 1878-79, p. 334), as amended, particularly by an Act approved February 15, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 3596) and an Act approved May 6, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 3805), so as to provide for current board of commissioner members to continue their terms of office; to require board members to live in their districts; to provide for filling vacancies; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1546. By Representative Carpenter of the 4th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental entities, so as to provide for requirements for local authorities retaining legal services on a contingent fee basis; to provide for review and approval of contracts by the

Attorney General; to provide for restrictions on such contracts; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 1547. By Representatives Williams of the 168th and DeLoach of the 167th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create the board of elections and registration for Liberty County, approved June 3, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 4437), so as to provide for staggered terms of office for certain future appointees to the board; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HR 1663. By Representatives Burnough of the 77th, Bell of the 75th, Flournoy of the 74th and Scott of the 76th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Dr. Anthony W. Smith and dedicating a road in his honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 1664. By Representatives Wade of the 9th and Chastain of the 7th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mr. General Wallace and dedicating an intersection in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 1665. By Representatives Townsend of the 179th, Stephens of the 164th and Smith of the 70th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Environmental Protection Division Permit and Variance Procedures and Rights to Review; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1666. By Representatives Wade of the 9th and Hawkins of the 27th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mr. John W. Ralston and dedicating an intersection in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 1667. By Representatives Yearta of the 152nd, O'Steen of the 169th, Ford of the 170th, Gambill of the 15th and Gunter of the 8th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the life of Mr. Bryce Alan Johnson and dedicating a bridge in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 1668. By Representatives Crawford of the 89th, Oliver of the 84th, Barnes of the 86th, Olaleye of the 59th, Draper of the 90th and others:

A RESOLUTION urging the Department of Education and local school systems to prioritize the inclusion of ex officio, honorary, and nonvoting student representatives on its local boards of education to increase student engagement and advocacy in the policy issues that determine academic outcomes for Georgia's children; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1669. By Representatives Westbrook of the 163rd, Jackson of the 165th, Evans of the 57th, Frye of the 122nd and Campbell of the 35th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on End of Life Issues; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1670. By Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Jones of the 25th, Thomas of the 21st, Kendrick of the 95th, Prince of the 132nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the importance of voluntary community based resource recovery efforts through the RESCUER initiative and encouraging counties and municipal corporations in this state to explore voluntary resource recovery programs utilizing digital platforms to facilitate food sharing within local communities; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1671. By Representatives Gilliard of the 162nd and Stephens of the 164th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Reverend Bennie R. Mitchell, Jr., and dedicating an intersection in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 1672. By Representatives Gilliard of the 162nd and Stephens of the 164th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Ms. Huxsie Scott and dedicating a bridge in her honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 1673. By Representatives Gilliard of the 162nd and Stephens of the 164th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Mr. Jimmy "Lord" Brown and dedicating an intersection in his honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 1674. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Seabaugh of the 34th, Momtahan of the 17th and Gambill of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on State Governance of Emergency Medical Services; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1675. By Representatives Lewis-Ward of the 115th, Hugley of the 141st, Greene of the 154th, Camp of the 135th, Washburn of the 144th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Community Associations; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House were read the second time:

HB 1535	HB 1536
HB 1537	HB 1538
HR 1654	HR 1655

HR 1656	HR 1657
HR 1658	HR 1662

Representative Tarvin of the 2nd District, Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 441 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Tarvin of the 2nd
Chairman

Representative Scoggins of the 14th District, Chairman of the Committee on Special Rules, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Special Rules has had under consideration the following Bill and Resolutions of the House and Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HR 1052	Do Pass	HR 1393	Do Pass
HR 1522	Do Pass	HR 1527	Do Pass
HR 1529	Do Pass	HR 1582	Do Pass
SB 240	Do Pass	SR 800	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Scoggins of the 14th
Chairman

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 32nd Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

SB 160 Reckless Stunt Driving; a motor vehicle involved in a second offense of reckless stunt driving; replace the forfeiture penalty (Substitute) (MotV-Powell-33rd) Kirkpatrick-32nd

SB 177 Government Transparency and Campaign Finance; transparency in foreign funded political activities within the state; provide (Substitute) (T&II-Gullett-19th) Anavitarte-31st (Rules Committee Substitute LC 47 4227S)

SB 432 Education; nonlapsing revenue of institutions of the University System of Georgia and units of the Technical College System of Georgia; extend automatic repeals (HEd-Jones-47th) Walker III-20th

SB 435 Georgia Development Authority; rename as the Georgia Agricultural Development Authority (A&CA-Meeks-178th) Goodman-8th

SB 524 License Plates; specialty license plate honoring Girl Scouts of Georgia; establish (PS&HS-Crowe-118th) Harbin-16th

SB 535 Mental Health; the re-creation of community service boards; provide (P&CH-Cooper-45th) Kirkpatrick-32nd

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has agreed to the House substitute to the following bill of the Senate:

SB 59. By Senators Watson of the 11th, Hickman of the 4th, Goodman of the 8th, Anderson of the 24th, Summers of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-7.4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to preferential assessment for bona fide

conservation use property and bona fide residential transitional property, so as to remove a limitation on leased property as to certain entities; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bills of the House:

HB 162. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th, Werkheiser of the 157th, Leverett of the 123rd, Reeves of the 99th, Dempsey of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, so as to provide for the restriction and seal of First Offender Act sentences until such status is revoked; to amend Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to first offenders relative to probation, so as to provide for the restriction and seal of first offender sentences at the time of sentencing; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 185. By Representative Ehrhart of the 36th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, so as to repeal and reenact Chapter 11A, the "Dietetics Practice Act"; to amend Titles 9, 31, 33, 43, and 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to civil practice, health, insurance, professions and businesses, and torts, respectively, so as to provide for conforming cross-references; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 483. By Representatives Prince of the 132nd, Leverett of the 123rd, Smith of the 18th, Reeves of the 99th, Roberts of the 52nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to assault and battery, so as to provide for protections for inspectors of code enforcement; to provide for definitions; to provide for enhanced penalties for simple assault, aggravated assault, simple battery, battery, and aggravated battery committed upon inspectors of code enforcement in certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 858. By Representatives Cummings of the 39th, Campbell of the 35th, Seabaugh of the 34th, McQueen of the 61st, Ridley of the 22nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Cobb County, approved March 26, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 3211), as amended, so as to change the compensation and number of certain staff of the solicitor-general; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1199. By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Blackmon of the 146th, Kelley of the 16th and Williamson of the 112th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-1-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions regarding revenue and taxation, so as to revise the definition of the terms "Internal Revenue Code" and "Internal Revenue Code of 1986" to incorporate certain provisions of the federal law into Georgia law; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the House:

HB 219. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Davis of the 87th and Clark of the 100th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, so as to authorize the Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists to establish a professional health program to provide for monitoring and rehabilitation of impaired healthcare professionals; to authorize the Georgia Board of Nursing to establish a professional health program to provide for monitoring and rehabilitation of impaired healthcare professionals; to provide for funding or gifts in kind; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 956. By Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Smith of the 70th and Cannon of the 172nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 12-8-27.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Solid Waste Trust Fund, so as to authorize use of funds for implementation of the provisions of a solid waste management program in this state; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1435. By Representatives Anderson of the 10th and Erwin of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Municipal Court of the Town of Mount Airy; to identify the authorized uses of such fee; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Park of the 107th et al., Gambill of the 15th et al., Davis of the 87th et al., Campbell of the 35th et al., Gullett of the 19th et al., Beckles of the 96th et al., Lim of the 98th et al., Cannon of the 58th et al., Cheokas of the 151st et al., Hilton of the 48th et al., and Jones of the 47th et al.

By order of the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the Senate was withdrawn from the General Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Health:

SB 411. By Senators Still of the 48th, Watson of the 1st and Kirkpatrick of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, so as to provide for dry needling to be performed by certain licensed professionals; to provide for definitions; to restrict certain representations and advertisements related to the performance of dry needling; to provide for education and training requirements for occupational therapists to perform dry needling; to provide for disciplinary action; to provide for training requirements for acupuncturists; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 524. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Walker III of the 20th, Parent of the 44th, Halpern of the 39th, Payne of the 54th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to license plates promoting or supporting certain agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations with proceeds disbursed to the general fund and the agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation, so as to establish a specialty license plate honoring Girl Scouts of Georgia; to establish a specialty plate honoring the 250th anniversary of the United States of America's independence; to provide for related matters; to provide for

compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

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Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	E Sainz
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Ali	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	E Santos
Y Anderson	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
E Au	Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Baker	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Ballard	Dawson	Y Holland	Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	E Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	E Smith, M
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Berry	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	E Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Camp	Y Fleming	E Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Campbell, J	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, L	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Cannon, C	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, P	E Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Carpenter	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carson	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carter	Y Gilliard	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Chastain	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	E Williams, MF
Y Cheokas	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Clark, D	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, J	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Willis
E Clifton	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
	Gunter	Y Mathiak	E Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 155, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 435. By Senators Goodman of the 8th, Watson of the 11th, Anderson of the 24th, Sims of the 12th, Summers of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, so as to rename the Georgia Development Authority as the Georgia Agricultural Development Authority; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	E Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	E Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
E Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	E Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	E Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	E Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	E Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	E Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Lim	Y Rice	E Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
E Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	E Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 154, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following Bill of the House was taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 244. By Representatives Cannon of the 172nd, Yearta of the 152nd, Greene of the 154th, Jackson of the 128th and Hagan of the 156th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 36-81-7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to audit of financial affairs and transactions, contents, copy to state auditor, and public inspection, so as to provide for local governments to request and receive in certain circumstances due date extensions related to filing annual audits with the state auditor; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 81 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government budgets and audits, so as to update and revise provisions, content, and form of annual audits by local governments; to authorize regulatory basis of accounting framework for certain annual audits; to authorize the state auditor to prescribe necessary forms and information contained in certain components of such audits; to provide for exceptions; to provide that certain public officers and employees may be liable for the failure of their offices to assist counties in complying with audit requirements; to provide for the temporary withholding of compensation for certain officers for failing to assist counties in complying with audit requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 81 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government budgets and audits, is amended by revising Code Section 36-81-7, relating to audit of financial affairs and transactions, contents, copy to state auditor, and public inspection, as follows:

"36-81-7.

(a)(1) The governing authority of each unit of local government having ~~a population in excess of 1,500 persons according to the latest estimate of population by the United States Bureau of the Census or its successor agency or~~ expenditures of ~~$550,000.00~~ $2.5 million or more shall provide for and cause to be made an annual audit of the financial affairs and transactions of all funds and activities of the local government for each fiscal year of the local government.

(2) The governing authority of each local unit of government ~~not included in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall~~ having expenditures of $2.5 million or less may provide for and cause to be made ~~the~~ an audit ~~required pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection not less often than once every two fiscal years~~ using the special purpose framework prescribed by the state auditor. The state auditor shall develop reporting templates to be used by a local unit of government making a report pursuant to this paragraph and establish an effective date to begin reporting under the special purpose framework. ~~Audits performed pursuant to this paragraph shall be for both fiscal years.~~

(3)(A) The governing authority of each local unit of government having expenditures of ~~less than $550,000.00~~ $1 million or less in ~~that~~ such government's most recently ended fiscal year may elect to provide for and cause to be made, in lieu of the ~~biennial~~ audit otherwise ~~required under~~ provided for in ~~paragraph~~ paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection, an annual report of agreed upon procedures for that fiscal year. The agreed upon procedures shall include as a minimum: proof and reconciliation of cash, confirmation of cash balances, a listing of bank balances by bank, copies of financial statements and notes as prescribed by the state auditor, a statement of cash receipts and cash disbursements, a review of compliance with state law, and a report of agreed upon procedures. The annual report of agreed upon procedures performed pursuant to this paragraph shall not be used for more than four consecutive years. The governing authority of each local unit of government not included in paragraph (1) or (2) of this subsection shall, no less than every fifth year, provide for and cause to be made an audit of the financial affairs and transactions of all funds and activities of the local government in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards.

(B) Agreed ~~This agreed~~ upon procedures ~~report~~ reports or reports using the special purpose framework shall be in a format prescribed by the state auditor and shall constitute an annual audit report for purposes of and within the meaning of the requirements of subsections (d) through (g) of this Code section. The Department of Community Affairs is authorized to assist requesting local governments in preparing agreed upon procedures reports or special purpose framework reports required under this paragraph and in establishing record-keeping procedures needed in preparing those reports and is further authorized to charge those local governments reasonable fees for that assistance. To the extent that the state auditor is able to perform the agreed upon procedures, the governing body may contract with the state auditor.

(4) At the option of the governing authority, an audit may be made at a lesser interval than one year.

(5) In the event that a local unit of government presents evidence that in a particular fiscal year unusual circumstances resulted in expenditures exceeding the amounts provided for in this subsection, the state auditor shall be authorized for good cause shown to grant exceptions to the audit filing required under this subsection.

(b) The audits of each local government shall be conducted in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. Each audit shall also contain a statement of any agreement or arrangement under which the local unit of government has assumed any

actual or potential liability for the obligations of any governmental or private agency, authority, or instrumentality. Such statement shall include the purpose of the agreement or arrangement, shall identify the agency, authority, or instrumentality upon whose obligations the unit of local government is or may become liable, and shall state the amount of actual liability and the maximum amount of potential liability of the local government under the agreement or arrangement. To the extent that the state auditor is able to provide comparable auditing services, the governing body may contract with the state auditor.

(c) All annual audit reports of local units of government shall contain at least the following:

(1) Financial statements prepared in conformity with generally accepted governmental accounting principles, setting forth the financial condition and results of operation of each fund and activity of the local government and such financial statements shall be the representation of the local government; and

(2) The opinion of the performing auditor with respect to the financial statement; in addition to an explanation of any qualification or disclaimers contained in the opinion, such opinion shall also disclose, in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards, any apparent material violation of state or local law discovered during the audit; provided, however, that the state auditor may accept an adverse opinion on an audit if the basis of such adverse opinion is the result of a unit of local government making a report pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this Code section.

(c.1)(1) The annual audit reports of a county or consolidated city-county government shall also contain financial statements prepared in conformity with generally accepted governmental accounting principles, providing a detailed account of the supplemental official income and related expenditures of each county officer listed in Article IX, Section I, Paragraph III(a) of the Constitution, provided that such county officer is paid in whole or in part on a salary basis and over whom the county governing authority exercises budgetary authority; and such financial statements shall be the representation of such officers. Such officers shall be obligated to cooperate with the county or consolidated government in the preparation of such financial statements and audit reports and shall provide such government with all documentation the government deems necessary to prepare such financial statements or audit reports. ~~The failure of any such officer to cooperate with or provide required documentation to a county or consolidated government shall not result in any liability applying to such government.~~

(2) The opinion of the performing auditor with respect to the financial statement provided for in this subsection, in addition to an explanation of any qualifications or disclaimers contained in the opinion, shall also disclose, in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards, any apparent material violation of state or local law discovered during the audit of the supplemental official income of such county officers.

(3) As used in ~~For the purpose of~~ this subsection, the term 'supplemental official income' means all funds from any source other than funds appropriated by a county or

consolidated government that an individual or his or her office derives from performing duties that are within his or her official capacity as a county officer.

(d)(1) Each annual audit report of a local unit of government shall be completed and a copy of the report forwarded to the state auditor within 180 days after the close of the unit's fiscal year. In addition to the audit report, the local unit of government shall forward to the state auditor, within 30 days after the audit report due date, written comments on the findings and recommendations in the report, including a plan for corrective action taken or planned and comments on the status of corrective action taken on prior findings. If corrective action is not necessary, the written comments should include a statement describing the reason it is not. ~~In the case of units provided for in paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this Code section, the audit reports for both fiscal periods shall be submitted within 180 days after the close of each second fiscal year and the written comments shall be submitted within 30 days after the audit report due date.~~

(2) The state auditor shall review the audit report and written comments submitted to the auditor's office to ensure that it meets the requirements for audits of local governments. If the state auditor finds the requirements for audits of local governments have not been complied with, the state auditor shall within 60 days of receipt of the audit or the written comments notify the governing authority and the auditor who performed the audit and shall submit to them a list of deficiencies to be corrected. A copy of this notification shall also be sent by the state auditor to each member of the General Assembly whose senatorial or representative district includes any part of the unit of local government.

(3) If the state auditor has not received any required audit or written comments by the date specified in paragraph (1) of this subsection, the state auditor shall within 30 days of such date notify the unit of local government that the audit has not been received as required by law. A copy of this notification shall also be sent by the state auditor to each member of the General Assembly whose senatorial or representative district includes any part of the unit of local government.

(4) The state auditor, for good cause shown by those local units in which an audit is in the process of being conducted or will promptly be conducted, may waive the requirement for completion of the audit within 180 days. Such waiver shall be for an additional period of not more than 180 days and no such waiver shall be granted for more than two successive years to the same unit of local government.

(5) No state agency shall make or transmit any state grant funds to any local government which has failed to provide all the audits required by law within the preceding five years.

(d.1)(1) Public officers and employees serving a given county or consolidated government, including county officers listed in Article IX, Section I, Paragraph III(a) of the Constitution and state officers and employees specifically assigned to such local government, shall be obligated to cooperate with the county or consolidated government in the preparation of financial statements and audit reports required by this

Code section and shall provide such government with all documentation deemed necessary by the government to prepare such financial statements or audit reports.

(2) The failure of any such public officer or employee to cooperate with or provide required documentation to a county or consolidated government shall not result in any liability applying to such government, and the state auditor for good cause shown may waive the requirements of this Code section for either:

(A) A period of 90 days following a 180 day waiver granted pursuant to paragraph (4) of subsection (d) of this Code section; or

(B) In the event that a 180 day waiver granted pursuant to paragraph (4) of subsection (d) of this Code section was granted to such county or consolidated government in the previous two years, a period of 90 days following the deadline provided for in paragraph (1) of subsection (d) of this Code section.

The waiver provided for in this paragraph shall only be granted if the county or consolidated government's failure to timely file an audit is the result of the failure of one or more such public officers or employees to cooperate or provide documentation as required by this paragraph.

(3) In the event that a county or consolidated government fails to forward a copy of an audit or report to the state auditor within the time frame provided for in this Code section, and such failure is the result of the failure of a county officer listed in Article IX, Section I, Paragraph III(a) of the Constitution, other than judges of the probate court, to cooperate with such county or consolidated government in the preparation of such audit or report, the governing authority of such county or consolidated government, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, shall temporarily withhold 50 percent of the compensation paid to such officer from county funds until such time as such officer has provided all cooperation and information necessary for the filing of the audit or report. Within 14 days of such an audit or report being completed and forwarded to the state auditor, the governing authority of the county or consolidated government shall pay all such withheld compensation to the officer; provided, however, that such officer shall not be entitled to receive any interest or additional compensation related to such withheld funds.

(e) A copy of the report and of any comments made by the state auditor pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (d) of this Code section shall be maintained as a public record for public inspection during the regular working hours at the principal office of the local government. Those units of local government not having a principal office shall provide a notification to the public as to the location of and times during which the public may inspect the report.

(f) Upon a failure, refusal, or neglect to have an annual audit made, or a failure to file a copy of the annual audit report with the state auditor, or a failure to correct auditing deficiencies noted by the state auditor, the state auditor shall cause a prominent notice to be published in the legal organ of, and any other newspapers of general circulation within, the unit of local government. Such notice shall be a prominently displayed advertisement or news article and shall not be placed in that section of the newspaper where legal notices appear. Such notice shall be published twice and shall state that the governing authority

of the unit of local government has failed or refused, as the case may be, to file an audit report or to correct auditing deficiencies, as the case may be, for the fiscal year or years in question. Such notice shall further state that such failure or refusal is in violation of state law.

(g) The state auditor may waive the requirement of correction of auditing deficiencies for a period of one year from the required audit filing date, provided evidence is presented that substantial progress is being made ~~towards~~ toward removing the cause of the need for the waiver. No such waiver for the same set of deficiencies shall be granted for more than two successive years to the same local government."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Cannon of the 172nd moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 244.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	E Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	E Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
E Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	E Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	E Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	N Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	E Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	E Tran
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	E Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	E Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	N Gaines	Y LaHood	Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	E Lim	Y Rice	E Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N

Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Willis
Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
E Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 151, nays 4.

The motion prevailed.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 432. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Burns of the 23rd, Hickman of the 4th, Jones II of the 22nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to extend automatic repeals of certain provisions regarding nonlapsing revenue of institutions of the University System of Georgia and units of the Technical College System of Georgia; to amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to extend automatic repeals of certain provisions regarding writing off small amounts due to the state; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	E Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	E Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
E Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	E Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Myles	E Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	E Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas

Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	E Tran
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	E Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	E Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	E Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
E Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 153, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 160. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Albers of the 56th, Jones of the 10th, Robertson of the 29th, Halpern of the 39th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-6-390.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to reckless stunt driving, so as to replace the forfeiture penalty of a motor vehicle involved in a second offense of reckless stunt driving with authority to order the installation of a device which limits the speed of such vehicle; to provide for a definition; to provide for procedures and conditions upon issuance of such orders; to provide for notification to the Department of Revenue; to provide for a penalty; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Titles 40, 42, and 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, penal institutions, and professions and businesses, respectively, so as to provide for intelligent speed assistance device limited driving permits for certain suspensions of driver's licenses upon conviction for reckless stunt driving; to provide for procedures, conditions, and fees for the issuance of such permits; to provide for revocation of such permit; to provide for hearings; to provide for electronic delivery of notices and communications; to provide for the purchase or lease of intelligent speed assistance devices by counties, municipalities, or private entities; to provide for certification of intelligent

speed assistance devices; to provide for warning labels; to provide for revocation of probation; to revise a short title; to provide for licenses to operate provider centers for those that install, maintain, and monitor intelligent speed assistance devices; to provide for definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, is amended in Code Section 40-5-1, relating to definitions, by adding new paragraphs to read as follows:

"(9.2) 'Intelligent speed assistance device' means a constant monitoring device certified by the commissioner to be installed within a motor vehicle to actively monitor and prevent the operator from exceeding a preset speed. Such term shall not include any technology provided by the motor vehicle manufacturer as a component of a motor vehicle that controls or affects the speed of a motor vehicle."

"(14.1) 'Provider center' means a facility established for the purpose of providing and installing intelligent speed assistance devices when their use is required by or as a result of an order of a court."

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-5-57.2, relating to suspension of license for reckless stunt driving, as follows:

"40-5-57.2.

(a) The driver's license of any person convicted of reckless stunt driving in violation of Code Section 40-6-390.1 shall by operation of law be suspended, and such suspension shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

(1) Upon the first conviction of any such offense, with no arrest and conviction of and no plea of nolo contendere accepted to such offense within the previous five years, as measured from the dates of previous arrests for which convictions were obtained to the date of the current arrest for which a conviction is obtained, the period of suspension shall be up to 12 months~~, provided that such person may apply to the department for early reinstatement of his or her driver's license at the end of 120 days~~. A person whose license has been suspended pursuant to this paragraph may, if eligible under Code Section 40-5-64.2, apply for a limited driving permit pursuant to such Code section. Such license shall be reinstated upon payment of a restoration fee of $210.00, or $200.00 when such reinstatement is processed by mail;

(2) Upon the second conviction of any such offense within five years, as measured from the dates of previous arrests for which convictions were obtained to the date of the current arrest for which a conviction is obtained, the period of suspension shall be for three years~~, provided that such person may apply to the department for early reinstatement of his or her driver's license after 18 months from the date of the~~

~~conviction~~. A person whose license has been suspended pursuant to this paragraph may, if eligible under Code Section 40-5-64.2, apply for a limited driving permit pursuant to such Code section. ~~Such license~~ A driver's license suspended pursuant to this paragraph shall be reinstated upon payment of a restoration fee of $310.00, or $300.00 when such reinstatement is processed by mail; and

(3) Upon the third or subsequent conviction of any such offense within five years, as measured from the dates of previous arrests for which convictions were obtained to the date of the current arrest for which a conviction is obtained, such person shall be considered a habitual violator, and such person's license shall be revoked as provided for in Code Section 40-5-58. A person whose license has been suspended pursuant to this subsection may, if eligible under ~~Code Section 40-5-58~~ such Code section, apply for a probationary license pursuant to such Code section. A driver's license suspension imposed under this paragraph shall run concurrently with and shall be counted toward the fulfillment of any period of revocation imposed directly under Code Sections 40-5-58 and 40-5-62, provided that such revocation arose from the same act for which the suspension was imposed.

(b) Whenever a person is convicted of reckless stunt driving in violation of Code Section 40-6-390.1, the court in which such conviction is entered shall require the surrender of any driver's license then held by the person so convicted, and the court shall thereupon forward such license and a copy of its order to the department within ten days after the conviction. The method of calculating the periods of suspension provided for in this Code section shall be governed by subsection (e) of Code Section 40-5-61.

(c) Application for reinstatement of a driver's license under paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection (a) of this Code section shall be made on such forms as the commissioner may prescribe and shall be accompanied by the applicable restoration fee.

(d) Except as provided in subsection (a) of this Code section, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate any motor vehicle in this state after such person's license has been suspended pursuant to this Code section if such person has not thereafter obtained a valid license or limited permit. Any person who is convicted of operating a motor vehicle before the department has reinstated such person's license or before obtaining a limited driving permit or probationary license shall be punished by a fine of not less than $750.00 nor more than $5,000.00 or by imprisonment in the penitentiary for not more than 12 months, or both."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 5, relating to drivers' licenses, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"40-5-64.2.

(a) **To whom issued.**

(1) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of this Code section or Code Section 40-5-57, 40-5-63, 40-5-75, 40-5-121, or 42-8-111, any person may apply for an intelligent speed assistance device limited driving permit when such person's driver's license has

been suspended in pursuant to paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 40-5-57.2.

(2) The department shall not issue an intelligent speed assistance device limited driving permit to any person:

(A) Under 21 years of age;

(B) Who is not currently licensed to operate a motor vehicle in this state;

(C) Who currently holds a license to drive a commercial motor vehicle;

(D) Whose driver's license is subject to an administrative suspension for involvement in a traffic accident resulting in injuries or fatalities; or

(E) Whose driver's license is subject to a suspension, revocation, or cancellation for any reason other than as contemplated by this Code section.

(b) **Application form.** Applications for intelligent speed assistance device limited driving permits shall be made upon such forms as the commissioner may prescribe. All applications shall be signed by the applicant before a person authorized to administer oaths.

(c) **Fee and validity.**

(1) The fee for an intelligent speed assistance device limited driving permit issued pursuant to this Code section shall be $32.00.

(2) An intelligent speed assistance device limited driving permit shall be valid for a period of one year, and such permit may be renewed for additional periods of six months upon payment of a renewal fee of $32.00, but it may only be renewed one time after such person is eligible to reinstate his or her driver's license.

(3) Upon payment of a fee in the same amount as that provided by Code Section 40-5-25 for the issuance of a Class C driver's license, a person may be issued a replacement for a lost or destroyed intelligent speed assistance device limited driving permit previously issued to him or her.

(d) **Revocation of intelligent speed assistance device limited driving permit.**

(1)(A) The department shall revoke the intelligent speed assistance device limited driving permit of any permittee who is convicted of violating any state law relating to the movement of vehicles. Any court in which such conviction is had shall require such permittee to surrender the intelligent speed assistance device limited driving permit to the court, and the court shall forward the permit along with a copy of the conviction to the department within ten days after the conviction.

(B) The department shall revoke the intelligent speed assistance device limited driving permit of a permittee upon receipt of notice from a provider center that an intelligent speed assistance device has been tampered with, a permittee has failed to report for monitoring as required by law, or an intelligent speed assistance device has been removed from any motor vehicle to be driven by a permittee prior to successful completion of the required term of monitoring under paragraph (2) of subsection (c) of this Code section.

(2) The department shall notify the permittee of such revocation by regular mail to his or her last known address. Such notice of revocation shall inform the permittee of the

grounds for and effective date of the revocation and of the right to hearing. The notice of revocation shall be deemed received three days after mailing.

(3) Any person whose intelligent speed assistance device limited driving permit has been revoked for the first time shall not be eligible to apply for a driver's license until six months from the date such permit was revoked by the department. Any person whose intelligent speed assistance device limited driving permit has previously been revoked shall not be eligible to apply for a driver's license until two years from the date such permit was revoked by the department.

(e) **Hearings.** Any person whose intelligent speed assistance device limited driving permit has been revoked or who has been refused such permit by the department may make a request in writing for a hearing to be provided by the department. Such hearing shall be provided by the department within 30 days after the receipt of such request and shall follow the procedures required by Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' Appeal from such hearing shall be in accordance with such chapter.

(f) **Notices and communications.** Any notice or communication required under this Code section may be sent electronically, provided that the intended recipient of such notice or communication has affirmatively opted into receiving any such notice or communication electronically.

(g) **Rules and regulations.** The commissioner may promulgate rules and regulations as are necessary to implement this Code section."

SECTION 4.

Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penal institutions, is amended in Code Section 42-3-111, relating to definitions regarding probation management, by revising paragraph (2) as follows:

"(2) 'Electronic monitoring' means supervising, mapping, or tracking the location of a probationer by means including electronic surveillance, voice recognition, facial recognition, fingerprinting or biometric scan, automated kiosk, automobile ignition interlock device, intelligent speed assistance device, or global positioning systems which may coordinate data with crime scene information."

SECTION 5.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 8, relating to probation, by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 8

42-8-130.

(a) As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Intelligent speed assistance device' means a constant monitoring device certified by the commissioner to be installed within a motor vehicle to actively monitor and prevent the operator from exceeding a preset speed. Such term shall not include any

technology provided by the motor vehicle manufacturer as a component of a motor vehicle that controls or affects the speed of a motor vehicle.

(2) 'Provider center' means a facility established for the purpose of providing and installing intelligent speed assistance devices when their use is required by or as a result of an order of a court or as required in order to maintain an intelligent speed assistance device limited driving permit in accordance with Code Section 40-5-64.2.

(b) Intelligent speed assistance devices for provider centers may be purchased or leased by counties, municipalities, or private entities.

(c) A provider center shall be authorized to charge the person whose vehicle is to be equipped with an intelligent speed assistance device such installation, deinstallation, and user fees as are approved by the Department of Driver Services. A provider center may also require such person to make a security deposit for the safe return of such device.

(d) If a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of this state purchases or leases intelligent speed assistance devices from a private entity, such county or municipality shall allow persons who are found by the court to be indigent and unable to pay the fees or deposits for such device to participate in the intelligent speed assistance program.

42-8-131.

(a) No judicial officer, community supervision officer, law enforcement officer, or other officer or employee of a court; person who owns, operates, or is employed by a private company which has contracted to provide private probation services for misdemeanor cases; or professional bondsman or agent or employee thereof shall specify, directly or indirectly, a particular provider center which the person may or shall utilize when use of an intelligent speed assistance device is required. This subsection shall not prohibit any judicial officer, community supervision officer, law enforcement officer, or other officer or employee of a court; owner, operator, or employee of a private company which has contracted to provide probation services for misdemeanor cases; or professional bondsman or agent or employee thereof from furnishing any person, upon request, the names of certified provider centers.

(b) No person who owns, operates, or is employed by a private company which has contracted to provide probation services for misdemeanor cases or professional bondsman or agent or employee thereof shall be authorized to own, operate, or be employed by a provider center.

42-8-132.

(a) The commissioner of driver services or the commissioner's designee shall certify intelligent speed assistance devices required by Code Section 40-5-64.2 and the providers of such devices and shall promulgate rules and regulations for the certification of such devices and providers. The standards for certification of such devices shall include, but shall not be limited to, those standards for such devices promulgated by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and adopted by rule or regulation of the Department of Driver Services.

(b) The commissioner of driver services may utilize information from an independent agency to certify intelligent speed assistance devices on or off the premises of the manufacturer in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this article. The cost of certification shall be borne by the manufacturers of intelligent speed assistance devices.
(c) The commissioner of driver services shall adopt rules and regulations for determining the accuracy of and proper use of the intelligent speed assistance devices in full compliance with this article. No model of intelligent speed assistance device shall be certified unless it meets the accuracy requirements specified by such rules and regulations.

42-8-133.
The providers certified by the Department of Driver Services shall design and adopt pursuant to regulations of such department a warning label which shall be affixed to each intelligent speed assistance device upon installation. The label shall contain a warning that any person tampering, circumventing, or otherwise misusing the device is guilty of a misdemeanor and may be subject to civil liability.

42-8-134.
(a) In the event the sentencing court revokes a person's probation after finding that such person has violated the terms of the certificate of eligibility for an intelligent speed assistance device limited driving permit, the Department of Driver Services shall revoke such person's driving privilege for one year from the date the court revokes the person's probation. The court shall report such probation revocation to the Department of Driver Services by court order."

SECTION 6.

Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, is amended by revising Chapter 12A, relating to ignition interlock device providers, as follows:

"CHAPTER 12A

43-12A-1.
This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the 'Intelligent Speed Assistance Device and Ignition Interlock Device Providers Act.'

43-12A-2.
As used in this chapter, the term:
(1) 'Commissioner' means the commissioner of driver services.
(2) 'Department' means the Department of Driver Services acting directly or through its duly authorized officers and agents.

(3) 'Ignition interlock device' means a constant monitoring device certified by the commissioner which prevents a motor vehicle from being started at any time without first determining the equivalent blood alcohol concentration of the operator through the taking of a deep lung breath sample. The system shall be calibrated so that the motor vehicle may not be started if the blood alcohol concentration of the operator, as measured by the device, exceeds 0.02 grams or if the sample is not a sample of human breath.

(4) 'Intelligent speed assistance device' means a constant monitoring device certified by the commissioner to be installed within a motor vehicle to actively monitor and prevent the operator from exceeding a preset speed. Such term shall not include any technology provided by the motor vehicle manufacturer as a component of a motor vehicle that controls or affects the speed of a motor vehicle.

(5) 'Provider center' means a facility established for the purpose of providing and installing ignition interlock devices or intelligent speed assistance devices when their use is required by or as a result of an order of a court.

43-12A-3.

No person shall operate a provider center or engage in the practice of providing, installing, or monitoring ignition interlock devices or intelligent speed assistance devices unless a license therefor has been secured from the department.

43-12A-4.

(a) Every person ~~who~~ that desires to operate a provider center shall meet the following requirements:

(1) Maintain an established place of business in the state which is open to the public;

(2) Maintain a general liability policy of insurance, including products and completed operations, with not less than $50,000.00 of combined single limits, with an insurance carrier authorized by the Commissioner of Insurance to write policies in ~~the~~ this state. Evidence of such insurance coverage, in the form of a certificate from the insurance carrier, shall be filed with the department~~:~~, and such certificate shall stipulate that the insurance shall not be canceled except upon ten days' prior written notice to the department;

(3) Provide a continuous surety bond in the principal sum of $10,000.00 for the protection of the contractual rights of individuals required to maintain an ignition interlock device or intelligent speed assistance device in such form as will meet with the approval of the department and written by a company authorized to do business in this state; provided, however, that the aggregate liability of the surety for all breaches of the condition of the bond in no event shall exceed the principal sum of $20,000.00 per location, and a single bond at such rate for all locations separately licensed and operated by the same person may be provided in satisfaction of this paragraph. The surety on any such bond may cancel such bond on giving 30 days' notice thereof in writing to the department and shall be relieved of liability for any breach of any condition of the bond which occurs after the effective date of cancellation;

(4) Have the equipment and knowledge necessary to provide, install, and monitor ignition interlock devices and intelligent speed assistance devices as prescribed by the department; and

(5) Pay to the department an application fee of $250.00.

(b) The department shall conduct a records check for any applicant for certification as a provider center operator. Each applicant shall submit two sets of classifiable fingerprints to the department. The department shall transmit both sets of fingerprints to the Georgia Crime Information Center, which shall submit one set of fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a search of bureau records and an appropriate report and shall retain one set of fingerprints and promptly conduct a search of state records. After receiving a report from the Georgia Crime Information Center and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the department shall determine whether the applicant may be licensed. The applicant shall be responsible for any fee or other charge allowed by law or rule or regulation promulgated by the department, the Georgia Crime Information Center, or the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the submission, processing, and review of such fingerprints.

(c) No applicant shall be licensed or certified ~~who does not meet~~ under this Code section unless such person meets the requirements set forth in Code Section 43-12A-6.

43-12A-5.

(a) No provider center shall be permitted to use, adopt, or conduct any business under any name that is like or deceptively similar to any name of a Georgia corporation registered with the Secretary of State.

(b) This Code section shall not prohibit the franchising or licensing of any part or all of the name of a provider center by the owner of the rights therein to another licensed provider center.

(c) A judicial officer, community supervision officer, law enforcement officer, or other officer or employee of a court or any person employed by a private company which has contracted to provide private probation services for misdemeanor cases, or any employee of the Department of Driver Services or the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, and any immediate family member thereof shall be prohibited from owning, operating, being employed by, acting as an agent or servant for, or having a financial interest in any provider center.

43-12A-6.

Every person who desires to operate a provider center or to engage in the practice of providing, installing, or monitoring ignition interlock devices or intelligent speed assistance devices:

(1) Shall not have knowingly made misleading, deceptive, untrue, or fraudulent representations in the practice of a business or profession licensed under this title or on any document connected therewith; or practiced fraud or deceit or intentionally made any false statement in obtaining a license to practice the licensed business or profession; or made a false statement or deceptive registration with the board;

(2) Shall not have been convicted of a second or subsequent violation of Code Section 40-6-391 within five years, as measured from the dates of previous arrests for which convictions were obtained to the date of the current arrest for which a conviction is obtained;

(3) Shall not have been convicted of any felony or of any crime involving theft, fraud, violence, or moral turpitude in the courts of this state or any other state, territory, or country or in the courts of the United States. As used in this paragraph, the term 'felony' ~~shall mean~~ means any offense which, if committed in this state, would be deemed a felony, without regard to its designation elsewhere; and the term 'conviction' ~~shall mean~~ means a finding or verdict of guilty or a plea of guilty, regardless of whether an appeal of the conviction has been sought;

(4) Shall not have been arrested, charged, and sentenced for the commission of any felony, or any crime involving theft, fraud, violence, or moral turpitude, ~~where~~ when:

(A) First offender treatment without adjudication of guilt pursuant to the charge was granted; or

(B) An adjudication of guilt or sentence was otherwise withheld or not entered on the charge, except with respect to a plea of nolo contendere.

The order entered pursuant to the provisions of Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42, relating to probation of first offenders, or other first offender treatment shall be conclusive evidence of arrest and sentencing for such crime;

(5) Shall submit at least one set of classifiable electronically recorded fingerprints to the department in accordance with the fingerprint system of identification established by the director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The department shall transmit the fingerprints to the Georgia Crime Information Center, which shall submit the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a search of bureau records and an appropriate report and promptly conduct a search of state records based upon the fingerprints. After receiving the report from the Georgia Crime Information Center and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the department shall determine whether the applicant may be certified; and

(6) Shall be a United States citizen, or if not a citizen, present federal documentation verified by the United States Department of Homeland Security to be valid documentary evidence of lawful presence in the United States under federal immigration law.

43-12A-7.

(a) The department shall issue a license certificate to each provider center operator when such person has met the qualifications required under this chapter. Each provider center shall be required to have a separate license for each location, but mobile units operating out of a particular licensed location need not be separately licensed.

(b) All licenses issued to operators of provider centers pursuant to this chapter shall be valid for four years from the date of issuance unless sooner canceled, suspended, or revoked under Code Section 43-12A-8. All licenses shall be renewed through the

department as provided in subsection (d) of this Code section and shall be valid for four years from the date of renewal.
(c) The license of each provider center operator may be renewed subject to the same conditions as the original license and upon payment of a fee of $100.00.
(d) All applications for renewal of a provider center operator's license shall be on a form prescribed by the department and must be filed with the department not more than 60 days nor fewer than ten days preceding the expiration date of the license to be renewed.

43-12A-8.
The department may cancel, suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew any provider center's license upon good cause being shown and after ten days' notice to the license holder if:
(1) The department is satisfied that the licensee fails to meet the requirements to receive or hold a license under this chapter;
(2) The licensee permits fraud or engages in fraudulent practices, with reference to either the applicant or the department, or induces or countenances fraud or fraudulent practices on the part of any applicant for a driver's license or permit;
(3) The licensee fails to comply with this chapter or any rule of the department made pursuant thereto;
(4) The licensee represents himself or herself as an agent or employee of the department or uses advertising designed to lead, or which would reasonably have the effect of leading, persons to believe that such licensee is in fact an employee or representative of the department;
(5) The licensee or any employee or agent of the licensee directly or indirectly solicits business by personal solicitation on public property or in any department, agency, or office of the state which involves the administration of any law relating to motor vehicles, whether by telephone, mail, or electronic communications. A violation of this paragraph shall be a misdemeanor. Advertising in any mass media, including, but not limited to, newspapers, radio, television, magazines, or telephone directories, by a provider center shall not be considered a violation of this paragraph; or
(6) The driver's license of the licensee has been canceled, suspended, or revoked.

43-12A-9.
(a) The commissioner is authorized to prescribe, by rule, standards for the eligibility, conduct, and equipment required for a person to be licensed to operate a provider center and to adopt other reasonable rules and regulations to carry out this chapter. Notwithstanding the foregoing, violations that are minor in nature and committed by a person, firm, or corporation shall be punished only by a written reprimand unless the person, firm, or corporation fails to remedy the violation within 30 days, in which case an administrative fine, not to exceed $250.00, may be issued.
(b) The commissioner shall have the authority to assess, after a hearing, an administrative fine not to exceed $1,000.00 per violation against any provider center, agent, or employee that fails to comply with any requirement imposed by or pursuant to this chapter.

(c) The hearing and any administrative review thereof shall be conducted in accordance with the procedure for contested cases under Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' Any person, firm, or corporation who has exhausted all administrative remedies available and who is aggrieved or adversely affected by a final order or action of the commissioner shall have the right of judicial review thereof in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50. All fines recovered under this Code section shall be paid into the state treasury. The commissioner may file in the superior court:

(1) Wherein the person under order resides;

(2) If such person is a corporation, in the county wherein the corporation maintains its principal place of business; or

(3) In the county wherein the violation occurred

a certified copy of a final order of the commissioner, whether unappealed from or affirmed upon appeal, whereupon the court shall render judgment in accordance therewith and notify the parties. Such judgment shall have the same effect, and proceedings in relation thereto shall thereafter be the same as though the judgment had been rendered in an action duly heard and determined by the court. The penalty prescribed in this Code section shall be concurrent, alternative, and cumulative with any and all other civil, criminal, or alternative rights, remedies, forfeitures, or penalties provided, allowed, or available to the commissioner with respect to any violation of this chapter or any order, rules, or regulations promulgated pursuant to this chapter."

SECTION 7.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2028.

SECTION 8.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	E Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	E Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	E McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
E Au	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	N Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	N Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	N Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	N Horner	Y Myles	E Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	N Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V

Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	N Tarvin
Y Blackmon	N Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Taylor, D
N Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	E Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	N Townsend
N Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	E Tran
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	E Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	N Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	N Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	E Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	N Gaines	Y LaHood	Reese	E Westbrook
N Carpenter	N Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	E Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	N Ridley, Jas	N Williamson
N Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	E Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
E Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 130, nays 26.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SB 177. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Albers of the 56th, Burns of the 23rd, Robertson of the 29th, Williams of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to government transparency and campaign finance, so as to provide for transparency in foreign funded political activities within the state; to require agents of hostile foreign principals and foreign supported political organizations to register with the State Ethics Commission; to provide for registration requirements; to provide for definitions; to provide legislative findings; to provide for civil penalties; to authorize the Attorney General to bring civil actions or criminal investigations for violations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Speaker Pro Tem assumed the Chair.

The following Committee substitute was read.

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to government transparency and campaign finance, so as to provide for transparency in foreign funded political activities within the state; to require agents of hostile foreign principals and foreign supported political organizations to register with the State Ethics Commission; to provide for registration requirements; to provide for definitions; to provide legislative findings; to provide for civil penalties; to authorize the Attorney General to bring civil actions or criminal investigations for violations; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to government transparency and campaign finance, is amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 5

21-5-90.

The General Assembly finds:

(1) That the voters, citizens, and policymakers of Georgia are entitled to transparency in the political and propaganda activities of organizations that may be controlled by or under the influence of foreign countries hostile to the interests of the United States and the State of Georgia;

(2) That, in an increasingly globalized world, determining whether an organization's political and propaganda activities are funded by hostile foreign interests is often difficult; and

(3) That legislation is needed to ensure the transparency necessary to allow voters, citizens, and policymakers to evaluate whether political and propaganda activities are funded by potentially hostile foreign actors.

21-5-91.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Agent of a hostile foreign principal' means any person who acts as an agent, employee, representative, or servant, or otherwise acts at the order, request, or under the direction or control of a hostile foreign principal:

(A) Whose actions are financed in whole or in part by a hostile foreign principal; and

(B) Who engages in political activity.

(2) 'Control' means the power, direct or indirect, whether or not exercised, to determine, direct, dictate, or decide important matters affecting an entity, including but without limitation, through:

(A) The ownership of at least 20 percent of the total outstanding voting interest in an entity;

(B) Board representation;

(C) The ability to appoint or discharge any board members, officers, directors, employees, or contractors;

(D) Proxy voting, a special share, contractual arrangements, legal obligations, or formal or informal arrangements to act in concert; or

(E) Other means, including but not limited to golden shares, classes or shares of stock or equity that grant the holder superior authority to direct the company's affairs or increased voting rights over other shareholders, operating agreements, bylaws, and customary or written law, whether disclosed or undisclosed.

(3) 'Foreign supported political organization' means a political organization or partnership, committee, association, corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, trust, professional corporation, or any other combination of persons that has, within the past five calendar years, received money or other things of value from a hostile foreign principal or an agent of a hostile foreign principal and which engages in political activity; provided, however, notwithstanding any other provision of this article to the contrary, the following shall not be deemed to be a foreign supported political organization:

(A) An industry, trade, or other professional association that exists to promote the interests of its members, or any affiliated organization; or

(B) A membership organization formed on or before January 1, 1950, that advocates on behalf of the common goals or interests of its members on matters of public policy, or any affiliated organization.

(4) 'Hostile foreign country' means:

(A) The Democratic People's Republic of Korea;

(B) The Islamic Republic of Iran;

(C) The People's Republic of China; or

(D) The Russian Federation.

(5) 'Hostile foreign principal' means:

(A) A government of a hostile foreign country, a political party of a hostile foreign country, or any member of a political party, body, or organization of a hostile foreign country;

(B) A nonresident alien of a hostile foreign country;

(C) A partnership, committee, association, corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, trust, professional corporation, or any other combination of persons organized under the law of or having its principal place of business in a hostile foreign country; or

(D) A partnership, committee, association, corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, trust, professional corporation, or any other combination of persons that is subject to the control of a hostile foreign government, a nonresident alien of a hostile foreign country, or an entity organized under the laws of or having its principal place of business in a hostile foreign country.

(6) 'Political activity' means any activity that is performed to influence any agency or public official of the State of Georgia, any local government entity within the state, or to influence the public within the state, with reference to formulating, adopting, or

changing the policies or laws of the state or electing or opposing a candidate for local or state public office.

21-5-92.

(a) No person shall act as an agent of a hostile foreign principal unless he or she has filed with the commission a true and complete registration statement and supplements thereto as required by this Code section or unless he or she is exempt from registration under the provisions of this Code section. Except as hereinafter provided, every person who becomes an agent of a hostile foreign principal shall, within ten days thereafter, file with the commission a registration statement, under oath, on a form prescribed by the commission. The obligation of an agent of a hostile foreign principal to file a registration statement shall, after the tenth day of his or her becoming such agent, continue from day to day, and termination of such status shall not relieve such agent from his or her obligation to file a registration statement for the period during which he or she was an agent of a hostile foreign principal. The registration statement shall include the following, which shall be regarded as material for the purposes of this Code section:

(1) Registrant's name, principal business address, and all other business addresses in the United States or elsewhere, and all residence addresses, if any;

(2) Status of the registrant:

(A) If an individual, his or her nationality;

(B) If a partnership, the name, residence addresses, and nationality of each partner, as well as a true and complete copy of its articles of copartnership; and

(C) If an association, corporation, organization, or any other combination of individuals or entities, the name, residence addresses, and nationality of each director and officer and of each person performing the functions of a director or officer and a true and complete copy of its charter, articles of incorporation, association, constitution, and bylaws and amendments thereto; a copy of every other instrument or document and a statement of the terms and conditions of every oral agreement relating to its organization, powers, and purposes, and a statement of its ownership and control;

(3) A comprehensive statement of the nature of the registrant's business, including a complete list of the registrant's employees;

(4) A statement of the nature of the work of each hostile foreign principal for whom the registrant is acting, assuming or purporting to act, or has agreed to act, and the character of the business or other activities of every such hostile foreign principal. If any such hostile foreign principal is an entity other than a natural person, such statement shall also detail the ownership and control to which each such hostile foreign principal is supervised, directed, owned, controlled, financed, or subsidized, in whole or in part, by any government of a foreign country or foreign political party, or by any other hostile foreign principal;

(5) The nature and amount of contributions, income, money, or thing of value, if any, that the registrant has received within the preceding 60 days from each such hostile

foreign principal, either as compensation or for disbursement or otherwise, and the form and time of each such payment and from whom received;

(6) A detailed statement of every activity which the registrant is performing or is assuming or purporting or has agreed to perform for himself or herself or any other person other than a hostile foreign principal and which requires his registration hereunder;

(7) The name, business, and residence addresses, and if an individual, the nationality, of any person other than a hostile foreign principal for whom the registrant is acting, assuming or purporting to act, or has agreed to act under such circumstances as require his or her registration hereunder;

(8) The nature and amount of contributions, income, money, or thing of value, if any, that the registrant has received during the preceding 60 days from each such person in connection with any of the activities referred to in paragraph (6) of this subsection;

(9) A detailed statement of the money and other things of value spent or disposed of by the registrant during the preceding 60 days in furtherance of or in connection with activities which require the registrant's registration hereunder and which have been undertaken by the registrant either as an agent of a hostile foreign principal or for himself or herself or any other person or in connection with any activities relating to the registrant becoming an agent of such principal;

(10) A detailed statement of any contributions of money or other things of value made by the registrant during the preceding 60 days to bring about the nomination or election of a candidate for any office, to bring about the recall of a public officer holding elective office, to oppose the recall of a public officer holding elective office, to bring about the approval or rejection by the voters of any proposed constitutional amendment, a state-wide referendum, or a proposed question which is to appear on the ballot in this state or in a county or a municipal election in this state; and

(11) Such other statements, information, or documents pertinent to the purposes of this Code section as the commission may from time to time require.

(b) Every agent of a hostile foreign principal who has filed a registration statement required by subsection (a) of this Code section shall file with the commission by January 31, April 30, July 31, and October 20 of each calendar year a supplement thereto, under oath, on a form prescribed by the commission, which shall set forth with respect to such preceding reporting period such facts as the commission may deem necessary to make the information required under subsection (a) of this Code section accurate, complete, and current with respect to such period.

(c) An agent of a hostile foreign principal shall update the information required by subsection (b) of this Code section with the commission by January 31, April 30, July 31, and October 20 of each calendar year.

(d) The registration statement shall be executed under oath as follows:

(1) If the registrant is an individual, by him or her;

(2) If the registrant is a partnership, by the majority of the members thereof; and

(3) If the registrant is a person other than an individual or a partnership, by a majority of the officers thereof or persons performing the functions of officers or by a majority of the board of directors thereof or persons performing the functions of directors, if any.

(e) A registration statement or supplement required to be filed under this Code section shall be filed in electronic form, in addition to any other form that may be required by the commission.

21-5-93.

(a) No later than December 31 of each year, each foreign supported political organization operating within the state shall register with the commission and provide the following information:

(1) The name of the organization, its business address, and the names, titles, and addresses of all officers and directors of the organization;

(2) If the organization is affiliated with or a chapter of a national organization, the name of the national organization, its address, and the names and addresses of its officers and directors;

(3) A detailed statement of the money and other things of value spent or disposed of by the foreign supported political organization during the preceding calendar year in furtherance of or in connection with activities to influence any agency or public official, local government entity, or the public of or within the State of Georgia, including, but not limited to, activities related to formulating, adopting, or changing the policies or laws of this state or electing a candidate to local or state public office;

(4) A detailed statement of any expenditures of money or other things of value made by the organization within the prior calendar year; and

(5) A detailed statement of all money or other things of value received by the organization from a hostile foreign principal or an agent of a hostile foreign principal during the preceding calendar year.

(b) A registered foreign supported political organization shall update the information required by subsection (a) of this Code section with the commission by January 31, April 30, July 31, and October 20 of each calendar year.

21-5-94.

(a) Upon receipt of a complaint that an agent of a hostile foreign principal or a foreign supported political organization has failed to comply with the registration and reporting requirements of this article, or upon its own determination, the commission shall have authority to investigate and to assess penalties for the violation of this article.

(b) The commission may assess civil penalties of up to $10,000.00 for each violation of this article; provided, however, that, if the commission finds that any such violation was willful or a repeat violation of this article, such civil penalties shall be not less than $10,000.00 nor more than $200,000.00 per such violation.

(c) Upon complaint by the commission, or upon the Attorney General's own initiative, after examination of the complaint and evidence, if the Attorney General believes a violation of any provision of this article has occurred, the Attorney General shall:

(1) Bring an action in the superior court in the name of the commission for a temporary restraining order or other injunctive relief or for civil penalties; or
(2) Initiate a criminal investigation.

21-5-95.
This article shall not apply to any entities that are the subject of, or covered by, a qualified divestiture under the federal Protecting Americans from Foreign Adversary Controlled Applications Act, Public Law 118-50, 138 Stat. 955, including but not limited to any entity referenced in Executive Order 14352 that was proclaimed by the President of the United States on September 25, 2025."

SECTION 2.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Committee substitute was withdrawn.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

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(D) Proxy voting, a special share, contractual arrangements, legal obligations, or formal or informal arrangements to act in concert; or

(E) Other means, including but not limited to golden shares, classes or shares of stock or equity that grant the holder superior authority to direct the company's affairs or increased voting rights over other shareholders, operating agreements, bylaws, and customary or written law, whether disclosed or undisclosed.

(3) 'Foreign supported political organization' means a political organization or partnership, committee, association, corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, trust, professional corporation, or any other combination of persons that has, within the past five calendar years, received a contribution or donation of money or other thing of value from a hostile foreign principal or an agent of a hostile foreign principal and which engages in political activity; provided, however, notwithstanding any other provision of this article to the contrary, the following shall not be deemed to be a foreign supported political organization:

(A) An industry, trade, or other professional association that exists to promote the interests of its members, or any affiliated organization; or

(B) A membership organization formed on or before January 1, 1950, that advocates on behalf of the common goals or interests of its members on matters of public policy, or any affiliated organization.

(4) 'Hostile foreign country' means a country whose government is designated as a foreign adversary by the United States Secretary of Commerce pursuant to 15 C.F.R. Section 7.4.

(5) 'Hostile foreign principal' means:

(A) A government of a hostile foreign country, a political party of a hostile foreign country, or any member of a political party, body, or organization of a hostile foreign country;

(B) A nonresident alien of a hostile foreign country;

(C) A partnership, committee, association, corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, trust, professional corporation, or any other combination of persons organized under the law of or having its principal place of business in a hostile foreign country; or

(D) A partnership, committee, association, corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, trust, professional corporation, or any other combination of persons that is subject to the control of a hostile foreign government, a nonresident alien of a hostile foreign country, or an entity organized under the laws of or having its principal place of business in a hostile foreign country.

(6) 'Political activity' means any activity that is performed to influence any agency or public official of the State of Georgia, any local government entity within the state, or to influence the public within the state, with reference to formulating, adopting, or changing the policies or laws of the state or electing or opposing a candidate for local or state public office.

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(a) No person shall act as an agent of a hostile foreign principal unless he or she has filed with the commission a true and complete registration statement and supplements thereto as required by this Code section or unless he or she is exempt from registration under the provisions of this Code section. Except as hereinafter provided, every person who becomes an agent of a hostile foreign principal shall, within ten days thereafter, file with the commission a registration statement, under oath, on a form prescribed by the commission. The obligation of an agent of a hostile foreign principal to file a registration statement shall, after the tenth day of his or her becoming such agent, continue from day to day, and termination of such status shall not relieve such agent from his or her obligation to file a registration statement for the period during which he or she was an agent of a hostile foreign principal. The registration statement shall include the following, which shall be regarded as material for the purposes of this Code section:

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(A) If an individual, his or her nationality;

(B) If a partnership, the name, residence addresses, and nationality of each partner, as well as a true and complete copy of its articles of copartnership; and

(C) If an association, corporation, organization, or any other combination of individuals or entities, the name, residence addresses, and nationality of each director and officer and of each person performing the functions of a director or officer and a true and complete copy of its charter, articles of incorporation, association, constitution, and bylaws and amendments thereto; a copy of every other instrument or document and a statement of the terms and conditions of every oral agreement relating to its organization, powers, and purposes, and a statement of its ownership and control;

(3) A comprehensive statement of the nature of the registrant's business, including a complete list of the registrant's employees;

(4) A statement of the nature of the work of each hostile foreign principal for whom the registrant is acting, assuming or purporting to act, or has agreed to act, and the character of the business or other activities of every such hostile foreign principal. If any such hostile foreign principal is an entity other than a natural person, such statement shall also detail the ownership and control to which each such hostile foreign principal is supervised, directed, owned, controlled, financed, or subsidized, in whole or in part, by any government of a foreign country or foreign political party, or by any other hostile foreign principal;

(5) The nature and amount of contributions, income, money, or thing of value, if any, that the registrant has received within the preceding 60 days from each such hostile foreign principal, either as compensation or for disbursement or otherwise, and the form and time of each such payment and from whom received;

(6) A detailed statement of every activity which the registrant is performing or is assuming or purporting or has agreed to perform for himself or herself or any other person other than a hostile foreign principal and which requires his registration hereunder;

(7) The name, business, and residence addresses, and if an individual, the nationality, of any person other than a hostile foreign principal for whom the registrant is acting, assuming or purporting to act, or has agreed to act under such circumstances as require his or her registration hereunder;

(8) The nature and amount of contributions, income, money, or thing of value, if any, that the registrant has received during the preceding 60 days from each such person in connection with any of the activities referred to in paragraph (6) of this subsection;

(9) A detailed statement of the money or other things of value spent or disposed of by the registrant during the preceding 60 days in furtherance of or in connection with activities which require the registrant's registration hereunder and which have been undertaken by the registrant either as an agent of a hostile foreign principal or for himself or herself or any other person or in connection with any activities relating to the registrant becoming an agent of such principal;

(10) A detailed statement of any contributions of money or other things of value made by the registrant during the preceding 60 days to bring about the nomination or election

of a candidate for any office, to bring about the recall of a public officer holding elective office, to oppose the recall of a public officer holding elective office, to bring about the approval or rejection by the voters of any proposed constitutional amendment, a state-wide referendum, or a proposed question which is to appear on the ballot in this state or in a county or a municipal election in this state; and

(11) Such other statements, information, or documents pertinent to the purposes of this Code section as the commission may from time to time require.

(b) Every agent of a hostile foreign principal who has filed a registration statement required by subsection (a) of this Code section shall file with the commission by January 31, April 30, July 31, and October 20 of each calendar year a supplement thereto, under oath, on a form prescribed by the commission, which shall set forth with respect to such preceding reporting period such facts as the commission may deem necessary to make the information required under subsection (a) of this Code section accurate, complete, and current with respect to such period.

(c) An agent of a hostile foreign principal shall update the information required by subsection (b) of this Code section with the commission by January 31, April 30, July 31, and October 20 of each calendar year.

(d) The registration statement shall be executed under oath as follows:

(1) If the registrant is an individual, by him or her;

(2) If the registrant is a partnership, by the majority of the members thereof; and

(3) If the registrant is a person other than an individual or a partnership, by a majority of the officers thereof or persons performing the functions of officers or by a majority of the board of directors thereof or persons performing the functions of directors, if any.

(e) A registration statement or supplement required to be filed under this Code section shall be filed in electronic form, in addition to any other form that may be required by the commission.

21-5-93.

(a) No later than December 31 of each year, each foreign supported political organization operating within the state shall register with the commission and provide the following information:

(1) The name of the organization, its business address, and the names, titles, and addresses of all officers and directors of the organization;

(2) If the organization is affiliated with or a chapter of a national organization, the name of the national organization, its address, and the names and addresses of its officers and directors;

(3) A detailed statement of the money and other things of value spent or disposed of by the foreign supported political organization during the preceding calendar year in furtherance of or in connection with activities to influence any agency or public official, local government entity, or the public of or within the State of Georgia, including, but not limited to, activities related to formulating, adopting, or changing the policies or laws of this state or electing a candidate to local or state public office;

(4) A detailed statement of any expenditures of money or other things of value made by the organization within the prior calendar year; and

(5) A detailed statement of all money or other things of value received by the organization from a hostile foreign principal or an agent of a hostile foreign principal during the preceding calendar year.

(b) A registered foreign supported political organization shall update the information required by subsection (a) of this Code section with the commission by January 31, April 30, July 31, and October 20 of each calendar year.

21-5-94.

(a) Upon receipt of a complaint that an agent of a hostile foreign principal or a foreign supported political organization has failed to comply with the registration and reporting requirements of this article, or upon its own determination, the commission shall have authority to investigate and to assess penalties for the violation of this article.

(b) The commission may assess civil penalties of up to $10,000.00 for each violation of this article; provided, however, that, if the commission finds that any such violation was willful or a repeat violation of this article, such civil penalties shall be not less than $10,000.00 nor more than $200,000.00 per such violation.

(c) Upon complaint by the commission, or upon the Attorney General's own initiative, after examination of the complaint and evidence, if the Attorney General believes a violation of any provision of this article has occurred, the Attorney General shall:

(1) Bring an action in the superior court in the name of the commission for a temporary restraining order or other injunctive relief or for civil penalties; or

(2) Initiate a criminal investigation.

21-5-95.

This article shall not apply to any entities that are the subject of, or covered by, a qualified divestiture under the federal Protecting Americans from Foreign Adversary Controlled Applications Act, Public Law 118-50, 138 Stat. 955, including but not limited to any entity referenced in Executive Order 14352 that was proclaimed by the President of the United States on September 25, 2025."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to, by substitute.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	E Sainz
N Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	N Sampson
N Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez

N Alexander	N Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Ali	Y Crowe Cummings	Y Hilton	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	N Davis	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
N Au	Y Dawson	N Holcomb	N Miller	N Scott
N Baker	Y DeLoach	N Holland	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y Dempsey	N Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
N Barnes	Y Dickey	Y Hong	N Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Donatucci	Y Horner	N Myles	E Smith, M
Y Barton	N Douglas	Y Howard, J	N Neal	Y Smith, TP
N Bazemore	N Draper	N Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
N Beckles	N Drenner	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
N Bell	Y Dubnik	N Hugley	N Okoye	N Stinson
N Berry	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Efstration	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Ehrhart	N Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	E Taylor, R
N Buckner	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	N Evans	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Townsend
N Burnough	Y Fincher	N Jones, A	N Park	N Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	N Flournoy	E Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
N Campbell, L	E Frye	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	N Kendrick	N Prince	Y Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y LaHood	N Reese	N Westbrook
Y Carpenter	N Gilliard	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	N Gisler	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Williams, A
N Carter	N Glaize	N Lim	Y Rice	E Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Greene	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	N Griffin	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gullett	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gunter	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Y Yearta
E Clifton		Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 98, nays 65.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

House of Representatives
CLOB 507
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

March 16, 2026

William L. Reilly,
Clerk of the House
309 State Capitol Building
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Mr. Reilly,

Pursuant to House Rule 136, I submit this statement to explain my vote on SB 177.

I intended to vote "NO" on these measures, As I believe the measure does not support policies that positively impact our constituents and communities. Unfortunately, I was unable to record my vote at the time the roll was called. Had I been present, I would have voted **no.**

I respectfully request that this explanation be entered into the House Journal.

Sincerely,

/s/ Terry Cummings
State Representative Terry Cummings

SB 535. By Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 37 of the O.C.G.A., relating to mental health, so as to provide for the re-creation of community service boards; to amend Code Section 50-14-1 of the O.C.G.A., relating to meetings open to the public, limitation on action to contest agency action, recording, notice of time and place, access to minutes, and teleconferences, so as to revise a provision authorizing community service boards to conduct teleconference meetings under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	E Sainz
N Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	N Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
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Y Au	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	N Scott
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N Bell	N Drenner	N Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
N Berry	Y Dubnik	Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	N Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	E Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Townsend
N Burnough	N Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	E Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
N Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	E Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	N Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, A
N Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	E Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
E Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 130, nays 31.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Representative Powell of the 33rd moved that the following Bill of the Senate be withdrawn from the Committee on Ways & Means and recommitted to the Committee on Regulated Industries:

SB 89. By Senators Strickland of the 42nd, Hatchett of the 50th, Brass of the 6th, Beach of the 21st, Rhett of the 33rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to increase the amount of a tax credit based on the federal tax credit for certain child and dependent care expenses to 40 percent of such federal tax credit; to provide for a child income tax credit; to provide for definitions; to provide for limitations and proration; to provide for rules and regulations; to revise a tax credit for employers providing child care; to decrease the number of children who use the facility that are required to be children of employees to qualify for such credit; to increase the amount of the credit; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1710. By Representatives McClain of the 109th, Okoye of the 102nd, Williams of the 168th, Beckles of the 96th and Mitchell of the 88th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of William Anthony Gray; and for other purposes.

HR 1711. By Representatives McClain of the 109th, Williams of the 168th, Mitchell of the 88th, Glaize of the 67th and Berry of the 56th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Reverend Fred C. Bennette, Jr.; and for other purposes.

HR 1712. By Representative Baker of the 64th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Nasir Shakur Lay; and for other purposes.

HR 1713. By Representatives Powell of the 33rd, Erwin of the 32nd, DeLoach of the 167th, Williams of the 148th, Rhodes of the 124th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 19, 2026, as Golf Day; and for other purposes.

HR 1714. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Park of the 107th and Williams of the 168th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 17, 2026, as Bayard Rustin Day; and for other purposes.

HR 1715. By Representatives Kendrick of the 95th, Hugley of the 141st and Jones of the 143rd:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Lambda Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, upon its 50th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 1716. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Rice of the 139th, Ballard of the 147th and Seabaugh of the 34th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing May 2026 as Myositis Awareness Month; and for other purposes.

HR 1717. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Neal of the 79th, Burnough of the 77th, Flournoy of the 74th, Scott of the 76th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 26, 2026, as Clayton County Day; and for other purposes.

HR 1718. By Representative Smith of the 18th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating Ryan Dobbs on his recent promotion to Deputy Chief of the Haralson County Fire Department; and for other purposes.

HR 1719. By Representatives Bazemore of the 69th, Buckner of the 137th and Burnough of the 77th:

A RESOLUTION commending Monique Wilson; and for other purposes.

HR 1720. By Representative Griffin of the 149th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Pastor Robert E. Knight on the occasion of his pastoral retirement; and for other purposes.

HR 1721. By Representatives Mathis of the 133rd, Hagan of the 156th, Hitchens of the 161st, Chastain of the 7th, McDonald III of the 26th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Corporal Daniel Baldino and Corporal Dylan Warren; and for other purposes.

HR 1722. By Representatives Holland of the 54th, Evans of the 57th, Barnes of the 86th and Oliver of the 84th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Morningside Presbyterian Church on the occasion of its 100th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 1723. By Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Williams of the 168th, Buckner of the 137th, Smith of the 138th and Rice of the 139th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Pastor Raymond Cochran upon his retirement; and for other purposes.

HR 1724. By Representatives Ridley of the 22nd, Jones of the 47th, Park of the 107th, Fleming of the 114th, Sanchez of the 42nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State University on the occasion of its 30th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 1725. By Representatives Glaize of the 67th, Dawson of the 65th and Schofield of the 63rd:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Fannie Brown; and for other purposes.

HR 1726. By Representative Stinson of the 150th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Command Master Chief (SW/AW) Mickey Jones on the occasion of his military retirement; and for other purposes.

HR 1727. By Representative Stinson of the 150th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Darlene Williams-Roberts; and for other purposes.

HR 1728. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Hugley of the 141st, Efstration of the 104th, Donatucci of the 105th, Park of the 107th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Haven House for its critical service to pregnant women and young mothers in the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 1729. By Representatives Lim of the 98th, Clark of the 108th and Lupton of the 83rd:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Meadowcreek High School boys basketball team for winning the GHSA Class 6A Region 7 Basketball Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 1730. By Representatives Lim of the 98th, Lupton of the 83rd and Clark of the 108th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Lambda Theta Alpha Sorority, Inc.'s, Alpha Sigma Alumnae Chapter's Mujeres Day at the Capitol on March 18, 2026; and for other purposes.

HR 1731. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Crawford of the 89th and Cannon of the 58th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the New Leaders Council and the New Leaders Council Atlanta Chapter; and for other purposes.

HR 1732. By Representatives Alexander of the 66th, McClain of the 109th, Baker of the 64th and New of the 40th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and congratulating Elana Meyers Taylor; and for other purposes.

HR 1733. By Representatives Greene of the 154th, Cheokas of the 151st, Yearta of the 152nd, Clark of the 100th and Mathiak of the 82nd:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Terrell Academy Lady Eagles basketball team for winning the 2026 GIAA AAA Basketball State Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 1734. By Representatives Jones of the 47th, Erwin of the 32nd, Rice of the 139th, Dubnik of the 29th, Ballard of the 147th and others:

A RESOLUTION Recognizing October 5-9, 2026, as Georgia Pre-K Week; and for other purposes.

HR 1735. By Representatives Beckles of the 96th, McClain of the 109th, Okoye of the 102nd, Clark of the 108th, Adeyina of the 110th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the outstanding achievements of the National Beta Club and National Elementary Honor Society students of Beauty P. Baldwin Elementary School; and for other purposes.

HR 1736. By Representatives Beckles of the 96th, McClain of the 109th, Okoye of the 102nd, Clark of the 108th, Adeyina of the 110th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Ole Mexican Foods; and for other purposes.

HR 1737. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Miller of the 62nd, Adeyina of the 110th, Mitchell of the 88th, Ali of the 106th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring perinatal responders as the State of Georgia expands the workforce for birth responders who are committed to increasing the safety of families in the childbirth period; and for other purposes.

HR 1738. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Schofield of the 63rd and Davis of the 87th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Tonya Armstrong Olusola for her outstanding leadership in agriculture, community empowerment, and service to underserved communities; and for other purposes.

HR 1739. By Representatives Davis of the 87th, Kendrick of the 95th, Hugley of the 141st, Jackson of the 165th, Schofield of the 63rd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 16, 2026, as the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Day on the Hill; and for other purposes.

HR 1740. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Cannon of the 58th, Berry of the 56th, Scott of the 76th and Davis of the 87th:

A RESOLUTION commending Cheryl Terrell, JW Dobbs Elementary School's 2025-2026 Teacher of the Year; and for other purposes.

HR 1741. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Adeyina of the 110th, Mitchell of the 88th, Bazemore of the 69th, Miller of the 62nd and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Atlanta International Fashion Week on its 19th year; and for other purposes.

HR 1742. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Jenkins of the 136th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Smith of the 70th, Glaize of the 67th and others:

A RESOLUTION celebrating the birth of Fallon Georgeanna Eck; and for other purposes.

HR 1743. By Representatives Clark of the 108th, Beckles of the 96th, Okoye of the 102nd, McClain of the 109th, Carter of the 93rd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Gwinnett County Public Schools; and for other purposes.

HR 1744. By Representatives Clark of the 108th, Cannon of the 58th, Hugley of the 141st, Miller of the 62nd, Evans of the 57th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing April 11-17, 2026, as Black Maternal Health Week; and for other purposes.

HR 1745. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Parrish of the 158th and Hawkins of the 27th:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating the Georgia School of Orthodontics upon its 10th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 1746. By Representatives Fleming of the 114th, Martinez of the 111th and Williamson of the 112th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Bethany Shirley; and for other purposes.

The following members were recognized during the period of Afternoon Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Ali of the 106th, Moore of the 91st, and Petrea of the 166th.

The following communications were received:

Dear Members of the General Assembly from the 4th Congressional District,

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 32-2-20, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives have called a caucus for the purpose of electing the member of the State Transportation Board from the 4th Congressional District, to be held as follows:

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, March 17, 2026
10:00 a.m.

Members of the Senate and House of Representatives whose districts are wholly or partially embraced within the 4th Congressional District compose the caucus. The election will be for a term of 5 years beginning on April 15, 2026, through April 15, 2031.

The first order of business will be to elect a Caucus Chair (who will conduct the election) and a Caucus Secretary (who will certify the election results).

Please don't hesitate to call or come by prior to the meeting if you have any questions relating to this election.

Sincerely,

Betsy

Betsy Howerton
Legislative Counsel
Office of Legislative Counsel
316 State Capitol • Atlanta, GA 30334

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Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House do now adjourn until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Wednesday, March 18, 2026, and the motion prevailed.

Pursuant to the adjournment Resolution previously adopted by the House and Senate, the Speaker announced the House adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Wednesday, March 18, 2026.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

Thirty-Third Legislative Day

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called and the following Representatives answered to their names:

Adesanya	Corbett	Hatchett	Martinez	Ridley, Jas
Adeyina	Cox	Hawkins	Mathiak	Roberts
Alexander	Crawford	Herring	Mathis	Romman
Ali	Crowe	Hilton	McClain	Sainz
Anderson	Cummings	Hitchens	McCollum	Sampson
Au	Davis	Holcomb	McDonald	Schofield
Baker	Dawson	Holland	McQueen	Scoggins
Ballard	Dempsey	Holly	Meeks	Scott
Barnes	Dickey	Hong	Mitchell	Seabaugh
Barrett	Donatucci	Horner	Momtahan	Silcox
Barton	Douglas	Howard, J	Myles	Smith, L
E Bazemore	Drenner	Howard, K	Neal	Smith, M
Beckles	Dubnik	Huddleston	New	Smith, TP
Bell	Dunahoo	Hugley	Newton	Smith, V
Berry	Efstration	Jackson, D	Okoye	Stephens
Blackmon	Ehrhart	Jackson, E	E Oliver	E Stinson
Bonner	Fincher	Jackson, M	O'Steen	Tarvin
Buckner	Fleming	Jasperse	Panitch	Taylor, D
Burchett	Flournoy	Jenkins	E Paris	Taylor, R
Burnough	Ford	Jones, A	Park	Thomas
Byrd	Franklin	Jones, J	Parrish	Townsend
Cameron	Frye	E Jones, S	Parsons	Tran
Camp	Gaines	Jones, T	Persinger	Wade
Campbell, J	Gambill	Kahaian	Petrea	Werkheiser
E Campbell, L	Gilliard	Kelley	Powell	Westbrook
Cannon, C	Gisler	LaHood	Prince	Wilkerson
Carpenter	Glaize	Leverett	Reese	Williams, A
Chastain	Greene	Lewis-Ward	Reeves	Williams, N
Cheokas	Griffin	Lim	Rhodes	Williamson
Clark, D	Gullett	Lumsden	Rice	Yearta
Clifton	Gunter	Lupton	Richardson	Burns, Speaker
Cooper	Hagan	Martin		

The following members were off the floor of the House when the roll was called:

Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Carson of the 46th, Carter of the 93rd, Clark of the 108th, DeLoach of the 167th, Draper of the 90th, Evans of the 57th, Kendrick of the 95th, Miller of the 62nd, Moore of the 91st, Olaleye of the 59th, Ridley of the 22nd, Sanchez of the 42nd, Washburn of the 144th, Williams of the 37th, and Willis of the 55th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Reverend Jason Davis, Grace Community Presbyterian Church, Lyons, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Hilton of the 48th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

By unanimous consent, the following was established as the order of business during the first part of the period of unanimous consents:

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

2. First reading and reference of House Bills and Resolutions.

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

6. First reading and reference of Senate Bills and Resolutions.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House were introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committees:

HB 1548. By Representative Anderson of the 10th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Municipal Court of the City of Clarkesville; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1549. By Representatives Anderson of the 10th and Erwin of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Municipal Court of the City of Cornelia; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1550. By Representatives Dickey of the 134th and Ballard of the 147th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Byron, approved February 13, 1941 (Ga. L. 1941, p. 1210), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 13, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001, p. 3770), so as to change the corporate limits of the City of Byron; to provide for related matters; to provide a contingent effective date; to provide for automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1551. By Representative Jasperse of the 11th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from all Pickens County School District ad valorem taxes for educational purposes for the full value of the homestead of certain residents of that school district, approved April 21, 1997 (Ga. L. 1997, p. 4283), so as to increase the income cap on such exemption; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1552. By Representative Smith of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Bremen independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $90,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 65 years of age or older and who have been residents and property taxpayers of the school district for at least five consecutive years; to repeal the exemption granted in an Act approved May 13, 2008 (Ga. L. 2008, p. 4065); to provide for compliance with constitutional

requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1553. By Representatives Burnough of the 77th, Scott of the 76th and Neal of the 79th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Municipal Court of the City of Forest Park; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1554. By Representatives Howard of the 71st, New of the 40th, Huddleston of the 72nd and Smith of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the O.C.G.A., relating to insurance generally, so as to provide for collateral protection insurance; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

HB 1555. By Representatives Ballard of the 147th and Stinson of the 150th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Fort Valley, approved August 22, 1907 (Ga. L. 1907, p. 651), as amended, so as to deannex certain territory from the city limits; to provide that the city shall be obligated to transfer title in any real or personal property related to the operation of the utility system upon the request of the utility commission; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1556. By Representative O'Steen of the 169th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Nicholls; to provide for incorporation, boundaries, and powers of the city; to provide for service charges and assessments; to provide for bonded and other indebtedness; to provide for accounting and budgeting; to provide for contracting and purchasing; to provide for sale of city property; to provide for bonds for officers; to provide for pending matters; to provide for definitions and construction; to provide for severability; to provide for related matters; to repeal specific Acts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1557. By Representatives Mathiak of the 82nd, Bonner of the 73rd, Bazemore of the 69th and Jackson of the 68th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for the re-creation of the board of elections for Fayette County, approved March 24, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 3712), so as to revise the composition of the board; to revise provisions for appointment of board members; to provide for initial terms; to provide for current board members to serve out the terms to which they were appointed; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1558. By Representatives Glaize of the 67th and Dawson of the 65th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Palmetto ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of the full assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 65 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1559. By Representatives Glaize of the 67th and Dawson of the 65th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Palmetto, approved March 2, 1966 (Ga. L. 1966, p. 2771), as amended, so as to revise provisions related to the qualifications, terms, powers, and duties of the mayor, councilmembers, and city manager; to revise provisions for departments and employees of the city government; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1560. By Representatives Burns of the 159th and Hitchens of the 161st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the City of Springfield, Georgia, to exercise all redevelopment and other powers provided for under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Georgia Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide for effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1561. By Representatives Ali of the 106th, Olaleye of the 59th, Gisler of the 121st, Berry of the 56th and Stephens of the 164th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to require secondary schools and public institutions of higher education to recognize certain rights for student journalists; to provide for protections for student media advisers; to provide for limitations; to provide for written policies; to provide for proceedings and injunctive relief; to provide for legislative findings, declarations, and intent; to provide for definitions; to provide for construction; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HB 1562. By Representative Camp of the 135th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from all Pike County ad valorem taxes for county purposes for certain residents of that county who are totally disabled, approved May 13,

2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 5732), so as to increase the amount of the homestead exemption for residents of Pike County who are totally disabled; to provide for increased amounts of homestead exemptions for certain residents who have resided in the county for a certain amount of time; to provide for a referendum; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1563. By Representative Camp of the 135th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from Pike County ad valorem taxes for county purposes for certain residents of that county who are 65 years of age or over, approved May 13, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 5736), so as to increase the amount of the homestead exemption for residents of Pike County who are senior citizens; to provide for increased amounts of homestead exemptions for certain residents who have resided in the county for a certain amount of time; to provide for a referendum; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1564. By Representative Yearta of the 152nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Lee County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of the full assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 67 years of age or older, and only for such ad valorem taxes to pay interest on and to retire county school district bonded indebtedness; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1565. By Representative Yearta of the 152nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Lee County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount

of the full assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 80 years of age or older and whose income does not exceed $40,000.00; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1566. By Representative Burchett of the 176th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Ware County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of the full assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 75 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HR 1701. By Representatives Chastain of the 7th, Jasperse of the 11th, Cox of the 28th and Gunter of the 8th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the lives of Howell and Jane Teasley and dedicating an intersection in their memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 1702. By Representatives Davis of the 87th, Scott of the 76th, Bell of the 75th, Jackson of the 68th and Griffin of the 149th:

A RESOLUTION urging for the protection of constitutional conscience, the rule of law, and the lawful exercise of conscientious objection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1703. By Representatives Gunter of the 8th, Smith of the 18th, Leverett of the 123rd, Panitch of the 51st, Holcomb of the 101st and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Criminal Post-Conviction Litigation; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1704. By Representative Stinson of the 150th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Dangerous Animal Attacks and Animal Control Resources in Rural Georgia; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1705. By Representatives Bazemore of the 69th, McQueen of the 61st, Jackson of the 68th, Glaize of the 67th and Schofield of the 63rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing State Representative Roger Bruce and dedicating an intersection in his honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 1706. By Representative Jasperse of the 11th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mr. Jerry Barnes and dedicating a road in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 1707. By Representatives Gunter of the 8th, Powell of the 33rd, Erwin of the 32nd, Dubnik of the 29th, Williams of the 148th and others:

A RESOLUTION encouraging the creation of the Georgia Legislative Golf Caucus; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1708. By Representative Fleming of the 114th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mr. William Donaldson "Don" Ballard and dedicating a road in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 1709. By Representatives Gilliard of the 162nd, Stephens of the 164th, Jackson of the 165th and Petrea of the 166th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Ms. Mary Davis and dedicating an intersection in her honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 1747. By Representative Townsend of the 179th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Restoring Georgia's Salt-Water Ecosystems; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House were read the second time:

HB 1539	HB 1540
HB 1541	HB 1542
HB 1543	HB 1544
HB 1545	HB 1546
HB 1547	HR 1663
HR 1664	HR 1665
HR 1666	HR 1667
HR 1668	HR 1669
HR 1670	HR 1671
HR 1672	HR 1673
HR 1674	HR 1675

Representative Anderson of the 10th District, Chairman of the Committee on Governmental Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Governmental Affairs has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 214 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Anderson of the 10th
Chairman

Representative Hawkins of the 27th District, Chairman of the Committee on Health, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 91	Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 439	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Kelley of the 16th
Vice-Chairman

Representative McDonald of the 26th District, Chairman of the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Legislation has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 1367	Do Pass	HB 1460	Do Pass
HB 1461	Do Pass	HB 1462	Do Pass
HB 1484	Do Pass	HB 1488	Do Pass
HB 1500	Do Pass	HB 1503	Do Pass
HB 1504	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 1514	Do Pass
HB 1515	Do Pass	HB 1527	Do Pass
HB 1530	Do Pass	HB 1534	Do Pass
HB 1535	Do Pass	HB 1537	Do Pass
HB 1538	Do Pass	SB 350	Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 543	Do Pass	SB 545	Do Pass
SB 574	Do Pass	SB 575	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ McDonald of the 26th
Chairman

Representative Gunter of the 8th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 552 Do Pass
SB 570 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Gunter of the 8th
Chairman

Representative Corbett of the 174th District, Chairman of the Committee on Motor Vehicles, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Motor Vehicles has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 384 Do Pass
SB 569 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Corbett of the 174th
Chairman

Representative Cooper of the 45th District, Chairman of the Committee on Public and Community Health, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Public and Community Health has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 395 Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 500 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Cooper of the 45th
Chairman

Representative Powell of the 33rd District, Chairman of the Committee on Regulated Industries, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Regulated Industries has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 89	Do Pass, by Substitute	SB 254	Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 458	Do Pass, by Substitute	SB 485	Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 501	Do Pass, by Substitute	SB 553	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Powell of the 33rd
Chairman

Representative Carson of the 46th District, Chairman of the Committee on Retirement, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Retirement has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 23	Do Pass, by Substitute	SB 216	Do Pass
SB 452	Do Pass	SB 489	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Carson of the 46th
Chairman

Representative Parrish of the 158th District, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Rules has had under consideration the following Resolution of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SR 23 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

Representative Scoggins of the 14th District, Chairman of the Committee on Special Rules, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Special Rules has had under consideration the following Resolutions of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HR 1474 Do Pass
HR 1583 Do Pass
HR 1608 Do Pass
HR 1655 Do Pass
HR 1662 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Scoggins of the 14th
Chairman

Representative Jones of the 25th District, Chairman of the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 444 Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 470 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Jones of the 25th
Chairman

Representative Blackmon of the 146th District, Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 566 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Blackmon of the 146th
Chairman

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2026

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 33rd Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

SB 293 License Plates for Certain Veterans; the number of free license plates issued to certain veterans; increase (Substitute)(MotV-Corbett-174th) Anderson-24th

SB 383 Child Abuse; local child fatality review committees; modify the review (JudyJ-Seabaugh-34th) Kirkpatrick-32nd

SB 399 "Mason Sells AED Coordination Act"; enact (Hth-Bonner-73rd) Harbin-16th

SB 427 Physicians; limited provisional licenses and a pathway to licensure for certain internationally trained physicians; provide (Substitute) (Hth-Newton-127th) Watson-1st

SB 523 Education; public schools and postsecondary educational institutions to consider antisemitism in the same manner as discrimination based on religion; authorize (Substitute)(HEd-Silcox-53rd) Goodman-8th

SB 551 Standard, Labeling, and Adulteration of Food; eggs; repeal provisions (A&CA-Cameron-1st) Watson-11th

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

Representative McDonald III of the 26th moved that the following Bill of the Senate be withdrawn from the Local Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local:

SB 543. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Anderson of the 24th and Strickland of the 42nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for Butts County, approved February 24, 1941 (Ga. L. 1941, p. 793), as amended, so as to provide that the board of commissioners shall only be required to read an ordinance, resolution, or other matter before the board at one meeting prior to the adoption of such ordinance, resolution, or other matter; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the House and Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 1367. By Representatives Roberts of the 52nd, Bazemore of the 69th, Silcox of the 53rd, Cannon of the 58th, Au of the 50th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating one or more community improvement districts in unincorporated Fulton County, approved April 3, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 5460), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 2, 1998 (Ga. L. 1998, p. 4065), so as to provide for the appointment of a certain number of board members in the case of vacancies on the board; to provide for special elections for certain vacancies; to provide for notice; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1460. By Representatives Reese of the 140th, Hugley of the 141st and Buckner of the 137th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend An Act establishing the State Court of Muscogee County, approved December 20, 1884 (Ga. L. 1884-85, p. 455), as amended, so as to modify provisions relating to the salaries of the solicitor-general, the chief assistant solicitor-general, and other assistant solicitors-general; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1461. By Representatives Reese of the 140th, Hugley of the 141st and Buckner of the 137th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act establishing compensation for the clerk of the Superior Court of Muscogee County, approved February 6, 1952 (Ga. L. 1952, p. 40), as amended, so as to change the provisions relating to the salary of the clerk of superior court and the chief deputy clerk; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1462. By Representatives Reese of the 140th, Hugley of the 141st and Buckner of the 137th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the creation of the Columbus Music Commission; to provide for a short title; to provide for findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for membership, terms of office, and vacancies; to confer powers and impose duties on the commission; to provide for bylaws; to provide for a quorum; to provide for audits; to provide for venue; to provide for tax exemptions from levy and sale; to provide for liberal construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1484. By Representative Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Bowman to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section

48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1488. By Representatives Williams of the 168th and DeLoach of the 167th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to establish the Hinesville Conference Center and Tourism Authority; to provide for the purpose of the authority; to provide for definitions; to provide for the membership of the authority; to provide for the election of officers, quorum, bylaws, and procedures at meetings; to provide for expenses of members; to provide for filling vacancies; to provide for the powers of the authority; to provide for an executive director; to provide for the use of funds by the authority; to provide for severability; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1500. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Hong of the 103rd, Clark of the 100th, Park of the 107th, Beckles of the 96th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Suwanee, approved April 9, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 3729), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 3, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 4425), so as to change the corporate limits of such city; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1503. By Representatives Fleming of the 114th and Crowe of the 118th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Covington ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes for the total amount of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial

remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1504. By Representatives Crawford of the 89th, Tran of the 80th, Drenner of the 85th, Lupton of the 83rd, Mitchell of the 88th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of DeKalb County, formerly known as the Civil and Criminal Court of DeKalb County, approved February 14, 1951 (Ga. L. 1951, p. 2401), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 3, 2021 (Ga. L. 2021, p. 3624), so as to authorize the charge and collection of technology fees; to provide for a court administrator; to revise provisions related to compensation; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend an Act creating the State Court of DeKalb County, formerly known as the Civil and Criminal Court of DeKalb County, approved February 14, 1951 (Ga. L. 1951, p. 2401), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 3, 2021 (Ga. L. 2021, p. 3624), so as to authorize the charge and collection of technology fees; to provide for a court administrator; to revise provisions related to compensation; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act creating the State Court of DeKalb County, formerly known as the Civil and Criminal Court of DeKalb County, approved February 14, 1951 (Ga. L. 1951, p. 2401), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 3, 2021 (Ga. L. 2021, p. 3624), is amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

"SECTION 11B.3.

(a) The clerk of the State Court of DeKalb County is authorized to charge and collect a technology fee to be set by majority vote of the judges of the state court in an amount not to exceed $50.00 for the filing of each civil action with the court. Funds collected pursuant to this authorization shall be maintained in a segregated account by the clerk of

the state court and shall be used only for the benefit of the state court for purposes authorized in this section.

(b) The clerk of the Magistrate Court of DeKalb County is authorized to charge and collect a technology fee to be set by the chief magistrate in an amount not to exceed $50.00 for the filing of each civil action with the court. Funds collected pursuant to this authorization shall be maintained in a segregated account by the clerk of the magistrate court and shall be used only for the benefit of the magistrate court for purposes authorized in this section.

(c) The technology fees authorized by this section shall be used exclusively for the technological needs of the court collecting the fee and shall be used only for the following purposes:

(1) Computer hardware and software purchases;

(2) Lease, maintenance, and installation of computer hardware and software;

(3) Purchase, lease, maintenance, and installation of imaging, scanning, facsimile, communications, projection, and printing equipment and software; and

(4) Procurement of services and equipment for the conservation of court records and archiving the same to digital contents for public access."

SECTION 2.

Said Act is further amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

"SECTION 20.1.

(a) The court administrator of the State Court and Magistrate Court of DeKalb County shall be appointed by and may only be removed by a vote of at least eight judges of the state court, and the chief magistrate.

(b) Upon the position of court administrator becoming vacant, the chief judge, the presiding judge of Division B, and the chief magistrate of DeKalb County shall meet and nominate a person to serve as court administrator. Such nomination must be unanimous and shall be subject to approval as provided for in subsection (a) of this section.

(c) The court administrator on the effective date of this section shall remain in that position unless he or she resigns or is removed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

(d) The court administrator shall have the authority to appoint and remove such court administration personnel as he or she deems necessary.

(e) The court administrator shall have primary administrative responsibility for the budget, fiscal affairs, purchasing, human resources, payroll, facilities management and projects, information technology, court interpreters, accountability court programs, and government relations of the State Court and Magistrate Court of DeKalb County, subject to direction by the judges in a manner consistent with this Act.

(f) If the chief magistrate elects to appoint a separate court administrator to serve the Magistrate Court of DeKalb County, or if at least eight judges of the state court elect to appoint a separate court administrator to serve the State Court of DeKalb County, the chief magistrate shall cease to participate in and shall not be counted regarding the

appointment, removal, and nomination processes established in subsections (a) and (b) of this section."

SECTION 3.

Said Act is further amended by revising Section 21.2 as follows:

"SECTION 21.2.

(a) As used in this section, the term 'State Court of DeKalb County' shall also mean 'State Court and Magistrate Court of DeKalb County' if applicable to a specific position. (b) Each judge of the State Court of DeKalb County, the chief magistrate and each associate magistrate of DeKalb County, the judge of the Probate Court of DeKalb County, and each judge of the Juvenile Court of DeKalb County shall receive the compensation provided in the Act providing for the compensation of certain county officers and officials of DeKalb County, approved March 31, 1976 (Ga. L. 1976, p. 3986), as amended, and shall also receive the following benefits and supplemental compensation provided to employees of DeKalb County: health insurance, dental insurance, life insurance, vision insurance, flexible benefits, retirement benefits, and longevity pay. Each elected judge or elected judicial officer identified in this subsection shall also receive from DeKalb County a monthly supplement in a gross amount equal to his or her monthly employee contributions to any pension plan or retirement system, less applicable taxes and withholdings.

(c) The court administrator of the State Court of DeKalb County shall be paid an annual salary equal to 90 percent of the annual salary paid to the court administrator of the Superior Court of DeKalb County, not including any longevity pay furnished to the court administrator of the Superior Court of DeKalb County; provided, however, that the annual salary of an individual serving as court administrator of the State Court of DeKalb County shall not be reduced while he or she continues to serve in that position.

(d) The clerk of the State Court of DeKalb County shall be paid an annual salary equal to 90 percent of the annual salary paid to the court administrator of the State Court of DeKalb County, not including any longevity pay furnished to the court administrator of the State Court of DeKalb County; provided, however, that the annual salary of an individual serving as clerk of the State Court of DeKalb County shall not be reduced while he or she continues to serve in that position.

(e) The marshal and the chief probation officer of the State Court of DeKalb County shall each be paid an annual salary established by the judges of the State Court of DeKalb County, subject to funding and administrative approval by the governing authority of DeKalb County.

(f) Unless provided otherwise in the Act providing for the compensation of certain county officers and officials of DeKalb County, approved March 31, 1976 (Ga. L. 1976, p. 3986), as amended, the annual salaries provided in this section shall be paid in equal biweekly installments from funds of DeKalb County.

(g) The court administrator, the clerk, the marshal, and the chief probation officer of the State Court of DeKalb County shall be provided all benefits and supplemental

compensation generally available to employees of DeKalb County, including, but not limited to, health insurance, dental insurance, life insurance, vision insurance, flexible benefits, retirement benefits, longevity pay, cost of living adjustments, incentives, annual leave, and sick leave."

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

HB 1514. By Representatives Glaize of the 67th, Olaleye of the 59th, Panitch of the 51st, McQueen of the 61st, Dawson of the 65th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the number of members and for the election of members of the Board of Education of Fulton County, approved February 10, 1984 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 3591), as amended, so as to change the date of election of the president of said board; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1515. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd and Powell of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Madison County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $75,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 70 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, contingent effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1527. By Representative Powell of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Franklin Springs ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes for the full assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 65 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1530. By Representatives Barton of the 5th and Ridley of the 6th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to repeal and replace the charter of the City of Fairmount, approved April 17, 1975 (Ga. L. 1975, p. 3136), as amended, so as to provide that future mayors shall be elected to four-year terms of office; to conform compensation provisions with general law; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1534. By Representatives Westbrook of the 163rd, Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th, Jackson of the 165th and Hitchens of the 161st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Chatham County, approved December 18, 1819 (Ga. L. 1819, p. 16), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 30, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 3667), so as to provide for an additional judge of the State Court of Chatham County; to provide for the election, powers, duties, jurisdiction, privileges, immunities, and compensation of such additional judge; to authorize the governing authority of Chatham County to provide facilities, office space, supplies, equipment, and personnel for such judge; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1535. By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Panitch of the 51st, Holland of the 54th and Roberts of the 52nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the City of Sandy Springs, Georgia, to exercise all redevelopment and other powers provided for under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Georgia Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide for effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1537. By Representatives Herring of the 145th, Paris of the 142nd, Jones of the 143rd, Griffin of the 149th and Washburn of the 144th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Bibb County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $17,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are between the ages of 65 and 74; to provide a homestead exemption from Bibb County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $32,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are between the ages of 75 and 84; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1538. By Representatives Herring of the 145th, Paris of the 142nd, Jones of the 143rd, Griffin of the 149th and Washburn of the 144th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Macon-Bibb County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of $17,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that county who are between the ages of 65 and 74; to provide a homestead exemption from Macon-Bibb County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of $32,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that county who are between the ages of 75 and 84; to provide a homestead exemption from Macon-Bibb County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of the full assessed value of the homestead for residents of that county who are 85 years of age or older; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

SB 350. By Senators Jackson of the 41st, Mangham of the 55th, Parent of the 44th, Jones of the 10th and Anderson of the 43rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the compensation of certain county officers and officials of DeKalb County, approved March 31, 1976 (Ga. L. 1976, p. 3986), as amended, so as to revise the compensation of certain judges, judicial officers, and county officers; to make conforming changes related to court names changed by general law; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend an Act providing for the compensation of certain county officers and officials of DeKalb County, approved March 31, 1976 (Ga. L. 1976, p. 3986), as amended, so as to revise the compensation of certain judges, judicial officers, and county officers; to make conforming changes related to court names changed by general law; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act providing for the compensation of certain county officers and officials of DeKalb County, approved March 31, 1976 (Ga. L. 1976, p. 3986), as amended, is amended by revising Section 1 as follows:

"SECTION 1.

As used in this Act, the term 'gross salary' shall mean the higher of $218,990.30 or the highest annual salary provided to any Superior Court judge from State funds."

SECTION 2.

Said Act is further amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

"SECTION 1.2.

Pursuant to Section 1 of an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions regarding superior courts, approved May 6, 2024 (Ga. L. 2024, p. 738), as of January 1, 2025, the Stone Mountain Judicial Circuit shall be

known and may be referred to as the DeKalb Judicial Circuit. Any reference in this Act to the Stone Mountain Judicial Circuit shall be deemed to refer to the DeKalb Judicial Circuit."

SECTION 3.

Said Act is further amended by revising Sections 2 and 2.1 as follows:

"SECTION 2.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, the annual salary of each of the officials of DeKalb County listed below shall be the following percentages of the gross salary as defined in Section 1:

(1) Chief Executive Officer.....100%
(2) District Attorney.....100%
(3) Sheriff.....100%
(4) Clerk of the Superior Court.....80%
(5) Tax Commissioner.....75%
(6) Members of the Board of Commissioners.....32%

SECTION 2.1.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, the annual salary of each judge of the State Court of DeKalb County, the Chief Magistrate of DeKalb County, the judge of the Probate Court of DeKalb County, each judge of the Juvenile Court of DeKalb County, and the Solicitor-General of DeKalb County shall be the higher of $208,040.00 or 90 percent of the gross salary as defined in Section 1 of this Act."

SECTION 4.

Said Act is further amended by revising Sections 3 and 3.1 as follows:

"SECTION 3.

(a) Each full-time associate magistrate of DeKalb County shall receive an annual salary equal to 90 percent of the annual salary provided in this Act paid to the Chief Magistrate of DeKalb County.

(b) Each part-time associate magistrate of DeKalb County shall be paid an hourly rate commensurate with the annual salary provided in this Act paid to a full-time associate magistrate of DeKalb County.

SECTION 3.1.

The annual salaries provided in this Act shall be paid in equal monthly installments from funds of DeKalb County."

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

SB 545. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Anderson of the 24th and Strickland of the 42nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Butts County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of $50,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that county; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

SB 574. By Senator Hickman of the 4th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Metter ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of $2,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

SB 575. By Senator Hickman of the 4th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Metter ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of $4,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 65 years of age or older and whose income does not exceed $10,000.00; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum,

effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, the following roll call vote was made applicable to the previously read Bills.

On the passage of the Bills, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
E Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	N Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	E Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	E Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
E Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	N Rice	Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bills, the ayes were 161, nays 2.

The Bills, having received the requisite constitutional majority, were passed.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the Senate:

SB 609. By Senators Jackson of the 41st, Harrell of the 40th, Mangham of the 55th and Parent of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create and establish in DeKalb County, Georgia, districts from which the members of the County Board of Education of DeKalb County shall be elected, approved April 12, 1963 (Ga. L. 1963, p. 3424), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 14, 1984 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 4192), an Act approved May 10, 2021 (Ga. L. 2021, p. 4256), and an Act approved May 13, 2025 (Ga. L. 2025, p. 4069), so as to revise provisions related to changes in boundaries of the DeKalb County school district following certain annexations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 618. By Senator Parent of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Municipal Court of the City of Decatur; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bill of the House:

HB 535. By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Hong of the 103rd, Leverett of the 123rd, Evans of the 57th and Miller of the 62nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 42-8-38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to arrest or graduated sanctions for probationers violating terms, hearing, disposition of charge, and procedure when probation revoked in county other than that of conviction, so as to provide for credit for time served regarding probation revocation sentencing; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed as amended, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bill of the House:

HB 1196. By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Miller of the 62nd, Hong of the 103rd, LaHood of the 175th, Fleming of the 114th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-7-21.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal trespass involving a wild animal, so as to provide for the offense of criminal trespass involving a wild animal; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the House:

HB 983. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th, Cannon of the 172nd, Meeks of the 178th and Burchett of the 176th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to forest resources, so as to clarify that prescribed burning for silviculture purposes is exempt from certain burning notice and permit requirements; to revise requirements for prescribed burning; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1000. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Wade of the 9th, Seabaugh of the 34th, Hong of the 103rd, Blackmon of the 146th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to provide for a one-time tax credit for individual taxpayers who filed income tax returns for the 2024 and 2025 taxable years; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1057. By Representatives Kendrick of the 95th, Efstration of the 104th, Park of the 107th, Reeves of the 99th, Hong of the 103rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to continue and re-create the State Court of Gwinnett County, approved March 23, 1977 (Ga. L. 1977, p. 3331), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 2, 2022 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 6031), so as to provide for an eighth judge for the State Court of Gwinnett County beginning January 1, 2027; to provide for a ninth judge for said court beginning

January 1, 2028; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1424. By Representatives Cheokas of the 151st and Stinson of the 150th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to revise and restate the law relating to the Sumter County board of education and school superintendent, approved February 26, 2014 (Ga. L. 2014, p. 3503), as amended, so as to revise the compensation of such board; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the Senate were read the first time and referred to the Committee:

SB 609. By Senators Jackson of the 41st, Harrell of the 40th, Mangham of the 55th and Parent of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create and establish in DeKalb County, Georgia, districts from which the members of the County Board of Education of DeKalb County shall be elected, approved April 12, 1963 (Ga. L. 1963, p. 3424), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 14, 1984 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 4192), an Act approved May 10, 2021 (Ga. L. 2021, p. 4256), and an Act approved May 13, 2025 (Ga. L. 2025, p. 4069), so as to revise provisions related to changes in boundaries of the DeKalb County school district following certain annexations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

SB 618. By Senator Parent of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Municipal Court of the City of Decatur; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

The Speaker Pro Tem assumed the Chair.

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Tran of the 80th et al., Ali of the 106th et al., Yearta of the 152nd et al., Mathiak of the 82nd et al., Hugley of the 141st et al., Lim of the 98th et al., Cannon of the 58th et al., Adeyina of the 110th et al., Lupton of the 83rd et al., Jackson of the 165th et al., Holland of the 54th et al., Neal of the 79th et al., Burnough of the 77th et al., Schofield of the 63rd et al., Griffin of the 149th, Hawkins of the 27th, Jasperse of the 11th, Smith of the 138th, Taylor of the 92nd et al., and Gaines of the 120th et al.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives McClain of the 109th and Okoye of the 102nd et al.

Representative Blackmon of the 146th District, Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 285	Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 430	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Blackmon of the 146th
Chairman

By order of the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the Senate was withdrawn from the General Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Public and Community Health:

SB 440. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Hatchett of the 50th, Watson of the 1st, Echols of the 49th, Brass of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 16, 19, 31, 48, and 49 of the O.C.G.A., relating to crimes and offenses, domestic relations, health, revenue and taxation, and social services, respectively, so as to modernize and update provisions relative to duties or functions of the Department of Public Health; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By order of the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the Senate was withdrawn from the General Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Defense & Veterans Affairs:

SB 555. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Payne of the 54th, Cowsert of the 46th, Burns of the 23rd, Ginn of the 47th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to war veterans home, so as to authorize the admission of eligible nonveteran residents to a Georgia War Veterans' Home under certain circumstances; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the Senate was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 551. By Senators Watson of the 11th, Anderson of the 24th, Echols of the 49th and Goodman of the 8th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to standard, labeling, and adulteration of food, so as to repeal provisions relative to eggs; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	E McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
E Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Taylor, D

Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	E Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	E Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
E Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 165, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following Bill of the House was taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 571. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Jasperse of the 11th, Dempsey of the 13th, Jackson of the 128th, Silcox of the 53rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to physicians, assistants, and others, so as to provide for the licensing of radiologist assistants; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to physicians, assistants, and others, so as to provide for the licensing of radiologist assistants; to provide for continuing education requirements; to repeal a provision relating to radiologist assistant defined; to provide a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for licensure requirements; to provide for renewal requirements; to prohibit holding oneself out as a radiologist assistant without licensure; to provide for licensure for currently employed radiologist assistants; to provide for the duties and powers of the Georgia

Composite Medical Board with respect to radiologist assistants; to provide that radiologists may use the services of licensed radiologist assistants; to prohibit certain practices by radiologist assistants; to provide for an advisory committee; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to physicians, assistants, and others, is amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 43-34-11, relating to continuing education requirement and required training for physicians, as follows:

"(a)(1) The board shall be authorized to require persons seeking renewal of a license, certificate, or permit under this chapter to complete board approved continuing education of not less than 40 hours biennially. The board shall be authorized to approve courses offered by institutions of higher learning, specialty societies, or professional organizations, including, but not limited to, the American Medical Association, the National Medical Association, and the American Osteopathic Association, the number of hours required, and the category in which these hours should be earned. This paragraph shall not apply to respiratory care professionals, persons seeking renewal of certification as respiratory care professionals, clinical perfusionists, persons seeking renewal of licensure as a clinical perfusionist, licensed orthotists or prosthetists, persons seeking renewal of licensure as an orthotist or prosthetist, genetic counselors, ~~or~~ persons seeking renewal of licensure as a genetic counselor, radiologist assistants, or persons seeking renewal of licensure as a radiologist assistant.

(2) The board shall be authorized to require persons seeking renewal of certification as respiratory care professionals under Article 6 of this chapter to complete board approved continuing education. The board shall be authorized to establish the number of hours of continuing education required biennially for renewal of certification as a respiratory care professional and the categories in which these hours should be earned. The board shall be authorized to approve courses offered by institutions of higher learning, specialty societies, or professional organizations. Any action taken by the board pursuant to this paragraph shall be taken in conformity with the provisions of Code Section 43-34-143.

(3) The board shall be authorized to require persons seeking renewal of licensure as clinical perfusionists under Article 7 of this chapter to complete board approved continuing education. The board shall be authorized to establish the number of hours of continuing education required biennially for renewal of licensure as a clinical perfusionist and the categories in which these hours should be earned. The board shall be authorized to approve courses offered by institutions of higher learning, specialty societies, or professional organizations. Any action taken by the board pursuant to this paragraph shall be taken in conformity with the provisions of Code Section 43-34-172.

(4) The board shall be authorized to require persons seeking renewal of licensure to practice orthotics or prosthetics under Article 8 of this chapter to complete board approved continuing education. The board shall be authorized to establish the number of hours of continuing education required biennially for renewal of licensure to practice orthotics or prosthetics and the categories in which these hours should be earned, provided that the maximum number of hours of continuing education required for renewal of licensure shall not exceed 40 hours. The board shall be authorized to approve courses offered by institutions of higher learning, specialty societies, or professional organizations. Any action taken by the board pursuant to this paragraph shall be taken in conformity with the provisions of subsection (a) of Code Section 43-34-200.

(5) The board shall be authorized to require persons seeking renewal of licensure to practice genetic counseling under Article 12 of this chapter to complete board approved continuing education. The board shall be authorized to establish the number of hours of continuing education required biennially for renewal of licensure to practice genetic counseling and the categories in which these hours should be earned, provided that the number of hours of continuing education required for renewal of licensure shall not be less than 30 hours biennially. The board shall be authorized to approve courses offered by institutions of higher learning, specialty societies, or professional organizations. Any action taken by the board pursuant to this paragraph shall be taken in conformity with the provisions of subsection (b) of Code Section 43-34-313.

(6) The board shall be authorized to require persons seeking renewal of licensure to practice as a radiologist assistant under Article 13 of this chapter to complete board approved continuing education. The board shall be authorized to establish the number of hours of continuing education required biennially for renewal of licensure to practice as a radiologist assistant and the categories in which these hours should be earned. The board shall be authorized to approve courses offered by institutions of higher learning, specialty societies, or professional organizations. Any action taken by the board pursuant to this paragraph shall be taken in conformity with the provisions of subsection (b) of Code Section 43-34-334.

~~(6)~~(7) On and after January 1, 2022, all physicians shall be required to receive one-time education and training, for a minimum of two hours, regarding professional boundaries and physician sexual misconduct. Such education and training shall include subject matter relating to how to proceed with basic as well as sensitive or intimate examinations and the communication with patients that is required as a component of such examinations. Such education and training shall be established by the board and shall be informed by members of the public, as best possible."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by repealing Code Section 43-34-12, relating to radiologist assistant defined.

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 13

43-34-330.

This article shall be known and may be cited as the 'Radiologist Assistant Act.'

43-34-331.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Board' means the Georgia Composite Medical Board.

(2) 'Radiologist' means a physician who is licensed to practice medicine pursuant to Article 2 of this chapter and who is certified by the American Board of Radiology, the American Osteopathic Board of Radiology, or the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

(3) 'Radiologist assistant' means an advanced level certified diagnostic radiologic technologist who assists radiologists under the on site direct supervision of a radiologist as defined by the Georgia Composite Medical Board in performing advanced diagnostic imaging procedures as determined by board rule, according to levels of supervision as defined by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services including, but not limited to, enteral and parenteral procedures when performed under the on site direct supervision of the radiologist and may include injecting diagnostic agents to sites other than intravenous, performing diagnostic aspirations and localizations, and assisting radiologists with other invasive procedures, according to levels of supervision as defined by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Such radiologist assistant may with general supervision perform other noninvasive procedures unless said procedures are expressly restricted by the board to not be performed by radiologist assistants under general supervision. Such radiologist assistant may also perform other procedures under general supervision as may be authorized by the board.

43-34-332.

A person shall be qualified for licensure as a radiologist assistant and the board shall issue a license if that person:

(1) Has applied in writing in form and substance satisfactory to the board and is at least 21 years of age;

(2) Has not engaged in conduct or activities which would constitute grounds for discipline under this article;

(3) Is registered and credentialed as a radiographer with the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists;

(4) Is certified and registered:

(A) As a radiologist assistant with the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists; or

(B) As a radiology practitioner assistant with the Certification Board for Radiology Practitioner Assistants and the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists;

(5) Has paid the fees required by rule; and

(6) Has met any other requirements established by rule.

43-34-333.

(a) Licenses issued by the board pursuant to this article shall be subject to renewal and shall be valid for up to two years unless otherwise specified by this article and shall be renewable biennially on the renewal date established by the board.

(b) The board shall be authorized to, in conformance with paragraph (6) of subsection (a) of Code Section 43-34-11:

(1) Require persons seeking renewal of licensure under this article to complete board approved continuing education;

(2) Establish the number of hours of continuing education to be completed as well as the categories in which the continuing education is to be completed; and

(3) Maintain continued certification and registration as a radiologist assistant with the American Registry of Radiologic technologist or radiology practitioner assistant with the Certification Board for Radiology Practitioner Assistants and the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists.

(c) A person who has permitted his or her license to expire or who has had his or her license on inactive status may have his or her license restored by:

(1) Making application to the board;

(2) Filing proof acceptable to the board of his or her fitness to have his or her license restored, including, but not limited to, sworn evidence certifying to active practice in another jurisdiction satisfactory to the board; and

(3) Paying the required restoration fee.

If the person has not maintained an active practice in another jurisdiction satisfactory to the board, the board shall determine, by an evaluation program established by rule, such person's fitness to resume active status and may require such person to complete a period of evaluated clinical experience and successful completion of an examination.

(d) A person who notifies the board on forms prescribed thereby may elect to place his or her license on an inactive status and shall, subject to rules of the board, be excused from payment of renewal fees until he or she notifies the board of his or her desire to resume active status. A person requesting restoration from inactive status shall be required to pay the current renewal fee and shall be required to restore his or her license as provided in subsection (c) of this Code section. A radiologist assistant whose license is on inactive status shall not engage in the scope of practice for radiologist assistants in this state.

(e) A person whose license expired while he or she was:

(1) In federal service on active duty within the armed forces of the United States or with the state militia and called into service or training; or

(2) In training or education under the supervision of the United States preliminary to induction into military service

may have his or her license renewed or restored without paying a lapsed renewal fee if, within two years after termination from the service, training, or education except under conditions other than honorable, he or she furnishes the board with satisfactory evidence that he or she has been so engaged and that his or her service, training, or education has been terminated.

43-34-334.

(a) On and after July 1, 2026, a person shall not engage in the scope of practice for radiologist assistants in this state without a valid license issued by the board pursuant to this article.

(b) A person shall not hold himself or herself out as a radiologist assistant unless he or she holds a license issued by the board in accordance with this article. A person not licensed by the board pursuant to this article shall not use in connection with his or her name or place of business the terms 'radiologist assistant' or any words, letters, abbreviations, or insignia indicating or implying that the person holds a license as a radiologist assistant.

(c) A person who verifies to the board that he or she is employed in this state as a radiologist assistant as of the effective date of this article shall by operation of law be authorized to practice as a radiologist assistant in this state on or after July 1, 2026, contingent upon such individual having applied with the board for appropriate licensure.

43-34-335.

(a) A radiologist may use the services of a radiologist assistant under the on site direct supervision of such radiologist, provided that such radiologist assistant is duly qualified and licensed pursuant to this article.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this Code section, a radiologist assistant may with general supervision perform other noninvasive procedures unless said procedures are expressly restricted by the board to not be performed by radiologist assistants under general supervision. Such radiologist assistant may also perform other procedures under general supervision as may be authorized by the board.

(c) A radiologist assistant shall not interpret images, make diagnoses, or prescribe medications or therapies.

(d) Any rules and regulations adopted by the board pertaining to the scope of practice as a radiologist assistant in this state shall be consistent with guidelines adopted by the American College of Radiology, the American Society of Radiologic Technologists, the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists, or any other entity deemed appropriate by the board.

43-34-336.

The board shall have the power and responsibility to:

(1) Determine the qualifications and fitness of applicants for licensure and renewal of licensure;

(2) Adopt and revise rules consistent with the laws of the State of Georgia that are necessary to conduct its business, carry out its duties, and administer this article;
(3) Examine for, approve, issue, deny, revoke, suspend, sanction, and renew the licenses of applicants and radiologist assistants under this article and conduct hearings in connection with these actions;
(4) Conduct hearings on complaints concerning violations of this article and the rules adopted under this article and cause the prosecution and enjoinder of the violations;
(5) Establish application, examination, and certification fees;
(6) Establish continuing education requirements; and
(7) Establish the number of radiologist assistants that may be supervised by a radiologist according to levels of supervision as defined by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

43-34-337.
The board shall appoint an advisory committee. The advisory committee shall consist of no fewer than five individuals and shall include at least one licensed physician who practices radiology, three licensed radiologist assistants, and one consumer representative. Members shall receive no compensation for service on the committee. The committee shall have such advisory duties and responsibilities as the board may determine, including, but not limited to, consulting with the board on the issuance, denial, suspension, and revocation of licenses and the promulgation of rules and regulations under this article. The initial members of the advisory committee may include persons eligible for licensing under this article. Subsequent advisory committee members must be licensed pursuant to this article.

43-34-338.
Nothing in this article shall be construed to prohibit:
(1) The performance of any tasks or responsibilities by any student engaged in clinical training in a general hospital, provided such practice is limited to clinical training that shall be carried out under the direct supervision of a radiologist;
(2) The performance of any tasks or responsibilities by any person licensed under this title, provided such tasks or responsibilities are permitted by the article governing the profession pursuant to which such person is licensed; or
(3) The performance of any tasks or responsibilities by any legally qualified radiologist assistants of any other state or territory who is serving in the armed forces or the Public Health Service of the United States or who is employed by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, while engaged in the performance of his or her duties."

SECTION 4.
This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Hawkins of the 27th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 571.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	E McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
E Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	E Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	E Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
E Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 164, nays 2.

The motion prevailed.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 293. By Senators Anderson of the 24th, Payne of the 54th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Kennedy of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-85.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to license plates for certain veterans, so as to increase the number of free license plates issued to certain veterans; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to revise penalties for certain offenses relative to license plates, revalidation decals, temporary operating permits, certificates of registration, certificates of title, and alteration of odometers; to provide for limitations on the private use of dealer vehicles by employees; to provide for required material and design of a dealer's license plate; to amend Chapter 47 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to used motor vehicles and used motor vehicle parts dealers, so as to provide that the State Board of Registration of Used Motor Vehicle Dealers and Used Motor Vehicle Parts Dealers be subject to the "Georgia Administrative Procedure Act"; to provide for requirements for licensure as a used motor vehicle dealer or used motor vehicle parts dealer; to authorize investigations by the Department of Revenue; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, is amended by revising Code Section 40-2-4, relating to manufacture, sale, or issuance of license plate or revalidation decal prohibited, as follows:

"40-2-4.

(a) Except as otherwise provided for in Article 2B of this chapter, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to make, sell, or issue any license plate or revalidation decal.

(b) Any person, firm, or corporation violating subsection (a) of this Code section shall be guilty of a ~~misdemeanor~~ felony."

SECTION 1-2.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-2-5, relating to unlawful actions relating to license plate and use of expired prestige license plate, as follows:

"40-2-5.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, it shall be unlawful:

(1) To remove or transfer a license plate from the motor vehicle for which such license plate was issued;

(2) To sell or otherwise transfer or dispose of a license plate upon or for use on any motor vehicle other than the vehicle for which such license plate was issued;

(3) To buy, receive, use, or possess for use on a motor vehicle any license plate not issued for use on such motor vehicle; or

(4) To operate a motor vehicle bearing a license plate which was improperly removed or transferred from another vehicle.

(b) Any person who shall knowingly violate any provision of subsection (a) of this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than ~~$500.00~~ $750.00 or by confinement for not more than 12 months, or both.

(c) It shall not be unlawful for any person to place an expired prestige license plate on the front of a motor vehicle provided that such vehicle also bears a current valid license plate on the rear of such vehicle."

SECTION 1-3.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-2-6, relating to alteration of license plates and operation of vehicle with altered or improperly transferred plate, as follows:

"40-2-6.

Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, any person who shall willfully mutilate, obliterate, deface, alter, change, or conceal any numeral, letter, character, county designation, or other marking of any license plate issued under the motor vehicle registration laws of this state; who shall knowingly operate a vehicle bearing a license plate on which any numeral, letter, character, ~~county designation,~~ or other marking has been willfully mutilated, obliterated, defaced, altered, changed, or concealed; or who shall knowingly operate a vehicle bearing a license plate issued for another vehicle and not properly transferred as provided by law shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than $750.00 or by confinement of not more than 12 months, or both."

SECTION 1-4.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-2-6.1, relating to obscuring license plate in order to impede surveillance equipment, as follows:

"40-2-6.1.

Any person who willfully covers any license plate with plastic, other material, or any part of his or her body in order to prevent or impede the ability of surveillance equipment to

clearly photograph or otherwise obtain a clear image of the license plate is guilty of a misdemeanor and ~~shall be punished by a fine not to exceed $1,000.00~~ and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than $750.00 or by confinement of not more than 12 months, or both."

SECTION 1-5.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-2-7, relating to removing or affixing license plate with intent to conceal or misrepresent, as follows:

"40-2-7.

A person who removes a license plate from a vehicle or affixes to a vehicle a license plate not authorized by law for use on it, in either case with intent to conceal or misrepresent the identity of the vehicle or its owner, is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than $750.00 or by confinement of not more than 12 months, or both. As used in this Code section, 'remove' includes deface or destroy."

SECTION 1-6.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-2-8.1, relating to issuance of temporary operating permits, electronic temporary operating permit issuance system, system access, and suspension from system, as follows:

"40-2-8.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'dealer' means any person who is engaged, in whole or in part, in the business of selling, exchanging, renting with an option to purchase, or offering an interest in motor vehicles for commission or with intent to make a profit or gain of money or other thing of value, whether or not such motor vehicles are owned by such person, and demonstrates an annual motor vehicle sales history of at least five motor vehicle sales as identified by department records or documentation approved by the department.

(b) Any dealer of new or used motor vehicles shall issue a temporary operating permit without charge or fee to the purchaser of a vehicle at the time of sale thereof, unless such vehicle is to be registered under the International Registration Plan or such dealer is one whose primary business is the sale of salvage motor vehicles and other vehicles on which total loss claims have been paid by insurers. Such temporary operating permit shall be of a standard design prescribed the department; provided, however, that such permit shall not resemble a license plate issued by this state. A temporary operating permit may bear the name of the dealer and location and shall include an expiration date which shall be 45 days from the date of purchase and the vehicle identification number of the vehicle to which it
is assigned. The expiration date of a temporary operating permit may be revised and extended by the county tag agent upon application by the dealer, purchaser, or transferee if an extension of the purchaser's initial registration period has been granted as provided by Code Section 40-2-20.

(c)(1) The department may provide by rule or regulation for the sale and distribution of temporary operating permits to dealers by third parties through the development and maintenance of an electronic temporary operating permit issuance system and establish standards for distribution and issuance of such permits. The department may further provide by rule or regulation for standards for authorized access to an electronic temporary operating permit issuance system, which may include, but shall not be limited to, required criminal background checks for any user of the system and periodic audits. Any third party authorized to sell and distribute temporary operating permits shall maintain an inventory record of such permits by number and name of the dealer.

(2)(A) The department shall be authorized to suspend access to the electronic temporary operating permit issuance system established pursuant to this Code section for any dealer found to have issued temporary operating permits for a vehicle which has not been sold or intended to be registered or otherwise violated requirements for issuance of such permits established by rule or regulation of the department after issuance of notice of such violation by electronic means and opportunity for informal review as set forth in this subparagraph. Any dealer who has received notice pursuant to this subsection of an alleged violation and for whom the department intends to suspend access to the electronic temporary operating permit issuance system may request an informal review of the allegations with the department. The method for making such request shall be developed by the department and may be by electronic means. Upon receipt of such request for informal review, the department shall, within ten business days, schedule an informal conference with such dealer to review the suspected violations. Proceedings under this subparagraph shall not be governed by any formal procedural requirements and may be conducted in such manner as the department may establish by rule or regulation. The department shall consider the historical use of the electronic temporary operating permit issuance system by the dealer under consideration for access suspension, together with other pertinent information which may be available, and shall render a decision regarding access to the electronic temporary operating permit issuance system within seven business days of the informal conference. Upon a finding that such dealer violated the requirements of this Code section or rules and regulations of the department, the department shall be authorized to impose fines or fees as provided by law. The department shall not be authorized to suspend access to the temporary operating permit system unless the department finds a dealer to be substantially out of compliance with the requirements of this Code section or the rules and regulations of the department and such dealer has failed to produce satisfactory evidence of extenuating circumstances to justify such noncompliance.

(B) If the department suspends a dealer's access to the electronic temporary operating permit issuance system established pursuant to this Code section after an informal review held pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the suspended dealer shall have the right to a formal hearing to review the suspension pursuant to Code Section 40-3-6. Such hearing shall be held within 30 days of the department's decision to suspend the dealer's access to the electronic temporary operating permit

issuance system and shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' At such hearing, the department may present evidence of any instances in which the suspended dealer unlawfully issued temporary operating permits or issued fraudulent temporary operating permits. Upon a finding that the suspended dealer is in compliance with the requirements of this Code section and has issued temporary operating permits predominantly for bona fide motor vehicle sales, the department shall provide for the immediate restoration of access to the electronic temporary operating permit issuance system for such dealer but shall be authorized to impose fines or fees as provided by law for failure to comply with the requirements of this chapter. Upon a finding that the suspended dealer violated the requirements of this Code section or rules and regulations of the department, the department shall be authorized to extend the term of suspension for a period of up to 24 months. Upon a finding that a dealer has unlawfully issued temporary operating permits in violation of this chapter or rules and regulations of the department, the department shall further be authorized to issue a civil monetary penalty in an amount no greater than $100.00 per violation, suspend or revoke the registration issued to a dealer pursuant to Code Section 40-2-39, and suspend, confiscate, or limit issuance of any dealer plates issued pursuant to Code Section 40-2-38 for a period of up to 24 months. The department shall comply with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' in relation to the expedited review provided for in this subparagraph and the suspended dealer shall have the right to appeal any decision of the department in accordance with such chapter.

(d) The commissioner shall prepare an annual report to the General Assembly on activities of the department relating to incidences of fraud and suspected fraud relating to dealers, dealer license plates, and temporary operating permits.

(e) The commissioner is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Code section."

SECTION 1-7.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-2-29, relating to registration and license plate required, timing, required documentation, issuance of temporary operating permit for vehicles failing emission inspection, and extensions, as follows:

"40-2-29.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, any person purchasing or acquiring a vehicle shall register and obtain, or transfer, a license plate to operate such vehicle from the county tag agent in their county of residence no later than seven business days after the date of purchase or acquisition of the vehicle by presenting to the county tag agent the following:

(1) If applicable, a motor vehicle certificate of title or an application therefor as provided in Chapter 3 of this title;

(2) Satisfactory proof of owner's insurance coverage as provided for in subsection (d) of Code Section 40-2-26;

(3) If applicable, satisfactory proof of compliance with Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 12, the 'Georgia Motor Vehicle Emission Inspection and Maintenance Act'; and

(4) Satisfactory proof that all fees, permits, and taxes have been paid.

(b) An application for registration shall be accompanied by check; cash; certified or cashier's check; bank, postal, or express money order; or other similar bankable paper for the required fee or any taxes required by law.

(c) Upon application for renewal of a vehicle registration, a person unable to fully comply with the requirements of paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of this Code section shall receive a temporary operating permit that shall be valid for 30 days.

(d) The commissioner may provide by rule or regulation for one 30 day extension of the initial registration period which may be granted by the county tag agent if the transferor has not provided such purchaser or other transferee owner with a title to the motor vehicle more than five business days prior to the expiration of such initial registration period. The county tag agent shall grant an extension of the initial registration period when the transferor, purchaser, or transferee can demonstrate by affidavit in a form provided by the commissioner that title has not been provided to the purchaser or transferee due to the failure of a security interest holder or lienholder to timely release a security interest or lien in accordance with Code Section 40-3-56.

~~(e) A conviction for displaying a license plate or temporary operating permit not provided for in this chapter shall be punished as a misdemeanor.~~"

SECTION 1-8.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-2-38, relating to registration and licensing of manufacturers, distributors, and dealers and issuance of manufacturer, manufacturer headquarters, distributor, and dealer license plates, as follows:

"40-2-38.

(a)(.1) As used in this Code section, the term 'dealer' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 40-2-8.1.

(1) Manufacturers, manufacturer headquarters, distributors, and dealers engaged in the manufacture, sale, or leasing of vehicles required to be registered under Code Section 40-2-20 shall register by electronic means with the commissioner, making application for a distinguishing number, upon forms prepared by the commissioner for such purposes, and pay therefor a fee of $62.00, which shall accompany such application. Upon payment of such fee by an applicant, the commissioner shall furnish one master number plate to expire each year in accordance with this Code section based upon the type of master number plate issued. Each additional plate issued pursuant to this Code section shall require payment of a $12.00 fee. Each master number plate and any additional plates issued pursuant to this Code section shall be distinguished from the license plates provided for in this chapter by different and distinguishing colors to be determined by the commissioner. The dealer plate for a ~~franchise~~ franchised motor vehicle dealer shall be distinguishable from the dealer plate for a used ~~car~~ motor vehicle dealer and from the dealer plate for a motor vehicle wholesaler. Except as otherwise authorized by this Code section, a dealer's master number plate or additional plates

issued pursuant to this Code section shall be for the purpose of demonstrating or transporting vehicles or trailers for sale or lease. Persons engaged in the business of transporting vehicles for a dealer under a vehicle's own power shall be permitted to use such dealer's plate for the purpose of transporting a vehicle.

(2) No dealer may use or permit to be used a dealer's number for private use, on ~~cars~~ motor vehicles for hire or lease, or in any other manner not provided for in this Code section. A dealer may use or permit to be used a dealer's number for private use on vehicles owned for purposes of sale or lease by the dealership, regardless of whether such vehicle has been issued a certificate of title or registered, when such vehicles are operated by an employee or corporate officer of the dealer which has been issued such number. A distinguishing dealer's number used by an employee or officer for private use shall authorize such person to operate the vehicle to which the number is attached on the public highways and streets~~. For purposes of~~, provided that such use shall be for no more than six months per vehicle. As used in this paragraph, the term 'employee' means a person who works a minimum of 36 hours per week at the dealership.

(3) The manufacturer's or distributor's license plate is limited to no longer than six months' use per vehicle. Upon payment of such a fee by a manufacturer or distributor, the commissioner shall issue to manufacturers and distributors number plates with the word 'Manufacturer' or 'Distributor' on such plates. Nothing in this subsection shall preclude a manufacturer or distributor from using a 'Manufacturer' or 'Distributor' number plate on motor vehicles it owns when such vehicles are used for evaluation or demonstration purposes, notwithstanding incidental personal use by a manufacturer or distributor. A dealer may apply for one or more distinguishing dealer's numbers. In the event the dealers, distributors, or manufacturers desire more than one tag, they shall so state on the application, and, in addition to the fee of $62.00 provided in this Code section, shall pay $12.00 for each and every additional number plate furnished.

(4)(A) Upon application and payment of the required fee, the commissioner shall issue to manufacturer headquarters or its affiliate number license plates with the words 'Manufacturer HQ' on such plates. The manufacturer headquarters' license plates ~~must~~ shall be used exclusively on motor vehicles owned or in possession of a manufacturer headquarters or its affiliate. Such manufacturer headquarters' license plates are limited to no longer than 24 months' use per vehicle.

(B) A manufacturer headquarters or its affiliate shall apply on a form prescribed by the commissioner and shall provide proof that the applicant:

(i) Is a bona fide manufacturer headquarters; and

(ii) Maintains a system of records regarding use of such license plates. The manufacturer headquarters shall state in each application the number of manufacturer headquarters' license plates requested.

(C) The manufacturer headquarters or its affiliate shall pay an application fee of $62.00 per application as provided in this Code section and shall pay $12.00 for each and every plate furnished. With respect to any manufacturer headquarters' license plate issued to a manufacturer headquarters or its affiliate, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this title or Code Section 48-5C-1, such manufacturer headquarters

or its affiliate, and any person operating or possessing a motor vehicle using a manufacturer headquarters' license plate pursuant to this paragraph, shall not be subject to state or local title ad valorem tax fees with respect to such vehicle or manufacturer headquarters' license plate.

(D) The manufacturer headquarters or its affiliate shall maintain a system of records regarding the motor vehicle to which the manufacturer headquarters' license plate will be attached. Such record shall, at a minimum, contain the:

(i) Vehicle ~~Identification Number (VIN)~~ identification number;

(ii) Name and address of the primary individual operating the vehicle; and

(iii) Manner of use of the vehicle selected from the alternative uses referenced in subparagraph (E) of this paragraph.

(E) Vehicles with manufacturer headquarters' license plates may be operated by persons authorized by the manufacturer headquarters or its affiliate on vehicles of its brand for the following manners of use:

(i) Evaluation, marketing, or demonstration purposes, notwithstanding incidental personal use by a manufacturer headquarters' authorized employee or other authorized person designated by such manufacturer headquarters or its affiliate; or

(ii) As part of a vehicle leasing program operated by such manufacturer headquarters or its affiliate for the benefit of employees. Any operation of a motor vehicle by a person for an approved use pursuant to this subparagraph shall be deemed to be a demonstration of the motor vehicle for purposes of Code Section 48-8-39.

(5) The commissioner shall include a distinctive logo or emblem for any manufacturer's, distributor's, or manufacturer headquarters' license plate to be attached to an alternative fueled vehicle, as such term is defined in paragraph (7) of subsection (l) of Code Section 40-2-86.1. Alternative fuel vehicles bearing a special license plate pursuant to this subsection shall be subject to the alternative fuel vehicle fees as set forth in paragraph (19) of subsection (a) of Code Section 40-2-151 at the time of initial issuance and annually thereafter in a manner prescribed by the commissioner. Display of a special license plate issued pursuant to this paragraph shall authorize travel by such alternative fueled vehicle in lanes for exclusive or preferential use designated pursuant to Code Section 32-9-4.

(b)(1) Dealer plates shall be issued in the following manner:

(A) Dealers shall be issued a master plate and two additional plates, for a total of three initial plates; and

(B) In addition to the three dealer plates issued in accordance with subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, each dealer may also be issued one additional dealer plate for every 20 units sold in a calendar year.

(2) In order to determine the additional number and classification of plates to be issued to a dealer, a dealer shall be required to certify by affidavit to the department the number of retail and wholesale units sold in the prior calendar year using the past motor vehicle sales history of the dealer as identified by department records or documentation approved by the department. If no sales history is available, the department shall issue

a number of plates based on an estimated number of sales for the coming calendar year. The department may, in its discretion, request documentation supporting sales history and may increase or decrease the number and classification of plates issued based on actual sales.

(b.1) On and after January 1, 2027, the license plates issued pursuant to this Code section shall be of a metal material and feature raised text and designs created by stamping dies.

(c) The license plates issued pursuant to this Code section shall be revoked and confiscated upon a determination after a hearing that such dealer, distributor, manufacturer, or manufacturer headquarters has unlawfully used such license plates in violation of this Code section.

(d) If a license plate issued pursuant to this Code section is lost or stolen, the dealer, manufacturer, distributor, manufacturer headquarters, or other party to whom the license plate was issued shall immediately report the lost or stolen plate to local law enforcement agencies. If a replacement license plate is sought, the dealer, manufacturer, distributor, manufacturer headquarters, or other party to whom the license plate was issued shall file a notarized affidavit with the department requesting a replacement plate. Such affidavit shall certify under penalty of perjury that the license plate has been lost or stolen and that the loss has been reported to a local law enforcement agency.

(e) Except as otherwise provided for in this Code section, the expiration of a license plate issued pursuant to this Code section shall be the last day of the registration period as provided in division (a)(1)(A)(ii) of Code Section 40-2-21, except that for the purposes of this subsection, the registration period shall be determined by the first letter of the legal name of the business listed on the application for registration or renewal of registration. An application for renewal of registration shall not be submitted earlier than 90 days prior to the last day of the registration period. A penalty of 25 percent of the total registration fees due shall be assessed any person registering pursuant to this Code section who, prior to the expiration of such person's registration period, fails to apply for renewal or, if having applied, fails to pay the required fees."

SECTION 1-9.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-2-41, relating to display of license plates, as follows:

"40-2-41.

Unless otherwise permitted under this chapter, every vehicle required to be registered under this chapter, which is in use upon the highways, shall at all times display the license plate issued to the owner for such vehicle, and the plate shall be fastened to the rear of the vehicle in a position so as not to swing and shall be at all times plainly visible. No person shall display on the rear of a motor vehicle any temporary or permanent plate or tag not issued by the State of Georgia which is intended to resemble a license plate which is issued by the State of Georgia. The commissioner is authorized to adopt rules and regulations so as to permit the display of a license plate on the front of certain vehicles. It shall be the duty of the operator of any vehicle to keep the license plate legible at all times. No license plate shall be covered with any material unless the material is colorless

and transparent. No apparatus that obstructs or hinders the clear display and legibility of a license plate shall be attached to the rear of any motor vehicle required to be registered in the state. Any person who violates any provision of this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and when he or she is found to have violated this Code section for the purposes of willfully concealing or obscuring the information on a license plate, he or she shall be punished by a fine of not less than $750.00 or by confinement of not more than 12 months, or both."

SECTION 1-10.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-3-90, relating to certain acts declared felonies, as follows:

"40-3-90.

The following acts shall be punishable by a felony when a ~~A~~ person who, with fraudulent intent:

(1) Alters, forges, or counterfeits a certificate of title;

(2) Alters or forges an assignment of a certificate of title or an assignment or release of a security interest on a certificate of title or a form the commissioner prescribed;

(3) Has possession of or uses a certificate of title knowing it to have been altered, forged, or counterfeited;

(4) Uses a false or fictitious name or address or makes a material false statement, or fails to disclose a security interest, or conceals any other material fact in an application for a certificate of title;

(5) Alters or forges a notice of a transaction concerning a security interest or lien reflected on the certificate of title as provided by Code Section 40-3-27;

(6) Knowingly falsifies any information on the statement required by paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 40-3-36; ~~or~~

(7) Knowingly falsifies the odometer reading on a certificate of title;

(8) Knowingly makes any false statement in any certificate of title application as to the date a vehicle was sold or acquired or as to the date of creation of a security interest or lien; or

~~(7)~~(9) Willfully violates any other provision of this chapter after having previously violated the same or any other provision of this chapter and having been convicted of that act in a court of competent jurisdiction

~~shall be guilty of a felony~~."

SECTION 1-11.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-3-91, relating to certain acts declared misdemeanors, as follows:

"40-3-91.

(a) The following acts shall be punishable by a misdemeanor when a person ~~A person who~~:

(1) With fraudulent intent, permits another, not entitled thereto, to use or have possession of a certificate of title;

(2) Willfully fails to mail or deliver a certificate of title to the commissioner or to the purchaser of the motor vehicle or a release of security interest or lien to the owner within ten days of the time required by this chapter, except as provided in Code Section 40-3-90;

(3) Willfully fails or refuses to mail or deliver the certificate of title to the commissioner within ten days after having received a notice, as provided for in Code Section 40-3-27 or 40-3-52; or

(4) Willfully violates any other provision of this chapter

~~shall be guilty of a misdemeanor~~.

~~(b) Any person, firm, or corporation which knowingly makes any false statement in any title application as to the date a vehicle was sold or acquired or as to the date of creation of a security interest or lien shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than $100.00 or imprisoned for a period not to exceed 30 days.~~

~~(c)~~(b) Any person, firm, or corporation which delivers or accepts a certificate of title assigned in blank shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and~~, upon conviction thereof,~~ shall be fined not more than ~~$100.00 or imprisoned~~ $750.00 or confined for a period not to exceed 30 days for the acceptance or delivery of each certificate of title assigned in blank."

SECTION 1-12.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-8-5, relating to alteration of odometer, involvement with devices which cause odometer to register other than actual mileage, and penalties, as follows:

"40-8-5.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to tamper with, adjust, alter, change, set back, disconnect, or fail to connect an odometer of a motor vehicle, or to cause any of the foregoing to occur to an odometer of a motor vehicle, so as to reflect a lower mileage than the motor vehicle has actually been driven, except as provided in this Code section.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to bring into this state a motor vehicle which reflects a lower mileage than the motor vehicle actually has been driven due to any illegal acts outlined in subsection (a) of this Code section.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to sell or attempt to sell a motor vehicle which reflects a lower mileage than the motor vehicle actually has been driven due to any illegal acts outlined in subsection (a) of this Code section.

(d) Subsections (a), (b), and (c) of this Code section shall not apply to the disconnection of the odometer used for registering the mileage or use of new motor vehicles being tested by the manufacturer prior to delivery to a franchised motor vehicle dealer.

(e) It shall be unlawful for any person to advertise for sale, to sell, to use, to install, or to have installed any device which causes an odometer to register any mileage other than the actual mileage driven. For the purposes of this subsection, the actual mileage driven is that mileage driven by the vehicle as registered by the odometer within the manufacturer's designed tolerance.

(f) It shall be unlawful for any person to conspire with any other person to violate this Code section.

(g)(1) In addition to any other penalty provided by law, any person who, with intent to defraud, violates this Code section shall be liable in an amount equal to the sum of:

(A) Three times the amount of actual damages sustained or ~~$1,500.00~~ $10,000.00, whichever is greater; and

(B) In the case of any successful action to enforce the foregoing liability, the costs of the action, together with reasonable attorney's fees, as determined by the court.

(2) Any action to enforce any liability created under this subsection may be brought in any superior court or state court having proper jurisdiction, within two years from the date on which the liability arises.

(h)(1) If any person violates any provision of this Code section, the Attorney General, any district attorney in this state, or any solicitor-general in this state may bring an action in any superior court or state court having jurisdiction to restrain such violation.

(2) Any action arising under paragraph (1) of this subsection may be brought within two years from the date of the violation.

(i) Any person violating this Code section shall be guilty of a ~~misdemeanor~~ felony."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Chapter 47 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to used motor vehicles and used motor vehicle parts dealers, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"43-47-6.1.

The board established pursuant to this chapter shall be subject to Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'"

SECTION 2-2.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 43-47-8, relating to application for used motor vehicle or used motor vehicle parts dealer licenses, bonding and insurance requirements, supplemental licenses, and renewal, by revising subsection (a) and paragraph (1) of subsection (d) as follows:

"(a) Any person desiring a license to be a used motor vehicle dealer or a used motor vehicle parts dealer in this state shall submit an application on a form and in such manner as may be prescribed by the board, which shall be accompanied by any applicable fees and evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant:

(1) Maintains an established place of business;

(2) Is a resident of this state or lists an agent for service of process who is a resident of this state;

(3) Has, within the preceding 12 months, attended a board approved training and information seminar, which shall not exceed one day in length, or passed a board approved examination, either of which shall relate to the requirements of licensees

provided in this chapter, including books and records to be kept, requirements of the Department of Revenue applicable to licensees, and such other topics as in the opinion of the board promote good business practices of licensees;

~~(3)~~(4) Has applied for or obtained a certificate of registration~~,~~ for sales and use tax with the Department of Revenue ~~Form ST-2~~;

~~(4)~~(5) Has posted or has made provision for the posting of the bond required under subsection (d) of this Code section; and

~~(5)~~(6) Maintains any liability and property damage insurance required under subsection (e) of this Code section."

"(d)(1) Licensees shall be required, for each license or supplemental license issued in connection with an established place of business, to post a bond that is executed with a surety company duly authorized to do business in this state. Such bond shall be payable to the Governor for the use and benefit of any purchaser and vendees or successors in title of any used motor vehicle and shall be conditioned to pay all losses, damages, and expenses that may be sustained by such purchaser, his or her vendees, or successors in title that may be occasioned by reason of any misrepresentation, deceptive practice, or unfair practice or by reason of any breach of warranty as to such used vehicle. Such bond shall be in the amount of ~~$35,000.00~~ $50,000.00 for used ~~car~~ motor vehicle dealers and $10,000.00 for used parts dealers and shall be filed, prior to or immediately upon the granting of a license under this chapter, with the division director by the licensee and shall be approved by the division director as to form and as to the solvency of the surety."

SECTION 2-3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 43-47-17, relating to consent to inspection as condition of licensure, as follows:

"43-47-17.

Every person required to be licensed under this chapter shall, as a condition of licensure, be deemed to have granted authority and permission to the board, the Department of Revenue, or to any peace officer to inspect any record or document and any motor vehicle or motor vehicle part or accessory at or on the premises of his or her principal place of business, or any additional place of business, at any reasonable time during the day or night during reasonable business hours."

PART III

SECTION 3-1.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
E Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	E Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	E Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
E Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 169, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SB 523. By Senators Goodman of the 8th, Cowsert of the 46th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Albers of the 56th, Tillery of the 19th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to authorize public schools and postsecondary educational institutions to consider antisemitism in the same

manner as discrimination based on religion; to require the Department of Education to establish a state-wide K-12 Title VI Coordinator; to authorize withholding of funds for noncompliance; to provide for notice and appeal procedures; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; to provide for annual reporting; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, or religion in public schools and postsecondary educational institutions; to require the Department of Education to establish a state-wide K-12 Title VI Coordinator; to require the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia and the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia to establish policies and procedures regarding discrimination complaints; to authorize withholding of funds for noncompliance; to provide for notice and appeal procedures; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; to provide for annual reporting; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended by adding a new Code section to Chapter 1, relating to general provisions, to read as follows:

"20-1-13.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Georgia state school' means:

(A) An institution of the University System of Georgia; or

(B) A unit of the Technical College System of Georgia.

(2) 'Public school' means and includes a Georgia state school, a local school system, and any public elementary and secondary school in this state.

(b) No person in this state shall, on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, or religion, be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity or in employment practices conducted by a public school that receives federal or state financial assistance.

(c) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to diminish or infringe upon any right protected under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution or Article I, Section I of the Georgia Constitution."

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 2, relating to elementary and secondary education, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-324.10.

(a)(1) It is the intent of the General Assembly to ensure that no student, teacher, or employee in Georgia's public education system is subjected to discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, or religion.

(2) As used in this Code section, the term 'public school' means and includes a local school system and any public elementary and secondary school in this state.

(b) No later than September 29, 2026, the Department of Education shall designate a state-wide K-12 Title VI Coordinator dedicated to monitoring complaints of discrimination and harassment in public schools in accordance with Title VI of the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. Section 2000d, et seq., 34 C.F.R. Part 100, and other applicable federal and state nondiscrimination laws, rules, and regulations.

(c) The state-wide K-12 Title VI Coordinator shall:

(1) Establish, maintain, and publicize a uniform complaint submission process, available electronically and in writing, whereby students, parents, teachers, and staff may report alleged violations;

(2) Receive, document, and investigate complaints of discrimination and harassment occurring in any public schools in this state and prepare written findings of fact and recommendations for review by the Department of Education;

(3) Upon review of the coordinator's findings, if the Department of Education determines a public school has failed to comply with the requirements of this Code section, the coordinator shall assist the Department of Education in issuing a written notice of noncompliance requiring corrective action within 30 days of receipt of such notice;

(4) Monitor the implementation of corrective action plans submitted by public schools and provide recommendations to the Department of Education regarding compliance status;

(5) Refer unresolved violations to the United States Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights and the United States Department of Justice when corrective actions are not taken within 30 days of notice;

(6) Submit an annual report no later than June 30 of each year to the State School Superintendent, the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairpersons of the House Committee on Education and the Senate Education Committee, including, but not limited to, the number and details of complaints and enforcement actions taken; and

(7) In consultation with the Department of Education, develop policies and procedures for the implementation of this Code section, which shall include, but not be limited to, ensuring complaints and appeals are handled in a timely manner, kept confidential, and investigated thoroughly and that retaliation is prohibited.

(d)(1) The Department of Education shall be responsible for conducting or supervising investigations and making written determinations as to whether a public school has failed to comply with the requirements of this Code section.

(2) If the Department of Education determines that a public school has failed to comply with the requirements of this Code section, it shall provide a written notice of noncompliance to the public school, and the public school shall have 30 days from the receipt of such notice to correct such noncompliance and to develop a corrective action plan for preventing future recurrences. The Department of Education may extend such 30 day period upon a showing of good cause by the public school.

(3)(A) The state board shall be authorized to take corrective action, including, but not limited to, withholding a portion of state funding to a public school, as provided for in Code Section 20-2-243, if such public school fails to comply with the provisions of this Code section or fails to correct the identified noncompliance.

(B) If the state board notifies the public school that it is subject to the withholding of state funding pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, such public school may bring an action against the board seeking appropriate relief from the superior court of the county where the public school is headquartered.

(4) Upon any enforcement action, the K-12 Title VI Coordinator shall promptly notify the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and chairpersons of the House Committee on Education and the Senate Education Committee."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 3, relating to postsecondary education, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-3-40.1.

(a)(1) It is the intent of the General Assembly to ensure that no student, teacher, or employee in a public institution of higher education is subjected to discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, or religion.

(2) As used in this Code section, the term 'public institution of higher education' or 'institution' means any college or university under the management and control of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia.

(b) No later than December 31, 2026, the board of regents shall ensure that all public institutions of higher education comprising the University System of Georgia have established policies and procedures to:

(1) Establish, maintain, and publicize a complaint submission process, available electronically and in writing, whereby students, faculty, staff, or others may report alleged violations of subsection (b) of Code Section 20-1-13;

(2) Develop procedures for the implementation of this Code Section, which shall include, but not be limited to, ensuring complaints are handled in a timely manner, kept confidential, and investigated thoroughly and that retaliation is prohibited; and

(3) Document and investigate complaints of discrimination and harassment and prepare written findings and conclusions.

(c)(1) The board of regents shall be responsible for determining whether a public institution of higher education has failed to comply with the requirements of this Code section.

(2) The board of regents shall be authorized to take corrective action, including, but not limited to, withholding state funding administered through the board of regents that benefits a public institution of higher education if such institution fails to comply with the provisions of this Code section or fails to correct noncompliance.

(3) The board of regents shall make and publish an annual report and provide a copy to the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and chairpersons of the House Committee on Higher Education and the Senate Higher Education Committee on July 1 of each year providing aggregate numbers of complaints, investigations, and findings related to enforcement of this Code section.

(d) Nothing in this Code section shall be interpreted as preventing the board of regents, or any institution thereof, from complying with federal laws prohibiting discrimination and harassment or the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. 1232g."

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 4, relating to vocational, technical, and adult education, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-4-39.1.

(a)(1) It is the intent of the General Assembly to ensure that no student, teacher, or employee in a public institution of higher education is subjected to discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, or religion.

(2) As used in this Code section, the term 'public institution of higher education' or 'institution' means any postsecondary technical school or other postsecondary branch of the Technical College System of Georgia.

(b) No later than December 31, 2026, the state board shall ensure that all units comprising the Technical College System of Georgia have established policies and procedures to:

(1) Establish, maintain, and publicize a complaint submission process, available electronically and in writing, whereby students, faculty, staff, or others may report alleged violations of subsection (b) of Code Section 20-1-13;

(2) Develop procedures for the implementation of this Code Section, which shall include, but not be limited to, ensuring complaints are handled in a timely manner, kept confidential, and investigated thoroughly and that retaliation is prohibited; and

(3) Document and investigate complaints of discrimination and harassment and prepare written findings and conclusions.

(c)(1) The state board shall be responsible for determining whether a public institution of higher education has failed to comply with the requirements of this Code section.

(2) The state board shall be authorized to take corrective action, including, but not limited to, withholding state funding administered through the state board that benefits a public institution of higher education if such institution fails to comply with the provisions of this Code section or fails to correct noncompliance.

(3) The state board shall make and publish an annual report and provide a copy to the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and chairpersons of the House Committee on Higher Education and the Senate Higher Education Committee on July 1 of each year providing aggregate numbers of complaints, investigations, and findings related to enforcement of this Code section.

(d) Nothing in this Code section shall be interpreted as preventing the state board, or any institution thereof, from complying with federal laws prohibiting discrimination and harassment or the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. 1232g."

SECTION 5.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 6.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	E Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	E Neal	Y Smith, TP
E Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	E Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	E Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
E Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser

Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
E Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	E Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 165, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SB 399. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Albers of the 56th, Hatchett of the 50th, Burns of the 23rd, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to personnel of emergency medical services, so as to provide for notification to public safety answering points about the location of automated external defibrillators; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for training; to amend Chapter 8 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employment and training of peace officers, so as to provide for training of communications officers to facilitate the use of automated external defibrillators; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	E Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	E Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	E Neal	Y Smith, TP
E Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens

Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
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E Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 165, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following Bill of the House was taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 185. By Representative Ehrhart of the 36th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, so as to repeal and reenact Chapter 11A, the "Dietetics Practice Act"; to amend Titles 9, 31, 33, 43, and 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to civil practice, health, insurance, professions and businesses, and torts, respectively, so as to provide for conforming cross-references; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, so as to repeal and reenact Chapter 11A, the "Dietetics Practice Act"; to provide for the licensure of dietitians and nutritionists; to provide for short titles; to provide for the

purpose of the chapter; to provide for definitions; to establish the Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians and Licensed Nutritionists; to provide for members, officers, meetings, and powers and duties of such board; to authorize the board to perform criminal background checks; to provide for the grant of a license without examination; to provide for eligibility for licensure as a dietitian and nutritionist; to provide for provisional licenses; to provide for notice of acceptance or rejection; to provide for examinations; to provide for requirements of licensees; to provide for refusal, suspension, or revocation of licenses; to provide for proceedings; to provide for protected titles; to provide for exceptions to licensure; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for a qualified supervisor over a supervised practice experience; to enter into an interstate compact; to amend Titles 9, 31, 33, 43, and 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to civil practice, health, insurance, professions and businesses, and torts, respectively, so as to provide for conforming cross-references; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I

Dietetics and Nutrition Practices Act

SECTION 1-1.

Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, is amended by repealing and reenacting Chapter 11A, the "Dietetics Practice Act," as follows:

"CHAPTER 11A

ARTICLE 1

43-11A-1.

This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the 'Dietetics and Nutrition Practices Act.'

43-11A-2.

The General Assembly acknowledges that the application of scientific knowledge relating to the practices of dietetics and nutrition is important in the treatment of diseases and medical conditions and in the attainment and maintenance of health. The General Assembly acknowledges further that the rendering of sound dietetic and nutrition services for the treatment and management of diseases and medical conditions in hospitals, nursing homes, school districts, health departments, private practice and consultation, and other settings requires trained and competent professionals. It is declared, therefore, to be the purpose of this chapter to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public by providing for the licensure of individuals engaged in the practices of dietetics and nutrition, including the provision of medical nutrition therapy.

43-11A-3.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'ACEND' means the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics or its successor organization.

(2) 'Advertising' means, but is not limited to, issuing or causing to be distributed any card, sign, or other device; causing or permitting any sign or marking on or in any building or structure or in any newspaper, magazine, or directory; or causing or permitting any announcement on radio or any announcement or display on television, a computer network, or an electronic or telephonic medium.

(3) 'Applicant' means an individual seeking a license under this article.

(4) 'Board' means the Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians and Licensed Nutritionists established by this article.

(5) 'Complex medical condition' means a disease state, medical condition, or clinical presentation that requires the provision of medical nutrition therapy by a licensed dietitian due to one or more of the following: instability of the patient's health status; the presence of multiple interacting high acuity comorbidities; a high risk of complications or rapid clinical deterioration; the need for intensive monitoring; or the need for advanced nutrition interventions including therapeutic diets administered via enteral or parenteral routes. Such term includes, but is not limited to, severe malnutrition, organ failure, conditions requiring enteral or parenteral nutrition, renal disease requiring dialysis, severe metabolic disturbances, post-bariatric surgery care, and critical illness.

(6) 'Degree' means a degree received from an educational institution that, at the time the degree was awarded, was accredited by a United States institutional accrediting body for higher education recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation, or its successor, or by the United States Department of Education, or its successor, or a validated foreign equivalent.

(7) 'General nonmedical nutrition information' means information on:

(A) Principles of human nutrition and food preparation;

(B) Principles of self-care and a healthy relationship with food;

(C) Essential nutrients needed by the human body;

(D) General and nonindividualized recommended amounts of essential nutrients in the human body;

(E) Actions of nutrients in the human body;

(F) Nonindividualized effects of deficiencies or excesses of nutrients in the human body; or

(G) General education surrounding foods, herbs, and dietary supplements that are good sources of essential nutrients in the human body.

(8) 'Licensed dietitian' means an individual duly licensed under this chapter as meeting the requirements provided for in subsection (b) of Code Section 43-11A-10 to engage in the practice of dietetics and the practice of nutrition, including the provision of medical nutrition therapy for complex and noncomplex medical conditions.

(9) 'Licensed nutritionist' means an individual duly licensed under this chapter as meeting the requirements provided for in subsection (d) of Code Section 43-11A-10 to engage in the practice of nutrition, including the provision of medical nutrition therapy for noncomplex medical conditions.

(10) 'Medical nutrition therapy' means the provision of any of the following nutrition care services for the treatment or management of a disease or medical condition: nutrition assessment, nutrition diagnosis, nutrition intervention, or nutrition monitoring and evaluation.

(11) 'Medical weight control' means medical nutrition therapy provided for the purpose of reducing, maintaining, or gaining weight.

(12) 'Noncomplex medical condition' means a disease state, medical condition, or clinical presentation that is stable, does not involve rapid clinical deterioration or high acuity care needs, and can be safely addressed through medical nutrition therapy delivered in low acuity outpatient settings by a practitioner practicing within their demonstrated level of competence. Noncomplex conditions do not require intensive monitoring, do not involve multiple interacting high acuity comorbidities, and do not necessitate advanced interventions such as therapeutic diets delivered via enteral or parenteral nutrition.

(13) 'Nonmedical weight control' means nutrition care services provided for the purpose of reducing, maintaining, or gaining weight that do not constitute the treatment or management of a disease or medical condition. Such term includes weight control services for healthy population groups to achieve or maintain a healthy weight.

(14) 'Nutrition assessment' means the ongoing, dynamic, and systematic process of ordering, obtaining, verifying, and interpreting biochemical, anthropometric, physical, nutrigenomic, and dietary data to make decisions about the nature and cause of nutrition related problems relative to patient or community needs. Such term includes the initial data collection and evaluation and any reassessment and analysis of patient or community needs and provides the foundation for nutrition diagnosis and nutritional recommendations and orders. Such term may require ordering laboratory tests to check and track nutritional status. The collection of such data shall not, by itself, constitute nutrition assessment.

(15) 'Nutrition care process' means the systematic problem-solving method that licensed dietitians use to critically think and make decisions when providing medical nutrition therapy or to address nutrition related problems and provide safe, effective care. Such term consists of four distinct but interrelated steps: nutrition assessment, nutrition diagnosis, nutrition intervention, and nutrition monitoring and evaluation.

(16) 'Nutrition care services' means any part or all of the following services provided within a systematic process:

(A) Assessing and evaluating the nutritional needs of individuals and groups and determining resources and constraints in a practice setting, including ordering nutrition related laboratory tests to check and track nutrition status;

(B) Identifying nutrition problems and establishing priorities, goals, and objectives that meet nutritional needs and are consistent with available resources and constraints;

(C) Creating individualized dietary plans and issuing and implementing orders to meet the nutritional needs of healthy individuals and individuals with disease states or medical conditions, including ordering therapeutic diets, and monitoring the effectiveness of such dietary plans and orders;

(D) Determining and providing appropriate nutrition interventions in health and disease, including nutrition counseling on food and prescription drug interactions;

(E) Developing, implementing, and managing nutrition care processes; or

(F) Evaluating, making changes in, and maintaining appropriate standards of quality in food and nutrition services.

(17) 'Nutrition counseling' means a supportive process, characterized by a collaborative counselor-patient relationship with individuals or groups, to establish food and nutrition priorities, goals, individualized action plans, and general physical activity guidance that acknowledge and foster responsibility for self-care to promote health and wellness or to treat or manage an existing disease or medical condition.

(18) 'Nutrition diagnosis' means identifying and labeling nutritional problems managed and treated by a licensed dietitian or a licensed nutritionist but does not include a medical diagnosis of the health status of an individual.

(19) 'Nutrition intervention' means purposefully planned actions, including nutrition counseling, intended to positively change a nutrition related behavior, risk factor, environmental condition, or aspect of the health status of an individual, his or her family or caregivers, target groups, or a community at large. Such term includes approving, ordering, and monitoring therapeutic diets and providing counseling on food and prescription drug interactions.

(20) 'Nutrition monitoring and evaluation' means identifying patient outcomes relevant to a nutrition diagnosis, nutrition intervention plans, and nutrition goals; comparing those outcomes with a patient's previous health status, nutrition intervention plans, and nutrition goals or with a reference standard to determine the progress made in achieving desired outcomes of nutrition care services; and determining whether planned nutrition interventions should be continued, revised, or concluded.

(21) 'Patient' means an individual recipient of nutrition care services.

(22) 'Practice of dietetics' means the integration and application of scientific principles derived from the study of food, nutrition, biochemistry, metabolism, nutrigenomics, physiology, pharmacology, food systems, management, and behavioral and social sciences to achieve and maintain optimal nutrition status of individuals and groups and includes the practice of nutrition. The practice of dietetics includes the provision of nutrition care services, including medical nutrition therapy, in person or via telehealth, to prevent, manage, or treat complex medical conditions and to promote wellness in inpatient and outpatient settings. The practice of dietetics includes developing and ordering therapeutic diets via oral, enteral, and parenteral routes and providing other advanced medical nutrition therapy and related support activities consistent with current competencies required of academic and supervised practice programs accredited by a programmatic accreditor and the registered dietitian scope and standards of practice.

(23) 'Practice of nutrition' means the integration and application of scientific principles derived from the study of nutrition science, cellular and systemic metabolism, biochemistry, physiology, and behavioral sciences to achieve and maintain health throughout the lifespan. The practice of nutrition includes the provision of nutrition care services, including medical nutrition therapy, in person or via telehealth, to prevent, manage, or treat noncomplex medical conditions and to promote wellness in low acuity outpatient settings and for the promotion of wellness. The practice of nutrition excludes the provision of medical nutrition therapy for complex medical conditions and the delivery of medical nutrition therapy in inpatient or high acuity outpatient settings. The practice of nutrition may include ordering oral therapeutic diets, ordering medical laboratory tests related to nutritional therapeutic treatments, and recommending vitamins, minerals, and other dietary supplements.

(24) 'Programmatic accreditor' means a nationally recognized organization that reviews specialized and professional programs and includes ACEND and such organizations as recognized by the board by approval, policy, or rule.

(25) 'Provisional license' means a temporary license issued by the board pursuant to Code Section 43-11A-11.

(26) 'Qualified supervisor' means an individual providing supervision who assumes full professional responsibility for the work of a supervisee by verifying, directing, and approving the provided nutrition care services, medical nutrition therapy, and other work being supervised, as provided for in Code Section 43-11A-19.

(27) 'Registered dietitian' means an individual who is credentialed by the Commission on Dietetic Registration of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics or its successor organization as a registered dietitian or a registered dietitian nutritionist and is authorized to use such title and the designation 'RD' or 'RDN.'

(28) 'Supervisee' means a student, intern, or trainee providing nutrition care services, medical nutrition therapy, and other work under the supervision of a qualified supervisor, as provided for in Code Section 43-11A-19.

(29) 'Telehealth' means the use of electronic information and telecommunications technologies to provide services under this chapter between a healthcare provider in one location and an individual in another location to support clinical healthcare, public health, patient health related education, and health administration.

(30) 'Therapeutic diet' means a diet intervention prescribed by a licensed physician or other authorized nonphysician practitioner, including a licensed dietitian, that provides food, fluids, or nutrients via oral, enteral, or parenteral routes as part of the treatment of a medical condition to modify, eliminate, decrease, or increase identified micronutrients and macronutrients in a patient's diet, or to provide mechanically altered food when medically indicated. A therapeutic diet that provides food, fluids, or nutrients via oral routes may be ordered by a licensed nutritionist.

(31) 'Unrestricted practice of medical nutrition therapy' means the provision of medical nutrition therapy by an individual who is responsible for his or her own practice or treatment procedures.

43-11A-4.

(a) The Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians in existence prior to July 1, 2026, is continued in existence thereafter as the Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians and Licensed Nutritionists. Members of the board serving immediately prior to July 1, 2026, shall continue to serve out their respective terms of office and until their successors are appointed and qualified. The board shall consist of nine members representing the licensed professions and public at large as follows:

(1) Six board members shall be licensed dietitians, including a clinical dietitian, a community or public health dietitian, an educator specializing in dietetics and on the faculty of a college or university, and a private practice dietitian;

(2) One board member shall represent the public at large;

(3) One board member shall be a licensed nutritionist; and

(4) One board member shall be a physician licensed to practice medicine under Chapter 34 of this title.

(b) Members of the board shall be appointed by the Governor with the confirmation of the Senate. Members of the board shall take office on the first day of July immediately following the expired terms of that office and shall serve for terms of four years and until their successors are appointed and qualified; provided, however, that initial terms shall be staggered so that two members serve initial terms of two years, three members serve initial terms of three years, and four members serve initial terms of four years, as designated by the Governor. Any individual appointed to the board when the Senate is not in session may serve on the board without Senate confirmation until the Senate acts on that appointment. No member shall serve on the board for more than two consecutive terms. Any vacancy shall be filled by the Governor subject to confirmation of the Senate.

(c) All members of the board shall be reimbursed as provided for in subsection (f) of Code Section 43-1-2.

(d) All members of the board shall take the constitutional oath of office.

43-11A-5.

(a) Members of the board representing the licensed professions shall be:

(1) Citizens of the United States and residents of this state;

(2) Actively engaged in their practice area; and

(3) Licensed under this title.

(b) The member of the board representing the public at large shall be a citizen of the United States and a resident of this state and shall have no connection whatsoever with the practice of dietetics or the practice of nutrition.

(c) The Governor may remove members of the board, after notice and opportunity for hearing, for incompetence, neglect of duty, unprofessional conduct, conviction of any felony, failure to meet the qualifications of this chapter, or committing any act prohibited by this chapter.

43-11A-6.
The board shall meet quarterly and shall elect from its members a chairperson, a vice chairperson, and any other officers as deemed necessary who shall hold office according to the rules adopted by the board. Additional meetings may be held upon the call of the chairperson of the board or at the written request of any three members of the board. Board meetings may be conducted by audio or video conference calls, and participation in such conference call shall constitute attendance at the meeting so conducted.

43-11A-7.
The board shall have the following powers and duties:
(1) Enforce the provisions of this chapter, and it shall be granted all of the necessary duties, powers, and authority to carry out this responsibility;
(2) Draft, adopt, amend, repeal, and enforce such rules as it deems necessary for the administration and enforcement of this chapter in the protection of public health, safety, and welfare;
(3) License duly qualified applicants by examination, endorsement, or reinstatement and refuse to grant or renew a license to an applicant;
(4) Set and enforce standards consistent with the provisions of this chapter for qualifications, education, training, and experience of licensees continuing in or returning to practice;
(5) Implement a disciplinary process;
(6) Issue orders when a license is surrendered to the board while a complaint, investigation, or disciplinary action against such license is pending;
(7) Adopt, revise, and enforce rules regarding advertising by licensees, including, but not limited to, rules to prohibit false, misleading, or deceptive practices;
(8) Adopt, publish in print or electronically, and enforce a code of ethics;
(9) Establish examination and licensing fees;
(10) Request and receive the assistance of state educational institutions or other state agencies;
(11) Prepare information of consumer interest describing the regulatory functions of the board and describing the procedures by which consumer complaints are filed with and resolved by the board. The board shall make such information available to the general public and appropriate state agencies;
(12) Adopt a seal which shall be affixed only in such manner as prescribed by the board; and
(13) Administer the Dietitian Licensure Compact contained in Article 2 of this chapter.

43-11A-8.
(a) As used in this Code section, the term:
(1) 'Board' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 43-11A-3.
(2) 'Applicant' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 43-11A-3.

(b) The board is authorized to conduct and receive national background checks by the submission of fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation through the Georgia Crime Information Center.
(c) In order to determine an applicant's suitability as a licensed dietitian or licensed nutritionist, the board shall require such applicant to furnish the board with a full set of fingerprints that shall be submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation to enable a criminal background investigation to be conducted.
(d) The board shall submit the fingerprints to the Georgia Crime Information Center. If no disqualifying record is identified at the state level, the Georgia Crime Information Center is authorized to submit the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history record check.
(e) The Georgia Crime Information Center shall notify the board in writing of any findings, including the absence of any findings. All findings received by the board shall be used by it for the exclusive purpose of carrying out its responsibilities under this chapter, shall not be a public record, shall be privileged, and shall not be disclosed to any other person or agency.
(f) By applying for a license under this chapter, the applicant consents to and authorizes the board to perform a criminal background check as provided for in this Code section. The applicant shall be responsible for all fees associated with the performance of such background check.

43-11A-9.
The board may grant, upon application and payment of fees, a license without examination to an individual who, at the time of application, either:
(1) Holds a valid license or certification as a licensed or certified dietitian, dietitian nutritionist, or nutritionist issued by another state, political territory, or jurisdiction acceptable to the board if the requirements for such license or certification are substantially equal to or greater than licensure requirements provided for under this chapter and rules and regulations promulgated by the board; or
(2) Applies for licensure as a licensed dietitian and presents satisfactory evidence to the board that such individual is a registered dietitian.

43-11A-10.
(a) Each applicant for a license as a licensed dietitian or a licensed nutritionist shall be at least 18 years of age, submit a completed application upon a form and in such manner as the board prescribes, pay any applicable fees, have satisfactory results from a criminal background check, and provide evidence of satisfaction of all applicable license requirements.
(b) A licensed dietitian shall:
(1) Possess a master's or doctoral degree and complete a program of study accredited by a programmatic accreditor;
(2) Complete a documented, continuous, supervised practice experience in the practice of dietetics and the practice of nutrition accredited by a programmatic accreditor,

consisting of not less than 1,000 hours of supervised practice under the supervision of a qualified supervisor as provided for in Code Section 43-11A-19. Such experience shall be completed within five years of earning the degree required under paragraph (1) of this subsection; provided, however, that the board may grant an extension for a limited time for extraordinary circumstances; and

(3) Passes the examination for registered dietitians administered by the Commission on Dietetic Registration of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics or its successor organization; provided, however, that, if such examination occurred more than five years before the license application, the applicant shall demonstrate completion of 75 hours of continuing education for each five-year period post-examination.

(c) All individuals who are licensed dietitians and who have submitted an application for licensure as a licensed dietitian prior to July 1, 2026, shall remain licensed so long as the licensee remains in good standing and maintains an active or inactive license.

(d) A licensed nutritionist shall:

(1) Possess a master's or doctoral degree with a major course of study in human nutrition, food and nutrition, community nutrition, public health nutrition, nutrition education, nutrition science, clinical nutrition, applied clinical nutrition, nutrition counseling, nutrition and functional medicine, nutritional biochemistry, nutrition and integrative health, or a comparable major or in a field of clinical healthcare, provided that such applicant shall complete coursework in medical nutrition therapy, science, and nutrition, including, but not limited to:

(A) Fifteen semester hours of courses in clinical or life sciences, including at least three semester hours in human anatomy and physiology or an equivalent subject; and

(B) Fifteen semester hours of courses in nutrition and metabolism, including at least six semester hours in biochemistry;

(2) Complete a documented, continuous supervised practice experience in the practice of nutrition consisting of not less than 1,000 hours of supervised practice under the supervision of a qualified supervisor as provided for in Code Section 43-11A-19. Such experience shall be completed within five years of earning the degree required under paragraph (1) of this subsection; provided, however, that the board may grant an extension for a limited time for extraordinary circumstances. Such experience shall meet the following requirements:

(A) Include at least 1,000 hours in the following practice areas, with a minimum of 200 hours in each practice area: nutrition assessment, nutrition intervention, and nutrition monitoring and evaluation; and

(B) Include practice providing nutrition care services to populations of diverse cultures, genders, and ages, medical nutrition therapies and nutrition interventions, nutrition education, nutrition counseling, and ongoing nutrition care services for the prevention, modulation, and management of a range of noncomplex medical conditions; and

(3) Passes the certified nutrition specialist examination administered by the Board for Certification of Nutrition Specialists of the American Nutrition Association, or its successor organization, or passes an equivalent examination on all aspects of the

practice of nutrition that has been reviewed under a program accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies, or its successor organization, or a credentialing entity that is approved by a two-thirds' vote of the board; provided, however, that, if such examination occurred more than five years before the license application, the applicant shall demonstrate completion of 75 hours of continuing education for each five-year period post-examination. An applicant may satisfy the examination requirement provided in this paragraph if he or she holds a valid current certification from the Board for Certification of Nutrition Specialists of the American Nutrition Association, or its successor organization, that allows the applicant to use the title 'certified nutrition specialist.'

43-11A-11.

(a) The board may issue a provisional license for an individual to engage in the practice of dietetics and the practice of nutrition for one year under the supervision of a licensed dietitian upon the filing of an application with appropriate fees and submission of evidence of successful completion of the education and supervised practice requirements for licensure provided for in subsection (b) of Code Section 43-11A-10. Such provisional license shall be valid for one year and shall not be renewed.

(b) The board may issue a provisional license for an individual to engage in the practice of nutrition for one year under the supervision of a licensed dietitian or licensed nutritionist upon the filing of an application with appropriate fees and submission of evidence of successful completion of the education and supervised practice requirements for licensure provided for in subsection (d) of Code Section 43-11A-10. Such provisional license shall be valid for one year and shall not be renewed.

43-11A-12.

After evaluation of an application and documents submitted, the board shall notify each applicant that the application and documents submitted are satisfactory and accepted or unsatisfactory and rejected. If the application and documents are unsatisfactory and rejected, the notice shall state the reasons for the rejection.

43-11A-13.

(a) Examinations to determine qualifications for licensure as provided for in Code Section 43-11A-10 shall be administered to qualified applicants at least twice each calendar year. The examinations may be administered by a national testing service.

(b) The board shall notify each examinee of the results of the examination.

43-11A-14.

(a) A license issued by the board is the property of the board and shall be surrendered on demand.

(b) The licensee shall display the license certificate in an appropriate and public manner.

(c) The licensee shall inform the board of any change of address.

(d) If a licensee is not in violation of this chapter at the time of application for renewal and if such licensee fulfills current requirements of continuing education as established by the board and pays any requisite fees, such license shall be renewed biennially.
(e) Each licensee is responsible for renewing his or her license before the expiration date.
(f) Under procedures and conditions established by the board, a licensee may request that his or her license be declared inactive; provided, however, that such licensee may apply for active status at any time and, upon meeting the conditions set by the board, shall be declared active.

43-11A-15.
The board may refuse to grant or renew a license to an applicant or licensee; administer a public or private reprimand, but a private reprimand shall not be disclosed to any individual except the licensee; suspend the license of any licensee for a definite period or for an indefinite period in connection with any condition which may be attached to the restoration of such license; limit or restrict the license of any licensee as the board deems necessary for the protection of the public; revoke any license; condition a penalty upon, or withhold formal disposition pending, the applicant's or licensee's submission to such care, counseling, or treatment as the board may direct; or impose a fine not to exceed $500.00 for each violation of a law, rule, or regulation relating to the practice of dietetics or the practice of nutrition upon a finding by a majority of the board that the applicant or licensee has:
(1) Failed to demonstrate the qualifications or standards for a license contained in this chapter or under the laws, rules, or regulations under which licensure is sought or held. It shall be incumbent upon the applicant to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the board that such applicant meets all the requirements for the issuance of a license, and, if the board is not satisfied as to the applicant's qualifications, it may deny a license without a prior hearing; provided, however, that the applicant shall be allowed to appear before the board if he or she so desires;
(2) Knowingly made misleading, deceptive, untrue, or fraudulent representations in the practice of a business or profession licensed under this title or on any document connected therewith, or practiced fraud or deceit or intentionally made any false statement in obtaining a license to practice the licensed business or profession, or made a false statement or deceptive registration with the board;
(3) Been convicted of any felony or of any crime directly related to the duties and responsibilities of a dietitian or nutritionist in the courts of this state or any other state, territory, or country or in the courts of the United States; as used in this paragraph and paragraph (4) of this Code section, the term 'felony' shall include any offense which, if committed in this state, would be deemed a felony, without regard to its designation elsewhere; and, as used in this paragraph, the term 'convicted' shall include a finding or verdict of guilty or a plea of guilty, regardless of whether an appeal of the conviction has been sought;
(4) Been arrested, charged, and sentenced for the commission of any felony, or any crime directly related to the duties and responsibilities of a dietitian or nutritionist where

a plea of nolo contendere was entered to the charge, first offender treatment without adjudication of guilt pursuant to the charge was granted, or an adjudication or sentence was otherwise withheld or not entered on the charge. The plea of nolo contendere or the order entered pursuant to the provisions of Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42, relating to probation of first offenders, or other first offender treatment shall be conclusive evidence of arrest and sentencing for such crime;

(5) Had his or her license to practice a business or profession licensed under this title revoked, suspended, or annulled by any lawful licensing authority other than the board; had other disciplinary action taken against him or her by any such lawful licensing authority other than the board; been denied a license by any such lawful licensing authority other than the board, pursuant to disciplinary proceedings; or been refused the renewal of a license by any such lawful licensing authority other than the board, pursuant to disciplinary proceedings;

(6) Engaged in any unprofessional, unethical, deceptive, or deleterious conduct or practice harmful to the public, which conduct or practice materially affects the fitness of the licensee or applicant to engage in the practice of dietetics or the practice of nutrition, or of a nature likely to jeopardize the interest of the public, which conduct or practice need not have resulted in actual injury to any person or be directly related to the practice of dietetics or the practice of nutrition but shows that the licensee or applicant has committed any act or omission which is indicative of untrustworthiness; unprofessional conduct shall also include any departure from, or the failure to conform to, the minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing practice of a business or profession licensed under this title;

(7) Knowingly performed any act which in any way aids, assists, procures, advises, or encourages any unlicensed individual or any licensee whose license has been suspended or revoked by a professional licensing board to practice a business or profession licensed under this title or to practice outside the scope of any disciplinary limitation placed upon the licensee by the board;

(8) Violated a statute, law, or rule or regulation of this state, any other state, the professional licensing board regulating the business or profession licensed under this title, the United States, or any other lawful authority, without regard to whether the violation is criminally punishable, which statute, law, or rule or regulation relates to or in part regulates the practice of dietetics or the practice of nutrition, when the licensee or applicant knows or should know that such action is violative of such statute, law, or rule or regulation; or violated a lawful order of the board previously entered by the board in a disciplinary hearing, consent decree, or license reinstatement;

(9) Been adjudged mentally incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction within or outside of this state; any such adjudication shall automatically suspend the license of any such individual and shall prevent the reissuance or renewal of any license so suspended for as long as the adjudication of incompetence is in effect; or

(10) Displayed an inability to practice a business or profession licensed under this title with reasonable skill and safety to the public or has become unable to practice the

licensed business or profession with reasonable skill and safety to the public by reason of illness or use of alcohol, drugs, narcotics, chemicals, or any other type of material.

43-11A-16.

(a) Only a licensed dietitian or licensed nutritionist or a person authorized to engage in the practice of dietetics or the practice of nutrition under this chapter shall engage in the practice of dietetics or the practice of nutrition to the extent such services constitute medical nutrition therapy.

(b) No individual shall designate or hold himself or herself out as a licensed dietitian; use or assume the title 'dietitian,' 'licensed dietitian,' 'dietitian nutritionist,' or 'dietician'; use or assume any other title indicating licensure; or append to or use in conjunction with that individual's name the designation 'LD' or 'LDN,' unless the individual is a licensed dietitian under this chapter. No individual shall designate or hold himself or herself out as a dietitian unless the individual is licensed under this chapter or exempt as provided in Code Section 43-11A-18.

(c) No individual shall designate or hold himself or herself out as a licensed nutritionist; use or assume the title 'licensed nutritionist'; use or assume any other title indicating licensure; or append to or use in conjunction with that individual's name the designation 'LN,' unless the individual is a licensed nutritionist under this chapter. No individual shall designate or hold himself or herself out as a nutritionist unless the individual is licensed under this chapter or exempt as provided in Code Section 43-11A-18.

(d) Use of an earned, federally trademarked nutrition credential is not prohibited.

(e) Any individual violating the provisions of this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

43-11A-17.

Proceedings under this chapter shall be governed by Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'

43-11A-18.

Provided that the following individuals do not use titles protected under Code Section 43-11A-16 unless otherwise authorized under this Code section, nothing in this chapter shall be construed to affect:

(1) A supervisee who is practicing while being supervised by a qualified supervisor as part of a course of study or a documented, continuous supervised practice experience; provided, however, that such supervisee shall use a title that clearly indicates his or her status as a supervisee and shall not engage in the unrestricted practice of medical nutrition therapy;

(2) A dietitian or nutritionist serving in the armed forces of the United States or employed by any other federal agency who is using government issued titles and who is engaging in the practice of medical nutrition therapy, provided that such title use and such practice are related to such individual's service or employment;

(3) An individual licensed to practice the profession of dentistry, medicine, osteopathy, chiropractic, nursing, or pharmacy engaging in the practice of medical nutrition therapy when incidental to the practice of his or her profession;

(4) An employee of a department, agency, or division of state, county, or local government, or an individual contracting with any of the foregoing, who meets the qualifying standards of such position, is providing nutrition care services for welfare and public assistance programs under the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services or the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children under the Department of Public Health, and is authorized to provide such services within the discharge of his or her official duties in such position;

(5) An individual who assists in the provision of medical nutrition therapy, provided that such individual performs only support activities that are not discretionary and do not require the exercise of professional judgment for their performance and such individual is directly supervised by a licensed dietitian, licensed nutritionist, or healthcare provider licensed in this state acting within the scope of such provider's license;

(6) An individual who provides medical weight control services for individuals with obesity as part of:

(A) An instructional program that has been approved in writing by a licensed dietitian, licensed nutritionist, or healthcare provider licensed in this state whose authorized scope of practice includes medical nutrition therapy; or

(B) A plan of care that is overseen by a healthcare provider licensed in this state whose scope of practice otherwise authorizes such provider to provide and delegate medical nutrition therapy; provided, however, that the medical weight control services are not discretionary and do not require the exercise of professional judgment;

(7) An individual who disseminates nonindividualized, written, general nutrition information in connection with the marketing and distribution of dietary supplements, food, herbs, or food materials, including, but not limited to, explanations of their federally regulated label claims, any known drug-nutrient interactions, their role in various diets, or suggestions as how to best use and combine them; provided, however, that such information does not constitute medical nutrition therapy;

(8) An individual engaged in the practice of the tenets of any religion, sect, or denomination; provided, however, that such individual does not provide nor represent himself or herself as qualified to engage in medical nutrition therapy;

(9) An individual who provides individualized nutrition recommendations for general health and wellness and the prevention of chronic disease, health coaching, holistic and wellness education, guidance, motivation, behavior change management, services for nonmedical weight control, or other nutrition care services, provided that such services do not constitute medical nutrition therapy;

(10) An individual who is an operator or employee of a health food store or business that sells health products, including dietary supplements, food, herbs, or food materials,

and who provides verbal general nonmedical nutrition information that does not constitute medical nutrition therapy; or

(11) A dietitian or nutritionist not located in this state who provides medical nutrition therapy via telehealth to a patient located in this state, provided that such individual is a dietitian or nutritionist licensed or certified in good standing with a scope of practice that includes the provision of medical nutrition therapy and has a practitioner-patient relationship with a patient who is temporarily located in this state; has a practitioner-patient relationship with a patient who is located in this state and such care is limited to temporary or short-term follow-up medical nutrition therapy to ensure continuity of care; or is in consultation with a healthcare practitioner licensed in this state who has a practitioner-patient relationship with the patient. For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'temporarily' or 'temporary' means not exceeding 90 days within any 12 month period.

43-11A-19.

(a) A qualified supervisor shall:

(1) Only supervise a clinical activity or nutrition care service that the qualified supervisor is authorized to perform;

(2) Develop and carry out a program for advancing and optimizing the quality of care provided by a supervisee. A qualified supervisor and the supervisee shall identify and document goals for such supervised practice experience, the assignment of clinical tasks as appropriate to such supervisee's evolving level of competence, such supervisee's relationship and the amount and type of access to the qualified supervisor, and a process for evaluating the supervisee's performance;

(3) Oversee the activities of and approve and accept responsibility for the nutrition care services rendered by a supervisee;

(4) At a minimum, be physically onsite and present where a supervisee is providing nutrition care services or be immediately and continuously available to such supervisee by means of two-way real-time audiovisual technology that allows for direct, contemporaneous interaction by sight and sound between the qualified supervisor and such supervisee; provided, however, that, if the qualified supervisor assigns to a supervisee a nutrition care service that is to be provided in a setting where the qualified supervisor is not routinely present, such qualified supervisor shall ensure that the means and methods of supervision are adequate to ensure appropriate patient care, which may include synchronous videoconferencing or another method of communication, and oversight that is appropriate to the care setting and the education and experience of the supervisee, as determined by the board by approval, policy, or rule;

(5) Review on a regular basis the charts, records, and clinical notes of any supervisee and maintain responsibility for such supervisee's clinical record keeping;

(6) Be available to render assistance during the provision of nutrition care services when requested by a patient; provided, however, that, if such qualified supervisor is not available, such qualified supervisor shall arrange for another qualified healthcare provider lawfully able to render nutrition care services to be available; and

(7) Limit the assignment of nutrition care services to those services that are within the training and experience of a supervisee and customary to the practice of the qualified supervisor.

(b) In order to act as a qualified supervisor, an individual shall:

(1) Be licensed or certified in the state or territory where such supervised practice experience occurs as a dietitian, nutritionist, dietitian nutritionist, or healthcare provider whose scope of practice includes the provision of medical nutrition therapy;

(2) Meet such other criteria as the board may establish by rule or regulation when a state or territory does not provide for licensure or certification of dietitians, dietitian nutritionists, or nutritionists; or

(3) Be an employee of the federal government authorized within the discharge of his or her official duties to provide medical nutrition therapy and exempt from licensure as provided for in paragraph (2) of Code Section 43-11A-18.

ARTICLE 2

43-11A-30.

This article shall be known and may be cited as the 'Dietitian Licensure Compact Act.'

43-11A-31.

The Dietitian Licensure Compact is enacted into law and entered into by the State of Georgia with any and all other states legally joining therein in the form substantially as follows:

'DIETITIAN LICENSURE COMPACT

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Compact is to facilitate interstate Practice of Dietetics with the goal of improving public access to dietetics services. This Compact preserves the regulatory authority of States to protect public health and safety through the current system of State licensure, while also providing for licensure portability through a Compact Privilege granted to qualifying professionals.

This Compact is designed to achieve the following objectives:

A. Increase public access to dietetics services;

B. Provide opportunities for interstate practice by Licensed Dietitians who meet uniform requirements;

C. Eliminate the necessity for Licenses in multiple States;

D. Reduce administrative burden on Member States and Licensees;

E. Enhance the States' ability to protect the public's health and safety;

F. Encourage the cooperation of Member States in regulating multistate practice of Licensed Dietitians;

G. Support relocating Active Military Members and their spouses;

H. Enhance the exchange of licensure, investigative, and disciplinary information among Member States; and

I. Vest all Member States with the authority to hold a Licensed Dietitian accountable for meeting all State practice laws in the State in which the patient is located at the time care is rendered.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS

As used in this Compact, and except as otherwise provided, the following definitions shall apply:

A. "ACEND" means the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics or its successor organization.

B. "Active Military Member" means any individual with full-time duty status in the active armed forces of the United States, including members of the National Guard and Reserve.

C. "Adverse Action" means any administrative, civil, equitable or criminal action permitted by a State's laws which is imposed by a Licensing Authority or other authority against a Licensee, including actions against an individual's License or Compact Privilege such as revocation, suspension, probation, monitoring of the Licensee, limitation on the Licensee's practice, or any other Encumbrance on licensure affecting a Licensee's authorization to practice, including issuance of a cease and desist action.

D. "Alternative Program" means a non-disciplinary monitoring or practice remediation process approved by a Licensing Authority.

E. "Charter Member State" means any Member State which enacted this Compact by law before the Effective Date specified in Section 12.

F. "Continuing Education" means a requirement, as a condition of License renewal, to provide evidence of participation in, and completion of, educational and professional activities relevant to practice or area of work.

G. "CDR" means the Commission on Dietetic Registration or its successor organization.

H. "Compact Commission" means the government agency whose membership consists of all States that have enacted this Compact, which is known as the Dietitian Licensure Compact Commission, as described in Section 8, and which shall operate as an instrumentality of the Member States.

I. "Compact Privilege" means a legal authorization, which is equivalent to a License, permitting the Practice of Dietetics in a Remote State.

J. "Current Significant Investigative Information" means:

1. Investigative Information that a Licensing Authority, after a preliminary inquiry that includes notification and an opportunity for the subject Licensee to respond, if required by State law, has reason to believe is not groundless and, if proved true, would indicate more than a minor infraction; or

2. Investigative Information that indicates that the subject Licensee represents an immediate threat to public health and safety regardless of whether the subject Licensee has been notified and had an opportunity to respond.

K. "Data System" means a repository of information about Licensees, including, but not limited to, Continuing Education, examination, licensure, investigative, Compact Privilege and Adverse Action information.

L. "Encumbered License" means a License in which an Adverse Action restricts a Licensee's ability to practice dietetics.

M. "Encumbrance" means a revocation or suspension of, or any limitation on a Licensee's full and unrestricted Practice of Dietetics by a Licensing Authority.

N. "Executive Committee" means a group of delegates elected or appointed to act on behalf of, and within the powers granted to them by, this Compact, and the Compact Commission.

O. "Home State" means the Member State that is the Licensee's primary State of residence or that has been designated pursuant to Section 6.

P. "Investigative Information" means information, records, and documents received or generated by a Licensing Authority pursuant to an investigation.

Q. "Jurisprudence Requirement" means an assessment of an individual's knowledge of the State laws and regulations governing the Practice of Dietetics in such State.

R. "License" means an authorization from a Member State to either:

1. Engage in the Practice of Dietetics (including medical nutrition therapy); or

2. Use the title "dietitian," "licensed dietitian," "licensed dietitian nutritionist," "certified dietitian," or other title describing a substantially similar practitioner as the Compact Commission may further define by Rule.

S. "Licensee" or "Licensed Dietitian" means an individual who currently holds a License and who meets all of the requirements outlined in Section 4.

T. "Licensing Authority" means the board or agency of a State, or equivalent, that is responsible for the licensing and regulation of the Practice of Dietetics.

U. "Member State" means a State that has enacted the Compact.

V. "Practice of Dietetics" means the synthesis and application of dietetics, primarily for the provision of nutrition care services, including medical nutrition therapy, in person or via telehealth, to prevent, manage, or treat diseases or medical conditions and promote wellness.

W. "Registered Dietitian" means a person who:

1. Has completed applicable education, experience, examination, and recertification requirements approved by CDR;

2. Is credentialed by CDR as a registered dietitian or a registered dietitian nutritionist; and

3. Is legally authorized to use the title registered dietitian or registered dietitian nutritionist and the corresponding abbreviations "RD" or "RDN."

X. "Remote State" means a Member State other than the Home State, where a Licensee is exercising or seeking to exercise a Compact Privilege.

Y. "Rule" means a regulation promulgated by the Compact Commission that has the force of law.

Z. "Single State License" means a License issued by a Member State within the issuing State and does not include a Compact Privilege in any other Member State.

AA. "State" means any state, commonwealth, district, or territory of the United States of America.

BB. "Unencumbered License" means a License that authorizes a Licensee to engage in the full and unrestricted Practice of Dietetics.

SECTION 3. STATE PARTICIPATION IN THE COMPACT

A. To participate in the Compact, a State must currently:

1. License and regulate the Practice of Dietetics; and

2. Have a mechanism in place for receiving and investigating complaints about Licensees.

B. A Member State shall:

1. Participate fully in the Compact Commission's Data System, including using the unique identifier as defined in Rules;

2. Notify the Compact Commission, in compliance with the terms of the Compact and Rules, of any Adverse Action or the availability of Current Significant Investigative Information regarding a Licensee;

3. Implement or utilize procedures for considering the criminal history record information of applicants for an initial Compact Privilege. These procedures shall include the submission of fingerprints or other biometric-based information by applicants for the purpose of obtaining an applicant's criminal history record information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the agency responsible for retaining that State's criminal records;

a. A Member State must fully implement a criminal history record information requirement, within a time frame established by Rule, which includes receiving the results of the Federal Bureau of Investigation record search and shall use those results in determining Compact Privilege eligibility.

b. Communication between a Member State and the Compact Commission or among Member States regarding the verification of eligibility for a Compact Privilege shall not include any information received from the Federal Bureau of Investigation relating to a federal criminal history record information check performed by a Member State.

4. Comply with and enforce the Rules of the Compact Commission;

5. Require an applicant for a Compact Privilege to obtain or retain a License in the Licensee's Home State and meet the Home State's qualifications for licensure or renewal of licensure, as well as all other applicable State laws; and

6. Recognize a Compact Privilege granted to a Licensee who meets all of the requirements outlined in Section 4 in accordance with the terms of the Compact and Rules.

C. Member States may set and collect a fee for granting a Compact Privilege.

D. Individuals not residing in a Member State shall continue to be able to apply for a Member State's Single State License as provided under the laws of each Member State. However, the Single State License granted to these individuals shall not be recognized as

granting a Compact Privilege to engage in the Practice of Dietetics in any other Member State.

E. Nothing in this Compact shall affect the requirements established by a Member State for the issuance of a Single State License.

F. At no point shall the Compact Commission have the power to define the requirements for the issuance of a Single State License to practice dietetics. The Member States shall retain sole jurisdiction over the provision of these requirements.

SECTION 4. COMPACT PRIVILEGE

A. To exercise the Compact Privilege under the terms and provisions of the Compact, the Licensee shall:

1. Satisfy one of the following:

a. Hold a valid current registration that gives the applicant the right to use the term Registered Dietitian; or

b. Complete all of the following:

i. An education program which is either:

a) A master's degree or doctoral degree that is programmatically accredited by (i) ACEND; or (ii) a dietetics accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education, which the Compact Commission may by Rule determine, and from a college or university accredited at the time of graduation by the appropriate regional accrediting agency recognized by the Council on Higher Education Accreditation and the United States Department of Education.

b) An academic degree from a college or university in a foreign country equivalent to the degree described in subparagraph (a) that is programmatically accredited by (i) ACEND; or (ii) a dietetics accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education, which the Compact Commission may by Rule determine.

ii. A planned, documented, supervised practice experience in dietetics that is programmatically accredited by (i) ACEND, or (ii) a dietetics accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education which the Compact Commission may by Rule determine and which involves at least 1000 hours of practice experience under the supervision of a Registered Dietitian or a Licensed Dietitian.

iii. Successful completion of either: (i) the Registration Examination for Dietitians administered by CDR, or (ii) a national credentialing examination for dietitians approved by the Compact Commission by Rule; such completion being no more than five years prior to the date of the Licensee's application for initial licensure and accompanied by a period of continuous licensure thereafter, all of which may be further governed by the Rules of the Compact Commission.

2. Hold an Unencumbered License in the Home State;

3. Notify the Compact Commission that the Licensee is seeking a Compact Privilege within a Remote State(s);

4. Pay any applicable fees, including any State fee, for the Compact Privilege;

5. Meet any Jurisprudence Requirements established by the Remote State(s) in which the Licensee is seeking a Compact Privilege; and

6. Report to the Compact Commission any Adverse Action, Encumbrance, or restriction on a License taken by any non-Member State within 30 days from the date the action is taken.

B. The Compact Privilege is valid until the expiration date of the Home State License. To maintain a Compact Privilege, renewal of the Compact Privilege shall be congruent with the renewal of the Home State License as the Compact Commission may define by Rule. The Licensee must comply with the requirements of Section 4(A) to maintain the Compact Privilege in the Remote State(s).

C. A Licensee exercising a Compact Privilege shall adhere to the laws and regulations of the Remote State. Licensees shall be responsible for educating themselves on, and complying with, any and all State laws relating to the Practice of Dietetics in such Remote State.

D. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary provided in this Compact or State law, a Licensee exercising a Compact Privilege shall not be required to complete Continuing Education Requirements required by a Remote State. A Licensee exercising a Compact Privilege is only required to meet any Continuing Education Requirements as required by the Home State.

SECTION 5. OBTAINING A NEW HOME STATE LICENSE BASED ON A COMPACT PRIVILEGE

A. A Licensee may hold a Home State License, which allows for a Compact Privilege in other Member States, in only one Member State at a time.

B. If a Licensee changes Home State by moving between two Member States:

1. The Licensee shall file an application for obtaining a new Home State License based on a Compact Privilege, pay all applicable fees, and notify the current and new Home State in accordance with the Rules of the Compact Commission.

2. Upon receipt of an application for obtaining a new Home State License by virtue of a Compact Privilege, the new Home State shall verify that the Licensee meets the criteria in Section 4 via the Data System, and require that the Licensee complete the following:

a. Federal Bureau of Investigation fingerprint based criminal history record information check;

b. Any other criminal history record information required by the new Home State; and

c. Any Jurisprudence Requirements of the new Home State.

3. The former Home State shall convert the former Home State License into a Compact Privilege once the new Home State has activated the new Home State License in accordance with applicable Rules adopted by the Compact Commission.

4. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Compact, if the Licensee cannot meet the criteria in Section 4, the new Home State may apply its requirements for issuing a new Single State License.

5. The Licensee shall pay all applicable fees to the new Home State in order to be issued a new Home State License.

C. If a Licensee changes their State of residence by moving from a Member State to a non-Member State, or from a non-Member State to a Member State, the State criteria shall apply for issuance of a Single State License in the new State.

D. Nothing in this Compact shall interfere with a Licensee's ability to hold a Single State License in multiple States; however, for the purposes of this Compact, a Licensee shall have only one Home State License.

E. Nothing in this Compact shall affect the requirements established by a Member State for the issuance of a Single State License.

SECTION 6. ACTIVE MILITARY MEMBERS OR THEIR SPOUSES

An Active Military Member, or their spouse, shall designate a Home State where the individual has a current License in good standing. The individual may retain the Home State designation during the period the service member is on active duty.

SECTION 7. ADVERSE ACTIONS

A. In addition to the other powers conferred by State law, a Remote State shall have the authority, in accordance with existing State due process law, to:

1. Take Adverse Action against a Licensee's Compact Privilege within that Member State; and

2. Issue subpoenas for both hearings and investigations that require the attendance and testimony of witnesses as well as the production of evidence. Subpoenas issued by a Licensing Authority in a Member State for the attendance and testimony of witnesses or the production of evidence from another Member State shall be enforced in the latter State by any court of competent jurisdiction, according to the practice and procedure applicable to subpoenas issued in proceedings pending before that court. The issuing authority shall pay any witness fees, travel expenses, mileage, and other fees required by the service statutes of the State in which the witnesses or evidence are located.

B. Only the Home State shall have the power to take Adverse Action against a Licensee's Home State License.

C. For purposes of taking Adverse Action, the Home State shall give the same priority and effect to reported conduct received from a Member State as it would if the conduct had occurred within the Home State. In so doing, the Home State shall apply its own State laws to determine appropriate action.

D. The Home State shall complete any pending investigations of a Licensee who changes Home States during the course of the investigations. The Home State shall also have authority to take appropriate action(s) and shall promptly report the conclusions of the investigations to the administrator of the Data System. The administrator of the Data System shall promptly notify the new Home State of any Adverse Actions.

E. A Member State, if otherwise permitted by State law, may recover from the affected Licensee the costs of investigations and dispositions of cases resulting from any Adverse Action taken against that Licensee.

F. A Member State may take Adverse Action based on the factual findings of another Remote State, provided that the Member State follows its own procedures for taking the Adverse Action.

G. Joint Investigations:

1. In addition to the authority granted to a Member State by its respective State law, any Member State may participate with other Member States in joint investigations of Licensees.

2. Member States shall share any investigative, litigation, or compliance materials in furtherance of any joint investigation initiated under the Compact.

H. If Adverse Action is taken by the Home State against a Licensee's Home State License resulting in an Encumbrance on the Home State License, the Licensee's Compact Privilege(s) in all other Member States shall be revoked until all Encumbrances have been removed from the Home State License. All Home State disciplinary orders that impose Adverse Action against a Licensee shall include a statement that the Licensee's Compact Privileges are revoked in all Member States during the pendency of the order.

I. Once an Encumbered License in the Home State is restored to an Unencumbered License (as certified by the Home State's Licensing Authority), the Licensee must meet the requirements of Section 4(A) and follow the administrative requirements to reapply to obtain a Compact Privilege in any Remote State.

J. If a Member State takes Adverse Action, it shall promptly notify the administrator of the Data System. The administrator of the Data System shall promptly notify the other Member States State of any Adverse Actions.

K. Nothing in this Compact shall override a Member State's decision that participation in an Alternative Program may be used in lieu of Adverse Action.

SECTION 8. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DIETITIAN LICENSURE COMPACT COMMISSION

A. The Compact Member States hereby create and establish a joint government agency whose membership consists of all Member States that have enacted the Compact known as the Dietitian Licensure Compact Commission. The Compact Commission is an instrumentality of the Compact States acting jointly and not an instrumentality of any one State. The Compact Commission shall come into existence on or after the effective date of the Compact as set forth in Section 12.

B. Membership, Voting, and Meetings

1. Each Member State shall have and be limited to one (1) delegate selected by that Member State's Licensing Authority.

2. The delegate shall be the primary administrator of the Licensing Authority or their designee.

3. The Compact Commission shall by Rule or bylaw establish a term of office for delegates and may by Rule or bylaw establish term limits.

4. The Compact Commission may recommend removal or suspension of any delegate from office.

5. A Member State's Licensing Authority shall fill any vacancy of its delegate occurring on the Compact Commission within 60 days of the vacancy.

6. Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote on all matters before the Compact Commission requiring a vote by the delegates.

7. Delegates shall meet and vote by such means as set forth in the bylaws. The bylaws may provide for delegates to meet and vote in-person or by telecommunication, video conference, or other means of communication.

8. The Compact Commission shall meet at least once during each calendar year. Additional meetings may be held as set forth in the bylaws. The Compact Commission may meet in person or by telecommunication, video conference, or other means of communication.

C. The Compact Commission shall have the following powers:

1. Establish the fiscal year of the Compact Commission;

2. Establish code of conduct and conflict of interest policies;

3. Establish and amend Rules and bylaws;

4. Maintain its financial records in accordance with the bylaws;

5. Meet and take such actions as are consistent with the provisions of this Compact, the Compact Commission's Rules, and the bylaws;

6. Initiate and conclude legal proceedings or actions in the name of the Compact Commission, provided that the standing of any Licensing Authority to sue or be sued under applicable law shall not be affected;

7. Maintain and certify records and information provided to a Member State as the authenticated business records of the Compact Commission, and designate an agent to do so on the Compact Commission's behalf;

8. Purchase and maintain insurance and bonds;

9. Borrow, accept, or contract for services of personnel, including, but not limited to, employees of a Member State;

10. Conduct an annual financial review;

11. Hire employees, elect or appoint officers, fix compensation, define duties, grant such individuals appropriate authority to carry out the purposes of the Compact, and establish the Compact Commission's personnel policies and programs relating to conflicts of interest, qualifications of personnel, and other related personnel matters;

12. Assess and collect fees;

13. Accept any and all appropriate donations, grants of money, other sources of revenue, equipment, supplies, materials, services, and gifts, and receive, utilize, and dispose of the same; provided that at all times the Compact Commission shall avoid any actual or appearance of impropriety or conflict of interest;

14. Lease, purchase, retain, own, hold, improve, or use any property, real, personal, or mixed, or any undivided interest therein;

15. Sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, abandon, or otherwise dispose of any property real, personal, or mixed;

16. Establish a budget and make expenditures;

17. Borrow money;

18. Appoint committees, including standing committees, composed of members, State regulators, State legislators or their representatives, and consumer representatives, and such other interested persons as may be designated in this Compact or the bylaws;

19. Provide and receive information from, and cooperate with, law enforcement agencies;

20. Establish and elect an Executive Committee, including a chair and a vice chair;

21. Determine whether a State's adopted language is materially different from the model compact language such that the State would not qualify for participation in the Compact; and

22. Perform such other functions as may be necessary or appropriate to achieve the purposes of this Compact.

D. The Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee shall have the power to act on behalf of the Compact Commission according to the terms of this Compact. The powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Executive Committee shall include:

a. Oversee the day-to-day activities of the administration of the Compact including enforcement and compliance with the provisions of the Compact, its Rules and bylaws, and other such duties as deemed necessary;

b. Recommend to the Compact Commission changes to the Rules or bylaws, changes to this Compact legislation, fees charged to Compact Member States, fees charged to Licensees, and other fees;

c. Ensure Compact administration services are appropriately provided, including by contract;

d. Prepare and recommend the budget;

e. Maintain financial records on behalf of the Compact Commission;

f. Monitor Compact compliance of Member States and provide compliance reports to the Compact Commission;

g. Establish additional committees as necessary;

h. Exercise the powers and duties of the Compact Commission during the interim between Compact Commission meetings, except for adopting or amending Rules, adopting or amending bylaws, and exercising any other powers and duties expressly reserved to the Compact Commission by Rule or bylaw; and

i. Other duties as provided in the Rules or bylaws of the Compact Commission.

2. The Executive Committee shall be composed of nine members:

a. The chair and vice chair of the Compact Commission shall be voting members of the Executive Committee;

b. Five voting members from the current membership of the Compact Commission, elected by the Compact Commission;

c. One ex-officio, nonvoting member from a recognized professional association representing dietitians; and

d. One ex-officio, nonvoting member from a recognized national credentialing organization for dietitians.

3. The Compact Commission may remove any member of the Executive Committee as provided in the Compact Commission's bylaws.

4. The Executive Committee shall meet at least annually.

a. Executive Committee meetings shall be open to the public, except that the Executive Committee may meet in a closed, non-public meeting as provided in subsection (F)(2).

b. The Executive Committee shall give 30 days' notice of its meetings, posted on the website of the Compact Commission and as determined to provide notice to persons with an interest in the business of the Compact Commission.

c. The Executive Committee may hold a special meeting in accordance with subsection (F)(1)(b).

E. The Compact Commission shall adopt and provide to the Member States an annual report.

F. Meetings of the Compact Commission

1. All meetings shall be open to the public, except that the Compact Commission may meet in a closed, non-public meeting as provided in subsection (F)(2).

a. Public notice for all meetings of the full Compact Commission shall be given in the same manner as required under the rulemaking provisions in Section 10, except that the Compact Commission may hold a special meeting as provided in subsection (F)(1)(b).

b. The Compact Commission may hold a special meeting when it must meet to conduct emergency business by giving 24 hours' notice to all Member States, on the Compact Commission's website, and other means as provided in the Compact Commission's Rules. The Compact Commission's legal counsel shall certify that the Compact Commission's need to meet qualifies as an emergency.

2. The Compact Commission or the Executive Committee or other committees of the Compact Commission may convene in a closed, non-public meeting for the Compact Commission or Executive Committee or other committees of the Compact Commission to receive legal advice or to discuss:

a. Non-compliance of a Member State with its obligations under the Compact;

b. The employment, compensation, discipline, or other matters, practices, or procedures related to specific employees;

c. Current or threatened discipline of a Licensee by the Compact Commission or by a Member State's Licensing Authority;

d. Current, threatened, or reasonably anticipated litigation;

e. Negotiation of contracts for the purchase, lease, or sale of goods, services, or real estate;

f. Accusing any person of a crime or formally censuring any person;

g. Trade secrets or commercial or financial information that is privileged or confidential;

h. Information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;

i. Investigative records compiled for law enforcement purposes;

j. Information related to any investigative reports prepared by or on behalf of or for use of the Compact Commission or other committee charged with responsibility of investigation or determination of compliance issues pursuant to the Compact;

k. Matters specifically exempted from disclosure by federal or Member State law; or

l. Other matters as specified in the Rules of the Compact Commission.

3. If a meeting, or portion of a meeting, is closed, the presiding officer shall state that the meeting will be closed and reference each relevant exempting provision, and such reference shall be recorded in the minutes.

4. The Compact Commission shall keep minutes that fully and clearly describe all matters discussed in a meeting and shall provide a full and accurate summary of actions taken, and the reasons therefore, including a description of the views expressed. All documents considered in connection with an action shall be identified in such minutes. All minutes and documents of a closed meeting shall remain under seal, subject to release only by a majority vote of the Compact Commission or order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

G. Financing of the Compact Commission

1. The Compact Commission shall pay, or provide for the payment of, the reasonable expenses of its establishment, organization, and ongoing activities.

2. The Compact Commission may accept any and all appropriate revenue sources as provided in subsection (C)(13).

3. The Compact Commission may levy on and collect an annual assessment from each Member State and impose fees on Licensees of Member States to whom it grants a Compact Privilege to cover the cost of the operations and activities of the Compact Commission and its staff, which must, in a total amount, be sufficient to cover its annual budget as approved each year for which revenue is not provided by other sources. The aggregate annual assessment amount for Member States shall be allocated based upon a formula that the Compact Commission shall promulgate by Rule.

4. The Compact Commission shall not incur obligations of any kind prior to securing the funds adequate to meet the same; nor shall the Compact Commission pledge the credit of any of the Member States, except by and with the authority of the Member State.

5. The Compact Commission shall keep accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements. The receipts and disbursements of the Compact Commission shall be subject to the financial review and accounting procedures established under its bylaws. However, all receipts and disbursements of funds handled by the Compact Commission shall be subject to an annual financial review by a certified or licensed public accountant, and the report of the financial review shall be included in and become part of the annual report of the Compact Commission.

H. Qualified Immunity, Defense, and Indemnification

1. The members, officers, executive director, employees and representatives of the Compact Commission shall be immune from suit and liability, both personally and in their official capacity, for any claim for damage to or loss of property or personal injury or other civil liability caused by or arising out of any actual or alleged act, error, or

omission that occurred, or that the person against whom the claim is made had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the scope of Compact Commission employment, duties, or responsibilities; provided that nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to protect any such person from suit or liability for any damage, loss, injury, or liability caused by the intentional or willful or wanton misconduct of that person. The procurement of insurance of any type by the Compact Commission shall not in any way compromise or limit the immunity granted hereunder.

2. The Compact Commission shall defend any member, officer, executive director, employee, and representative of the Compact Commission in any civil action seeking to impose liability arising out of any actual or alleged act, error, or omission that occurred within the scope of Compact Commission employment, duties, or responsibilities, or as determined by the Compact Commission that the person against whom the claim is made had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the scope of Compact Commission employment, duties, or responsibilities; provided that nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit that person from retaining their own counsel at their own expense; and provided further, that the actual or alleged act, error, or omission did not result from that person's intentional or willful or wanton misconduct.

3. The Compact Commission shall indemnify and hold harmless any member, officer, executive director, employee, and representative of the Compact Commission for the amount of any settlement or judgment obtained against that person arising out of any actual or alleged act, error, or omission that occurred within the scope of Compact Commission employment, duties, or responsibilities, or that such person had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the scope of Compact Commission employment, duties, or responsibilities, provided that the actual or alleged act, error, or omission did not result from the intentional or willful or wanton misconduct of that person.

4. Nothing herein shall be construed as a limitation on the liability of any Licensee for professional malpractice or misconduct, which shall be governed solely by any other applicable State laws.

5. Nothing in this Compact shall be interpreted to waive or otherwise abrogate a Member State's state action immunity or state action affirmative defense with respect to antitrust claims under the Sherman Act, Clayton Act, or any other State or federal antitrust or anticompetitive law or regulation.

6. Nothing in this Compact shall be construed to be a waiver of sovereign immunity by the Member States or by the Compact Commission.

SECTION 9. DATA SYSTEM

A. The Compact Commission shall provide for the development, maintenance, operation, and utilization of a coordinated Data System.

B. The Compact Commission shall assign each applicant for a Compact Privilege a unique identifier, as determined by the Rules.

C. Notwithstanding any other provision of State law to the contrary, a Member State shall submit a uniform data set to the Data System on all individuals to whom this Compact is applicable as required by the Rules of the Compact Commission, including:

1. Identifying information;
2. Licensure data;
3. Adverse Actions against a License or Compact Privilege and information related thereto;
4. Non-confidential information related to Alternative Program participation, the beginning and ending dates of such participation, and other information related to such participation not made confidential under Member State law;
5. Any denial of application for licensure, and the reason(s) for such denial;
6. The presence of Current Significant Investigative Information; and
7. Other information that may facilitate the administration of this Compact or the protection of the public, as determined by the Rules of the Compact Commission.

D. The records and information provided to a Member State pursuant to this Compact or through the Data System, when certified by the Compact Commission or an agent thereof, shall constitute the authenticated business records of the Compact Commission, and shall be entitled to any associated hearsay exception in any relevant judicial, quasi-judicial, or administrative proceedings in a Member State.

E. Current Significant Investigative Information pertaining to a Licensee in any Member State will only be available to other Member States.

F. It is the responsibility of the Member States to report any Adverse Action against a Licensee and to monitor the Data System to determine whether any Adverse Action has been taken against a Licensee. Adverse Action information pertaining to a Licensee in any Member State will be available to any other Member State.

G. Member States contributing information to the Data System may designate information that may not be shared with the public without the express permission of the contributing State.

H. Any information submitted to the Data System that is subsequently expunged pursuant to federal law or the laws of the Member State contributing the information shall be removed from the Data System.

SECTION 10. RULEMAKING

A. The Compact Commission shall promulgate reasonable Rules in order to effectively and efficiently implement and administer the purposes and provisions of the Compact. A Rule shall be invalid and have no force or effect only if a court of competent jurisdiction holds that the Rule is invalid because the Compact Commission exercised its rulemaking authority in a manner that is beyond the scope and purposes of the Compact, or the powers granted hereunder, or based upon another applicable standard of review.

B. The Rules of the Compact Commission shall have the force of law in each Member State, provided however that where the Rules conflict with the laws or regulations of a Member State that relate to the procedures, actions, and processes a Licensed Dietitian is permitted to undertake in that State and the circumstances under which they may do so,

as held by a court of competent jurisdiction, the Rules of the Compact Commission shall be ineffective in that State to the extent of the conflict.

C. The Compact Commission shall exercise its rulemaking powers pursuant to the criteria set forth in this Section and the Rules adopted thereunder. Rules shall become binding on the day following adoption or as of the date specified in the Rule or amendment, whichever is later.

D. If a majority of the legislatures of the Member States rejects a Rule or portion of a Rule, by enactment of a statute or resolution in the same manner used to adopt the Compact within four (4) years of the date of adoption of the Rule, then such Rule shall have no further force and effect in any Member State.

E. Rules shall be adopted at a regular or special meeting of the Compact Commission.

F. Prior to adoption of a proposed Rule, the Compact Commission shall hold a public hearing and allow persons to provide oral and written comments, data, facts, opinions, and arguments.

G. Prior to adoption of a proposed Rule by the Compact Commission, and at least thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting at which the Compact Commission will hold a public hearing on the proposed Rule, the Compact Commission shall provide a Notice of Proposed rulemaking:

1. On the website of the Compact Commission or other publicly accessible platform;

2. To persons who have requested notice of the Compact Commission's notices of proposed rulemaking; and

3. In such other way(s) as the Compact Commission may by Rule specify.

H. The Notice of Proposed rulemaking shall include:

1. The time, date, and location of the public hearing at which the Compact Commission will hear public comments on the proposed Rule and, if different, the time, date, and location of the meeting where the Compact Commission will consider and vote on the proposed Rule;

2. If the hearing is held via telecommunication, video conference, or other means of communication, the Compact Commission shall include the mechanism for access to the hearing in the Notice of Proposed rulemaking;

3. The text of the proposed Rule and the reason therefore;

4. A request for comments on the proposed Rule from any interested person; and

5. The manner in which interested persons may submit written comments.

I. All hearings will be recorded. A copy of the recording and all written comments and documents received by the Compact Commission in response to the proposed Rule shall be available to the public.

J. Nothing in this Section shall be construed as requiring a separate hearing on each Rule. Rules may be grouped for the convenience of the Compact Commission at hearings required by this Section.

K. The Compact Commission shall, by majority vote of all members, take final action on the proposed Rule based on the rulemaking record and the full text of the Rule.

1. The Compact Commission may adopt changes to the proposed Rule provided the changes do not enlarge the original purpose of the proposed Rule.

2. The Compact Commission shall provide an explanation of the reasons for substantive changes made to the proposed Rule as well as reasons for substantive changes not made that were recommended by commenters.

3. The Compact Commission shall determine a reasonable effective date for the Rule. Except for an emergency as provided in Section 10(L), the effective date of the Rule shall be no sooner than 30 days after issuing the notice that it adopted or amended the Rule.

L. Upon determination that an emergency exists, the Compact Commission may consider and adopt an emergency Rule with 24 hours' notice, with opportunity to comment, provided that the usual rulemaking procedures provided in the Compact and in this Section shall be retroactively applied to the Rule as soon as reasonably possible, in no event later than ninety (90) days after the effective date of the Rule. For the purposes of this provision, an emergency Rule is one that must be adopted immediately in order to:

1. Meet an imminent threat to public health, safety, or welfare;

2. Prevent a loss of Compact Commission or Member State funds;

3. Meet a deadline for the promulgation of a Rule that is established by federal law or rule; or

4. Protect public health and safety.

M. The Compact Commission or an authorized committee of the Compact Commission may direct revision to a previously adopted Rule for purposes of correcting typographical errors, errors in format, errors in consistency, or grammatical errors. Public notice of any revision shall be posted on the website of the Compact Commission. The revision shall be subject to challenge by any person for a period of thirty (30) days after posting. The revision may be challenged only on grounds that the revision results in a material change to a Rule. A challenge shall be made in writing and delivered to the Compact Commission prior to the end of the notice period. If no challenge is made, the revision will take effect without further action. If the revision is challenged, the revision may not take effect without the approval of the Compact Commission.

N. No Member State's rulemaking requirements shall apply under this Compact.

SECTION 11. OVERSIGHT, DISPUTE RESOLUTION, AND ENFORCEMENT

A. Oversight

1. The executive and judicial branches of State government in each Member State shall enforce this Compact and take all actions necessary and appropriate to implement this Compact.

2. Except as otherwise provided in this Compact, venue is proper and judicial proceedings by or against the Compact Commission shall be brought solely and exclusively in a court of competent jurisdiction where the principal office of the Compact Commission is located. The Compact Commission may waive venue and jurisdictional defenses to the extent it adopts or consents to participate in alternative dispute resolution proceedings. Nothing herein shall affect or limit the selection or propriety of venue in any action against a Licensee for professional malpractice, misconduct, or any such similar matter.

3. The Compact Commission shall be entitled to receive service of process in any proceeding regarding the enforcement or interpretation of the Compact and shall have standing to intervene in such a proceeding for all purposes. Failure to provide the Compact Commission service of process shall render a judgment or order void as to the Compact Commission, this Compact, or promulgated Rules.

B. Default, Technical Assistance, and Termination

1. If the Compact Commission determines that a Member State has defaulted in the performance of its obligations or responsibilities under this Compact or the promulgated Rules, the Compact Commission shall provide written notice to the defaulting State. The notice of default shall describe the default, the proposed means of curing the default, and any other action that the Compact Commission may take and shall offer training and specific technical assistance regarding the default.

2. The Compact Commission shall provide a copy of the notice of default to the other Member States.

C. If a State in default fails to cure the default, the defaulting State may be terminated from the Compact upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the delegates of the Member States, and all rights, privileges, and benefits conferred on that State by this Compact may be terminated on the effective date of termination. A cure of the default does not relieve the offending State of obligations or liabilities incurred during the period of default.

D. Termination of membership in the Compact shall be imposed only after all other means of securing compliance have been exhausted. Notice of intent to suspend or terminate shall be given by the Compact Commission to the governor, the majority and minority leaders of the defaulting State's legislature, the defaulting State's Licensing Authority, and each of the Member States' Licensing Authority.

E. A State that has been terminated is responsible for all assessments, obligations, and liabilities incurred through the effective date of termination, including obligations that extend beyond the effective date of termination.

F. Upon the termination of a State's membership from this Compact, that State shall immediately provide notice to all Licensees within that State of such termination. The terminated State shall continue to recognize all Compact Privileges granted pursuant to this Compact for a minimum of six months after the date of said notice of termination.

G. The Compact Commission shall not bear any costs related to a State that is found to be in default or that has been terminated from the Compact, unless agreed upon in writing between the Compact Commission and the defaulting State.

H. The defaulting State may appeal the action of the Compact Commission by petitioning the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia or the federal district where the Compact Commission has its principal offices. The prevailing party shall be awarded all costs of such litigation, including reasonable attorney's fees.

I. Dispute Resolution

1. Upon request by a Member State, the Compact Commission shall attempt to resolve disputes related to the Compact that arise among Member States and between Member and non-Member States.

2. The Compact Commission shall promulgate a Rule providing for both mediation and binding dispute resolution for disputes as appropriate.

J. Enforcement

1. By supermajority vote, the Compact Commission may initiate legal action against a Member State in default in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia or the federal district where the Compact Commission has its principal offices to enforce compliance with the provisions of the Compact and its promulgated Rules. The relief sought may include both injunctive relief and damages. In the event judicial enforcement is necessary, the prevailing party shall be awarded all costs of such litigation, including reasonable attorney's fees. The remedies herein shall not be the exclusive remedies of the Compact Commission. The Compact Commission may pursue any other remedies available under federal or the defaulting Member State's law.

2. A Member State may initiate legal action against the Compact Commission in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia or the federal district where the Compact Commission has its principal offices to enforce compliance with the provisions of the Compact and its promulgated Rules. The relief sought may include both injunctive relief and damages. In the event judicial enforcement is necessary, the prevailing party shall be awarded all costs of such litigation, including reasonable attorney's fees.

3. No party other than a Member State shall enforce this Compact against the Compact Commission.

SECTION 12. EFFECTIVE DATE, WITHDRAWAL, AND AMENDMENT

A. The Compact shall come into effect on the date on which the Compact statute is enacted into law in the seventh Member State.

1. On or after the effective date of the Compact, the Compact Commission shall convene and review the enactment of each of the first seven Member States ("Charter Member States") to determine if the statute enacted by each such Charter Member State is materially different than the model Compact statute.

a. A Charter Member State whose enactment is found to be materially different from the model Compact statute shall be entitled to the default process set forth in Section 11.

b. If any Member State is later found to be in default, or is terminated, or withdraws from the Compact, the Compact Commission shall remain in existence and the Compact shall remain in effect even if the number of Member States should be less than seven.

2. Member States enacting the Compact subsequent to the seven initial Charter Member States shall be subject to the process set forth in Section 8(C)(21) to determine if their enactments are materially different from the model Compact statute and whether they qualify for participation in the Compact.

3. All actions taken for the benefit of the Compact Commission or in furtherance of the purposes of the administration of the Compact prior to the effective date of the Compact or the Compact Commission coming into existence shall be considered to be

actions of the Compact Commission unless specifically repudiated by the Compact Commission.

4. Any State that joins the Compact subsequent to the Compact Commission's initial adoption of the Rules and bylaws shall be subject to the Rules and bylaws as they exist on the date on which the Compact becomes law in that State. Any Rule that has been previously adopted by the Compact Commission shall have the full force and effect of law on the day the Compact becomes law in that State.

B. Any Member State may withdraw from this Compact by enacting a statute repealing the same.

1. A Member State's withdrawal shall not take effect until 180 days after enactment of the repealing statute.

2. Withdrawal shall not affect the continuing requirement of the withdrawing State's Licensing Authority to comply with the investigative and Adverse Action reporting requirements of this Compact prior to the effective date of withdrawal.

3. Upon the enactment of a statute withdrawing from this Compact, a State shall immediately provide notice of such withdrawal to all Licensees within that State. Notwithstanding any subsequent statutory enactment to the contrary, such withdrawing State shall continue to recognize all Compact Privileges granted pursuant to this Compact for a minimum of 180 days after the date of such notice of withdrawal.

C. Nothing contained in this Compact shall be construed to invalidate or prevent any licensure agreement or other cooperative arrangement between a Member State and a non-Member State that does not conflict with the provisions of this Compact.

D. This Compact may be amended by the Member States. No amendment to this Compact shall become effective and binding upon any Member State until it is enacted into the laws of all Member States.

SECTION 13. CONSTRUCTION AND SEVERABILITY

A. This Compact and the Compact Commission's rulemaking authority shall be liberally construed so as to effectuate the purposes and the implementation and administration of the Compact. Provisions of the Compact expressly authorizing or requiring the promulgation of Rules shall not be construed to limit the Compact Commission's rulemaking authority solely for those purposes.

B. The provisions of this Compact shall be severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence, or provision of this Compact is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to the constitution of any Member State, a State seeking participation in the Compact, or of the United States, or the applicability thereof to any government, agency, person, or circumstance is held to be unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the validity of the remainder of this Compact and the applicability thereof to any other government, agency, person, or circumstance shall not be affected thereby.

C. Notwithstanding Section 13(B), the Compact Commission may deny a State's participation in the Compact or, in accordance with the requirements of Section 11(B), terminate a Member State's participation in the Compact, if it determines that a constitutional requirement of a Member State is a material departure from the Compact.

Otherwise, if this Compact shall be held to be contrary to the constitution of any Member State, the Compact shall remain in full force and effect as to the remaining Member States and in full force and effect as to the Member State affected as to all severable matters.

SECTION 14. CONSISTENT EFFECT AND CONFLICT WITH OTHER STATE LAWS

A. Nothing herein shall prevent or inhibit the enforcement of any other law of a Member State that is not inconsistent with the Compact.

B. Any laws, statutes, regulations, or other legal requirements in a Member State in conflict with the Compact are superseded to the extent of the conflict.

C. All permissible agreements between the Compact Commission and the Member States are binding in accordance with their terms.'"

PART II

Conforming cross-references

SECTION 2-1.

Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to civil practice, is amended in Code Section 9-11-9.1, relating to affidavit to accompany charge of professional malpractice, by revising paragraph (8) of subsection (g) as follows:

"(8) ~~Dietitians~~ Licensed dietitians or licensed nutritionists;"

SECTION 2-2.

Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, is amended in Code Section 31-7-351, relating to definitions relative to Georgia Long-term Care Background Check Program, by revising paragraph (7) as follows:

"(7) 'Employee' means any individual who has direct access and who is hired by a facility through employment, or through a contract with such facility, including, but not limited to, housekeepers, maintenance personnel, ~~dieticians,~~ and any volunteer who has duties that are equivalent to the duties of an employee providing such services. Such term shall not include an individual who contracts with the facility, whether personally or through a company, to provide utility, construction, communications, accounting, quality assurance, human resource management, information technology, legal, or other services if the contracted services are not directly related to providing services to a patient, resident, or client of the facility. Such term shall not include any healthcare provider, including, but not limited to, physicians, dentists, nurses, ~~and~~ pharmacists, licensed dietitians and licensed nutritionists who are licensed by the Georgia Composite Medical Board, the Georgia Board of Dentistry, the Georgia Board of Nursing, ~~or~~ the State Board of Pharmacy, or the Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians and Licensed Nutritionists."

SECTION 2-3.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 31-8-192, relating to definitions relative to "health share" volunteers in medicine, by revising subparagraph (N) of paragraph (5) as follows:

"(N) A licensed dietitian or licensed nutritionist ~~licensed~~ under Chapter 11A of Title 43;"

SECTION 2-4.

Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, is amended in Code Section 33-20A-3, relating to definitions relative to patient protection, by revising paragraph (5) as follows:

"(5) 'Healthcare provider' or 'provider' means any physician, dentist, podiatrist, pharmacist, optometrist, psychologist, clinical social worker, advanced practice registered nurse, registered optician, licensed professional counselor, physical therapist, marriage and family therapist, chiropractor, athletic trainer qualified pursuant to Code Section 43-5-8, occupational therapist, speech language pathologist, audiologist, licensed dietitian, licensed nutritionist, or physician assistant."

SECTION 2-5.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 33-20E-2, relating to application to insurers and definitions relative to surprise billing consumer protection, by revising paragraph (9) of subsection (b) as follows:

"(9) 'Healthcare provider' or 'provider' means any physician, other individual, or facility other than a hospital licensed or otherwise authorized in this state to furnish healthcare services, including, but not limited to, any dentist, podiatrist, optometrist, psychologist, clinical social worker, advanced practice registered nurse, registered optician, licensed professional counselor, physical therapist, marriage and family therapist, chiropractor, athletic trainer qualified pursuant to Code Section 43-5-8, occupational therapist, speech-language pathologist, audiologist, licensed dietitian, licensed nutritionist, or physician assistant."

SECTION 2-6.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 33-24-59.27, relating to right to shop for insurance coverage, disclosure of pricing information, and notice, by revising paragraph (4) of subsection (b) as follows:

"(4) 'Healthcare provider' or 'provider' means any physician, dentist, podiatrist, pharmacist, optometrist, psychologist, clinical social worker, advanced practice registered nurse, registered optician, licensed professional counselor, physical therapist, marriage and family therapist, chiropractor, athletic trainer qualified pursuant to Code Section 43-5-8, occupational therapist, speech language pathologist, audiologist, licensed dietitian, licensed nutritionist, or physician assistant."

SECTION 2-7.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 33-39-3, relating to definitions relative to collection, use, and disclosure of information gathered by insurance institutions, by revising paragraph (16) as follows:

"(16) 'Medical professional' means any person licensed or certified to provide healthcare services to natural persons, including, but not limited to, a chiropractor, ~~clinical~~ licensed dietitian, licensed nutritionist, clinical psychologist, dentist, nurse, occupational therapist, optometrist, pharmacist, physical therapist, physician, podiatrist, psychiatric social worker, or speech therapist."

SECTION 2-8.

Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, is amended in Code Section 43-1-28, relating to volunteers in healthcare specialties, by revising paragraphs (2) and (3) of subsection (b) as follows:

"(2) 'Healthcare practitioner' means a chiropractor, registered professional nurse, podiatrist, optometrist, professional counselor, social worker, marriage and family therapist, occupational therapist, physical therapist, physician assistant, licensed practical nurse, certified nurse midwife, pharmacist, speech-language pathologist, audiologist, psychologist, ~~or~~ licensed dietitian, or licensed nutritionist.

(3) 'Healthcare specialty' means the practice of chiropractic, nursing, podiatry, optometry, professional counseling, social work, marriage and family therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, physician assistance, midwifery, pharmacy, speech-language pathology, audiology, psychology, ~~or~~ dietetics, or nutrition."

SECTION 2-9.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-1-33, relating to advertisement, signage, and identifier requirements for healthcare practitioners, by revising subparagraph (c)(5)(D) as follows:

"(D) Licensed dietitian or licensed nutritionist ~~Dietitian licensed or registered pursuant to~~ under Chapter 11A of this title;"

SECTION 2-10.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-34-316, relating to exceptions relative to genetic counselor licensure, by revising paragraph (5) as follows:

"(5) Any person using genetic data for purposes of nutritional counseling who is ~~licensed as~~ a licensed dietitian or licensed nutritionist under Chapter 11A of this title ~~or exempt from such licensure pursuant to paragraph (10) of Code Section 43-11A-18~~."

SECTION 2-11.

Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to torts, is amended in Code Section 51-2-5.1, relating to relationship between hospital and healthcare provider prerequisite to liability, notice regarding independent contractor status, and factors for consideration in determining status, by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(1) 'Healthcare professional' means a professional licensed as an audiologist, chiropractor, clinical social worker, dentist, licensed dietitian, licensed nutritionist, medical doctor, marriage and family therapist, registered professional or licensed practical nurse, occupational therapist, optometrist, osteopathic physician, pharmacist, physical therapist, physician assistant, professional counselor, podiatrist, psychologist, radiological technician, respiratory therapist, or speech-language pathologist."

SECTION 2-12.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 51-16-1, relating to definitions relative to pandemic business safety, by revising paragraph (6) as follows:

"(6) 'Healthcare provider' means any physician or other person licensed or otherwise authorized in this state to furnish healthcare services, including, but not limited to, any dentist, podiatrist, optometrist, pharmacist, psychologist, clinical social worker, advanced practice registered nurse, registered optician, licensed professional counselor, physical therapist, massage therapist, marriage and family therapist, chiropractor, athletic trainer qualified pursuant to Code Section 43-5-7, occupational therapist, speech-language pathologist, audiologist, licensed dietitian, licensed nutritionist, physician assistant, cardiac technician, emergency medical technician, paramedic, or related parties."

PART III

Effective date and repealer

SECTION 3-1.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 3-2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Ehrhart of the 36th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 185.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	E Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	E Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	N Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L

Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	E Neal	Y Smith, TP
E Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	E Paris	Y Townsend
N Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	E Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
E Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Williams, A
N Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 155, nays 8.

The motion prevailed.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 383. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Albers of the 56th, Hatchett of the 50th, Robertson of the 29th, Jackson of the 41st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 15 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to child abuse, so as to modify the review to be performed by local child fatality review committees; to add members to such committees; to provide for required attendance for training; to clarify the scope of child deaths subject to review; to modify deadlines and requirements for reports relating to child deaths; to modify the procedures of the coroner or medical examiner and the review committee in identifying child deaths that meet the statutory criteria for review by the review committee; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	E Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	E Neal	Y Smith, TP
E Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	E Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
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Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 165, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 427. By Senators Watson of the 1st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Jackson of the 41st, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical practice relative

to physicians, so as to provide for limited provisional licenses and a pathway to licensure for certain internationally trained physicians; to provide for definitions; to provide for qualifications and conditions; to provide for penalties, license sanctions, and enforcement; to provide for one or more medical directors; to provide for annual reports; to provide for rules, regulations and procedures; to provide for conditional automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical practice relative to physicians, so as to provide for limited provisional licenses and a pathway to licensure for certain internationally trained physicians; to provide for definitions; to provide for qualifications and conditions; to provide for penalties, license sanctions, and enforcement; to provide for one or more medical directors; to provide for annual reports; to provide for rules, regulations and procedures; to provide for conditional automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical practice relative to physicians, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"43-34-34.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Foreign jurisdiction' means any jurisdiction other than a state of the United States.

(2) 'Internationally trained physician' means an individual who received a degree of doctor of medicine or its equivalent, as approved by the board or provided by rule, from a medical school in a foreign jurisdiction.

(3) 'Limited provisional license' means a license to practice medicine issued to an internationally trained physician and permitting supervised medical practice as provided in this Code section.

(4) 'Medical director' means a physician with a full, unrestricted license in this state who oversees the development, establishment, and implementation of the limited provisional license and pathway to licensure, as provided for in this Code section.

(5) 'Pathway to licensure' means the requirements an internationally trained physician holding a current, valid limited provisional license shall complete in order to obtain a full license to practice medicine in this state.

(6) 'Rural county' means a county in this state having a population of less than 50,000 according to the United States decennial census of 2020 or any future such census; provided, however, that, for counties which contain a military base or installation, the military personnel and their dependents living in such county shall be excluded from the total population of such county for purposes of this definition.

(7) 'Supervising physician' means a physician with a full, unrestricted license in this state who physically practices at a medical practice located in a rural county, a licensed hospital, a federally qualified health center, or an accredited medical school where an internationally trained physician is employed, provides on-site clinical supervision of a limited provisional licensee, and attests to the competence of such licensee in accordance with board rules. Such physician's specialty shall be comparable to that of the internationally trained physician applying for a limited provisional license as determined by a medical director.

(b) The board may issue a limited provisional license to practice medicine in this state to an internationally trained physician when the board receives satisfactory verification that the applicant:

(1) Has been offered full-time employment under a supervising physician either at a medical practice located in a rural county, a hospital licensed pursuant to Chapter 7 of Title 31, a federally qualified health center, or an accredited medical school;

(2) Has a current and active license in good standing to practice medicine in a foreign jurisdiction or had such a license that expired no more than three years prior to the submission of an application for a limited provisional license to the board;

(3) Has not had a license to practice medicine revoked, suspended, restricted, denied, or otherwise acted against in any state, federal, or foreign jurisdiction, including, but not limited to, the voluntary relinquishment of a license or relinquishment of a license by stipulation, consent order, or other settlement in response to or in anticipation of the filing of administrative charges or disciplinary action against a license, and is not the subject of any pending investigations by a licensing authority;

(4) Completed 130 weeks of medical education at a medical school listed in the World Directory of Medical Schools or its successor organization; is certified or eligible for certification by the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates or other credential evaluation service approved by the board; and actively practiced medicine either:

(A) For at least five years after completing two years of postgraduate training in a graduate medical education program approved by the applicant's foreign jurisdiction of licensure; provided that such practice is in the same specialty as such training; or

(B) For at least ten years after graduating from medical school in a foreign jurisdiction;

(5) Demonstrated competency to practice medicine by:

(A) Successfully passing each part of an examination approved by the board;

(B) Successfully passing each part of a nationally recognized standard medical licensing examination from a foreign jurisdiction that is a member of the International Association of Medical Regulatory Authorities that includes an interactive testing component and tests for the ability to practice medicine; medical knowledge, skills and understanding of clinical science essential for providing patient care, as prescribed by the board in rules; and communication and interpersonal skills; provided, however, that the examining body shall provide verification in English directly to the board that the applicant has successfully passed an examination that satisfies each of the requirements of this subparagraph;

(C) Receiving specialty board certification approved by the American Board of Medical Specialties, the Bureau of Osteopathic Specialist of the American Osteopathic Association, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, or any other specialty board prescribed by board rules; or

(D) Submitting to a comprehensive assessment demonstrating clinical competence by a program prescribed by board rules;

(6) Has not been convicted in any state, federal, or foreign jurisdiction of any felony, any criminal offense involving moral turpitude, or a violation of law relative to the practice of medicine; provided, however, that the applicant shall submit to the board a background screening in English from the foreign jurisdiction in which such applicant is licensed;

(7) Has successfully passed an English proficiency examination that includes the components of reading, speaking, writing, and listening, as prescribed by board rules;

(8) Is legally authorized to work in the United States; provided, however, that an applicant may apply for a limited proficiency license prior to receiving federal work authorization but shall not begin employment in a medical practice located in a rural county, a licensed hospital, a federally qualified health center, or an accredited medical school as provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection until the applicant receives legal work authorization from the relevant federal agency and an approved license from the board;

(9) Submits an application and pays any application fees to the board; and

(10) Participates in an interview at the discretion of the board prior to consideration of the application.

(c) Any documents required in subsection (b) of this Code section shall be submitted in English or translated by a certified professional translation service, provided that any such translation includes a certification statement and notarized signature.

(d) The holder of a limited provisional license issued under this Code section shall not practice medicine outside of a medical practice located in a rural county, a licensed hospital, a federally qualified health center, or an accredited medical school as provided for in paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section. A person who violates this subsection shall be subject to disciplinary action by the board and shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than $500.00 for each offense.

(e) A limited provisional licensee shall be subject to the provisions of this article and the rules of the board in the same manner as a person holding full licensure under this article. Such licensee shall update and maintain a complete public physician profile in compliance with the provisions of Code Section 43-34A-3. The board shall have the authority to issue, deny, renew, revoke, suspend, issue terms and conditions, place on probation, limit, fine, or otherwise sanction the limited provisional licensee for any violation of the provisions of this Code section, this article, or board rules after notice and opportunity for a hearing.

(f)(1) A limited provisional license shall become inactive when the holder of such license:

(A) Ceases to be employed in a full-time capacity at a medical practice located in a rural county, a licensed hospital, a federally qualified health center, or an accredited medical school as provided for in paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section;

(B) Ceases to be employed under a supervising physician who is physically practicing onsite at a medical practice located in a rural county, a licensed hospital, a federally qualified health center, or an accredited medical school as provided for in paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section; provided, however, that any supervising physician shall immediately notify the board in writing of any change to the employment status or hours of such physician or the limited provisional licensee at such medical practice, licensed hospital, or accredited medical school; or

(C) Obtains any other license to practice medicine issued by the board.

(2) The board shall retain jurisdiction over the holder of an inactive license for disciplinary purposes.

(g) An internationally trained physician who holds a current, valid limited provisional license pursuant to this Code section shall be eligible to apply for a full license to practice medicine after four years of active practice at a medical practice located in a rural county, a licensed hospital, a federally qualified health center, or an accredited medical school in this state. The board may grant a full license to practice medicine in this state if such applicant has no disciplinary actions or pending investigations by any state, federal, or foreign regulatory agency against a license held by the applicant; no misdemeanor convictions, excluding minor traffic violations, in any state, federal, or foreign jurisdiction in the two years preceding the application for a full license; no felony convictions or convictions for criminal offenses involving moral turpitude in any state, federal, or foreign jurisdiction; and no adverse actions affecting the applicant's privileges or ability to practice medicine. As a condition of license issuance, the board shall require the licensee to provide two additional years of medical practice is an underserved area as defined by board rules.

(h) The board shall employ additional administrative, professional, investigative, and legal staff necessary to implement the provisions of this Code section. The board shall employ one or more medical directors who shall oversee the development, establishment, and implementation of the limited provisional license and the pathway to licensure, as provided for in this Code section. Such medical director or directors shall evaluate medical practice, hospital, or medical school site readiness, audit supervision, review

performance, analyze data, recommend disciplinary actions, advise on rule-making, and coordinate with public health partners and other state agencies.

(i) No later than December 1, 2027, and annually thereafter, the board shall submit a report on the implementation of this Code section to the chairpersons of the House Committee on Health and the Senate Health and Human Services Committee. Such report shall include, but shall not be limited to:

(A) The number of applicants for a limited provisional license;

(B) The applicant's licensing foreign jurisdiction and the foreign jurisdiction where the applicant attained his or her education and training;

(C) The number of limited provisional licenses granted and denied and the reasons for such denials;

(D) The counties where limited provisional licensees practice and whether the practice is in a medical practice located in a rural county, a licensed hospital, a federally qualified health center, or an accredited medical school;

(E) The number of limited provisional licensees applying for a full license through the pathway to licensure;

(F) The number of full licenses granted to limited provisional licensees applying through the pathway to licensure, the number of denials to such licensees, and the reasons for such denials;

(G) The number and nature of complaints received by the board or the employing medical practice, hospital, or medical school regarding a limited provisional licensee and any disciplinary actions taken; and

(H) The practice setting and specialty of applicants:

(i) In their licensing foreign jurisdiction;

(ii) When they were employed under their limited provisional license; and

(iii) During the first two years under their full license to practice medicine in an underserved area as provided under subsection (g) of this Code section.

(j) The board shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement and administer the provisions of this Code section.

(k) The board shall implement this Code section upon the effective date of a specific appropriation of funds for purposes of this Code section as expressed in a line item making specific reference to the full funding of this Code section in an appropriations Act enacted by the General Assembly. This Code section shall stand repealed on the effective date of the appropriations Act for the fiscal year that fails to make specific reference to the full funding of this Code section. The House Budget and Research Office and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office shall certify any such lack of appropriation to the Code Revision Commission for purposes of updating the Code in accordance with this subsection."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective only if the Code section provided for in this Act is funded in an appropriations Act making specific reference to such Code section.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	E Neal	Y Smith, TP
E Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	E Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	E Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
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Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
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Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	N Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 165, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following Bill of the House was taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 1199. By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Blackmon of the 146th, Kelley of the 16th and Williamson of the 112th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-1-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions regarding revenue and taxation, so as to revise the definition of the terms "Internal Revenue Code" and "Internal Revenue Code of 1986" to incorporate certain provisions of the federal law into Georgia law; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 48-1-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions regarding revenue and taxation, so as to revise the definition of the terms "Internal Revenue Code" and "Internal Revenue Code of 1986" to incorporate certain provisions of the federal law into Georgia law; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 48-1-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions regarding revenue and taxation, is amended by revising paragraph (14) as follows:

"(14) 'Internal Revenue Code' or 'Internal Revenue Code of 1986' means for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, ~~2024~~ 2025, the provisions of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, provided for in federal law enacted on or before January 1, ~~2025~~ 2026, except that Section 63(b)(7), Section 108(i), Section 163(e)(5)(F), Section 163(h)(4), ~~Section 168(b)(3)(I),~~ Section 168(e)(3)(B)(vii), ~~Section 168(e)(3)(E)(ix), Section 168(e)(8),~~ Section 168(k), Section 168(m), Section 168(n), Section 174A, Section 179(d)(1)(B)(ii), ~~Section 179(f)~~ Section 179(e), Section 199, Section 381(c)(20), and Section 382(d)(3)~~, Section 810(b)(4), Section 1400L, Section 1400N(d)(1), Section 1400N(f), Section 1400N(j), Section 1400N(k), and Section 1400N(o)~~ of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, shall be treated as if they were not in effect, and except that Sections 42 and 170(p) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, shall be treated as they were in effect before the 2025 enactment of federal Public Law 119-21,

and except that Section 168(e)(7), Section 172(b)(1)(F), and Section 172(i)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, shall be treated as they were in effect before the 2008 enactment of federal Public Law 110-343, and except that Section 163(i)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, shall be treated as it was in effect before the 2009 enactment of federal Public Law 111-5, and except that Section 13(e)(4) of 2009 federal Public Law 111-92 shall be treated as if it was not in effect, and except that Section 118, Section 163(j), Section 382(k)(1), and Section 174 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, shall be treated as they were in effect before the 2017 enactment of federal Public Law 115-97; provided, however, that all provisions in federal Public Law 117-58 (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act) that change or affect in any manner Section 118 shall be treated as if they were in effect, and except that all provisions in federal Public Law 116-136 (CARES Act) that change or affect in any manner Section 172 and Section 461(l) shall be treated as if they were not in effect, and except that all provisions in federal Public Law 117-2 (American Rescue Plan Act of 2021) that change or affect in any manner Section 461(l) shall be treated as if they were not in effect, and except that the limitations provided in Section 179(b)(1) shall be $250,000.00 for tax years beginning in 2010, shall be $250,000.00 for tax years beginning in 2011, shall be $250,000.00 for tax years beginning in 2012, shall be $250,000.00 for tax years beginning in 2013, and shall be $500,000.00 for tax years beginning in 2014, and except that the limitations provided in Section 179(b)(2) shall be $800,000.00 for tax years beginning in 2010, shall be $800,000.00 for tax years beginning in 2011, shall be $800,000.00 for tax years beginning in 2012, shall be $800,000.00 for tax years beginning in 2013, and shall be $2 million for tax years beginning in 2014, and provided that Section 1106 of federal Public Law 112-95 as amended by federal Public Law 113-243 shall be treated as if it is in effect, except the phrase 'Code Section 48-2-35 (or, if later, November 15, 2015)' shall be substituted for the phrase 'section 6511(a) of such Code (or, if later, April 15, 2015),' and notwithstanding any other provision in this title, no interest shall be refunded with respect to any claim for refund filed pursuant to Section 1106 of federal Public Law 112-95, and provided that subsection (b) of Section 3 of federal Public Law 114-292 shall be treated as if it is in effect, except the phrase 'Code Section 48-2-35' shall be substituted for the phrase 'section 6511(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986' and the phrase 'such section' shall be substituted for the phrase 'such subsection.' In the event a reference is made in this title to the Internal Revenue Code or the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as it existed on a specific date prior to January 1, ~~2025~~ 2026, the term means the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code or the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as it existed on the prior date. Unless otherwise provided in this title, any term used in this title shall have the same meaning as when used in a comparable provision or context in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, ~~2024~~ 2025, provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, which were as of January 1, ~~2025~~ 2026, enacted into law but not yet effective shall become effective for purposes of Georgia taxation on the same dates upon which they become effective for federal tax purposes."

SECTION 2.
This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025.

SECTION 3.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following amendment was read and adopted:

Representatives Carson of the 46th and Blackmon of the 146th move to *amend HB 1199 (LC 59 0418S) by replacing lines 1 through 4 with the following:*
To amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to revise the definition of the terms "Internal Revenue Code" and "Internal Revenue Code of 1986" to incorporate certain provisions of the federal law into Georgia law; to provide for exemption of income taxes on overtime and tips; to provide for a sunset of such exemption; to provide for a cap on tax credits for qualified low-income buildings; to temporarily suspend collection of taxes on motor fuels; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective

By replacing lines 8 through 9 with the following:
Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, is amended in Code Section 48-1-2, relating to definitions, by revising paragraph (14) as follows:

By inserting "Section 224, Section 225" *after* "Section 199," *in line 17.*

By replacing "Sections 42 and" *with* "Section" *in line 20.*

By replacing lines 66 through 69 with the following:
Said title is further amended in Code Section 48-7-29.6, relating to tax credits for qualified low-income buildings, by adding a new paragraph to subsection (b) to read as follows:
"(5) The aggregate annual amount of tax credits allowed pursuant to this Code section shall not exceed $100 million for taxable years 2026 through 2028."

SECTION 3.
Said title is further amended in Code Section 48-9-3, relating to levy of excise tax, rates, exemptions, and prohibition on tax by political subdivisions, by adding a new paragraph to subsection (a) to read as follows:
"(1.2) The collection of the excise taxes provided for by paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be suspended for 60 days beginning on the effective date of this Act."

SECTION 4.

(a) This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval and, except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this section, this Act shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

(b) Section 1 of this Act shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025.

SECTION 5.

Representative Carson of the 46th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute, as amended by the House, to HB 1199.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	N Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	E Neal	Y Smith, TP
E Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	E Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	E Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
E Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 163, nays 4.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Carson of the 46th asked unanimous consent that HB 1199 be immediately transmitted to the Senate.

It was so ordered.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1756. By Representatives McClain of the 109th, Williams of the 168th, Hugley of the 141st, Mitchell of the 88th, Griffin of the 149th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Andre Moses White; and for other purposes.

HR 1757. By Representatives Howard of the 129th, Myles of the 126th, Gilliard of the 162nd and Reese of the 140th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Reverend Howard D. Harden; and for other purposes.

HR 1758. By Representatives Kahaian of the 81st, Byrd of the 20th, Gambill of the 15th, Santos of the 117th and Clark of the 100th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and legacy of Reverend Lucious H. Edmondson, III; and for other purposes.

HR 1759. By Representatives Anderson of the 10th, Rhodes of the 124th, Smith of the 70th, Greene of the 154th, Meeks of the 178th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Division of State Parks & Historic Sites; and for other purposes.

HR 1760. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, McQueen of the 61st, Olaleye of the 59th, Cannon of the 58th, Willis of the 55th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Trillville for their cultural impact and contributions to Georgia's rich hip-hop legacy; and for other purposes.

HR 1761. By Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Reese of the 140th and Williams of the 168th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Ima Jean Fleming Foster; and for other purposes.

HR 1762. By Representative Santos of the 117th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Mickiel "Mike" Dewayne Pete; and for other purposes.

HR 1763. By Representatives Griffin of the 149th, Park of the 107th, Hugley of the 141st, Baker of the 64th, Jackson of the 128th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the courage, service, and sacrifice of the men and women of the United States Armed Forces; and for other purposes.

HR 1764. By Representative Buckner of the 137th:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Mrs. Dora Mae Tiller; and for other purposes.

HR 1765. By Representatives Tarvin of the 2nd and Cameron of the 1st:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Haden Christopher Poole; and for other purposes.

HR 1766. By Representatives Carter of the 93rd, Olaleye of the 59th, Adesanya of the 43rd and McClain of the 109th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Mystic Chapter No. 739, Order of the Eastern Star, upon 35 years of dedicated service to the Atlanta community; and for other purposes.

HR 1767. By Representatives Buckner of the 137th, Hugley of the 141st, Williams of the 168th, Holcomb of the 101st, Greene of the 154th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Robert McNeill (Neill) Herring for his years of service at the Georgia General Assembly; and for other purposes.

HR 1768. By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Lumsden of the 12th, Anderson of the 10th and Hong of the 103rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending George "Coach" Gardner; and for other purposes.

HR 1769. By Representatives Williamson of the 112th, Burns of the 159th, Parsons of the 44th, Thomas of the 21st, Leverett of the 123rd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Kevin F. Curtin upon his retirement; and for other purposes.

HR 1770. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Jones of the 47th, Taylor of the 173rd, Mathiak of the 82nd and Dempsey of the 13th:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Aniston Jones; and for other purposes.

HR 1771. By Representatives Greene of the 154th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Townsend of the 179th, Jones of the 47th and Yearta of the 152nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Patricia Goodman upon her receipt of a Lifetime Achievement Award; and for other purposes.

HR 1772. By Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Okoye of the 102nd, Beckles of the 96th, Ali of the 106th and Kendrick of the 95th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Laura Drake upon her retirement from the Southeast Gwinnett Cooperative Ministry; and for other purposes.

HR 1773. By Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Beckles of the 96th, Dawson of the 65th, Cummings of the 39th, Tran of the 80th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Jessie Woo; and for other purposes.

HR 1774. By Representatives Reese of the 140th, Hugley of the 141st, Buckner of the 137th, Smith of the 138th and McClain of the 109th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the G.W. Carver High School Tigers for winning the 2025-2026 GHSA Class AA State Football Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 1775. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Lewis-Ward of the 115th, Davis of the 87th, Scott of the 76th, Cameron of the 1st and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the 2026 Georgia Single Parent "Legacy Builders" Recognition and Awards finalists, "Overcomer Founder" award, and "Ruth Brewster Endurance" award recipients for their achievements; and for other purposes.

HR 1776. By Representatives Dawson of the 65th, Glaize of the 67th, McQueen of the 61st, Berry of the 56th, Herring of the 145th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the importance of National Board Certification in strengthening the teaching profession in the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 1777. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Draper of the 90th, McQueen of the 61st, Olaleye of the 59th, Crawford of the 89th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending OJ da Juiceman for his contributions to Georgia's hip-hop culture and his pioneering role in the development of Southern trap music; and for other purposes.

HR 1778. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Willis of the 55th, McQueen of the 61st, Carter of the 93rd, Neal of the 79th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Micaiah Raheem; and for other purposes.

HR 1779. By Representatives Drenner of the 85th, Davis of the 87th, Tran of the 80th, Kendrick of the 95th, Mitchell of the 88th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 23, 2026, as DeKalb Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1780. By Representatives Beckles of the 96th, Hugley of the 141st, Cummings of the 39th, Dawson of the 65th, Herring of the 145th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and honoring Shri Ramesh Babu Lakshmanan, Consul General of India, Atlanta, United States of America, for his distinguished diplomatic service and extraordinary contributions to the State of Georgia and the Indian-American community; and for other purposes.

HR 1781. By Representatives Reese of the 140th, Hugley of the 141st, Buckner of the 137th, Howard of the 129th and Sampson of the 153rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Abundant Life Full Gospel Baptist Church on the occasion of its anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 1782. By Representatives Santos of the 117th, Holly of the 116th, Flournoy of the 74th, Douglas of the 78th and Scott of the 76th:

A RESOLUTION commending Southern Crescent Technical College for its contributions to workforce development, student success, and technical education; and for other purposes.

HR 1783. By Representative Santos of the 117th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Mrs. Keila Harvey; and for other purposes.

HR 1784. By Representatives Kahaian of the 81st, Bonner of the 73rd, McCollum of the 30th, Byrd of the 20th and Santos of the 117th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing April 30, 2026, as Veterans Support Services Awareness Day and honoring James "Jim" Dunn for his lifelong service to veterans; and for other purposes.

HR 1785. By Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Buckner of the 137th, Reese of the 140th, Smith of the 138th and Rice of the 139th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Senator Ed Harbison on his outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

HR 1786. By Representatives Santos of the 117th, Mitchell of the 88th, Reese of the 140th, Gilliard of the 162nd, Jackson of the 68th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the National Council of Negro Women Inc.—Georgia State Coalition; and for other purposes.

HR 1787. By Representatives Crowe of the 118th, Camp of the 135th, Dickey of the 134th, Mathiak of the 82nd and Gullett of the 19th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Rock Springs Christian Academy wrestling team for winning the 2026 GAPPS State Wrestling Championship; and for other purposes.

Representative Adeyina of the 110th moved that the following Resolution of the House be withdrawn from the Committee on Special Rules and recommitted to the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation:

HR 1670. By Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Jones of the 25th, Thomas of the 21st, Kendrick of the 95th, Prince of the 132nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the importance of voluntary community based resource recovery efforts through the RESCUER initiative and encouraging counties and municipal corporations in this state to explore voluntary resource recovery programs utilizing digital platforms to facilitate food sharing within local communities; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

The following members were recognized during the period of Afternoon Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Kendrick of the 95th et al., Martinez of the 111th, Carpenter of the 4th, Ali of the 106th, Cannon of the 172nd, and Stinson of the 150th et al.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House do now adjourn until 10:00 o'clock, tomorrow morning, and the motion prevailed.

The Speaker announced the House adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, tomorrow morning.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Thursday, March 19, 2026

Thirty-Fourth Legislative Day

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called and the following Representatives answered to their names:

Adeyina	Cummings	Herring	Mathiak	Ridley, Jas
Alexander	Davis	Hilton	Mathis	Roberts
Anderson	Dawson	Hitchens	McClain	Sainz
Baker	Dempsey	Holcomb	McCollum	Sampson
Ballard	Dickey	Holland	McDonald	Santos
Barnes	Donatucci	Holly	E McQueen	Schofield
Barrett	Douglas	Hong	Meeks	E Scoggins
Barton	Drenner	Horner	E Miller	Scott
Bazemore	Dubnik	Howard, J	Mitchell	Seabaugh
Beckles	Dunahoo	Howard, K	Momtahan	Silcox
Bell	Efstration	Huddleston	E Moore	Smith, L
Berry	Ehrhart	Hugley	Myles	Smith, M
Bonner	Erwin	Jackson, D	Neal	Smith, TP
Buckner	Evans	Jackson, E	New	Smith, V
Burchett	Fincher	Jackson, M	Newton	Stephens
Burnough	Fleming	Jenkins	Okoye	Stinson
Byrd	Flournoy	Jones, A	O'Steen	Tarvin
Cameron	Ford	Jones, J	Panitch	Taylor, D
Camp	Franklin	Jones, S	Paris	Taylor, R
Campbell, J	Frye	Jones, T	Park	Thomas
Campbell, L	Gaines	Kahaian	Parrish	Townsend
Cannon, C	Gambill	Kelley	Parsons	Tran
Chastain	Gilliard	Kendrick	Persinger	Wade
Cheokas	Gisler	LaHood	Petrea	Werkheiser
Clark, D	Glaize	Leverett	Powell	Westbrook
Clark, J	Greene	Lewis-Ward	Prince	Wilkerson
Clifton	Griffin	Lim	Reese	Williams, A
Cooper	Gullett	Lumsden	Reeves	Williams, N
Corbett	Gunter	Lupton	Rhodes	Williamson
Cox	Hagan	Martin	Rice	Yearta
Crowe	Hawkins	Martinez	Richardson	Burns, Speaker

The following members were off the floor of the House when the roll was called:

Representatives Adesanya of the 43rd, Ali of the 106th, Au of the 50th, Cannon of the 58th, Carter of the 93rd, Crawford of the 89th, DeLoach of the 167th, Draper of the 90th, Jasperse of the 11th, Olaleye of the 59th, Oliver of the 84th, Ridley of the 22nd, Romman of the 97th, Sanchez of the 42nd, Washburn of the 144th, Williams of the 37th, and Willis of the 55th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Pastor Daniel Moye, Northside Methodist Church, Atlanta, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Hilton of the 48th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

By unanimous consent, the following was established as the order of business during the first part of the period of unanimous consents:

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

2. First reading and reference of House Bills and Resolutions.

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

6. First reading and reference of Senate Bills and Resolutions.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House were introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committees:

HB 1567. By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Cannon of the 172nd, Taylor of the 173rd, Dickey of the 134th and Ford of the 170th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act to amend, consolidate, and supersede the several Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia pertaining to the City of Quitman in the County of Brooks, approved March 3, 1962 (Ga. L. 1962, p. 2894), as amended; to provide for transfer of duties and obligations to Brooks County; to provide for transfer of all legal rights, privileges, and assets to Brooks County; to establish a special tax and service district for outstanding bonded indebtedness and other obligations; to provide

for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1568. By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Parsons of the 44th, Jones of the 47th, Jasperse of the 11th, Scoggins of the 14th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act reincorporating and re-creating the City of Woodstock, approved April 17, 1975 (Ga. L. 1975, p. 4160), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 12, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 5404), so as to change the corporate limits of the city; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1569. By Representatives Santos of the 117th and Kahaian of the 81st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Municipal Court of the City of McDonough; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1570. By Representative Mathis of the 133rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Cochran/Bleckley Airport Authority, approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 4067), so as to revise the membership of the authority's board; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1571. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th and Franklin of the 160th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act establishing the State Court of Bryan County (formerly the City Court of Pembroke), approved January 10, 1938 (Ga. L. 1937-38, Ex. Sess., p. 714), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 9, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 4404), so as to revise the terms of said court; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1572. By Representatives Westbrook of the 163rd, Kelley of the 16th, Tran of the 80th, Au of the 50th and Roberts of the 52nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 13 of Chapter 2 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to food service establishments, so as to require certain actions relating to food allergy awareness in food service establishments; to require certain posting in staff areas; to provide for the creation or approval by the Department of Public Health of such posting; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs.

HB 1573. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th and Persinger of the 119th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Statham ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of $20,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 62 years of age or older; to provide an additional homestead exemption from City of Statham ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of $10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 67 years of age or older; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1574. By Representatives Dunahoo of the 31st, Smith of the 18th, Mathis of the 133rd, Petrea of the 166th, Clark of the 100th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 15 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to serious traffic offenses, so as to require restitution for certain convictions of homicide by vehicle when operating such vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs; to provide for standards for such award amount; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 1575. By Representatives Sainz of the 180th and Corbett of the 174th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a homestead exemption from all City of Kingsland ad valorem taxes for any city purposes, approved April 7, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 5686), so as to apply the homestead exemption to residents who are 62 years of age or older; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1576. By Representative Sainz of the 180th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Kingsland ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1577. By Representative Sainz of the 180th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Woodbine, approved March 25, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 3670), so as to revise the powers of the mayor; to authorize the mayor to vote on all matters before the city council; to provide for the mayor to select and supervise the city administrator; to provide for the suspension of the city administrator in certain circumstances; to revise contracting procedures; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1578. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th and Dunahoo of the 31st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the Town of Arcade, approved April 5, 1995 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 4024), as amended, so as to clarify the name of the municipality; to make conforming changes; to

change the date of the organization meeting of the city council following municipal elections; to revise provisions related to the form of ordinances; to revise provisions related to emergency meetings of the city council; to provide for a mayoral veto; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1579. By Representatives Jackson of the 165th, Westbrook of the 163rd, Gilliard of the 162nd and Hitchens of the 161st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act amending the several Acts relating to and incorporating the mayor and aldermen of the City of Savannah, so as to change the corporate limits of such municipality; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1580. By Representatives Holly of the 116th, Douglas of the 78th, Santos of the 117th, Lewis-Ward of the 115th and Flournoy of the 74th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Henry County Airport Authority, approved May 3, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 4389), as amended, so as to repeal and replace all current operative provisions related to such authority; to authorize the issuance of refunding bonds, securities or other obligations; to provide that such bonds, securities or other obligations be validated as authorized by the Article 3 of Chapter 82 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A, the "Revenue Bond Law" as now or hereafter amended; to authorize the Authority to exercise the power of condemnation; to provide for all matters relative thereto; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HR 1748. By Representatives Clifton of the 131st, Persinger of the 119th, Gambill of the 15th, Fleming of the 114th and Erwin of the 32nd:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Local Governmental Professional Contracting; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1749. By Representatives Clifton of the 131st, Persinger of the 119th, New of the 40th, Camp of the 135th, Smith of the 18th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on the Impact of Multiplayer Online Gaming Platforms; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1750. By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, LaHood of the 175th, Campbell of the 171st, Greene of the 154th and Cannon of the 172nd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the veterans of World War I and dedicating a bridge in their memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 1751. By Representatives Lewis-Ward of the 115th, Hugley of the 141st, Greene of the 154th, Wilkerson of the 38th and Powell of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION urging condominium associations, property owners' associations, and any other corporations or voluntary entities formed for the purpose of exercising the powers of a homeowners' or property owners' association governing a common interest community to provide transparency to members of such associations; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1752. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Burns of the 159th, Persinger of the 119th, Gaines of the 120th, Hatchett of the 155th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Honorable Terry England and dedicating an intersection in his honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 1753. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, Barrett of the 24th, Jasperse of the 11th, McDonald III of the 26th, Jones of the 25th and others:

A RESOLUTION urging the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners to continue to conduct official business within the designated county site and to coordinate with the City of Cumming to have the new administration center annexed into such city; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1754. By Representatives Lupton of the 83rd, Ali of the 106th and Lim of the 98th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Georgia Teacher Planning and Duty-Free Lunch; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1755. By Representatives Anderson of the 10th, Williamson of the 112th, Chastain of the 7th, Cannon of the 172nd and Williams of the 148th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Alternative Investments for Local Governments; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1788. By Representatives Gisler of the 121st, Ali of the 106th, Bell of the 75th, Berry of the 56th, Park of the 107th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Responsible Use of Artificial Intelligence; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House and Senate were read the second time:

HB 1548
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HR 1709
HR 1747
SB 609
SB 618

Representative Anderson of the 10th District, Chairman of the Committee on Governmental Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Governmental Affairs has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 284 Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 593 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Anderson of the 10th
Chairman

Representative Martin of the 49th District, Chairman of the Committee on Higher Education, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Higher Education has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 400 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Martin of the 49th
Chairman

Representative McDonald of the 26th District, Chairman of the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Legislation has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 1339 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ McDonald of the 26th
Chairman

Representative Smith of the 18th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 27	Do Pass, by Substitute	SB 268	Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 443	Do Pass	SB 499	Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 547	Do Pass	SB 587	Do Pass
SB 604	Do Pass	SB 605	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Smith of the 18th
Chairman

Representative Smith of the 70th District, Chairman of the Committee on Natural Resources and Environment, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Natural Resources and Environment has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 447	Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 478	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Smith of the 70th
Chairman

Representative Crowe of the 118th District, Chairman of the Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 433	Do Pass
SB 565	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Crowe of the 118th
Chairman

Representative Jones of the 25th District, Chairman of the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation has had under consideration the following Bill and Resolution of the House and Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HR 1371	Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 594	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Jones of the 25th
Chairman

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 34th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

SB 216 Georgia Judicial Retirement System; membership in the system for individuals employed as the director of the Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission; provide (Ret-Gullett-19th) Robertson-29th

SB 439 "Fair Business Practices Act of 1975"; regulation of referral agencies for assisted living communities and personal care homes; provide (Hth-LaHood-175th) Still-48th

SB 444 Private Review Agents; certain decisions with regard to the provision of insurance coverage for healthcare services shall not be based solely on artificial intelligence systems; provide (Substitute)(T&II-Hawkins-27th) Kirkpatrick-32nd

SB 452 Retirement and Pension; maximum employer contribution to a 401(k) for certain state law enforcement officers; increase (Ret-Carson-46th) Hatchett-50th

SB 470 "Emergency & Public Safety Signal Protection Act"; enact (Substitute)(T&II-Crowe-118th) Albers-56th

SB 489 Board of Commissioners of the Judges of the Probate Courts Retirement Fund of Georgia; allow to set monthly dues (Ret-Cannon-172nd) Goodman-8th

SB 553 Professions and Businesses; repeal Chapter 14, relating to electrical contractors, plumbers, conditioned air contractors, low voltage contractors, and utility contractors and enact a new Chapter 14 (Substitute) (RegI-Seabaugh-34th) Hatchett-50th

SB 570 "Georgia Human Trafficking Prevention Training Act"; enact (Substitute)(Judy-Silcox-53rd) Still-48th

Structured Rule

SB 285 Emergency Communications Authority; increase in the percentage of all 9-1-1 charges to be remitted to the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund; increase (Substitute)(W&M-Martin-49th) Robertson-29th

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

By unanimous consent, the following Bill of the House was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 1339. By Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Buckner of the 137th and Reese of the 140th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for a new charter for the county-wide government of Columbus, Georgia, approved April 5, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 4978), as amended, so as to revise provisions for filling vacancies in the office of mayor or councilor; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

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On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 130, nays 30.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bill of the Senate:

SB 619. By Senator Lucas of the 26th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to reconstitute the Board of Education of Hancock County, approved April 5, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 4524), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 6, 2013 (Ga. L. 2013, p. 4322), so as to change the description of the education districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for the continuation in office of current members; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has agreed to the House substitute as amended by the Senate to the following bill of the Senate:

SB 220. By Senators Brass of the 6th, Summers of the 13th, Hatchett of the 50th, Strickland of the 42nd, Jackson of the 41st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend various provisions of the O.C.G.A., so as to rename low THC oil as medical cannabis; to amend Chapter 12 of Title 16, Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Title 16, and Article 1 of Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to offenses against the public health and morals, regulation of controlled substances, and general provisions relative to the Department of Public Health, respectively, so as to clarify and revise criminal penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bill of the House:

HB 376. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Sainz of the 180th, Hagan of the 156th, Stephens of the 164th, Buckner of the 137th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits for state income tax, so as to increase the amount of tax credits available for the rehabilitation of certified structures; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed as amended, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bill of the House:

HB 999. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Oliver of the 84th, Evans of the 57th, Gunter of the 8th, New of the 40th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 10 of Title 15 the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fees and costs of magistrate courts, so as to revise provisions related to magistrate courts collecting sums and fees authorized by law; to amend an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to magistrate courts, so as to provide for nonpartisan election of magistrates, approved May 14, 2025 (Ga. L. 2025, p. 780), so as to correct a scrivener's error in the automatic repealer in said Act related to a constitutional amendment for the nonpartisan election of judges of the probate court; to provide legislative intent; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the House:

HB 998. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Camp of the 135th, Powell of the 33rd, Jasperse of the 11th, Williams of the 168th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 5 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to telecommunications and competition development, so as to authorize certain Tier 2 local exchange companies to elect to become subject to rate of return regulation; to repeal a limitation on the period of time certain distributions can be made from the Universal Access Fund; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1159. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Seabaugh of the 34th, Wade of the 9th, Blackmon of the 146th, Williamson of the 112th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate,

computation, exemptions, and credits relative to income taxes, so as to exempt from taxation all income received by individuals, corporations, and partnerships under the Farmer Bridge Assistance Program of the United States Department of Agriculture; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1302. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Seabaugh of the 34th, Wade of the 9th, Dubnik of the 29th, Erwin of the 32nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 20, 34, and 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to education, labor and industrial relations, and state government, respectively, so as to provide for the reconstitution of the Office of Student Achievement as the Office of Education and Workforce Strategy; to provide for a combined Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Plan and Perkins State Plan; to provide for registered apprenticeship programs; to designate the Technical College System of Georgia as the state apprenticeship agency for the State of Georgia and provide for related authority and responsibilities; to provide for definitions; to provide for conforming changes; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1321. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th and Scoggins of the 14th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Cartersville ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of $100,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1340. By Representatives McCollum of the 30th, Dunahoo of the 31st, Cox of the 28th, Hong of the 103rd, Clark of the 100th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for homestead exemptions from Hall County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes for certain residents of that school district who are senior citizens, approved April 6, 1998 (Ga. L. 1998, p. 4281), as amended, so as to increase the income cap on the homestead exemption provided to residents of the school district 62 years of age and older; to provide that any person 66 years of age or older shall receive a new exemption on the first $400,000.00 of the assessed

value of the homestead; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1341. By Representatives McCollum of the 30th, Dunahoo of the 31st, Cox of the 28th, Clark of the 100th, Dubnik of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Hall County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of $10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that county; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1356. By Representative Stinson of the 150th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a board of commissioners for Macon County, approved August 26, 1872 (Ga. L. 1872, p. 434), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 14, 1983 (Ga. L. 1983, p. 4048), and by an Act approved March 18, 1985 (Ga. L. 1985, p. 3849), so as to revise the compensation of the chairperson and members of the board of commissioners; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1379. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Panitch of the 51st, Carson of the 46th, Cox of the 28th and Fleming of the 114th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to require semiannual reports from institutions of the University System of Georgia, units of the Technical College System of Georgia, and local school systems and other public schools regarding funding received from foreign sources; to provide requirements for such reports; to provide for such reports to be made publicly available; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1440. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Stephens of the 164th and Franklin of the 160th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Bryan County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide a short title; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1453. By Representative Werkheiser of the 157th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of Jeff Davis County to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1491. By Representatives Scoggins of the 14th and Gambill of the 15th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a homestead exemption from certain Bartow County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of $5,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of that county, approved March 24, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 4058), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 1, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 3891), so as to increase the exemption to $30,000.00; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1492. By Representatives Flournoy of the 74th and Douglas of the 78th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Hampton ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of the full assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who have resided within the city for five years or more; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1496. By Representatives Campbell of the 35th, Jones of the 60th, Parsons of the 44th, McQueen of the 61st, Ehrhart of the 36th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to reincorporate and provide a new charter for the City of Acworth, approved February 17, 1989 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 3512), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 13, 2025 (Ga. L. 2025, p. 3711), so as to adopt by reference a certain map; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, the following Bill of the Senate was read the first time and referred to the Committee:

SB 619. By Senator Lucas of the 26th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to reconstitute the Board of Education of Hancock County, approved April 5, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 4524), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 6, 2013 (Ga. L. 2013, p. 4322), so as to change the description of the education districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for the continuation in office of current members; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Jackson of the 165th, Campbell of the 35th et al., Adeyina of the 110th et al., Santos of the 117th et al., Evans of the 57th et al., Stinson of the 150th et al., Alexander of the 66th et al., Martin of the 49th, Ridley of the 22nd et al., Schofield of the 63rd et al., Clark of the 100th et al., Jones of the 47th et al., Jones of the 60th, Bell of the 75th et al., Scott of the 76th et al., Howard of the 129th et al., Cheokas of the 151st et al., Crowe of the 118th et al., Paris of the 142nd et al., Cannon of the 172nd et al., Anderson of the 10th et al., and Powell of the 33rd et al.

By order of the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the Senate was withdrawn from the General Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary:

SB 552. By Senators Watson of the 1st, Strickland of the 42nd, Cowsert of the 46th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Walker III of the 20th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 2A of Part 1 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to

clubs and organizations, so as to provide for equal access to public schools for students engaging in political or philosophical expression; to authorize the organization of partisan and nonpartisan student groups and gatherings; to provide for school disclaimers of sponsorship; to prohibit discrimination based on the content of student speech within a limited open forum; to provide for the maintenance of order and discipline; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 553. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Walker III of the 20th, Cowsert of the 46th, Brass of the 6th, Payne of the 54th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to professions and businesses, so as to repeal Chapter 14, relating to electrical contractors, plumbers, conditioned air contractors, low voltage contractors, and utility contractors, and enact a new Chapter 14; to amend Code Section 48-7-38 of the O.C.G.A., relating to deduction for payments to classified subcontractors, disclosure of tax returns, and maintenance of list of classified subcontractors, so as to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, so as to repeal Chapter 14, relating to electrical contractors, plumbers, conditioned air contractors, low voltage contractors, and utility contractors, and enact a new Chapter 14; to provide for the State Construction Industry Licensing Board; to provide for the Division of Electrical Contractors; to provide for the Division of Master Plumbers; to provide for the Division of Conditioned Air Contractors; to provide for the Division of Low Voltage Contractors; to provide for the Division of Utility Contractors; to provide for membership, powers, and duties of each; to provide for licensure or certification within the fields of plumbing, electrical, air conditioning, low voltage, and utility contracting; to provide for application; to provide for requirements for licensure or certification; to provide for recertification; to provide for continuing education; to provide for prohibitions; to provide for exceptions; to provide for reciprocity; to provide for licensing or certification of current or former members of the military; to provide for a misdemeanor; to provide for definitions; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for conformity with federal law; to

amend Code Section 48-7-38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to deduction for payments to classified subcontractors, disclosure of tax returns, and maintenance of list of classified subcontractors, so as to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, is amended by adding a new paragraph to subsection (d) of Code Section 43-1-34, relating to licenses for transitioning members of the armed forces, to read as follows:

"(5) The provisions of this subsection shall be cumulative to those provided in 50 U.S.C. Section 4025a, and nothing in this subsection shall be interpreted as limiting or imposing additional obligations on portability pursuant to 50 U.S.C. Section 4025a."

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended by repealing Chapter 14, relating to electrical contractors, plumbers, conditioned air contractors, low voltage contractors, and utility contractors, and enacting a new Chapter 14 to read as follows:

"CHAPTER 14

43-14-1.

This chapter is enacted for the purpose of safeguarding homeowners, other property owners, tenants, and the general public against faulty, inadequate, inefficient, or unsafe electrical, plumbing, low voltage wiring, utility contracting, or conditioned air installations. The practices of electrical contracting, plumbing contracting, low voltage contracting, utility contracting, and conditioned air contracting are declared to be businesses or professions affecting the public interest; and this chapter shall be liberally construed so as to accomplish the purposes stated in this Code section.

43-14-2.

As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) 'Alarm system' means any device or combination of devices used to detect a situation, causing an alarm in the event of a burglary, fire, robbery, medical emergency, or equipment failure, or on the occurrence of any other predetermined life safety event. Such term shall also include any alarm system communication system used or required to transmit notice of a life safety or intrusion event to a local or remote monitoring facility.

(2) 'Board' means the State Construction Industry Licensing Board.

(3) 'Conditioned air contracting' means the installation, repair, or service of conditioned air systems or conditioned air equipment, which includes, but is not limited to, the service to or installation of the electrical circuit from the electrical distribution panel to

the conditioned air equipment, provided that the electrical service to the building or site is a single-phase electrical circuit not exceeding 200 amperes performed by conditioned air contractors licensed under this chapter.

(4) 'Conditioned air contractor' means any person engaged in conditioned air contracting under express or implied contract or that bids for, offers to perform, purports to have the capacity to perform, or does perform conditioned air contracting services under express or implied contract.

(5) 'Conditioned Air Contractor Class I' means any individual licensed under this chapter to conduct business as a Residential and Light Commercial entity for air conditioning and heat pump systems of 60,000 BTUs of cooling or less, and for gas heating systems of 175,000 BTUs or less. The scope of practice for a Conditioned Air Contractor Class I shall include, but is not limited to, the business of permitting jobs, bidding on projects, and performing maintenance, service, and repairs of equipment and components, as well as installing new equipment and components, including ductwork, refrigerant lines, gas piping, controls, and accessories.

(6) 'Conditioned Air Contractor Class II' means any individual licensed under this chapter to conduct business as a residential and commercial entity, without limitations or restrictions on project size or equipment types, except for the installation of boilers, which is licensed under the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance and Safety Fire. The scope of practice for a Conditioned Air Contractor Class II shall include, but is not limited to, the design, bidding, permitting, and the performance of maintenance, service, and repairs of equipment and components, as well as the installation of new and replacement systems, including split air conditioning and heat pump systems, package units, variable refrigerant flow systems, chillers, ventilation systems, and all associated components.

(7) 'Conditioned air equipment' means heating and air conditioning equipment covered under state codes and the fuel gas piping system on the outlet side of the gas meter.

(8) 'Electrical contracting' means the installation, maintenance, alteration, or repair of any electrical equipment, apparatus, control system, or electrical wiring device which is attached to or incorporated into any building or structure in this state but shall not include low voltage contracting.

(9) 'Electrical contractor' means any individual licensed under this chapter as Electrical Contractor Class I or Electrical Contractor Class II by the Division of Electrical Contractors, engaged in the business of electrical contracting under express or implied contract or that bids for, offers to perform, purports to have the capacity to perform, or does perform electrical contracting services under express or implied contract.

(10) 'Electrical Contractor Class I' means any individual licensed under this chapter by the Division of Electrical Contractors to perform work as an electrical contractor on residential multifamily structures of not more than two levels or single-family dwellings of up to three levels, provided that structures shall have single-phase electrical installations which do not exceed 400 amperes at the service drop or the service lateral.

(11) 'Electrical Contractor Class II' means any individual licensed under this chapter by the Division of Electrical Contractors to perform work as an electrical contractor

without restriction, including, but not limited to, the installation of raceway systems, including pull boxes, junction boxes, conduit bodies, service entrances, metering devices, cabinets, switchboards, service risers, and fasteners, overcurrent protective devices, disconnecting means, ground electrodes, main bonding jumpers, ground fault protectors, switches, disconnects, and controls that supply lighting fixtures, appliances, electrical circuits, controls for heating and air conditioning equipment, and other utilization and general use equipment, according to installation requirements set by the state minimum standard codes, the National Electrical Code, and any successor code.

(12) 'Executive director' means the executive director of the State Construction Industry Licensing Board.

(13) 'Full-time experience' means working at least 2,000 hours in a calendar year in a qualifying capacity, with each 2,000 hours of documented work equating to one year of experience for purposes of licensure or qualifications requirements.

(14) 'General low voltage system' means any electrical system, other than an alarm or telecommunications system, that involves low voltage wiring and consists of a group or combination of interconnected components functioning together to perform a specific purpose using low voltage power or signaling, including devices, wiring, control equipment, software, and network connections operating as a single, integrated system.

(15) 'Journeyman plumber' means any individual licensed under this chapter by the Division of Master Plumbers and Journeyman Plumbers who engages in the installation, maintenance, alteration, or repair of piping, fixtures, and appliances, including water heaters, and all appurtenances thereto, in connection with sanitary drainage systems, storm drainage systems, venting systems, fuel gas piping systems on the outlet side of tanks or gas meters, or public or private water supply systems, whether located within or adjacent to any building, structure, conveyance, or manhole under the direction of a plumbing contractor. A journeyman plumber shall have the ability to install or service a single phase of the electrical connection between the electrical disconnect and water heater, plumbing appliance or appurtenance, provided that the work performed adheres to the state minimum standard plumbing code, state minimum electrical code, and state minimum standard fuel gas code.

(16) 'License' means a valid license or certification issued by a division of the board, which authorizes the named person to engage in the activity prescribed thereon.

(17) 'Low voltage contracting' means the installation, alteration, service, or repair of a power limited or signal based system that utilizes low voltage wiring and components to transmit information, control devices, or monitor conditions. Such term shall not include electrical power distribution systems.

(18) 'Low voltage contractor' means any person licensed under this chapter by the Division of Low Voltage Contractors who purports to have the capacity to perform, or does perform low voltage contracting services under express or implied contract, including the installation, alteration, servicing, or repair of integrated systems made up of wiring, devices, software, and networked components that function together as a complete solution.

(19) 'Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-A' means any individual licensed under this chapter by the Division of Low Voltage Contractors to perform work restricted to alarm systems and general low voltage systems.

(20) 'Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-G' means any individual licensed under this chapter by the Division of Low Voltage Contractors to perform work restricted to general low voltage systems.

(21) 'Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-T' means any individual licensed under this chapter by the Division of Low Voltage Contractors to perform work restricted to telecommunications systems and general low voltage systems.

(22) 'Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-U' means any individual licensed under this chapter by the Division of Low Voltage Contractors to engage in low voltage contracting without limitation as to specialty or system type, and who is authorized to design, install, alter, service, repair, and maintain all low voltage systems, including general low voltage systems, alarm and life-safety systems, and telecommunications systems for voice, data, and network infrastructure, based on demonstrated competence across multiple low voltage disciplines.

(23) 'Low voltage wiring' means wiring systems and associated control circuits which include, but are not limited to:

(A) Wiring systems of 50 volts or less;

(B) Wiring systems having a voltage in excess of 50 volts, provided such systems consist solely of power limited circuits meeting the definition of a Class II and Class III wiring system as defined in Article 725 of the National Electrical Code; or

(C) Line voltage wiring having a voltage not in excess of 300 volts to ground and installed from the load-side terminals of a suitable disconnecting means which has been installed for the specific purpose of supplying the low voltage wiring system involved or installed from a suitable junction box.

(24) 'Master Plumber Class I' means any individual licensed under this chapter by the Division of Master Plumbers and Journeyman Plumbers, who is authorized to perform plumbing work and contract for on residential single-family dwellings, townhomes, and multifamily dwellings, including duplexes, hotels, motels, and apartment buildings, not exceeding three stories in height, and on commercial buildings not exceeding 20,000 square feet in total building area.

(25) 'Master Plumber Class II' means any individual licensed under this chapter by the Division of Master Plumbers and Journeyman Plumbers, who is authorized to perform work and contract for all scopes of plumbing work, without limitation, as defined in the state minimum standard plumbing code and the state minimum standard fuel gas code. Such work shall include, but is not limited to, plumbing work on commercial buildings of any size; industrial facilities; institutional occupancies; multistory structures of any occupancy classification; and specialized use facilities.

(26) 'Plumbing' means:

(A) The practice of installing, maintaining, altering, or repairing piping fixtures, appliances, and appurtenances in connection with sanitary drainage or storm drainage facilities, venting systems, medical gas piping systems, natural gas piping systems on

the outlet side of gas meters, or public or private water supply systems within or adjacent to any building, structure, conveyance, or manhole; and

(B) The practice of and materials used in installing, maintaining, extending, or altering the natural gas, storm-water, sewerage, and water supply systems of any premises to their connection with any point of public disposal or other acceptable terminal.

(27) 'Plumbing contractor' means any person licensed under this chapter as a Master Plumber Class I or Master Plumber Class II by the Division of Master Plumbers and Journeyman Plumbers, who is engaged in the business of plumbing contracting, including bidding for, offering to perform, purporting to have the capacity to perform, or performing plumbing contracting services under an express or implied contract, and who is responsible for obtaining required permits, ensuring compliance with applicable codes, coordinating inspections, performing or correcting work as necessary, and securing final approval of permitted work. Such term shall not include a licensed journeyman plumber.

(28) 'Telecommunications system' means a system of transmission facilities, conductors, equipment, and associated apparatus used to convey voice, data, video, or other information by electromagnetic means, whether wired or wireless, consistent with telecommunications circuits and systems recognized under the state minimum standard codes, including systems capable of local or remote monitoring, management, or administration through secured access.

(29) 'Utility contracting' means undertaking to construct, erect, alter, or repair or have constructed, erected, altered, or repaired any utility system.

(30) 'Utility contractor' means a sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation licensed under this chapter by the Division of Utility Contractors which is engaged in utility contracting under express or implied contract or which bids for, offers to perform, purports to have the capacity to perform, or does perform utility contracting under express or implied contract.

(31) 'Utility foreman' means any individual certified under this chapter by the Division of Utility Contractors who is employed by a licensed utility contractor to directly supervise a project performing the construction, erection, alteration, or repair of utility systems in the field.

(32) 'Utility manager' means any individual certified under this chapter by the Division of Utility Contractors who is employed by a licensed utility contractor to oversee multiple projects performing the construction, erection, alteration, or repair of utility systems.

(33) 'Utility system' means:

(A) Any system at least five feet underground, when installed or accessed by trenching, open cut, cut and cover, or other similar construction methods which install or access the system from the ground surface, including, but not limited to, gas distribution systems, electrical distribution systems, communication systems, water supply systems, and sanitary sewerage and drainage systems; and

(B) Reservoirs and filtration plants, water and waste-water treatment plants, leachate collection and treatment systems associated with landfills, and pump stations, when the system distributes or collects a service, product, or commodity for which a fee or price is paid for said service, product, or commodity or for the disposal of said service, product, or commodity.

43-14-3.

(a) There is created within the executive branch of state government the State Construction Industry Licensing Board. The board shall be assigned to the Secretary of State's office for administrative purposes and shall be under the jurisdiction of the division director, in accordance with Code Section 43-1-2.

(b) The board shall be composed of 27 members as follows:

(1) Five members known as the Division of Electrical Contractors, one of whom shall be a professional engineer engaged in electrical practice, another of whom shall have experience as an inspector with electrical inspection duties of a county or municipality or a third-party inspector regularly providing inspections to a county or municipality, and the remaining three of whom shall be licensed electrical contractors in this state;

(2) Five members known as the Division of Master Plumbers and Journeyman Plumbers, one of whom shall have experience as an inspector with plumbing inspection duties of a county or municipality or a third-party inspector regularly providing inspections to a county or municipality, three of whom shall be master or contracting plumbers, and one of whom shall be a journeyman plumber;

(3) Five members known as the Division of Conditioned Air Contractors, one of whom shall be a licensed professional engineer engaged in mechanical practice, one of whom shall have experience as an inspector with conditioned air inspection duties of a county or municipality or a third-party inspector regularly providing inspections to a county or municipality, and three of whom shall be conditioned air contractors with more than five years of installation and service experience in the trade;

(4) Five members known as the Division of Low Voltage Contractors, one of whom shall be a Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-A, one of whom shall be a Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-U, one of whom shall be a Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-T, one of whom shall be a professional electrical engineer, and one of whom shall have experience as an inspector with electrical inspection duties of a county or municipality or contracted by a county or municipality to perform electrical inspections;

(5) Five members known as the Division of Utility Contractors, three of whom shall be utility contractors, one of whom shall be a registered professional engineer, and one of whom shall be an insurance company representative engaged primarily in the bonding of construction projects; and

(6) Two members who shall not have any connection with the utility contracting, low voltage contracting, electrical contracting, plumbing, or conditioned air contracting businesses whatsoever but who shall have a recognized interest in consumer affairs and consumer protection concerns.

(c) All members shall be appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate, for four-year terms. Each member shall serve until a successor has been duly appointed and qualified. Members shall be eligible for reappointment. Vacancies occurring prior to the expiration of a term, for whatever cause, shall be filled by appointment of the Governor for the unexpired portion of the term. Any member who ceases to meet the qualifications required for original appointment during the member's term shall automatically forfeit membership on the board.
(d) Each member of the board shall take an oath of office before the Governor or the Governor's designee to faithfully perform the duties of such office.
(e) The Governor may remove any member for failure to attend meetings, neglect of duty, incompetence, revocation or suspension of professional trade license, or other dishonorable conduct.
(f) Members of the board shall be reimbursed as provided for in subsection (f) of Code Section 43-1-2.

43-14-4.
(a) The board chairperson shall be rotated among the five divisions enumerated in Code Section 43-14-3. In the instance of a vacancy by the board chairperson, the members of the board shall select a current member to serve the former board chairperson's unexpired term. The individual selected to fill the vacancy shall be a member of the same division as the previous board chairperson.
(b) The board shall meet at the call of the board chairperson or upon the recommendation of a majority of its members.
(c) Each division within the board shall also elect from its membership a division chairperson who shall serve for a term of two years. Any vacancy in the office of division chairperson shall be filled by one of the members for the unexpired term.
(d) Any member elected division chairperson may serve more than one consecutive term of office.
(e) Each division shall carry out its powers and duties provided for in this chapter with the assistance of the division director and staff of the board.
(f) Each division shall meet at the call of its division chairperson.
(g) Three members of each division shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of such division.

43-14-5.
The board shall have the power to:
(1) Request from the various state departments and other agencies and authorities of the state and its political subdivisions and their agencies and authorities such available information as it may require in its work; and all such agencies and authorities shall furnish such requested available information to the board within a reasonable time;
(2) Provide by regulation for reciprocity with other states in the registration and licensing of electrical contractors, master plumbers, journeyman plumbers, low voltage contractors, utility contractors, or conditioned air contractors and in the certification of

utility contracting foremen, provided that such other states have requirements substantially similar to the requirements in force in this state for registration, licensure, and certification; provided, further, that a similar privilege is offered to residents of this state;

(3) Adopt an official seal for its use and modify such seal as the board deems necessary;

(4) Establish rules and regulations, consistent with this chapter, for the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the public and for regulating the licensing of electrical contracting, plumbing contracting, low voltage contracting, utility contracting, and conditioned air contracting professionals; and

(5) Upon notice and hearing authorized and conducted in accordance with Code Section 43-14-17 and any rules and regulations promulgated by the board, either by the board directly or through a valid delegation of the board's enforcement power to a division thereof, assess civil penalties in an amount up to $10,000.00 per violation against any person found to be in violation of any requirement of this chapter.

43-14-6.

(a) The Division of Electrical Contractors, with respect to applicants for a license to engage in or licensees engaging in the business of electrical contracting; the Division of Master Plumbers and Journeyman Plumbers, with respect to applicants for a license to engage in or licensees engaging in the business of plumbing as a Master Plumber Class I, Master Plumber Class II, or journeyman plumber; the Division of Low Voltage Contractors, with respect to applicants for a license to engage in or licensees engaging in the business of low voltage contracting; the Division of Utility Contractors, with respect to applicants for a license to engage in or licensees engaging in the business of utility contracting and with respect to applicants for a certificate to be a utility manager or utility foreman or holders of a utility manager or utility foreman certificate; and the Division of Conditioned Air Contractors, with respect to applicants for a license to engage in or licensees engaging in the business of conditioned air contracting, shall:

(1) Assess and approve examination requirements for each class or type of license or certificate issued under this chapter, as follows:

(A) The Division of Electrical Contractors shall approve separate examinations for Electrical Contractor Class I and Electrical Contractor Class II;

(B) The Division of Master Plumbers and Journeyman Plumbers shall approve separate examinations for Master Plumber Class I, Master Plumber Class II, and Journeyman Plumbers;

(C) The Division of Conditioned Air Contractors shall approve separate examinations for Conditioned Air Contractor Class I and Conditioned Air Contractor Class II; and

(D) The Division of Low Voltage Contractors shall approve separate examinations for Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-A, Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-T, Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-G, and Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-U;

(2) Register and license or grant a certificate and issue renewal licenses and renewal certificates biennially to all persons meeting the qualifications for a license or certificate. The following licenses or certificates shall be issued by the divisions:

(A) Electrical Contractor Class I;
(B) Electrical Contractor Class II;
(C) Master Plumber Class I;
(D) Master Plumber Class II;
(E) Journeyman Plumber;
(F) Conditioned Air Contractor Class I;
(G) Conditioned Air Contractor Class II;
(H) Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-A;
(I) Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-T;
(J) Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-G;
(K) Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-U;
(L) Utility Contractor;
(M) Utility Manager (certificate); and
(N) Utility Foreman (certificate);

(3) Investigate, with the aid of the division director, alleged violations of this chapter or other laws and rules and regulations of the board relating to the profession;

(4) After notice and hearing, have the power to reprimand any person, licensee, or certificate holder, or to suspend, revoke, or cancel the license or certificate of or refuse to grant, renew, or restore a license or certificate to any person, licensee, or certificate holder upon any one of the following grounds:

(A) The commission of any false, fraudulent, or deceitful act or the use of any forged, false, or fraudulent document in connection with the license or certificate requirements of this chapter or the rules and regulations of the board;

(B) Failure at any time to comply with the requirements for a license or certificate under this chapter or the rules and regulations of the board;

(C) Engaging in any fraudulent, deceptive, or dishonest conduct in the practice of the profession regulated under this chapter that is likely to deceive, defraud, or harm the public, including knowingly making misleading, deceptive, untrue, or fraudulent representations in the practice of the profession or on any document connected therewith;

(D) Knowingly aiding, abetting, assisting, or permitting any unlicensed or noncertified person or entity to engage in the practice of the profession regulated under this chapter, including by lending, leasing, renting, assigning, or otherwise allowing the use of one's license, or by combining or conspiring with such person or entity to evade the provisions of this chapter;

(E) Knowingly performing any act which in any way assists an unlicensed or noncertified person to practice such profession;

(F) Violating, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting any violation of any provision of this chapter or any rule or regulation of the board; or

(G) The performance of any faulty, inadequate, inefficient, or unsafe electrical contracting, plumbing, low voltage contracting, utility contracting, or conditioned air contracting likely to endanger life, health, or property. The performance of any work that does not comply with the standards set by state codes or by local codes in

jurisdictions where such codes are adopted, provided that such local codes are as stringent as the state codes, or by other codes or regulations which have been adopted by the board, shall be prima-facie evidence of the faulty, inadequate, inefficient, or unsafe character of such electrical, plumbing, low voltage contracting, utility contracting, or conditioned air contracting; provided, however, that the board, in its sole discretion, for good cause shown and under such conditions as it may prescribe, may restore a license to any person whose license has been suspended or revoked;

(5) Review amendments to or revisions in the state minimum standard codes as prepared pursuant to Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 8; and the Department of Community Affairs shall be required to provide to the division director a copy of any amendment to or revision in the state minimum standard codes at least 45 days prior to the adoption thereof; and

(6) Do all other things necessary and proper to exercise their powers and perform their duties in accordance with this chapter.

(b) The divisions mentioned in subsection (a) of this Code section shall also hear appeals resulting from the suspension of licenses by an approved municipal or county licensing or inspection authority pursuant to Code Section 43-14-16.

43-14-7.

(a) All orders and processes of the board and the divisions of the board shall be signed and attested by the division director; and any notice or legal process necessary to be served upon the board or the divisions may be served upon the division director.

(b) The division director or his or her designee is vested with the power and authority to make such investigations in connection with the enforcement of this chapter and the rules and regulations of the board as the director, the board, the divisions of the board, or any district attorney may deem necessary or advisable.

(c) In accordance with Code Section 43-1-2, the division director shall be authorized to review each application for the issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of a license under this chapter, and upon determining that an application satisfies all of the qualifications, attainments, and other conditions required for the issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of a particular license under this chapter and the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this chapter, shall be authorized, on behalf of the board, to issue, renew, or reinstate the license of the applicant.

43-14-8.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'division' means the Division of Electrical Contractors.

(b)(1) No person shall engage in electrical contracting unless such person has a valid license issued by the division.

(2) A person that is not licensed as an electrical contractor shall be prohibited from advertising in any manner that such person is in the business or profession of electrical contracting unless the work is performed by a licensed electrical contractor.

(c) The division shall certify all applicants for licensure under this Code section who satisfy the requirements of this Code section.

(d) No partnership, limited liability company, or corporation shall have the right to engage in the business of electrical contracting unless there is regularly connected with such partnership, limited liability company, or corporation a person or persons actively engaged in the performance of such business on a full-time basis who have valid licenses issued to them as provided for in this chapter; provided, however, that partners, officers, and employees of any individual who fulfilled the licensing requirements shall continue to be authorized to engage in the business of electrical contracting under a license which was valid at the time of the licensee's death for a period of 90 days from the date of such death. The division may, at its discretion, grant one additional 90 day grace period for such partners, officers, and employees. It shall be the duty of all partnerships, limited liability companies, and corporations qualified under this chapter to notify the appropriate division within seven days of the severance of connection with such partnership, limited liability company, or corporation of any person or persons upon whom such qualification rested.

(e) Any individual seeking to obtain a license as an Electrical Contractor Class I under the provisions of this chapter shall file a completed application with division on a form prescribed by the division, pay the required fees established by the State Construction Industry Licensing Board, and meet the following requirements:

(1) Successfully pass a board approved examination with a minimum score of 70;

(2) Meet eligibility requirements according to one of the following criteria:

(A) At least three years of full-time experience in the electrical field as would be covered by the Georgia Electrical Code, the National Electrical Code, or any successor code, which shall mean working experience gained through the direct installation of electrical systems and directly related activities of a type covered by the National Electrical Code or its successor code. To satisfy the experiential requirements for licensure as an Electrical Contractor Class I under this criteria, an applicant shall demonstrate successful completion of electrical projects encompassing not fewer than five of the experience areas described in divisions (i) through (vii) of this subparagraph and shall additionally demonstrate competency in the experience area described in division (viii) of this subparagraph:

(i) Installation of raceway systems, including pull boxes, junction boxes, conduit bodies, and the connections in the system and to cabinets, panelboards, switchboards, and boxes;

(ii) Installation of conductors, including flexible cords, cables, splices, taps, terminations, bonding jumpers, overcurrent protective devices, and metering devices, in cabinets, panelboards, switchboards, boxes, and conduit, which meet all sizing, ampacity, and voltage installation requirements;

(iii) Installation of service entrances, metering devices, cabinets, switchboards, service risers and fasteners, overcurrent protective devices, disconnecting means, ground electrodes, main bonding jumpers, and ground fault protectors, which meet sizing, rating, clearances, and weatherproofing installation requirements;

(iv) Installation of motors and generators with feeders, branch circuits, overcurrent protective devices, disconnect means, and controllers, which meet sizing, rating, usage, and location requirements;

(v) Installation of switches, disconnects, and controls that supply lighting fixtures, appliances, electrical circuits, controls for heating and air conditioning equipment, and other utilization and general use equipment;

(vi) Installation of materials and equipment required for use in special occupancies according to the state minimum standard codes;

(vii) Bonding of interior metal piping systems, installation of properly sized equipment grounding conductors, grounding of exposed noncurrent carrying metal parts of electrical equipment, and protection of grounding conductors from physical damage; and

(viii) Determination of general lighting loads, minimum branch circuits, minimum ampacity of conductors in feeder and branch circuits, maximum allowable conductor fill for raceways, net loads, using specified or optional methods, rates or demand factors, and derating factors given in the state minimum standard codes; and

(B) Completed a two-year academic diploma or certificate program in electrical contracting offered by an accredited technical college, university, or other institution recognized by the division, and has completed two years of full-time experience, which experience shall meet the definition of qualifying experience set forth in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph and shall consist of work of a type covered by the state minimum standard codes, or has successfully completed an electrical apprenticeship program accredited or approved by the United States Department of Labor;

(3) Submit a signed affidavit attesting to the applicant's completion of the experiential requirements set forth in this subsection. Such affidavit shall be executed by the supervising licensed contractor or, in the alternative, by a licensed architect, professional engineer, or electrical engineer, and shall be made under oath. Where the applicant's qualifying full-time experience was obtained under the supervision of more than one such individual, a separate affidavit shall be submitted from each individual for the period of experience supervised; and

(4) Submit at least one secure and verifiable document, as defined in Code Section 50-36-2, establishing the applicant's identity, an affidavit verifying lawful presence in the United States pursuant to Code Section 50-36-1, and any required immigration documentation for noncitizen applicants.

(f) Any individual seeking to obtain a license as an Electrical Contractor Class II under the provisions of this chapter shall file a completed application with the division on a form prescribed by the division, shall pay the required fees established by the State Construction Industry Licensing Board, and shall meet the following requirements:

(1) Successfully pass a board approved examination with a minimum score of 70;

(2) Meet one of the following criteria:

(A) At least four years of full-time experience in the electrical field as would be covered by the Georgia Electrical Code, the National Electrical Code, or any successor code of which not less than two years shall have been in the installation, alteration, or repair of three-phase electrical systems, including the following:

(i) Work involving electrical installations exceeding single-phase, 200 amperes, as governed by the National Electrical Code or its successor code;

(ii) Installation of raceway systems, including pull boxes, junction boxes, conduit bodies, and the connections in the system and to cabinets, panelboards, switchboards, and boxes;

(iii) Installation of conductors, including flexible cords, cables, splices, taps, terminations, bonding jumpers, overcurrent protective devices, and metering devices, in cabinets, panelboards, switchboards, boxes, and conduit, which meet all sizing, ampacity, and voltage installation requirements;

(iv) Installation of service entrances, metering devices, cabinets, switchboards, service risers and fasteners, overcurrent protective devices, disconnecting means, ground electrodes, main bonding jumpers, and ground fault protectors which meet all sizing, rating, clearances, and weatherproofing installation requirements;

(v) Installation of motors and generators with feeders, branch circuits, overcurrent protective devices, disconnect means, and controllers, which meet all sizing, rating, usage, and location requirements;

(vi) Installation of switches, disconnects, and controls that supply lighting fixtures, appliances, electrical circuits, controls for heating and air conditioning equipment, and other utilization and general use equipment;

(vii) Installation of materials and equipment required for use in special occupancies according to use and code installation requirements, as defined by the National Electrical Code or its successor code;

(viii) Bonding of interior metal piping systems, installation of properly sized equipment grounding conductors, grounding of exposed noncurrent carrying metal parts of electrical equipment, and protection of grounding conductors from physical damage; and

(ix) Determination of general lighting loads, minimum branch circuits, minimum ampacity of conductors in feeder and branch circuits, maximum allowable conductor fill for raceways, net loads, using specified or optional methods, rates or demand factors, and derating factors given in the state minimum standard codes;

(B) Completed a two-year academic diploma or certificate program in electrical contracting offered by an accredited technical college, university, or other institution recognized by the division, and has completed four years of full-time experience, of which not less than two years shall have been in the installation, alteration, or repair of three-phase electrical systems which experience shall meet the definition of qualifying experience set forth in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph and shall consist of work of a type covered by the Georgia Electrical Code, the National Electrical Code, or any successor code; or

(C) Completed an electrical apprenticeship program accredited or approved by the United States Department of Labor and has completed one year of full-time experience in the installation, alteration, or repair of three-phase electrical systems which experience shall meet the definition of qualifying experience set forth in paragraph (2) of this subsection and shall consist of work of a type covered by the Georgia Electrical Code, the National Electrical Code, or any successor code;

(3) Submit a signed affidavit attesting to the applicant's completion of the experiential requirements set forth in this subsection. Such affidavit shall be executed by the supervising licensed contractor or, in the alternative, by a licensed architect, professional engineer, or electrical engineer, and shall be made under oath. Where the applicant's qualifying full-time experience was obtained under the supervision of more than one such individual, a separate affidavit shall be submitted from each individual for the period of experience supervised; and

(4) Submit at least one secure and verifiable document, as defined in Code Section 50-36-2, establishing the applicant's identity, an affidavit verifying lawful presence in the United States pursuant to Code Section 50-36-1, and any required immigration documentation for noncitizen applicants.

(g) An application for a license under this Code section shall constitute express consent and authorization for the Secretary of State or his or her representative to perform a criminal background check. Each applicant who submits an application to the Secretary of State for licensure agrees to provide the Secretary of State with any and all information necessary to run a criminal background check, including, but not limited to, classifiable sets of fingerprints. The applicant shall be responsible for all fees associated with the performance of such background check.

(h) The decision of the division regarding the qualifications of licensure shall, in the absence of fraud, be conclusive. All individuals, individuals serving as partners in partnerships, applicants for limited liability companies, or applicants for corporations desiring to engage in electrical contracting shall be licensed under this Code section before engaging in such vocation and business, including at the local level.

(i) Any person or entity violating this Code section shall be subject to discipline and penalties as provided in this chapter, including, but not limited to, license denial, suspension, revocation, administrative fines, injunction, or any other lawful enforcement action authorized by the division.

43-14-9.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'division' means the Division of Low Voltage Contractors.

(b) No person shall engage in alarm system, general low voltage system, or telecommunications system low voltage contracting unless such person has a valid license issued by the division.

(c) No individual, partnership, limited liability company, or corporation shall advertise, offer, bid, contract, or perform, for compensation, Low Voltage General (LV-G), Low Voltage Telecommunications (LV-T), Low Voltage Alarm (LV-A), or Low Voltage

Unrestricted (LV-U) work in this state unless such individual or entity holds a valid low voltage contractor license issued by the division in the applicable classification.

(d) No partnership, limited liability company, or corporation shall have the right to engage in the business of low voltage contracting unless there is regularly connected with such partnership, limited liability company, or corporation a person or persons, actively engaged in the performance of such business on a full-time basis and supervising the low voltage systems installation, repair, alteration, and service work of all employees of such partnership, limited liability company, or corporation, who have valid licenses issued to them as provided in this chapter; provided, however, that partners, officers, and employees of any individual who fulfilled the licensing requirements shall continue to be authorized to engage in the business of low voltage contracting under a license which was valid at the time of the licensee's death for a period of 90 days from the date of such death. The division may, at its discretion, upon application by the low voltage contractor showing good cause, grant one additional 90 day grace period.

(e) The division shall certify all applicants for licensure under this Code section who satisfy the requirements of this Code section.

(f) It shall be the duty of all partnerships, limited liability companies, and corporations qualified under this chapter to notify the appropriate division within seven days of the severance of connection with such partnership, limited liability company, or corporation of any person or persons upon whom such qualification rested.

(g) Partnerships, limited liability companies, or corporations having more than one office location from which low voltage contracting is performed shall have at least one person stationed in each branch office of such partnership, limited liability company, or corporation who is engaged in the performance of low voltage contracting on a full-time basis; who is supervising the low voltage wiring systems installation, repair, alteration, and service work of all employees of such branch office locations; and who has a valid license issued as provided in this Code section.

(h) Any individual seeking to obtain a state-wide Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-G license under the provisions of this chapter shall file a completed application with the division on a form prescribed by the division, pay the required fees established by the State Construction Industry Licensing Board, and meet the following requirements:

(1) Successfully pass a board approved examination with a minimum score of 70;

(2) Have completed at least one year of full-time experience performing low voltage wiring in general low voltage systems under the direct supervision of a licensed Low Voltage Class LV-U, LV-A, LV-T, or LV-G Contractor or another state equivalent contractor, which experience shall have been obtained within six years immediately preceding the date of application, and which shall include:

(A) The installation, alteration, service, or repair of power limited low voltage electrical systems, including, but not limited to, intercom, public address, and sound systems, residential and commercial low voltage audio systems, low voltage lighting systems, including associated controls, transformers, and power supplies, and other general power limited low voltage wiring systems that do not constitute alarm or telecommunications systems; or

(B) Completion of coursework in electronics or low voltage systems through an accredited technical college, university, or certificate program shall be credited toward the experience requirement for low voltage general (LV-G), based on the actual instructional time completed, up to a maximum of six months;

(3) Submit a signed affidavit from the supervising Low Voltage Class LV-U, LV-A, LV-T, or LV-G contractor(s), attesting to the applicant's completion of the experiential requirements set forth in this subsection; and

(4) Submit at least one secure and verifiable document, as defined in Code Section 50-36-2, establishing the applicant's identity, an affidavit verifying lawful presence in the United States pursuant to Code Section 50-36-1, and any required immigration documentation for noncitizen applicants.

(i) Any individual seeking to obtain a state-wide Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-T license under the provisions of this chapter shall file a completed application with the division on a form prescribed by the division, pay the required fees established by the State Construction Industry Licensing Board, and meet the following requirements:

(1) Successfully pass a board approved examination with a minimum score of 70;

(2) Have completed a minimum of three years of full-time experience performing low voltage wiring under the direct supervision of a licensed Low Voltage Class LV-U Contractor, a licensed Low Voltage Class LV-T Contractor, another state equivalent contractor, or the general manager of a tier 2 local exchange company, as defined in Code Section 46-5-162, regardless of whether such general manager holds a Low Voltage Class LV-U or LV-T Contractor license, which experience shall have been obtained within six years immediately preceding the date of application and includes:

(A) At least one year of full-time experience performing low voltage wiring in general low voltage systems. Qualifying experience under this subsection shall include the installation, alteration, service, or repair of power limited low voltage electrical systems, including, but not limited to:

(i) Intercom, public address, and sound systems;

(ii) Residential and commercial low voltage audio systems;

(iii) Low voltage lighting systems, including associated controls, transformers, and power supplies; and

(iv) Other general power limited low voltage wiring systems that do not constitute alarm or telecommunications systems; or

(B) At least two years of full-time experience performing low voltage wiring in telecommunications. Qualifying experience under this subsection may include work involving installation, configuration, testing, administration, management, maintenance, or repair of low voltage telecommunications systems, including, but not limited to, the following:

(i) Telecommunications and communications systems, including voice and data systems such as plain old telephone service, Voice over Internet Protocol, telecommunications equipment connections, terminations, cross-connects, patching, and related infrastructure;

(ii) Audio, video, and security systems, including residential and commercial audio and video systems, video surveillance systems, intercom systems, public address systems, access control systems, and power over ethernet based systems;

(iii) Networked and wireless systems, including residential and commercial Wi-Fi systems, local area or home area network based systems, internet protocol networking equipment such as routers, switches, hubs, and related devices, and distributed antenna systems for voice and data communications; and

(iv) Fiber optic, commercial wireless, and other communications systems, including fiber optic system installation, termination, testing, and management; commercial wireless systems such as cellular and private communications systems, and proprietary, specialized, or otherwise unregulated communications systems within the scope of low voltage work; or

(C) Completion of coursework in electronics or low voltage systems through an accredited technical college, university, or certificate program shall be credited toward the experience requirement for low voltage general (LV-G), based on the actual instructional time completed, up to a maximum of six months;

(3) Submit a signed affidavit from the supervising Low Voltage Class LV-U or LV-T contractor(s), or the general manager of a tier 2 local exchange company, as defined in Code Section 46-5-162, regardless of whether such general manager holds a Low Voltage Class LV-U or LV-T Contractor license, attesting to the applicant's completion of the experiential requirements set forth in this subsection; and

(4) Submit at least one secure and verifiable document, as defined in Code Section 50-36-2, establishing the applicant's identity, an affidavit verifying lawful presence in the United States pursuant to Code Section 50-36-1, and any required immigration documentation for noncitizen applicants.

(j) Any individual seeking to obtain a state-wide Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-A license under the provisions of this chapter shall file a completed application with the division on a form prescribed by the division, shall pay the required fees established by the State Construction Industry Licensing Board, and shall meet the following requirements:

(1) Successfully pass a board approved examination with a minimum score of 70;

(2) Have completed a minimum of three years of full-time experience performing low voltage wiring under the direct supervision of a licensed Low Voltage Class LV-U or LV-A Contractor, or another state equivalent contractor, which experience shall have been obtained within six years immediately preceding the date of application and includes:

(A) At least one year of full-time experience performing low voltage wiring in general systems. Qualifying experience under this subsection shall include the installation, alteration, service, or repair of power limited low voltage electrical systems, including, but not limited to:

(i) Intercom, public address, and sound systems;

(ii) Residential and commercial low voltage audio systems;

(iii) Low voltage lighting systems, including associated controls, transformers, and power supplies; and

(iv) Other general power limited low voltage wiring systems that do not constitute alarm or telecommunications systems;

(B) At least two years of full-time experience performing low voltage wiring in alarm systems. Qualifying experience under this paragraph shall include work involving the installation, configuration, testing, administration, management, maintenance, or repair of the following alarm systems and related technologies:

(i) Life safety alarm systems, including any alarm system designed, intended, or configured to transmit life safety related alarm events to a central monitoring station or other supervising entity;

(ii) Alarm system communication pathways, including the utilization of approved and recognized transmission methods such as analog telephone lines, cellular networks, internet based protocols, Voice over Internet Protocol, or other comparable communication technologies; and

(iii) Alarm system planning and lifecycle activities, including the planning, design, engineering, installation, programming, testing, inspection, servicing, repair, and ongoing maintenance of proprietary or open-source alarm systems; and

(C) Completion of coursework in electronics or low voltage systems through an accredited technical college, university, or certificate program shall be credited toward the experience requirement for low voltage general (LV-G), based on the actual instructional time completed, up to a maximum of six months;

(3) Submit a signed affidavit from the supervising Low Voltage Class LV-U or LV-A contractor(s) attesting to the applicant's completion of the experiential requirements set forth in this subsection; and

(4) Submit at least one secure and verifiable document, as defined in Code Section 50-36-2, establishing the applicant's identity, an affidavit verifying lawful presence in the United States pursuant to Code Section 50-36-1, and any required immigration documentation for noncitizen applicants.

(k) Any individual seeking to obtain a state-wide Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-U license under the provisions of this chapter shall file a completed application with the division on a form prescribed by the division, shall pay the required fees established by the State Construction Industry Licensing Board, and shall meet the following requirements:

(1) Successfully pass a board approved examination with a minimum score of 70;

(2) Have completed a minimum of four years of full-time experience performing low voltage wiring under the direct supervision of a licensed Low Voltage Class LV-U Contractor, another state equivalent contractor, or the general manager of a tier 2 local exchange company, as defined in Code Section 46-5-162, regardless of whether such general manager holds a Low Voltage Class LV-U Contractor license, which experience shall have been obtained within six years immediately preceding the date of application, and also includes:

(A) At least one year of full-time experience performing low voltage wiring in general systems. Qualifying experience under this subsection shall include the installation, alteration, service, or repair of power limited low voltage electrical systems, including, but not limited to:

(i) Intercom, public address, and sound systems;

(ii) Residential and commercial low voltage audio systems;

(iii) Low voltage lighting systems, including associated controls, transformers, and power supplies; and

(iv) Other general power limited low voltage wiring systems that do not constitute alarm or telecommunications systems;

(B) At least one year of full-time experience performing low voltage wiring in telecommunications. Qualifying experience under this paragraph shall include work involving installation, configuration, testing, administration, management, maintenance, or repair of low voltage telecommunications systems, including, but not limited to, the following:

(i) Telecommunications and communications systems, including voice and data systems such as plain old telephone service, Voice over Internet Protocol, telecommunications equipment connections, terminations, cross-connects, patching, and related infrastructure;

(ii) Audio, video, and security systems, including residential and commercial audio and video systems, video surveillance systems, intercom systems, public address systems, access control systems, and Power over Ethernet based systems;

(iii) Networked and wireless systems, including residential and commercial Wi-Fi systems, local area or home area network based systems, Internet Protocol networking equipment such as routers, switches, hubs, and related devices, and distributed antenna systems for voice and data communications; and

(iv) Fiber optic, commercial wireless, and other communications systems, including fiber optic system installation, termination, testing, and management; commercial wireless systems such as cellular and private communications systems; and proprietary, specialized, or otherwise unregulated communications systems within the scope of low voltage work;

(C) At least two years of full-time experience performing low voltage wiring in alarm systems. Qualifying experience under this paragraph shall include work involving the installation, configuration, testing, administration, management, maintenance, or repair of the following alarm systems and related technologies:

(i) Life safety alarm systems, including any alarm system designed, intended, or configured to transmit life safety related alarm events to a central monitoring station or other supervising entity;

(ii) Alarm system communication pathways, including the utilization of approved and recognized transmission methods such as analog telephone lines, cellular networks, internet based protocols, Voice over Internet Protocol, or other comparable communication technologies; and

(iii) Alarm system planning and lifecycle activities, including the planning, design, engineering, installation, programming, testing, inspection, servicing, repair, and ongoing maintenance of proprietary or open-source alarm systems; and

(D) Completion of coursework in electronics or low voltage systems through an accredited technical college, university, or certificate program shall be credited toward the experience requirement for low voltage general (LV-G), based on the actual instructional time completed, up to a maximum of six months;

(3) Submit a signed affidavit from the supervising Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-U, or the general manager of a tier 2 local exchange company, as defined in Code Section 46-5-162, regardless of whether such general manager holds a Low Voltage Class LV-U Contractor license, attesting to the applicant's completion of the experiential requirements set forth in this paragraph; and

(4) Submit at least one secure and verifiable document, as defined in Code Section 50-36-2, establishing the applicant's identity, an affidavit verifying lawful presence in the United States pursuant to Code Section 50-36-1, and any required immigration documentation for noncitizen applicants.

(l) An application for a license under this Code section shall constitute express consent and authorization for the Secretary of State or his or her representative to perform a criminal background check. Each applicant who submits an application to the Secretary of State for licensure agrees to provide the Secretary of State with any and all information necessary to run a criminal background check, including, but not limited to, classifiable sets of fingerprints. The applicant shall be responsible for all fees associated with the performance of such background check.

(m) The decision of the division regarding the qualifications of licensure shall, in the absence of fraud, be conclusive. All individuals, individuals serving as partners in partnerships, applicants for limited liability companies, or applicants for corporations desiring to engage in the vocation of low voltage contracting shall be licensed under this Code section before engaging in such vocation.

(n) Any person or entity violating this Code section shall be subject to discipline and penalties as provided in this chapter, including, but not limited to, license denial, suspension, revocation, administrative fines, injunction, or any other lawful enforcement action authorized by the division.

43-14-10.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'division' means the Division of Utility Contractors.

(b)(1) No person shall engage in utility contracting unless such person has a valid license issued by the division.

(2) A person that is not licensed as a utility contractor shall be prohibited from advertising in any manner that such person is in the business or profession of utility contracting unless the work is performed by a licensed electrical contractor.

(c) The division shall certify all applicants for licensure under this Code section who satisfy the requirements in this Code section.

(d) Any utility contractor holding a valid utility contractor's license under this chapter shall be authorized to bid for and perform work on any utility system in this state without obtaining a license under Chapter 41 of this title. It shall be unlawful for the owner of a utility system or anyone soliciting work to be performed on a utility system to refuse to allow a utility contractor holding a valid utility contractor's license under this chapter to bid for or perform work on a utility system on the basis that such contractor does not hold a license under Chapter 41 of this title.

(e) Any company which holds a valid utility contractor's license shall be qualified to construct, alter, or repair any plumbing system which extends from the property line up to but not within five feet of any building, structure, or conveyance, regardless of the cost or depth of any such plumbing system; provided, however, that only persons who hold a valid license to engage in plumbing under this chapter shall be qualified to construct, alter, or repair any plumbing system within five feet of any building, structure, or conveyance.

(f)(1) No sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation shall have the right to engage in the business of utility contracting unless:

(A) Such business holds a utility contractor license; and

(B) There is regularly connected with such business a person or persons who hold a valid utility manager certificate issued under this chapter, and such utility manager must be actively engaged in the performance of such business on a full-time basis and must oversee the utility contracting work of all employees of the business.

(2) If a sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation has more than one permanent office, then each permanent office shall be registered with the division and at least one person who holds a valid utility manager certificate issued under this chapter shall be stationed in each office on a full-time basis and shall oversee the utility contracting work of all employees of that office.

(3) The requirements of this Code section shall not prevent any person holding a valid license issued by the State Construction Industry Licensing Board, or any division thereof, pursuant to this chapter, from performing any work defined in the Code section or sections under which the license held by said person was issued.

(g) Any corporation, partnership, or sole proprietorship desiring to qualify for and be issued a utility contractor license under the provisions of this Code section shall file an application with the division on a form prescribed by the division, pay the application fee established by the State Construction Industry Licensing Board, and meet the following requirements:

(1) Submit a completed application to the division on the form provided indicating:

(A) The names and addresses of proprietor, partners, or officers of such applicant;

(B) The place and date such partnership was formed, or such corporation was incorporated;

(C) The address of each permanent office location of the business registered with the division, defined under this article as a place of business where utility contracting is undertaken from in terms of bid or proposed acquisition, procurement, utility

construction, is not a temporary structure, has permanent utilities installed, and has been in service for a period of more than three years;

(D) The name and certification number of the qualifying utility manager holding a current utility manager certificate issued under this chapter who is employed at each permanent office location of the business from which utility contracting is performed; and

(E) If the applicant operates more than one permanent office location, the name of the qualifying utility manager holding a current utility manager certificate issued under this chapter who is employed on a full-time basis at each permanent office location of the business from which utility contracting is performed; and

(2) Submit a written safety policy that meets the minimum standards established by the board and the United States Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

(h) An application for licensure under this Code section shall constitute express consent and authorization for the Secretary of State or his or her representative to perform a criminal background check. Each applicant who submits an application to the Secretary of State for licensure or a permit agrees to provide the Secretary of State with any and all information necessary to run a criminal background check, including, but not limited to, classifiable sets of fingerprints. The applicant shall be responsible for all fees associated with the performance of such background check.

(i) The decision of the division as to the qualifications of applicants shall, in the absence of fraud, be conclusive.

(j) It shall be the duty of the utility manager certificate holders and the licensed utility contractor to notify the division, in accordance with board rules, of the severance of connection between such utility contractor and the utility manager certificate holder or holders upon whom the qualification of the utility contractor rested.

(k) In the event that a licensed utility contractor temporarily does not have employed a utility manager certificate holder to oversee its utility contracting work, upon notice by such utility contractor to the division within seven days following the last day of employment of the utility manager certificate holder, the division shall grant the utility contractor a 90 day grace period in which to employ a utility manager certificate holder to oversee its utility contracting work before any action may be taken by the division to revoke the utility contractor's license. The division may, at its discretion, upon application by the utility contractor showing good cause, grant one additional 90 day grace period. Grace periods totaling not more than 180 days may be granted during any two-year period. Failure to have employed a utility manager certificate holder to oversee the utility contracting work of the utility contractor shall be grounds for the revocation or suspension of the utility contractor license after a notice of hearing.

(l) It shall be unlawful for any person to contract with any other person for the performance of utility contracting work who is known by such person not to have a current, valid license as a utility contractor pursuant to this chapter.

(m) It shall be unlawful for any person to violate the provisions of Chapter 9 of Title 25 applicable to utility contractors.

(n) Any person or entity violating this Code section shall be subject to discipline and penalties as provided in this chapter, including, but not limited to, license denial, suspension, revocation, administrative fines, injunction, or any other lawful enforcement action authorized by the division.

43-14-11.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'division' means the Division of Utility Contractors.

(b) No person shall be employed as a utility manager unless such person holds a valid utility manager certificate issued by the division.

(c) No utility system shall be constructed, erected, altered, or repaired unless a certified utility manager or certified utility foreman who holds a current certification is present at the job site of such construction, erection, alteration, or repair of the utility system.

(d) The division shall certify all applicants for certification under this Code section who satisfy the requirements of this Code section.

(e) Any individual seeking certification as a utility manager under the provisions of this chapter shall file a completed application with the division on a form prescribed by the division, pay the required fees established by the State Construction Industry Licensing Board, and meet the following requirements:

(1) Successfully pass a board approved examination with a minimum score of 70;

(2) Submit proof of completion of 12 hours of board approved safety training courses, which shall include eight hours of Competent Person Training for Excavations and four hours of Competent Person Training for Confined Spaces;

(3) Have completed a minimum of three years of full-time experience in the field, performing the construction, erection, alteration, or repair of utility systems. Such experience shall be obtained as follows:

(A) At least one year of full-time experience working under the supervision of a utility manager holding a valid certificate issued under this chapter, which experience shall qualify the applicant for certification as a utility foreman; and

(B) At least two additional years of full-time experience obtained while holding a valid utility foreman certificate issued under this chapter;

(4) Submit a signed affidavit from each utility manager who is employed by a utility contractor and who is or was the applicant's current or former employer, attesting to the applicant's completion of the experiential requirements set forth in this subsection. Qualifying experience under this subsection shall be obtained through a combination of roles, including, but not limited to, supervisory, construction management, or utility operations positions in the field on a utility construction project, as well as:

(A) Participation in the management of multiple utility construction projects, including scheduling work activities; coordinating labor, equipment, and materials; supporting field supervision; tracking productivity; and assisting with resolution of routine onsite issues during the course of the construction project;

(B) Involvement in administering scopes of work or construction contracts; managing risks related to utility conflicts, permitting, inspections, traffic control, and public

safety; and ensuring compliance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration requirements and applicable federal, state, and local regulations;

(C) Implementation and enforcement of safety procedures, including excavation, trenching, and confined space entry requirements; participation in safety programs, conducting or participating in daily job safety analyses and safety meetings, reporting incidents, near misses, and hazards; and ensuring proper use of required personal protective equipment;

(D) Supervision or lead responsibility for utility personnel, including training, assigning duties, evaluating performance, monitoring safe operation of equipment, and administering discipline in accordance with established policies;

(E) Assisting with review of construction plans, utility maps, and job specifications; identifying underground and overhead utilities; verifying permits, locates, and clearances; and coordinating activities with project managers, engineers, inspectors, and utility representatives;

(F) Assisting with planning crew assignments, equipment needs, and work schedules; coordinating material delivery and staging; inspecting materials and equipment for damage or irregularities; reporting findings; and participating in the proper use and routine maintenance of heavy equipment;

(G) Participating in the installation of water, sewer, gas, electrical, and telecommunications utility systems installed on a fee-for-service basis, including bedding, backfill, compaction, and erosion and sediment control measures, in accordance with project specifications and utility standards;

(H) Inspecting work for compliance with plans and specifications under supervision; assisting with daily logs, production reports, and as-built documentation; and documenting utility locations and field changes; and

(I) Communicating job site conditions, safety concerns, and work progress to a supervising Utility Foreman or Utility Manager; and

(5) Submit at least one secure and verifiable document, as defined in Code Section 50-36-2, establishing the applicant's identity, and submit an affidavit verifying lawful presence in the United States pursuant to Code Section 50-36-1, together with any required immigration documentation for noncitizen applicants.

(f) Application for a license under this Code section shall constitute express consent and authorization for the Secretary of State or his or her representative to perform a criminal background check. Each applicant who submits an application to the Secretary of State for licensure agrees to provide the Secretary of State with any and all information necessary to run a criminal background check, including, but not limited to, classifiable sets of fingerprints. The applicant shall be responsible for all fees associated with the performance of such background check.

(g) An applicant may request an oral administration of the examination.

(h) The decision of the division regarding the qualifications of licensure shall, in the absence of fraud, be conclusive.

(i) Any person or entity violating this Code section shall be subject to discipline and penalties as provided in this chapter, including, but not limited to, license denial,

suspension, revocation, administrative fines, injunction, or any other lawful enforcement action authorized by the division.

43-14-12.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'division' means the Division of Utility Contractors.

(b) No person shall be employed as a utility foreman unless such person holds a valid current utility foreman certificate issued by the division.

(c) The division shall certify all applicants for certification under this Code section who satisfy the requirements of this Code section.

(d) No utility system shall be constructed, erected, altered, or repaired unless a certified utility manager or certified utility foreman who holds a current certification is present at the job site of such construction, erection, alteration, or repair of the utility system.

(e) Any individual seeking certification as a utility foreman under the provisions of this chapter shall file an application with the division on a form prescribed by the division, pay the required fees established by the State Construction Industry Licensing Board, and meet the following requirements:

(1) Successfully pass a board approved examination with a minimum score of 70;

(2) Have completed at least one year of full-time experience in the field performing the construction, erection, alteration, or repair of utility systems under the supervision of a licensed Utility Manager;

(3) Submit proof of completion of 12 hours of board approved safety training courses, which shall include eight hours of Competent Person Training for Excavations and four hours of Competent Person Training for Confined Spaces; and

(4) Provide a signed affidavit by a current or former employer attesting to the completion of experiential requirements. Each employer who oversaw the completion of projects which satisfied the experiential requirements shall provide their own signed affidavit. Qualifying experience under this subsection shall be obtained through a combination of roles, including, but not limited to, crew member, lead worker, assistant foreman, utility operations, construction support, or other field based positions, provided the work was performed under the required supervision, and shall include:

(A) Assisting with review of construction plans, utility maps, and job specifications, identifying underground and overhead utilities, coordinating activities with project managers, engineers, inspectors, and utility representatives, verifying permits, locates, and clearances, and assisting with planning crew assignments, equipment needs, and work schedules;

(B) Participating in daily job safety analyses and safety meetings, performing work in compliance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration standards and applicable local, state, and federal regulations, including traffic control requirements, working in properly protected trenches, participating in confined space entry activities, using required personal protective equipment, and reporting incidents, near misses, and hazards;

(C) Assisting with supervision of utility crews, monitoring safe operation of equipment, supporting productivity tracking and daily work coordination, and assisting with resolution of routine onsite issues;

(D) Assisting with coordination of material delivery and staging, inspecting materials and equipment for damage or irregularities and reporting findings, and participating in the proper use and routine maintenance of heavy equipment;

(E) Participating in the installation of water, sewer, gas, electrical, and telecommunications utility systems installed on a fee-for-service basis, including bedding, backfill, compaction, and erosion and sediment control measures, in accordance with project specifications and utility standards;

(F) Inspecting work for compliance with plans and specifications under supervision, assisting with daily logs, production reports, as-built documentation, and documenting utility locations and field changes; and

(G) Communicating job site conditions, safety concerns, and work progress to a supervising Utility Foreman or Utility Manager.

(f) An application for a certification under this Code section shall constitute express consent and authorization for the Secretary of State or his or her representative to perform a criminal background check. Each applicant who submits an application to the Secretary of State for certification agrees to provide the Secretary of State with any and all information necessary to run a criminal background check, including, but not limited to, classifiable sets of fingerprints. The applicant shall be responsible for all fees associated with the performance of such background check.

(g) An applicant may request an oral administration of the examination.

(h) The decision of the division regarding the qualifications of licensure shall, in the absence of fraud, be conclusive.

(i) Any person or entity violating this Code section shall be subject to discipline and penalties as provided in this chapter, including, but not limited to, license denial, suspension, revocation, administrative fines, injunction, or any other lawful enforcement action authorized by the division.

43-14-13.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'division' means the Division of Master Plumbers and Journeyman.

(b) No person shall engage in plumbing contracting as a Master Plumber Class I or a Master Plumber Class II unless such person has a valid license issued by the division.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, any person who holds a valid license as a Master Plumber Class I or a Master Plumber Class II or any company which holds a valid utility contractor license shall be qualified to construct, alter, or repair any plumbing system which extends from the property line up to but not within five feet of any building, structure, or conveyance, regardless of the cost or depth of any such plumbing system; provided, however, that only persons who hold a valid license to engage in plumbing under this chapter shall be qualified to construct, alter, or repair any plumbing system within five feet of any building, structure, or conveyance.

(d) A person that is not licensed as a Master Plumber Class I or a Master Plumber Class II shall be prohibited from advertising in any manner that such person is in the business or profession of plumbing contracting.

(e) No partnership, limited liability company, or corporation shall have the right to engage in the business of plumbing unless there is regularly connected with such partnership, limited liability company, or corporation a person actively engaged in the performance of such business on a full-time basis who has a valid license as a Master Plumber Class I or a Master Plumber Class II; provided, however, that partners, officers, and employees of any individual who fulfilled the licensing requirements shall continue to be authorized to engage in the business of plumbing contracting under a license which was valid at the time of the licensee's death for a period of 90 days from the date of such death. The division may, at its discretion, upon application by the plumbing contractor showing good cause, grant one additional 90 day grace period.

(f) The division shall certify all applicants for licensure under this Code section who satisfy the requirements of this Code section.

(g) It shall be the duty of all partnerships, limited liability companies, and corporations qualified under this chapter to notify the appropriate division within seven days of the severance of connection with such partnership, limited liability company, or corporation of any person or persons upon whom such qualification rested.

(h) Application for a license under this Code section shall constitute express consent and authorization for the Secretary of State or his or her representative to perform a criminal background check. Each applicant who submits an application to the Secretary of State for licensure agrees to provide the Secretary of State with any and all information necessary to run a criminal background check, including, but not limited to, classifiable sets of fingerprints. The applicant shall be responsible for all fees associated with the performance of such background check.

(i) The decision of the division regarding the qualifications of licensure shall, in the absence of fraud, be conclusive.

(j) Any individual seeking to be licensed as a journeyman plumber under the provisions of this chapter shall file a completed application with the division on a form prescribed by the division, pay the required fees established by the State Construction Industry Licensing Board, and meet the following requirements:

(1) Successfully pass a board approved examination with a minimum score of 70;

(2) Have completed one year of full-time experience performing plumbing work of a type covered by the state minimum standard plumbing code, regardless of whether such code applied to the work in the area or at the time such work was performed by the applicant. Qualifying experience under this paragraph shall be obtained under the supervision of a licensed Master Plumber Class I or a Master Plumber Class II and shall include participation in plumbing work demonstrating practical competency in the following areas, as applicable to the scope of licensure requested and consistent with the requirements of this paragraph:

(A) Installation, maintenance, alteration, service, or repair of plumbing systems, including potable water supply and distribution systems; sanitary, waste, storm

drainage, and venting systems; plumbing fixtures and equipment; and fuel gas piping systems and fuel-gas-fired appliances, including piping downstream of the gas meter or storage tank;

(B) Plumbing system layout, pipe sizing, material selection, inspection, testing, diagnosing, and troubleshooting of plumbing and fuel gas systems, including the application of applicable plumbing codes, standards, and manufacturer installation requirements, performed under appropriate supervision;

(C) Application of safe work practices, including job site and trench safety, confined space awareness, fall protection, lockout and tagout procedures, and the proper selection and use of personal protective equipment;

(D) Performance of supporting plumbing related work directly associated with the installation, alteration, service, or repair of plumbing systems, including support of plumbing system components, trenching, excavation, and backfilling, material handling and staging, demolition and general labor, operation of tools or equipment commonly used in plumbing work, assisting licensed plumbers, and installation of pipe and tubing supports, including hangers, strut, supports, and bracing; and

(E) Full-time employment as an estimator or project manager for a Class I or Class II Master Plumbing Contractor, where such employment involves regular exposure to plumbing systems, plans, specifications, and job site coordination;

(3) Submit a signed affidavit from the licensed Master Plumber Class I or Master Plumber Class II who supervised or otherwise oversaw the applicant's work, whether as a current or former employer, attesting to the applicant's completion of the experiential requirements set forth in this subsection. When the applicant's qualifying experience was obtained under the supervision of more than one such individual, a separate signed affidavit shall be submitted by each individual who supervised or oversaw the applicable portion of the applicant's experience; and

(4) Submit at least one secure and verifiable document, as defined in Code Section 50-36-2, establishing the applicant's identity, an affidavit verifying lawful presence in the United States pursuant to Code Section 50-36-1, and any required immigration documentation for noncitizen applicants.

(k) Any individual seeking to be licensed as a Master Plumber Class I under the provisions of this chapter shall file a completed application with the division on a form prescribed by the division, pay the required fees established by the State Construction Industry Licensing Board, and meet the following requirements:

(1) Successfully pass the board approved examination with a minimum score of 70;

(2) Have completed a minimum of four years of full-time experience in plumbing work as would be covered by items of the Georgia State Plumbing Code, at least three years of which shall have been performed while licensed as a Journeyman Plumber under this chapter; provided, however, that an applicant licensed as a Journeyman Plumber under this chapter prior to March 1, 2025, shall be required to have completed one of such four years while licensed as a Journeyman Plumber. Qualifying experience under this subsection shall include participation in plumbing work demonstrating practical competency, as applicable to the scope of licensure requested and consistent with the

requirements of this paragraph. Such experience shall be obtained under the supervision of a licensed master plumber; provided, however, that for licensure as a Statewide Master Plumber Class I, qualifying experience shall be limited to plumbing work performed within the restricted scope of practice applicable to a Master Plumber Class I, as defined in this chapter. Such qualifying experience includes, but is not limited to:

(A) Installation, maintenance, alteration, service, or repair of plumbing systems, including potable water supply and distribution systems, sanitary, waste, storm drainage, and venting systems, plumbing fixtures and equipment, and fuel gas piping systems and fuel-gas-fired appliances, including piping downstream of the gas meter or storage tank, and piping downstream of any municipal or county water meter from the point of service connection and extending into and throughout the building or structure served;

(B) Plumbing system layout, pipe sizing, material selection, inspection, testing, diagnosing, and troubleshooting of plumbing and fuel gas systems, including the application of applicable plumbing codes, standards, and manufacturer installation requirements, performed under appropriate supervision;

(C) Application of safe work practices, including job site and trench safety, confined space awareness, fall protection, lockout and tagout procedures, and the proper selection and use of personal protective equipment;

(D) Performance of supporting plumbing related work directly associated with the installation, alteration, service, or repair of plumbing systems, including support of plumbing system components; trenching, excavation, and backfilling; material handling and staging, demolition and general labor, operation of tools or equipment commonly used in plumbing work, assisting licensed plumbers, and installation of pipe and tubing supports, including hangers, strut, supports, and bracing; and

(E) Full-time employment as an estimator or project manager for a Master Plumber Class I or Master Plumber Class II, where such employment involves regular exposure to plumbing systems, plans, specifications, and job site coordination;

(3) Submit a signed affidavit from any licensed Master Plumber Class I or Master Plumber Class II who supervised or otherwise oversaw the applicant's work, whether as a current or former employer, attesting to the applicant's completion of the primary experiential requirements set forth in this subsection. When the applicant's qualifying full-time experience was obtained under the supervision of more than one such individual, a separate signed affidavit shall be submitted by each individual who supervised or oversaw the applicable portion of the applicant's experience; and

(4) Submit at least one secure and verifiable document, as defined in Code Section 50-36-2, establishing the applicant's identity, an affidavit verifying lawful presence in the United States pursuant to Code Section 50-36-1, and any required immigration documentation for noncitizen applicants.

(l) Any individual seeking to be licensed as a Master Plumber Class II under the provisions of this chapter shall file a completed application with the division on a form

prescribed by the division, pay the required fees established by the State Construction Industry Licensing Board, and meet the following requirements:

(1) Successfully pass the board approved examination with a minimum score of 70;

(2) Have completed a minimum of five years of full-time experience in plumbing work as would be covered by items of the state minimum standard plumbing code, with at least four of the five years being licensed as a Journeyman Plumber; provided, however, that an applicant licensed as a Journeyman Plumber under this chapter prior to March 1, 2025, shall be required to have completed two of such five years while licensed as a Journeyman Plumber. Qualifying experience under this subsection shall include participation in plumbing work demonstrating practical competency in the following areas, as applicable to the scope of licensure requested and consistent with the requirements of this paragraph. Such experience shall be obtained under the supervision of a licensed master plumber; provided, however, that for licensure as a Master Plumber Class II, not less than two years of the required experience shall have been obtained performing plumbing work within the unrestricted scope of practice applicable to a Master Plumber Class II, as defined in this chapter:

(A) Participation in the installation, maintenance, alteration, service, or repair of plumbing systems, including potable water supply and distribution systems, sanitary, waste, storm drainage, and venting systems, plumbing fixtures and equipment, and fuel gas piping systems and fuel-gas-fired appliances, including piping downstream of the gas meter or storage tank, and piping downstream of any municipal or county water meter from the point of service connection and extending into and throughout the building or structure served;

(B) Involvement in plumbing system layout, pipe sizing, material selection, and installation methods, performed under appropriate supervision where required;

(C) Participation in the inspection, testing, troubleshooting, and correction of plumbing and fuel gas systems, including verification of system performance and compliance with applicable plumbing codes, standards, and manufacturer installation requirements;

(D) Implementation and application of safe work practices, including job site and trench safety, confined space awareness, fall protection, lockout and tagout procedures, and the proper selection and use of personal protective equipment; and

(E) Supervision or lead responsibility for plumbing personnel, including training, assignment of duties, oversight of work quality, and enforcement of safety and code compliance requirements;

(3) Submit a signed affidavit from any licensed Master Plumber Class I or Master Plumber Class II who supervised or otherwise oversaw the applicant's work, whether as a current or former employer, attesting to the applicant's completion of the primary experiential requirements set forth in this subsection. When the applicant's qualifying experience was obtained under the supervision of more than one such individual, a separate signed affidavit shall be submitted by each individual who supervised or oversaw the applicable portion of the applicant's experience; and

(4) Submit at least one secure and verifiable document, as defined in Code Section 50-36-2, establishing the applicant's identity, an affidavit verifying lawful presence in the United States pursuant to Code Section 50-36-1, and any required immigration documentation for noncitizen applicants.

(m) Any person or entity violating this Code section shall be subject to discipline and penalties as provided in this chapter, including, but not limited to, license denial, suspension, revocation, administrative fines, injunction, or any other lawful enforcement action authorized by the division.

43-14-14.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'division' means the Division of Conditioned Air Contractors.

(b) No person shall engage in conditioned air contracting unless such person has a valid license issued by the division.

(c) The division shall certify all applicants for licensure under this Code section who satisfy the requirements of this Code section.

(d) A person that is not licensed as a conditioned air contractor shall be prohibited from advertising in any manner that such person is in the business or profession of a conditioned air contractor unless the work is performed by a licensed conditioned air contractor.

(e) No partnership, limited liability company, or corporation shall have the right to engage in the business of conditioned air contracting unless there is regularly connected with such partnership, limited liability company, or corporation a person or persons actively engaged in the performance of such business on a full-time basis who have valid licenses issued to them as provided for in this chapter; provided, however, that partners, officers, and employees of the individual who fulfilled the licensing requirements shall continue to be authorized to engage in the business of conditioned air contracting under a license which was valid at the time of the licensee's death for a period of 90 days from the date of such death. The division may, at its discretion, upon application by the conditioned air contractor showing good cause, grant one additional 90 day grace period.

(f) Partnerships, limited liability companies, or corporations having more than one office location from which conditioned air contracting is performed shall have at least one person stationed in each branch office of such partnership, limited liability company, or corporation who is engaged in the performance of conditioned air contracting on a full-time basis who is supervising the installation, repair, alteration, and service work of air conditioning and heating systems of all employees of such branch office locations; and who has a valid license issued as provided in this Code section.

(g) It shall be the duty of all partnerships, limited liability companies, and corporations qualified under this chapter to notify the appropriate division within seven days of the severance of connection with such partnership, limited liability company, or corporation of any person or persons upon whom such qualification rested.

(h) Any individual seeking to be licensed as a Conditioned Air Contractor Class I under the provisions of this chapter shall file a completed application with the division on a

form prescribed by the division, pay the required fees established by the State Construction Industry Licensing Board, and meet the following requirements:

(1) Successfully pass a board approved examination with a minimum score of 70;

(2) Have completed a minimum of years of full-time experience performing conditioned air work of a type covered by the state minimum standard codes, regardless of whether such code applied to the work in the area or at the time such work was performed by the applicant;

(A) Qualifying experience under this subsection shall consist of two years of residential installation experience as a lead mechanic, one year as a service technician, one year of residential supervisory experience; and

(B) An applicant shall receive credit toward the experience requirements of this section based on the actual instructional time completed in relevant coursework, meaning coursework directly related to the scope of licensure requested, provided that such credit shall not exceed two years for completion of a technical school or technical college diploma program in air conditioning technology, engineering, or engineering technology from an institution accredited by an accrediting body recognized by the division, or one year for completion of a vocational-technical school certificate program from an institution accredited by an accrediting body recognized by the division;

(3) Submit a signed affidavit from any licensed architect, licensed professional engineer, public building official or building inspector, or licensed conditioned air contractor who directly supervised or otherwise oversaw the applicant's work, whether as a current or former employer, attesting to the applicant's completion of the experiential requirements set forth in this Code section. When the applicant's qualifying experience was obtained under the supervision of more than one such individual, a separate signed affidavit shall be submitted by each individual who supervised or oversaw the applicable portion of the applicant's experience;

(4) Complete the Type II Federal Environmental Protection Agency Section 608 Technician Certification;

(5) Complete a board approved heat loss and gain and duct design course; and

(6) Submit at least one secure and verifiable document, as defined in Code Section 50-36-2, establishing the applicant's identity, and submit an affidavit verifying lawful presence in the United States pursuant to Code Section 50-36-1, together with any required immigration documentation for noncitizen applicants.

(i) Any individual seeking to be licensed as a Conditioned Air Contractor Class II under the provisions of this chapter shall file a completed application with the division on a form prescribed by the division, pay the required fees established by the State Construction Industry Licensing Board, and meet the following requirements:

(1) Successfully pass a board approved examination with a minimum score of 70;

(2)(A) Have completed a minimum of five years of full-time experience performing conditioned air work covered by the state minimum standard codes, regardless of whether such code applied to the work in the area or at the time such work was performed by the applicant. Qualifying experience under this subsection shall consist

of two years of commercial supervisory experience, one year as a service technician or service supervisor, and two years of installation as a lead mechanic with at least one of the years being commercial only, installing conditioned air systems that exceed a net 175,000 BTU of heating and 60,000 BTU of cooling.

(B) An applicant shall receive credit toward the experience requirements of this Code section based on the actual instructional time completed in relevant coursework, meaning coursework directly related to the scope of licensure requested, provided that such credit shall not exceed two years for completion of a technical school or technical college diploma program in air conditioning technology, engineering, or engineering technology from an institution accredited by an accrediting body recognized by the division, or one year for completion of a vocational-technical school certificate program from an institution accredited by an accrediting body recognized by the division;

(3) Submit a signed affidavit from a licensed architect, licensed professional engineer, public building official or building inspector, or licensed conditioned air contractor who directly supervised or otherwise oversaw the applicant's work, whether as a current or former employer, attesting to the applicant's completion of the experiential requirements set forth in this subsection. When the applicant's qualifying experience was obtained under the supervision of more than one such individual, a separate signed affidavit shall be submitted by each individual who supervised or oversaw the applicable portion of the applicant's experience;

(4) Complete the Type II and Type III Federal Environmental Protection Agency Section 608 Technician Certification;

(5) Complete a board approved heat loss and gain and duct design course; and

(6) Submit at least one secure and verifiable document, as defined in Code Section 50-36-2, establishing the applicant's identity, an affidavit verifying lawful presence in the United States pursuant to Code Section 50-36-1, and any required immigration documentation for noncitizen applicants.

(j) Application for a license under this Code section shall constitute express consent and authorization for the Secretary of State or his or her representative to perform a criminal background check. Each applicant who submits an application to the Secretary of State for licensure agrees to provide the Secretary of State with any and all information necessary to run a criminal background check, including, but not limited to, classifiable sets of fingerprints. The applicant shall be responsible for all fees associated with the performance of such background check.

(k) The decision of the division regarding the qualifications of licensure shall, in the absence of fraud, be conclusive. All individuals, individuals serving as partners in partnerships, applicants for limited liability companies, or applicants for corporations desiring to engage in conditioned air contracting shall be licensed under this Code section before engaging in such vocation and business, including at the local level.

(l) Any person or entity violating this Code section shall be subject to discipline and penalties as provided in this chapter, including, but not limited to, license denial,

suspension, revocation, administrative fines, injunction, or any other lawful enforcement action authorized by the division.

43-14-15.

Whenever it shall appear to a division of the board or to the executive director or to a county or municipal inspection authority that any person is or has been violating this chapter or any of the lawful rules, regulations, or orders of the board, the division of the board, the local inspection authority, or the appropriate prosecuting attorney may file a petition for an injunction in the proper superior court of this state against such person for the purpose of enjoining any such violation. It shall not be necessary to allege or prove that there is no adequate remedy at law. The right of injunction provided for in this Code section shall be in addition to any other legal remedy which the board has and shall be in addition to any right of criminal prosecution provided for by law.

43-14-16.

(a) Any municipal or county inspection authority which meets the standards established by the board shall be authorized, after notice and hearing, to suspend the license or certification, or refuse to restore a license or certification to any person or licensee upon the grounds set out in paragraph (4) of subsection (a) of Code Section 43-14-6; provided, however, that such suspension of a license by a local inspection authority shall be applicable only within the jurisdiction of such local authority. Any person aggrieved by an action of a local authority shall be entitled to an appeal to the appropriate division of the board and a hearing.

(b)(1) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to prohibit the governing authority of any county or municipality in the state from adopting and enforcing codes at the local level; provided, however, that no county or municipality may require any licensed conditioned air contractor or licensed plumber who has executed and deposited a bond as authorized in paragraph (2) of this subsection to give or furnish or execute any code compliance bond or similar bond for the purpose of ensuring that all construction, installation, or modifications are made or completed in compliance with the county or municipal ordinances or building and construction codes.

(2) In order to protect the public from damages arising from any work by a licensed conditioned air contractor or licensed plumber, which work fails to comply with the ordinances or building and construction codes adopted by any county or municipal corporation, any such licensed conditioned air contractor or licensed plumber may execute and deposit with the judge of the probate court in the county of his or her principal place of business a bond in the sum of $10,000.00. Such bond shall be a cash bond of $10,000.00 or executed by a surety authorized and qualified to write surety bonds in the State of Georgia and shall be approved by the judge of the probate court. Such bond shall be conditioned upon all work done or supervised by such licensee complying with the provisions of any ordinances or building and construction codes of any county or municipal corporation wherein the work is performed. Action on such bond may be brought against the principal and surety thereon in the name of and for the

benefit of any person who suffers damages as a consequence of said licensee's work not conforming to the requirements of any ordinances or building and construction codes; provided, however, that the aggregate liability of the surety to all persons so damaged shall in no event exceed the sum of such bond.

(3) In any case where a bond is required under this subsection, the conditioned air contractor or plumber shall file a copy of the bond with the building official in the political subdivision wherein the work is being performed.

(4) The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to or affect any bonding requirements involving contracts for public works as provided in Chapter 10 of Title 13.

(c) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed as prohibiting or preventing a municipality or county from fixing, charging, assessing, or collecting any license fee, registration fee, tax, or gross receipt tax on any related business or on anyone engaged in any related business governed by this chapter.

43-14-17.

(a) If a person is in violation Code Section 43-14-8, 43-14-9, 43-14-10, 43-14-13, or 43-14-14, it shall not be necessary for an investigator to observe or witness the unlicensed person engaged illegally in the process of work or to show work in progress or work completed in order to prove the unlawful practice of electrical contracting, low voltage contracting, utility contracting, plumbing contracting, or conditioned air contracting, by an unlicensed person.

(b) It shall be prima-facie evidence of a violation of this chapter if any person not licensed as a conditioned air contractor, plumbing contractor, electrical contractor, utility contractor, or low voltage contractor advertises that such person is in the business or profession of a conditioned air contractor, plumbing contractor, electrical contractor utility contractor, or low voltage contractor or advertises in a manner such that the general public would believe that such person is a licensed conditioned air contractor or in the business or profession of a conditioned air contractor, is a licensed plumbing contractor in the business or profession of a plumbing contractor, or is a licensed electrical contractor in the business or profession of an electrical contractor, is a licensed utility contractor in the business or profession of a utility contractor, or is a licensed low voltage contractor in the business or profession of a low voltage contractor. Advertising under this subsection includes, but is not limited to, newspaper, internet, social media and digital applications, television, radio, telephone directory listings, mailings, business cards, or signage at a place of business or attached to a vehicle.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of Code Section 43-1-20.1, after notice and hearing, the board may issue a cease and desist order prohibiting any person from violating the provisions of this chapter by engaging in the business or profession of a conditioned air contractor, plumbing contractor, electrical contractor, or low voltage contractor without a license as required under this chapter or by constructing, erecting, altering, or repairing a utility system without a properly certified utility manager or properly certified utility foreman present at the job site.

(d) With respect to plumbing contracting, conditioned air contracting, low voltage contracting, and electrical contracting, the violation of any cease and desist order of the board issued under subsection (c) of this Code section shall subject the person violating the order to further proceedings before the board, and the board shall be authorized to impose a fine not to exceed $1,500.00 for each violation thereof. Each day that a person practices in violation of this Code section and chapter shall constitute a separate violation.
(e) With respect to utility contracting, the violation of any cease and desist order of the board issued under subsection (c) of this Code section shall subject the person violating the order to further proceedings before the board, and the board shall be authorized to impose a fine not to exceed $5,000.00 for each violation thereof. Each day that a person practices in violation of this Code section and chapter or constructs, erects, alters, or repairs a utility system without a properly certified utility manager or properly certified utility foreman present at such job site shall constitute a separate violation.
(f) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to prohibit the board from seeking remedies otherwise available by statute without first seeking a cease and desist order in accordance with the provisions of this Code section.
(g) Any person violating this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than $1,000.00 or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

43-14-18.
(a) Every person holding a license issued by a division of the board shall display it in a conspicuous manner at his or her place of business.
(b) All commercial vehicles used by licensees and certificate holders exclusively in the daily operation of their business shall have prominently displayed thereon the company or business registration or certificate number issued by the Secretary of State's office. Such registration number or certificate number, or website address where such number can be found, shall also be prominently displayed on any advertising relating to work which a licensee or certificate holder purports to have the capacity to perform. Said registration or certificate number shall also be printed on all invoices and proposal forms.

43-14-19.
(a) This chapter shall apply to all installations, alterations, and repairs of plumbing, air conditioning and heating, or electrical or low voltage wiring or utility systems within or on public or private buildings, structures, or premises except as otherwise provided in this Code section.
(b) Any person that holds a license issued under this chapter may engage in the business of plumbing contracting, electrical contracting, conditioned air contracting, low voltage contracting, or utility contracting but only as prescribed by the license, throughout the state; and except as provided in Code Section 43-14-16, no municipality or county may require such person to comply with any additional licensing requirements imposed by such municipality or county.
(c) This chapter shall not apply to:

(1) The installation, alteration, or repair of plumbing, air conditioning and heating, utility systems, or electrical services, except low voltage wiring services, up to and including the meters where such work is performed by and is an integral part of the system owned or operated by a public service corporation, an electrical, water, or gas department of any municipality in this state, a railroad company, a pipeline company, or a mining company in the exercise of its normal function as such;

(2) Low voltage wiring performed by public utilities, except that the portion of the business of public utilities which involves the installation, alteration, repair, or service of telecommunications systems for profit shall be covered under this chapter;

(3) The installation, construction, or maintenance of power systems or telecommunications systems for the generation or distribution of electric current constructed under the National Electrical Safety Code, which regulates the safety requirements of utilities; but the interior wiring regulated by the National Electrical Safety Code shall not be exempt and must be done by an electrical contractor, except as otherwise provided by law; provided, however, that a tier 2 local exchange company, as defined in Code Section 46-5-162, may perform low-voltage interior wiring without licensure as an electrical contractor solely to the extent such wiring is necessary for the installation, maintenance, repair, or operation of its own telecommunications systems and network infrastructure. Such work shall be performed only by employees of the tier 2 local exchange company and shall not include general electrical service work or modification of building power distribution systems unrelated to the provider's telecommunications systems;

(4) Any technician employed by a municipal or county franchised community antenna television (CATV) system or a municipally owned CATV system in the performance of work on the system;

(5) Regular full-time employees of an institution, manufacturer, or business who perform plumbing, electrical, low voltage wiring, utility contracting, or conditioned air contracting when working on the premises of their employer;

(6) A contractor certified by the Department of Public Health to make the connection to any on-site waste-water management system from the stub out exiting the structure to an on-site waste-water management system;

(7) Any employee or authorized agent of a regulated gas utility or municipally owned gas utility while in the course and scope of such employment; or

(8) Persons licensed as manufactured or mobile home installers by the state fire marshal when:

(A) Coupling the electrical connection from the service entrance panel outside the manufactured housing to the distribution panel board inside the manufactured housing;

(B) Connecting the exterior sewer outlets to the aboveground sewer system; or

(C) Connecting the exterior water line to the aboveground water system.

(d) This chapter shall not prohibit:

(1) An individual from installing, altering, or repairing plumbing fixtures, air conditioning and heating, air conditioning and heating fixtures, utility systems, or

electrical or low voltage wiring services in a residential dwelling owned or occupied by such individual; provided, however, that all such work must be done in conformity with all other provisions of this chapter, the rules and regulations of the board, and any applicable county or municipal resolutions, ordinances, codes, or inspection requirements;

(2) An individual employed on the maintenance staff of a facility owned by the state or by a county, municipality, or other political subdivision from installing, altering, or repairing plumbing, plumbing fixtures, air conditioning and heating fixtures, utility systems, or electrical or low voltage wiring services when such work is an integral part of the maintenance requirements of the facility; provided, however, that all such work must be done in conformity with all other provisions of this chapter and the orders, rules, and regulations of the board;

(3) Any person from installing, altering, or repairing plumbing, plumbing fixtures, air conditioning and heating fixtures, utility systems, or electrical or low voltage wiring services in a farm or ranch service building or as an integral part of any irrigation system on a farm or ranch when such system is not located within 30 feet of any dwelling or any building devoted to animal husbandry. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to limit the application of any resolution, ordinance, code, or inspection requirements of a county or municipality relating to such connections;

(4) Any person from installing, altering, or repairing the plumbing component of a lawn sprinkler system from a backflow preventer which was installed by a licensed plumber; provided, however, that all such work must be done in conformity with all other provisions of this chapter, the rules and regulations of the board, and ordinances of the county or municipality; or

(5) Any propane dealer that is properly insured as required by law and that holds a liquefied petroleum gas license issued by the Safety Fire Commissioner from installing, repairing, or servicing a propane system or the gas piping or components of such system; provided, however, that such propane dealers shall be prohibited from performing the installation of conditioned air systems or forced air heating systems unless licensed to do so under this chapter.

(e) Any person qualified by the Department of Transportation to perform work for the department shall not be required to be licensed under:

(1) Code Section 43-14-10 or certified under Code Sections 43-14-11 and 43-14-12 in order to perform work for the department; or

(2) Code Section 43-14-10 or certified under Code Sections 43-14-11 and 43-14-12 in order to perform work for a county, municipality, authority, or other political subdivision when such work is of the same nature as that for which the person is qualified when performing department work; provided, however, that such work is not performed on a utility system as defined in Code Section 43-14-2 for which the person receives compensation.

(f) Any person who contracts with a licensed conditioned air contractor:

(1) As part of a conditioned air contract to install, alter, or repair duct systems, control systems, or insulation is not required to hold a license from the Division of Conditioned

Air Contractors. The conditioned air contractor must retain responsibility for completion of the contract, including any subcontracted work;

(2) To perform a complete installation, alteration, or repair of a conditioned air system must hold a valid license from the Division of Conditioned Air Contractors; or

(3) To perform for or on behalf of a conditioned air contractor the installation, alteration, or repair of the electrical, low voltage, or plumbing components of a conditioned air system must hold a valid license from the appropriate division of the board.

(g) Any utility contractor holding a valid utility contractor's license under this chapter shall be authorized to bid for and perform work on any utility system in this state without obtaining a license under Chapter 41 of this title. It shall be unlawful for the owner of a utility system or anyone soliciting work to be performed on a utility system to refuse to allow a utility contractor holding a valid utility contractor's license under this chapter to bid for or perform work on a utility system on the basis that such contractor does not hold a license under Chapter 41 of this title.

43-14-20.

(a) All licenses and certificates issued under this chapter shall be valid for a period of two years and shall be subject to biennial renewal upon expiration.

(b) All applications for renewal of a license or certificate shall be filed with the division director prior to the expiration date, accompanied by the biennial renewal fee prescribed by the board and certifying that all current requirements of continuing education as determined by the board have been fulfilled.

(c) Any person who fails to renew a license or certificate on or before its expiration date may apply for late renewal during a period not to exceed 31 days immediately following the expiration of the biennial license. Such application shall be submitted and shall include the required renewal information and late renewal fee, as prescribed by the board.

(d) Any license or certificate that is not renewed on or before its expiration date or during the late renewal period provided in subsection (c) of this Code section shall lapse and shall not be in good standing unless reinstated pursuant to this Code section.

(e) If an application for reinstatement is submitted less than three years after the expiration date of the license or certificate, the applicant shall submit a reinstatement application, the required reinstatement fee, verification that the licensee or certificate holder has completed the required continuing education requirements, and any other information, as prescribed by the board.

(f) If an application for reinstatement is submitted more than three years after the expiration date of a license or certificate, the applicant shall, in addition to satisfying the applicable continuing education requirements, comply with any additional requirements prescribed by the board or the appropriate division. Such requirements may include, when applicable to the license or certificate sought, reexamination and the submission of an affidavit attesting that the applicant meets the applicable experience requirements.

(g) Each division of the board is authorized to require individuals seeking renewal of any license or certificate issued under this chapter to complete continuing education courses approved by that division.
(h) Each division may approve continuing education courses or programs offered within or outside this state for licensees and certificate holders, subject to reasonable, nondiscriminatory fees. Such courses or programs shall relate to the licensed activity and shall be offered by qualified providers in accordance with rules adopted by the board. Courses conducted primarily to promote specific products or services shall not be permitted.
(i) Each division may waive the continuing education requirements in cases of hardship, disability, or illness or under such other circumstances as the division deems appropriate.
(j) Each division shall make all reasonable efforts to make the continuing education offered pursuant to this Code section available online or through home study courses and accessible at times outside of the normal work hours of those licensed by such division.
(k) Continuing education hours shall not be carried forward to a subsequent renewal period.
(l) Failure to comply with the continuing education or renewal requirements of this Code section shall render the license or certificate invalid and subject the licensee or certificate holder to disciplinary action, including denial of renewal or revocation of the license. Such licensee or certificate holder shall not be authorized to engage in the business or profession for which licensed until the license or certificate is renewed or reinstated in accordance with applicable procedures.

43-14-21.
(a) As used in this Code section, the term:
(1) 'Discharge' means an honorable discharge or a general discharge from active military service. Such term shall not mean a discharge under other than honorable conditions, a bad conduct discharge, or a dishonorable discharge.
(2) 'Military' means the armed forces of the United States or a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States, including the National Guard.
(b) A committee composed of the division director, members of the Governor's Office of Workforce Development, and members of the relevant divisions of the licensing board representing the profession for which the applicant is seeking a license shall determine the military specialties or certifications the training or experience for which substantially meets or exceeds the requirements to obtain a license for Electrical Contractor Class I, Journeyman Plumber, Conditioned Air Contractor Class I, or Utility Foreman. The Governor shall designate a chairperson from among the members of the committee.
(c) Any current or former member of the military may apply to the licensing board for the expedited issuance of a license or certification based upon his or her having obtained a military specialty or certification, the training or experience for which substantially meets or exceeds the requirements to obtain a license or certification identified in subsection (b) of this Code section.

(d) In order to qualify under this Code section, an applicant shall make application not later than two years after his or her discharge. The licensing board, in its discretion, may by rule or regulation extend such two-year period for a license or certification, or class thereof, or may extend such two-year period for an individual applicant if certain circumstances, including, but not limited to, health, hospitalization, or other related emergencies or exigencies, prevented the member of the military from making an application.

(e) Such application shall be in such form and shall require such documentation as the division director shall determine. If the applicant satisfies the requirements of this Code section, the division director shall direct the appropriate division to issue the appropriate license, and the division shall immediately issue such license; provided, however, that the applicant shall satisfy all financial and insurance requirements for the issuance of such license. This Code section shall only apply to the initial issuance of a license. After the initial issuance of a license, the licensee shall be subject to any provisions relating to the renewal of the license applicable to all licensees.

43-14-22.

The board may establish a process through rules and regulations for licenses issued under this chapter to be placed on inactive status and the qualifications necessary for such licenses to be returned to active status; provided, however, that engaging in any conduct that requires a license under this chapter while holding an inactive license shall be considered an unlicensed practice and shall be prohibited.

43-14-23.

Each division of the board may, in its discretion, grant a license or certificate to any person who, at the time of application, is licensed or certified in another state whose requirements for licensure are substantially equal to the requirements for a similar license or certificate issued under this chapter, and to grant such person full privileges to engage in equivalent practice authorized under this chapter without requiring an examination, if applicable, provided that:

(1) The applicant has been principally engaged in the practice authorized by such license or certificate for a period of not less than two years immediately preceding the application;

(2) The applicant submits a proper application, pays a fee in an amount established by the board, and completes any additional safety training courses required by the board; and

(3) The state in which the applicant is licensed or certified affords substantially equivalent licensure or certification privileges to persons licensed or certified under this chapter by the State of Georgia.

43-14-24.

This chapter shall be administered in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'"

SECTION 3.

Code Section 48-7-38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to deduction for payments to classified subcontractors, disclosure of tax returns, and maintenance of list of classified subcontractors, is amended by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(2) 'Small business' ~~shall have the same meaning as provided in Code Section 50-5-121~~ means a business which is independently owned and operated and:

(A) Tier one: has ten or fewer employees or $1 million or less in gross receipts per year;

(B) Tier two: has 100 or fewer employees or $10 million or less in gross receipts per year; or

(C) Tier three: has 300 or fewer employees or $30 million or less in gross receipts per year."

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

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Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
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Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
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Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
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Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
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Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn

Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 168, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SB 285. By Senator Robertson of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 12 of Chapter 3 of Title 38 and Part 4 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 46 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the Emergency Communications Authority and emergency telephone number 9-1-1 system, respectively, so as to provide for an increase in the percentage of all 9-1-1 charges to be remitted to the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund; to amend Code Section 47-17-80 of the O.C.G.A., relating to retirement benefit options, payment to surviving spouse, requirements, effect of reemployment, effect of changes in retirement benefits, and payment on death of member, so as to provide for an increase in monthly benefits; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 33-8-8.3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the funding of services, or reduction of ad valorem taxes, in unincorporated areas of counties and powers and duties of governing authority, so as to require counties and municipal corporations to remit a portion of premium taxes to the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund; to amend Chapter 17 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund, so as to provide for certain premium taxes to be paid to the fund; to provide the board with the authority to increase the monthly benefit multiplier; to provide for limitations and restrictions; to provide for legislative intent to appropriate certain funds; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 33-8-8.3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the funding of services, or reduction of ad valorem taxes, in unincorporated areas of counties and powers and duties of governing authority, is amended as follows:

"33-8-8.3.

(a) ~~The~~ Except as provided in subsection (c) of this Code section, the proceeds from the county taxes levied for county purposes, as provided by this chapter, shall be separated from other county funds and shall be used by the county governing authorities solely for the purpose of either:

(1) Funding the provision of the following services to inhabitants of the unincorporated areas of such counties directly or by intergovernmental contract as authorized by Article IX, Section III, Paragraph I of the Constitution of the State of Georgia:

(A) Police protection, except such protection provided by the county sheriff;

(B) Fire protection;

(C) Curbside or on-site residential or commercial garbage and solid waste collection;

(D) Curbs, sidewalks, and street lights;

(E) Flood risk reduction, which, for purposes of this paragraph, ~~such term~~ shall mean policies adopted or projects implemented by a county to reduce the risks from flood events to residents of or property located in unincorporated areas of such county that are prone to experiencing floods. Such policies or projects may include but are not limited to the creation of flood risk management strategies and plans, installation of storm-water management infrastructure, and acquisition of high-risk properties; and

(F) Such other services as may be provided by the county governing authority for the primary benefit of the inhabitants of the unincorporated area of the county; or

(2) Reducing ad valorem taxes of the inhabitants of the unincorporated areas of those counties in which the governing authority of a county does not provide any of the services enumerated in paragraph (1) of this subsection to inhabitants of the unincorporated areas. In fixing the ad valorem tax millage rate for the year, the governing authorities of such counties shall be authorized and directed to reduce such ad valorem tax millage rate on taxable property within the unincorporated areas of such counties to offset any of the proceeds derived from any tax provided for in this chapter which cannot be expended pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(b) In the adoption of the budget utilizing any of the funds derived from the tax imposed by Code Sections 33-8-8.1 and 33-8-8.2, the governing authority of a county shall specify in such budget the amount of such funds expended as authorized by paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Code section or used to reduce ad valorem taxes as provided in paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this Code section. Said budget shall also specify the amount of any other funds expended for such purpose or purposes as are authorized to be expended for services referred to in paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Code section. Such provisions shall be spread on the minutes of the meeting at which such budget is adopted.

(c) On or before October 30 of each year, each county and municipal corporation shall remit 1.5 percent of all funds distributed to them pursuant to subsection (g) of Code Section 33-8-8.1 and subsection (b) of Code Section 33-8-8.2 to the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund established in Chapter 17 of Title 47."

SECTION 2.

Chapter 17 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund, is amended in Article 4, relating to revenues collected from fines and fees, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"47-17-64.

The fund shall receive all moneys remitted to it pursuant to subsection (c) of Code Section 33-8-8.3. Such moneys shall be used for the sole purpose of supporting the benefits paid to members of the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund and such funds shall not lapse as otherwise required by Article III, Section IX, Paragraph IV(c) of the Constitution of Georgia. Additionally, it is the intention of the General Assembly, subject to the appropriations process, that an amount equal to one-half of 1 percent of state insurance premium taxes collected annually and remitted to the department pursuant to Code Section 33-8-4 be appropriated each year to the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 47-17-80, relating to retirement benefit payment options, payment to surviving spouse, reemployment, changes in retirement benefits, and death of member, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b)(1) Option One shall consist of a single life annuity payable in monthly payments for the life of the member only. The monthly payment under this option shall be an amount equal to $30.00 per month for each full year of creditable service and in the event the member shall have additional service credit not totaling a full year, the further sum of one-twelfth of the amount paid per month for each additional year of service credit shall be paid for each month of additional service credit, provided that the member either has at least ten years of membership service, or 15 years of membership service for individuals who became members on or after July 1, 2010, and is at least 55 years of age or has at least 30 years of creditable service, regardless of age. Such monthly benefit payment shall be paid on each full year and additional full months of creditable service up to a maximum of 30 years of total service.

(2)(A) As used in this paragraph, the term 'funded ratio' means the actuarial value of plan assets divided by the actuarial accrued liability of such plan as of the most recent actuarial valuation approved by the board.

(B) On and after July 1, 2027, the board is authorized to increase the benefit multiplier in paragraph (1) of this subsection from $30.00 per month up to $35.00 per month, provided that any increase in the benefit multiplier is for an amount not less than $1.00 and that any such increase does not lower the funded ratio of the system below 90 percent, based on the recommendation of the actuary of the board."

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	E Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	E Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	E Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 165, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SB 216. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Tillery of the 19th, Strickland of the 42nd, Burns of the 23rd, Setzler of the 37th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 23 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Judicial Retirement System, so as to provide for membership in the system for individuals employed as the director of the Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission; to provide for an election for such current employees; to provide for transfer of funds; to provide for payment of actuarial costs; to provide for transfer of membership service; to provide for earnable monthly compensation for purposes of contributions and benefit amounts; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	E Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	E Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Cannon, P	Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF

Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 165, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 439. By Senators Still of the 48th, Goodman of the 8th, Burns of the 23rd and Echols of the 49th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Fair Business Practices Act of 1975," so as to provide for regulation of referral agencies for assisted living communities and personal care homes; to provide for disclosures to prospective residents and acknowledgments of receipt; to provide for charging and collection of fees; to require verification of licensing of assisted living communities and personal care homes by referral agencies; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	E Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran

Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 168, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 470. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Bearden of the 30th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Payne of the 54th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against public order, so as to prohibit the possession, use, operation, manufacture, sale, offer for sale, distribution, or import of signal jammers; to specifically authorize the Attorney General to commence forfeiture proceedings; to provide for exemptions; to provide for definitions; to provide a short title; to provide an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against public order, so as to prohibit the possession, use, operation, manufacture, sale, offer for sale, distribution, or import of signal jammers; to establish criminal offenses; to provide for penalties; to require that certain penalties shall not be suspended, stayed, deferred, or withheld by the sentencing court; to provide for the designation of signal jammers and other property as contraband; to provide for the forfeiture of property used directly or indirectly, or intended for use in any manner, to facilitate a violation of the criminal offenses established in this Act; to specifically authorize the Attorney General to commence forfeiture proceedings; to provide for

exemptions; to provide for definitions; to provide a short title; to provide an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Emergency & Public Safety Signal Protection Act."

SECTION 2.

Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against public order, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"16-11-46.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Communication signal' means a signal used in a communications system to transfer information from a transmitter to a receiver. Communication signals include, but are not limited to, analog signals and digital signals.

(2) 'Critical infrastructure' means publicly or privately owned facilities, systems, functions, or assets, whether physical or virtual, providing or distributing services for the benefit of the public, including, but not limited to, energy, fuel, water, agriculture, healthcare, finance, communications, education, or any other vital public service.

(3) 'Property' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 9-16-2.

(4) 'Public agency' means the state and any city, county, city and county, municipal corporation, chartered organization, public district, or public authority located in whole or in part within this state which provides or has authority to provide fire-fighting, law enforcement, ambulance, medical, correctional, or other emergency services.

(5) 'Public safety agency' means a functional division of a public agency which provides fire-fighting, law enforcement, emergency medical, suicide prevention, emergency management dispatching, poison control, drug prevention, child abuse, spouse abuse, correctional, or other emergency services.

(6) 'Public safety answering point' means the designated communication center or centers of a public safety agency for dispatching appropriate emergency personnel, agencies, correctional personnel, or law enforcement officers, including, but not limited to, 9-1-1 call centers.

(7) 'Public transportation system' means all facilities, conveyances, and instrumentalities, whether publicly or privately owned, that are used in or for publicly available services for the transportation of individuals or cargo.

(8) 'Signal jammer' means any device, instrument, or apparatus which through emitting a signal is capable of preventing, disrupting, delaying, degrading, or otherwise interfering with the transmission of a communication signal over:

(A) Any wireless communications system, cellular communications system, radar system, or global positioning system; or

(B) Any radio, telephone, or cable line, station, or system.

(9) 'Vital public service' includes water, sewerage, drainage, energy, electric, gas, natural gas, telecommunications, internet, cable, navigation, collision avoidance, public transportation systems, railroads, and other services the loss of which would have a debilitating impact on the health, safety, or financial security of the public.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (g) of this Code section, it shall be unlawful for any person to possess, use, or operate a signal jammer with the intent to prevent, disrupt, delay, degrade, or otherwise interfere with the transmission of a communication signal over:

(1) Any wireless communications system, cellular communications system, radar system, or global positioning system; or

(2) Any radio, telephone, or cable line, station, or system.

(c)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a person that violates subsection (b) of this Code section shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than seven years, a fine of not more than $10,000.00, or both.

(2) A person that violates subsection (b) of this Code section shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than ten years, a fine of not more than $25,000.00, or both, if such violation involves the possession, use, or operation of a signal jammer with the intent to prevent, disrupt, delay, degrade, or otherwise interfere with the transmission of a communication signal by, from, with, or to a public safety agency, a public safety answering point, or any component of critical infrastructure.

(3) A violation of subsection (b) of this Code section shall not merge with any other offense and the punishments prescribed by paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection shall not be suspended, stayed, deferred, or withheld by the sentencing court.

(d) Except as provided in subsection (g) of this Code section, it shall be unlawful for any person to possess, manufacture, sell, offer for sale, distribute, or import a signal jammer in this state.

(e) A person that violates subsection (d) of this Code section shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than five years, a fine of not more than $10,000.00, or both.

(f)(1) Any property which is used or intended for use in any manner to facilitate a violation of this Code section shall be declared to be contraband, no person shall have a property right in such property, and such property shall be subject to forfeiture.

(2) Any property subject to forfeiture pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be forfeited in accordance with the procedures set forth in Chapter 16 of Title 9, the 'Georgia Uniform Civil Forfeiture Procedure Act.'

(3) The Attorney General shall be specifically authorized to commence civil forfeiture proceedings under this subsection.

(g) The following shall be exempt from the provisions of this Code section:

(1) The possession, use, operation, manufacture, sale, offer for sale, distribution, or importation of a signal jammer in this state that is authorized under federal law or that

has been approved by the Federal Communications Commission or other federal agency authorized to regulate signal jammers; and

(2) The possession, use, operation, manufacture, sale, offer for sale, distribution, or importation of a signal jammer in this state by public safety agencies, state and local law enforcement and correctional agencies, or any other person or entity that is legally authorized to possess, use, operate, manufacture, sell, offer for sale, distribute, or import a signal jammer in this state."

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	E Sampson
Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	E Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A

Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
E Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 163, nays 3.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SB 444. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 1st, Hodges of the 3rd, Harbison of the 15th and Walker III of the 20th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 46 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certification of private review agents, so as to provide that certain decisions with regard to the provision of insurance coverage for healthcare services shall not be based solely on artificial intelligence systems, artificial intelligence, or other software tools; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 46 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certification of private review agents, so as to provide that certain decisions with regard to the provision of insurance coverage for healthcare services shall not be based solely on artificial intelligence systems, artificial intelligence, or other software tools; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 46 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certification of private review agents, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"33-46-7.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Artificial intelligence' means a machine based system that can, for a given set of human defined objectives, make predictions, recommendations, or decisions influencing real or virtual environments.

(2) 'Artificial intelligence system' means an engineered or machine based system that emulates the capability of a person to receive audio, visual, text, or any other form of information and use such information to emulate a human cognitive process, including, but not limited to, learning, generalizing, reasoning, planning, predicting, acting, or communicating; provided, however, that artificial intelligence systems may vary in the forms of information they can receive and in the human cognitive processes they can emulate.

(b) Private review agents and utilization review entities may use artificial intelligence systems, artificial intelligence, or other software tools, provided that such systems or tools are a part of a utilization review plan that is in accordance with the standards set forth in this chapter and the rules and regulations adopted by the Commissioner.

(c) Artificial intelligence systems, artificial intelligence, and other software tools may be used to automate tasks, reduce administrative burdens, participate in decision-making processes, and perform other lawful functions; provided, however, that such systems shall not issue an adverse determination to a patient until a natural person qualifying as a private review agent or a utilization review entity conducts a utilization review in which a clinical peer participates. In no event shall artificial intelligence systems, artificial intelligence, or other software tools supersede the judgment of such clinical peer."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2027.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	E Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP

Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
E Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
E Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 166, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SB 452. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Robertson of the 29th, Strickland of the 42nd, Tillery of the 19th, Albers of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 47-2-357 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to withdrawal, employer contributions, vesting, and date of election, so as to increase the maximum employer contribution to a 401(k) for certain state law enforcement officers; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	McClain	E Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	E Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	E McQueen	Y Schofield

Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	E Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
E Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
E Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 163, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 489. By Senators Goodman of the 8th, Watson of the 11th, Summers of the 13th, Dixon of the 45th, Hodges of the 3rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Judges of the Probate Courts Retirement Fund of Georgia, so as to allow the Board of Commissioners of the Judges of the Probate Courts Retirement Fund of Georgia to set monthly dues; to provide for limitations on such authority; to provide for factors in such determination; to increase the fee on marriage licenses; to increase the fee on civil filings; to increase the fee on certain fines and bond forfeitures; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	E Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	E McQueen	Y Schofield
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Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Smith, L
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Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
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Y Berry	Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
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Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
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E Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
E Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 161, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

House of Representatives
State Capitol
Room 401
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Good afternoon Mr. Clerk,

I was away from the floor during the Vote for SB 489 and wanted the journal to reflect a "yes" vote. Thank you for your attention on this matter.

Respectfully,

/s/ Mike Cheokas
State Representative
House District 151

House of Representatives

Coverdell Legislative Office
Building
18 Capitol Square, Suite 612-F
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

March 19, 2026

Dear Georgia House of Representatives Clerk Bill Reilly,

I missed a vote on SB 489 and wish to be recorded as voting YES.

Thank you,

/s/ Kimberly New
Representative Kimberly New

SB 570. By Senators Still of the 48th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Albers of the 56th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and Dixon of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 21 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to rights, duties, and liabilities of innkeepers, so as to provide for a required human trafficking training program for inns and short-term rental properties; to provide for definitions; to provide for training policies and procedures; to provide for the retention of certain records; to provide for limitations; to provide for penalties; to provide an effective date; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 21 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to rights, duties, and liabilities of innkeepers, so as to provide for a required human trafficking training program for inns and short-term rental properties; to provide for definitions; to provide for training policies and procedures; to provide for the retention of certain records; to provide for limitations; to provide for penalties; to provide for exemptions; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Georgia Human Trafficking Prevention Training Act."

SECTION 2.

Article 1 of Chapter 21 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to rights, duties, and liabilities of innkeepers, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"43-21-16.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Hosting platform' means an electronic platform used to advertise or facilitate the rental of a short-term rental property.

(2) 'Human trafficking' means an offense provided for in Code Section 16-5-46. Such term shall include the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain some type of labor or commercial sex act as defined in 22 U.S.C. Section 7102.

(3) 'Human trafficking awareness training' means a course developed or approved by the office, in consultation with the Georgia Hotel and Lodging Association, the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, and hosting platforms.

(4) 'Office' means the office of the Attorney General.

(5) 'Short-term rental property' means a residential unit used or offered for tourist or transient use through a hosting platform and managed by a third-party property manager.

(6) 'Third-party property manager' means a property management company, rental management service, or any other entity or an individual that provides services for a short-term rental property, such as marketing, guest communications, check-in procedures, cleaning, or maintenance on behalf of the property owner of such short-term rental property for compensation. This term shall not include a hosting platform.

(b)(1) All on-site employees of an inn and every third-party property manager of a short-term rental property in this state shall be required to receive annual human trafficking awareness training within 60 days of employment and on an annual basis thereafter, with the training being completed by December 31 during the first full year of employment.

(2) The training requirements contained in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall not apply to an inn employee or a third-party property manager of a short-term rental property who has completed human trafficking awareness training that meets the criteria set forth in this Code section within the 12 month period prior to July 1, 2026, and provides a record of completion to the owner, operator, or manager of the inn or short-term rental property.

(c) The office shall, in consultation with the Georgia Hotel and Lodging Association, the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, and hosting platforms, develop human trafficking awareness training or identify existing training courses that include, but are not limited to, the following:

(1) The definition of human trafficking and commercial exploitation of children;

(2) Guidance on how to identify individuals at risk for human trafficking;

(3) Guidance on how to identify the signs of human trafficking and individuals potentially engaged in the act of human trafficking;

(4) The differences between labor and sex trafficking as such terms relate to the inn industry;

(5) Guidance on the role of hospitality employees in reporting and responding to this issue; and

(6) The contact information for the National Human Trafficking Hotline or local law enforcement agency.

(d) Every owner, operator, or manager of an inn or short-term rental property in this state shall implement procedures and adopt policies for the reporting of suspected human trafficking to the National Human Trafficking Hotline or local law enforcement agency.

(e) Every owner, operator, or manager of an inn or a short-term rental property in this state shall comply with the posting requirements in Code Section 16-5-47, and the sheriff of the county or the local law enforcement agency where such inn or short-term rental property is located or the municipal police department having jurisdiction over such location shall assist in enforcement of such posting requirements.

(f) Any person who operates an inn or short-term rental property in this state shall maintain records of employee training acknowledgments. Such records shall be retained by the inn or short-term rental property for the period during which the employee is employed by such inn or short-term rental property and for one year after such employment ends. An inn or short-term rental property shall provide records to the office no later than ten business days after such request is made in writing by such office.

(g) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed as creating a private cause of action against an inn, or its employees, for any act or omission arising out of the requirements of this Code section or in any way limiting or impairing the rights or remedies which are otherwise available to a victim of human trafficking under any other law.

(h)(1) The office may impose against any owner, operator, or manager of an inn or a short-term rental property who willfully and knowingly violates the requirements of this Code section an administrative penalty of:

(A) For a first violation, $500.00;

(B) For a second violation, $1,000.00; and

(C) For a third or subsequent violation, $2,000.00.

(2) The clear proceeds of administrative penalties assessed pursuant to this subsection shall be remitted to the office.

(i) This Code section shall not apply to short-term rental properties:

(1) That are managed directly and exclusively by the individual property owner or owners; provided, however, that this exemption shall apply regardless of whether such property owner or owners use or does not use a hosting platform for such rental property; or

(2) That are offered for rent for less than a total of 15 days per calendar year."

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	E Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
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Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	E Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
E Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
E Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 162, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

Representative Anderson of the 10th moved that the following Bill of the Senate be withdrawn from the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security and recommitted to the Committee on Governmental Affairs:

SB 21. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Brass of the 6th, Walker III of the 20th, Harbin of the 16th, Burns of the 23rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental entities, so as to waive sovereign and governmental immunities for local governments and their officials and employees for a violation of the prohibition on immigration sanctuary policies; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 4 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding jails, so as to require sheriffs, jailers, and deputies to honor immigration detainer requests issued by the Department of Homeland Security; to provide a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

The following members were recognized during the period of Afternoon Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, Holly of the 116th et al., Kendrick of the 95th et al., Ali of the 106th, and Ridley of the 22nd et al.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1798. By Representatives Tran of the 80th, Au of the 50th, Panitch of the 51st, Byrd of the 20th and Park of the 107th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Ricardo "Ric" Hubler; and for other purposes.

HR 1799. By Representatives Tran of the 80th, Roberts of the 52nd, Panitch of the 51st, Lupton of the 83rd and Holcomb of the 101st:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Major William "Rusty" Furman Jr.; and for other purposes.

HR 1800. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Parrish of the 158th, Dempsey of the 13th, Smith of the 70th, Martin of the 49th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Speaker Pro Tempore Jan Jones for her extraordinary service to the State of Georgia upon the occasion of her retirement; and for other purposes.

HR 1801. By Representative Scott of the 76th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Lewis Givens Sr.; and for other purposes.

HR 1802. By Representative Scott of the 76th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Samuel Nelson Givens; and for other purposes.

HR 1803. By Representative Scott of the 76th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Mamie G. Jones; and for other purposes.

HR 1804. By Representative Gaines of the 120th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of George Allen Whittenburg III; and for other purposes.

HR 1805. By Representative Griffin of the 149th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Horace Humphries Jr.; and for other purposes.

HR 1806. By Representatives Ali of the 106th, McClain of the 109th, Okoye of the 102nd, Clark of the 108th, Park of the 107th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Cheryl Annette Williams; and for other purposes.

HR 1807. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th and Erwin of the 32nd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and legacy of Sally FitzGerald and designating February 14, 2026, as Sally FitzGerald Day; and for other purposes.

HR 1808. By Representatives Ali of the 106th and Clark of the 108th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the work of Melinda Klinect and for other purposes.

HR 1809. By Representative Ali of the 106th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Lieutenant Colonel Jacqueline Toplin; and for other purposes.

HR 1810. By Representatives Momtahan of the 17th, Gullett of the 19th, Smith of the 18th, New of the 40th and Kelley of the 16th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Steven Gregory Mapes; and for other purposes.

HR 1811. By Representatives Momtahan of the 17th, Kelley of the 16th, Gullett of the 19th, Smith of the 18th, New of the 40th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Micah Gravley on his outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

HR 1812. By Representatives Momtahan of the 17th, Gullett of the 19th, Smith of the 18th, New of the 40th and Kelley of the 16th:

A RESOLUTION commending Deputy Brice Richard Mattick; and for other purposes.

HR 1813. By Representative Gambill of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION commending Jack Johnson, Cartersville High School's 2026 STAR Student; and for other purposes.

HR 1814. By Representative Gambill of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION commending Melissa Moore, Cartersville High School's 2026 STAR Teacher; and for other purposes.

HR 1815. By Representative Gambill of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION commending Katherine Jones, Excel Christian Academy's 2026 STAR Teacher; and for other purposes.

HR 1816. By Representative Gambill of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION commending Tatum Turner, Excel Christian Academy's 2026 STAR Student; and for other purposes.

HR 1817. By Representative Williams of the 148th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Wilcox County Lady Patriots basketball team for winning the 2026 GHSA Class A Division II Girls Basketball State Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 1818. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Davis of the 87th and Scott of the 76th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Pastor Adrian R. Smith, Sr.; and for other purposes.

HR 1819. By Representative Cannon of the 58th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and honoring Birth Responders and proclaiming May 8, 2026, as Birth Responders Day; and for other purposes.

HR 1820. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Bell of the 75th, Flournoy of the 74th, Burnough of the 77th and Douglas of the 78th:

A RESOLUTION commending Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Jonah Slade; and for other purposes.

HR 1821. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th and Schofield of the 63rd:

A RESOLUTION commending Cassandra Loftlin; and for other purposes.

HR 1822. By Representatives Greene of the 154th, Martin of the 49th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Yearta of the 152nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commend Dr. Robert O. Scott; and for other purposes.

HR 1823. By Representatives Fleming of the 114th and Crowe of the 118th:

A RESOLUTION honoring Linda Hays for her 50 years of service to the Newton County Government; and for other purposes.

HR 1824. By Representatives Momtahan of the 17th, Kelley of the 16th, Gullett of the 19th, New of the 40th and Smith of the 18th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the North Paulding High School varsity competition cheer team for winning the 2025 GHSA Class 6A State Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 1825. By Representatives Momtahan of the 17th, Kelley of the 16th, Gullett of the 19th, New of the 40th and Smith of the 18th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Lieutenant Mike Weaver on his outstanding community engagement and outreach; and for other purposes.

HR 1826. By Representatives Momtahan of the 17th, Kelley of the 16th, Gullett of the 19th, New of the 40th and Smith of the 18th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Jesse Hughen on his outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

HR 1827. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Kelley of the 16th, Silcox of the 53rd, McDonald III of the 26th and Efstration of the 104th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Thomas "Tommy's" Barber Shop; and for other purposes.

HR 1828. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Erwin of the 32nd, Dubnik of the 29th, Fleming of the 114th and Rhodes of the 124th:

A RESOLUTION commending Rachel Kinsaul, the 2026 Georgia Teacher of the Year, on being named a finalist for the 2026 National Teacher of the Year; and for other purposes.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has agreed to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to the following bill of the House:

HB 1199. By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Blackmon of the 146th, Kelley of the 16th and Williamson of the 112th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-1-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions regarding revenue and taxation, so as to revise the definition of the terms "Internal Revenue Code" and "Internal Revenue Code of 1986" to incorporate certain provisions of the federal law into Georgia law; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House do now adjourn until 10:00 o'clock, tomorrow morning, and the motion prevailed.

The Speaker announced the House adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, tomorrow morning.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Friday, March 20, 2026

Thirty-Fifth Legislative Day

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

The following communication was received:

House of Representatives

Coverdell Office Building, Room 607-E
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Clerk,

Please accept this correspondence as my votes on the following Senate Bills considered during this legislative session:

SB 216 – YEA
SB 439 – YEA
SB 444 – YEA
SB 452 – YEA
SB 470 – YEA
SB 489 – YEA
SB 553 – YEA
SB 570 – YEA
SB 285 – YEA

Please record my votes accordingly in the official record of the House.

Should you require any additional information or documentation, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely Yours,

/s/ Jasmine Clark
Representative Dr. Jasmine Clark
Georgia House District 108

The roll was called and the following Representatives answered to their names:

Adeyina	Crowe	Gunter	Martinez	Rice
Alexander	Cummings	E Hagan	Mathiak	Richardson
Anderson	Davis	Hatchett	Mathis	Ridley, Jas
Baker	Dawson	Hawkins	McClain	Ridley, Jor
Ballard	DeLoach	Herring	McCollum	E Romman
Barnes	Dempsey	Hilton	McDonald	Sampson
Barrett	Dickey	Holcomb	McQueen	Schofield
Barton	Donatucci	Holland	Meeks	Scoggins
E Bazemore	Douglas	Holly	Momtahan	Scott
Beckles	Drenner	Hong	Moore	Seabaugh
Bell	Dubnik	Horner	Myles	Silcox
Berry	Dunahoo	Howard, J	Neal	Smith, L
Blackmon	Efstration	E Howard, K	New	Smith, M
Bonner	Ehrhart	Huddleston	E Newton	Smith, TP
Buckner	Erwin	Hugley	Okoye	Smith, V
Burchett	Evans	Jackson, D	Olaleye	Stephens
Burnough	Fincher	Jackson, E	Oliver	Stinson
Byrd	Fleming	Jackson, M	O'Steen	Tarvin
Cameron	Flournoy	Jasperse	Panitch	Taylor, D
Camp	Ford	Jones, A	Paris	Taylor, R
Campbell, J	Franklin	Jones, J	Park	Thomas
Campbell, L	Frye	Jones, T	Parrish	Townsend
Cannon, C	Gaines	Kahaian	Parsons	Wade
Carpenter	Gambill	Kelley	Persinger	Westbrook
Chastain	Gilliard	Kendrick	Petrea	E Wilkerson
Cheokas	Gisler	LaHood	Powell	Williams, A
Clark, D	Glaize	Leverett	E Prince	E Williams, N
Clifton	Greene	Lewis-Ward	Reese	Williamson
Cooper	Griffin	Lumsden	Reeves	Yearta
Corbett	Gullett	Martin	Rhodes	Burns, Speaker
Cox				

The following members were off the floor of the House when the roll was called:

Representatives Adesanya of the 43rd, Ali of the 106th, Cannon of the 58th, Carson of the 46th, Carter of the 93rd, Crawford of the 89th, Draper of the 90th, Hitchens of the 161st, Jenkins of the 136th, Lim of the 98th, Lupton of the 83rd, Miller of the 62nd, Roberts of the 52nd, Sainz of the 180th, Sanchez of the 42nd, Tran of the 80th, Washburn of the 144th, Williams of the 37th, and Willis of the 55th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Pastor Gabe Cox, The Grove Church, Perry, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Hilton of the 48th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

By unanimous consent, the following was established as the order of business during the first part of the period of unanimous consents:

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

2. First reading and reference of House Bills and Resolutions.

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

6. First reading and reference of Senate Bills and Resolutions.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House were introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committees:

HB 1581. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Mathiak of the 82nd, Jackson of the 68th and Bazemore of the 69th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Fayetteville ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in a floating proportional amount based upon any increased property tax collections that exceed the value of property taxes collected in tax year 2025; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1582. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Mathiak of the 82nd, Jackson of the 68th and Bazemore of the 69th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Fayette County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in a floating proportional amount based upon any increased property tax collections that exceed the value of property taxes collected in tax year 2025; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1583. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Mathiak of the 82nd, Jackson of the 68th and Bazemore of the 69th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act provide for residents of specified ages a homestead exemption from certain ad valorem taxes levied by Fayette County for county purposes and to provide a homestead exemption from certain Fayette County School District ad valorem taxes for educational purposes, approved April 15, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 4453), so as to provide a new exemption in a floating proportional amount based upon any increased property tax collections that exceed the value of property taxes collected in tax year 2025 to each resident of the county from ad valorem taxes for county purposes; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1584. By Representative Newton of the 127th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the consolidation of Richmond County and the City of Augusta, approved March 27, 1995 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 3648), as amended, so as to provide for a council-manager form of government; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for mandatory execution of election and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1585. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Stinson of the 150th, Crawford of the 89th, Williamson of the 112th, Ballard of the 147th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits regarding income taxes, so as to provide for a tax credit for donations to nonprofit corporations that provide housing to cancer care patients; to provide for taxpayer certification of tax credits; to provide for sunsets of the tax credit and carry-forward period; to provide for applicability; to provide for pursuit of remedies; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1586. By Representative Gaines of the 120th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the Town of Bogart; to provide for related matters; to repeal specific Acts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1587. By Representatives Sanchez of the 42nd, Wilkerson of the 38th, Jones of the 60th, Campbell of the 35th, Ridley of the 22nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to abolish the office of elected county surveyor of Cobb County; to provide for the appointment of a county surveyor by the governing authority of the county after January 1, 2029; to provide for successors; to provide for qualifications; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1588. By Representatives Cummings of the 39th, Wilkerson of the 38th, Smith of the 41st, Campbell of the 35th, Adesanya of the 43rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act changing the compensation of the clerk of the superior court, the sheriff, and the judge of the Probate Court of Cobb County from the fee system to the salary system, approved February 9, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, p. 427), as amended, so as to provide that the salaries of

the chief deputy sheriff, the assistant chief deputy sheriff, and the executive assistant to the sheriff shall be determined by the sheriff of Cobb County; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HR 1789. By Representatives Wade of the 9th, Kelley of the 16th, Momtahan of the 17th, Clifton of the 131st and Martinez of the 111th:

A RESOLUTION expressing support for dissolving the United States Department of Education and restoring educational authority to the states; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1790. By Representatives Lupton of the 83rd, Lim of the 98th, Barnes of the 86th and Beckles of the 96th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Long COVID (Coronavirus Disease); and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1791. By Representatives Sainz of the 180th, Reeves of the 99th and Thomas of the 21st:

A RESOLUTION urging the federal government to establish a national data protection authority; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1792. By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Gaines of the 120th, Wade of the 9th, Gambill of the 15th, Leverett of the 123rd and others:

A RESOLUTION urging the Georgia Department of Community Affairs to refrain from adopting the 2024 International Energy Conservation Code for residential construction; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1793. By Representatives Berry of the 56th, Stephens of the 164th, Jones of the 143rd, Sainz of the 180th and Willis of the 55th:

A RESOLUTION urging the Georgia Department of Natural Resources to establish regulations for placement of lifeguards on Georgia's public beaches during times of high occupancy; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1794. By Representatives Berry of the 56th, Herring of the 145th, Park of the 107th, Frye of the 122nd, Hugley of the 141st and others:

A RESOLUTION urging the Commissioner of Insurance to conduct a comprehensive review of prescription drug pricing and identify strategies to reduce the cost of prescription medications for citizens of the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1795. By Representatives Berry of the 56th, Crawford of the 89th, Evans of the 57th, Westbrook of the 163rd and Ali of the 106th:

A RESOLUTION urging local school systems to adopt policies that encourage student civic and political participation; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1796. By Representatives Berry of the 56th, Bell of the 75th, Holly of the 116th, Romman of the 97th and Cannon of the 58th:

A RESOLUTION urging all state departments and agencies responsible for the management of public funds to review and, where appropriate, divest from investments in Israeli bonds; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1797. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Cannon of the 58th, Gilliard of the 162nd, Williams of the 168th, Jackson of the 165th and others:

A RESOLUTION urging for the renaming of Grady Memorial Hospital to Grady-Bell Memorial Hospital; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House and Senate were read the second time:

HB 1567	HB 1568
HB 1569	HB 1570
HB 1571	HB 1572
HB 1573	HB 1574
HB 1575	HB 1576
HB 1577	HB 1578
HB 1579	HB 1580
HR 1748	HR 1749
HR 1750	HR 1751
HR 1752	HR 1753
HR 1754	HR 1755
HR 1788	SB 619

Representative Erwin of the 32nd District, Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Education has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 369 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Erwin of the 32nd
Chairman

Representative McDonald of the 26th District, Chairman of the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Legislation has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 1485	Do Pass	HB 1487	Do Pass
HB 1489	Do Pass	HB 1519	Do Pass
HB 1523	Do Pass	HB 1525	Do Pass
HB 1526	Do Pass	HB 1528	Do Pass
HB 1529	Do Pass	HB 1531	Do Pass
HB 1532	Do Pass	HB 1533	Do Pass

HB 1539	Do Pass	HB 1540	Do Pass
HB 1541	Do Pass	HB 1545	Do Pass
HB 1547	Do Pass	SB 349	Do Pass
SB 457	Do Pass	SB 543	Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 612	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ McDonald of the 26th
Chairman

Representative Gunter of the 8th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 406	Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 542	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Gunter of the 8th
Chairman

Representative Cooper of the 45th District, Chairman of the Committee on Public and Community Health, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Public and Community Health has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 440	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Cooper of the 45th
Chairman

Representative Blackmon of the 146th District, Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 306	Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 382	Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 446	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Blackmon of the 146th
Chairman

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2026

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 35th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

SR 23 US Congress; limited to proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected; apply to call a convention (Rules-Hilton-48th) Cowsert-46th

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

The Speaker Pro Tem assumed the Chair.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the House and Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 1485. By Representative Gunter of the 8th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Probate Court of Union County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1487. By Representatives Anderson of the 10th and Erwin of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Cornelia, approved April 30, 2013 (Ga. L. 2013, p. 3841), so as to remove the millage rate cap; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1489. By Representatives Baker of the 64th, Alexander of the 66th and New of the 40th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Douglasville, approved April 16, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 4559), as amended, to require candidates seeking election from a district to reside in such district for a certain amount of time prior to the date of such election; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1519. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Mathiak of the 82nd, Bazemore of the 69th and Jackson of the 68th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create the City of Peachtree City Public Facilities Authority, approved May 13, 2011 (Ga. L. 2011, p. 4121), as amended, so as to provide for terms of office for certain members of the authority; to prohibit transfer of membership in the authority; to provide for members not receiving any benefit of or right to or interest in assets of the authority; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1523. By Representatives Cheokas of the 151st and Stinson of the 150th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Sumter County Public Facilities Authority and to provide for the appointment of members of the authority; to confer powers upon the authority; to authorize and provide for the issuance of revenue bonds; to provide that credit is not pledged; to provide for security, validation, and protection of revenue bonds; to provide bondholder remedies; to fix and provide the venue and jurisdiction; to provide for proceeds as trust funds; to provide for tort immunity; to provide for the tax statutes of property and revenue bonds of the authority; to provide for reversion of assets; to provide for construction and severability; to provide a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1525. By Representative Efstration of the 104th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Auburn, approved February 17, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, p. 807), as amended, so as to revise and readopt the charter in its entirety; to provide for incorporation, name, and powers of the city; to provide for corporate boundaries; to provide for audits; to provide for contracting and purchasing procedures; to provide for the sale of city property; to provide for prior ordinances and pending matters; to provide for construction; to provide for severability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1526. By Representative Greene of the 154th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal a former local constitutional amendment (Ga. L. 1962, p. 808), which former local constitutional amendment was continued in effect as statutory law pursuant to Article VII, Section II, Paragraph IV of the Constitution of Georgia and which provided a five year exemption from local ad valorem property taxes to any person who built, equipped, established, completed, or enlarged a plant for manufacturing or processing in Early County; to provide that exemptions granted prior to the

effective date of this Act shall continue for the remainder of their unexpired terms; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1528. By Representative Powell of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Municipal Court of the City of Franklin Springs; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1529. By Representative Powell of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Municipal Court of the City of Canon; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1531. By Representative Jasperse of the 11th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Ball Ground, approved March 28, 1990 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 4552), as amended, so as to revise provisions relating to elections so as to provide that primaries and elections for the City of Ball Ground shall be held and conducted in accordance with the "Georgia Election Code"; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1532. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th and Tarvin of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to continue the existence of the Dalton Independent School System, approved May 13, 2011 (Ga. L. 2011, p. 4111), so as to remove the increased millage rate limitation; to provide for the maximum millage rate to be charged by such school system; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1533. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th and Tarvin of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to continue the existence of the Dalton Independent School System, approved May 13, 2011 (Ga. L. 2011, p. 4111), so as to remove the increased millage rate limitation; to provide for the maximum millage rate to be charged by such school system; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1539. By Representative Burchett of the 176th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Probate Court of Ware County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1540. By Representative Burchett of the 176th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the State Court of Ware County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology

fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1541. By Representative Burchett of the 176th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Magistrate Court of Ware County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1545. By Representatives Rhodes of the 124th and Washburn of the 144th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the board of commissioners for Putnam County, approved September 8, 1879 (Ga. L. 1878-79, p. 334), as amended, particularly by an Act approved February 15, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 3596) and an Act approved May 6, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 3805), so as to provide for current board of commissioner members to continue their terms of office; to require board members to live in their districts; to provide for filling vacancies; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1547. By Representatives Williams of the 168th and DeLoach of the 167th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create the board of elections and registration for Liberty County, approved June 3, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 4437), so as to provide for staggered terms of office for certain future appointees to the board; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

SB 349. By Senator Lucas of the 26th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of Hancock County to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

SB 457. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Cowsert of the 46th and Still of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the City of Mulberry, approved February 13, 2024 (Ga. L. 2024, p. 3518), as amended, so as to provide for the provision of services and exercise of powers by the city; to provide for a city manager; to provide for staggered terms of office for councilmembers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

SB 543. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Anderson of the 24th and Strickland of the 42nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for Butts County, approved February 24, 1941 (Ga. L. 1941, p. 793), as amended, so as to provide that the board of commissioners shall only be required to read an ordinance, resolution, or other matter before the board at one meeting prior to the adoption of such ordinance, resolution, or other matter; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for Butts County, approved February 24, 1941 (Ga. L. 1941, p. 793), as amended, so as to provide that the board of commissioners shall not be required to read an ordinance, resolution, or

other matter before the board at more than one meeting; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for Butts County, approved February 24, 1941 (Ga. L. 1941, p. 793), as amended, is amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

"SECTION 8A.

Notwithstanding any provision of this Act to the contrary, the board of commissioners shall not be required to read an ordinance, resolution, or other matter before the board at more than one meeting."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

SB 612. By Senator Walker III of the 20th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the City of Cochran Public Facilities Authority; to provide that the authority is a body corporate and politic and an instrumentality of the State of Georgia; to authorize the authority to acquire, construct, equip, maintain, and operate certain projects, including buildings and facilities for use by the City of Cochran for its governmental, proprietary, and administrative functions; to provide that certain moneys are trust funds; to provide that this Act shall be liberally construed; to define the scope of the authority's operation; to provide for disposition of property upon dissolution of the authority; to provide for severability; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, the following roll call vote was made applicable to the previously read Bills.

On the passage of the Bills, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

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Y Evans
Y Fincher
Y Fleming
Y Flournoy
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Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bills, the ayes were 153, nays 0.

The Bills, having received the requisite constitutional majority, were passed.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the Senate:

SB 620. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Cowsert of the 46th and Ginn of the 47th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create the State Court of Barrow County, approved June 29, 2020 (Ga. L. 2020, p. 3591), so as to provide for a full-time solicitor-general of the Barrow County State Court; to provide for the salary of the solicitor-general; to provide for a maximum salary; to provide for assistant solicitors-general and certain other employees; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 621. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Cowsert of the 46th and Ginn of the 47th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Barrow County Public Facilities Authority; to provide for the appointment of members of the Authority; to provide for a short title; to confer powers upon the Authority; to provide for purpose and scope of operations of the Authority; to provide for definitions; to authorize the issuance of revenue bonds of the Authority; to fix and provide the venue and jurisdiction of actions; to provide for moneys received and trust funds; to provide for tort immunity; to provide for tax exemption, rates, charges, and revenues; to provide for effect on other governments; to provide for construction and severability; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bill of the House:

HB 165. By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Frye of the 122nd, Williams of the 168th, Werkheiser of the 157th, Cameron of the 1st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to repeal and reserve an income tax credit for business enterprises for leased motor vehicles; to exempt from sales and use taxation property used in construction, renovation, and rehabilitation of affordable housing by nonprofit organizations; to repeal sales and use tax exemptions for certain admissions to view film or videotapes and the sale of certain machinery and equipment used to improve air quality; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the House:

HB 986. By Representatives Jones of the 25th, Hilton of the 48th, Huddleston of the 72nd, Townsend of the 179th and Barrett of the 24th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2A of Article 13 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to electric personal assistive mobility devices and personal delivery devices, so as to revise operation procedures and restrictions for personal delivery devices; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1123. By Representatives Jones of the 47th, Erwin of the 32nd, Hilton of the 48th, Ballard of the 147th, Donatucci of the 105th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to require certain schools that offer after-school programs to make such programs available to pre-kindergarten students on the same basis as the school's other students; to provide for limited waivers of such requirement; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1195. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Mathiak of the 82nd, Gullett of the 19th, Camp of the 135th and Cooper of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 50 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to telemedicine by veterinarians and veterinary technicians, so as to revise provisions relating to the practice and provision of veterinary teletriage and veterinary telemedicine; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1234. By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, McDonald III of the 26th, Mathis of the 133rd, Santos of the 117th and Stinson of the 150th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 19 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the State Employees' Assurance Department, so as to provide for the assignment of certain group term life insurance benefits to pay for funeral services of a deceased individual who was a member of the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia, Georgia Legislative Retirement System, or Georgia Judicial Retirement System; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1293. By Representatives Jones of the 47th, Martin of the 49th, Dickey of the 134th, Carpenter of the 4th and Fleming of the 114th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to vocational, technical, and adult education, so as to provide updated eligibility requirements for the Dual Achievement Program; to provide for continued eligibility for students already enrolled in the program; to provide for the creation of a funding formula; to provide for policies, rules, and regulations; to repeal provisions regarding participation agreements, QBE funding, and accountability assessments for the program; to provide for continuation of the program and eliminate a provision providing for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1307. By Representatives Roberts of the 52nd, Lupton of the 83rd and Holcomb of the 101st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the City of Brookhaven in DeKalb County, approved April 16, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 5527), as amended, so as to increase the existing homestead exemption for senior citizens and disabled persons to $200,000.00; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1349. By Representatives Glaize of the 67th, Miller of the 62nd, Dawson of the 65th, Panitch of the 51st, Bazemore of the 69th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing in Fulton County a system for pension and retirement to pay teachers and employees of the Board of Education of Fulton County, approved February 2, 1945 (Ga. L. 1945, p. 528), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 9, 2017 (Ga. L. 2017, p. 4002), and an Act approved May 3, 2018 (Ga. L. 2018, p. 3568), so as to revise the membership of the pension board; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1391. By Representatives Fleming of the 114th, Hitchens of the 161st, Crowe of the 118th, Lumsden of the 12th, Mathiak of the 82nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to license plates promoting or supporting certain agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations with proceeds disbursed to the general fund and the agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation, so as to establish a specialty license plate honoring public safety officers; to provide for

related matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1408. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Hagan of the 156th, Cooper of the 45th, Cox of the 28th, Jasperse of the 11th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 19 of Title 31 and Chapter 50 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to control of rabies and veterinarians and veterinary technicians, respectively, so as to authorize licensed veterinary technicians under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian to administer antirabies vaccinations to animals required by this state to be inoculated against rabies; to update terminology and make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1507. By Representatives Meeks of the 178th and DeLoach of the 167th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act establishing the State Court of Wayne County (formerly the City Court of Jesup, in and for the County of Wayne), approved July 31, 1916 (Ga. L. 1916, p. 248), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 26, 2016 (Ga. L. 2016, p. 3661), so as to revise the salary of the judge and solicitor; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1508. By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Stephens of the 164th and Petrea of the 166th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to amend, consolidate, create, revise, and supersede the several Acts incorporating the City of Pembroke, approved March 28, 1985 (Ga. L. 1985, p. 4846), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 1, 2025 (Ga. L. 2025, p. 3599), so as to revise provisions relating to the election and terms for the mayor and city council members; to provide for elections; to provide for the current terms of city officers to continue; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1513. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Mathiak of the 82nd, Bazemore of the 69th and Jackson of the 68th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Fayette County, approved April 13, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 4980), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 25, 2022 (Ga. L. 2022, p. 5856), so as to change the compensation of the judge; to change the compensation of the

solicitor; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the Senate were read the first time and referred to the Committee:

SB 620. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Cowsert of the 46th and Ginn of the 47th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create the State Court of Barrow County, approved June 29, 2020 (Ga. L. 2020, p. 3591), so as to provide for a full-time solicitor-general of the Barrow County State Court; to provide for the salary of the solicitor-general; to provide for a maximum salary; to provide for assistant solicitors-general and certain other employees; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

SB 621. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Cowsert of the 46th and Ginn of the 47th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Barrow County Public Facilities Authority; to provide for the appointment of members of the Authority; to provide for a short title; to confer powers upon the Authority; to provide for purpose and scope of operations of the Authority; to provide for definitions; to authorize the issuance of revenue bonds of the Authority; to fix and provide the venue and jurisdiction of actions; to provide for moneys received and trust funds; to provide for tort immunity; to provide for tax exemption, rates, charges, and revenues; to provide for effect on other governments; to provide for construction and severability; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

The House stood at ease.

The Speaker called the House to order.

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE SUPPLEMENTAL RULES CALENDAR
FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2026

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 35th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

SB 23 Retirement; total percentage of funds that the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia may invest in alternative investments; raise the limit (Substitute)(Ret-Thomas-21st) Albers-56th

SB 284 "Georgia Uniform Securities Act of 2008,"; issuance of orders by the Commissioner of Securities directing persons who have violated certain securities provisions to return; authorize (Substitute) (GAff-Hilton-48th) Walker III-20th

SB 384 Motor Vehicle; optional five-year motor vehicle registration and revalidation for certain motor vehicles; provide (MotV-Momtahan-17th) Hatchett-50th (Rules Committee Substitute LC 39 5097S)

SB 395 Department of Public Health; eligible for the Low THC Oil Patient Registry; require a physician to submit certain information to the Georgia Composite Medical Board (Substitute)(P&CH-Newton-127th) Kirkpatrick-32nd

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

Representative Thomas of the 21st moved that the following Bill of the Senate be withdrawn from the Rules Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Rules:

SB 23. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Brass of the 6th, Robertson of the 29th, Hatchett of the 50th, Still of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Public Retirement Systems Investment Authority Law," so as to raise the limit for the total percentage of funds that the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia may invest in alternative investments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Thomas of the 21st moved that the following Bill of the Senate be withdrawn from the Rules Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Rules:

SB 395. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 1st, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Brass of the 6th, Albers of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Public Health, so as to require a physician to submit certain information to the Georgia Composite Medical Board when certifying an individual as eligible for the Low THC Oil Patient Registry; to provide for annual reporting; to authorize the Department of Public Health to disclose certain information; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Berry of the 56th moved that the following Resolution of the House be withdrawn from the Committee on Special Rules and recommitted to the Committee on Economic Development & Tourism:

HR 1793. By Representatives Berry of the 56th, Stephens of the 164th, Jones of the 143rd, Sainz of the 180th and Willis of the 55th:

A RESOLUTION urging the Georgia Department of Natural Resources to establish regulations for placement of lifeguards on Georgia's public beaches during times of high occupancy; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Jackson of the 128th, Gullett of the 19th, Baker of the 64th et al., Hilton of the 48th et al., Cannon of the 58th et al., Kendrick of the 95th et al., Gilliard of the 162nd, Lewis-Ward of the 115th et al., Campbell of the 35th et al., Dawson of the 65th et al., and Martin of the 49th et al.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 284. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Brass of the 6th, Kennedy of the 18th, Strickland of the 42nd, Summers of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Uniform Securities Act of 2008," so as to authorize the issuance of orders by the Commissioner of Securities directing persons who have violated certain securities provisions to return to investors, customers, or clients sums paid in connection with securities purchases; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 5 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Uniform Securities Act of 2008," so as to authorize the issuance of orders by the Commissioner of Securities directing persons who have violated certain securities provisions to return to investors, customers, or clients sums paid in connection with securities purchases; to amend Part 10 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to capital outlay funds under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for the award of low-wealth capital outlay grants to qualifying local school systems that award certain contracts for roofing improvements to suppliers that meet certain criteria; to provide for such criteria; to amend Chapter 91 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public works bidding, so as to provide that certain contracts for roofing improvements with suppliers that meet certain criteria shall be deemed to have complied with notice and competitive award requirements for certain contracts; to provide for such criteria; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 5 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Uniform Securities Act of 2008," is amended by revising Code Section 10-5-73, relating to cease and desist orders, denying, revoking, or conditioning exemptions for broker-dealers, and civil penalties, as follows:

"10-5-73.

(a) If the Commissioner determines that a person has engaged, is engaging, or is about to engage in an act, practice, or course of business constituting a violation of this chapter or a rule adopted or order issued under this chapter or that a person has materially aided, is materially aiding, or is about to materially aid an act, practice, or course of business constituting a violation of this chapter or a rule adopted or order issued under this chapter, the Commissioner may:

(1) Issue an order directing the person to cease and desist from engaging in the act, practice, or course of business or to take other action necessary or appropriate to comply with this chapter;

(2) Issue an order denying, suspending, revoking, or conditioning the exemptions for a broker-dealer under subparagraph (b)(1)(D) or (b)(1)(F) of Code Section 10-5-30 or an investment adviser under subparagraph (b)(1)(C) of Code Section 10-5-32; ~~or~~

(3) Issue an order under Code Section 10-5-13; or

(4) Issue an order directing the person to return to investors, customers, or clients the principal dollar amount of their securities purchases, as well as all moneys collected in connection with those securities purchases, if the Commissioner determines that the person has engaged or is engaging in an act, practice, or course of business constituting a violation of Code Section 10-5-50, 10-5-51, or 10-5-54 or that the person has materially aided or is materially aiding in an act, practice, or course of business constituting a violation of Code Section 10-5-50, 10-5-51, or 10-5-54.

(b) An order under subsection (a) of this Code section is effective on the date of issuance. Upon issuance of the order, the Commissioner shall promptly serve each person subject to the order with a copy of the order and a notice that the order has been entered. The order ~~must~~ shall include a statement whether the Commissioner will seek a civil penalty or costs of the investigation, a statement of the reasons for the order, and notice that, within 30 days after receipt of a request in a record from the person, the matter will be scheduled for a hearing. If a person subject to the order does not request a hearing and none is ordered by the Commissioner within 30 days after the date of service of the order, the order becomes final as to that person by operation of law. If a hearing is requested or ordered, the Commissioner, after notice of and opportunity for hearing to each person subject to the order, may modify or vacate the order or extend it until final determination.

(c) If a hearing is requested or ordered pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section, a hearing ~~must~~ shall be held pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act' and this chapter. A final order ~~may~~ shall not be issued unless the Commissioner makes findings of fact and conclusions of law in a record. The final order may make final, vacate, or modify the order issued under subsection (a) of this Code section.

(d) In a final order under subsection (c) of this Code section, the Commissioner may impose a civil penalty up to $50,000.00 for a single violation or up to $500,000.00 for more than one violation.

(e) In a final order under subsection (c) of this Code section, the Commissioner may charge the actual cost of an investigation or proceeding for a violation of this chapter or a rule adopted or order issued under this chapter.

(f) If a petition for judicial review of a final order is not filed in accordance with Code Section 10-5-78, the Commissioner may file a certified copy of the final order with the clerk of a court of competent jurisdiction. The order so filed has the same effect as a judgment of the court and may be recorded, enforced, or satisfied in the same manner as a judgment of the court.

(g) If a person does not comply with an order under this Code section, the Commissioner may petition a court of competent jurisdiction to enforce the order. The court ~~may~~ shall not require the Commissioner to post a bond in an action or proceeding under this Code section. If the court finds, after service and opportunity for hearing, that the person was not in compliance with the order, the court may adjudge the person in civil contempt of the order. The court may impose a further civil penalty against the person for contempt in an amount not less than $5,000.00 but not greater than $50,000.00 for each violation and may grant any other relief the court determines is just and proper in the circumstances."

SECTION 2.

Part 10 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to capital outlay funds under the "Quality Basic Education Act," is amended in Code Section 20-2-262, relating to low-wealth capital outlay grants to local school systems and criteria for eligibility, by redesignating subsection (g) as subsection (h) and by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(g) Each local school system which meets the eligibility criteria in subsection (d) of this Code section shall, upon utilizing a contract for the improvement of the roof of an existing structure or building to a supplier approved by a cooperative purchasing organization and designated by the Department of Administrative Services as an authorized source of supply pursuant to subsection (i) of Code Section 36-91-21, receive low-wealth capital outlay grants pursuant to this Code section for such roofing improvement, provided that such improvement is included in the local school system's most recently approved local facilities plan, as provide for in subsection (c) of this Code section."

SECTION 3.

Chapter 91 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public works bidding, is amended in Code Section 36-91-2, relating to definitions, by revising paragraph (12) as follows:

"(12) 'Public works construction' means the building, altering, repairing, improving, or demolishing of any public structure or building or other public improvements of any kind to any public real property other than those projects covered by Chapter 4 of Title 32 or by Chapter 37 of Title 50. Such term ~~does~~ shall not include the routine operation, repair, or maintenance of existing structures, buildings, or real property, or any energy savings performance contract ~~or,~~ any improvements or installations performed as part of an energy savings performance contract, or any improvement of the roof of an existing structure or building; provided, however, that such improvement to the roof of an existing structure or building shall not include any ancillary items to be placed on such roof."

SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 36-91-21, relating to competitive award requirements, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(i) The notice and competitive award requirements of this chapter shall be deemed to have been satisfied when a contract for the improvement of the roof of an existing structure or building is awarded to a supplier approved by a cooperative purchasing organization and designated by the Department of Administrative Services as an authorized source of supply."

SECTION 5.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval and shall apply to all contracts entered into on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 6.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	E Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Neal	Y Smith, TP
E Bazemore	Y Douglas	E Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	E Newton	Y Stephens
Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	E Prince	Werkheiser
Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	E Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	E Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF

Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	E Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	E Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 155, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SB 384. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Goodman of the 8th, Burns of the 23rd, Echols of the 49th, Williams of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 12 and Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicle emission inspection and maintenance and motor vehicles and traffic, respectively, so as to provide for an optional five-year motor vehicle registration and revalidation for certain motor vehicles; to revise and provide for definitions; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and withdrawn:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 12, Title 40, and Code Section 48-5C-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicle emission inspection and maintenance, motor vehicles and traffic, and alternative ad valorem taxation of motor vehicles and title ad valorem tax fee, respectively, so as to provide for an optional five-year motor vehicle registration for certain motor vehicles; to provide for the submission of certificates of emission inspection for such five-year motor vehicle registrations; to authorize electronic notice in certain instances; to prohibit credits or refunds of registration fees; to provide for fees for five-year registration for prestige and specialty license plates; to provide for the submission of certificates of emission inspections to the Department of Revenue; to authorize the adoption of rules and regulations; to repeal the requirement to display a revalidation decal as evidence of annual motor vehicle registration renewal; to revise and provide for definitions; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicle emission inspection and maintenance, is amended in Code Section 12-9-45, relating to certificate of emission inspection, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) A certificate of emission inspection shall be valid for one inspection term. The owner of each responsible motor vehicle subject to subsection (a) of this Code section is required to obtain a new certificate of emission inspection on or before the date the current certificate of emission inspection expires or prior to the ~~vehicle registration date~~ conclusion of the registration period, as such term is defined in Code Section 40-2-21, in the year following the expiration of the certificate, as determined by the board."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 12-9-51, relating to emission inspection required for motor vehicle registration, operation without registration, and improper reuse, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) Beginning July 1, 1992, it shall be unlawful for any county to and no county shall register any responsible motor vehicle subject to any requirement under Code Section 12-9-45 pursuant to or subject to the requirements of Chapter 2 of Title 40 without proof of a valid certificate of emission inspection issued pursuant to Code Section 12-9-48 indicating that such responsible motor vehicle satisfied all applicable requirements of Code ~~Section~~ Sections 12-9-45 and ~~Code Section~~ 12-9-48. In applying for a motor vehicle registration for a responsible motor vehicle subject to any requirement under Code Section 12-9-45, the application shall be accompanied by proof of the issuance of a certificate of emission inspection issued pursuant to Code Section 12-9-48. A valid certificate of emission inspection shall be submitted during each inspection term of a five-year motor vehicle registration. Any county which registers any responsible motor vehicle without proof of a certificate of emission inspection or fails to suspend a five-year registration of a responsible motor vehicle without proof of a certificate of emission inspection during an inspection term shall be in violation of this article."

SECTION 3.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 12-9-55, relating to prohibited acts, registration of vehicle by county without proof of inspection, penalty, and withholding of funding, by revising subsection (i) as follows:

"(i) If it is determined that any county has registered responsible motor vehicles or failed to suspend a five-year registration of responsible motor vehicles without receiving proof from the owners that the responsible motor vehicles satisfy all applicable requirements of Code Sections 12-9-45 and 12-9-48, the director shall notify the commissioner of transportation that such an unlawful act has occurred. Upon such notification, the State Transportation Board may at its discretion withhold Department of Transportation funding assistance from any such county."

SECTION 4.

Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, is amended in Code Section 40-1-9, relating to electronic notifications and communications by Department of Revenue, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(b.1)(1) Notice required by the department upon an owner failing to comply with emission inspection certification requirements pursuant to Code Section 40-2-137 shall be satisfied by electronic means when:

(A) The owner has elected to register his or her vehicle for a term of five years; and

(B) The department provides notifications and communications electronically to the owner 30 days, 20 days, and ten days prior to the date of any suspension.

(2) The department shall provide for notice of the use of electronic notifications and communications authorized by this subsection at the time of registration and in a statement which reads:

'BY ELECTING A FIVE-YEAR VEHICLE REGISTRATION, YOU AGREE TO RECEIVE ELECTRONIC NOTIFICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS RELATING TO FAILURE TO SUBMIT REQUIRED EMISSIONS INSPECTION CERTIFICATIONS AND ANY POSSIBLE MOTOR VEHICLE SUSPENSION THAT MAY RESULT FROM SUCH FAILURE.'"

SECTION 5.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-1, relating to definitions relative to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(3.3) 'Eligible motor vehicle' means a motor vehicle for which required state and local ad valorem taxes have been paid in accordance with the alternative ad valorem tax set forth in Code Section 48-5C-1. Such term shall not include a commercial motor vehicle or an alternative fueled vehicle, as such term is defined in paragraph (7) of subsection (l) of Code Section 40-2-86.1."

SECTION 6.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-4, relating to manufacture, sale, or issuance of license plate or revalidation decal prohibited, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) Except as otherwise provided for in Article 2B of this chapter, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to make, sell, or issue any license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~."

SECTION 7.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-8, relating to operation of unregistered vehicle or vehicle without current license plate, revalidation decal, or county decal, as follows:

"40-2-8.

(a) No person shall own, rent, lease, or operate any vehicle required to be registered pursuant to Code Section 40-2-20 upon a highway in this state without registering such

vehicle. Any person who becomes a resident of this state shall register his or her vehicle within 30 days of becoming a resident. Any person who fails to comply with this subsection shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished by a fine of $100.00 for each day in which the vehicle is in violation.

(b)(1) It shall be unlawful and punishable as for a misdemeanor to operate any vehicle required to be registered in this state pursuant to Code Section 40-2-20 without a valid numbered license plate ~~properly validated with a current revalidation decal~~, unless such operation is otherwise permitted under this chapter; and provided, further, that the purchaser of a new vehicle or a used vehicle from a dealer of new or used motor vehicles who displays a temporary operating permit issued as provided by Code Section 40-2-8.1 may operate such vehicle on the highways of this state without a current valid license plate during the period authorized by Code Sections 40-2-8.1 and 40-2-20. An owner acquiring a motor vehicle from an entity that is not a new or used vehicle dealer shall register such vehicle as provided for in Code Section 40-2-29 unless such vehicle is to be registered under the International Registration Plan pursuant to Article 3A of this chapter.

(2) The purchaser and operator of a vehicle shall not be subject to the penalties set forth in this Code section during the period allowed for the registration of such vehicle.

(c) It shall be unlawful and punishable as for a misdemeanor to operate any vehicle required to be registered in this state without a valid county name decal designating the county where the vehicle was last registered, unless such operation is otherwise permitted under this chapter. A county name decal shall not be required if there is no space provided for a county name decal on the current license plate. ~~Any person convicted of a violation of this subsection shall be subject to a fine not to exceed $25.00 if that person shows to the court having jurisdiction of the offense that the proper revalidation decal had been obtained prior to the time of the offense.~~

(d) No violation of this Code section shall have occurred upon presentation of evidence that the owner had properly applied for the registration of such vehicle, but that the license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~ had not been delivered to such owner at the time the uniform traffic citation was issued.

(e) The commissioner is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Code section."

SECTION 8.

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"40-2-10.1.

In no case shall an owner be entitled to a credit or refund for any payment of fees for a registration issued under this chapter upon the cancellation, termination, transfer, suspension, or revocation of such registration or upon the removal of a license plate for any other reason from a vehicle registered in this state."

SECTION 9.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-2-20, relating to registration and license requirements, certificate of registration and temporary operating permit, and two-year registration option for new motor vehicles, as follows:

"40-2-20.

(a)(1)(A) Except as ~~provided in subsections (b) and (d) of~~ otherwise provided in this Code section and subsection (a) of Code Section 40-2-47, every owner of a motor vehicle, including a tractor or motorcycle, and every owner of a trailer shall, during the owner's registration period ~~in each year~~, register such vehicle as provided in this chapter ~~and~~ to obtain ~~a license plate or revalidation decal~~ authority to operate it ~~for the 12 month period~~ until such person's next registration period.

(B)(i) The purchaser or other transferee owner of every new or used motor vehicle, including tractors and motorcycles, or trailer shall register such vehicle as provided in Code Section 40-2-8 and obtain or transfer as provided in this chapter a license to operate it for the period remaining until such person's next registration period which immediately follows such initial registration period, without regard to whether such next registration period occurs in the same calendar year as the initial registration period or how soon such next registration period follows the initial registration period; provided, however, that this registration and licensing requirement does not apply to a dealer which acquires a new or used motor vehicle and holds it for resale. ~~The commissioner may provide by rule or regulation for one 30-day extension of such initial registration period which may be granted by the county tag agent if the transferor has not provided such purchaser or other transferee owner with a title to the motor vehicle more than five business days prior to the expiration of such initial registration period. The county tag agent shall grant an extension of the initial registration period when the transferor, purchaser, or transferee can demonstrate by affidavit in a form provided by the commissioner that title has not been provided to the purchaser or transferee due to the failure of a security interest or lienholder to timely release a security interest or lien in accordance with Code Section 40-3-56.~~

(ii) No person, company, or corporation, including, but not limited to, used motor vehicle dealers and auto auctions, shall sell or transfer a motor vehicle without providing to the purchaser or transferee of such motor vehicle the last certificate of registration on such vehicle at the time of such sale or transfer; provided, however, that, in the case of a salvage motor vehicle or a motor vehicle which is stolen but subsequently recovered by the insurance company after payment of a total loss claim, the salvage dealer or insurer, respectively, shall not be required to provide the certificate of registration for such vehicle; and provided, further, that in the case of a repossessed motor vehicle or a court ordered sale or other involuntary transfer, the lienholder or the transferor shall not be required to provide the certificate of registration for such vehicle but shall, prior to the sale of such vehicle, surrender the license plate of such vehicle to the commissioner or the county tag agent by personal delivery or by certified mail or statutory overnight delivery for cancellation.

~~(C) Upon application for renewal of a vehicle registration, the county tag agent may issue a temporary operating permit for any vehicle that fails to comply with applicable federal emission standards, provided that the owner of such vehicle has provided verification of the existence of minimum motor vehicle liability insurance coverage and paid all applicable taxes, penalties, insurance lapse fees, and fees other than the registration fee. Such temporary operating permit shall be valid for 30 days and shall not be renewable.~~

(2) An application for the registration of a motor vehicle may not be submitted separately from the application for a certificate of title for such motor vehicle, unless a certificate of title has been issued in the owner's name, such title has been applied for in the owner's name, or the motor vehicle is not required to be titled. An application for a certificate of title for a motor vehicle may be submitted separately from the application for the registration of such motor vehicle.

(b) Subsection (a) of this Code section shall not apply:

(1) To any motor vehicle or trailer owned by the state or any municipality or other political subdivision of this state except to the extent provided by Code Section 40-2-37;

(2) To any tractor or three-wheeled motorcycle used only for agricultural purposes;

~~(2.1)~~(3) To any vehicle or equipment used for transporting cargo or containers between and within wharves, storage areas, or terminals within the facilities of any port under the jurisdiction of the Georgia Ports Authority when such vehicle or equipment is being operated upon any public road not part of The Dwight D. Eisenhower System of Interstate and Defense Highways by the owner thereof or his or her agent within a radius of ten miles of the port facility of origin and accompanied by an escort vehicle equipped with one or more operating amber flashing lights that are visible from a distance of 500 feet;

~~(3)~~(4) To any trailer which has no springs and which is being employed in hauling unprocessed farm products to their first market destination;

~~(4)~~(5) To any trailer which has no springs, which is pulled from a tongue, and which is used primarily to transport fertilizer to a farm;

~~(5)~~(6) To any electric powered personal transportation vehicle;

~~(6)~~(7) To any moped; or

~~(7)~~(8) To any golf car.

~~(c) Any person who fails to register a new or used motor vehicle as required in subsection (a) of this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding $100.00.~~

~~(d) Upon the payment of the requisite fee, the purchaser of a new motor vehicle which is a passenger car, for which such purchaser has paid state and local title ad valorem taxes, may choose to register such passenger car for an initial period of two years instead of the annual registration provided for in this Code section, provided that the motor vehicle owner does not elect a prestige or special license plate. Thereafter, such passenger car shall be subject to the annual registration requirements of this Code section.~~

(c) On and after July 1, 2027, an owner of an eligible motor vehicle who has complied with all other requirements of this chapter shall be authorized to register or renew a registration for such eligible vehicle annually or for a period of five years. In addition to the applicable license fee set forth in Code Section 40-2-151, an owner of an eligible motor vehicle with a prestige or special license plate shall pay any applicable registration renewal fees for such license plate. Any owner of an eligible motor vehicle who elects a five-year registration shall not be relieved of any applicable emission inspection certification requirements under Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 12.

(d) Upon application for renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the county tag agent shall be authorized to issue a temporary operating permit for any vehicle that fails to comply with emission inspection certification requirements under Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 12, provided that the owner of such vehicle has provided verification of the existence of minimum motor vehicle liability insurance coverage and paid all applicable taxes, penalties, insurance lapse fees, and fees other than the registration fee. Such temporary operating permit shall be valid for 30 days and shall not be renewable.

(e) The commissioner shall be authorized to promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Code section and the issuance of five-year registrations."

SECTION 10.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-21, relating to registration periods, by adding a new paragraph to subsection (a) and revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(.01) 'Eligible motor vehicle registration term' means every fifth registration period for an owner of an eligible motor vehicle who elects a five-year registration renewal option."

"(b) The owner of every vehicle registered in ~~the previous calendar year~~ this state shall ~~register~~ renew such registration ~~and obtain a license to operate such vehicle~~ not later than the last day of the owner's registration period for an annual motor vehicle registration or the last day of an eligible motor vehicle registration term for a five-year motor vehicle registration."

SECTION 11.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-2-30, relating to purchase by mail, as follows:

"40-2-30.

An applicant may purchase a vehicle license plate or ~~revalidation decal~~ required registration renewal ~~by mail,~~ by mailing a properly completed application form to the tag agent of the county of his or her residence along with a bank check or money order in the amount of the license fee and all ad valorem taxes due thereon plus an additional fee of $1.00. Such fee shall be remitted by the governing body of the county of the collecting tag agent to the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund provided for under Chapter 17 of Title 47."

SECTION 12.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-31, relating to license plate design, retention of manufacturing and delivery costs, revalidation, county, and "In God We Trust" decals, by revising subsections (b.1) through (g) as follows:

"(b.1) Notwithstanding the provisions of Code Sections 40-2-131 and 48-2-17, the commissioner shall retain the costs of manufacturing and delivery of license plates~~,~~ ~~revalidation decals,~~ and county name decals from the registration fee as set forth in Code Section 40-2-151; provided, however, that this subsection shall not apply to license plates issued pursuant to Article 2B of this chapter.

(c) Except for license plates issued pursuant to Article 2B of this chapter, the face of the license plate to be displayed shall be treated completely with a retroreflective material which will increase the nighttime visibility and legibility of the plate. The department shall prepare the specifications which such retroreflective material shall meet.

(d) ~~In those years in which a new license plate is not issued and the license plate was not issued pursuant to Article 2B of this chapter, a revalidation decal with a distinctive serial number shall be issued and affixed in the space provided on the license plate issued to the applicant which shall indicate the year and month through which the registration of the vehicle shall be valid; provided, however, that, if the commissioner determines that it is necessary, two revalidation decals shall be issued for each license plate to reflect the required information. When an applicant is issued a revalidation decal and such applicant registered the vehicle in another county the previous year, the applicant shall also be issued a new county decal which shall be properly affixed to the license plate and shall replace the other county decal.~~

~~(e) The commissioner shall furnish without cost to each tag agent reflective adhesive decals in sufficient number, upon which there shall be printed the name of the agent's county. Such a decal shall be issued with each metal license plate and shall be affixed in the space provided on the license plate without obscuring any number or other information required to be present on the plate. A tag agent shall offer, upon such issuance of a new metal license plate, the option of obtaining a county decal or a decal providing for the nation's motto, 'In God We Trust.'~~

~~(f)~~ A county tag agent shall issue a county name decal, upon request, for the agent's county only if:

(1) The applicant is a resident of or a business located in the county named on the decal;

(2) The applicant is registering a new vehicle in such county, is renewing a current vehicle registration, or is transferring registration of a vehicle to the county named on the decal;

(3) The application for registration of the vehicle is being made in the county named on the decal; and

(4) The license plate was not issued pursuant to Article 2B of this chapter.

~~(g)~~(e) The commissioner shall furnish without cost to each tag agent reflective adhesive decals in sufficient number, upon which there shall be printed the nation's motto, 'In God We Trust.' A tag agent shall offer, upon such issuance of a new metal license plate, the

option of obtaining a county decal or a decal providing for the nation's motto, 'In God We Trust.' Such a decal shall be issued, upon request and free of charge, by a county tag agent with each new metal license plate."

SECTION 13.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-33, relating to issuance of license plates and decals, transfer of registration to a digital license plate, compensation of tag agents, and required identification, by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) and subsection (b) as follows:

"(a)(1) Upon compliance with the provisions of this chapter and the payment of the license fee required by law, the tag agent shall accept the application for registration and, except as otherwise provided for in this chapter, if the license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~ applied for is in such tag agent's inventory, he or she shall issue the appropriate plate ~~or revalidation decal~~."

"(b) Except as provided for in Code Section 40-2-22, the amount of commission permitted as compensation to tag agents under this Code section shall be $1.00 per license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~ issued or registration renewal processed during any calendar year. Twenty-five cents for each license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~ sold or registration renewal processed in excess of 4,000 during any one calendar year shall become the property of the county and shall be turned over to the fiscal authorities of the county by the tag agent to be remitted to the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund provided for under Chapter 17 of Title 47. The remaining portion of such commissions shall be disposed of as provided in Code Section 40-2-34."

SECTION 14.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-40, relating to registration of delinquent vehicles and collection and disposition of penalties, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) All applications for the registration of a delinquent vehicle shall, before being accepted by a tag agent, be first endorsed by a sheriff or a deputy sheriff, a chief of police or his or her designated representative, a state law enforcement officer, a tax commissioner, or a tax collector. The officer endorsing the delinquent application shall indicate, with his or her endorsement on the application, the total amount of the prescribed registration fee together with the 25 percent penalty provided in this Code section, and the full total of such amount shall be paid to the tag agent before any license plate or ~~revalidation decal~~ registration renewal as provided for in this chapter shall be assigned to the applicant."

SECTION 15.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-41.1, relating to authentic historical Georgia license plates, by revising subsections (b) through (d) as follows:

"(b) The owner of any antique motor vehicle manufactured in 1989 or earlier shall be authorized to display in lieu of and in the same manner as the license plate otherwise required under Code Section 40-2-41 an authentic historical Georgia license plate which

clearly represents the model year within four years of any such antique motor vehicle, provided that the owner has properly registered such antique motor vehicle for the current year as otherwise required under this chapter and has obtained a current license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~ for such antique motor vehicle. Such currently valid license plate shall be kept in such antique motor vehicle at all times but need not be displayed in a manner to be visible from outside the vehicle.

(c) For purposes of this Code section, the authentic historical Georgia license plate shall be furnished by the owner of any such antique motor vehicle.

(d) ~~No later than January 1, 2006, the~~ The commissioner shall have installed within the department's computer information system applicable to the registration of motor vehicles the necessary program which ~~will~~ shall include in the information relating to the current license plate or ~~revalidation decal~~ registration renewal issued for an antique motor vehicle the information relating to the authentic historical Georgia license plate authorized to be displayed on such antique motor vehicle."

SECTION 16.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-2-42, relating to transfer of license plates and revalidation decals, as follows:

"40-2-42.

(a) A license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~, when issued, shall be transferred from one vehicle to another vehicle of the same class acquired by the same person as provided in this chapter. Any use of a license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~ by any other person or persons in any manner not provided for in this chapter shall be a violation of this chapter.

(b) The commissioner shall provide by rules and regulations appropriate procedures whereby, upon the payment of a fee of $5.00, and, upon preparation and filing of an appropriate application therefor, currently valid ~~annual and five year~~ license plates ~~and revalidation decals~~ shall be transferred from one vehicle to another vehicle of the same class of which ownership is acquired following that person's or those persons' ceasing to own or operate on the public roads the vehicle for which such plate was originally issued and during the initial registration period for the acquired vehicle. If such acquired vehicle is of a different class than the vehicle no longer owned or operated by such person, he or she shall submit the license plate currently issued to him or her for cancellation and, upon payment of any additional fee for registering such acquired vehicle, the commissioner shall issue a new license plate to such person for use on such acquired vehicle. License plates ~~and revalidation decals~~ may be transferred in accordance with the provisions of this subsection at any time after issuance or renewal thereof and until the expiration of the period for which issued.

(c) The commissioner shall provide appropriate procedures whereby, when the registered owner of a jointly owned motor vehicle is deceased, the license plate issued for the motor vehicle may, upon appropriate application and payment of fees, be transferred to the surviving owner's name, provided that the surviving owner acquires a new certificate of title under subsection (d) or paragraph (1) of subsection (e) of Code Section 40-3-34 and makes the payment of appropriate ad valorem taxes."

SECTION 17.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-2-44, relating to reporting of theft, loss, or mutilation of license plates or revalidation decals and issuance of duplicates or replacements, as follows:

"40-2-44.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, the owner of a motor vehicle shall immediately report the theft, loss, or mutilation of a license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~ to the appropriate law enforcement agency or official, including but not limited to a municipal or county police department or officer, the county sheriff, the Department of Public Safety, or the Georgia State Patrol. ~~Said~~ Such owner shall obtain a copy of the police report and shall submit such copy to the commissioner with a fee of $8.00 to obtain a duplicate license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~. Alternatively, the copy of the police report may be submitted to the applicant's county tag agent with a fee of $8.00 in which case the county tag agent is authorized to issue a replacement license plate ~~or decal~~. In those instances in which a vehicle owner is unable to obtain a police report of such theft, loss, or mutilation of a license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~, the owner shall be authorized to submit to the appropriate law enforcement agency or official and to either the commissioner or to the county tag agent a sworn affidavit as to such theft, loss, or mutilation in lieu of a police report and obtain a replacement license plate ~~or decal~~. The county tag agent shall be entitled to retain as compensation for issuance of a replacement license plate ~~or decal~~ the same commission as provided for issuance of a new license plate ~~or decal~~ under the terms and conditions provided in subsection (b) of Code Section 40-2-33.

(b) If the license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~ is mutilated but still legible and if such license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~ is surrendered with the application for the duplicate, the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section, relating to reporting the theft, loss, or mutilation of a license plate ~~or decal~~ and submitting a copy of a police report, shall not apply.

(c) A duplicate county decal when the original has been lost, defaced, or destroyed may be obtained from the commissioner at no cost. A replacement license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~ when the original has been lost in the mail prior to receipt by the registered owner shall be issued by the commissioner without charge upon application and completion of the form and affidavit prescribed by the commissioner setting forth the circumstances of nonreceipt of the license plate ~~or decal~~. The owner shall report the nonreceipt or loss of the license plate ~~or decal~~ to the appropriate law enforcement agency or official, including, but not limited to, a municipal or county police department or officer, the county sheriff, or the Department of Public Safety. ~~Said~~ Such owner shall obtain a copy of the police report on which the license plate ~~or decal number~~ is listed and shall submit such copy to the commissioner. The owner shall not be charged a fee by the Department of Public Safety or the local law enforcement agency or official for a copy of such police report.

(d) The commissioner is authorized to establish procedures and promulgate rules and regulations for carrying out this Code section."

SECTION 18.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-45, relating to transferring license plate or revalidation decal for "salvage", "rebuilt", damaged, or demolished motor vehicles, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) No person shall transfer a license plate ~~or decal~~ from one vehicle to any other motor vehicle which is a 'salvage' or 'rebuilt' motor vehicle as provided in Chapter 3 of this title unless the owner of such vehicle submits satisfactory proof to the commissioner that the motor vehicle inspection required by Code Section 40-3-37 has been performed and such vehicle has been determined to be in full compliance with the law."

SECTION 19.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-53, relating to license plates for fleet motor vehicles, by revising subsections (b) and (c) as follows:

"(b) Fleet motor vehicle license plates shall be similar in design to regular license plates issued under Code Section 40-2-31~~, except that such fleet motor vehicle license plates shall contain such words or symbols, in addition to the numbers and letters otherwise prescribed by law, so as to distinctively identify the motor vehicles on which they are placed as fleet motor vehicles. Such motor vehicle license plates shall contain the word 'FLEET' in the location of and in lieu of the revalidation decal required under Code Section 40-2-8 so as to distinctly identify the motor vehicle as part of an enrolled fleet~~.

(c) License plates issued under this Code section shall be renewed ~~annually~~ prior to the end of the registration period and upon payment of a renewal fee to the department. ~~Such fee shall be the same amount that would be charged for a revalidation decal for such vehicle.~~"

SECTION 20.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-57, relating to application for digital license plate, renewals, and fees, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) A motor vehicle owner with a digital license plate shall renew the registration ~~annually~~ as provided by this chapter. The department shall notify the digital license plate provider upon satisfactory renewal. ~~Evidence of such renewal shall be displayed upon the digital license plate in a manner that indicates the year and month through which the registration of the vehicle shall be valid. Compliance with this subsection shall satisfy the revalidation decal requirements of this chapter.~~"

SECTION 21.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-60, relating to prestige license plates, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) Motor vehicle owners who are residents of Georgia, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and, except as provided in subsection (c) of this Code section, upon the payment of a fee of $35.00 in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee, shall be issued special personalized prestige license plates by the commissioner. Special personalized license plates issued

pursuant to this Code section shall be subject to an additional annual registration fee of $35.00 as a condition of ~~obtaining an annual revalidation decal for~~ annual renewal of such registration or an additional registration fee of $175.00 as a condition of a five-year renewal of such registration for such license plate ~~which fee~~. The fees required by this Code section shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34."

SECTION 22.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-60.1, relating to standardized administrative process for special license plates, designs, fees, and application process, by revising paragraph (5) of subsection (c) as follows:

"(5) 'Special license plate renewal fee' means ~~a $35.00 fee~~ the fee required to be paid at the time a special license plate is renewed ~~and a revalidation decal is issued~~. For an annual renewal of a registration, such fee shall be $35.00, and for a five-year renewal of a registration, such fee shall be $175.00."

SECTION 23.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-2-61, relating to license plates for U.S. Senators and Congressmen, state constitutional officers, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Justices of Supreme Court, Judges of Court of Appeals, and Public Service Commission members, as follows:

"40-2-61.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'state constitutional officer' means the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, State School Superintendent, Commissioner of Insurance, Commissioner of Agriculture, or Commissioner of Labor.

(b) The commissioner shall design and issue distinctive license plates to each United States Senator and Congressman elected from the State of Georgia, each state constitutional officer, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, each Justice of the Supreme Court and each Judge of the Court of Appeals, and each member of the Public Service Commission to be placed on such official's personal motor vehicle. Each such distinctive license plate shall indicate the individual's elected office and no county name decal need be affixed to such plate as required pursuant to Code Section 40-2-9. The special license plate authorized by this Code section shall be issued to such elected official upon application and payment of a manufacturing fee of $25.00 and upon compliance with the state laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and shall be transferred as provided in Code Section 40-2-80. Distinctive license plates issued pursuant to this Code section shall be ~~renewed annually, and revalidation decals shall be issued upon compliance with the laws relating to registration and licensing and upon payment of~~ subject to an additional registration fee of $35.00 ~~which shall~~ as a condition of an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $175.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this Code section shall be collected by the county tag agent at

the time for collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34. ~~For purposes of this Code section, the term 'state constitutional officer' means the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, State School Superintendent, Commissioner of Insurance, Commissioner of Agriculture, or Commissioner of Labor.~~"

SECTION 24.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-2-62, relating to license plates for current and former members of the General Assembly, as follows:

"40-2-62.

The commissioner shall mail special and distinctive license plates printed for members of the General Assembly and former members of the General Assembly who are hereby deemed to have emeritus status after having served in the General Assembly eight or more years to the local tag agent in the counties wherein such members or former members reside on or before the owner's registration period each year. Such special and distinctive license plates shall be issued only upon applications made to the local tag agent and payment of a $25.00 manufacturing fee. License plates may be issued by the local tag agent upon a proper application and in accordance with the terms of this chapter. License plates issued pursuant to this Code section need not contain a place for the county name decal as required pursuant to Code Section 40-2-9, and no county name decal need be affixed to a license plate issued pursuant to this Code section. Special and distinctive license plates issued pursuant to this Code section shall be ~~renewed annually, and revalidation decals shall be issued upon compliance with the laws relating to registration and licensing and upon payment of~~ subject to an additional registration fee of $35.00 ~~which~~ as a condition of an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $175.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this Code section shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time for collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34. The special license plates issued pursuant to this Code section shall be transferred to another vehicle as provided in Code Section 40-2-80."

SECTION 25.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-2-63, relating to license plates for sheriffs, as follows:

"40-2-63.

The commissioner shall mail to the local tag agents special and distinctive license plates for the elected sheriffs in the counties of this state on or before the owner's registration period of each sheriff. The sheriffs shall make application with the local tag agent and shall pay a fee of $25.00. Special sheriffs' license plates issued pursuant to this Code section shall be ~~renewed annually, and revalidation decals shall be issued upon compliance with the laws relating to registration and licensing and upon payment of an additional registration fee of $25.00 which~~ subject to an additional registration fee of

$25.00 as a condition of obtaining an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $125.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this Code section shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34. License plates shall be issued by the local tag agents upon proper application and in accordance with the terms of Article 2 of this chapter. Only one special and distinctive license plate shall be issued to each elected sheriff; however, a sheriff may choose to use the sheriff's distinctive license plate either on the law enforcement vehicle assigned to such sheriff or on his or her personal vehicle."

SECTION 26.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-63.1, relating to license plates for public safety first responders injured in the line of duty, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) License plates issued pursuant to this Code section need not contain a place for the county name decal as required pursuant to Code Section 40-2-9, and a county name decal need not be affixed to a license plate issued pursuant to this Code section. Special and distinctive license plates issued pursuant to this Code section shall be renewed annually~~, and free revalidation decals shall be issued upon compliance with the laws relating to registration and licensing~~ without payment of an annual renewal fee. The special license plates issued pursuant to this Code section shall be transferred to another vehicle as provided in Code Section 40-2-80."

SECTION 27.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-64, relating to license plates for honorary consuls, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) Honorary consuls shall be issued license plates as prescribed in Code Section 40-2-31 in duplicate for use on their official or private passenger automobiles, upon application and compliance with the state motor vehicle laws relative to the registration and licensing of motor vehicles, payment of the regular license fees for license plates as provided by law, payment of a manufacturing fee of $25.00, and payment of an additional annual registration fee of $25.00 ~~which fee~~ as a condition of obtaining an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $125.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this Code section shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted as provided in Code Section 40-2-34~~, shall be issued license plates as prescribed in Code Section 40-2-31 in duplicate for use on their official or private passenger automobiles~~. Such license plates shall be fastened to both the front and the rear of the vehicle. No more than two sets of honorary consular corps license plates shall be issued to any country. Such plates shall not be used by any person after his or her appointment has ended."

SECTION 28.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-64.1, relating to license plates for official representatives of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representatives Office, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) Upon application and compliance with the state motor vehicle laws relating to the registration and licensing of motor vehicles and the payment of any registration fees, including the $25.00 manufacturing fee and the $35.00 special license plate fee ~~or the $35.00 special license plate renewal fee, as applicable~~, official representatives of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representatives Office in the United States who maintain a presence in Georgia shall be issued Foreign Organization license plates as prescribed in Code Section 40-2-31 in duplicate. License plates issued pursuant to this Code section shall be subject to an additional annual registration fee of $35.00 as a condition of obtaining an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $175.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this Code section be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34. Such license plates shall be fastened to both the front and the rear of the vehicle."

SECTION 29.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-65, relating to license plates for active and retired reservists and certain members of the National Guard, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a)(1) Motor vehicle owners who are assigned or attached members of troop program units of any branch of the active reserve components of the United States inside or outside the State of Georgia shall be eligible to receive free motor vehicle license plates for private passenger cars, motorcycles, or trucks used for personal transportation. Motor vehicle owners who are members of any National Guard unit in a state adjoining the State of Georgia and for whom there is no National Guard unit in the county of their residence shall be eligible to receive free motor vehicle plates for private passenger cars, motorcycles, or trucks used for personal transportation to identify such vehicle owner as a reservist. Such license plates shall be issued in compliance with the state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles as prescribed in Article 2 of this chapter. No person shall be entitled to more than one free motor vehicle license plate for any calendar year; provided, however, that, upon payment of the regular license fee provided for in Code Section 40-2-151 and a manufacturing fee of $25.00, a reservist shall be entitled to receive one additional such license plate. For each additional license plate for which an initial $25.00 fee was required, there shall be an additional annual registration fee of $25.00~~, which fee~~ as a condition of obtaining an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $125.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this paragraph shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in

Code Section 40-2-34. Additional words or symbols in addition to numbers and letters prescribed by law shall be inscribed upon such license plates so as to identify distinctively the owner as a member of one of the following branches of the United States military reserve: Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Space Force, or Coast Guard. The commanding officer of each active reserve component program unit or the adjutant general of the National Guard unit of each neighboring state shall, upon request of any reserve member or National Guard member of that unit, respectively, furnish to that member approved documentation supporting the member's current membership in the respective reserve or National Guard unit. This documentation shall be presented ~~annually~~ to the tax commissioner of the county in which the reserve member or National Guard member applies for the special license plate under this Code section ~~and upon subsequent reregistration for each succeeding year~~.

(2) Motor vehicle owners who are retired from any branch of the active reserve components whose active reservists are eligible to obtain free motor vehicle license plates under paragraph (1) of this subsection, upon application for license plates and upon compliance with the state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles as prescribed under Article 2 of this chapter, shall be issued, free of charge, a license plate as prescribed in that article for private passenger cars, motorcycles, or trucks used for personal transportation. Each such retired member shall be entitled to no more than one such free plate for any calendar year; provided, however, that, upon payment of the regular license fee provided for in Code Section 40-2-151 and a manufacturing fee of $25.00, a retired member shall be entitled to receive one additional such license plate. For each additional license plate for which an initial $25.00 fee was required, there shall be an additional annual registration fee of $25.00~~,~~ ~~which fee~~ as a condition of obtaining an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $125.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this paragraph shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34. The license plates issued pursuant to this paragraph shall, in addition to the numbers and letters prescribed by law, be identical to those issued pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection to members of the branch of the active reserve component from which that person retired. The commanding officer of each active reserve component program unit shall, upon request of any retired reserve member from that unit, furnish to that retired member approved documentation supporting the retired member's current retired membership status from that reserve unit. This documentation shall be presented to the tax commissioner of the county in which the retired reserve member applies for the special license plate under this Code section.

(3) The license plates issued pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection shall contain the word 'RETIRED' in the location of and in lieu of the name of the county of issuance."

SECTION 30.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-66, relating to license plates for active and retired members of the Georgia National Guard, by revising paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(a)(1) Motor vehicle owners who are members of the Georgia National Guard, upon application for license plates and upon compliance with the state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles as prescribed under Article 2 of this chapter, shall be issued, free of charge, a license plate, as prescribed in that article for private passenger cars, motorcycles, or trucks used for personal transportation. Each member of the Georgia National Guard shall be entitled to no more than one such free plate at a time; provided, however, that, upon payment of the regular license fee provided for in Code Section 48-10-2 and a manufacturing fee of $25.00, a member shall be entitled to one additional such license plate. For each additional license plate for which an initial $25.00 fee was required, there shall be an additional annual registration fee of $25.00 ~~which fee~~ as a condition of obtaining an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $125.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this paragraph shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34. Additional words or symbols, in addition to the numbers and letters prescribed by law, shall be inscribed upon such license plates so as to identify distinctively the owner as a member of the Georgia National Guard. The adjutant general of Georgia shall, upon request of any member of that National Guard unit, furnish to that member approved documentation supporting the member's current membership in that National Guard unit. This documentation shall be presented ~~annually~~ to the tax commissioner of the county in which the National Guard member applies for the special license plate under this Code section ~~and upon subsequent reregistration for each succeeding year~~.

(2) Motor vehicle owners who are retired members of the Georgia National Guard, upon application for license plates and upon compliance with the state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles as prescribed under Article 2 of this chapter, shall be issued, free of charge, a license plate as prescribed in that article for private passenger cars, motorcycles, or trucks used for personal transportation. Each retired member of the Georgia National Guard shall be entitled to no more than one such free plate at a time; provided, however, that, upon payment of the regular license fee provided for in Code Section 48-10-2 and a manufacturing fee of $25.00, a member shall be entitled to one additional such license plate. For each additional license plate for which an initial $25.00 fee was required, there shall be an additional annual registration fee of $25.00 ~~which fee~~ as a condition of obtaining an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $125.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this paragraph shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34. The license plates issued pursuant to this paragraph shall, in

addition to the numbers and letters prescribed by law, be identical to those issued pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection. The adjutant general of Georgia shall, upon request of any member retired from that National Guard unit, furnish to that retired member approved documentation supporting the member's retired membership status in that National Guard unit. This documentation shall be presented ~~annually~~ to the tax commissioner of the county in which the retired National Guard member applies for the special license plate under this Code section ~~and upon subsequent reregistration for each succeeding year~~."

SECTION 31.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-67, relating to license plates for state commanders of nationally chartered veterans' organizations, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) The state commanders of nationally chartered veterans' organizations shall be issued license plates as prescribed in Code Section 40-2-31 for use on their official or private passenger automobiles, upon application and compliance with the state motor vehicle laws relative to the registration and licensing of motor vehicles, upon payment of the regular license fees for license plates as provided by law, and upon the payment of an additional initial fee of $25.00 and an additional annual registration fee of $25.00 ~~which fee~~ as a condition of obtaining an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $125.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this subsection shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted as provided in Code Section 40-2-34~~, shall be issued license plates as prescribed in Code Section 40-2-31 for use on their official or private passenger automobiles, upon which~~,. For a license plate issued under this Code section, in lieu of the numbers prescribed by ~~said Code section,~~ Code Section 40-2-31, there shall be such figures or symbols indicative of the office held by such individuals as may be prescribed by the commissioner."

SECTION 32.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-2-81, relating to license plates for members of the Georgia State Defense Force, as follows:

"40-2-81.

(a) For purposes of this Code section, the term 'Georgia State Defense Force' means that organization established pursuant to Part 3 of Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 38.

(b)(1) Motor vehicle and trailer owners who are members of the Georgia State Defense Force shall be eligible to receive special and distinctive vehicle license plates for private passenger cars, trucks, motorcycles, or recreational vehicles used for personal transportation. Such license plates shall be issued in compliance with the state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles as prescribed in Article 2 of this chapter.

(2)(A) Motor vehicle and trailer owners who are members of the Georgia State Defense Force shall be issued, upon application for and upon compliance with the state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, a Georgia State Defense Force member license plate. One such license plate shall be issued without the requisite registration fee, manufacturing fee, or annual registration fee.

(B) Each member of the Georgia State Defense Force shall be entitled to no more than one such free license plate at a time; provided, however, that, upon payment of a manufacturing fee of $25.00, a member shall be entitled to one additional such license plate. For each additional license plate for which a $25.00 manufacturing fee is required, there shall be an additional annual registration fee of $25.00 ~~which fee~~ as a condition of obtaining an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $125.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this Code section shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34.

(c) The commissioner shall design a Georgia State Defense Force member license plate. The commissioner shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to enforce compliance with all state license laws relating to the use and operation of private passenger cars, trucks, motorcycles, and trailers before issuing these license plates in lieu of the regular Georgia license plates. ~~The manufacturing fee for such special and distinctive license plates shall be $25.00.~~ The commissioner is specifically authorized to promulgate all rules and regulations necessary to ensure compliance in instances where such vehicles have been transferred or sold. ~~Such~~ Except as provided in subsection (e) of this Code section, such plates shall be nontransferable.

(d) The special and distinctive vehicle license plates shall be as prescribed in Article 2 of this chapter for private passenger cars, trucks, motorcycles, and trailers used for personal transportation. Such plates shall contain such words or symbols, in addition to the numbers and letters prescribed by law, so as to identify distinctively the owners as members of the Georgia State Defense Force.

(e) The license plate issued pursuant to this Code section may be transferred between vehicles as provided in Code Section 40-2-80.

(f) ~~Special license plates issued under this Code section, except as provided in subparagraph (b)(2)(A) of this Code section, shall be renewed annually with a revalidation decal as provided in Code Section 40-2-31 without payment of an additional $25.00 annual registration fee.~~

~~(g)~~ Should a member of the Georgia State Defense Force who has been issued a license plate or license plates be discharged or otherwise separated from the Georgia State Defense Force, the member shall forward his or her Georgia State Defense Force member license plate or plates to the commissioner along with a certificate to the effect that such person has been discharged or otherwise separated from the Georgia State Defense Force, and thereupon the commissioner shall issue a regular license plate, at no additional

charge, to such former member of the Georgia State Defense Force to replace the Georgia State Defense Force member plate or plates."

SECTION 33.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-84, relating to license plates for Purple Heart recipients, by revising subsection (e) as follows:

"(e) For each additional special license plate issued under this Code section there shall be an additional $25.00 ~~annual~~ registration fee ~~which fee~~ as a condition of obtaining an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $125.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this Code section shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34."

SECTION 34.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-85, relating to license plates for veterans who survived attack on Pearl Harbor, by revising subsection (e) as follows:

"(e) Special license plates issued under this Code section shall be ~~renewed annually with a revalidation decal as provided in Code Section 40-2-31. It shall be a requirement that a county name decal shall be affixed and displayed on license plates issued under this Code section~~ subject to an additional annual registration fee of $25.00 as a condition of obtaining an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $125.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this Code section shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34."

SECTION 35.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-85.1, relating to license plates for certain veterans, by revising subparagraph (b)(2)(B) and subsections (e.1) and (f) as follows:

"(B) Each member or former member of the armed forces of the United States listed in this subsection shall be entitled to no more than one such free license plate at a time; provided, however, that, upon payment of a manufacturing fee of $25.00, a member shall be entitled to one additional such license plate. For each additional license plate for which a $25.00 manufacturing fee is required, there shall be an additional annual registration fee of $25.00~~, and such fee~~ as a condition of obtaining an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $125.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this subparagraph shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34."

"~~(e.1)~~(f) The spouse of any person eligible to be issued a special license plate under this Code section shall also be eligible for such license plate, provided that no motor vehicle

is registered in the name of the eligible person and all other requirements relating to registration and licensing relative to motor vehicles as prescribed in Article 2 of this chapter have been satisfied.

~~(f)~~(g) Special license plates issued under this Code section, except as provided in subparagraph (b)(2)(A) of this Code section, shall be ~~renewed annually with a revalidation decal as provided in Code Section 40-2-31 without payment of an additional $25.00 annual registration fee~~ subject to an additional annual registration fee of $25.00 as a condition of obtaining an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $125.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this Code section shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34."

SECTION 36.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-85.2, relating to license plates for veterans of the Chosin Reservoir Campaign, by revising subsection (e) as follows:

"(e) Special license plates issued under this Code section shall be ~~renewed annually with a revalidation decal, as provided in Code Section 40-2-31, without payment of an additional $25.00 annual registration fee~~ subject to an additional annual registration fee of $25.00 as a condition of obtaining an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $125.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this Code section shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34.

(f) Special license plates issued under this Code section shall be transferred between vehicles as provided in Code Section 40-2-80."

SECTION 37.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-85.3, relating to license plates for Gold Star family members, by revising subsections (d) through (g) as follows:

"(d) Any motor vehicle owner who is a resident of Georgia, other than one registering under the International Registration Plan, upon complying with state laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles shall be issued such a special license plate upon application therefor. ~~Special license plates issued under this Code section shall be renewed annually with a revalidation decal as provided in Code Section 40-2-31.~~ Upon payment of all ad valorem taxes and other fees due at registration of a motor vehicle, an eligible family member may apply for a Gold Star license plate. In order to qualify as an eligible family member for purposes of this Code section, the person must be related to the fallen service member as a spouse, mother, father, sibling, child, stepparent, or surviving spouse of such service member's sibling. ~~Up to two free license plates shall be allowed for any eligible family member and they may purchase additional license plates for each motor vehicle they register in this state. If a Gold Star license plate is lost, damaged, or stolen, the eligible family member must pay the reasonable cost, to be~~

~~established by the department, but not to exceed the cost of other specialty license plates, to replace the Gold Star license plate~~ An eligible family member shall be entitled to no more than two free license plates at a time; provided, however, that an eligible family member shall be entitled to additional license plates upon payment of a manufacturing fee of $25.00. For each additional license plate for which a $25.00 manufacturing fee is required, there shall be an additional annual registration fee of $35.00 as a condition of obtaining an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $175.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this Code section shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34.

(e) Whether a service member is deemed to have been killed in action shall be determined by the classification of death as listed by the United States Department of Defense and may be verified from documentation directly from the Department of Defense.

(f) Free Gold Star license plates shall be issued only to eligible family members who resided in Georgia at the time of the death of the service member~~. However,~~; provided, however, that an eligible family member who was not a resident of Georgia at the time of the death of the service member ~~may purchase a Gold Star license plate, at a cost to be established by the department, not to exceed the cost of other specialty license plates~~ shall be entitled to such license plate upon payment of a manufacturing fee of $25.00.

(g) ~~Renewal decals shall be issued at no cost to any person that received a free license plate under the provisions of this Code section upon the payment of ad valorem taxes and other registration fees, provided that the renewal is applied for on or within 30 days prior to the renewal date of the eligible person. If the eligible person fails to renew within such time, he or she shall pay a standard renewal fee and be subject to the standard penalties for late payment of ad valorem taxes due on the motor vehicle~~ A special license plate issued to an eligible family member pursuant to this Code section shall be renewed at no cost. Any special license plate issued pursuant to this Code section for a fee shall be subject to an additional annual registration fee of $35.00 as a condition of obtaining an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $175.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this Code section shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34."

SECTION 38.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 40-2-86, relating to license plates promoting or supporting certain agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations with proceeds disbursed to the general fund and the agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation, by revising subparagraph (a)(1)(C), subsection (d), and subsection (f) as follows:

"(C) 'Special license plate renewal fee' means ~~a $35.00 fee~~ the fee required to be paid at the time ~~a revalidation decal is issued~~ the registration for a special license plate is

renewed. For an annual renewal of a registration, such fee shall be $35.00 and for a five-year renewal of a registration, such fee shall be $175.00."

"(d) Any Georgia resident who is the owner of a motor vehicle, except a vehicle registered under the International Registration Plan, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and upon the payment of the appropriate fees in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee shall be able to apply for a special license plate listed in this Code section. ~~Revalidation decals shall be issued for special license plates in the same manner as provided for general issue license plates.~~"

"(f) An applicant may request a special license plate any time during the applicant's registration period~~. If such a license plate is to replace a current valid license plate, the special license plate shall be issued with appropriate decals attached~~ upon payment of the manufacturing fee and the special license plate renewal fee."

SECTION 39.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-86.1, relating to license plates promoting or supporting certain agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations or issued to qualified motor vehicles or owners with proceeds deposited in the general fund, by revising subsections (d) and (g) and subparagraph (l)(9)(B) as follows:

"(d) Any Georgia resident who is the owner of a motor vehicle, except a vehicle registered under the International Registration Plan, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and upon the payment of a manufacturing fee of $25.00 and a special license plate fee of $35.00, in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee, shall be able to apply for a special license plate listed in subsection (l) of this Code section. ~~Revalidation decals shall be issued for special license plates in the same manner as provided for general issue license plates, with the addition of a~~ A $35.00 special license plate renewal fee shall be required as a condition of obtaining an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $175.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate, provided that special license plates issued pursuant to paragraph (9) of subsection (l) of this Code section shall be exempt from such special license plate renewal fee."

"(g) An applicant may request a special license plate any time during the applicant's registration period~~. If such a license plate is to replace a current valid license plate, the special license plate shall be issued with appropriate decals attached,~~ upon the payment of any applicable registration fees, the manufacturing fee, and the special license plate fee."

"(B) Should a certified firefighter or volunteer firefighter who has been issued a special and distinctive license plate be separated from such firefighter's department for any reason other than retirement from employment, the separated firefighter shall, within 14 days of such separation, return such special and distinctive license plate to the issuing county tag agent. Upon receipt of such special and distinctive license plate, a county tag agent shall reissue a regular license plate ~~and the appropriate~~

~~revalidation decal~~ for the applicable registration period, at no additional charge, to such former firefighter to replace the special and distinctive license plate. Should a firefighter return to service with the same or another fire department, the chief of the fire department employing such firefighter shall secure the regular license plate of such person and return same to the commissioner, along with a certificate to the effect that such person has become a member of the fire department, and the effective date thereof, whereupon the commissioner shall, upon application and upon the payment of a $35.00 manufacturing fee and all other applicable registration and licensing fees at the time of registration, reissue a special and distinctive license plate to such new member to replace the returned regular license plate."

SECTION 40.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-135, relating to revocation and seizure of license plates and renewal decals, by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c) Any state or county law enforcement officer or any special agent or enforcement officer appointed under Code Section 40-2-134 may, upon the direction or request of the commissioner, go upon public or private property to seize a license plate ~~or renewal decal~~ which has been revoked as provided in subsection (a) of this Code section."

SECTION 41.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-151, relating to annual license fees for operation of vehicles, fee for permanent licensing of certain trailers, and fee for new passenger car with paid title ad valorem taxes, by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c) ~~The fee for a new motor vehicle which is a passenger car for which the purchaser has paid state and local title ad valorem taxes and that is being registered as provided in subsection (d) of Code Section 40-2-20 shall be $40.00 for the two-year registration period.~~ Upon the election of a five-year motor vehicle registration by an owner of an eligible motor vehicle, the fees for the licensing of the operation of such eligible motor vehicle shall be five times the applicable amount set forth in subsection (a) of this Code section for the five-year registration period."

SECTION 42.

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"40-2-139.

(a) For purposes of aiding in the enforcement of any emission inspection certification requirements under Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 12, any emission inspection station holding a valid certificate of authorization from the Department of Natural Resources shall electronically transmit notice of the issuance of an emission inspection certification to the department within seven days of such issuance. Such notice shall include the name and contact information of the emission inspection station, the vehicle identification number to which such certificate has been issued, and the make and model year of such motor vehicle. The department shall prescribe the form and manner of electronic transmission for the purposes of complying with this Code section.

(b) The department shall identify when a motor vehicle owner is required to comply with emission inspection certification requirements under Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 12, and no motor vehicle registration or renewal thereof shall be issued without notice to the department pursuant to this Code section that an emission inspection certification has been issued for such vehicle.

(c)(1) The department shall monitor the reporting by emission inspection stations of the issuance of emission inspection certifications. When a five-year registration has been issued by the department for a vehicle identification number recorded in the department's motor vehicle records that is required to comply with emission certification requirements under Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 12, the department shall annually verify that the required emission inspection certification notice has been transmitted. The department shall notify the owner of a motor vehicle with a five-year registration period that lacks the required annual emission inspection certification. The department shall send such notice to the address of the owner of the motor vehicle shown in the records of the department unless such owner has consented to electronic notifications and communications pursuant to Code Section 40-1-9.

(2) It shall be the duty of the owner of a motor vehicle receiving notice pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection to obtain an emission inspection certification and provide proof of such certification to the department within 30 days of receipt of such notice. If proof of an emission inspection certification is not provided within the time period specified in this paragraph, the owner's motor vehicle registration shall be suspended immediately by operation of law by the department. When such proof is provided and the owner pays a $60.00 restoration fee, the suspension shall terminate. If any restoration fee provided for in this Code section is paid to the county tax commissioner, the county shall retain $10.00 thereof as a collection fee."

SECTION 43.

Code Section 48-5C-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alternative ad valorem taxation of motor vehicles and title ad valorem tax fee, is amended by revising paragraph (5) of subsection (d) as follows:

"(5) Any motor vehicle subject to state and local title ad valorem tax fees under paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section shall continue to be subject to the title, license plate, ~~revalidation decal,~~ and registration requirements and applicable fees as otherwise provided in Title 40 in the same manner as motor vehicles which are not subject to state and local title ad valorem tax fees under paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section."

SECTION 44.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2027.

SECTION 45.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

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Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
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Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
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Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
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Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	E Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
N Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	E Prince	Werkheiser
Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	E Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	Gilliard	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	E Williams, A
N Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	E Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	E Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 151, nays 7.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following Bill of the Senate was taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

SB 170. By Senators Jackson of the 41st, Robertson of the 29th, Summers of the 13th and Halpern of the 39th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 12 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commissions and other agencies, so as to create the Georgia Interagency Council for the Homeless; to provide for the purpose, membership, and duties of such council; to provide for reporting of activities; to provide for compensation; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate amendment was read:

The Senate moves to amend *the House substitute to SB 170 (LC 44 3197S) by inserting after* "funding," *on line 23 the following:*
including, but not limited to, federal funding,

By replacing lines 29 through 31 with the following:
and the director of emergency management and homeland security shall only provide funding to those affected rural hospitals that do not have a backup generator as of the effective date of this Act and have not received any federal assistance for the purpose of acquiring or installing a backup generator. The department shall

By replacing "an" on line 15 with the following:
a non-profit or not for profit

Representative O'Steen of the 169th moved that the House agree to the Senate amendment to the House substitute to SB 170.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	E Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
E Bazemore	Y Douglas	E Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	E Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran

Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
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Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	E Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	E Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	E Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	E Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion the ayes were 158, nays 0.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Hilton of the 48th moved that the following Resolution of the Senate be withdrawn from the Rules Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Rules:

SR 23. By Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Albers of the 56th, Beach of the 21st and others:

A RESOLUTION applying to the United States Congress to call a convention under Article V of the Constitution of the United States limited to proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a member of the United States House of Representatives and to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a member of the United States Senate; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

The following members were recognized during the period of Afternoon Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Stinson of the 150th et al., Romman of the 97th et al., Ali of the 106th, Au of the 50th, Reeves of the 99th, Paris of the 142nd et al., and Carter of the 93rd.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1833. By Representatives Park of the 107th, Williams of the 168th, Frye of the 122nd, Cannon of the 58th and Draper of the 90th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing May 2026 as ALS Awareness Month; and for other purposes.

HR 1834. By Representatives Richardson of the 125th and Jackson of the 128th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Dorothy Cofer; and for other purposes.

HR 1835. By Representatives Crawford of the 89th, Oliver of the 84th, Gunter of the 8th, Thomas of the 21st and Cannon of the 172nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Carys Code; and for other purposes.

HR 1836. By Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Gilliard of the 162nd, Cannon of the 58th, Cummings of the 39th, Clark of the 108th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Ebonie Ward; and for other purposes.

HR 1837. By Representative Ali of the 106th:

A RESOLUTION honoring Dar-E-Abbas Islamic Center; and for other purposes.

HR 1838. By Representatives Crawford of the 89th, Oliver of the 84th, Gunter of the 8th, Thomas of the 21st and Cannon of the 172nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Liz Fernandes; and for other purposes.

HR 1839. By Representatives Williamson of the 112th, Efstration of the 104th, Meeks of the 178th, Anderson of the 10th, Hatchett of the 155th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Atlanta Gas Light on its 170th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 1840. By Representatives Martin of the 49th and Jones of the 47th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating Gene and Dovie Brinson upon their 81st wedding anniversary; and for other purposes.

Representative Lumsden of the 12th District, Chairman of the Committee on Insurance, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Insurance has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 230	Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 462	Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 503	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Lumsden of the 12th
Chairman

The following communications were received:

CERTIFICATION OF CAUCUS ELECTION

Pursuant to the call for a caucus under the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 32-2-20, a caucus was held on March 17, 2026, in the Senate Chamber of the State Capitol Building. At that caucus, Honorable Steve Henson was elected as the member of the State Transportation Board from the 4th Congressional District to serve a term expiring April 15, 2031.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Billy Mitchell
Honorable Billy Mitchell
Representative, District 88
CHAIRMAN

/s/ Kim Jackson
Honorable Kim Jackson
Senator, District 41
SECRETARY

TO: HONORABLE BRAD RAFFENSPERGER
SECRETARY OF STATE

This is to certify that Honorable Steve Henson has been elected, pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 32-2-20, as the member of the State Transportation Board from the 4th Congressional District for a term expiring April 15, 2031.

/s/ Burt Jones
HONORABLE BURT JONES
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

/s/ Jon Burns
HONORABLE JON BURNS
SPEAKER, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CERTIFICATION OF CAUCUS ELECTION

Pursuant to the call for a caucus under the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 32-2-20, a caucus was held on March 17, 2026, in the Senate Chamber of the State Capitol Building. At that caucus, Honorable Jeff Lewis was reelected as the member of the State Transportation Board from the 11th Congressional District to serve a term expiring April 15, 2031.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Steve Gooch
Honorable Steve Gooch
Senator, District 51
CHAIRMAN

/s/ Brad Thomas
Honorable Brad Thomas
Representative, District 21
SECRETARY

TO: HONORABLE BRAD RAFFENSPERGER
SECRETARY OF STATE

This is to certify that Honorable Jeff Lewis has been reelected, pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 32-2-20, as the member of the State Transportation Board from the 11th Congressional District for a term expiring April 15, 2031.

/s/ Burt Jones
HONORABLE BURT JONES
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

/s/ Jon Burns
HONORABLE JON BURNS
SPEAKER, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House do now adjourn until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Monday, March 23, 2026, and the motion prevailed.

Pursuant to the adjournment Resolution previously adopted by the House and Senate, the Speaker announced the House adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Monday, March 23, 2026.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Monday, March 23, 2026

Thirty-Sixth Legislative Day

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called and the following Representatives answered to their names:

Adesanya	Corbett	Gullett	Martinez	Ridley, Jor
Adeyina	Cox	Gunter	Mathiak	Roberts
Alexander	Crawford	Hagan	Mathis	Sainz
Anderson	Crowe	Hatchett	McClain	Sampson
Ballard	Cummings	Hawkins	McCollum	Schofield
Barnes	Davis	Herring	McDonald	Scoggins
Barton	DeLoach	Hilton	McQueen	Scott
Bazemore	Dickey	Hitchens	Meeks	Seabaugh
Beckles	Donatucci	Holcomb	Momtahan	Silcox
Bell	Douglas	Holland	Moore	E Smith, L
Berry	Drenner	Hong	Neal	Smith, M
Bonner	Dubnik	Howard, J	New	Smith, TP
Buckner	Dunahoo	Howard, K	Newton	Smith, V
Burchett	Efstration	Huddleston	Okoye	Stephens
Burnough	Ehrhart	Hugley	Olaleye	Stinson
Cameron	Erwin	Jackson, D	O'Steen	Tarvin
Camp	Evans	Jackson, E	Panitch	Taylor, D
Campbell, J	Fincher	Jackson, M	Paris	Taylor, R
Campbell, L	Fleming	Jenkins	Park	Townsend
Cannon, C	Ford	Jones, A	Parrish	Wade
Cannon, P	Franklin	Jones, S	Parsons	E Washburn
Carpenter	Frye	Kahaian	Persinger	Werkheiser
Carson	Gaines	Kelley	Powell	Westbrook
E Carter	Gambill	E Kendrick	Prince	Williams, A
Chastain	Gilliard	LaHood	Reeves	Williams, N
Cheokas	Gisler	Leverett	Rhodes	Williamson
Clark, D	Glaize	Lewis-Ward	Rice	Willis
Clark, J	Greene	Lumsden	Richardson	Yearta
Clifton	Griffin	Martin	Ridley, Jas	Burns, Speaker
Cooper				

The following members were off the floor of the House when the roll was called:

Representatives Ali of the 106th, Au of the 50th, Baker of the 64th, Barrett of the 24th, Blackmon of the 146th, Byrd of the 20th, Dawson of the 65th, Dempsey of the 13th, Draper of the 90th, Flournoy of the 74th, Holly of the 116th, Horner of the 3rd, Jasperse of the 11th, Jones of the 25th, Lim of the 98th, Lupton of the 83rd, Miller of the 62nd, Mitchell of the 88th, Myles of the 126th, Petrea of the 166th, Reese of the 140th, Sanchez of the

42nd, Santos of the 117th, Thomas of the 21st, Tran of the 80th, Wilkerson of the 38th, and Williams of the 37th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Reverend Will Zant, Haygood Memorial United Methodist Church, Atlanta, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Hilton of the 48th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

By unanimous consent, the following was established as the order of business during the first part of the period of unanimous consents:

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

2. First reading and reference of House Bills and Resolutions.

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

6. First reading and reference of Senate Bills and Resolutions.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House were introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committees:

HB 1589. By Representative Mathis of the 133rd:

> A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act reconstituting the Board of Commissioners of Telfair County, approved June 3, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 3992), as amended, so as to repeal term limit provisions related to members of the board of commissioners; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1590. By Representative Mathis of the 133rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal the amendment to the Constitution of Georgia providing that the county officers of Telfair County shall be ineligible to hold office under certain conditions; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1591. By Representatives Drenner of the 85th, Lupton of the 83rd, Mitchell of the 88th, Crawford of the 89th, Draper of the 90th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create and establish in DeKalb County, Georgia, districts from which the members of the County Board of Education of DeKalb County shall be elected, approved April 12, 1963 (Ga. L. 1963, p. 3424), as amended, so as to establish protocols governing the recruitment, vetting, and appointment of and contracting with the superintendent of the DeKalb County School System; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1592. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Mathiak of the 82nd, Hilton of the 48th, Berry of the 56th and Olaleye of the 59th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to require certain schools and public institutions of higher education to recognize certain rights for student journalists; to provide for protections for student media advisers; to provide for limitations; to provide for written policies; to provide for proceedings and injunctive relief; to provide for legislative findings, declarations, and intent; to provide for definitions; to provide for construction; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HB 1593. By Representatives Sanchez of the 42nd, McQueen of the 61st and Cummings of the 39th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 3-3-20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sale of alcoholic beverages on Sundays, election days, and Christmas Day, so as to repeal the prohibition on the sale of alcoholic beverages within 250 feet of any polling place; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

HB 1594. By Representatives Williams of the 168th and DeLoach of the 167th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Riceboro, approved February 19, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 4614), as amended, so as to revise the corporate limits of the city; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1595. By Representatives Frye of the 122nd, Rhodes of the 124th, Gaines of the 120th and Gisler of the 121st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to grant to residents of Clarke County and the Clarke County School District, upon their homesteads, an exemption of $10,000.00 from certain ad valorem taxes levied by the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, and levied by, for, or on behalf of the Clarke County School District, approved April 13, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 6241), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 18, 2022 (Ga. L. 2022, p. 5504), so as to revise how the income cap is calculated related to the low-income base year assessed value homestead exemption from certain ad valorem taxes levied by the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County for unified government purposes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HR 1829. By Representative Au of the 50th:

A RESOLUTION urging Georgia schools and boards of education to adopt evidence-based discipline policies and procedures to address the public health crisis of student vape and e-cigarette use; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1830. By Representatives Howard of the 71st and Huddleston of the 72nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Lieutenant Colonel Larry Buford Boggs and dedicating an intersection in his honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 1831. By Representatives McDonald III of the 26th, Anderson of the 10th, Cannon of the 172nd, Yearta of the 152nd and Chastain of the 7th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Local Government Financial Audits; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1832. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Cheokas of the 151st and Anderson of the 10th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on the Assessment and Collection of Fees by Local Governments; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House and Senate were read the second time:

HB 1581
HB 1582
HB 1583
HB 1584
HB 1585
HB 1586
HB 1587
HB 1588
HR 1789
HR 1790
HR 1791
HR 1792
HR 1793
HR 1794
HR 1795
HR 1796
HR 1797
SB 620
SB 621

Representative McDonald of the 26th District, Chairman of the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Legislation has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 1536	Do Pass	HB 1542	Do Pass
HB 1543	Do Pass	HB 1544	Do Pass
HB 1548	Do Pass	HB 1549	Do Pass
HB 1550	Do Pass	HB 1551	Do Pass
HB 1552	Do Pass	HB 1553	Do Pass
HB 1555	Do Pass	HB 1556	Do Pass
HB 1557	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ McDonald of the 26th
Chairman

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2026

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 36th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

SB 23 Retirement; total percentage of funds that the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia may invest in alternative investments; raise the limit (Substitute)(Ret-Thomas-21st) Albers-56th

SB 395 Department of Public Health; eligible for the Low THC Oil Patient Registry; require a physician to submit certain information to the Georgia Composite Medical Board (Substitute)(P&CH-Newton-127th) Kirkpatrick-32nd (Rules Committee Substitute LC 52 1100S)

SB 428 Medical Assistance; Department of Community Health to submit a waiver request to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; direct (Hth-Efstration-104th) Kirkpatrick-32nd

SB 441 Local Government Investment Pool; certain pooled investments to be approved by the State Depository Board; require (B&FAO-Chastain-7th) Harbin-16th

SB 443 Offenses Against Public Order; the punishment for the offense of obstructing highways, streets, sidewalks, or other public passages; increase (JudyNC-Williams-148th) Summers-13th

SB 485 Professional Counselors; applicants for a license in social work enrolled in a master's degree program to take the master's social work licensing examination in their final semester of the program; authorize (Substitute)(RegI-Powell-33rd) Payne-54th

SB 500 Behavioral Health Care Workforce Data Base; expand to include data from licensed health care professionals (Substitute)(P&CH-Townsend-179th) Hodges-3rd

SB 542 Sexual Offenses; clergy members to be charged with certain improper sexual contact offenses; permit (Substitute)(Judy-Efstration-104th) Robertson-29th

Structured Rule

SB 566 Ad Valorem Taxation of Property; the acceptance of tax digests in the event of a publication error made by a newspaper; provide (Substitute) (W&M-Williamson-112th) Hufstetler-52nd

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 1536. By Representatives Rhodes of the 124th and Washburn of the 144th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Eatonton; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal specific Acts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1542. By Representative Yearta of the 152nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Magistrate Court of Worth County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such

technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1543. By Representative Lumsden of the 12th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a $40,000.00 homestead exemption from certain ad valorem taxes levied by, for, or on behalf of the Chattooga County School District for residents of that district who are 70 years of age or older and whose gross income does not exceed $20,000.00, approved April 23, 1998 (Ga. L. 1998, p. 4660), so as to increase the income cap on such exemption; to increase the value of the exemption in steps over a two-year period; to revise a definition; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1544. By Representative Lumsden of the 12th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Chattooga County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of $70,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that county who are 70 years of age or older and whose income does not exceed $38,000.00; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1548. By Representative Anderson of the 10th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Municipal Court of the City of Clarkesville; to identify

the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1549. By Representatives Anderson of the 10th and Erwin of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Municipal Court of the City of Cornelia; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1550. By Representatives Dickey of the 134th and Ballard of the 147th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Byron, approved February 13, 1941 (Ga. L. 1941, p. 1210), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 13, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001, p. 3770), so as to change the corporate limits of the City of Byron; to provide for related matters; to provide a contingent effective date; to provide for automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1551. By Representative Jasperse of the 11th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from all Pickens County School District ad valorem taxes for educational purposes for the full value of the homestead of certain residents of that school district, approved April 21, 1997 (Ga. L. 1997, p. 4283), so as to increase the income cap on such exemption; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1552. By Representative Smith of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Bremen independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $90,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 65 years of age or older and who have been residents and property taxpayers of the school district for at least five consecutive years; to repeal the exemption granted in an Act approved May 13, 2008 (Ga. L. 2008, p. 4065); to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1553. By Representatives Burnough of the 77th, Scott of the 76th and Neal of the 79th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Municipal Court of the City of Forest Park; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1555. By Representatives Ballard of the 147th and Stinson of the 150th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Fort Valley, approved August 22, 1907 (Ga. L. 1907, p. 651), as amended, so as to deannex certain territory from the city limits; to provide that the city shall be obligated to transfer title in any real or personal property related to the operation of the utility system upon the request of the utility commission; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1556. By Representative O'Steen of the 169th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Nicholls; to provide for incorporation, boundaries, and powers of the city; to provide for service charges and assessments; to provide for bonded and other indebtedness; to provide for accounting and budgeting; to provide for contracting and purchasing; to provide for sale of city property; to provide for bonds for officers; to provide for pending matters; to provide for definitions and construction; to provide for severability; to provide for related matters; to repeal specific Acts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1557. By Representatives Mathiak of the 82nd, Bonner of the 73rd, Bazemore of the 69th and Jackson of the 68th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for the re-creation of the board of elections for Fayette County, approved March 24, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 3712), so as to revise the composition of the board; to revise provisions for appointment of board members; to provide for initial terms; to provide for current board members to serve out the terms to which they were appointed; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, the following roll call vote was made applicable to the previously read Bills.

On the passage of the Bills, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	E Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	E Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V

Y Beckles	Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Petrea	E Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	E Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
E Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bills, the ayes were 158, nays 0.

The Bills, having received the requisite constitutional majority, were passed.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the Senate:

SB 622. By Senators Jackson of the 41st, Anderson of the 43rd, Harrell of the 40th and Parent of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the City of Tucker, approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 3897), as amended, so as to provide for the annexation of certain territory into the boundaries of the city; to provide for related matters; to provide for a referendum; to provide for a contingent effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 623. By Senators Wicks of the 34th, Parent of the 44th and Davenport of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Clayton County, approved January 28, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 2032), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 18, 2022 (Ga. L. 2022, p. 5510), so as to revise provisions related to the compensation of the solicitor-general of the state court; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 624. By Senator Williams of the 25th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create the Public Facilities Authority of the City of Milledgeville and Baldwin County, approved May 11, 2009 (Ga. L. 2009, p. 3955), so as to remove references to the City of Milledgeville; to provide for membership of the authority; to provide for terms of office of members of the authority; to permit members to succeed themselves; to provide for vacancies of members; to provide for certain tax exemptions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 625. By Senator Parent of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the City of Decatur Public Facilities Authority, approved March 17, 2017 (Ga. L. 2017, p. 3516), so as to require a referendum for issuing revenue bonds for certain projects requested by the City Schools of Decatur; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bills of the House:

HB 61. By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, McDonald III of the 26th, Corbett of the 174th, Mathis of the 133rd and Crowe of the 118th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-151 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual license fees for operation of vehicles, fee for permanent licensing of certain trailers, and fee for new passenger car with paid title ad valorem taxes, so as to provide for the issuance of separate license plates for hearses and ambulances; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1097. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Dempsey of the 13th, Hilton of the 48th, Cameron of the 1st and Sainz of the 180th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mental health, so as to provide for criminal background, license status, and registry checks for owners, applicants, and employees of certain mental health facilities; to provide for the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities to submit fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Georgia Crime Information Center for the purpose of background checks to find disqualifying records; to provide for maintenance of personnel files; to provide for procedures relating to applicants or employees with ineligible determinations; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1182. By Representatives Rhodes of the 124th, Leverett of the 123rd, Ridley of the 6th, Williams of the 148th and Corbett of the 174th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to soil amendments, so as to provide for additional prohibited acts; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1374. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Stephens of the 164th, Jasperse of the 11th, Newton of the 127th and Clark of the 100th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance generally, so as to provide for certain requirements concerning methods of payment to healthcare providers; to provide for definitions; to provide for notification; to provide for the avoidance of additional fees; to prohibit contractual waivers of certain statutory requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1504. By Representatives Crawford of the 89th, Tran of the 80th, Drenner of the 85th, Lupton of the 83rd, Mitchell of the 88th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of DeKalb County, formerly known as the Civil and Criminal Court of DeKalb County, approved February 14, 1951 (Ga. L. 1951, p. 2401), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 3, 2021 (Ga. L. 2021, p. 3624), so as to authorize the charge and collection of technology fees; to provide for a court administrator; to revise provisions related to compensation; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has adopted by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following resolutions of the House:

HR 1050. By Representatives Greene of the 154th, Dunahoo of the 31st, Beckles of the 96th, Buckner of the 137th and Flournoy of the 74th:

A RESOLUTION authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned property in Clayton County; authorizing the lease of certain state owned property in Dawson County; authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned property in DeKalb County; authorizing the lease of certain state owned property in Troup County; to provide an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HR 1051. By Representatives Greene of the 154th, Dunahoo of the 31st, Beckles of the 96th, Buckner of the 137th and Flournoy of the 74th:

A RESOLUTION authorizing the granting of non-exclusive easements for the construction, operation and maintenance of facilities, utilities, roads, and ingress and egress in, on, over, under, upon, across, or through property owned by the State of Georgia in Baldwin, Bartow, Bulloch, Camden, Catoosa, Chattooga, Clayton, Colquitt, DeKalb, Emanuel, Glynn, Habersham, Hall, Laurens, McDuffie, Morgan, Oconee, Paulding, Peach, Talbot, Tift, and Walton Counties, Georgia and Hamilton County, Tennessee; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the House:

HB 541. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Cooper of the 45th, Taylor of the 173rd, Prince of the 132nd and Hawkins of the 27th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-3-411 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions regarding tuition equalization grants at private colleges and universities, so as to expand the definition of an approved school to include certain institutions which offer programs in nursing; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative intent; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 847. By Representatives Cummings of the 39th, Campbell of the 35th, Seabaugh of the 34th, McQueen of the 61st, Ridley of the 22nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act consolidating the offices of tax collector and tax receiver into the office of tax commissioner of Cobb County, approved February 17, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, p. 790), as amended, so as to change the compensation of the tax commissioner and certain employees of such office; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 907. By Representatives Jones of the 47th, Burns of the 159th, Dubnik of the 29th, Jasperse of the 11th, Erwin of the 32nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 31C of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Completion Special Schools Act," so as to require certain local school systems to either be a party to a collaborative operating agreement with a completion special school or provide certain education programs and services to students in grades nine through 12; to require local school systems to provide to completion special schools the contact information for students who stop attending or withdraw from the local school system, subject to conditions and exceptions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 946. By Representatives Clifton of the 131st, Rhodes of the 124th, Ridley of the 6th, Kelley of the 16th, Cannon of the 172nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to game and fish, so as to authorize hunting and trapping of feral hogs under certain circumstances; to repeal provisions relating to wildlife control permits for feral hogs; to authorize location of feral hogs with unmanned aircraft systems; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 987. By Representatives Jones of the 25th, Thomas of the 21st, Anderson of the 10th, Cameron of the 1st and Barrett of the 24th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employment security, so as to provide for portable benefit plans and portable benefit accounts for independent contractors; to provide for definitions; to provide for voluntary contributions; to provide for independent contractors to opt in to withholdings; to provide for independent contractors to opt out at any time; to exclude voluntary contributions from establishing the classification of employer or employment; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1086. By Representatives Chastain of the 7th, McDonald III of the 26th, Cannon of the 172nd, McCollum of the 30th, Jasperse of the 11th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of fire and other hazards to persons and property generally, so as to require notice to be posted upon certain buildings of the use of light-frame truss-type construction; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for enforcement; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1181. By Representatives Ballard of the 147th, Corbett of the 174th, Sainz of the 180th, New of the 40th and Ehrhart of the 36th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to certificates of title for motor vehicles, so as to require an application for certificate of title to contain or be accompanied by the last certificate of title issued by another state when such application refers to a vehicle last previously registered in another state and the applicant is receiving such vehicle upon inheritance, devise, or bequest; to amend Code Section 40-3-34 of the O.C.G.A., relating to transfer of vehicle by operation of law, termination of interest, and joint interest with right of survivorship; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1192. By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, Efstration of the 104th, Hugley of the 141st, Hatchett of the 155th, Stephens of the 164th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public assistance, so as to provide for certain accounting practices by the Department of Human Services and the Department of Community Health; to provide for funds for specific purposes; to provide for annual review; to provide for annual reports; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1261. By Representatives Huddleston of the 72nd, Dickey of the 134th, Williamson of the 112th, Frye of the 122nd, Cannon of the 172nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax exemptions, so as to provide for level 1 freeport exemptions for certain goods in inventory for electric utilities; to provide for application for such exemptions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1268. By Representatives Burchett of the 176th, Leverett of the 123rd, Efstration of the 104th and Evans of the 57th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, so as to revise, modernize, correct errors or omissions in, and reenact the statutory portion of said Code, as amended, in furtherance of the work of the Code Revision Commission; to repeal portions of said Code, or Acts in amendment thereof, which have become obsolete, have been declared to be unconstitutional, or have been preempted or superseded by subsequent laws; to codify principles of law derived from decisions of the state Supreme Court; to provide for other matters relating to revision, reenactment, and publication of said Code; to provide for effect in event of conflicts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1329. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th and Newton of the 127th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to controlled substances, so as to provide for certain provisions relating to Schedule I controlled substances; to provide for certain provisions relating to the definition of dangerous drugs; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1452. By Representatives Cummings of the 39th, McQueen of the 61st and Sanchez of the 42nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Municipal Court of the City of Mableton; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1484. By Representative Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Bowman to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1503. By Representatives Fleming of the 114th and Crowe of the 118th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Covington ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes for the total amount of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city; to provide for

definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1515. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd and Powell of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Madison County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $75,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 70 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, contingent effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1527. By Representative Powell of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Franklin Springs ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes for the full assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 65 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1530. By Representatives Barton of the 5th and Ridley of the 6th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to repeal and replace the charter of the City of Fairmount, approved April 17, 1975 (Ga. L. 1975, p. 3136), as amended, so as to provide that future mayors shall be elected to four-year terms of office; to conform compensation provisions with general law; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the Senate were read the first time and referred to the Committee:

SB 622. By Senators Jackson of the 41st, Anderson of the 43rd, Harrell of the 40th and Parent of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the City of Tucker, approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 3897), as amended, so as to provide for the annexation of certain territory into the boundaries of the city; to provide for related matters; to provide for a referendum; to provide for a contingent effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

SB 623. By Senators Wicks of the 34th, Parent of the 44th and Davenport of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Clayton County, approved January 28, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 2032), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 18, 2022 (Ga. L. 2022, p. 5510), so as to revise provisions related to the compensation of the solicitor-general of the state court; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

SB 624. By Senator Williams of the 25th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create the Public Facilities Authority of the City of Milledgeville and Baldwin County, approved May 11, 2009 (Ga. L. 2009, p. 3955), so as to remove references to the City of Milledgeville; to provide for membership of the authority; to provide for terms of office of members of the authority; to permit members to succeed themselves; to provide for vacancies of members; to provide for certain tax exemptions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

SB 625. By Senator Parent of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the City of Decatur Public Facilities Authority, approved March 17, 2017 (Ga. L. 2017, p. 3516), so as to require a referendum for issuing revenue bonds for certain projects requested by the City Schools of Decatur; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

Pursuant to HR 1732, the House recognized and congratulated Elana Meyers Taylor.

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Beckles of the 96th, Gambill of the 15th, Cannon of the 58th et al., Herring of the 145th et al., McQueen of the 61st et al,. Huddleston of the 72nd et al., McClain of the 109th, Yearta of the 152nd, Bazemore of the 69th et al., Drenner of the 85th et al., Ford of the 170th et al., Ali of the 106th, Jones of the 60th, Cheokas of the 151st, Wade of the 9th, Mitchell of the 88th, and Gillard of the 162nd.

The House stood at ease.

The Speaker called the House to order.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1841. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Davis of the 87th, Burnough of the 77th and Scott of the 76th:

A RESOLUTION commending Mrs. Chance Troy, Hapeville Charter Career Academy's 2026 Teacher of the Year; and for other purposes.

HR 1842. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th and Schofield of the 63rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Pamela Perdue Thompson for her outstanding service, generosity, and dedication to the citizens and communities of Clayton County; and for other purposes.

HR 1843. By Representatives Rhodes of the 124th, Burns of the 159th, Corbett of the 174th, Smith of the 138th, Hatchett of the 155th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Representative Lynn Smith; and for other purposes.

HR 1844. By Representatives Roberts of the 52nd, Panitch of the 51st, Campbell of the 35th, Westbrook of the 163rd and Lupton of the 83rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Shanita Evans; and for other purposes.

HR 1845. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, Jasperse of the 11th, McDonald III of the 26th, Jones of the 25th, Barrett of the 24th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Lambert High School iGEM Team for its outstanding achievements at the 2025 iGEM Grand Jamboree; and for other purposes.

HR 1846. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, Jasperse of the 11th, McDonald III of the 26th, Barrett of the 24th, Jones of the 25th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the North Forsyth High School Girls Gymnastics Team for winning the 2025 Georgia High School Association Class 5A-6A State Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 1847. By Representatives Lupton of the 83rd, Roberts of the 52nd and Lim of the 98th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the educational, civic, and leadership impact of the Leadership Training Program and commending its participants for their commitment to public service; and for other purposes.

HR 1848. By Representative Gilliard of the 162nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Marc David Dunston; and for other purposes.

HR 1849. By Representative Gilliard of the 162nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Atlanta Lady Hawks senior women's basketball team; and for other purposes.

HR 1850. By Representatives Gilliard of the 162nd, Reese of the 140th, Holly of the 116th, Adeyina of the 110th, McClain of the 109th and others:

A RESOLUTION Commending Marcus Arbery Sr., author of Where's Daddy: The Ahmaud Arbery Story; and for other purposes.

HR 1851. By Representatives Burnough of the 77th, Glaize of the 67th, Cannon of the 58th, Scott of the 76th, Schofield of the 63rd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Sandra Lee Williams; and for other purposes.

HR 1852. By Representative Gunter of the 8th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of John Alan Dickerson, Sr.; and for other purposes.

HR 1853. By Representative McQueen of the 61st:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of DeLois Laura Mae Draper Brown; and for other purposes.

HR 1854. By Representative Jackson of the 128th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Little Miss Harmony Le'Andrea Taylor; and for other purposes.

HR 1855. By Representative Jackson of the 128th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Master Derrick De'Quan Taylor; and for other purposes.

HR 1856. By Representatives Rhodes of the 124th and Williams of the 148th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Pamela S. Van Scoy; and for other purposes.

The following member was recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representative Dunahoo of the 31st.

The following Bills of the House and Senate were taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 376. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Sainz of the 180th, Hagan of the 156th, Stephens of the 164th, Buckner of the 137th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits for state income tax, so as to increase the amount of tax credits available for the rehabilitation of certified structures; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits for state income tax, so as to revise a tax credit for the rehabilitation of certified structures; to increase the amount of expenditures required for certain certified structures to qualify; to provide for credit amounts and limits; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits for state income tax, is amended in Code Section 48-7-29.8, relating to tax credits for the rehabilitation of historic structures, by revising paragraph (5) of subsection (a) and subsections (b) and (c) as follows:

"(5) 'Substantial rehabilitation' means rehabilitation of a certified structure for which the qualified rehabilitation expenditures, at least 5 percent of which must be allocable to the exterior during the 24 month period selected by the taxpayer ending with or within the taxable year, exceed:

(A) For a historic home, the lesser of $25,000.00 or 50 percent of the adjusted basis of the property as defined in subparagraph (a)(1)(B) of Code Section 48-5-7.2; or, in the case of a historic home located in a target area, $5,000.00; or

(B) For any other certified structure, the greater of ~~$5,000.00~~ $25,000.00 or the adjusted basis of the property."

"(b)(1) A taxpayer shall be allowed a tax credit against the tax imposed by this chapter in the year that the certified rehabilitation is placed in service, which may be up to two years after the end of the taxable year for which the credit was originally reserved:

~~(1)~~(A) In the case of a historic home, equal to 25 percent of qualified rehabilitation expenditures, except that, in the case of a historic home located within a target area, an additional credit equal to 5 percent of qualified rehabilitation expenditures shall be allowed; and

~~(2)~~(B) In the case of any other certified structure, equal to:

(i) Twenty-five ~~25~~ percent of qualified rehabilitation expenditures for credits approved prior to January 1, 2026; or

(ii) Twenty percent of qualified rehabilitation expenditures for credits approved on or after January 1, 2026, except that, in the case of any other certified structure located in a county having a population of less than 50,000 according to the United States decennial census of 2010 or any such future census, an additional credit equal to 10 percent of qualified rehabilitation expenditures shall be allowed.

(2) Qualified rehabilitation expenditures may only be counted once in determining the amount of the tax credit available, and more than one entity ~~may~~ shall not claim a credit for the same qualified rehabilitation expenditures."

"(c)(1) In no event shall credits for a historic home exceed $100,000.00 in any 120 month period.

(2) The maximum credit for any other individual certified structure shall be $5 million for any taxable year, except in the case that the project creates 200 or more full-time, permanent jobs or $5 million in annual payroll within two years of the placed in service date, in which case the project is eligible for credits up to ~~$10~~ $15 million for an individual certified structure. In no event shall more than one application for any individual certified structure under this paragraph be approved in any 120 month period.

(3)(A) In no event shall credits issued under this Code section for historic homes exceed $5 million in aggregate per year.

(B) In no event shall credits issued under this Code section for certified structures other than historic homes exceed ~~$30~~ $60 million in aggregate per year.

(C) On and after January 1, 2030, in no event shall credits be issued under this Code section."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Hilton of the 48th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 376.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	E Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
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Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	N Horner	Myles	Y Smith, M
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Bazemore	E Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens

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Y Blackmon	N Dunahoo	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
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N Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 152, nays 10.

The motion prevailed.

SB 179. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Gooch of the 51st, Cowsert of the 46th, Kennedy of the 18th, Ginn of the 47th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to require that the academic and disciplinary records of each transferring student shall be provided by such student's previous school to the receiving school within five days; to reduce the number of days by which a parent or guardian of a transferring student shall receive copies of such records; to provide for evidence based youth violence prevention training programs; to provide for student violence prevention clubs; to provide for local policies for anonymous reporting; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate amendment was read:

The Senate moves to amend *the House Committee on Education substitute to SB 179 (LC 49 2411S) by inserting after* "$350.00;" *on line 7 the following:*

to require local school systems to allow the representatives of certain organizations to speak with students during school hours; to require certain organizations to provide notice;

to require local school superintendents to provide approval of certain activities by certain organizations during school hours; to require local school superintendents to provide written explanation for denial of certain activities; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for a definition;

By inserting between lines 163 and 164 the following:

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-324.10.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'patriotic society' means a youth organization listed in Title 36 of the United States Code as a patriotic society that promotes good citizenship, civic education, and patriotism, including, but not limited to, the Boy Scouts of America and its affiliated Georgia groups and councils and the Girl Scouts of the United States of America and its affiliated Georgia groups and councils.

(b) To encourage local school systems to facilitate access for students to participate in citizenship, civic, and patriotic activities provided by a patriotic society, each local school system shall allow representatives of a patriotic society the opportunity to speak with students to promote good citizenship, civic education, and patriotism during school hours.

(c)(1) To speak with students during school hours pursuant to this Code section, a patriotic society shall submit a written request to a local school superintendent proposing a date and time to visit a school. Such notice shall be submitted at least 30 days before the proposed date and time.

(2) Such notice shall also include the purpose of the visit, the amount of time the patriotic society will be on school grounds, and the speakers and representatives of such patriotic society who will be in attendance.

(3) Within seven days of receiving the request, the local school superintendent shall provide verbal or written approval or denial of the specific date and time requested by the patriotic society. If the local school superintendent denies such request, the local school superintendent shall provide, in writing, a comparable, alternative date and time for the patriotic society to visit.

(4) If the local school superintendent denies the request and does not provide an alternative date and time, the local school superintendent shall provide the patriotic society with a written explanation of the reasoning for such denial without an alternative date and time.

(d) It is the intent of the General Assembly that if any provision of this Code section is found invalid by a court of law, this Code section shall be void and repealed in its entirety."

SECTION 4.

By redesignating Section 4 as Section 5.

Representative Ballard of the 147th moved that the House agree to the Senate amendment to the House substitute to SB 179.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	N Sampson
N Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Alexander	E Crawford	N Herring	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
N Au	N Davis	N Holcomb	N Miller	N Scott
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N Carter	Y Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	E Williamson
Y Clark, D	N Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion the ayes were 99, nays 66.

The motion prevailed.

The Speaker announced the House in recess until 1:30 o'clock, this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Speaker called the House to order.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the Senate was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 395. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 1st, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Brass of the 6th, Albers of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Public Health, so as to require a physician to submit certain information to the Georgia Composite Medical Board when certifying an individual as eligible for the Low THC Oil Patient Registry; to provide for annual reporting; to authorize the Department of Public Health to disclose certain information; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and withdrawn:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Public Health, so as to authorize the Department of Public Health to disclose certain information regarding the Low THC Oil Patient Registry to the Georgia Composite Medical Board for certain purposes; to provide for annual reports by physicians; to restrict the use of such reports; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Public Health, is amended by revising subsections (e) and (f) of Code Section 31-2A-18, relating to the Low THC Oil Patient Registry, registration cards, reports, waiver forms, and annual review and recommendations, as follows:

"(e) The board shall require physicians to issue ~~semiannual~~ annual reports to the board. Such reports shall require physicians to provide information, including, but not limited to, dosages recommended for a particular condition, patient clinical responses, levels of tetrahydrocannabinol or tetrahydrocannabinolic acid present in test results, compliance, responses to treatment, side effects, and drug interactions. Such reports shall be used for research purposes to determine the efficacy of the use of low THC oil as a treatment for

conditions. A physician's failure to submit such a report shall not serve as the basis for the department to cancel or revoke a registration card.

(f) Information received and records kept by the department for purposes of administering this Code section shall be confidential; provided, however, that such information shall be disclosed, subject to the provisions of the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, P.L. 104-191, and any regulations promulgated thereunder:

(1) Upon written request of an individual or caregiver registered pursuant to this Code section for information related to the individual or his or her caregiver;

(2) To peace officers and prosecuting attorneys for the purpose of:

(A) Verifying that an individual in possession of a registration card is registered pursuant to this Code section; or

(B) Determining that an individual in possession of low THC oil is registered pursuant to this Code section; ~~and~~

(3) To government entities and other entities for statistical, research, educational, instructional, drug abuse prevention, or grant application purposes after removing all personal identifiers from the health information and removing all information that could be used to identify ~~prescribers~~ physicians; and

(4) To the board for investigatory, compliance, or disciplinary purposes."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Public Health, so as to authorize the Department of Public Health to disclose certain information regarding the Low THC Oil Patient Registry to the Georgia Composite Medical Board for certain purposes; to provide for annual reports by physicians; to restrict the use of such reports; to amend Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to emergency medical services, so as to designate ambulance services as an essential service in this state; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for the EMS Interstate Compact; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Public Health, is amended by revising subsections (e) and (f) of Code

Section 31-2A-18, relating to the Low THC Oil Patient Registry, registration cards, reports, waiver forms, and annual review and recommendations, as follows:

"(e) The board shall require physicians to issue ~~semiannual~~ annual reports to the board. Such reports shall require physicians to provide information, including, but not limited to, dosages recommended for a particular condition, patient clinical responses, levels of tetrahydrocannabinol or tetrahydrocannabinolic acid present in test results, compliance, responses to treatment, side effects, and drug interactions. Such reports shall be used for research purposes to determine the efficacy of the use of low THC oil as a treatment for conditions. A physician's failure to submit such a report shall not serve as the basis for the department to cancel or revoke a registration card.

(f) Information received and records kept by the department for purposes of administering this Code section shall be confidential; provided, however, that such information shall be disclosed, subject to the provisions of the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, P.L. 104-191, and any regulations promulgated thereunder:

(1) Upon written request of an individual or caregiver registered pursuant to this Code section for information related to the individual or his or her caregiver;

(2) To peace officers and prosecuting attorneys for the purpose of:

(A) Verifying that an individual in possession of a registration card is registered pursuant to this Code section; or

(B) Determining that an individual in possession of low THC oil is registered pursuant to this Code section; ~~and~~

(3) To government entities and other entities for statistical, research, educational, instructional, drug abuse prevention, or grant application purposes after removing all personal identifiers from the health information and removing all information that could be used to identify ~~prescribers~~ physicians; and

(4) To the board for investigatory, compliance, or disciplinary purposes."

SECTION 2.

Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to emergency medical services, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"31-11-13.

(a) Ambulance services, whether provided by a public, private nonprofit, or private for profit entity, are hereby declared to be essential services in this state.

(b) This Code section shall not be construed to:

(1) Revise or impact the provision of such services through local coordinating entities within territorial zones and health districts in this state; nor

(2) Grant new or additional authority, oversight, or regulatory power to any state agency or local government of this state.

(c) This Code section shall not conflict with or supplant Code Section 31-11-3, 31-11-4, or 38-3-71 or Georgia's status as a member of the EMS Interstate Compact."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to, by substitute.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	E Santos
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Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
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Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
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Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
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Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
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Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	E Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 161, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following Bill of the Senate was taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

SB 220. By Senators Brass of the 6th, Summers of the 13th, Hatchett of the 50th, Strickland of the 42nd, Jackson of the 41st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend various provisions of the O.C.G.A., so as to rename low THC oil as medical cannabis; to amend Chapter 12 of Title 16, Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Title 16, and Article 1 of Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to offenses against the public health and morals, regulation of controlled substances, and general provisions relative to the Department of Public Health, respectively, so as to clarify and revise criminal penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate amendment was read:

The Senate moves to *amend the House substitute to SB 220 (LC 33 9865S) by replacing lines 493 through 496 with the following:*

(P) Intractable pain; or
(Q) Lupus.

By replacing lines 540 through 543 with the following:

~~secure electronic means, including email.~~ The department shall issue an electronic registration card, physical registration card, or both, at the sole election of each patient or caregiver; provided, however, that the issuance of electronic registration cards shall be subject to appropriations. Electronic registration cards shall allow for immediate purchase of medical cannabis or products upon receipt of an eligible application for a registration card.

Representative Newton of the 127th moved that the House agree to the Senate amendment to the House substitute to SB 220.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	N Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	N Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	N Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L

N Barrett	Y Dickey	N Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	N Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	N Tarvin
Y Blackmon	N Dunahoo	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	N Taylor, D
N Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	N Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	N Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
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Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	N Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	N Gaines	LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
N Carpenter	E Gambill	Y Leverett	E Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	N Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
N Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	N Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	E Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	N Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	N Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion the ayes were 144, nays 21.

The motion prevailed.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 441. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Williams of the 25th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Albers of the 56th, Dickerson of the 21st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 83 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government investment pool, so as to require certain pooled investments to be approved by the State Depository Board; to exempt certain pooled investments from such approval; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
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Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
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Y Carpenter	E Gambill	Y Leverett	E Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	E Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 167, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 428. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Hatchett of the 50th, Watson of the 1st, Echols of the 49th and Jackson of the 41st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to direct the Department of Community Health to submit a waiver request to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to authorize the qualification for Medicaid reimbursement of certain home and community

based services; to provide for implementation upon approval; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
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Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
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Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	E Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 166, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following Bill of the House was taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 162. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th, Werkheiser of the 157th, Leverett of the 123rd, Reeves of the 99th, Dempsey of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, so as to provide for the restriction and seal of First Offender Act sentences until such status is revoked; to amend Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to first offenders relative to probation, so as to provide for the restriction and seal of first offender sentences at the time of sentencing; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, so as to provide for the restriction and seal of First Offender Act sentences until such status is revoked; to amend Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to first offenders relative to probation, so as to provide for the restriction and seal of first offender sentences at the time of sentencing; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, is amended by revising subparagraph (a)(1)(B) of Code Section 35-3-34, relating to disclosure and dissemination of criminal records to private persons and businesses, resulting responsibility and liability of issuing center, and provision of certain information to the FBI in conjunction with the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, as follows:

"(B)(i) The center shall not provide records of arrests, charges, or sentences when an individual has been sentenced pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 ~~and has been exonerated and discharged without court adjudication of guilt as a matter of law or pursuant to a court order~~ or Code Section 15-1-20, including records relating to such defendant's bench warrants, failure to appear, and probation for such offense, except as specifically authorized by Code Section 42-8-63.1. ~~The center shall not provide records of arrests, charges, or sentences when an individual has been sentenced as provided in Code Section 15-1-20, including records relating to~~

~~such defendant's bench warrants, failure to appear, and probation for such offense, except as specifically authorized by Code Section 42-8-63.1.~~

(ii) During the period of time after a defendant~~,~~ who has been sentenced pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 but has not been exonerated and discharged without court adjudication of guilt as a matter of law or pursuant to a court order~~,~~ has completed active probation supervision through the remainder of such sentence, the center shall not provide records of arrests, charges, or sentences except as specifically authorized by Code Section 42-8-63.1.

(iii) The center may provide records of arrests, charges, or sentences when an individual has been sentenced pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 but has not been exonerated and discharged without court adjudication of guilt as a matter of law or pursuant to a court order~~, as specifically authorized by Code Section 42-8-63.1, while a defendant is under active probation supervision for such offense, or as provided in a court order~~ only for the following purposes:

(I) As specifically authorized by Code Section 42-8-63.1;

(II) To criminal justice agencies for purposes of employment in accordance with procedures established by the center;

(III) Pursuant to any disclosure or consideration of criminal history record information required by federal or state law including, but not limited to, those disclosures required for federally insured financial institutions; or

(IV) For the purpose of any determination regarding the transfer of a firearm or the issuance of a license pursuant to Code Section 16-11-129;"

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subparagraph (a)(1)(B) of Code Section 35-3-35, relating to disclosure and dissemination of records to public agencies and political subdivisions and responsibility and liability of issuing center, as follows:

"(B)(i) The center shall not provide records of arrests, charges, or sentences when an individual has been sentenced pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 ~~and has been exonerated and discharged without court adjudication of guilt as a matter of law or pursuant to a court order~~, including records relating to such defendant's bench warrants, failure to appear, and probation for such offense, except as specifically authorized by Code Section 42-8-63.1. The center shall not provide records of arrests, charges, or sentences when an individual has been sentenced as provided in Code Section 15-1-20, including records relating to such defendant's bench warrants, failure to appear, and probation for such offense, except as specifically authorized by Code Section 42-8-63.1.

(ii) During the period of time after a defendant, who has been sentenced pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 but has not been exonerated and discharged without court adjudication of guilt as a matter of law or pursuant to a court order, has completed active probation supervision through the remainder of such sentence, the center shall not provide records of arrests, charges, or sentences except as specifically authorized by Code Section 42-8-63.1.

(iii) The center may provide records of arrests, charges, or sentences when an individual has been sentenced pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 but has not been exonerated and discharged without court adjudication of guilt as a matter of law or pursuant to a court order~~, as specifically authorized by Code Section 42-8-63.1, while a defendant is under active probation supervision for such offense, or as provided in a court order~~ only for the following purposes:

(I) As specifically authorized by Code Section 42-8-63.1;

(II) To criminal justice agencies for purposes of employment in accordance with procedures established by the center;

(III) Pursuant to any disclosure or consideration of criminal history record information required by federal or state law including, but not limited to, those disclosures required for federally insured financial institutions;

(IV) For the purpose of any determination regarding the transfer of a firearm or the issuance of a license pursuant to Code Section 16-11-129; or

(V) To criminal justice agencies, as such term is defined in Code Section 35-3-30;"

SECTION 3.

Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to first offenders relative to probation, is amended by revising Code Section 42-8-62.1, relating to limiting public access to first offender status, petitioning, and sealing record, is amended as follows:

"42-8-62.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Criminal history record information' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 35-3-30.

(2) 'Prosecuting attorney' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 35-3-37.

(3) 'Restrict,' 'restricted,' or 'restriction' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 35-3-37.

(4) 'Victim' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 17-17-3.

(b)(1) At the time of sentencing, ~~or during the term of a sentence that was imposed before July 1, 2016, the defendant may seek to~~ the court shall limit public access to his or her first offender sentencing information~~, and the court may, in its discretion, order any of~~ by ordering the following:

(A) Restrict dissemination of the defendant's first offender records, except as provided in subsection (h) of this Code section;

(B) The criminal file, docket books, criminal minutes, final record, all other records of the court, and the defendant's criminal history record information in the custody of the clerk of court, including within any index, be sealed and unavailable to the public, except as provided in subsection (h) of this Code section; and

(C) Law enforcement agencies, jails, or detention centers to restrict the defendant's criminal history record information of arrest, including any fingerprints or

photographs taken in conjunction with such arrest, except as provided in subsection (h) of this Code section.

(2) ~~When considering the defendant's request under this subsection, the court shall weigh the public's interest in the defendant's criminal history record information being publicly available and the harm to the defendant's privacy and issue written findings of fact thereupon.~~ Reserved.

~~(3) The court shall specify the date that such prohibited dissemination, sealing, and restrictions will take effect.~~

(c) An individual who ~~has been exonerated of guilt and discharged pursuant to this article, including those individuals exonerated of guilt and discharged prior to July 1, 2016,~~ was sentenced pursuant to this article prior to July 1, 2026, and has not had their sentence revoked and adjudicated guilty, may petition the court that ~~granted~~ ordered such ~~discharge~~ sentence for an order to ~~seal and make unavailable to the public the criminal file, docket books, criminal minutes, final record, all other records of the court, and the defendant's criminal history record information in the custody of the clerk of court, including within any index~~ limit public access to his or her case information pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section. Notice of such petition shall be sent to the clerk of court and the prosecuting attorney. A notice sent by registered or certified mail or statutory overnight delivery shall be sufficient notice.

(d) Within 90 days of the filing of a petition pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section, the court shall order restriction and sealing of the criminal file, docket books, criminal minutes, final record, all other records of the court, and the defendant's criminal history record information in the custody of the clerk of court, including within any index, to be sealed and made unavailable to the public, except as provided in subsection (h) of this Code section ~~if the court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that:~~

~~(1) An exoneration of guilt and discharge has been granted pursuant to this article; and~~

~~(2) The harm otherwise resulting to the privacy of the individual outweighs the public interest in the criminal history record information being publicly available~~.

(e)(1) Within 60 days of the filing of the court's order under subsection (b) or (d) of this Code section, the clerk of court shall cause every document in connection with such individual's case, physical or electronic, in its custody, possession, or control to be sealed to the public except as provided in subsection (h) of this Code section.

(2) Upon sealing and making unavailable to the public, the clerk of court shall display on the file in bold print on the cover of the file a notice to all court personnel that such file is sealed from the public view and dissemination of the contents to anyone other than those authorized by this Code section is prohibited. Such notice shall be sealed from public view and only available to the parties listed in subsection (h) of this Code section. Parties provided for in subsection (h) of this Code section shall maintain access to the record.

(f) When a court orders sealing of court records under subsection (b) or (d) of this Code section, the court ~~may~~ shall also order that records maintained by law enforcement agencies, jails, and detention centers be restricted and unavailable to the public. Such

entities shall comply with such ~~restriction~~ order within 30 days of receiving a copy of such order.

~~(g)(1) Information sealed or restricted pursuant to this Code section shall always be available for inspection, copying, and use:~~

~~(A) As provided in subsection (c) of Code Section 42-8-65;~~

~~(B) By the Judicial Qualifications Commission;~~

~~(C) By a prosecuting attorney or public defender who submits a sworn affidavit to the clerk of court that attests that such information is relevant to a criminal proceeding;~~

~~(D) Pursuant to a court order; and~~

~~(E) By an individual who is the subject of sealed court files or restricted criminal history record information upon court order.~~

~~(2) The confidentiality of such information shall be maintained insofar as practical.~~

(g) If a court of competent jurisdiction revokes the First Offender Act sentence and adjudicates the defendant guilty of the underlying First Offender Act offense while such defendant is serving a first offender sentence, restriction and sealing of such court records shall be removed, and such records may be disseminated by the court, law enforcement agencies, jails, and detention centers.

(h)(1) The following entities shall be entitled to access the criminal file, docket books, criminal minutes, final record, and all other records of the court during the period of time a defendant has been sentenced pursuant to this article but has not been exonerated and discharged without court adjudication of guilt as a matter of law or pursuant to a court order. No court order or affidavit shall be required for the following entities to access such records unless otherwise provided:

(A) As authorized by Code Section 42-8-63.1;

(B) To criminal justice agencies, as such term is defined in Code Section 35-3-30;

(C) As authorized by subsection (c) of Code Section 42-8-65;

(D) To any prosecuting attorney. Prosecuting attorneys shall be authorized to share relevant case information with the victim of the underlying first offender offense pursuant to the Crime Victims' Bill of Rights, as provided in Code Section 17-17-1;

(E) To any judge or court personnel;

(F) To any public defender;

(G) To an individual who is the subject of sealed court files or restricted criminal history record information;

(H) To the Judicial Qualifications Commission;

(I) To the Department of Community Supervision;

(J) To the State Board of Pardons and Paroles;

(K) Pursuant to any disclosure or consideration of criminal history record information required by federal or state law including, but not limited to, those disclosures required for federally insured financial institutions;

(L) For the purpose of any determination regarding the transfer of a firearm or the issuance of a license pursuant to Code Section 16-11-129; or

(M) When such records are made available for inspection, copying, and use pursuant to a court order.

(2) The confidentiality of such information shall be maintained insofar as practical."

SECTION 4.

Said article is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"42-8-62.2.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Criminal history record information' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 35-3-30.

(2) 'Prosecuting attorney' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 35-3-37.

(3) 'Restrict,' 'restricted,' or 'restriction' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 35-3-37.

(b) At the time a defendant who has been sentenced pursuant to this article has been exonerated and discharged without court adjudication of guilt as a matter of law or pursuant to a court order, the criminal file, docket books, criminal minutes, final record, and all other records of the court shall be restricted except as provided in subsection (g) of this Code section.

(c) An individual who has been exonerated of guilt and discharged without court adjudication of guilt as a matter of law or pursuant to a court order pursuant to this article prior to July 1, 2026, may petition the court that granted such discharge for an order to seal and make unavailable to the public the criminal file, docket books, criminal minutes, final record, all other records of the court, and the defendant's criminal history record information in the custody of the clerk of court, including within any index. Notice of such petition shall be sent to the clerk of court and the prosecuting attorney. A notice sent by registered or certified mail or statutory overnight delivery shall be sufficient notice.

(d) Within 90 days of the filing of a petition pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section, the court shall order the criminal file, docket books, criminal minutes, final record, all other records of the court, and the defendant's criminal history record information in the custody of the clerk of court, including within any index, to be sealed and made unavailable to the public.

(e) Within 60 days of exoneration and discharge under subsection (b) of this Code section or the filing of the court's order under subsection (d) of this Code section, the clerk of court shall cause every document in connection with such individual's case, physical or electronic, in its custody, possession, or control to be sealed.

(f) When a court orders sealing of court records under this Code section, the court shall also order that records maintained by law enforcement agencies, jails, and detention centers be restricted and unavailable to the public. Such entities shall comply with such restriction within 30 days of receiving a copy of such order.

(g)(1) Information sealed or restricted pursuant to this Code section shall always be available for inspection, copying, and use:

(A) As provided in subsection (c) of Code Section 42-8-65;
(B) By the Judicial Qualifications Commission;
(C) By judges of courts of competent jurisdiction in the State of Georgia;
(D) By a prosecuting attorney or public defender who submits a sworn affidavit to the clerk of court that attests that such information is relevant to a criminal proceeding. No prosecuting attorney or public defender shall be required to obtain a court order to obtain such information that is relevant to a criminal proceeding;
(E) Pursuant to a court order; and
(F) By an individual who is the subject of sealed court files or restricted criminal history record information.

(2) The confidentiality of such information shall be maintained insofar as practical."

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Hagan of the 156th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 162.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
E Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
E Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	E Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A

Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	E Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 166, nays 0.

The motion prevailed.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the Senate was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 485. By Senators Payne of the 54th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Setzler of the 37th, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 10A of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to examination regarding professional counselors, social workers, and marriage and family therapists, so as to authorize applicants for a license in social work enrolled in a master's degree program to take the master's social work licensing examination in their final semester of the program; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 10 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to barbers and cosmetologists, so as to require that an applicant for a certificate of registration as a nail technician provides a photocopy of such applicant's driver's license or identification card with his or her application; to require that the holder of such certificate of registration provides a photocopy of such holder's driver's license or identification card upon application for renewal of such certificate; to require beauty shops and beauty salons which are training nail technician apprentices to include a photocopy of such apprentices' driver's licenses or identification cards to the division director upon registration of such apprentices; to require the display of photographs of holders of certificates of registration and apprentices in the beauty shop, beauty salon, or barber shop; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 10A of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to examination regarding professional counselors, social workers, and marriage and family therapists, so as to authorize applicants for a license in social work enrolled in a master's degree program to take the master's social work licensing examination in their final semester of the

program; to amend Code Section 43-7A-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions regarding the practice of applied behavior analysis, so as to require a certifying entity for the Behavior Analyst Certification Board to be a nonprofit organization; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 10 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to barbers and cosmetologists, is amended in Code Section 43-10-9, relating to application for certificate of registration, by revising subsection (d) as follows:

"(d)(1) Any individual desiring to obtain a certificate of registration to enable him or her to engage in the occupation of a nail technician shall make application through the division director to the board and shall present proof that he or she has obtained a high school diploma, a state approved high school equivalency (HSE) diploma, or a postsecondary education or college degree. If, after review of the application, it is determined that the applicant is at least 17 years of age; has met the minimum educational requirements; has completed a 525 credit hour study course of at least four months at a board approved school or has served as an apprentice in a beauty shop, beauty salon, or barber shop for a period of at least 1,050 credit hours; has practiced or studied nail care as defined in paragraph (12) of Code Section 43-10-1; is possessed of the requisite skill to perform properly these services; and has passed both a written and a practical examination approved by the board, a certificate of registration shall be issued to the applicant entitling the applicant to practice the occupation of nail technician.

(2) On and after July 1, 2028, any applicant for a certificate of registration pursuant to this subsection shall include with his or her application a photocopy of such applicant's driver's license or identification card compliant with Section 202 of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005 and the standards established by 6 C.F.R. 37.11.

(3) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this subsection, the board shall allow endorsement to an applicant who submits a complete application, along with a fee, and verification that he or she holds an active license or certificate of registration as a nail technician or an instructor or teacher of the occupation of a nail technician in another state or territory of the United States. The board may pass requirements for endorsement by rule."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 43-10-10, relating to display of certificate of registration, renewal, reinstatement, continuing education requirements, and exemptions, by adding new subsections to read as follows:

"(a.1) On and after July 1, 2028, the holder of a certificate of registration issued to a nail technician under subsection (d) of Code Section 43-10-9 shall display a copy of the

photograph from such certificate holder's driver's license or identification card of not less than two inches by two inches in size with the display of his or her certificate of registration in a conspicuous place in his or her beauty shop, beauty salon, or barber shop."

"(b.1) On and after July 1, 2028, notwithstanding subsection (a) of this Code section and in addition to the requirements of subsection (b) of this Code section, at the time of renewal of a certificate of registration issued to a nail technician under subsection (d) of Code Section 43-10-9, the holder of such certificate shall provide a photocopy of such certificate holder's driver's license or identification card compliant with Section 202 of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005 and the standards established by 6 C.F.R. 37.11."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 43-10-14, relating to study by individuals 16 years of age and older, registration of apprentices, registration certificate, and waiver of education requirements, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) Every beauty shop, beauty salon, and barber shop owner shall have the responsibility for registering apprentices with the division director. The shop ~~of~~ or salon owner shall file a statement in writing, showing the apprentice's name and the address of the shop; provided that, on and after July 1, 2028, for any individual apprenticing as a nail technician, the shop or salon owner shall additionally provide a photocopy of such apprentice's driver's license or identification card compliant with Section 202 of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005 and the standards established by 6 C.F.R. 37.11; provided, further, that the shop or salon owner shall cause a copy of the photograph from such driver's license or identification card of not less than two inches by two inches in size to be displayed in a conspicuous place in such beauty shop, beauty salon, or barber shop. The board shall have the authority to require the shop or salon owner or master cosmetologist, hair designer, esthetician, nail technician, or master barber who is supervising the apprentice to furnish to the board the number of hours completed by the apprentice. The shop or salon owner shall remit to the division director a fee in such amount as shall be set by the board by regulation for the registration of the apprentice. The apprentice shall receive a certificate of registration showing the capacity in which he or she is permitted to practice barbering or the occupation of a cosmetologist. The certificate of registration shall be effective for a period of four years. A certificate of registration authorizing a person to learn barbering or the occupation of a cosmetologist under a cosmetologist, master cosmetologist, hair designer, esthetician, nail technician, or master barber shall not be renewed; and, upon the expiration of certificate of registration issued, such person shall not be permitted to practice in any capacity."

SECTION 4.

Article 1 of Chapter 10A of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to examination regarding professional counselors, social workers, and marriage and family therapists, is amended by revising Code Section 43-10A-9, relating to examination, as follows:

"43-10A-9.

(a) The board shall provide for the conduct of examinations for licensure in each specialty at least twice a year. Examinations may be written, oral, experiential, or any combination thereof and shall deal with such theoretical and applied fields as prescribed by the board. The examinee's name shall not be disclosed to any person grading the examination until that grading is complete.

(b) An applicant for a license in social work enrolled in a master's degree in social work program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education may sit for the master's social work licensing examination in such applicant's final semester of the program. The board may adopt rules and regulations to administer the provisions of this subsection."

SECTION 5.

Code Section 43-7A-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions regarding the practice of applied behavior analysis, is amended by revising paragraph (5) as follows:

"(5) 'Certifying entity' means the Behavior Analyst Certification Board, Inc., or its successor, or another entity that conducts programs to certify professional practitioners of behavior analysis that are accredited by the National Commission ~~on~~ for Certifying Agencies or the American National Standards Institute as identified by the board; provided, however, that such entity shall be a nonprofit organization exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986."

SECTION 6.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	N Sampson
N Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Alexander	N Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
N Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
E Au	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	N Scott
N Baker	N Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
N Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Myles	N Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
N Bazemore	N Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
N Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
N Bell	Y Drenner	E Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
N Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	N Olaleye	Y Tarvin

Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	N Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Townsend
N Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	N Park	Y Tran
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	N Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
N Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	N Frye	N Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
E Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	N Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, A
N Carter	Y Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	E Williamson
Y Clark, D	N Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 121, nays 46.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following Bill of the House was taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 999. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Oliver of the 84th, Evans of the 57th, Gunter of the 8th, New of the 40th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 10 of Title 15 the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fees and costs of magistrate courts, so as to revise provisions related to magistrate courts collecting sums and fees authorized by law; to amend an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to magistrate courts, so as to provide for nonpartisan election of magistrates, approved May 14, 2025 (Ga. L. 2025, p. 780), so as to correct a scrivener's error in the automatic repealer in said Act related to a constitutional amendment for the nonpartisan election of judges of the probate court; to provide legislative intent; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate amendments were read:

Senate Amendment #2

The Senate moves to amend HB 999 (LC 47 3834) by:

Replacing "freri" with "fieri" on line 14

Senate Amendment #3

The Senate moves to amend HB 999 (LC 47 3834):

by inset on line 7 after "court;"

"To provide for limitations on the amount of controversy that may be considered by a magistrate court"

Adding a new Section 3 by amending paragraph (5) of subsection (a) of Code section 15-10-2 by striking: "Does not exceed $15,000" and replacing with "Does not exceed $30,000"

Renumbering "Section 3" as "Section 4"

The following amendment was read and adopted:

Representative Leverett of the 123rd offers the following amendment:

Amend Senate Floor Amendment 3 to HB 999 (LC 47 3834) by replacing the entirety of such amendment with the following:

Amend HB 999 (LC 47 3834) by replacing lines 8 and 9 with the following:

provide legislative intent; to amend Code Section 15-10-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general jurisdiction and authority of magistrates to act, so as to revise the limitation on civil claims that may be considered by a magistrate court; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By replacing lines 53 and 54 with the following:

SECTION 3.

Code Section 15-10-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general jurisdiction and authority of magistrates to act, is amended by revising paragraph (5) as follows:

"(5) The trial of civil claims including garnishment and attachment in which exclusive jurisdiction is not vested in the superior court and the amount demanded or the value of

the property claimed does not exceed ~~$15,000.00~~ $25,000.00, provided that no prejudgment attachment may be granted;"

SECTION 4.

(a) Except as provided for in subsection (b) of this section, this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026.

(b) Section 3 of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2027, and shall apply to any actions filed on or after such date.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Leverett of the 123rd moved that the House agree to the Senate amendments, as amended by the House, to HB 999.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
E Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	E Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	E Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
E Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	E Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis

Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 167, nays 0.

The motion prevailed.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 500. By Senators Hodges of the 3rd, Watson of the 1st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Walker III of the 20th, Harrell of the 40th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce, so as to expand the Behavioral Health Care Workforce Data Base to include data from licensed health care professionals; to revise definitions; to rename such data base as the Health Care Workforce Data Base; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 10 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce, so as to expand the Behavioral Health Care Workforce Data Base to include data from licensed health care professionals; to revise definitions; to rename such data base as the Health Care Workforce Data Base; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 10 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce, is amended by revising subsections (a) and (b) and paragraph (9) of subsection (d) of Code Section 49-10-5, relating to Behavioral Health Care Workforce Data Base, as follows:

"(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) ~~'Addictive disease' has the same meaning as in Code Section 37-1-1~~ Reserved.

(2) ~~'Behavioral health care provider'~~ 'Health care professional' means any health care ~~provider~~ professional regulated by a licensing board ~~who primarily provides treatment or diagnosis of mental health or substance use disorders~~.

(3) 'Licensing board' means:

(A) Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists;

(B) Georgia Board of Nursing;

(C) Georgia Composite Medical Board;

(D) State Board of Examiners of Psychologists; ~~and~~

(E) State Board of Pharmacy;

(F) Georgia Board of Dentistry;

(G) Georgia Board of Chiropractic Examiners;

(H) State Board of Optometry;

(I) State Board of Occupational Therapy;

(J) State Board of Physical Therapy;

(K) State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology;

(L) State Board of Podiatry Examiners;

(M) Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians;

(N) Department of Public Health; and

(O) Georgia Behavior Analyst Licensing Board.

~~(4) 'Mental health or substance use disorder' means a mental illness or addictive disease.~~

~~(5) 'Mental illness' has the same meaning as in Code Section 37-1-1.~~

(b) The board shall create and maintain the ~~Behavioral~~ Health Care Workforce Data Base for the purposes of collecting and analyzing minimum data set surveys for ~~behavioral~~ health care professionals. To facilitate such data base, the board shall:

(1) Enter into agreements with entities to create, house, and provide information to the Governor, the General Assembly, state agencies, and the public regarding the state's ~~behavioral~~ health care workforce;

(2) Seek federal or other sources of funding necessary to support the creation and maintenance of a ~~Behavioral~~ Health Care Workforce Data Base, including any necessary staffing;

(3) Create and maintain an online dashboard accessible on the board's website to provide access to the ~~Behavioral~~ Health Care Workforce Data Base; and

(4) Establish a minimum data set survey to be utilized by licensing boards to collect demographic and other data from ~~behavioral~~ health care ~~providers~~ professionals which are licensed by such boards."

"(9) Types of insurance accepted and whether the ~~provider~~ health care professional accepts Medicaid and Medicare; and"

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
E Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	E Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	E Hugley	Y Okoye	Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
E Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	E Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 164, nays 1.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SB 542. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Hatchett of the 50th, Strickland of the 42nd, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sexual offenses, so as to permit clergy members to be charged with certain improper sexual contact offenses; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 6 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sexual offenses, so as to establish certain criminal offenses by clergy members for improper sexual contact with victims who are under their pastoral care or spiritual guidance; to provide for penalties; to provide for a limitations period; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 6 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sexual offenses, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"16-6-5.2.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Clergy member' means ministers, priests, rabbis, imams, or similar functionaries, by whatever name, of a bona fide religious organization or a person who holds himself or herself out as the same.

(2) 'Pastoral counseling or spiritual authority relationship' means a relationship in which a clergy member provides spiritual guidance, pastoral care, religious instruction, confession, mentoring, or emotional or spiritual support in circumstances where a reasonable person would view the clergy member as exercising influence, trust, or authority over another person's spiritual, emotional, or personal well-being.

(3) 'Sexual contact' means any contact involving the intimate parts of either person for the purpose of sexual gratification of either person.

(4) 'Sexually explicit conduct' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-12-100.

(b) A person commits the offense of improper sexual contact by a clergy member in the first degree when such person, while in a pastoral counseling or spiritual authority relationship with the victim and by means of undue influence, coercion, harassment, duress, deception, false representation, false pretense, or intimidation, knowingly engages in sexually explicit conduct with the victim.

(c) A person commits the offense of improper sexual contact by a clergy member in the second degree when such person, while in a pastoral counseling or spiritual authority

relationship with the victim and by means of undue influence, coercion, harassment, duress, deception, false representation, false pretense, or intimidation, knowingly engages in sexual contact, excluding sexually explicit conduct, with the victim.

(d) This Code section shall not apply to sexually explicit conduct or sexual contact between individuals lawfully married to each other.

(e) A person convicted of improper sexual contact by a clergy member in the first degree shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than 25 years and by a fine not to exceed $100,000.00.

(f) A person convicted of improper sexual contact by a clergy member in the second degree shall be:

(1) Upon a first conviction thereof, punished as for a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature and shall not be subject to the sentencing and punishment provisions of Code Section 17-10-6.2; and

(2) Upon a second or subsequent conviction thereof, guilty of a felony and shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than five years and shall be subject to the sentencing and punishment provisions of Code Section 17-10-6.2.

(g)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'sexual felony' shall have the same meaning as set forth in paragraph (2) of subsection (j) of Code Section 16-5-21.

(2) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of subsection (f) of this Code section, any person having been previously convicted of a sexual felony who is convicted of the felony offense of improper sexual contact by a clergy member in the first or second degree shall be punished by imprisonment for life or a split sentence that is a term of imprisonment followed by probation for life. As a condition of probation, the court shall impose the requirement of electronic monitoring as set forth in paragraph (14) of subsection (a) of Code Section 42-8-35.

(h) Notwithstanding any other provision of law setting forth a limitations period, a criminal proceeding brought pursuant to this Code section shall be commenced within 15 years after the commission of the crime."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins

Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
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Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	E Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	E Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 168, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following Bill of the House was taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 483. By Representatives Prince of the 132nd, Leverett of the 123rd, Smith of the 18th, Reeves of the 99th, Roberts of the 52nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to assault and battery, so as to provide for protections for inspectors of code enforcement; to provide for definitions; to provide for enhanced penalties for simple assault, aggravated assault, simple battery, battery, and aggravated battery committed upon inspectors of code enforcement in certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to assault and battery, so as to provide for protections for code enforcement officials; to provide for a definition; to provide for enhanced penalties for simple assault, aggravated assault, simple battery, battery, and aggravated battery committed upon code enforcement officials in certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to assault and battery, is amended by revising Code Section 16-5-19, relating to definitions, as follows:

"16-5-19.

As used in this article, the term:

"(1) 'Code enforcement official' means any person with a high school diploma or equivalent who has completed Level 1 code enforcement training under a professional program and is employed by or under contract with a municipality, city, county, or consolidated government who performs safety inspections of buildings, structures, businesses, or real property to ensure they are operated in accordance with the law.

~~(1)~~(2) 'Correctional officer' means any person who is authorized to exercise the power of arrest and who is employed or appointed by the Department of Corrections or the State Board of Pardons and Paroles.

~~(2)~~(3) 'Emergency health worker' means hospital emergency department personnel and emergency medical services personnel.

~~(3)~~(4) 'Firefighter' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 25-4-2.

~~(3.1)~~(5) 'Healthcare worker' means any employee or independent contractor of a hospital or other healthcare facility licensed pursuant to Chapter 7 of Title 31.

~~(4)~~(6) 'Highway emergency response operator' means ~~an individual~~ a person employed by the Department of Transportation who operates a towing or recovery vehicle or highway maintenance vehicle.

~~(5)~~(7) 'Jail officer' means any person who is employed or appointed by a county or a municipality and who has the responsibility of supervising inmates who are confined in a municipal or county detention facility.

~~(6)~~(8) 'Juvenile correctional officer' means any person employed or appointed by the Department of Juvenile Justice who has the primary responsibility for the supervision and control of youth confined in its programs and facilities.

~~(7)~~(9) 'Officer of the court' means a judge, attorney, clerk of court, deputy clerk of court, court reporter, or court interpreter.

~~(8)~~(10) 'Probation officer' means a community supervision officer, county or Department of Juvenile Justice juvenile probation officer, or probation officer serving pursuant to Article 6 of Chapter 8 of Title 42.

~~(9)~~(11) 'Public safety officer' means peace officer, correctional officer, emergency health worker, firefighter, highway emergency response operator, jail officer, juvenile correctional officer, or probation officer.

~~(10)~~(12) 'Public transit vehicle' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-5-20.

~~(11)~~(13) 'Strangulation' means impeding the normal breathing or circulation of blood of another person by applying pressure to the throat or neck of such person or by obstructing the nose and mouth of such person.

~~(12)~~(14) 'Utility worker' means any employee of, including any person employed by or under contract with, an organization, entity, or company, whether a state created authority or privately, municipally, county, or cooperatively owned, that provides gas, heat, electricity, water, telecommunications services, sewer services, cable or video services, internet services, or railroad services."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended by revising subsection (i) of Code Section 16-5-20, relating to simple assault, as follows:

"(i) Any person who commits the offense of simple assault upon a utility worker or code enforcement official while such worker or official is acting within the course and scope of his or her employment or is performing official duties at the time of the offense shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished for a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature."

SECTION 3.

Said article is further amended by revising subsection (m) of Code Section 16-5-21, relating to aggravated assault, as follows:

"(m) Any person who commits the offense of aggravated assault upon a utility worker or code enforcement official while such worker or official is acting within the course and scope of his or her employment or is performing official duties shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than three nor more than 20 years."

SECTION 4.

Said article is further amended by revising subsection (j) of Code Section 16-5-23, relating to simple battery, as follows:

"(j) Any person who commits the offense of simple battery upon a utility worker or code enforcement official while such worker or official is acting within the course and scope of his or her employment or is performing official duties at the time of the offense shall,

upon conviction thereof, be punished for a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature."

SECTION 5.

Said article is further amended by revising subsection (l) of Code Section 16-5-23.1, relating to battery, as follows:

"(l) Any person who commits the offense of battery upon a utility worker or code enforcement official while such worker or official is acting within the course and scope of his or her employment or is performing official duties at the time of the offense shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished for a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature."

SECTION 6.

Said article is further amended by revising subsection (i) of Code Section 16-5-24, relating to aggravated battery, as follows:

"(i) Any person who commits the offense of aggravated battery upon a utility worker or code enforcement official while such worker or official is acting within the course and scope of his or her employment or is performing official duties at the time of the offense shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than three nor more than 20 years."

SECTION 7.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval and shall apply to all offenses committed on or after July 1, 2026.

SECTION 8.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Prince of the 132nd moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 483.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	N Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	N Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	N Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	N Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	N Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
N Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP

Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	N Tarvin
Y Blackmon	N Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
N Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	N Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	N Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
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Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	N Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	N Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
N Carpenter	N Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	N Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
N Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	N Richardson	N Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	E Lupton	N Ridley, Jas	E Williamson
N Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	E Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
N Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 140, nays 26.

The motion prevailed.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the Senate was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 443. By Senators Summers of the 13th, Albers of the 56th, Dixon of the 45th, Hickman of the 4th, Ginn of the 47th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against public order, so as to increase the punishment for the offense of obstructing highways, streets, sidewalks, or other public passages; to provide for enhanced punishment in certain instances; to authorize civil liability for damages; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	N Sampson

N Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Alexander	N Crawford	N Herring	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
N Au	N Davis	N Holcomb	N Miller	N Scott
N Baker	N Dawson	E Holland	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
N Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	E Horner	N Myles	E Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Neal	Y Smith, TP
N Bazemore	N Douglas	N Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
N Beckles	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
N Bell	N Drenner	N Hugley	N Okoye	N Stinson
N Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	N Taylor, R
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	E Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Townsend
N Burnough	N Evans	N Jones, A	N Park	N Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	N Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
N Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	N Frye	N Kendrick	N Prince	Y Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	N Reese	N Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, A
N Carter	N Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	E Williamson
Y Clark, D	N Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 96, nays 69.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Representative Blackmon of the 146th moved that the following Bill of the Senate be withdrawn from the Rules Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Rules:

SB 566. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Anavitarte of the 31st, Albers of the 56th, Hickman of the 4th and Still of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to provide for the acceptance of tax digests in the event of a publication error made by a newspaper; to revise required information for bills and notices of assessment for ad valorem taxation of property; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Representative McDonald III of the 26th asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that Bills of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee.

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the House were introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee:

HB 1598. By Representative Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Laurens County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of the full assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 80 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1599. By Representative Jackson of the 128th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create the Sandersville School Building Authority, approved March 6, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 3508), so as to revise qualification for members of the authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1600. By Representative Santos of the 117th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the City of McDonough Public Facilities Authority; to provide that the authority is a body corporate and politic and an instrumentality of the State of Georgia; to authorize the authority to acquire, construct, equip, maintain, and operate certain projects, including buildings and facilities for use by the City of McDonough for its governmental, proprietary, and administrative functions; to provide for disposition of property upon dissolution of the authority; to provide for severability; to

provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1601. By Representatives Dubnik of the 29th, Hawkins of the 27th, Cox of the 28th and McCollum of the 30th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Gainesville ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of $10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1602. By Representatives Dubnik of the 29th, Hawkins of the 27th, Cox of the 28th and McCollum of the 30th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Gainesville independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

By unanimous consent, the following Bill of the Senate was postponed until the next legislative day:

SB 23. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Brass of the 6th, Robertson of the 29th, Hatchett of the 50th, Still of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Public Retirement Systems Investment Authority Law," so as to raise the limit for the total percentage of funds that the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia may invest in alternative investments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1862. By Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Okoye of the 102nd, Holly of the 116th, Clark of the 108th, Mitchell of the 88th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Bishop Adeyinka Adejube; and for other purposes.

HR 1863. By Representatives Santos of the 117th, Sanchez of the 42nd, Flournoy of the 74th, Holly of the 116th, Bell of the 75th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 26, 2026, as We Are CASA Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1864. By Representative Ali of the 106th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Jim Fricke; and for other purposes.

HR 1865. By Representatives Santos of the 117th, Flournoy of the 74th, Holly of the 116th and Douglas of the 78th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the school psychologists serving the students and families of Henry County Schools; and for other purposes.

HR 1866. By Representatives Santos of the 117th, Holly of the 116th, Flournoy of the 74th and Douglas of the 78th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Hands of Hope Clinic; and for other purposes.

HR 1867. By Representatives Beckles of the 96th, Adeyina of the 110th, Clark of the 108th, Dawson of the 65th, Okoye of the 102nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Georgia Caribbean American Heritage Coalition Inc.; and for other purposes.

HR 1868. By Representative Gisler of the 121st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Michael Prochaska and Amanda Prochaska for their years of service at The Oconee Enterprise; and for other purposes.

HR 1869. By Representatives Taylor of the 92nd, Buckner of the 137th and Alexander of the 66th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Jai Ferrell; and for other purposes.

HR 1870. By Representative Burns of the 159th:

A RESOLUTION commending the House Media Services session assistants for the 2026 regular session of the General Assembly of Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 1871. By Representative Burns of the 159th:

A RESOLUTION commending the House interns for the 2026 regular session of the General Assembly of Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 1872. By Representative Burns of the 159th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the House session assistants for the 2026 regular session of the General Assembly of Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 1873. By Representatives Anderson of the 10th and Gunter of the 8th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Rabun County High School boys basketball team; and for other purposes.

HR 1874. By Representatives Parsons of the 44th, Erwin of the 32nd, Draper of the 90th and Reeves of the 99th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the Natural Gas Association of Georgia's 10th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 1875. By Representative Burns of the 159th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Alexander Bergosh; and for other purposes.

HR 1876. By Representative Burns of the 159th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Andre Ionescu; and for other purposes.

HR 1877. By Representative Burns of the 159th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Aaron Johnson; and for other purposes.

HR 1878. By Representatives Lupton of the 83rd and Holcomb of the 101st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the important role Georgia's forensic nurses play in supporting survivors of violence and making our community safer from violence as well as declaring November 2 through 8, 2026, Forensic Nurses Week; and for other purposes.

HR 1879. By Representatives Mitchell of the 88th and Alexander of the 66th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Tameka Harris; and for other purposes.

HR 1880. By Representatives Mitchell of the 88th and Alexander of the 66th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Rasheeda Frost; and for other purposes.

HR 1881. By Representatives Mitchell of the 88th and Alexander of the 66th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Mariah HuQ; and for other purposes.

HR 1882. By Representatives Ali of the 106th, Clark of the 108th, Au of the 50th, Romman of the 97th and Tran of the 80th:

A RESOLUTION commending and celebrating the observance of Diwali and its cultural, spiritual, and community significance; and for other purposes.

HR 1883. By Representatives Tarvin of the 2nd and Cameron of the 1st:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Halen Christopher Poole; and for other purposes.

HR 1884. By Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Mitchell of the 88th, Neal of the 79th, Tran of the 80th, Barnes of the 86th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the importance of theater education; and for other purposes.

HR 1885. By Representatives McDonald III of the 26th, Barrett of the 24th, Jasperse of the 11th, Jones of the 25th, Clark of the 100th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing April 2026 as Autism Acceptance Month and April 2, 2026, as World Autism Awareness Day and commending Connor Tomlinson for his work advocating for the autism community; and for other purposes.

The following member was recognized during the period of Afternoon Orders and addressed the House:

Representative Ali of the 106th.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House do now adjourn until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Wednesday, March 25, 2026, and the motion prevailed.

Pursuant to the adjournment Resolution previously adopted by the House and Senate, the Speaker announced the House adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Wednesday, March 25, 2026.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Thirty-Seventh Legislative Day

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

The following communication was received:

House of Representatives
504 Coverdell Legislative Office Building
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

March 24, 2026

To: Clerk of the Georgia House of Representatives Office
RE: SB 220 vote

Please accept this request to change my 3/23/2026 vote on SB 220 to NO.

Thank you!

/s/ Carmen Rice

The roll was called and the following Representatives answered to their names:

Adeyina	Crowe	Gunter	Martinez	Rice
Alexander	Cummings	Hagan	Mathiak	Richardson
Anderson	Davis	Hatchett	Mathis	Ridley, Jas
Baker	Dawson	Hawkins	McClain	Ridley, Jor
Ballard	DeLoach	Herring	McCollum	Roberts
Barnes	Dempsey	Hilton	McDonald	Sainz
Barrett	Dickey	Hitchens	McQueen	Sampson
Barton	Donatucci	Holcomb	Meeks	Schofield
Bazemore	Douglas	Holland	Miller	Scoggins
Beckles	Draper	Holly	Mitchell	Scott
Berry	Drenner	Hong	Momtahan	Seabaugh
Blackmon	Dubnik	Howard, J	Moore	Silcox
Bonner	Dunahoo	Howard, K	Myles	Smith, M
Buckner	Efstration	Huddleston	Neal	Smith, TP
Burchett	Ehrhart	Hugley	New	Smith, V
Burnough	Erwin	Jackson, D	Newton	Stephens
Byrd	Evans	Jackson, E	Okoye	Stinson
Cameron	Fincher	Jackson, M	Olaleye	Tarvin
Camp	Fleming	Jenkins	O'Steen	Taylor, D

Campbell, J	Flournoy	Jones, A	Panitch	Taylor, R
Campbell, L	Ford	Jones, J	Paris	Townsend
Cannon, C	Franklin	Jones, S	Park	E Wade
E Cannon, P	Frye	Jones, T	Parrish	Werkheiser
Carpenter	Gaines	Kahaian	Parsons	Westbrook
Chastain	Gambill	Kelley	Persinger	Williams, A
Clark, J	Gilliard	Kendrick	Petrea	Williams, MF
Clifton	Gisler	LaHood	Powell	Williams, N
Cooper	Glaize	Leverett	Prince	Williamson
Corbett	Greene	Lewis-Ward	Reese	Yearta
Cox	Griffin	Lumsden	Reeves	Burns, Speaker
Crawford	Gullett	Martin	Rhodes	

The following members were off the floor of the House when the roll was called:

Representatives Ali of the 106th, Au of the 50th, Bell of the 75th, Carson of the 46th, Carter of the 93rd, Clark of the 100th, Horner of the 3rd, Jasperse of the 11th, Lim of the 98th, Lupton of the 83rd, Oliver of the 84th, Romman of the 97th, Sanchez of the 42nd, Thomas of the 21st, Tran of the 80th, Washburn of the 144th, and Willis of the 55th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Reverend Tommy Fountain, 1025 Church - Monroe Campus, Monroe, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Hilton of the 48th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

By unanimous consent, the following was established as the order of business during the first part of the period of unanimous consents:

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

2. First reading and reference of House Bills and Resolutions.

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

6. First reading and reference of Senate Bills and Resolutions.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House were introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committees:

HB 1596. By Representative Holcomb of the 101st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, so as to provide for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation to provide local prosecutorial agencies with certain information regarding forensic database evidence; to provide for local prosecutorial agency determinations; to require certain actions by prosecutorial agencies; to provide for reports; to provide for certain exceptions; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings and purposes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 1597. By Representatives Jackson of the 68th, Mitchell of the 88th, Reese of the 140th, Clark of the 108th and Bazemore of the 69th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Community Affairs, so as to provide for maximum loan amounts for certain home buying assistance programs; to provide for loan structure and forgiveness; to provide for certain qualifications for eligibility; to provide for certain minimum fund allocation; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State Planning & Community Affairs.

HR 1857. By Representatives Berry of the 56th, McQueen of the 61st, Olaleye of the 59th, Reese of the 140th and Clark of the 108th:

A RESOLUTION urging the Georgia Department of Education to increase teacher compensation and establish a salary structure indexed to the cost of living to ensure competitive, sustainable wages for educators in this state; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1858. By Representatives Davis of the 87th, Scott of the 76th and Schofield of the 63rd:

A RESOLUTION urging Georgia's congressional delegation to pass the Essential Worker Pay Protection Act and codify permanent protections for essential federal employees during government shutdowns; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1859. By Representatives Greene of the 154th, Jones of the 47th, Burchett of the 176th, Mathiak of the 82nd and Ehrhart of the 36th:

A RESOLUTION urging the Capitol Art Standards Commission and the Governor to place a portrait of Governor Rufus Bullock in the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1860. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Dempsey of the 13th, Silcox of the 53rd, Werkheiser of the 157th, Petrea of the 166th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Comprehensive Services and Long-term Outcomes for Individuals with Disabilities; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1861. By Representatives Sanchez of the 42nd, Frye of the 122nd and Bell of the 75th:

A RESOLUTION applying to the United States Congress to call a convention under Article V of the Constitution of the United States limited to proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States to limit the influence of money in political elections and on government officials; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House and Senate were read the second time:

HB 1589	HB 1590
HB 1591	HB 1592
HB 1593	HB 1594
HB 1595	HB 1598
HB 1599	HB 1600
HB 1601	HB 1602
HR 1829	HR 1830
HR 1831	HR 1832
SB 622	SB 623
SB 624	SB 625

Representative Dickey of the 134th District, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 33 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Dickey of the 134th
Chairman

Representative Hatchett of the 155th District, Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Appropriations has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 498 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Hatchett of the 155th
Chairman

Representative Bonner of the 73rd District, Chairman of the Committee on Defense and Veterans Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Defense and Veterans Affairs has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 555 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Bonner of the 73rd
Chairman

Representative Erwin of the 32nd District, Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Education has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 425	Do Pass, by Substitute	SB 431	Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 472	Do Pass, by Substitute	SB 475	Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 513	Do Pass, by Substitute	SB 515	Do Pass
SB 589	Do Pass, by Substitute		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Erwin of the 32nd
Chairman

Representative Hawkins of the 27th District, Chairman of the Committee on Health, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 411 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Hawkins of the 27th
Chairman

Representative McDonald of the 26th District, Chairman of the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Legislation has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 1559	Do Pass	HB 1567	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1570	Do Pass	HB 1571	Do Pass
HB 1577	Do Pass	HB 1578	Do Pass
HB 1580	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 1586	Do Pass
SB 359	Do Pass, by Substitute	SB 469	Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 567	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ McDonald of the 26th
Chairman

Representative Gunter of the 8th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 403	Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 532	Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 552	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Gunter of the 8th
Chairman

Representative Camp of the 135th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, Juvenile, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary, Juvenile has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 8 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Camp of the 135th
Chairman

Representative Smith of the 18th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 163 Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 468 Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 591 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Smith of the 18th
Chairman

Representative Corbett of the 174th District, Chairman of the Committee on Motor Vehicles, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Motor Vehicles has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 76 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Corbett of the 174th
Chairman

Representative Crowe of the 118th District, Chairman of the Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 442	Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 527	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Crowe of the 118th
Chairman

Representative Scoggins of the 14th District, Chairman of the Committee on Special Rules, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Special Rules has had under consideration the following Resolutions of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HR 1650	Do Pass	HR 1657	Do Pass
HR 1665	Do Pass, by Substitute	HR 1674	Do Pass
HR 1703	Do Pass	HR 1707	Do Pass
HR 1748	Do Pass, by Substitute	HR 1749	Do Pass
HR 1755	Do Pass	HR 1789	Do Pass
HR 1792	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Scoggins of the 14th
Chairman

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2026

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 37th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

SB 433 "Rio's Law" (PS&HS-Lumsden-12th) Strickland-42nd
SB 503 Insurance; rental home marketplace guarantees from the definition of property insurance; exempt (Substitute)(Ins-Reeves-99th) Harbin-16th
SB 547 Offenses of Pimping and Pandering; modify the penalties (JudyNC-Smith-18th) Strickland-42nd
SB 587 Offenses Against Public Health and Morals; the establishment of an animal cruelty database; provide (JudyNC-Camp-135th) Still-48th
SR 622 Joint Study Committee on Evaluating Escalating Costs in Georgia's Foster Care System; create (JudyJ-Camp-135th) Kirkpatrick-32nd

Structured Rule

SB 306 Bona Fide Conservation Use Property; impending expiration to be sent via certified mail; require notices (Substitute)(W&M-Cannon-172nd) Robertson-29th (Rules Committee Substitute LC 44 3555S)
SB 430 Taxes; certain military museums qualify as destination marketing organizations and private sector nonprofit organizations; provide (Substitute)(W&M-Stephens-164th) Robertson-29th
SB 446 Student Scholarship Organizations; State of Georgia to participate in the federal tax credit program for contributions of individuals to scholarship granting organizations; provide (Substitute)(W&M-Hilton-48th) Dixon-45th

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

Representative McDonald III of the 26th moved that the following Bills of the House and Senate be withdrawn from the Local Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local:

HB 1567. By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Cannon of the 172nd, Taylor of the 173rd, Dickey of the 134th and Ford of the 170th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act to amend, consolidate, and supersede the several Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia pertaining to the City of Quitman in the County of Brooks, approved March 3, 1962 (Ga. L. 1962, p. 2894), as amended; to provide for transfer of duties and obligations to Brooks County; to provide for transfer of all legal rights, privileges, and assets to Brooks County; to establish a special tax and service district for outstanding bonded indebtedness and other obligations; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 359. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Davenport of the 17th, Strickland of the 42nd and Williams of the 25th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for a new Board of Commissioners of Henry County, approved March 28, 1974 (Ga. L. 1974, p. 3680), as amended, so as to revise and restate provisions regarding the code of ethics; to revise provisions related to the chairperson of the board of commissioners and county manager; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the House and Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 1559. By Representatives Glaize of the 67th and Dawson of the 65th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Palmetto, approved March 2, 1966 (Ga. L. 1966, p. 2771), as amended, so as to revise provisions related to the qualifications, terms, powers, and duties of the mayor, councilmembers, and city manager; to revise provisions for departments and employees of the city government; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1570. By Representative Mathis of the 133rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Cochran/Bleckley Airport Authority, approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 4067), so as to revise the membership of the authority's board; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1571. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th and Franklin of the 160th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act establishing the State Court of Bryan County (formerly the City Court of Pembroke), approved January 10, 1938 (Ga. L. 1937-38, Ex. Sess., p. 714), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 9, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 4404), so as to revise the terms of said court; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1577. By Representative Sainz of the 180th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Woodbine, approved March 25, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 3670), so as to revise the powers of the mayor; to authorize the mayor to vote on all matters before the city council; to provide for the mayor to select and supervise the city administrator; to provide for the suspension of the city administrator in certain circumstances; to revise contracting procedures; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1578. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th and Dunahoo of the 31st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the Town of Arcade, approved April 5, 1995 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 4024), as amended, so as to clarify the name of the municipality; to make conforming changes; to change the date of the organization meeting of the city council following municipal elections; to revise provisions related to the form of ordinances; to revise provisions related to emergency meetings of the city council; to provide for a mayoral veto; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1580. By Representatives Holly of the 116th, Douglas of the 78th, Santos of the 117th, Lewis-Ward of the 115th and Flournoy of the 74th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Henry County Airport Authority, approved May 3, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 4389), as amended, so as to repeal and replace all current operative provisions related to such authority; to authorize the issuance of refunding bonds, securities or other obligations; to provide that such bonds, securities or other obligations be validated as authorized by the Article 3 of Chapter 82 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A, the "Revenue Bond Law" as now or hereafter amended; to authorize the Authority to exercise the power of condemnation; to provide for all matters relative thereto; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend an Act creating the Henry County Airport Authority, approved May 3, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 4389), as amended, so as to repeal and replace all current operative provisions related to such Authority; to provide for such Authority and its membership; to authorize such Authority to acquire, construct, equip, maintain, operate, own and improve airports and landing fields for the use of aircraft, which shall include related buildings, equipment and the usual and convenient facilities appertaining to such undertaking, and to acquire, own and hold a fee simple title to all necessary property therefor, both real and personal, and to lease and sell any and all such facilities, including real property; to confer powers and to impose duties on the Authority; to provide for the membership and for the appointment of members of the Authority and their term of tenure and compensation; to authorize the Authority to contract with others pertaining to airports and landing fields for the use of aircraft and to execute leases of such facilities and to do all things deemed necessary or convenient for the operation of such undertaking; to authorize the issuance of revenue bonds or obligations of the Authority payable from the revenues, tolls, fees, charges and earnings of the Authority; including but not limited to earnings derived from leases and the use of the facilities, and to pay the costs of such undertakings and authorize the collection and pledging of the revenues and earnings of the Authority for the payment of such bonds or obligations or to secure the payment thereof by contract, mortgage, deed to secure debt, security deed note or trust deed and to define the rights of the holders of such bonds and securities; to provide that no liability or debt against Henry County shall be incurred in the exercise of any powers granted by this Act; to make the bonds, securities or obligations of the Authority exempt from taxation; to authorize the issuance of refunding bonds, securities or other obligations; to provide that such bonds, securities or other obligations be validated as authorized by the Article 3 of Chapter 82 of Title 36 of the

O.C.G.A, the "Revenue Bond Law" as now or hereafter amended; to authorize the Authority to exercise the power of condemnation; to provide for all matters relative thereto; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act creating the Henry County Airport Authority, approved May 3, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 4389), is amended by replacing Sections 2 through 32 with the following:

"SECTION 2.
Henry County Airport Authority

There is hereby created a body corporate and politic to be known as the Henry County Airport Authority, which shall be deemed to be a political subdivision of the State of Georgia and a public corporation by that name, style and title, and said body may contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, complain and defend in all courts of law and equity, except that the Authority or the trustee acting under the trust indenture herein provided for shall in no event be liable for any torts committed by any of the officers, agents and employees of the Authority. The Authority may exercise, subject to the approval of the governing Authority of Henry County, the powers set out in this Act with respect to any land located within Henry County or land contiguous to Henry County, which is, in either case, owned by Henry County or the Authority and used for airport purposes as provided in this Act. The Authority shall have perpetual existence.

SECTION 3.
Membership

The Authority shall consist of seven members who shall serve without pay, and the county manager of Henry County shall serve as an ex-officio member. The executive director of the Henry County Development Authority shall serve as an ex-officio member. At least five of the seven members of the Authority shall reside in Henry County. One Authority member shall be appointed by the governing Authority of Henry County from one or more nominations made by the representatives in the Henry County delegation. One Authority member shall be appointed by the governing Authority of Henry County from one or more nominations made by the senators in the Henry County delegation. The Henry County legislative delegation shall be composed of all senators and representatives in the General Assembly whose districts are wholly or partially in Henry County. The governing Authority of Henry County shall appoint two Authority members and one ex-officio member, and such appointments shall not require nominations from outside entities. In the event of a tie vote for an appointment to the Authority, the vote of the chairperson of the governing Authority shall be controlling.

SECTION 4.
Meetings

The Authority shall hold their first regular meeting after this Act becomes effective, and the first regular meeting of each year thereafter shall be in July. The Authority shall meet at such times as may be necessary to transact the business coming before it, but not less than quarterly. At its first meeting in July of each year thereafter, the Authority shall elect one of its members as its Chairman and another member as Secretary-Treasurer. Only one person shall hold the office of Secretary-Treasurer. These officers shall be elected for a term ending on June 30th of the year following the year in which they were elected or until their successors are elected and qualified. Four members of the Authority shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business coming before it. The members of the Authority shall receive no compensation for their services. They shall be reimbursed, however, for all actual expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

SECTION 5.
Vacancies in Office

In the event of a vacancy on the Authority by reason of death, resignation or otherwise, the vacancy shall be filled in the same manner in which the member vacating his or her membership was appointed to membership, and the person so appointed shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.

SECTION 6.
Definitions

As used in this Act, the following words and terms have the following meanings:

(1) The word 'Authority' shall mean the Henry County Airport Authority as created by the provisions of this Act.

(2) The word 'project' shall be deemed to mean and include the acquisition, construction, equipping, maintenance, improving and operation of public airports and landing fields for the use of aircraft, and related buildings and the usual and convenient facilities appertaining to such undertakings and extensions and improvements of such facilities, acquiring the necessary property, both real and personal, and the lease and sale of any part or all such facilities, including real and personal property so as to assure the efficient and proper development, maintenance and operation of such airports, and landing fields for the use of aircraft, deemed by the Authority to be necessary, convenient or desirable.

(3) The term 'cost of project' shall embrace the cost of construction, the cost of all lands, properties, rights, easements and franchises acquired; the cost of all machinery, equipment, financing charges, and interest prior to and during construction; the cost of engineering, architectural, fiscal and legal expenses; and the cost of plans and

specifications, and such other expenses as may be necessary or incident to the financing herein authorized, the construction of any project and improving the same, and the placing of the same in operation. Any obligation or expense incurred for any of the foregoing purposes shall be regarded as a part of the cost of the project and may be paid or reimbursed as such out of any funds of the Authority including the proceeds from any revenue bonds issued under the provisions of this Act for any such project or projects.

(4) The terms 'revenue bonds,' 'bonds,' and 'obligations as used in this Act,' shall mean revenue bonds as defined and provided for in Article 3 of Chapter 82 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A, the 'Revenue Bond Law,' as now or hereafter amended, and such type of obligations may be issued by the Authority as authorized under said 'Revenue Bond Law' and any amendments thereto, and in addition shall also mean obligations of the Authority the issuance of which are hereinafter authorized in this Act.

(5) Any project shall be deemed self-liquidating, if, in the judgment of the Authority, the revenues and earnings to be derived by the Authority therefrom and all properties used, leased and sold in connection therewith will be sufficient to pay the cost of operating, maintaining and repairing, improving and extending the project and to pay the principal and interest of the revenue bonds which may be issued to finance, in whole or in part, the cost of such project or projects.

SECTION 7.
Powers

The Authority shall have the following powers:

(1) To have a seal and alter the same at pleasure;

(2) To acquire by purchase, lease or otherwise, and to hold, lease and dispose of real and personal property of every kind and character for its corporate purposes;

(3) To acquire in its own name by purchase, gift or otherwise, on such terms and conditions and in such manner as it may deem proper, real property or rights of easements therein or franchise necessary or convenient for its corporate purposes, and to use the same so long as its corporate existence shall continue, and to lease or make contracts with respect to the use of, or disposition of, the same in any manner it deems to be the best advantage of the Authority;

(4) To appoint, select and employ officers, agents and employees including engineering, architectural and construction experts, fiscal agents and attorneys, and fix their respective compensation;

(5) To make contracts, leases and to execute all instruments necessary or convenient, including contracts for construction of projects or lease of projects or contracts with respect to the use of projects which it causes to be erected or acquired, and any and all persons, firms and corporations and any and all political subdivisions, departments, institutions, or agencies of the state are hereby authorized to enter into contracts, leases or agreements with the Authority upon such terms and for such purposes as they may deem advisable. The said Authority is further granted the Authority to make contracts

and leases, and to execute all instruments necessary or convenient, with the United States Government or any agency or department thereof concerning the projects of the Authority, subject to the rights and interests of the holder of any of the bonds or obligations authorized to be issued hereunder, and by the resolution or trust indenture of the Authority authorizing the issuance of any of its bonds or obligations as provided in section 21 of this Act;

(6) To construct, erect, acquire, own, repair, remodel, maintain, add to, extend, improve, equip, operate and manage projects, as hereinabove defined, the cost of any such project to be paid in whole or in part from the proceeds of revenue bonds or other funds of the Authority or from such proceeds or other funds and any grant from the United States or any agency or instrumentality thereof;

(7) To accept loans and grants, or to accept loans or grants of money or materials or property of any kind from the United States or any agency, instrumentality or political subdivision thereof or from any other source, upon such terms and conditions as the United States or such agency, instrumentality or other source may impose;

(8) To accept loans and grants, or to accept loans or grants of money or materials or property of any kind from the State of Georgia or any agency, instrumentality or political subdivision thereof or from any other source, upon such terms and conditions as the State of Georgia or such agency, instrumentality or political subdivision or any other source may impose;

(9) To borrow money for any of its corporate purposes, to execute evidences of such indebtedness and to secure the same, and to issue negotiable revenue bonds payable solely from funds pledged for that purpose, and to provide for the payment of the same and for the rights of the holders thereof;

(10) To exercise any powers usually possessed by private corporations performing similar functions, which are not in conflict with the Constitution and laws of this state;

(11) The Authority and the trustee acting under the trust indenture are specifically authorized to sell, lease, grant, exchange or otherwise dispose of any surplus property, both real or personal, or interest therein, not required in the normal operation of the Authority and usable in the furtherance of the purpose for which the Authority was created, except as such right and power may be limited as provided in Section 2 and Section 21 of this Act;

(12) To do all things necessary or convenient to carry out the powers especially given in this Act.

SECTION 8.
Revenue Bonds

The Authority, or any Authority or body which has succeeded, or which may in the future succeed, to the powers, duties and liabilities vested in the Authority created hereby, shall have the power, and is hereby authorized, to provide by resolution for the issuance of negotiable revenue bonds, for the purpose of paying all or any part of the cost as herein defined of any one or more projects. The principal and interest of such revenue bonds

shall be payable solely from the special fund herein provided for such payment. The bonds of each issue shall be dated, shall bear interest at such rate or rates as may be authorized by the Authority, shall be payable semiannually, shall mature at such time or times not exceeding 30 years from their date or dates, shall be payable in such medium of payment as to both principal and interest as may be determined by the Authority, and may be made redeemable before maturity at the option of the Authority, at such price or prices and under such terms and conditions as may be fixed by the Authority in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds. Such revenue bonds or obligations shall be issued pursuant to, and in conformity with, Article 3 of Chapter 82 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A, the 'Revenue Bond Law,' as now or hereafter amended. All procedures pertaining to such issuance and the conditions thereof shall be the same as those contained in said Revenue Bond Law and any amendments thereto.

SECTION 9.
Form, Denominations, Registration, Place of Payment

The Authority shall determine the form of the bonds and the place or places of payment of principal thereto, and shall fix the denomination or denominations of the bonds and the place or places of payment of principal and interest thereof, which may be at any bank or trust company within or without the state. The bonds may be issued in coupon or registered form, or both. The Authority may make provisions for the registration of any coupon bond, as to principal alone, or to both the principal and interest.

SECTION 10.
Signatures, Seal

In case any officer whose signature shall appear on any bonds, or whose facsimile signature shall appear on any coupon, shall cease to be such officer before the delivery of such bonds, such signature shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes the same as if he or she had remained in office until such delivery. All such bonds shall be signed by the Chairman of the Authority and attested by the Secretary-Treasurer of the Authority, and the official seal of the Authority shall be affixed thereto. Any coupons attached thereto shall bear the facsimile signatures of the Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer of the Authority. Any bond may be signed, sealed and attested on behalf of the Authority by such persons as shall be duly authorized or hold the proper office, at the actual time of the execution of such bonds, although such persons may not have been so authorized or shall not have held such office on the date of delivery and payment of such bonds.

SECTION 11.
Negotiability. Exemption from Taxation

All revenue bonds issued under the provisions of this Act shall have, and are hereby declared to have, all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the negotiable instruments law of this state. Such bonds are declared to be issued for an essential public and governmental purpose, and the said bonds, their transfer, and the income thereof shall be exempt from all taxation within this state.

SECTION 12.
Sale Price

The Authority may sell such bonds in such manner and for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the Authority, but no such sale shall be made at a price less than par, as provided in Article 3 of Chapter 82 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A, the 'Revenue Bond Law', unless said 'Revenue Bond Law' be hereafter amended to permit the sale of such bonds at less than par.

SECTION 13.
Proceeds of Bonds

The proceeds of such bonds shall be used solely for the payment of the cost of the project or projects, and unless otherwise provided in the resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds or in the trust indenture, additional bonds may in like manner be issued to provide the amount of any deficit for the cost of the project or projects, which, unless otherwise provided in the resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds or in the trust indenture, shall be deemed to be of the same issue and shall be entitled to payment from the same fund without preference or priority of the bonds first issued for the same purposes. If the proceeds of the bonds of any issue shall exceed the amount required for the purpose for which such bonds are issued, the surplus shall be paid into a sinking fund or used for additional construction as may be provided in the resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds or in the trust indenture.

SECTION 14.
Interim Receipts and Certificates or Temporary Bonds

Prior to the preparation of definitive bonds, the Authority may, under like restrictions, issue interim receipts, interim certificates or temporary bonds, with or without coupons exchangeable for definitive bonds upon the issuance of the latter.

SECTION 15.
Replacement of Lost or Mutilated Bonds

The Authority may also provide for the replacement of any bond which shall become mutilated or be destroyed or lost.

SECTION 16.
Conditions Precedent to Issuance, Object of Issuance

Such revenue bonds may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this Act. In the discretion of the Authority, revenue bonds of a single issue may be issued for the purpose of any particular project. Any resolution, providing for the issuance of revenue bonds under the provisions of this Act shall become effective immediately upon its passage and need not be published or posted, and any such resolution may be passed at regular, special, or adjourned meeting of the Authority by a majority vote of the quorum as provided in this Act.

SECTION 17.
Credit not Pledged

Revenue bonds issued under the provisions of this Act shall not be deemed to constitute a debt of Henry County. Such bonds shall be payable solely from the fund hereinafter provided for, and the issuance of such revenue bonds shall not directly, indirectly or contingently obligate said county to levy or to pledge any form of taxation whatever therefor or to make any appropriation for the payment of such bonds. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their face substantially covering the foregoing provisions of this section.

SECTION 18.
Trust Indenture as Security

In the discretion of the Authority any issue of such revenue bonds may be secured by a trust indenture by and between the Authority and a corporate trustee, which may be any trust company or bank having the powers of a trust company within or outside of the State. Such trust indenture may pledge or assign fees, tolls, revenues and earnings to be received by the Authority, including the proceeds derived from the sale of any surplus property of the Authority, both real and personal. Either the resolution providing for the issuance of revenue bonds or such trust indenture may contain such provisions for protecting and enforcing the rights and remedies of the bondholders as may be reasonable and proper and not in violation of law, including covenants setting forth the duties of the Authority in relation to the acquisition of property, the construction of the project, the maintenance, operation, repair and insurance of the property, and the custody, safeguarding and application of all monies, including the proceeds derived from the sale of property of the Authority, both real and personal, and may also provide that any project shall be constructed and paid for under the supervision and approval of consulting engineers or architects employed or designated by the Authority, and satisfactory to the original purchasers of the bonds issued therefor and may also require that the security given by contractors and by any depository of the proceeds of the bonds or revenues or

other monies be satisfactory to such purchasers, and may also contain provisions concerning the conditions, if any, upon which additional revenue bonds may be issued. It shall be lawful for any bank or trust company incorporated under the laws of this state to act as such depository and to furnish such indemnifying bonds or pledge such securities as may be required by the Authority. Such indenture may set forth the rights and remedies of the bondholders and of the trustee, and may restrict the individual right of action of bondholders as is customary in trust indentures securing bonds and debentures of corporations. In addition to the foregoing, such trust indenture may contain such other provisions as the Authority may deem reasonable and proper for the security of the bondholders. All expense incurred in carrying out such trust indenture may be treated as a part of the cost of maintenance, operation and repair of the project affected by such indenture.

SECTION 19.
To Whom Proceeds of Bonds Shall Be Paid

The Authority shall, in the resolution providing for the issuance of revenue bonds or in the trust indenture, provide for the payment of the proceeds of the sale of the bonds to any officer or person who, or any agency, bank or trust company, which shall act as trustee of such funds and shall hold and apply the same to the purposes hereof, subject to such regulations as this Act and such resolutions or trust indentures may provide.

SECTION 20.
Sinking Funds

The revenues, fees, tolls and earnings derived from any particular project or projects, regardless of whether or not such fees, earnings and revenues were produced by a particular project for which bonds have been issued, and any monies derived from the sale of any properties, both real and personal, of the Authority, unless otherwise pledged and allocated, may be pledged and allocated by the Authority to the payment of the principal and interest on revenue bonds of the Authority as the resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds or the trust instrument may provide. Such funds so pledged from whatever source received, which said pledge may include funds received from one or more or all sources, shall be set aside at regular intervals, as may be provided in the resolution or trust indenture, into a sinking fund. Said sinking fund shall be pledged to and charged with the payments of:

(1) The interest upon such revenue bonds as such interest shall fall due;

(2) The principal of the bonds as the same shall fall due;

(3) The necessary charges of paying agent or agents for paying interest and principal; and

(4) Any premium upon bonds retired by call or purchase as hereinabove provided.

The use and disposition of such sinking fund shall be subject to such regulations as may be provided in the resolution authorizing the issuance of the revenue bonds or in the trust

indenture, but, except as may otherwise be provided in such resolution or trust indenture, such sinking fund shall be a fund for the benefit of all revenue bonds without distinction or priority of one over another. Subject to the provisions of the resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds or in the trust indenture, surplus monies in the sinking fund may be applied to the purchase or redemption of bonds, and any such bonds so purchased or redeemed shall forthwith be cancelled and shall not again be issued.

SECTION 21.
Remedies of Bondholders

Any holder of revenue bonds issued under the provisions of this Act or any of the coupons appertaining thereto, and the trustee under the trust indenture, if any, except to the extent the rights herein given may be restricted by resolution passed before the issuance of the bonds or by the trust indenture, may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus, or other proceedings protect and enforce any and all rights under the laws of the State of Georgia or granted hereunder or under such resolution or trust indenture, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this Act or by such resolution or trust indenture, to be performed by the Authority, or any officer thereof, including the fixing, charging and collecting of revenues, fees, tolls and other charges for the use of the facilities and services furnished.

SECTION 22.
Refunding Bonds

The Authority is hereby authorized to provide by resolution for the issuance of revenue refunding bonds issued under the provisions of this Act and then outstanding, together with accrued interest thereon. The issuance of such revenue refunding bonds, the maturities and all other details thereof, the rights of the holders thereof, and the duties of the Authority in respect to the same shall be governed by the foregoing provisions of this Act insofar as the same may be applicable.

SECTION 23.
Validation

Bonds of the Authority shall be confirmed and validated in accordance with the procedures of Article 3 of Chapter 82 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A, the 'Revenue Bond Law'. The petition for validation shall also make any municipality, county, Authority, subdivision or instrumentality of the State of Georgia or the United States Government or any department or agency of the United States Government, if subject to be sued, which has contracted with the Authority for the services and facilities of the project for which bonds are to be issued and sought to be validated, a party-defendant to such action. Such municipality, county, Authority, subdivision or instrumentality shall be required to show cause, if any, why such contract or contracts and the terms and conditions thereof

should not be inquired into by the court and the validity of the terms thereof be determined and the contract or contracts adjudicated as security for the payment of any such bonds of the Authority. The bonds, when validated, and the judgment of validation shall be final and conclusive with respect to such bonds, against the Authority issuing the same, and any municipality, county, Authority, subdivision or instrumentality of the United States Government if a party to the validation proceedings, contracting with the Henry County Airport Authority.

SECTION 24.
Venue and Jurisdiction

Any action to protect or enforce any rights under the provisions of this Act or any suit or action against such Authority shall be brought in the Superior Court of Henry County, Georgia, and any action pertaining to validation of any bonds issued under the provisions of this Act shall likewise be brought in said court, which shall have original jurisdiction of such actions.

SECTION 25.
Interest of Bondholders Protected

While any of the bonds issued by the Authority remain outstanding, the powers, duties or existence of said Authority or of its officers, employees or agents shall not be diminished or impaired in any manner that will adversely affect the interest and rights of the holders of such bonds, and no other entity, department, agency or Authority shall be created which will compete with the Authority to such an extent as to adversely affect the interest and rights of the holders of such bonds, nor will the state itself so compete with the Authority. The provisions of this Act shall be for the benefit of the state, the Authority and the holders of any such bonds, and upon the issuance of bonds under the provisions hereof, shall constitute a contract with the holders of such bonds.

SECTION 26.
Monies Considered Trust Funds

All monies received pursuant to the Authority of this Act, whether as proceeds from the sale of revenue bonds, as grants or other contributions, or as revenues, income, fees and earnings, shall be deemed to be trust funds to be held and applied solely as provided in this Act.

SECTION 27.
Purpose of Authority

Without limiting the generality of any provisions of the Act the general purpose of the Authority is declared to be that of acquiring, constructing, equipping, maintaining,

improving and operating airports and landing fields for the use of aircraft, including any related buildings and the usual and convenient facilities appertaining to such undertakings and extensions and improvements of such facilities, acquiring the necessary property therefor, both real and personal, and to lease or sell any or all of such facilities, including real property, and to do any and all things deemed by the Authority to be necessary, convenient or desirable for, and incident to, the efficient and proper development and operation of such types of undertakings.

SECTION 28.
Rates, Charges and Revenues; Use

The Authority is hereby authorized to prescribe, fix and collect rates, fees, tolls and charges, and to revise, from time to time, and collect such rates, fees, tolls and charges for the services, facilities or commodities furnished, including leases, concessions or sub-leases of its lands or facilities, and in anticipation of the collection of the revenues and income of such undertakings or projects.

SECTION 29.
Rules and Regulations for Operation of Projects

It shall be the duty of the Authority to prescribe rules and regulations for the operation of the project or projects constructed under the provisions of this Act, including the basis on which airports and landing fields for the use of aircraft shall be furnished.

SECTION 30.
Powers Declared Supplemental and Additional, Liberal Construction

(a) The foregoing sections of this Act shall be deemed to provide an additional and alternative method for the doing of the things authorized thereby and shall be regarded as supplemental and additional to powers conferred by other laws, and shall not be regarded as in derogation of any powers now existing.
(b) This Act, being for the purpose of promoting the health, morals and general welfare of the citizens of the United States, of the State of Georgia and of Henry County, shall be liberally construed to effect the purposes hereof.

SECTION 31.
Eminent Domain

Through the use and power of eminent domain, the Authority shall have the right, power, privilege and Authority to condemn real property, rights-of-way or easement for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act. Any such condemnation shall be conducted in accordance with the laws of this State.

SECTION 32.
Jurisdiction

All property, the title to which shall vest in said Authority, shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the county wherein such property shall lie."

SECTION 2.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

HB 1586. By Representative Gaines of the 120th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the Town of Bogart; to provide for related matters; to repeal specific Acts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

SB 469. By Senators Still of the 48th and Dolezal of the 27th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a board of commissioners of Forsyth County, approved June 30, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964 Ex. Sess., p. 2225), as amended, so as to provide term limits for members of the board of commissioners; to provide for related matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend an Act creating a board of commissioners of Forsyth County, approved June 30, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964 Ex. Sess., p. 2225), as amended, so as to provide for term limits; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act creating a board of commissioners of Forsyth County, approved June 30, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964 Ex. Sess., p. 2225), as amended, particularly by an Act approved February 17, 2022 (Ga. L. 2022, p. 4666), is amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

"SECTION 2.1.

No person elected to the board of commissioners after January 1, 2027, who has been elected to and served two full terms of office as a commissioner shall be eligible for election to a successive term of office as a commissioner until after the expiration of four years from the conclusion of his or her last term as a member of the board of commissioners. Any terms served, fully or in part, prior to the effective date of this section shall apply to the term limit provided for in this section."

SECTION 2.

The election superintendent of Forsyth County shall call and conduct an election as provided in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of Forsyth County for approval or rejection. The election superintendent shall conduct that election on Tuesday following the first Monday in November, 2026 and shall issue the call and conduct that election as provided by general law. The election superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of Forsyth County. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the words:

"( ) YES Shall the Act be approved which provides a term limit of two consecutive
( ) NO terms upon the members of the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners?"

All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and all persons desiring to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on such question are for approval of the Act, Section 1 of this Act shall become of full force and effect on January 1, 2027. If the Act is not so approved or if the election is not conducted as provided in this section, Section 1 of this Act shall not become effective, and this Act shall be automatically repealed on the 365th calendar day following the election date provided for in this section. The expense of such election shall be borne by Forsyth County. It shall be the election superintendent's duty to certify the result thereof to the Secretary of State. The provisions of this section shall be mandatory upon the election superintendent and are not intended as directory. If the election superintendent fails or refuses to comply with this section, any elector of Forsyth County may apply for a writ of mandamus to compel the election superintendent to perform his or her duties under this section. If the court finds that the election superintendent has not complied with this section, the court shall fashion appropriate relief requiring the election superintendent to call and conduct such election on the date required by this section or on the next date authorized for special elections provided for in Code Section 21-2-540 of the O.C.G.A.

SECTION 3.

Except as otherwise provided in Section 2 of this Act, this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

SB 567. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Ellaville-Schley County Parks and Recreation Authority and to authorize such authority to provide recreational services throughout Schley County; to provide a short title; to provide for audits; to provide for funding; to authorize employment of officers, agents, and employees; to provide for construction of this Act; to provide for conveyance of property upon dissolution; to provide for related matters; to provide for activation of the authority; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, the following roll call vote was made applicable to the previously read Bills.

On the passage of the Bills, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

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Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Sampson
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Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
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On the passage of the Bills, the ayes were 164, nays 0.

The Bills, having received the requisite constitutional majority, were passed.

The following messages were received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bills of the House:

HB 154. By Representatives Richardson of the 125th, Romman of the 97th, Clifton of the 131st, Mathis of the 133rd, Anderson of the 10th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to emergency medical services, so as to designate ambulance services as an essential service in this state; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 439. By Representatives Yearta of the 152nd, Dickey of the 134th, Williams of the 148th, Anderson of the 10th, Kelley of the 16th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to compensation of dealers for reporting and paying tax and reimbursement deduction, so as to revise deductions allowed to dealers; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 717. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Newton of the 127th, Silcox of the 53rd, Drenner of the 85th and Au of the 50th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Medical Practice Act of the State of Georgia," so as to provide for the regulation of the administration of psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy; to provide for definitions; to provide for standards; to provide for requirements; to provide for the establishment of rules and regulations; to provide for licensure of clinics; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 979. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Smith of the 18th, Ballard of the 147th, Hong of the 103rd and Holcomb of the 101st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 50-2-27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the retrocession of jurisdiction over lands owned by the United States, so as to provide for procedures for the retrocession of jurisdiction in certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1030. By Representatives Donatucci of the 105th, Erwin of the 32nd, Jones of the 47th, Dubnik of the 29th, Hilton of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to enact the "Math Matters Act"; to require the State Board of Education to adopt content standards for middle and high school advanced math courses; to require local education agencies to establish advance math courses in middle school and high school; to require the Professional Standards Commission to ensure students completing teacher certification programs have the knowledge and skills to teach math including the four strands of mathematical proficiency; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1085. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Burns of the 159th, Cannon of the 172nd, Burchett of the 176th, Buckner of the 137th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to income taxes, so as to provide for various tax credits for forestry manufacturing facilities; to provide for transfer of tax credits and conditions; to provide for reporting; to provide for effective dates

and automatic repeals; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the House:

HB 944. By Representatives McDonald III of the 26th, Crowe of the 118th, Hitchens of the 161st and Lumsden of the 12th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to safe operations of motor carriers, commercial motor vehicles, and drivers and safe transportation of hazardous materials, so as to update the reference date to federal regulations regarding the safe operation of motor carriers and commercial motor vehicles; to revise a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1009. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Jones of the 47th, Donatucci of the 105th, Reeves of the 99th, Silcox of the 53rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to require local school systems and public schools to enact policies and procedures for use of personal electronic devices at school and school sponsored events by students in grades nine through twelve; to revise provisions relative to permissible student use of personal electronic devices; to revise a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1024. By Representatives Hong of the 103rd, Reeves of the 99th and Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 44-13-100 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions for purposes of bankruptcy and intestate insolvent estates, so as to revise the exemption for a debtor's aggregate interest in real property or personal property that the debtor or a dependent of the debtor uses as a residence, in a cooperative that owns property that the debtor or a dependent of the debtor uses as a residence, or in a burial plot; to provide for such exemption for the primary residence of spouses; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1096. By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, Hatchett of the 155th, Sharper of the 177th, O'Steen of the 169th and Cooper of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to the Department of Public Health, so as to provide that if certain employees of a county board of health become employees of such department such employees will retain accrued annual and sick leave; to authorize rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1164. By Representatives Wade of the 9th, Hatchett of the 155th, Jones of the 47th, Erwin of the 32nd, Gambill of the 15th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to require the State Board of Education to appoint an audit committee; to provide for minimum responsibilities of such committee; to amend Chapter 6 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Audits and Accounts, so as to revise provisions for financial audits of local school systems by and on behalf of the Department of Audits and Accounts; to provide for such audits of state charter schools; to require the Department of Audits and Accounts to develop and implement a program of progressive monitoring, supports, and interventions to local school systems and state charter schools; to provide for investigations of local school systems and state charter schools by the state auditor; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has adopted by the requisite constitutional majority the following resolution of the House:

HR 1416. By Representatives Dickey of the 134th, Meeks of the 178th, O'Steen of the 169th, Ford of the 170th, Corbett of the 174th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Joint Study Committee on Generational Sustainability of Family Farms; and for other purposes.

The Senate has agreed to the House substitute to the following bill of the Senate:

SB 427. By Senators Watson of the 1st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Jackson of the 41st, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical practice relative to physicians, so as to provide for limited provisional licenses and a pathway to licensure for certain internationally trained physicians; to provide for

definitions; to provide for qualifications and conditions; to provide for penalties, license sanctions, and enforcement; to provide for one or more medical directors; to provide for annual reports; to provide for rules, regulations and procedures; to provide for conditional automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bill of the House:

HB 1020. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Efstration of the 104th, Gunter of the 8th, Kelley of the 16th, Smith of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 23 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Judicial Retirement System, so as to provide for the payment of monthly retirement benefits for creditable service as a district attorney at the age of 65 years; to provide for calculation of benefits for individuals who first become members after the effective date of this Act; to provide for calculation of survivors benefits; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Pursuant to HR 1885, the House recognized April 2026 as Autism Acceptance Month and April 2, 2026, as World Autism Awareness Day and commended Connor Tomlinson for his work advocating for the autism community.

The following member was recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representative DeLoach of the 167th et al.

Pursuant to HR 1276, the House recognized and commended the 2025 Technical College System of Georgia awards winners.

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Herring of the 145th et al., Okoye of the 102nd et al., Romman of the 97th et al., Hugley of the 141st et al., Miller of the 62nd et al., Campbell of the 35th et al., Beckles of the 96th et al., Clark of the 108th et al., Lupton of the 83rd et al., Anderson of the 10th et al., Bazemore of the 69th et al., Kendrick of the 95th et al., Williams of the

168th et al., Evans of the 57th et al., Williams of the 37th et al., Dawson of the 65th et al., Crawford of the 89th et al., Schofield of the 63ed et al., Mathis of the 133rd et al., and Cannon of the 58th.

The Speaker announced the House in recess until 1:45 o'clock, this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Speaker called the House to order.

Representative McDonald of the 26th District, Chairman of the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Legislation has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 1567 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ McDonald of the 26th
Chairman

Representative Gunter of the 8th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 111 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Gunter of the 8th
Chairman

Representative Carson of the 46th District, Chairman of the Committee on Retirement, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Retirement has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 150 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Carson of the 46th
Chairman

Representative Jones of the 25th District, Chairman of the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation has had under consideration the following Bill and Resolution of the House and Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HR 1670 Do Pass
SB 540 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Jones of the 25th
Chairman

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1895. By Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Jones of the 25th, Tran of the 80th, Evans of the 57th and Thomas of the 21st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the importance of voluntary community based resource recovery efforts through the RESCUER initiative and the utilization of digital platforms to facilitate food sharing within local communities; and for other purposes.

HR 1896. By Representatives McClain of the 109th, Prince of the 132nd, Okoye of the 102nd, Mitchell of the 88th and Beckles of the 96th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Marcus Mosiah Garvey; and for other purposes.

HR 1897. By Representatives Powell of the 33rd and Erwin of the 32nd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of John Alan Dickerson, Sr.; and for other purposes.

HR 1898. By Representative Powell of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Mike Stuckey; and for other purposes.

HR 1899. By Representative Powell of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Dr. F. Hugh Kirby; and for other purposes.

HR 1900. By Representative Powell of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Larry C. Warnock; and for other purposes.

HR 1901. By Representative Powell of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Buck Chapman; and for other purposes.

HR 1902. By Representative Jackson of the 128th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Shephard Green III; and for other purposes.

HR 1903. By Representative Hatchett of the 155th:

A RESOLUTION commending the East Laurens Lady Falcons basketball team for their victory in the GHSA Class A/Division I Girls State Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 1904. By Representative Campbell of the 35th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing September 16, 2026, as National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1905. By Representatives Neal of the 79th, Burnough of the 77th, Scott of the 76th, Bell of the 75th and Flournoy of the 74th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 31, 2026, as Morrow Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1906. By Representatives Glaize of the 67th and Burnough of the 77th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Lady Chi'Ira Oliver; and for other purposes.

HR 1907. By Representative Ridley of the 6th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Murray County High School Girls Varsity basketball team for winning the 2026 GHSA Class AA State Basketball Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 1908. By Representative Herring of the 145th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Akbar Muhammad; and for other purposes.

HR 1909. By Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Park of the 107th, Frye of the 122nd, Adesanya of the 43rd, Draper of the 90th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Representative Derrick Jackson; and for other purposes.

HR 1910. By Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Park of the 107th, Frye of the 122nd, Adesanya of the 43rd, Draper of the 90th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Representative Jasmine Clark; and for other purposes.

HR 1911. By Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Park of the 107th, Frye of the 122nd, Adesanya of the 43rd, Cannon of the 58th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Representative Saira Draper; and for other purposes.

HR 1912. By Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Park of the 107th, Frye of the 122nd, Adesanya of the 43rd, Draper of the 90th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Representative Ruwa Romman; and for other purposes.

HR 1913. By Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Park of the 107th, Frye of the 122nd, Adesanya of the 43rd, Draper of the 90th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Representative Teddy Reese; and for other purposes.

HR 1914. By Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Park of the 107th, Willis of the 55th, Cannon of the 58th, Paris of the 142nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Representative Tanya Miller; and for other purposes.

HR 1915. By Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Park of the 107th, Frye of the 122nd, Adesanya of the 43rd, Draper of the 90th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Representative Edna Jackson; and for other purposes.

HR 1916. By Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Park of the 107th, Frye of the 122nd, Adesanya of the 43rd, Jones of the 143rd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Representative Mack Jackson; and for other purposes.

HR 1917. By Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Park of the 107th, Frye of the 122nd, Adesanya of the 43rd, Draper of the 90th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Representative Dewey McClain; and for other purposes.

HR 1918. By Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Park of the 107th, Frye of the 122nd, Adesanya of the 43rd, Cannon of the 58th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Representative Carl Gilliard; and for other purposes.

HR 1919. By Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Park of the 107th, Frye of the 122nd, Adesanya of the 43rd, Draper of the 90th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Representative Park Cannon; and for other purposes.

HR 1920. By Representatives Gunter of the 8th and Smith of the 18th:

A RESOLUTION commending the legal externs for the 2026 regular session of the General Assembly of Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 1921. By Representative Gullett of the 19th:

A RESOLUTION commending Paulding County's social workers during National Social Worker Month; and for other purposes.

HR 1922. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Santos of the 117th, Davis of the 87th, Myles of the 126th and Adesanya of the 43rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Impact Georgia Day and honoring distinguished Georgians for their contributions to the state and beyond; and for other purposes.

HR 1923. By Representative Scott of the 76th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and legacy of Sister Bessie Mae (Harrison) Manuel; and for other purposes.

HR 1924. By Representative Scott of the 76th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and legacy of Mary Ann Harrison; and for other purposes.

HR 1925. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, McQueen of the 61st, Davis of the 87th, Myles of the 126th and Adesanya of the 43rd:

A RESOLUTION commending DJ Plugg for his influential contributions to Atlanta's musical culture and the evolution of modern hip-hop; and for other purposes.

HR 1926. By Representative Smith of the 18th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Anna Lane Coy; and for other purposes.

HR 1927. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Sampson of the 153rd, Kendrick of the 95th, Paris of the 142nd and Myles of the 126th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the honorable service of Dexter L. Sharper and expressing gratitude for his many years of dedicated service to the citizens of the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 1928. By Representatives Cannon of the 172nd, Corbett of the 174th, Rhodes of the 124th, Chastain of the 7th and Dubnik of the 29th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the importance of regulated trapping; and for other purposes.

HR 1929. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th, Burnough of the 77th and Adeyina of the 110th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending New Edition for their outstanding contributions to music and entertainment and for their cultural and industry impact connected to the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 1930. By Representatives Prince of the 132nd, Howard of the 129th and Myles of the 126th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending First Lady Sarah Reynolds Copeland; and for other purposes.

HR 1931. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Scoggins of the 14th, Lumsden of the 12th, Dempsey of the 13th and Gullett of the 19th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing July 4, 2026, as Georgia Highlands College Community Impact Day; and for other purposes.

HR 1932. By Representatives Prince of the 132nd, Howard of the 129th and Myles of the 126th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Rev. Dr. Rufus Copeland on the occasion of his 40th pastoral anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 1933. By Representatives Burnough of the 77th, Scott of the 76th, Jackson of the 165th, Schofield of the 63rd, Davis of the 87th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Atlanta Dermatology and Aesthetics, PC; and for other purposes.

HR 1934. By Representatives Tran of the 80th, Au of the 50th, Miller of the 62nd, Draper of the 90th, Ali of the 106th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Raksha Inc. upon the celebration of its 30th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 1935. By Representatives Crawford of the 89th, Leverett of the 123rd and Burchett of the 176th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Stephanie Dean Kerce and the Georgia General Assembly Special Event Interns from Georgia State University; and for other purposes.

HR 1936. By Representative Gunter of the 8th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Union County as the Sorghum Capital of Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 1937. By Representatives Paris of the 142nd, Washburn of the 144th, Griffin of the 149th, Glaize of the 67th, Herring of the 145th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Dr. Dan A. Sims; and for other purposes.

HR 1938. By Representatives Paris of the 142nd, Washburn of the 144th, Griffin of the 149th, Herring of the 145th and Jones of the 143rd:

A RESOLUTION commending Dr. Delvecchio S. Finley; and for other purposes.

HR 1939. By Representative Gilliard of the 162nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Teresa LaBarham Mitchell; and for other purposes.

HR 1940. By Representatives Gilliard of the 162nd, Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th and Hitchens of the 161st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Buy Local Savannah for its enduring commitment to strengthening independent businesses and preserving the unique character and economic vitality of Savannah and Chatham County; and for other purposes.

HR 1941. By Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Ali of the 106th, Kendrick of the 95th, Carter of the 93rd and Okoye of the 102nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Chef Hank Reid; and for other purposes.

The following Resolutions of the House were taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HR 1050. By Representatives Greene of the 154th, Dunahoo of the 31st, Beckles of the 96th, Buckner of the 137th and Flournoy of the 74th:

A RESOLUTION authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned property in Clayton County; authorizing the lease of certain state owned property in Dawson County; authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned property in DeKalb County; authorizing the lease of certain state owned property in Troup County; to provide an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A RESOLUTION

Authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned property in Clayton County; authorizing the lease of certain state owned property in Dawson County; authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned property in DeKalb County; authorizing the lease of certain state owned property in Dougherty County; authorizing the amendment to the lease of certain state owned property in Effingham County; authorizing the lease of certain state owned property in Floyd County; authorizing the exchange of certain state owned property in McDuffie County; authorizing the lease of certain state owned property in McIntosh County; authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned property in Polk County; authorizing the lease of certain state owned property in Richmond County; authorizing the lease of certain state owned property in Troup County; to provide an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS:

(1) The State of Georgia is the owner of certain real property located in Clayton County, Georgia; and

(2) Said real property is approximately 1.0 acre, lying and being in Land Lots 52 and 53 of the 13th Land District of Clayton County, Georgia, and more particularly described in that Warranty Deed, dated February 8, 1956, from W & S Realty Holdings, Inc. being recorded in Deed Book 140, Page 388, in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Clayton County, in that Warranty Deed, dated February 7, 1956, from J.F. McNair and Mrs. Clyde Kirkland being recorded in Deed Book 140, Page 387, in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Clayton County, and that Warranty Deed, dated January 9, 1956, from Empire Land Company being recorded in Deed Book 140, Page 389, in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Clayton County, and on file with the State Properties Commission Real Property Records as RPR 000320.01 thru 000320.03; and

(3) Said real property is commonly known as the Atlanta State Farmers Market and under the custody of the Georgia Department of Agriculture; and

(4) By official action, the Georgia Department of Transportation requested acquiring approximately 1.0 acre of said real property for the construction, operation and maintenance of a turn lane for the benefit of the farmers market; and

(5) By official action dated November 6, 2025, the Georgia Department of Agriculture requested the conveyance to the Georgia Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS:

(1) The State of Georgia is the owner of certain real property located in Dawson County, Georgia; and

(2) Said real property is approximately 0.3 of an acre, being in Land Lots 190, 192, 205, 206, 207, 226, 227, 228, 241, 242, 243, 262, and 263, of the 5th District, 2nd Section of Dawson and Pickens Counties, Georgia, and more particularly described in that Limited Warranty Deed, dated October 18, 1995, from Immo Sassafras, Inc. being recorded in Deed Book 207, Pages 553-555, in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dawson County, and Deed Book 246, Pages 829-831, in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Pickens County, and on file with the State Properties Commission Real Property Records as RPR 08764.01 and 08764.02; and

(3) Said real property is commonly known as Dawson Forest Wildlife Management Area and under the custody of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources; and

(4) By official action dated August 21, 2025, Dawson County, Georgia requested to enter into a 25-year ground lease over approximately 0.3 of an acre for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a telecommunication tower for their public safety and county government use; and

(5) By official action dated August 26, 2025, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources requested to enter into a 25 year ground lease with an option to renew for another 25 years with Dawson County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS:

(1) The State of Georgia is the owner of certain real property located in DeKalb County, Georgia; and

(2) Said real property is approximately 2.84 acres, lying and being in Land Lot 42 of the 16th Land District of DeKalb County, Georgia, more particularly described in that Limited Warranty Deed, dated June 30, 2004, from Robert Pattillo Properties, Inc., successor by name change to Rockdale Industries, Inc., being recorded in Deed Book 16327, Page 598, in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of DeKalb County, and on file with the State Properties Commission Real Property Records as RPR 010995; and

(3) Said real property is commonly known as the Panola Road Park and Ride Lot or the Metro Express Bus Park and Ride and under the custody of the State Road and Tollway Authority; and

(4) By official action dated August 4, 2025, the Georgia Department of Transportation requested acquiring approximately 0.90 of an acre of fee right of way, 0.81 of an acre of permanent easement, 1.12 acres of temporary easement, and 996.66 linear feet of

limited access, and 0.01 of an acre of temporary driveway easement, of said real property for the purpose of the Panola Road Interchange Project (PI0002868); and

(5) By official action dated October 29, 2025, the State Road and Tollway Authority requested the conveyance to the Georgia Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS:

(1) The State of Georgia is the owner of certain real property located in Dougherty County, Georgia; and

(2) Said real property is approximately 1.0 acre, lying and being in a Land Lots 367 and 366, 1st Land District, Dougherty County, Georgia, and more particularly described in that Warranty Deed, dated September 28, 1977, from the Georgia Easter Seals Society For Crippled Children and Adults, Inc. being recorded in Deed Book 593, Pages 218-227, in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, and on file with the State Properties Commission Real Property Records as RPR 06387; and

(3) Said real property is commonly known as the Easter Seals Building and under the custody of the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency; and

(4) By official action dated June 30, 2025, the Easter Seals Southern Georgia, Inc. desirous of entering into a ground lease for five years; and

(5) By official action dated October 30, 2025, the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency requests to enter into a ground lease for five years; and

WHEREAS:

(1) The State of Georgia is the owner of certain real property located in Effingham County, Georgia; and

(2) Said real property is approximately 2.84 acres, being in 9th G.M. District, Effingham County, Georgia, and more particularly described in that Quitclaim Deed, dated July 19, 2004, from the Department of Technical and Adult Education being recorded in Deed Book 1142, Pages 285-286, in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Effingham County, and on file with the State Properties Commission Real Property Records as RPR 010009.02; and

(3) Said real property is commonly known as the Savannah Technical College and Career Academy and under the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia; and

(4) The State of Georgia entered into a 30-year ground lease with Effingham County Board of Education in 2013 over approximately 6.92 acres for a career academy; and

(5) The Effingham County Board of Education is desirous of amending the ground lease to include an additional 2.84 acres for parking; and

(6) By official action dated May 29, 2024, the Technical College System of Georgia requested to amend the ground lease; and

WHEREAS:

(1) The State of Georgia is the owner of certain real property located in Floyd County, Georgia; and

(2) Said property is approximately 9.4 acres, being in Land Lots 940, 941, and 1004, 3rd Land District, 4th Section, Floyd County, Georgia, and more particularly described in that Limited Quitclaim Deed, dated September 11, 1979, from the State School Building Authority being recorded in Deed Book 850, Pages 348-350, and on file with the State Properties Commission Real Property Records as RPR 06992; and

(3) Said real property is commonly known as the Georgia School of the Deaf and under the custody of the Georgia Department of Education; and

(4) Said property is improved with a building consisting of approximately 15,919 square feet commonly known as the Dillard Building; and

(5) Cave Spring Community Coalition, Inc., also known as the Northwest Georgia Charter Academy, requested to enter into a five-year lease of the Dillard Building; and

(6) By official action dated August 26, 2025, the Georgia Department of Education requested to enter into a five-year lease with Northwest Georgia Charter Academy; and

WHEREAS:

(1) The State of Georgia is the owner of certain real property located in Floyd County, Georgia; and

(2) Said real property is approximately 37.99 acres, being in Land Lots 324 and 357, 23rd Land District, 3rd Section, Floyd County, Georgia, and more particularly described in that General Warranty Deed, dated January 2, 2002, from C. Ronald Patton being recorded in Deed Book 1681, Pages 0681-0684, and on file with the State Properties Commission Real Property Records as RPR 09653; and

(3) Said real property is commonly known as Georgia Northwestern Technical College campus and under the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia; and

(4) Floyd County Schools is desirous of leasing approximately a 30.5 acre portion of the property for its Floyd County College and Career Academy agriculture program to raise cows; and

(5) By official action dated January 30, 2026, the Technical College System of Georgia requested to enter into a lease agreement for a term of 10 years with the option to renew for an additional 10 years for a rental rate of $10.00 annually with Floyd County Schools; and

WHEREAS:

(1) The State of Georgia is the owner of certain real property located in McDuffie County, Georgia; and

(2) Said real property is approximately 1.5 acres, lying and being in 152nd Land District of McDuffie County, Georgia, and more particularly described in that Warranty Deed, dated February 19, 1962, from Knox Homes Corporation being recorded in Deed Book 54, Page 443, in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of McDuffie County, and on file with the State Properties Commission Real Property Records as RPR 04801; and

(3) Said real property is commonly known as the McDuffie-Warren County Unit and under the custody of the Georgia Forestry Commission; and

(4) By official action dated August 20, 2025, the Georgia Forestry Commission requested to surplus and convey the approximately 1.5 acres in exchange with McDuffie County, Georgia for 6.0 acres to construct a new county unit; and

(5) McDuffie County is desirous of conveying approximately 6.0 acres of unimproved real property in exchange for the approximately 1.5 acres improved Georgia Forestry Commission's McDuffie-Warren County Unit; and

WHEREAS:

(1) The State of Georgia is the owner of certain real property located in McIntosh County, Georgia; and

(2) Said property is approximately 1,888.1 acres lying and being in the 1312th Georgia Militia District, McIntosh County, Georgia, acquired by virtue of that Limited Warranty Deed dated December 21, 1976 and recorded in Deed Book 78, Pages 380-388, and on file with the State Properties Commission Real Property Records as RPR 06307; and

(3) Said real property is improved with a building and under the custody of the Department of Natural Resources; and

(4) The State of Georgia has leased approximately 231 square feet of the building to the United States Post Office since 1981 as a center for mail delivery service to residents of Sapelo Island; and

(5) The United States Post Office is desirous of entering into a new lease for approximately 231 square feet for an initial term of five years for a rental rate of $10.00 annually and reimbursement to the Department of Natural Resources of an amount of $2,240.00 annually for expenses related to the Department's upkeep and maintenance of the premises, with the option to renew for an additional 5 years for a rental rate of $10.00 annually and reimbursement to the Department of Natural Resources of an amount of $2,350.00 annually for expenses related to the Department's upkeep and maintenance of the premises; and

(6) By official action dated August 26, 2025, the Board of Natural Resources requested to lease the property to the United States Postal Service; and

WHEREAS:

(1) The State of Georgia is the owner of certain real property located in Polk County, Georgia; and

(2) Said real property is approximately 3.057 acres, lying and being in Land Lot 1218 of the 2nd Land District, 4th Section of Polk County, Georgia, more particularly described in two General Warranty Deeds, dated August 2, 2004 and June 30, 2008, from Cedartown Development Authority, being recorded in Deed Book 1291, Page 0295 and Deed Book 1028, Page 251, in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Polk County, and on file with the State Properties Commission Real Property Records as RPR 010025 and 010532.01-03, respectively; and

(3) Said real property is commonly known as the Cedartown Adult Learning Center and under the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia; and

(4) By official action dated August 22, 2025, the City of Cedartown requested the acquisition of the property for their public safety operations; and

(5) By official action dated October 2, 2025, the Technical College System of Georgia requested the conveyance to the City of Cedartown; and

WHEREAS:

(1) The State of Georgia is the owner of certain real property located in Richmond County, Georgia; and

(2) Said real property is approximately 104.24 acres, lying and being in 1660th G.M. District of Richmond County, Georgia, more particularly described in that Warranty Deed, dated July 29, 1950, from Mrs. Jennie LeDoyen Crenshaw, Ralph M. Crenshaw, and W.T. Crenshaw, being recorded in Deed Book 17-W, Pages 125-126, in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Richmond County and on file with the State Properties Commission Real Property Records as RPR 01133, respectively; and

(3) Said real property is improved with buildings totaling approximately 7,547 square feet and are commonly known as 3013 Hillcrest Circle and 3004 Hillcrest Drive and under the custody of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities; and

(4) Anthony Wayne Rehabilitation Center for Handicapped and Blind, Inc. is desirous of leasing the buildings as specialized transitional community residential alternative homes; and

(5) By official action dated April 10, 2025, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities requested to enter into a lease agreement with Anthony Wayne Rehabilitation Center for Handicapped and Blind, Inc.; and

WHEREAS:

(1) The State of Georgia is the owner of certain real property located in Troup County, Georgia; and

(2) Said real property is approximately 81.086 acres, being in Land Lots 178 and 179, 6th Land District, Troup County, Georgia, and more particularly described in that Limited Warranty Deed, dated December 16, 2005, from Southeast Office Partners 32, LLC. being recorded in Deed Book 1303, Pages 93-95, and on file with the State Properties Commission Real Property Records as RPR 10173; and

(3) Said real property is improved with a building identified as Building G; and

(4) Said real property is commonly known as West Georgia Technical College's LaGrange campus and under the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia; and

(5) Troup County School System is desirous of leasing the 50,377 square foot portion of Building G for use by THINC College and Career Academy as a career academy for a five-year term with one renewal option of five (5) years for a rental rate of $10.00 annually; and

(6) By official action dated October 2, 2025, the Technical College System of Georgia requested to enter into a lease agreement for five years with the option to renew for an

additional five years for a rental rate of $10.00 annually with Troup County School System; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

ARTICLE I
SECTION 1.

The State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described property located in Clayton County containing approximately 1.0 acre, and that in all matters relating to the conveyance of said real property the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 2.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through the State Properties Commission, is authorized to convey the above-described property to the Georgia Department of Transportation for the consideration of $10.00, and such further terms and conditions as determined by the State Properties Commission to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 3.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such conveyance, including the execution of all necessary documents.

SECTION 4.

That the authorization to convey the above-described property shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 5.

That the deed or deeds and plat or plats of the conveyance shall be recorded by the Grantee in the Superior Court of Clayton County, Georgia and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 6.

That the above-described real property shall remain in the custody of the Georgia Department of Agriculture until the property is conveyed.

ARTICLE II
SECTION 7.

The State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described property located in Dawson County, containing approximately 0.3 of an acre, and that in all matters relating to the leasing of said real property the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 8.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through the State Properties Commission, is authorized to lease the above-described property to Dawson County for a term of 25 years with an option to renew for another 25 years for the consideration of $10.00 annually and the State's ability to utilize space on the communication tower at no cost; and such further terms and conditions as determined by the State Properties Commission to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 9.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such lease, including the execution of all necessary documents.

SECTION 10.

That the authorization to lease the above-described property shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 11.

That the lease documents shall be recorded by the Lessee in the Superior Court of Dawson County, Georgia and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 12.

That the above-described real property shall remain in the custody of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources during the term of the lease.

ARTICLE III

SECTION 13.

The State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described property located in DeKalb County, containing approximately 2.84 acres, and that in all matters relating to the conveyance and easements of said real property the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 14.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through the State Properties Commission, is authorized to convey the above-described property to the Georgia Department of Transportation for a total consideration of $369,829.00 (rounded), being comprised of

$234,799.00 in value for the fee right of way, and $135,030.00 for granting of the permanent and temporary easement; and such further terms and conditions as determined by the State Properties Commission to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 15.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such conveyance and granting of easements, including the execution of all necessary documents.

SECTION 16.

That the authorization to convey the above-described property shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 17.

That the deed or deeds and plat or plats of the conveyance and easement documents shall be recorded by the Grantee in the Superior Court of DeKalb County, Georgia and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 18.

That the above-described real property shall remain in the custody of the State Road and Tollway Authority until the property is conveyed.

ARTICLE IV

SECTION 19.

The State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described property located in Dougherty County, containing approximately 1.0 acre, and that in all matters relating to the leasing of the property the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 20.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through the State Properties Commission, is authorized to lease the above-described property to Easter Seals Southern Georgia, Inc. for five years for the consideration of $650.00 annually; and such further terms and conditions as determined by the State Properties Commission to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 21.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such lease, including the execution of all necessary documents.

SECTION 22.

That the authorization to lease the above-described property shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 23.

That the lease shall be recorded by the Lessee in the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 24.

That the above-described real property shall remain in the custody of the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency during the term of the lease.

ARTICLE V

SECTION 25.

The State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described improved property located in Effingham County, containing approximately 2.84 acres, and that in all matters relating to the leasing of said real property the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 26.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, is authorized to amend the ground lease with the Effingham County Board of Education to include the above-described property for a consideration of $10.00 annually, and such further terms and conditions as determined by the State Properties Commission to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 27.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such lease, including the execution of all necessary documents.

SECTION 28.

That the authorization to amend the ground lease to the above-described property shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 29.

That the amendment to the ground lease shall be recorded by the Lessee in the Superior Court of Effingham County, Georgia and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 30.

That the above-described real property shall remain in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia during the term of the lease.

ARTICLE VI

SECTION 31.

The State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described property, containing approximately 9.4 acres, located in Floyd County, and that in all matters relating to the leasing of said real property the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 32.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through the State Properties Commission, is authorized to lease approximately 15,919 square feet, known as the Dillard Building, of the above-described real property to the Cave Spring Community Coalition, Inc., also known as Northwest Georgia Charter Academy, for a term of five years for the consideration of $650.00 annually and reimbursement of expenses to the Georgia Department of Education; and such further terms and conditions as determined by the State Properties Commission to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 33.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such lease, including the execution of all necessary documents.

SECTION 34.

That the authorization to lease the above-described property shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 35.

That the lease documents shall be recorded by the Lessee in the Superior Court of Floyd County, Georgia and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 36.

That the above-described real property shall remain in the custody of the Georgia Department of Education during the term of the lease.

ARTICLE VII

SECTION 37.

The State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described property located in Floyd County, containing 37.99 acres, and that in all matters relating to the leasing of the property the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 38.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through the State Properties Commission, is authorized to lease 30.5 acres located on the above-described property to Floyd County Schools for a term of 10 years with an option to renew for another 10 years for the consideration of $10.00 annually; and such further terms and conditions as determined by the State Properties Commission as to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 39.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such lease, including the execution of all necessary documents.

SECTION 40.

That the authorization to lease the above-described property shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 41.

That the lease shall be recorded by the Lessee in the Superior Court of Floyd County, Georgia and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 42.

That the above-described real property shall remain in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia during the term of the lease.

ARTICLE VIII

SECTION 43.

The State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described property located in McDuffie County, containing 1.5 acres, and that in all matters relating to the exchange of said real property the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 44.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through the State Properties Commission, is authorized to convey by appropriate instrument the above-described property for public purpose use in perpetuity to McDuffie County, Georgia in exchange for conveyance by McDuffie County, Georgia of a 6.0-acre vacant tract and the payment of $19,000.00 to the State of Georgia; and such further terms and conditions as determined by the State Properties Commission to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 45.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such conveyance, including the execution of all necessary documents.

SECTION 46.

That the authorization to convey the above-described property shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 47.

That the deed or deeds and plat or plats of the conveyance shall be recorded by the Grantee in the Superior Court of McDuffie County, Georgia and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 48.

That the above-described real property shall remain in the custody of the Georgia Forestry Commission until the property is conveyed.

ARTICLE IX

SECTION 49.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the above described real property located in McIntosh County, containing 1,888.1 acres, and that in all matters relating to the leasing of real property, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 50.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, is authorized to lease approximately 231 square feet of the above-described real property to the United States Postal Service for use as a mail delivery center for residents of Sapelo Island for a term of five years commencing on July 1, 2027 and the payment of rent of $10.00 annually and reimbursement to the Department of Natural Resources of $2,240.00 annually for expenses with one, five-year option to renew said lease for the payment of rent of $10.00 annually and reimbursement to the Department of Natural Resources of $2,350.00 annually for expenses; and such further terms and conditions as determined by the State Properties Commission to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 51.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such lease, including the execution of all necessary documents.

SECTION 52.
That the lease of the above-described real property shall be recorded by the Lessee in the Superior Court of McIntosh County and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 53.
That the authorization to lease the above described real property shall expire three years after the date this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 54.
That the above-described real property shall remain in the custody of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources during the term of the lease.

ARTICLE X
SECTION 55.

The State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described property located in Polk County, containing approximately 3.057 acres, and that in all matters relating to the conveyance of said real property the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 56.
That the State of Georgia, acting by and through the State Properties Commission, is authorized to convey the above-described property to the City of Cedartown for a consideration of $10.00 so long as the property is used for public purpose in perpetuity; and for such further terms and conditions as determined by the State Properties Commission to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 57.
That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such conveyance, including the execution of all necessary documents.

SECTION 58.
That the authorization to convey the above-described property shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 59.
That the deed or deeds and plat or plats of the conveyance shall be recorded by the Grantee in the Superior Court of Polk County, Georgia and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 60.

That the above-described real property shall remain in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia until the property is conveyed.

ARTICLE XI

SECTION 61.

The State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described property located in Richmond County, containing 104.24 acres, and that in all matters relating to the leasing of the property the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 62.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through the State Properties Commission, is authorized to lease 7,547 square feet, known as 3013 Hillcrest Circle and 3004 Hillcrest Drive, of the above-described property to Anthony Wayne Rehabilitation Center for Handicapped and Blind, Inc. for one year with two one-year renewals for the consideration of $10.00 annually and the requirement to operate as specialized transitional community residential alternative homes for people with developmental disabilities for the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, and such further terms and conditions as determined by the State Properties Commission as to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 63.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such lease, including the execution of all necessary documents.

SECTION 64.

That the authorization to lease the above-described property shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 65.

That the lease shall be recorded by the Lessee in the Superior Court of Richmond County, Georgia and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 66.

That the above-described real property shall remain in the custody of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities during the term of the lease.

ARTICLE XII

SECTION 67.

The State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described property located in Troup County, containing 81.086 acres, and that in all matters relating to the leasing of the property the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 68.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through the State Properties Commission, is authorized to lease 50,377 square feet of Building G located on the above-described property to Troup County School System for five years with one five-year renewal option for the consideration of $10.00 annually; and such further terms and conditions as determined by the State Properties Commission as to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 69.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such lease, including the execution of all necessary documents.

SECTION 70.

That the authorization to lease the above-described property shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 71.

That the lease shall be recorded by the Lessee in the Superior Court of Troup County, Georgia and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 72.

That the above-described real property shall remain in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia during the term of the lease.

ARTICLE XIII

SECTION 73.

That this resolution shall become effective as law upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 74.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Greene of the 154th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HR 1050.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	E Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Davis	E Holcomb	Y Miller	Scott
E Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
E Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	E Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	E Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Werkheiser
E Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	E Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	E Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 156, nays 0.

The motion prevailed.

HR 1051. By Representatives Greene of the 154th, Dunahoo of the 31st, Beckles of the 96th, Buckner of the 137th and Flournoy of the 74th:

A RESOLUTION authorizing the granting of non-exclusive easements for the construction, operation and maintenance of facilities, utilities, roads, and ingress and egress in, on, over, under, upon, across, or through property owned by the State of Georgia in Baldwin, Bartow, Bulloch, Camden, Catoosa, Chattooga, Clayton, Colquitt, DeKalb, Emanuel, Glynn, Habersham, Hall, Laurens, McDuffie, Morgan, Oconee, Paulding, Peach, Talbot, Tift, and Walton Counties, Georgia and Hamilton County, Tennessee; to provide for

related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A RESOLUTION

Authorizing the granting of non-exclusive easements for the construction, operation and maintenance of facilities, utilities, roads, and ingress and egress in, on, over, under, upon, across, or through property owned by the State of Georgia in Baldwin, Bartow, Bulloch, Camden, Catoosa, Chatham, Chattooga, Clayton, Colquitt, DeKalb, Emanuel, Glynn, Habersham, Hall, Laurens, Long, McDuffie, Morgan, Muscogee, Oconee, Paulding, Peach, Talbot, Tift, and Walton Counties, Georgia and Hamilton County, Tennessee; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is the owner of certain real property located in Baldwin, Bartow, Bulloch, Camden, Catoosa, Chatham, Chattooga, Clayton, Colquitt, DeKalb, Emanuel, Glynn, Habersham, Hall, Laurens, Long, McDuffie, Morgan, Muscogee, Oconee, Paulding, Peach, Talbot, Tift, and Walton Counties, Georgia and Hamilton County, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, AT&T Enterprises, LLC, Atlantic Waste Services, City of Kingsland, City of Moultrie, City of Summerville, Chatham County, Georgia, Excelsior Electric Membership Corporation, Flint Electric Membership Corporation, HIC Altama, LLC, Jefferson Energy Cooperative, Little Ocmulgee Electric Membership Cooperative, Marathon Realty Corp., Georgia Department of Transportation, Georgia Power Company, Southern Natural Gas Company, Tennessee Department of Transportation, Timberlands II, LLC, and Walton Electric Membership Corporation desire to operate and maintain facilities, utilities, and ingress and egress in, on, over, under, upon, across, or through a portion of said property; and

WHEREAS, these non-exclusive easements, facilities, utilities, roads, and ingress and egress in, on, over, under, upon, across, or through the above-described state property have been requested or approved by the Department of Agriculture, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Department of Corrections, Department of Driver Services, Department of Economic Development, Department of Education, Department of Juvenile Justice, Department of Natural Resources, State Properties Commission and Technical College System of Georgia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

ARTICLE I

SECTION 1.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Baldwin County, Georgia, and is commonly known as Central State Hospital, and the property is in the custody of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities which, by official action dated October 23, 2025, does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 2.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Southern Natural Gas Company, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground natural gas distribution lines and associated equipment for its natural gas line expansion project. Said easement area is located in Baldwin County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 3.1 acres, lying and being in Land Lots 265 and 270, 5th Land District, City of Milledgeville, Baldwin County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on an engineer drawing furnished by Southern Natural Gas Company, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 3.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the purpose of the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground natural gas distribution lines and associated equipment.

SECTION 4.

That Southern Natural Gas Company shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground natural gas distribution lines and associated equipment.

SECTION 5.

That, after Southern Natural Gas Company has put into use the underground natural gas distribution lines and associated equipment this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Southern Natural Gas Company, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the underground natural gas distribution lines and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 6.

That no title shall be conveyed to Southern Natural Gas Company and, except as herein specifically granted to Southern Natural Gas Company, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Southern Natural Gas Company.

SECTION 7.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and Southern Natural Gas Company shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Southern Natural Gas Company provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Southern Natural Gas Company or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 8.

That the easement granted to Southern Natural Gas Company shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 9.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Southern Natural Gas Company shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 10.

That the consideration for such easement shall be for fair market value not less than $650.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 11.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Southern Natural Gas Company in the Superior Court of Baldwin County, and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 12.

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to Southern Natural Gas Company shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 13.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE II

SECTION 14.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Bartow County, Georgia, and is commonly known as the Western and Atlantic Railroad, and the property is in the custody of the State Properties Commission which, does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 15.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to the Georgia Department of Transportation, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a road improvement project over the Western and Atlantic Railroad (PI0013238). Said easement area is located in Bartow County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 0.6 of an acre, lying and being in the 5th Land District, Bartow County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on a right of way plan furnished by the Georgia Department of Transportation, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 16.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a road improvement project.

SECTION 17.

Georgia Department of Transportation shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the proper construction, operation, and maintenance of a road improvement project.

SECTION 18.

That, after the Georgia Department of Transportation has put into use the construction, operation, and maintenance of a road improvement project this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, the Georgia Department of Transportation, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the road shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 19.

That no title shall be conveyed to the Georgia Department of Transportation and, except as herein specifically granted to the Georgia Department of Transportation, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to the Georgia Department of Transportation.

SECTION 20.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and the Georgia Department of Transportation shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, the Georgia Department of Transportation provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from the Georgia Department of Transportation or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 21.

That the easement granted to the Georgia Department of Transportation shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 22.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Georgia Department of Transportation shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 23.

That, the consideration for such easement shall be for $23,700.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 24.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by the Georgia Department of Transportation in the Superior Court of Bartow County, and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 25.

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to the Georgia Department of Transportation shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 26.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE III

SECTION 27.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Bulloch County, Georgia, and is commonly known as Ogeechee Technical College, and the property is in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia which, by official action dated September 4, 2025, does not object to the granting of an

easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 28.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Excelsior Electric Membership Corporation, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment to serve the ISIR Training Center (TCSG-400). Said easement area is located in Bulloch County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 0.214 of an acre, lying and being in the 1209th G.M. District, City of Statesboro, Bulloch County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on an aerial furnished by Excelsior Electric Membership Corporation, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 29.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the purpose of the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment.

SECTION 30.

That Excelsior Electric Membership Corporation shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment.

SECTION 31.

That, after Excelsior Electric Membership Corporation has put into use the underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Excelsior Electric Membership Corporation, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 32.

That no title shall be conveyed to Excelsior Electric Membership Corporation and, except as herein specifically granted to Excelsior Electric Membership Corporation, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which

may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted Excelsior Electric Membership Corporation.

SECTION 33.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and Excelsior Electric Membership Corporation shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Excelsior Electric Membership Corporation provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Excelsior Electric Membership Corporation or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 34.

That the easement granted to Excelsior Electric Membership Corporation shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 35.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Excelsior Electric Membership Corporation shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 36.

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be $10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 37.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Excelsior Electric Membership Corporation in the Superior Court of Bulloch County, and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 38.

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to Excelsior Electric Membership Corporation shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 39.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE IV

SECTION 40.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Camden County, Georgia, and is commonly known as Coastal Pines Technical College, and the property is in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia which, by official action dated April 3, 2025, does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 41.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to the City of Kingsland, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement for the construction, operation and maintenance of a road improvement project (PI0015396). Said easement area is located in Camden County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 0.15 of an acre, lying and being in 1606th G.M.D., City of Kingsland, Camden County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on right of way plans furnished by the City of Kingsland, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 42.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the purpose of the construction, operation, and maintenance of a road improvement project.

SECTION 43.

That the City of Kingsland shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a road improvement project.

SECTION 44.

That, after the City of Kingsland has put into use the road improvement this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, the City of Kingsland, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the road improvement shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 45.

That no title shall be conveyed to the City of Kingsland and, except as herein specifically granted to the City of Kingsland, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted the City of Kingsland.

SECTION 46.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and the City of Kingsland shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, City of Kingsland provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from the City of Kingsland or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 47.

That the easement granted to the City of Kingsland shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to

use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 48.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. The City of Kingsland shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 49.

That the consideration for such easement shall be for $4,000.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 50.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by the City of Kingsland in the Superior Court of Camden County, and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 51.

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to the City of Kingsland shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 52.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE V

SECTION 53.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Catoosa County, Georgia, and is commonly known as Georgia Northwestern Technical College, and the property is in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia which, by official action dated March 5, 2024, does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 54.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Marathon Realty Corp., or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement

for the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of a slope. Said easement area is located in Catoosa County, and is more particularly described as follows:
That approximately 0.46 of an acre, lying and being in Land Lot 224, 28th Land District, 3rd Section, City of Ringgold, Catoosa County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on an aerial furnished by Marathon Realty Corp., and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 55.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of a slope.

SECTION 56.

That Marathon Realty Corp. shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of a slope.

SECTION 57.

That, after Marathon Realty Corp. has put into use the slope this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Marathon Realty Corp., or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the slope shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 58.

That no title shall be conveyed to Marathon Realty Corp. and, except as herein specifically granted to Marathon Realty Corp., all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Marathon Realty Corp.

SECTION 59.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and Marathon Realty Corp. shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole

cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Marathon Realty Corp. provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Marathon Realty Corp. or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 60.

That the easement granted to Marathon Realty Corp. shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 61.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Marathon Realty Corp. shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 62.

That the consideration for such easement shall be for fair market value not less than $650.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 63.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by the Marathon Realty Corp. in the Superior Court of Catoosa County, and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 64.

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to the Marathon Realty Corp. shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 65.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE VI

SECTION 66.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Chatham County, Georgia, and is commonly known as the Wormsloe Historic Site, and the property is in the custody of the Department of Natural Resources which, by official action dated March 26, 2024, does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 67.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Chatham County, Georgia, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of stormwater drainage improvements including an outlet pipe and drainage ditch at the Wormsloe Historic Site. Said easement area is located in Chatham County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 0.5 of an acre, lying and being in Land Lots 113, 114, 115, 116, and 117, City of Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on an aerial drawing furnished by Chatham County, Georgia, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 68.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the purpose of the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of stormwater drainage improvements including an outlet pipe and drainage ditch.

SECTION 69.

That Chatham County, Georgia shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of stormwater drainage improvements including an outlet pipe and drainage ditch.

SECTION 70.

That, after Chatham County, Georgia has put into use the stormwater drainage improvements including an outlet pipe and drainage ditch this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Chatham County, Georgia, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the stormwater drainage improvements including an

outlet pipe and drainage ditch shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 71.

That no title shall be conveyed to Chatham County, Georgia and, except as herein specifically granted to Chatham County, Georgia, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Chatham County, Georgia.

SECTION 72.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and Chatham County, Georgia shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Chatham County, Georgia provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Chatham County, Georgia or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 73.

That the easement granted to Chatham County, Georgia shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 74.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Chatham County, Georgia shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 75.

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be $10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 76.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Chatham County, Georgia in the Superior Court of Chatham County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 77.

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to Chatham County, Georgia shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 78.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE VII

SECTION 79.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Chattooga County, Georgia, and is commonly known as Hays State Prison, and the property is in the custody of the Department of Corrections which, by official action dated November 4, 2025, does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 80.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to the City of Summerville, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of an underground natural gas line and associated equipment to serve the ModCorr addition to Hays State Prison. Said easement area is located in Chattooga County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 1.0 acre, lying and being in the Land Lots 96, 97, 98, and 120, 6th District, 4th Section, City of Summerville, Chattooga County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on an engineer drawing furnished by the City of Summerville, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 81.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the purpose of the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of an underground natural gas line and associated equipment.

SECTION 82.

That the City of Summerville shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of an underground natural gas line and associated equipment.

SECTION 83.

That, after the City of Summerville has put into use the underground natural gas line and associated equipment this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, the City of Summerville, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the underground natural gas line and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 84.

That no title shall be conveyed to the City of Summerville and, except as herein specifically granted to the City of Summerville, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted the City of Summerville.

SECTION 85.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and City of Summerville shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, City of Summerville provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from City of Summerville or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-

exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 86.

That the easement granted City of Summerville shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 87.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. City of Summerville shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 88.

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be $10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 89.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by City of Summerville in the Superior Court of Chattooga County, and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 90.

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to the City of Summerville shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 91.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE VIII

SECTION 92.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Clayton County, Georgia, and is commonly known as the Atlanta Farmers Market, and the property is in the custody of the Department of Agriculture which, by official action dated November 6, 2025, does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters

relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 93.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement for the removal and relocation of electrical infrastructures for the Atlanta Farmers Market utility upgrade and repair project. Said easement area is located in Clayton County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 1.6 acres, lying and being in Land Lots 52 and 53, 13th Land District, City of Forest Park, Clayton County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on an engineer drawing furnished by Georgia Power Company, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 94.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the removal and relocation of electrical infrastructures.

SECTION 95.

That Georgia Power Company shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the removal and relocation of electrical infrastructures.

SECTION 96.

That, after Georgia Power Company has put into use the electrical infrastructures this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their equipment from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the electrical infrastructures shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 97.

That no title shall be conveyed to the Georgia Power Company and, except as herein specifically granted to the Georgia Power Company, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Georgia Power Company.

SECTION 98.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and Georgia Power Company shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Georgia Power Company provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Georgia Power Company or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 99.

That the easement granted to Georgia Power Company shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 100.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Georgia Power Company shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 101.

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be $10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 102.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Georgia Power Company in the Superior Court of Clayton County, and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 103.

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to Georgia Power Company shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 104.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE IX

SECTION 105.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Colquitt County, Georgia, and is commonly known as Southern Regional Technical College, and the property is in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia which, by official action dated June 6, 2024, does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 106.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to the City of Moultrie, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground electrical and gas distribution lines and associated equipment to serve the campus expansion (DTAE-73). Said easement area is located in Colquitt County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 4.6 acres, lying and being in Land Lot 246, 8th Land District, City of Moultrie, Colquitt County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on an engineer drawing furnished by the City of Moultrie, Georgia, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 107.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground electrical and gas distribution lines and associated equipment.

SECTION 108.

That the City of Moultrie shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the proper construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground electrical and gas distribution lines and associated equipment.

SECTION 109.

That, after the City of Moultrie has put into use the underground electrical and gas distribution lines and associated equipment this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, the City of Moultrie, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the underground electrical and gas distribution lines and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 110.

That no title shall be conveyed to the City of Moultrie and, except as herein specifically granted to the City of Moultrie, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to the City of Moultrie.

SECTION 111.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and the City of Moultrie shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, the City of Moultrie provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from the City of Moultrie or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 112.

That the easement granted to the City of Moultrie shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 113.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. City of Moultrie, Georgia shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 114.

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be $10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 115.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by the City of Moultrie in the Superior Court of Colquitt County, and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 116.

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to the City of Moultrie shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 117.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE X

SECTION 118.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in DeKalb County, Georgia, and is commonly known as Georgia Piedmont Technical College, and the property is in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia which, by official action dated June 5, 2025, does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 119.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to the Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of two transformers, underground and overhead electrical distribution lines and associated equipment to serve the new commercial truck driving facility (TCSG-380). Said easement area is located in DeKalb County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 1.4 acres, lying and being in Land Lot 134, 16th Land District, City of Lithonia, DeKalb County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on a survey furnished by Georgia Power Company, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 120.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of two transformers, underground and overhead electrical distribution lines and associated equipment.

SECTION 121.

That Georgia Power Company shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of two transformers, underground and overhead electrical distribution lines and associated equipment.

SECTION 122.

That, after Georgia Power Company has put into use the transformers, underground and overhead electrical distribution lines and associated equipment this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their equipment from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the transformers, underground and overhead electrical distribution lines and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 123.

That no title shall be conveyed to Georgia Power Company and, except as herein specifically granted to Georgia Power Company, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Georgia Power Company.

SECTION 124.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in

its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and Georgia Power Company shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Georgia Power Company provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Georgia Power Company or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 125.

That the easement granted to Georgia Power Company shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 126.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Georgia Power Company shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 127.

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be $10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 128.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Georgia Power Company in the Superior Court of DeKalb County, and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 129.

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to Georgia Power Company shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 130.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE XI

SECTION 131.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Emanuel County, Georgia, and is commonly known as George L. Smith State Park, and the property is in the custody of the Department of Natural Resources which, by official action dated September 23, 2025, does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 132.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Excelsior Electric Membership Corporation or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of an underground distribution line and associated equipment to serve the new campground. Said easement area is located in Emanuel County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 0.5 of an acre, lying and being in 1560th G.M. Land District, Emanuel County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on an engineer drawing furnished by Excelsior Electric Membership Corporation, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 133.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the purpose of the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of an underground distribution line and associated equipment.

SECTION 134.

That the Excelsior Electric Membership Corporation shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of an underground distribution line and associated equipment.

SECTION 135.

That, after Excelsior Electric Membership Corporation has put into use the underground distribution line and associated equipment this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted

herein. Upon abandonment, Excelsior Electric Membership Corporation, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing the underground distribution line and associated equipment from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the underground distribution line and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 136.

That no title shall be conveyed to Excelsior Electric Membership Corporation and, except as herein specifically granted to Excelsior Electric Membership Corporation, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted Excelsior Electric Membership Corporation.

SECTION 137.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and Excelsior Electric Membership Corporation shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Excelsior Electric Membership Corporation provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Excelsior Electric Membership Corporation or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense or reimbursement from Excelsior Electric Membership Corporation.

SECTION 138.

That the easement granted to Excelsior Electric Membership Corporation shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 139.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway

system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Excelsior Electric Membership Corporation shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 140.

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be $10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 141.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Excelsior Electric Membership Corporation in the Superior Court of Emanuel County, and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 142.

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to Excelsior Electric Membership Corporation shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 143.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE XII

SECTION 144.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Glynn County, Georgia, and is commonly known as the Altama Plantation Wildlife Management Area, and the property is in the custody of the Department of Natural Resources which, by official action dated January 9, 2026 and in order to resolve a hydrological dispute, does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 145.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to HIC Altama, LLC, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement for the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of stormwater conveyance infrastructure and outfalls. Said easement area is located in Glynn County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 2.5 acres, lying and being in the 1356TH G.M. District, Glynn County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on a preliminary survey furnished by HIC Altama,

LLC, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 146.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the purpose of the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of stormwater conveyance infrastructure and outfalls. HIC Altama, LLC shall take all reasonable measures to minimize and avoid harm to wildlife from land-disturbing activities in the easement area, including conducting surveys to identify and, as necessary, relocating any gopher tortoises that may be impacted by such land-disturbing activities.

SECTION 147.

That HIC Altama, LLC shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of stormwater conveyance infrastructure and outfalls.

SECTION 148.

That, after HIC Altama, LLC has put into use the stormwater conveyance infrastructure and outfalls this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, HIC Altama, LLC, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the stormwater conveyance infrastructure and outfalls shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 149.

That no title shall be conveyed to HIC Altama, LLC and, except as herein specifically granted to HIC Altama, LLC, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted HIC Altama, LLC.

SECTION 150.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and HIC Altama,

LLC shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, HIC Altama, LLC provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from HIC Altama, LLC or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 151.

That the easement granted to HIC Altama, LLC shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 152.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. HIC Altama, LLC shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 153.

That, to resolve a hydrological dispute, the consideration for such easement shall be $10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 154.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by HIC Altama, LLC in the Superior Court of Glynn County, and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 155.

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to HIC Altama, LLC shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 156.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE XIII

SECTION 157.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Habersham County, Georgia, and is commonly known as North Georgia Technical College, and the property is in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia which, by official action dated March 5, 2025, does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 158.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of a three-phase primary underground wire, one, three-phase padmount transformer, underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment to serve the Dr. Mark A. Ivester Center for Living and Learning (TCSG-377). Said easement area is located in Habersham County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 0.24 of an acre, lying and being in Land Lots 83, 84, and 85, 11th Land District, City of Clarkesville, Habersham County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on an engineer drawing furnished by Georgia Power Company, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 159.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of a three-phase primary underground wire, one, three-phase padmount transformer, underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment.

SECTION 160.

That Georgia Power Company shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of a three-phase primary underground wire, one, three-phase padmount transformer, underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment.

SECTION 161.

That, after Georgia Power Company has put into use the underground wire, transformer, underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Georgia Power Company, or its successors

and assigns, shall have the option of removing their equipment from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event underground wire, transformer, underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 162.

That no title shall be conveyed to Georgia Power Company and, except as herein specifically granted to Georgia Power Company, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Georgia Power Company.

SECTION 163.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and Georgia Power Company shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Georgia Power Company provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Georgia Power Company or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 164.

That the easement granted to Georgia Power Company shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 165.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Georgia Power Company shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful

use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 166.

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be $10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 167.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Georgia Power Company in the Superior Court of Habersham County, and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 168.

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to Georgia Power Company shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 169.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE XIV

SECTION 170.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Hall County, Georgia, and is commonly known as Lanier Technical College, and the property is in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia which, by official action dated February 6, 2025, does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 171.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement for the relocation of a transformer, terminating cabinet, electrical distribution lines and associated equipment for a new roundabout project. Said easement area is located in Hall County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 1.6 acres, lying and being in 411th G.M. District, City of Gainesville, Hall County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on an engineer drawing furnished by Georgia Power Company, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 172.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the relocation of a transformer, terminating cabinet, electrical distribution lines and associated equipment.

SECTION 173.

That Georgia Power Company shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the relocation of a transformer, terminating cabinet, electrical distribution lines and associated equipment.

SECTION 174.

That, after Georgia Power Company has put into use the transformer, terminating cabinet, electrical distribution lines and associated equipment this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their equipment from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the transformer, terminating cabinet, electrical distribution lines and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 175.

That no title shall be conveyed to Georgia Power Company and, except as herein specifically granted to Georgia Power Company, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Georgia Power Company.

SECTION 176.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and Georgia Power Company shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Georgia Power Company provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Georgia Power Company or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially

equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 177.

That the easement granted to Georgia Power Company shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 178.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Georgia Power Company shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 179.

That the consideration for such easement shall be for fair market value not less than $650.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 180.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Georgia Power Company in the Superior Court of Hall County, and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 181.

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above described easement to Georgia Power Company shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 182.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE XV

SECTION 183.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Laurens County, Georgia, and is commonly known as Oconee Fall Line Technical College, and the property is in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia

which, by official action dated May 1, 2025, does not object to the granting of an easement and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 184.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Little Ocmulgee Electric Membership Cooperative, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment to serve the renovation of the Stewart Building (TCSG-404). Said easement area is located in Laurens County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 4.36 acres, lying and being in the Land Lot 68, 1st Land District, City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on an aerial furnished by Ocmulgee Electric Membership Cooperative, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 185.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the purpose of the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment.

SECTION 186.

That Little Ocmulgee Electric Membership Cooperative shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment.

SECTION 187.

That, after Little Ocmulgee Electric Membership Cooperative has put into use the underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Little Ocmulgee Electric Membership Cooperative, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 188.

That no title shall be conveyed to Little Ocmulgee Electric Membership Cooperative and, except as herein specifically granted to Little Ocmulgee Electric Membership Cooperative,

all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted Little Ocmulgee Electric Membership Cooperative.

SECTION 189.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and Little Ocmulgee Electric Membership Cooperative shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Little Ocmulgee Electric Membership Cooperative provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Little Ocmulgee Electric Membership Cooperative or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 190.

That the easement granted to Little Ocmulgee Electric Membership Cooperative shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 191.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Little Ocmulgee Electric Membership Cooperative shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 192.

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be $10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 193.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Little Ocmulgee Electric Membership Cooperative in the Superior Court of Laurens County, and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 194.

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above described easement to Little Ocmulgee Electric Membership Cooperative shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 195.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE XVI

SECTION 196.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Long County, Georgia, and is commonly known as Long State Prison, and the property is in the custody of the Department of Corrections which, by official action dated February 3, 2026, does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 197.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Atlantic Waste Services, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of a paved driveway for ingress and egress access to the Long County Development Authority's property where the waste management facility is located. Said easement area is located in Long County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 0.40 of an acre, lying and being in 24th G.M.D, City of Ludowici, Long County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on an engineer drawing furnished by Atlantic Waste Services, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 198.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the purpose of the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of a paved driveway for ingress and egress access.

SECTION 199.

That Atlantic Waste Services shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of a paved driveway for ingress and egress access.

SECTION 200.

That, after Atlantic Waste Services has put into use the paved driveway for ingress and egress access this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Atlantic Waste Services, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the paved driveway for ingress and egress access shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 201.

That no title shall be conveyed to Atlantic Waste Services and, except as herein specifically granted to Atlantic Waste Services, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Atlantic Waste Services.

SECTION 202.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and Atlantic Waste Services shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Atlantic Waste Services provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Atlantic Waste Services or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent

non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 203.

That the easement granted to Atlantic Waste Services shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 204.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Atlantic Waste Services shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 205.

That the consideration for such easement shall be for fair market value not less than $650.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 206.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Atlantic Waste Services in the Superior Court of Long County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 207.

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to Atlantic Waste Services shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 208.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE XVII

SECTION 209.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in McDuffie County, Georgia, and is commonly known as the McDuffie Public Fishing Area, and the property is in the custody of the Department of Natural Resources which, by official action dated August 26, 2025, does not object to the granting of an

easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 210.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Jefferson Energy Cooperative, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment to serve a new maintenance facility. Said easement area is located in McDuffie County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 0.52 of an acre, lying and being in the 133rd Land District, City of Dearing, McDuffie County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on an aerial furnished by Jefferson Energy Cooperative, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 211.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the purpose of the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment.

SECTION 212.

That Jefferson Energy Cooperative shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment.

SECTION 213.

That, after Jefferson Energy Cooperative has put into use the underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Jefferson Energy Cooperative, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 214.

That no title shall be conveyed to Jefferson Energy Cooperative and, except as herein specifically granted to Jefferson Energy Cooperative, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said

easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted Jefferson Energy Cooperative.

SECTION 215.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and Jefferson Energy Cooperative shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Jefferson Energy Cooperative provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Jefferson Energy Cooperative or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 216.

That the easement granted to Jefferson Energy Cooperative shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 217.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Jefferson Energy Cooperative shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 218.

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be $10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 219.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Jefferson Energy Cooperative in the Superior Court of McDuffie County, and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 220.

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to Jefferson Energy Cooperative shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 221.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE XVIII

SECTION 222.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Morgan and Walton Counties, Georgia, and is commonly known as Rivian Project Site, and the property is in the custody of the Department of Economic Development which, by official action dated November 19, 2025, does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 223.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to AT&T Enterprises, LLC, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement for the construction, installation, operation, maintenance, and relocation of communication lines and associated equipment to serve the Rivian Project Site. Said easement area is located in Morgan and Walton Counties, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 3.0 acres, lying and being in Land Lots 1-3, 14-16, and 30-34, 19th and 20th Land District, 282nd G.M. District, City of Social Circle, Morgan County, and Land Lots 44, 73-76, 101-102, and 106, 1st Land District, 418th G.M. District, City of Social Circle, Walton County, Georgia and that portion only as shown on an engineer drawing furnished by AT&T Enterprises, LLC, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 224.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the purpose of the construction, installation, operation, maintenance, and relocation of communication lines and associated equipment.

SECTION 225.

That AT&T Enterprises, LLC shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the construction, installation, operation, maintenance, and relocation of communication lines and associated equipment.

SECTION 226.

That, after AT&T Enterprises, LLC has put into use the communication lines and associated equipment this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, AT&T Enterprises, LLC, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the communication lines and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 227.

That no title shall be conveyed to AT&T Enterprises, LLC and, except as herein specifically granted to AT&T Enterprises, LLC, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted AT&T Enterprises, LLC.

SECTION 228.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and AT&T Enterprises, LLC shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, AT&T Enterprises, LLC provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from AT&T Enterprises, LLC or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 229.

That the easement granted to AT&T Enterprises, LLC shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 230.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. AT&T Enterprises, LLC shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 231.

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be $10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 232.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by AT&T Enterprises, LLC in the Superior Court of Morgan and Walton Counties, and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 233.

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to AT&T Enterprises, LLC shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 234.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE XIX

SECTION 235.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Muscogee County, Georgia, and is commonly known as the Muscogee Youth Detention Center, and the property is in the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice which, by official action dated February 2, 2026, does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 236.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Flint Electric Membership Corporation, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of an underground electrical transmission line, broadband fiber cable and associated equipment for the new Muscogee Youth Detention Center. Said easement area is located in Muscogee County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 0.07 of an acre, lying and being in Land Lot 92, 9th District, City of Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on an engineer drawing furnished by Flint Electric Membership Corporation, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 237.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the purpose of the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of an underground electrical transmission line, broadband fiber cable and associated equipment.

SECTION 238.

That Flint Electric Membership Corporation shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of an underground electrical transmission line, broadband fiber cable and associated equipment.

SECTION 239.

That, after Flint Electric Membership Corporation has put into use the underground electrical transmission line, broadband fiber cable and associated equipment this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Flint Electric Membership Corporation, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the underground electrical transmission line, broadband fiber cable and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 240.

That no title shall be conveyed to Flint Electric Membership Corporation and, except as herein specifically granted to Flint Electric Membership Corporation, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Flint Electric Membership Corporation.

SECTION 241.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and Flint Electric Membership Corporation shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Flint Electric Membership Corporation provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Flint Electric Membership Corporation or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 242.

That the easement granted to Flint Electric Membership Corporation shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 243.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Flint Electric Membership Corporation shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 244.

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be $10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 245.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Flint Electric Membership Corporation in the Superior Court of Muscogee County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 246.

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to Flint Electric Membership Corporation shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 247.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE XX

SECTION 248.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Oconee County, Georgia, and is commonly known as the new Department of Driver Services Customer Service Center, and the property is in the custody of the Department of Driver Services which, by official action dated November 5, 2025, does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 249.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Walton Electric Membership Corporation, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment to serve a new customer service center facility. Said easement area is located in Oconee County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 0.5 of an acre, lying and being in the 240th G.M. District, City of Bogart, Oconee County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on an engineer drawing furnished by Walton Electric Membership Corporation, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 250.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the purpose of the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment.

SECTION 251.

That Walton Electric Membership Corporation shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment.

SECTION 252.

That, after Walton Electric Membership Corporation has put into use the underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Walton Electric Membership Corporation, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 253.

That no title shall be conveyed to Walton Electric Membership Corporation and, except as herein specifically granted to Walton Electric Membership Corporation, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted Walton Electric Membership Corporation.

SECTION 254.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and Walton Electric Membership Corporation shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Walton Electric Membership Corporation provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Walton Electric Membership Corporation or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 255.

That the easement granted to Walton Electric Membership Corporation shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 256.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Walton Electric Membership Corporation shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 257.

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be $10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 258.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Walton Electric Membership Corporation in the Superior Court of Oconee County, and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 259.

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to Walton Electric Membership Corporation shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 260.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE XXI

SECTION 261.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Paulding County, Georgia, and is commonly known as Chattahoochee Technical College, and the property is in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia which, by official action dated September 4, 2025, does not object to the granting of an

easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 262.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to the Georgia Department of Transportation, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of the road widening and reconstruction of SR61 from south of CR467/Dallas Nebo Road to US 278/SR 120/Dallas Bypass project (PI0013702). Said easement area is located in Paulding County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 0.283 of an acre (consisting of 0.161 of an acre permanent easement and 0.122 of an acre temporary easement), lying and being in Land Lot 377, 2nd Land District, City of Dallas, Paulding County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on that right of way plan furnished by the Georgia Department of Transportation, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 263.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the purpose of the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of a road widening and reconstruction project.

SECTION 264.

That the Georgia Department of Transportation shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of a road widening and reconstruction project.

SECTION 265.

That, after the Georgia Department of Transportation has put into use the road widening and reconstruction project this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, the Georgia Department of Transportation, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the road widening and reconstruction project shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 266.

That no title shall be conveyed to the Georgia Department of Transportation and, except as herein specifically granted to the Georgia Department of Transportation, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may

make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to the Georgia Department of Transportation.

SECTION 267.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and the Georgia Department of Transportation shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, the Georgia Department of Transportation provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from the Georgia Department of Transportation or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 268.

That the easement granted to the Georgia Department of Transportation shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 269.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. the Georgia Department of Transportation shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 270.

That the consideration for such easement shall be $83,700.00 ($48,300.00 for permanent easement, $24,400.00 for temporary easement, and $11,000.00 for site improvements) and

such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 271.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by the Georgia Department of Transportation in the Superior Court of Paulding County, and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 272.

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to the Georgia Department of Transportation shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 273.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE XXII

SECTION 274.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Peach County, Georgia, and is commonly known as Camp John Hope, and the property is in the custody of the Department of Education which, by official action dated February 25, 2025, does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 275.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Flint Electric Membership Corporation, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of overhead electrical distribution lines and associated equipment for a relocation project for infrastructure improvements to maintain reliability at the camp. Said easement area is located in Peach County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 0.2 of an acre, lying and being in Land Lots 161 and 162, 9th Land District, City of Fort Valley, Peach County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on an engineer drawing furnished by Flint Electric Membership Corporation, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 276.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the purpose of the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of the overhead electrical distribution lines and associated equipment.

SECTION 277.

That Flint Electric Membership Corporation shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of the overhead electrical distribution lines and associated equipment.

SECTION 278.

That, after Flint Electric Membership Corporation has put into use the overhead electrical distribution lines and associated equipment this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Flint Electric Membership Corporation, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the overhead electrical distribution lines and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 279.

That no title shall be conveyed to Flint Electric Membership Corporation and, except as herein specifically granted to Flint Electric Membership Corporation, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted Flint Electric Membership Corporation.

SECTION 280.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and Flint Electric Membership Corporation shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Flint Electric Membership Corporation provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Flint Electric Membership Corporation or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole

discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 281.

That the easement granted to Flint Electric Membership Corporation shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 282.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Flint Electric Membership Corporation shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 283.

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be $10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 284.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Flint Electric Membership Corporation in the Superior Court of Peach County, and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 285.

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to Flint Electric Membership Corporation shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 286.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE XXIII

SECTION 287.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Talbot County, Georgia, and is commonly known as Upatoi Ravines, and the property is in the custody of the Department of Natural Resources which, by official action dated June 24, 2025, does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 288.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Timberlands II, LLC, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement for ingress and egress access. Said easement area is located in Talbot County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 2.0 acres, lying and being in Land Lot 73, 17th Land District, City of Box Springs, Talbot County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on an engineer drawing furnished by Timberlands II, LLC, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 289.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the purpose of ingress and egress access.

SECTION 290.

That Timberlands II, LLC shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the ingress and egress access.

SECTION 291.

That, after Timberlands II, LLC has put into use the ingress and egress access this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Timberlands II, LLC, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the ingress and egress access shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 292.

That no title shall be conveyed to Timberlands II, LLC and, except as herein specifically granted to Timberlands II, LLC, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Timberlands II, LLC.

SECTION 293.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and Timberlands II, LLC shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Timberlands II, LLC provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Timberlands II, LLC or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 294.

That the easement granted to Timberlands II, LLC shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 295.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Timberlands II, LLC shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 296.

That the consideration for such easement shall be for $650.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 297.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Timberlands II, LLC in the Superior Court of Talbot County, and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 298.

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to Timberlands II, LLC shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 299.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE XXIV

SECTION 300.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Tift County, Georgia, and is commonly known as the Tifton Agricultural Laboratory, and the property is in the custody of the Department of Agriculture which, by official action dated November 6, 2025, does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 301.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement for the construction, installation, operation, maintenance, and relocation of a transformer, electrical distribution lines and associated equipment to ensure consistent and reliable power supply to the laboratory. Said easement area is located in Tift County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 0.17 of an acre, lying and being in Land Lot 356, 6th G.M. Land District, City of Tifton, Tift County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on an engineer drawing furnished by Georgia Power Company, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 302.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the construction, installation, operation, maintenance, and relocation of a transformer, electrical distribution lines and associated equipment.

SECTION 303.

That Georgia Power Company shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the construction, installation, operation, maintenance, and relocation of a transformer, electrical distribution lines and associated equipment.

SECTION 304.

That, after Georgia Power Company has put into use the transformer, electrical distribution lines and associated equipment this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the transformer, electrical distribution lines and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 305.

That no title shall be conveyed to Georgia Power Company and, except as herein specifically granted to Georgia Power Company, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Georgia Power Company.

SECTION 306.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and Georgia Power Company shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Georgia Power Company provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Georgia Power Company or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 307.

That the easement granted to Georgia Power Company shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 308.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Georgia Power Company shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 309.

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be $10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 310.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Georgia Power Company in the Superior Court of Tift County, and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 311.

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to the Georgia Power Company shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 312.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE XXV

SECTION 313.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Hamilton County, Tennessee, and is commonly known as the Western and Atlantic Railroad, and the property is in the custody of the State Properties Commission which, does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 314.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to the Tennessee Department of Transportation, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of various road improvement and safety projects, identified by the following project references PIN 129670.00, 133281.00 and 130545.00 over the Western and Atlantic Railroad. Said

easement area is located in Hamilton County, Tennessee and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 116 acres, lying and being in the City of Chattanooga, Hamilton County, Tennessee, and that portion only as shown on Right of Way survey furnished by the Tennessee Department of Transportation, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 315.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the purpose of the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of various road improvement projects over the Western and Atlantic Railroad.

SECTION 316.

That the Tennessee Department of Transportation shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of the road improvement projects.

SECTION 317.

That, after the Tennessee Department of Transportation has put into use the road improvements this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, the Tennessee Department of Transportation, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the road improvements shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 318.

That no title shall be conveyed to the Tennessee Department of Transportation and, except as herein specifically granted to the Tennessee Department of Transportation, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to the Tennessee Department of Transportation.

SECTION 319.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the

alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and the Tennessee Department of Transportation shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, the Tennessee Department of Transportation provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from the Tennessee Department of Transportation or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 320.

That the easement granted to the Tennessee Department of Transportation shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 321.

Tennessee Department of Transportation shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 322.

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be $10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 323.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Tennessee Department of Transportation in the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Tennessee, and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 324.

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to the Tennessee Department of Transportation shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 325.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE XXVI

SECTION 326.

That this resolution shall become effective as law upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 327.

That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this resolution are repealed.

Representative Greene of the 154th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HR 1051.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

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Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
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Y Blackmon	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Dunahoo	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	E Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
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Y Carpenter	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carson	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carter	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Chastain	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
E Cheokas	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Clark, D	Y Greene	Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis

Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 163, nays 0.

The motion prevailed.

By order of the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the Senate was withdrawn from the General Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Ways & Means:

SB 382. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Albers of the 56th, Walker III of the 20th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Hatchett of the 50th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to make the state-wide base year homestead exemption mandatory for all political subdivisions; to repeal a related tax bill requirement; to make conforming changes; to amend Article 2B of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special district option sales and use tax, so as to remove a condition precedent to the call for a referendum for such tax; to provide for effective dates and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 433. By Senators Strickland of the 42nd, Albers of the 56th, Bearden of the 30th, Echols of the 49th, Anderson of the 43rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prestige license plates and special plates for certain persons and vehicles, so as to provide for special license plates for persons with autism spectrum disorder or a developmental disability and for such person's spouse, parent, or legal guardian; to amend Chapter 8 of Chapter 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employment and training of peace officers, so as to provide for training regarding encounters with persons with autism spectrum disorder or a developmental disability; to provide for collaboration with the Department of Community Health and nonprofit organizations regarding such training; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
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Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 169, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 306. By Senator Robertson of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-7.4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to preferential assessment for bona fide conservation use property and bona fide residential transitional property, so as

to require notices of impending expiration to be sent via certified mail; to provide for the reinstatement of certain covenants and preferential assessments in certain limited circumstances; to provide for appeals and refunds; to prohibit additional fees or interest; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and withdrawn:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding ad valorem taxation of property, so as to revise the definition of bona fide conservation use property to include carbon sequestration; to require certified notices of impending expiration; to provide for the reinstatement of certain covenants and preferential assessments in certain limited circumstances; to provide for appeals and refunds; to prohibit additional fees or interest; to permit the combination of multiple covenants of a single owner into a single, new, ten-year covenant; to provide for exceptions; to provide for the change of forest land use assessment property to current use assessment property after a transfer of ownership; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding ad valorem taxation of property, is amended in Code Section 48-5-7.4, relating to preferential assessment for bona fide conservation use property and bona fide residential transitional property, by revising subparagraph (a)(1)(F) and subsection (d) and adding new subsections to read as follows:

"(F) The primary purpose described in this paragraph includes land conservation and ecological forest management in which commercial production of wood and wood fiber products may be undertaken primarily for conservation and restoration purposes rather than financial gain. Such property may, in addition, have as a secondary use carbon sequestration in accordance with the Georgia Carbon Sequestration Registry or a carbon sequestration program; or"

"(d) No property shall qualify for current use assessment under this Code section unless and until the owner of such property agrees by covenant with the appropriate taxing authority to maintain the eligible property in bona fide qualifying use for a period of ten years beginning on the first day of January of the year in which such property qualifies for such current use assessment and ending on the last day of December of the final year of the covenant period. After the owner has applied for and has been allowed current use assessment provided for in this Code section, it shall not be necessary to make application

thereafter for any year in which the covenant period is in effect and current use assessment shall continue to be allowed such owner as specified in this Code section. At least 60 days prior to the expiration date of the covenant, the county board of tax assessors shall send by first-class mail written notification of such impending expiration; provided, however, that the county board of tax assessors shall send such written notification by certified mail, if requested by the taxpayer. Additionally, the county board of tax assessors shall send an electronic copy of such notification to the taxpayer if the taxpayer has submitted a current email address and requested such electronic notification. Upon the expiration of any covenant period, the property shall not qualify for further current use assessment under this Code section unless and until the owner of the property has entered into a renewal covenant for an additional period of ten years; provided, however, that the owner may enter into a renewal contract in the ninth year of a covenant period so that the contract is continued without a lapse for an additional ten years.

(d.1)(1) This subsection shall apply in the case of any property:

(A) For which the covenant required under subsection (d) of this Code section expired during the two years immediately preceding July 1, 2025; and

(B) That, during the period after the expiration of the covenant required under subsection (d) of this Code section, continued to qualify for current use assessment under this Code section; and

(C) The owner of such property can demonstrate by sworn affidavit from the designated mail carrier that the mailbox was inoperable or unavailable at the time such notice of expiration should have been delivered.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, for a property that meets the requirements of paragraph (1) of this subsection the covenant required under subsection (d) of this Code section shall be deemed to be reinstated and the owner of the property shall only be liable for the taxes that would have been imposed if such covenant had not expired.

(3) Notwithstanding the procedures and requirements for appeals provided in this chapter to the contrary, the owner of any property that meets the requirements of paragraph (1) of this subsection may appeal the assessment of such property for the time period stated in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of this subsection. The county board of tax commissioners shall refund to the owner any amount of taxes paid in excess of such amount, and no other costs, fees, or interest shall be imposed on such owner in relation to such appeal."

"(e.1)(1) A single owner, as described in subparagraph (a)(1)(C) of this Code section, who has multiple parcels of bona fide conservation use property that are collectively subject to more than one valid covenant under this Code section may combine such covenants in whole under a single, new, ten-year covenant for bona fide conservation use without constituting a breach of any of the covenants, provided that all such property would be otherwise eligible to be placed under a renewal covenant under this Code section by the owner upon the natural expiration of the original covenant.

(2) The provisions of this subsection shall not be permitted or be construed to:

(A) Allow any portion of property held under a covenant to be removed from the covenant without being combined into the new covenant;

(B) Change any requirements for what constitutes qualified property; or

(C) Change any requirements for what constitutes qualifying use for purposes of this Code section.

(3) A single owner, as described in subparagraph (a)(1)(C) of this Code section, desiring to proceed with combining covenants pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection shall first file a real property tax return with the appropriate board of tax assessors on or before the deadline to file such return.

(4) Parcels on which delinquent taxes are owed shall not be eligible to be combined pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 48-5-7.7, relation to preferential assessment for forest land conservation use property, by revising subsection (f) as follows:

"(f)(1) A qualified owner shall not be authorized to make application for and receive conservation use assessment under this Code section for any property which at the time of such application is receiving preferential assessment under Code Section 48-5-7.1 or current use assessment under Code Section 48-5-7.4; provided, however, that, if any property is subject to a covenant under either of those Code sections, it may be changed from such covenant and placed under a covenant under this Code section if it is otherwise qualified. Any such change shall terminate the existing covenant and shall not constitute a breach thereof. No property may be changed more than once under this paragraph.

(2) Any property that is subject to a covenant under this Code section and subsequently fails to adhere to the qualifying purpose, as defined in paragraph (5) of subsection (b) of this Code section, may be changed from the covenant under this Code section and placed under a covenant provided for in Code Section 48-5-7.4 if the property otherwise qualifies under the provisions of that Code section. In such a case, the existing covenant under this Code section shall be terminated, and the change shall not constitute a breach thereof. No property may be changed more than once under this paragraph.

(3) A qualified owner under this Code section may obtain ownership of property receiving preferential assessment under Code Section 48-5-7.1 or current use assessment under Code Section 48-5-7.4 and have 180 days from the time ownership is acquired to change from such covenant and place under a covenant under this Code section if it is otherwise qualified and would not constitute a breach thereof even if the qualified owner does not qualify for the preferential assessment under Code Section 48-5-7.1 or current use assessment under Code Section 48-5-7.4."

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2027.

SECTION 4.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding ad valorem taxation of property, so as to revise the definition of bona fide conservation use property to include carbon sequestration; to require certified notices of impending expiration; to provide for the reinstatement of certain covenants and preferential assessments in certain limited circumstances; to provide for appeals and refunds; to prohibit additional fees or interest; to permit the combination of multiple covenants of a single owner into a single, new, ten-year covenant; to provide for exceptions; to provide for the change of forest land use assessment property to current use assessment property after a transfer of ownership; to amend Code Section 48-7-29.6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax credits for qualified low-income buildings, so as to provide for an annual aggregate cap; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.
Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding ad valorem taxation of property, is amended in Code Section 48-5-7.4, relating to preferential assessment for bona fide conservation use property and bona fide residential transitional property, by revising subparagraph (a)(1)(F) and subsection (d) and adding new subsections to read as follows:

"(F) The primary purpose described in this paragraph includes land conservation and ecological forest management in which commercial production of wood and wood fiber products may be undertaken primarily for conservation and restoration purposes rather than financial gain. Such property may, in addition, have as a secondary use carbon sequestration in accordance with the Georgia Carbon Sequestration Registry or a carbon sequestration program; or"

"(d) No property shall qualify for current use assessment under this Code section unless and until the owner of such property agrees by covenant with the appropriate taxing authority to maintain the eligible property in bona fide qualifying use for a period of ten years beginning on the first day of January of the year in which such property qualifies for such current use assessment and ending on the last day of December of the final year of the covenant period. After the owner has applied for and has been allowed current use assessment provided for in this Code section, it shall not be necessary to make application

thereafter for any year in which the covenant period is in effect and current use assessment shall continue to be allowed such owner as specified in this Code section. At least 60 days prior to the expiration date of the covenant, the county board of tax assessors shall send by first-class mail written notification of such impending expiration; provided, however, that the county board of tax assessors shall send such written notification by certified mail, if requested by the taxpayer. Additionally, the county board of tax assessors shall send an electronic copy of such notification to the taxpayer if the taxpayer has submitted a current email address and requested such electronic notification. Upon the expiration of any covenant period, the property shall not qualify for further current use assessment under this Code section unless and until the owner of the property has entered into a renewal covenant for an additional period of ten years; provided, however, that the owner may enter into a renewal contract in the ninth year of a covenant period so that the contract is continued without a lapse for an additional ten years.

(d.1)(1) This subsection shall apply in the case of any property:

(A) For which the covenant required under subsection (d) of this Code section expired during the two years immediately preceding July 1, 2025; and

(B) That, during the period after the expiration of the covenant required under subsection (d) of this Code section, continued to qualify for current use assessment under this Code section; and

(C) The owner of such property can demonstrate by sworn affidavit from the designated mail carrier that the mailbox was inoperable or unavailable at the time such notice of expiration should have been delivered.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, for a property that meets the requirements of paragraph (1) of this subsection the covenant required under subsection (d) of this Code section shall be deemed to be reinstated and the owner of the property shall only be liable for the taxes that would have been imposed if such covenant had not expired.

(3) Notwithstanding the procedures and requirements for appeals provided in this chapter to the contrary, the owner of any property that meets the requirements of paragraph (1) of this subsection may appeal the assessment of such property for the time period stated in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of this subsection. The county board of tax commissioners shall refund to the owner any amount of taxes paid in excess of such amount, and no other costs, fees, or interest shall be imposed on such owner in relation to such appeal."

"(e.1)(1) A single owner, as described in subparagraph (a)(1)(C) of this Code section, who has multiple parcels of bona fide conservation use property that are collectively subject to more than one valid covenant under this Code section may combine such covenants in whole under a single, new, ten-year covenant for bona fide conservation use without constituting a breach of any of the covenants, provided that all such property would be otherwise eligible to be placed under a renewal covenant under this Code section by the owner upon the natural expiration of the original covenant.

(2) The provisions of this subsection shall not be permitted or be construed to:

(A) Allow any portion of property held under a covenant to be removed from the covenant without being combined into the new covenant;

(B) Change any requirements for what constitutes qualified property; or

(C) Change any requirements for what constitutes qualifying use for purposes of this Code section.

(3) A single owner, as described in subparagraph (a)(1)(C) of this Code section, desiring to proceed with combining covenants pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection shall first file a real property tax return with the appropriate board of tax assessors on or before the deadline to file such return.

(4) Parcels on which delinquent taxes are owed shall not be eligible to be combined pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 48-5-7.7, relation to preferential assessment for forest land conservation use property, by revising subsection (f) as follows:

"(f)(1) A qualified owner shall not be authorized to make application for and receive conservation use assessment under this Code section for any property which at the time of such application is receiving preferential assessment under Code Section 48-5-7.1 or current use assessment under Code Section 48-5-7.4; provided, however, that, if any property is subject to a covenant under either of those Code sections, it may be changed from such covenant and placed under a covenant under this Code section if it is otherwise qualified. Any such change shall terminate the existing covenant and shall not constitute a breach thereof. No property may be changed more than once under this paragraph.

(2) Any property that is subject to a covenant under this Code section and subsequently fails to adhere to the qualifying purpose, as defined in paragraph (5) of subsection (b) of this Code section, may be changed from the covenant under this Code section and placed under a covenant provided for in Code Section 48-5-7.4 if the property otherwise qualifies under the provisions of that Code section. In such a case, the existing covenant under this Code section shall be terminated, and the change shall not constitute a breach thereof. No property may be changed more than once under this paragraph.

(3) A qualified owner under this Code section may obtain ownership of property receiving preferential assessment under Code Section 48-5-7.1 or current use assessment under Code Section 48-5-7.4 and have 180 days from the time ownership is acquired to change from such covenant and place under a covenant under this Code section if it is otherwise qualified and would not constitute a breach thereof even if the qualified owner does not qualify for the preferential assessment under Code Section 48-5-7.1 or current use assessment under Code Section 48-5-7.4."

SECTION 3.

Code Section 48-7-29.6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax credits for qualified low-income buildings, is amended by revising paragraph (5) of subsection (b) as follows:

"(5) The ~~aggregate~~ annual amount of tax credits ~~allowed~~ initially awarded pursuant to this Code section shall not exceed $100 million for each of the taxable years 2026 through 2028."

SECTION 4.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval, and Sections 1 and 2 of this Act shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2027.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to, by substitute.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	N Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	N McCollum	E Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
E Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	N Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	N Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	E Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	N Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	E Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
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Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N

E Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 158, nays 9.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Smith of the 70th and Martinez of the 111th et al.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Resolution of the Senate was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SR 622. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Hatchett of the 50th, Parent of the 44th, Payne of the 54th, Brass of the 6th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Joint Study Committee on Evaluating Escalating Costs in Georgia's Foster Care System; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the Resolution, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the Resolution, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	E Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	Y Scott
E Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
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Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	E Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	E Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas

Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
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Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the adoption of the Resolution, the ayes were 165, nays 0.

The Resolution, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted.

By unanimous consent, the following Bill of the House was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 1567. By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Cannon of the 172nd, Taylor of the 173rd, Dickey of the 134th and Ford of the 170th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act to amend, consolidate, and supersede the several Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia pertaining to the City of Quitman in the County of Brooks, approved March 3, 1962 (Ga. L. 1962, p. 2894), as amended; to provide for transfer of duties and obligations to Brooks County; to provide for transfer of all legal rights, privileges, and assets to Brooks County; to establish a special tax and service district for outstanding bonded indebtedness and other obligations; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To repeal, under certain conditions, an Act to amend, consolidate, and supersede the several Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia pertaining to the City of Quitman in the County of Brooks, approved March 3, 1962 (Ga. L. 1962, p. 2894), as amended; to provide for a referendum on the concept of consolidating the governments of the City of

Quitman and Brooks County; to provide for definitions; to provide for the appointment of the members of the Quitman-Brooks County Charter and Unification Commission; to provide for the organizational meeting of said commission and for the election of a chairperson; to provide for the powers and duties of said commission; to provide that said commission shall be authorized to employ a staff to assist it in carrying out its powers and duties; to provide for the expenses of said commission and for the payment of those expenses by the governing authorities of the City of Quitman and the County of Brooks; to provide that said commission shall be authorized to study all matters relating to the governments of the County of Brooks and the City of Quitman, and all matters relating to the establishment of a unified government with powers and jurisdiction throughout the territorial limits of the City of Quitman and unincorporated Brooks County; to provide for transfer of duties and obligations to Brooks County; to provide for transfer of all legal rights, privileges, and assets to Brooks County; to establish a special tax and service district for outstanding bonded indebtedness and other obligations; to mandate that Brooks County assume certain obligations and duties of the city; to provide for legislative intent; to authorize an advisory panel; to provide for transfer of all federal and state permits and licenses; to provide for the transfer of ongoing judicial actions; to provide for the continuation of zoning and land use regulations; to provide for future proceeds of special and regular local option sales taxes; to provide for the designation of the Historic Quitman Community; to expressly exclude the municipalities of Barwick, Pavo, and Morven from this Act; to provide for referendums, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART 1.
SECTION 1-1.

(a) It shall be the duty of the election superintendent of Brooks County to call a special election for approval or rejection of the concept of consolidating the government of the City of Quitman and Brooks County. The election superintendent shall conduct that election on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November, 2026, and shall issue the call and conduct that election as provided by general law. The election superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of Brooks County. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the following:

"( ) YES Are you in favor of consolidating the governments of the City of Quitman and Brooks County so as to provide for a new unified government for the
( ) NO areas now included within the City of Quitman and unincorporated Brooks County?"

(b) All persons desiring to vote for approval of the concept of consolidation of the City of Quitman and Brook County shall vote "Yes," and those persons desiring to vote for

rejection of the concept of such a consolidation shall vote "No." The votes cast on such question by the qualified voters of Brooks County residing within the corporate limits of the City of Quitman and the votes cast on such question by the qualified voters of unincorporated Brooks County shall be counted separately. If more than one-half of the votes cast by the qualified voters of the City of Quitman are for approval and if more than one-half of the total votes cast by the qualified voters residing within the unincorporated areas of Brooks County are for approval of the concept of consolidating the City of Quitman and Brooks County, then Part 2 of this Act shall become effective on December 1, 2026. Otherwise, it shall be void and of no force and effect. The expense of such election shall be borne equally by the City of Quitman and the County of Brooks.

(c) The special election shall be conducted pursuant to Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia Election Code," except to the extent specifically provided otherwise by this part.

(d) A qualified voter, as used in this part, shall mean a voter of Brooks County qualified to vote for members of the General Assembly of Georgia. The election superintendent shall certify the returns to the Secretary of State. The election superintendent shall also furnish a certified copy of the charter to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State shall issue his or her proclamation showing and declaring the result of the election on the approval or rejection of the charter. One copy of the proclamation shall be attached to the copy of the charter certified to the Secretary of State. One copy of the proclamation shall be delivered to the secretary or clerk of the governing authority of the City of Quitman, who shall attach the same to the copy of the charter previously certified to him or her. One copy of the proclamation shall be delivered to the clerk of the governing authority of the County of Brooks, who shall attach the same to the copy of the charter previously certified to him or her.

(e) The provisions of this section shall be mandatory upon the election superintendent and are not intended as directory. If the election superintendent fails or refuses to comply with this section, any elector of the City of Quitman or unincorporated Brooks County may apply for a writ of mandamus to compel the election superintendent to perform his or her duties under this section. If the court finds that the election superintendent has not complied with this section, the court shall fashion appropriate relief requiring the election superintendent to call and conduct such election on the date required by this section or on the next date authorized for special elections provided for in Code Section 21-2-540 of the O.C.G.A.

PART 2.

SECTION 2-1.

This part shall be known and may be cited as the "Quitman-Brooks County Charter and Unification Commission Act" and is enacted pursuant to the authority granted by Article IX, Section III, Paragraph II of the Constitution of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 2-2.

As used in this part, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(1) "Charter and unification commission" or "commission" means the Quitman-Brooks County Charter and Unification Commission provided for in this part.

(2) "Governing authority of the City of Quitman" means the mayor and city council of the City of Quitman, a municipal corporation of the State of Georgia.

(3) "Governing authority of the County of Brooks" means the Board of Commissioners of Brooks County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 2-3.

(a) There is created the Quitman-Brooks County Charter and Unification Commission, which shall consist of nine members to be appointed within 45 days of the effective date of this part as provided in this section.

(b) Within 30 days of the effective date of this part as provided in this section, the governing authority of the City of Quitman shall appoint two members to the charter and unification commission who shall be citizens of the City of Quitman at the time of such appointment and for the duration of their respective terms as members of such commission.

(c) Within 30 days of the effective date of this part as provided in this section, the governing authority of the County of Brooks shall appoint four members to the charter and unification commission who shall be citizens of unincorporated Brooks County at the time of such appointment and for the duration of their respective terms as members of such commission.

(d) Within 30 days of the effective date of this part as provided in this section, the members of the Georgia Senate representing all or part of Brooks County shall appoint one member to the charter and unification commission who shall be a citizen of any part of Brooks County at the time of such appointment and for the duration of his or her respective term as a member of such commission.

(e) Within 30 days of the effective date of this part as provided in this section, the members of the Georgia House of Representatives representing all or part of Brooks County shall appoint one member to the charter and unification commission who shall be a citizen of any part of Brooks County at the time of such appointment and for the duration of his or her respective term as a member of such commission.

(f) Within 30 days of the effective date of this part as provided in this section, the Sheriff of Brooks County shall appoint one member to the charter and unification commission who shall be a citizen of any part of Brooks County at the time of such appointment and for the duration of his or her respective term as a member of such commission.

(g) If an appointing authority or the commission refuses or fails to appoint a member of the commission as required by this section, the senior superior court judge of the Southern Judicial Circuit shall make such appointment within ten days following the expiration of the 45 day period allowed for appointments provided for in subsection (a) of this section.

(h) No member of the charter and unification commission shall hold any other elective public office.

(i) To be eligible for appointment as a member of the charter and unification commission, a person must be at least 21 years of age and shall have been a resident of the State of Georgia for a period of at least five years and registered as an elector to vote in Brooks County for a period of at least two years prior to his or her appointment.

(j) If a member of the charter and unification commission should die, become disabled, remove his or her residence and place of domicile to a place outside the territorial limits of the appointing jurisdiction, resign, or become unable or decline to serve for any reason whatever as a member of the charter and unification commission, said commission shall declare a vacancy in his or her office as a member of such commission and within 15 days thereafter the appointing authority that appointed that member or the commission shall appoint a successor promptly to fill such vacancy.

(k) A certificate of appointment shall be issued by the appointing authority of each member of the charter and unification commission and filed in the office of the Probate Court of Brooks County with a duplicate original of such certificate being transmitted to, and filed with, the chairperson or the secretary of the charter and unification commission.

(l) A majority of the members of the charter and unification commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Such quorum shall not be applicable with respect to any committees or subcommittees which, at the discretion of the charter and unification commission, may be appointed. A majority of the members of each such committee or subcommittee shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of its business.

(m) The charter and unification commission may appoint advisory committees or subcommittees from among the general populace to advise it with respect to its work; provided, however, that the charter and unification commission may not delegate any of the duties, powers, or obligations imposed upon the commission and granted to it by this part to any such advisory committee or subcommittee. Any such advisory committee or subcommittee so appointed shall serve at the discretion of the commission and shall serve subject to such terms, conditions, and charges as may be imposed upon it by the commission.

(n) All persons who shall, from time to time, serve as members of the charter and unification commission or its committees or subcommittees and all agents, employees, and staff appointed or hired by the charter and unification commission from time to time shall be afforded coverage and shall be included in the insured class, under the provision of such policies, riders, or other insurance contracts from time to time in force and held by the governing authority of the County of Brooks, extending to members of such governing authority of the County of Brooks, and what is commonly referred to as "public official's liability insurance coverage," to the same extent and as nearly as practicable with identical coverage and limits as afforded to the individual members of the governing authority of the County of Brooks. Any and all additional premium amounts payable by the County of Brooks due to the extension of such coverage to the members of the charter and unification commission and its appointees, agents, employees, and staff shall be paid, when due and payable, one-half by the County of Brooks and one-half by the City of Quitman, which payments shall be made in addition to all other amounts otherwise payable under the provisions of this part.

(o) The governing authority of the County of Brooks, the governing authority of the City of Quitman, and the governing authority of any unified government created under a charter adopted pursuant to this part are authorized and directed to expend funds for fees, costs, and expenses incurred in providing for the defense of the members of the charter and unification commission arising out of their activity as members of such commission and in providing for the defense of any proposed charter submitted by the commission, whether prior to the referendum thereon or after the referendum thereon is conducted.

SECTION 2-4.

(a) The charter and unification commission shall hold an organizational meeting not less than 30 days nor more than 45 days after the date this part becomes effective. Any three or more members of the charter and unification commission, composed of at least one member appointed by the governing authority of the City of Quitman and one member appointed by the governing authority of the County of Brooks, shall call such organizational meeting. The call of such organizational meeting shall designate the time, date, and place that such organizational meeting shall be held.

(b) The charter and unification commission shall be authorized to elect a secretary, who need not be a member of the commission, and such other officers from the membership of the charter and unification commission as it shall deem necessary. The charter and unification commission shall be further authorized to employ such staff as may be required to assist it in studying all matters relating to the governments of the City of Quitman and the County of Brooks and in drafting a charter. The charter and unification commission shall not employ any person who holds any elective public office.

(c) The members of the charter and unification commission shall not receive per diem or other compensation for their services, but the members shall be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred by them in carrying out their duties. The staff employed by the commission shall be paid compensation as determined by the commission within the limits of funds available to it. The governing authority of the City of Quitman and the governing authority of the County of Brooks are authorized to expend public funds in carrying out the provisions of this part and shall share equally the expense thereof. The governing authority of the City of Quitman and the governing authority of the County of Brooks shall initially appropriate up to $5,000.00 for the charter and unification commission and the treasurer or other fiscal authority of each of those governing authorities shall honor, from time to time, vouchers or warrants signed by the chairperson of the charter and unification commission for amounts up to an aggregate total of such amount. The governing authorities shall appropriate such additional funds in equal amounts as may be necessary to meet the expenses of the charter and unification commission, provided that such additional expenditures shall be first approved by each of the governing authorities.

(d) The charter and unification commission is also authorized to solicit, receive, and expend contributions, grants, gifts, and other funds from other sources to be utilized by it in the conduct of its business.

(e) All public officials and employees of the City of Quitman and the County of Brooks upon request shall furnish the charter and unification commission with all documents,

books, records, data, and information necessary or appropriate in the opinion of the charter and unification commission for it to carry out its duties, except for information that is confidential or privileged by law; shall furnish such other assistance and aid to the commission as it shall request; and shall appear and give testimony, at the request of the commission, before the commission or before any of its committees, subcommittees, or advisory committees.

SECTION 2-5.

The commission shall be authorized to study all matters relating to the governments of the City of Quitman and the County of Brooks and all matters relating to the establishment of a unified government with powers and jurisdiction throughout the territorial limits of the former City of Quitman and unincorporated Brooks County. The commission shall upon completion of its study issue a written report of its findings, conclusions, and recommendations. If, after conducting such study, the charter and unification commission shall deem it to be in the best interests of the governments proposed to be affected, the commission shall draft a proposed charter creating a unified government, and if such charter is approved by the voters under the provisions of this part, then the newly created unified government shall supersede and replace the existing governments of the City of Quitman and the County of Brooks and may also supersede and replace any public authorities and special service districts located and operating within Brooks County. If the charter and unification commission does not deem it to be in the best interests of the governments proposed to be affected to recommend the establishment of a unified government but concludes from its study that it is feasible to consolidate specific governmental services, programs, and activities, then the commission may issue such findings, conclusions, and recommendations in writing together with reasons why such recommendations will make government operations more efficient.

SECTION 2-6.

(a) The charter so drafted shall be submitted to the qualified voters of Brooks County for approval or rejection of the referendum provided for in Section 2-10 of this part.

(b) The General Assembly delegates its powers to the charter and unification commission to draft such a charter which may include any provisions necessary to effectuate its purposes. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the proposed charter may provide for any one or more of the items listed below. Where it is indicated that an item shall be included, the inclusion of that particular item shall be mandatory:

(1) The charter shall provide for the abolishment of the existing governments of the City of Quitman and the County of Brooks and for the creation of a new unified government which may have all powers formerly exercised by the City of Quitman and the County of Brooks and such other powers as may be necessary or desirable. The new unified government may be given, and may have, such rights, privileges, exemptions, preferences, discretions, immunities, powers, duties, and liabilities as are now or hereafter granted to, or vested in, municipalities or counties or both by the

Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia. The form and composition of the new government shall be as the charter shall provide;

(2) The charter may authorize the new government to continue to be eligible to have, hold, enjoy, and be entitled to any assistance, credits, benefits, moneys, grants, grants-in-aid, funds, loans, aid, appropriations, and matching funds to the same extent that any municipality or county of the State of Georgia now or may hereafter enjoy or possess under the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia or by other provisions of law or under any present or future state or federal programs;

(3) The charter may provide for the abolishment, modification, consolidation, or merger of any court unless otherwise prohibited by the Constitution or general law;

(4) The charter may provide for the abolishment, modification, consolidation, or merger of any public authorities and special service districts located within Brooks County created by law and for the transfer of any powers, duties, and obligations of such authorities and districts to the new unified government or to any agency thereof or from one such authority or special service district to another in such manner as the charter shall provide unless otherwise prohibited by the Constitution or general law;

(5) The charter may provide for the abolishment, modification, consolidation, or merger of any one or more public offices or positions of public employment of any municipality merged in the unified government and the County of Brooks and any public authorities or special service districts located or operating within Brooks County unless otherwise prohibited by the Constitution or general law. The charter may provide for administrative division or changes with reference to the duties and responsibilities of any public office or official as the charter and unification commission shall deem necessary for the efficient functioning of the new unified government;

(6) The charter shall provide for the creation of the governing authority of the new unified government, including the number of members of the governing authority, their powers, duties, terms of office, manner, and time of election or appointment, compensation, method of removal, and all other matters incidental or necessary to the creation of the unified governing authority. The charter shall provide for the name or names of the new unified government and governing authority;

(7) The charter may provide for the creation of the various departments, boards, bureaus, offices, commissions, and positions of public employment of the new unified government and for any matters necessary or incidental thereto;

(8) The charter shall provide for the creation of special tax districts consisting of the territory lying within the former boundaries of the affected governments for the purpose of the successor unified government levying a tax therein sufficient to retire any bonded indebtedness of such governments which is outstanding on the effective date of the abolishment of such government, including, but not limited to, any contractual obligations owed by the City of Quitman pursuant to its existing contracts with the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia and the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia;

(9) The charter may provide for the assumption by the new government of all bonded indebtedness and all other obligations of whatever kind of all governmental units, public authorities, and special service districts which are altered by the charter and a

method by which the new unified government shall assume the payment of any obligations issued under Article 3 of Chapter 82 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Revenue Bond Law," or other similar legislation;

(10) The charter may provide for the transfer to the new unified government of assets, contracts, and franchises of all governmental units and any public authorities and special service districts which are merged with the new unified government or are altered by the charter and shall provide for the transfer of all contracts between any governmental unit and the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia or the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia and for the acceptance by the unified government of it becoming a party to such contracts in place of the City of Quitman;

(11) The charter may provide the purposes for which the new unified government or governing authority or any agency thereof may levy taxes;

(12) The charter shall provide for the method or methods by which it may be amended. The General Assembly expressly reserves the right to amend any charter adopted pursuant to this part. The charter may provide for an additional method or methods by which the charter may be amended and shall provide for any amendments adopted by any such other method or methods to be filed with the Secretary of State so that they may be published in the *Georgia Laws*;

(13) The charter shall provide for the repeal of conflicting laws; and

(14) The charter may contain such other provisions as are necessary and needful to achieve the objectives of consolidation of the governments and functions of the City of Quitman and the County of Brooks and the creation of a successor government.

(c) The following additional provisions shall govern proceedings of the charter and unification commission and any successor unified government created by a charter drafted by the commission:

(1) The charter and unification commission is authorized to contract with any public or private institution or body, including the Carl Vinson Institute of Government, for any special studies or assistance it deems necessary, subject to the limitation that any expenditure therefor shall be within the limits of the funds made available to the commission by the respective governing authorities; and

(2) Any successor government created and established shall, without the necessity or formality of deed, bill of sale, or other instrument of transfer, be and become the owner of all property, assets, and rights previously belonging to the City of Quitman and the County of Brooks and any other authorities or special service districts merged into the new government.

(d) The charter and unification commission shall have all the powers of the superior courts to compel the attendance of witnesses before the commission and any of its committees, subcommittees, or advisory committees; to compel witnesses to testify thereat; and to subpoena any person or entity and all such books, records, data, papers, documents, and other tangible items which may be deemed by the commission to be material to any question or issue deemed by it to be relevant to the duties or prerogatives imposed upon or granted to the commission by this part. Such subpoenas shall be issued in the name of the commission, shall be signed by either the chairperson or the secretary of the commission,

and shall be served in the manner provided by law for the service of subpoenas in civil cases pending in the superior courts. Witnesses subject to such subpoenas shall be entitled to the same compensation as witnesses attending superior court, which compensation shall be collected in the same manner as that of witnesses in the superior courts except that such compensation shall be paid from funds of the commission. Should any such subpoenaed person or witness fail or refuse to answer questions propounded or fail or refuse to produce any books, records, data, papers, documents, or other tangible items required to be produced by the commission, except upon a legal excuse which would relieve such person of such obligation in a civil case pending in the superior court, the person so failing or refusing shall be guilty of contempt and may be cited by the commission to appear before a judge of the Southern Judicial Circuit. The judge of such court shall have the same power and jurisdiction to punish the person cited for contempt and to require and compel the attendance, the giving of testimony, or the production of items as in cases of contempt committed in the presence of the court and as in cases pending before the court.

(e) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this part, the charter and unification commission and the charter proposed by the commission and subsequently adopted may not:

(1) Alter or affect the status of the Brooks County School System or the Brooks County Board of Education or any provision of the Constitution or laws of the State of Georgia by which the Brooks County School System is constituted, empowered, or preserved or to transfer any of its powers, duties, or obligations;

(2) Impair or diminish any pension or retirement rights; or

(3) Abolish the office of sheriff, clerk of court, judge of probate court, or tax commissioner.

(f) None of the foregoing limitations shall be construed as prohibiting the General Assembly from exercising any legislative power with respect to any municipality electing to be excluded as provided in this part or the school district, board of education, industrial development authority, office of sheriff, clerk of superior court, judge of probate court, or tax commissioner, pension rights, and homestead exemptions which existed prior to the adoption of this part.

(g) The powers granted in this part to the charter and unification commission by the General Assembly are remedial in nature and shall be liberally construed to effectuate their purpose.

SECTION 2-7.

(a) The charter and unification commission shall be required to hold at least three public hearings to determine the sentiment of the citizens of the City of Quitman and the County of Brooks regarding the work of the charter and unification commission. The first public hearing shall be held within 30 days of the issuance of the commission's final written report on the feasibility of establishing a unified government within Brooks County, and a third public hearing shall be held within 15 days of the submission of any proposed charter for such consolidated government to the Brooks County Board of Elections. The charter and unification commission is authorized to hold more than three public hearings if it

determines that additional public hearings are desirable. The charter and unification commission shall cause the date, time, and place of each such hearing to be advertised in the official organ of Brooks County once a week for two consecutive weeks during the two weeks next preceding the week in which the public hearing is held. The charter and unification commission shall cause to be made a transcript of each public hearing held and shall file the same in its minutes and records.

(b) Following issuance of the commission's final written report, the governing authorities of the City of Quitman and the County of Brooks shall each hold and conduct a public hearing to determine the sentiments of their citizens regarding the work of the charter and unification commission. Notice of such hearings shall be advertised in the same manner as required for hearings held by the charter and unification commission. Representatives of the charter and unification commission shall be invited to present the final report to such governing authorities.

SECTION 2-8.

(a) The charter and unification commission shall complete its studies and shall prepare, complete, and file any proposed charter no later than August 31, 2027; provided, however, that the above-described time period may be extended for such additional periods of time as may be authorized by resolutions duly adopted by the governing authority of the City of Quitman and the governing authority of the County of Brooks and may also be extended by any part of the General Assembly and shall be automatically extended for a period of time equal to the period of time that any proposed charter shall be under consideration by any courts.

(b) Certified copies of the charter shall be filed by the charter and unification commission with the clerks or secretaries of the governing authorities of the City of Quitman and the County of Brooks and shall be authenticated by the signature of the chairperson of the charter and unification commission. Such copies shall be public records and shall be available for inspection or examination by any interested person.

(c) The charter and unification commission shall also make available a copy of the charter to every daily or weekly newspaper published in Brooks County and to each radio or television station operating within the county. The commission shall take such other steps, within the limitation of its available funds, as it deems reasonable and appropriate to inform the public throughout the county of the contents of the proposed charter. The charter and unification commission shall also cause a summary of the proposed charter to be printed in pamphlets or booklets and made available for general distribution throughout the county.

(d) The charter and unification commission is authorized to adopt such rules and regulations as it deems necessary or desirable to carry out its powers and perform its duties and functions.

SECTION 2-9.

(a) A certified copy of the proposed charter shall be submitted by the commission to the election superintendent of Brooks County, and it shall be the duty of such superintendent

to call and hold a referendum election for ratification or rejection of the proposed charter as provided in Section 2-10 of this part.

(b) The charter and unification commission shall be abolished by operation of law at midnight of the day the results of the special referendum election on the proposed charter become final and effective pursuant to the laws of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 2-10.

(a) As soon as practicable after receipt of the certified copy of the proposed charter, it shall be the duty of the election superintendent of Brooks County to call a special election for approval or rejection of the proposed charter. The election superintendent shall set the date of the election for the earliest date therefor permissible under general law after the filing of any proposed charter as provided for in Section 2-8 of this part; provided, however, that such special election shall be held no later than the Tuesday following the first Monday in November, 2027. The election superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two calendar weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of Brooks County. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the following:

"( ) YES Shall the charter reorganizing and consolidating the governments of the City of Quitman and Brooks County and creating a unified government to
( ) NO supersede and replace those governments be approved?"

(b) All persons desiring to vote for approval of the charter shall vote "Yes," and those persons desiring to vote for rejection of the charter shall vote "No." The votes cast on such question by the qualified voters of Brooks County residing within the corporate limits of the City of Quitman and the votes cast on such question by the qualified voters of unincorporated Brooks County shall be counted separately. If more than one-half of the votes cast by the qualified voters of the City of Quitman are for approval of the charter and if more than one-half of the total votes cast by the qualified voters residing within the unincorporated areas of Brooks County are for approval of the charter, then the charter shall become effective as to the City of Quitman and Brooks County and Part 3 of this Act shall stand repealed. Otherwise, such charter shall be void and of no force and effect and Part 3 of this Act shall go into effect as provided for in Part 4 of this Act. The expense of such election shall be borne equally by the City of Quitman and the County of Brooks.

(c) The special election shall be conducted pursuant to Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia Election Code," except to the extent specifically provided otherwise by this part.

(d) A qualified voter, as used in this part, shall mean a voter of Brooks County qualified to vote for members of the General Assembly of Georgia. The election superintendent shall certify the returns to the Secretary of State. The election superintendent shall also furnish a certified copy of the charter to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State shall issue his or her proclamation showing and declaring the result of the election on the approval or rejection of the charter. One copy of the proclamation shall be attached to the copy of the charter certified to the Secretary of State. One copy of the proclamation shall

be delivered to the secretary or clerk of the governing authority of the City of Quitman, who shall attach the same to the copy of the charter previously certified to him or her. One copy of the proclamation shall be delivered to the clerk of the governing authority of the County of Brooks, who shall attach the same to the copy of the charter previously certified to him or her.

(e) Whenever a charter for the consolidation of the governments of the City of Quitman and the County of Brooks has been adopted, the above-certified copies thereof, with the proclamation of the Secretary of State of Georgia attached thereto, shall be deemed duplicate original copies of the charter of the consolidated government for all purposes. The certified copy of the charter and proclamation deposited with the secretary or clerk of the governing authority of the City of Quitman and the certified copy of the charter and proclamation deposited with the clerk of the governing authority of the County of Brooks shall subsequently be delivered by them to the successor government. The successor government may issue certified copies of the charter, and any copy so certified shall be deemed a duplicate original copy of the charter of the consolidated government for all purposes. The Secretary of State is authorized to issue certified copies of the charter on file with him or her, and copies so certified by him or her shall be deemed duplicate original copies of the charter of the consolidated government for all purposes.

(f) The provisions of this section shall be mandatory upon the election superintendent and are not intended as directory. If the election superintendent fails or refuses to comply with this section, any elector of the City of Quitman or unincorporated Brooks County may apply for a writ of mandamus to compel the election superintendent to perform his or her duties under this section. If the court finds that the election superintendent has not complied with this section, the court shall fashion appropriate relief requiring the election superintendent to call and conduct such election on the date required by this section or on the next date authorized for special elections provided for in Code Section 21-2-540 of the O.C.G.A.

SECTION 2-11.

In the event the proposed unified government charter is approved by voters as provided in Section 2-10 of this part, an election shall be held in accordance with the provisions of the charter to elect the members of the governing authority of the unified government. Upon the election of the members of the governing authority and their taking office as the governing authority of the unified government; the governing authorities of the City of Quitman and the County of Brooks shall stand abolished, all in accordance with the provisions of the charter of the new unified government.

PART 3.

SECTION 3-1.

An Act to amend, consolidate, and supersede the several Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia pertaining to the City of Quitman in the County of Brooks, approved March 3, 1962 (Ga. L. 1962, p. 2894), as amended, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

SECTION 3-2.

Brooks County, Georgia, shall be vested with full authority to provide all governmental services within that area comprising the former jurisdictional boundary of the City of Quitman, including, but not limited to, and to the maximum extent provided, any powers of the City of Quitman pursuant to Title 46 of the O.C.G.A., relating to electrical or natural gas services. To the maximum extent authorized by law, Brooks County shall be successor in right and obligation to all contracts, bonds, and other obligations of the City of Quitman relating to electrical and natural gas services and shall assume all powers of such city relating to such obligations and shall become a party to any such contracts replacing the City of Quitman. All ordinances, rules, and regulations of Brooks County shall apply within that area as they do in other unincorporated areas of the county, and the appropriate courts of Brooks County shall have jurisdiction to enforce such ordinances, provided that this transition shall not impact any vested rights accrued prior to the effective date of this part.

SECTION 3-3.

Upon the effective date of this part, the existence of any local authority created by or for the City of Quitman shall likewise terminate on the same date; provided, however, that any joint authority of which the City of Quitman was a part shall be modified by operation of law to remove the City of Quitman, and that authority shall continue in existence with its remaining members. The assets and liabilities of any authority terminated pursuant to this section shall be treated in the same manner as assets and liabilities of the City of Quitman under this part.

SECTION 3-4.

(a) There is hereby created a special tax and service district to be known as the Quitman Services District which shall correspond to and be coterminous with the corporate limits of the City of Quitman as those corporate limits existed on the effective date of this part. Upon the completion of the purposes provided in this part for such service district, the tax and service district may be abolished by resolution of the governing authority of Brooks County.

(b) Brooks County may establish an advisory panel composed of residents and taxpayers of the special tax and service district established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section to advise said county on the provisions of services within such special district. The members of such advisory panel shall be appointed by the governing authority of Brooks County, and the number of such panel members and the terms of such members shall be provided for by said governing authority.

SECTION 3-5.

(a) Except as provided herein, all legal rights, privileges, and assets of the City of Quitman and all records of such assets shall pass to Brooks County without the necessity or formality of a deed, bill of sale, or other instrument of transfer. The assets that shall transfer include all real property assets of the City of Quitman of any nature, including, without limitation,

freehold estates, easements, life estates, future interests, and co-owned interests; all tangible and intangible personal property assets of the City of Quitman of any nature, including, without limitation, vehicles, heavy equipment, office equipment, and software; all accounts receivable, rights to payment under contracts fully performed by the City of Quitman, and similar financial assets of the City of Quitman of any nature; and all digital and electronic papers and records of the City of Quitman. Expressly excluded from this section are any rights or assets that derive from executory contracts of the City of Quitman addressed in Section 3-6 of this part.

(b) Those amounts in any general fund for the City of Quitman shall be immediately transferred to the general fund of Brooks County and segregated by Brooks County for the provision of services within the Quitman Services District.

(c) Those amounts in any special or enterprise fund for the City of Quitman shall immediately be transferred to a special fund of Brooks County and segregated by Brooks County for their designated special purpose.

SECTION 3-6.

(a) Except as specifically provided in this part, neither Brooks County nor the State of Georgia nor any political subdivision of the State of Georgia shall bear any responsibility or liability for obligations, amounts, claims, debts, causes of action, judgments, or liabilities that have accrued to the City of Quitman or its local public authorities, up to and including the effective date of this part. Nothing in this part shall in any manner obligate Brooks County to provide continued employment for any employee of the City of Quitman or any local public authority of the city.

(b) Any bonded indebtedness of the City of Quitman shall become the debt and obligation of the special tax and service district established pursuant to Section 3-4 of this part. Brooks County shall be the successor to the City of Quitman for all purposes relating to such bonded indebtedness, including the enforcement of rights and remedies of bondholders. The county shall be required to levy a special district tax, fee, or assessment within the Quitman Services District for the purpose of paying the amounts due on such bonded debt and any amounts due to the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia or the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia pursuant to its existing contracts with the City of Quitman. It is the specific intent of the General Assembly that the special tax and service district established pursuant to Section 3-4 of this part shall assume all outstanding obligations, amounts, claims, debts, causes of action, judgments, and liabilities that have accrued to the City of Quitman or its local public authorities relating to the provisions of electrical or natural gas services, including, but not limited to, any contracts the city has entered into with the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia, the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia, any other political subdivision of this state providing electrical or natural gas services, and the holders of any bonds or obligations issued by such authority or political subdivisions, and that Brooks County, on behalf of such special district, shall be empowered and required to undertake any and all actions the City of Quitman was authorized to undertake to ensure that such responsibilities and obligations are maintained, kept, and performed in full.

(c) Other than those bonded debts provided for in subsection (b) of this section and Section 3-11 of this part, Brooks County, on behalf of the special tax and service district established pursuant to Section 3-4 of this part, shall assume the rights and duties of any executory contract of the City of Quitman in effect as of the effective date of this part, including obligations pursuant to existing contracts between the City of Quitman and the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia, the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia, or any other debt provider. If assumed, any rights and obligations of such contracts that by their nature are personal to the city shall be deemed to apply to the personnel, services, and assets formerly belonging to the city so as to reasonably fulfill the basic purpose and bargain of the original contract. The county shall be authorized but not required to levy a special district tax, fee, or assessment within the Quitman Services District for the purpose of paying the amounts due under contracts assumed pursuant to this subsection, to the extent that the financial obligations under such contracts cannot be fully funded by funds and assets devolved to the county from the City of Quitman; provided, however, that the county shall be required to levy a special district tax, to the extent necessary, to pay obligations owed to the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia, the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia, or any other debt provider pursuant to its existing contracts with the City of Quitman.

(d) Financial assets and property devolved to Brooks County that are deemed by the county to be excess for purposes of serving the Quitman Services District shall be used to satisfy any obligations and retire any indebtedness of the City of Quitman.

SECTION 3-7.

To the maximum extent permitted by law, all federal and state permits and licenses issued to the City of Quitman or its local authorities shall be transferred by operation of law to Brooks County, and Brooks County may succeed to any rights, duties, contracts, or other obligations of the City of Quitman pursuant to Title 46 of the O.C.G.A., relating to electrical or natural gas services.

SECTION 3-8.

Notwithstanding any provisions of this part to the contrary, on the effective date of this part, if any person is held in the custody of the City of Quitman, such person may be transferred over to the custody of the Brooks County Sheriff's Office or other appropriate law enforcement agency.

SECTION 3-9.

All cases pending in the Municipal Court for the City of Quitman shall be automatically transferred to the Brooks County Magistrate Court or the appropriate court of competent jurisdiction in Brooks County if jurisdiction does not lie in the magistrate court. Any transfer of law enforcement jurisdiction to Brooks County shall not in and of itself abate any pending prosecution of any violation of any ordinance of the City of Quitman, and the county shall be entitled to enforce such city ordinance as if a violation occurred while the city ordinances were in effect. As for any other lawsuits involving the City of Quitman in

the Georgia judicial system, the city shall cease to exist and therefore shall no longer be a proper party to any legal action.

SECTION 3-10.

The zoning and land use regulations of the City of Quitman shall be deemed Brooks County ordinances and shall apply within the Quitman Services District only, unless and until Brooks County adopts zoning and land use regulations covering the properties within the Quitman Services District.

SECTION 3-11.

Brooks County shall be entitled to receive the City of Quitman's share of proceeds of any special purpose local option sales tax imposed pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the O.C.G.A. and shall use those proceeds to complete the city projects authorized by the applicable referendum or otherwise abandon the projects in accordance with general law. To the extent that any intergovernmental agreement has been approved between Brooks County and its qualified municipalities in connection with such special purpose local option sales tax, the county shall have the power to act in place of the City of Quitman for purposes of that agreement.

SECTION 3-12.

Brooks County and its qualified municipalities shall divide the City of Quitman's share of proceeds of any local option sales tax in accordance with the provisions of Code Section 48-8-89.2 of the O.C.G.A.

SECTION 3-13.

There is hereby designated a Historic Quitman Community which shall correspond to and be coterminous with the corporate limits of the City of Quitman as those corporate limits existed on the effective date of this part. Brooks County is authorized to provide appropriate signage so as to mark the boundaries of such historic community.

PART 4.

SECTION 4-1.

Nothing contained in this Act shall be construed so as to amend, modify, or repeal:

(1) An Act to provide a new charter for the City of Barwick, approved April 26, 2016 (Ga. L. 2016, p. 3699;

(2) An Act to provide a new charter for the City of Pavo, approved May 3, 2018 (Ga. L. 2018, p. 3577); and

(3) An Act to reincorporate the City of Morven in the County of Brooks, approved April 11, 1979 (Ga. L. 1979, p. 3716).

SECTION 4-2.

(a) This part and Part 1 of this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

(b) Part 2 of this Act shall become effective as provided for in Section 1-1 of this Act.
(c) Except as provided for in Section 2-10 of this Act, Part 3 of this Act shall become effective:
(1) On December 31, 2026, if Part 2 of this Act does not go into effect; provided, however, that Part 3 of this Act shall not go into effect on such date if on such date the state auditor certifies that the City of Quitman is in compliance with all of the audit requirements provided for in Chapter 81 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A. for all fiscal years of such city from 2017 to 2022;
(2) On July 1, 2027, if the certification conditions in paragraph (1) of this subsection are met; provided, however, that Part 3 of this Act shall not go into effect on such date if on such date the state auditor certifies that the City of Quitman is in compliance with all of the audit requirements provided for in Chapter 81 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A. for all fiscal years of such city since 2017; or
(3) On January 1, 2028, if the charter provided for in Part 2 of this Act is not approved as provided for in Section 2-10 of this Act; provided, however, that Part 3 of this Act shall not go into effect on such date if on such date the state auditor certifies that the City of Quitman is in compliance with all of the audit requirements provided for in Chapter 81 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A. for all fiscal years of such city since 2017.
The state auditor shall make such certifications no later than 30 days prior to the applicable date provided for in paragraph (1), (2), or (3) of this subsection and shall provide certified copies of such certifications to the governing authority of the City of Quitman, the governing authority of Brooks County, the Secretary of State, and the Office of Legislative Counsel.

SECTION 4-3.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	N Sampson
N Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Alexander	N Crawford	N Herring	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
N Au	N Davis	N Holcomb	E Miller	N Scott
E Baker	N Dawson	N Holland	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
N Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	N Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Myles	N Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Neal	Y Smith, TP
N Bazemore	N Douglas	N Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V

N Beckles	Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
N Bell	N Drenner	N Hugley	N Okoye	E Stinson
N Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	E Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	E Taylor, R
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Townsend
N Burnough	N Evans	N Jones, A	N Park	N Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	N Jones, S	E Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	N Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
N Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	N Frye	N Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	N Reese	N Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, A
N Carter	N Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	N Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 96, nays 68.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 547. By Senators Strickland of the 42nd, Robertson of the 29th, Hatchett of the 50th, Bearden of the 30th, Williams of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-6-13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penalties for violating Code Sections 16-6-9 through 16-6-12, so as to modify the penalties for the offenses of pimping and pandering; to provide that all such offenses shall be punishable as felony offenses; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date and for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson

Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	Y Scott
E Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
N Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	E Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	E Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 166, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 430. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Walker III of the 20th, Albers of the 56th, Summers of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 13 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to excise tax on rooms, lodgings, and accommodations, so as to provide that certain military museums qualify as destination marketing organizations and private sector nonprofit organizations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 3 of Chapter 13 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to excise tax on rooms, lodgings, and accommodations, so as to revise the definition of tourism product development so as to specifically include military museums and related institutions; to remove the local government tax revenue threshold as it relates to the applicability of procedures for changing the designation of a private sector nonprofit organization engaged to promote tourism, conventions, and trade shows for such jurisdiction; to provide for criteria the Hotel Motel Tax Performance Review Board shall consider in approving or rejecting alterations or changes to such private sector nonprofit organization; to require the Hotel Motel Tax Performance Review Board to meet quarterly to address eligibility determinations and notifications of noncompliance; to provide for publication of such notifications; to provide for hearings and notice of such hearings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 3 of Chapter 13 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to excise tax on rooms, lodgings, and accommodations, is amended by revising paragraph (6) of Code Section 48-13-50.2, relating to definitions, as follows:

"(6) 'Tourism product development' means the expenditure of funds for the creation or expansion of physical attractions which are available and open to the public and which improve destination appeal to visitors, support visitors' experience, and are used by visitors. Such expenditures may include capital costs and operating expenses. Tourism product development may include:

(A) Lodging for the public for no longer than 30 consecutive days to the same customer;

(B) Overnight or short-term sites for recreational vehicles, trailers, campers, or tents;

(C) Meeting, convention, exhibit, and public assembly facilities;

(D) Sports stadiums, arenas, and complexes;

(E) Golf courses associated with a resort development that are open to the general public on a contract or fee basis;

(F) Racing facilities, including dragstrips, motorcycle racetracks, and auto or stock car racetracks or speedways;

(G) Amusement centers, amusement parks, theme parks, or amusement piers;

(H) Hunting preserves, trapping preserves, or fishing preserves or lakes;

(I) Visitor information and welcome centers;

(J) Wayfinding signage;

(K) Permanent, nonmigrating carnivals or fairs;

(L) Airplanes, helicopters, buses, vans, or boats for excursions or sightseeing;
(M) Boat rentals, boat party fishing services, rowboat or canoe rentals, horse shows, natural wonder attractions, picnic grounds, river-rafting services, scenic railroads for amusement, aerial tramways, rodeos, water slides, or wave pools;
(N) Planetariums ~~Museums, planetariums~~, art galleries, botanical gardens, aquariums, or zoological gardens;
(O) Parks, trails, and other recreational facilities;
(P) Performing arts facilities; ~~and~~
(Q) Air service product expansion at air carrier airports; and
(R) Museums, including, but not limited to, military museums or any other institutions dedicated to preserving, exhibiting, and interpreting the history of conflicts and military actions of the United States armed forces and its service members through artifacts, documents, and other memorabilia organized for similar purposes."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended by revising subsection (k) of Code Section 48-13-51, relating to county and municipal levies on public accommodations charges for promotion of tourism, conventions, and trade shows, as follows:

"(k)(1) Any local governing authority levying the tax authorized under this article ~~which has collected more than $500,000.00 in taxes per year in any of the three preceding fiscal years~~ shall not alter or change the designated private sector nonprofit organization engaged to promote tourism, conventions, and trade shows for such local government unless and until the governing authority and the destination marketing organization for such local government agree to such alteration or change or such alteration or change is approved as provided for in paragraph (2) of this subsection.
(2) If the governing authority and the destination marketing organization are unable to reach an agreement as to altering or changing the designated private sector nonprofit organization engaged to promote tourism, conventions, and trade shows, such proposed alterations or changes shall then be moved to the Hotel Motel Tax Performance Review Board, as established pursuant to Code Section 48-13-56.1, which shall meet ~~as needed~~ quarterly for approval or rejection based on the eligibility of the new proposed private sector nonprofit organization, as defined by Code Section 48-13-50.2, along with the following factors:
(A) Whether the existing private sector nonprofit organization is meeting visitation goals set forth by its governing body;
(B) Dedicated purpose of the proposed and existing private sector nonprofit organization as it relates to driving future visitation to the destination;
(C) Demonstrated local expertise by the existing private sector nonprofit organization and any other private sector nonprofit organization under consideration;
(D) Ongoing investments and contractual obligations by the existing private sector nonprofit organization and the risk of disruption by the proposed change; and

(E) Potential conflicts of interest for the existing and proposed private sector nonprofit organizations."

SECTION 3.

Said article is further amended by revising subsections (c) and (d) of Code Section 48-13-56.1, relating to Hotel Motel Tax Performance Review Board, composition, appointments, investigations of complaints, and expenses of members, as follows:

"(c) It shall be the duty of the performance review board to make a thorough and complete investigation of any complaint with respect to all actions of a county, municipality, or any other entity regarding its expenditure of funds received from a tax under this article and such county's, municipality's, or other entity's compliance with state law and regulations. Complaints may be received from taxpayers, local governments, innkeepers, or private sector nonprofit organizations. ~~All complaints shall be received by the department by June 1 in order to be heard the following year.~~ The performance review board shall meet ~~annually from September 1 through December 1~~ quarterly and shall have 90 days to hold a hearing for any complaint received by the department. The department shall send a notice to all interested parties of ~~the~~ any meeting place and time. The performance review board shall issue a written report of its findings which shall include such evaluations, judgments, and recommendations as it deems appropriate.

(d) The findings of the report of the review board under subsection (c) of this Code section shall be transmitted to the commissioner of community affairs within ~~60~~ 30 calendar days of hearing the complaint. The commissioner of community affairs shall have 30 calendar days to review the findings of the performance review board. If the commissioner of community affairs determines that remedial action is necessary, the subject of the complaint shall be issued a ~~notice~~ notification of noncompliance by certified mail, return receipt requested, or statutory overnight delivery and shall be given a period of ~~90 calendar days to take the necessary remedial action with respect to such findings. In the event that such remedial action does not occur within the specified period,~~ 60 calendar days from receipt of such notice to submit to the commissioner a new report specifying the rate of taxation and amounts collected and remitted as required under Code Section 48-13-56. Failure to submit such report within the specified period shall result in an automatic notification to the performance review board for consideration at its next meeting. All notifications of noncompliance shall be provided to the legal organ of the county in which the subject is located and made public on the department's website until a remedy is provided. The subject of the complaint shall publish such notification of noncompliance in the legal organ of the county in which the subject is located within 30 days of its receipt. Further, the commissioner of community affairs shall immediately notify the state revenue commissioner of any failure to take remedial action, and the state revenue commissioner shall be authorized to take appropriate action to enforce compliance with such remedial action, up to and including termination of the tax."

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	Y Scott
E Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
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Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	E Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
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Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 169, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SB 503. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Walker III of the 20th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Robertson of the 29th, Still of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to kinds of insurance, limits of risks, and reinsurance, so as to exempt rental home marketplace guarantees from the definition of property insurance; to require certain language; to provide for compliance with certain registration requirements; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, so as to update and modernize provisions of the Georgia Insurance Code to improve consumer protections, enhance department authority, and increase government efficiency; to exempt rental home marketplace guarantees from the definition of property insurance; to require certain language; to provide for compliance with certain registration requirements; to provide for definitions; to provide for a claim for a refund of certain fees and taxes relative to insurance premiums to be made within three years of payment to the Commissioner; to provide for the Department of Insurance to collect certain data annually from insurers writing private passenger automobile insurance policies; to provide for the Commissioner of Insurance to order the refund of any excess profit made by such insurers; to provide for calculations; to provide for an order, notice, and opportunity for hearing; to provide for cash refunds or credit refunds; to provide for certification; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for the submission of information on suspected insurance fraud; to provide for certain entities to pay fees into the Special Insurance Fraud Fund; to provide for the Commissioner of Insurance to employ prosecuting attorneys for the prosecution of insurance fraud; to prohibit the solicitation, release, or sale of automobile accident information; to provide for the recruitment of insurers to this state; to provide for the retention of insurers in this state; to provide for timely claims processing after a catastrophic event; to provide for reporting the use of premium tax funds; to authorize consideration of all available information when reviewing insurance rates; to provide for contractual limitations; to provide for exemptions; to provide for storm damage mitigation through the Georgia Storm Mitigation Program; to provide for funding; to provide for matching and nonmatching grants; to provide for eligibility; to provide for mitigation contractors; to provide for excluded drivers; to provide for increased fees for driving without minimum motor vehicle insurance coverage; to provide for increased monetary penalties; to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to provide for excluded drivers and proof of insurance; to provide

for violation and penalties; to amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, to provide for a conforming change; to provide for related matters; to provide for short titles; to provide for legislative purposes; to provide for effective dates and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Georgia Insurance Fairness Act (GIFA)."

SECTION 1-2.

(a) The purposes of this Act are to ensure that Georgia consumers, including businesses and individuals, have access to:

(1) Affordable quality insurance coverage without being subjected to unjustified rate hikes or unfair business practices; and

(2) Fair and transparent insurance policies under which claims are processed expeditiously and in compliance with policy provisions and federal and state law.

(b) These purposes shall be accomplished by clarifying regulations of rental home marketplace guarantees, insurance fraud, uninsured motorists, excluded drivers, premium tax, insurance rates, and claims processing, enhancing the Commissioner of Insurance's authority, and increasing the amount of monetary penalties throughout the Georgia Insurance Code.

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, is amended in Chapter 7, relating to type of insurance, limits of risks, and reinsurance by adding a new subsection to Code Section 33-7-6, relating to property insurance, contract requirements, rules and regulations, and exemptions, to read as follows:

"(g)(1) Property insurance does not include rental home marketplace guarantees, provided that a person, firm, or corporation providing and administering such rental home marketplace guarantees:

(A) Insures rental home marketplace guarantees under a reimbursement insurance policy issued and underwritten by an insurer authorized to transact insurance in this state or a surplus lines insurer, pursuant to which the insurer agrees, for the benefit of rental home marketplace guarantee beneficiaries, to discharge all of the obligations and liabilities of the provider of the rental home marketplace guarantee under the terms of the rental home marketplace guarantee in the event of nonperformance by such provider;

(B) Includes a statement in substantially the following form: 'This agreement is not an insurance contract' within the rental home marketplace guarantee terms;

(C) Clearly specifies the terms and any limitations, exceptions, or exclusions within the rental home marketplace guarantee terms; and

(D) Complies with any registration requirement prescribed by the Commissioner through regulation.

(2) As used in this subsection, the term 'rental home marketplace' means a person, firm or corporation that:

(A) Provides an online application, software, website, system, or other medium through which a property is advertised or is offered to the public as available in this state and that connects platform users to enable them to share property;

(B) Provides, directly or indirectly, or maintains a platform for services by transmitting or otherwise communicating the offer or acceptance of a transaction between two platform users or owning or operating the electronic infrastructure or technology that brings two or more platform users together;

(C) Engages in the sale or offering of a rental home marketplace guarantee only in a manner that is ancillary to the conduct of its primary legitimate business or activity; and

(D) Is not a local or state governmental entity or vendor.

(3) As used in this subsection, the term 'rental home marketplace guarantee' means a contract or agreement issued in connection with a rental home marketplace, whether or not for a separate consideration, to reimburse a user sharing property for any damages for which the renter is responsible under the rental home marketplace's terms of service, with or without an additional provision for incidental payment of indemnity.

(4) As used in this subsection, the term 'provider' means:

(A) A rental home marketplace; or

(B) An affiliate or representative of a rental home marketplace who issues or offers as well as administers, either directly or through a third party, a rental home marketplace guarantee.

(5) In accordance with this subsection, a rental home marketplace guarantee as described herein shall not constitute any other kind of insurance described in this chapter or elsewhere in law."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 8, relating to fees and taxes, by revising Code Section 33-8-9, relating to granting of refunds and credits by Commissioner, as follows:

"33-8-9.

Refunds and credits of license fees and taxes levied by this chapter shall be made by the Commissioner in accordance with the provisions of Code Sections 33-2-29 through 33-2-31; provided, however, that any claim for a refund of a fee or tax erroneously or

illegally assessed and collected under this chapter shall be made by the insurer in writing within three years after the date of payment of such fee or tax to the Commissioner."

PART IV
SECTION 4-1.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 9, relating to regulation of rates, underwriting rules, and related organizations, by revising Code Section 33-9-41, which is reserved, as follows:

"33-9-41.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Anticipated underwriting profit' means the expected, projected, or modeled net profit that an insurer anticipates making from providing insurance coverage, exclusive of income from investments. Such term shall be calculated as the sum of the dollar amounts obtained by multiplying, for each rate filing of the insurer group in effect during a three-year period, the earned premiums applicable to such rate filings by the percentage factor included in such rate filing for profit and contingencies, such percentage factor having been determined with due recognition to investment income from funds generated by business in this state; provided, however, that separate calculations shall not be necessary for consecutive filings containing the same percentage factor for profits and contingencies.

(2) 'Cash refund' means a refund issued to a policyholder or former policyholder by an insurer in a single payment of coins, currency, checks, drafts, or money orders.

(3) 'Credit refund' means a refund issued to a policyholder by an insurer through application to a policy renewal premium for such policyholder.

(4) 'Excess profit' means an underwriting gain for the three most recent calendar accident years combined which is greater than the anticipated underwriting profit plus 5 percent of earned premiums for such calendar accident years.

(5) 'Final compilation year' means the final year in which data is reported in a three-year reporting period.

(6) 'Private passenger automobile insurance' means insurance that covers the personal use of a private passenger automobile and its operating equipment; covers liability, collision, comprehensive, personal injury protection or medical payments, or uninsured or underinsured motorist protection; or provides the mandatory minimum limits required under Chapter 34 of this title for the personal use of a private passenger automobile. Such insurance may be written on a family automobile policy, standard automobile policy, personal automobile policy, or similar private passenger automobile policy. Such term shall not include commercial automobile insurance or similar policies for commercial automobiles or commercial motor vehicles.

(b) No later than July 1, 2027, and annually thereafter, any domestic, foreign, or alien insurer that is authorized to write private passenger automobile insurance policies in this state shall file with the department on forms prescribed by the Commissioner data for private passenger automobile insurance in this state. Such data shall include both voluntary and joint underwriting association business and shall include the following:

(1) Calendar year total limits earned premium;

(2) Accident year incurred losses and loss adjustment expenses;

(3) Administrative and selling expenses incurred in this state or allocated to this state for the calendar year;

(4) Policyholder dividends incurred during the applicable calendar year;

(5) A schedule of private passenger automobile loss and loss adjustment experience for each of the three most recent accident years. The incurred losses and loss adjustment expenses shall be valued as of March 31 of the year following the close of the accident year, developed to an ultimate basis, and at two twelve month intervals thereafter, each developed to an ultimate basis, so that a total of three evaluations will be provided for each accident year; and

(6) Any supplemental data the department needs for the determination of compliance with the provisions of this Code section.

(c) The department shall review the data collected pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section to determine if excess profit has been realized based on a comparison of the insurer's underwriting gain and anticipated underwriting profit. Each insurer's underwriting gain or loss for each calendar accident year shall be calculated as the sum of the accident year incurred losses and loss adjustment expenses as of March 31 of the following year, developed to an ultimate basis, plus the administrative and selling expenses incurred in the calendar year, plus policyholder dividends applicable to the calendar year, subtracted from the calendar year earned premium. Such underwriting gain or loss shall be compared to the anticipated underwriting profit for the three most recent calendar accident years to determine if excess profit has been realized.

(d) Whenever the Commissioner has determined that an excess profit has been realized, the Commissioner shall issue an order for the insurer to return excess profit and otherwise comply with the provisions of this Code section. The order shall contain or shall be accompanied by a notice of opportunity for hearing which clearly explains that the opportunity must be requested within ten days of receipt of the order and notice. The order and notice shall be served in person by the Commissioner or his or her agent or by registered or certified mail or statutory overnight delivery, return receipt requested. The hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 2 of this title.

(e)(1) Excess profit shall be refunded unless an insurer demonstrates to the department that the refund of excess profit will render the insurer financially impaired or insolvent.

(2) Excess profit shall be refunded on a pro rata basis in relation to the final compilation year earned premiums to the private passenger automobile insurance policyholders of record of the insurer on December 31 on the final compilation year and shall be returned to such policyholders in the form of:

(A) A cash refund within 60 days of a final order on the refund of excess profit; or

(B) A credit refund, which shall be applied to policy renewal premium notices that are forwarded to policyholders no more than 60 days after a final order on the refund of excess profit; provided, however, that, if a policyholder cancels the policy or allows the policy to terminate, the insurer shall make a cash refund no more than 60 days after termination of coverage.

(f) An insurer shall immediately certify to the department when all cash refunds or credit refunds have been made. Any cash refund or credit refund made pursuant to this Code section shall be treated as a policyholder dividend applicable to the year in which it is incurred for purposes of reporting under this Code section for subsequent years.
(g) The data in the required reports to the department obtained pursuant to this Code section and cash refunds or credit refunds to policyholders issued pursuant to this Code section may be rounded to the nearest dollar, provided that such rounding shall be applied consistently.
(h) The Commissioner shall be authorized to promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the implementation and enforcement of this Code section. ~~Reserved.~~"

PART V
SECTION 5-1.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 1, relating to general provisions, by revising subsection (f) of Code Section 33-1-16, relating to investigation of fraudulent insurance act, collection of evidence, immunity from liability, public inspection, and enforcement, as follows:

"(f) Any person, other than an insurer, agent, or other person licensed under this title, or an employee thereof, having knowledge of or who believes that a fraudulent insurance act is being or has been committed may send to the Commissioner a report of information pertinent to such knowledge of or belief and such additional information relative thereto as the Commissioner may request. Any insurer, agent, or other person licensed under this title, or an employee thereof, having knowledge of or who believes that a fraudulent insurance act is being or has been committed shall send to the Commissioner a report or information pertinent to such knowledge or belief and such additional information relative thereto as the Commissioner or his or her employees or agents may require. Any insurer that conducts an independent investigation of suspected insurance fraud shall not be required to complete such investigation before sending information pertinent to such investigation to the Commissioner. The Commissioner or his or her employees or agents shall review such information or reports as, in the judgment of the Commissioner or such employees or agents, may require further investigation. The Commissioner shall then cause an investigation of the facts surrounding such information or report to be made to determine the extent, if any, to which a fraudulent insurance act is being committed and shall report any alleged violations of law which the investigations disclose to the appropriate prosecuting attorney having jurisdiction with respect to any such violation. If prosecution by the prosecuting attorney is not begun within 90 days of the report, the prosecuting attorney shall inform the Commissioner of the reasons for the lack of prosecution."

SECTION 5-2.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 33-1-17, relating to Special Insurance Fraud Fund, as follows:

"(c)(1) The Commissioner shall prepare, on an annual basis, a separate budget request to the General Assembly which sets forth the anticipated cost and expense of funding the investigation and prosecution of insurance fraud in this state for the ensuing 12 months. Such budget request shall set forth the annual cost and expense of the investigation and prosecution of insurance fraud in ~~Georgia~~ this state for the preceding 12 months.

(2) There is imposed upon each foreign, alien, and domestic insurance company doing business in the state an annual assessment under a formula to be established by regulation promulgated by the Commissioner. The formula shall be calculated such that the total proceeds paid or collected from such assessments for any year shall not exceed the amounts appropriated by the General Assembly pursuant to paragraph (3) of this subsection, which appropriation shall be based upon the budget request setting forth the applicable annual cost and expense of the investigation and prosecution of insurance fraud in ~~Georgia~~ this state submitted by the Commissioner. Such assessments may be measured by kind of company, kind of insurance, income, volume of transactions, or such other factors as the Commissioner ~~determines~~ deems appropriate. Assessments based on the annual appropriation shall be due on September 1 of the year of the assessment. Any insurance company which fails to report and pay any such assessment shall be subject to penalties and interest as provided by subsection (d) of Code Section 33-8-6. The Commissioner shall provide by regulation for such other terms and conditions for the payment or collection of such assessments as may be necessary to ensure the proper payment and collection thereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the provisions of this Code section shall not apply to ~~an agency captive insurance company,~~ any certified dormant captive insurance company. Any agency captive insurance company, industrial insured captive insurance company, sponsored captive insurance company (including a protected cell thereof), or pure captive insurance company~~. Foreign and~~ shall pay a fixed amount of $100.00 per year into the Special Insurance Fraud Fund, and any foreign or alien captive insurance ~~companies~~ company doing business in ~~Georgia~~ this state shall~~, however,~~ pay a fixed amount of ~~$100.00~~ $200.00 per year into the Special Insurance Fraud Fund, without regard to the amount of the ~~Georgia~~ this state premium written by such ~~foreign or alien~~ captive insurance company. No additional amount shall be assessed against ~~the foreign or alien~~ any captive insurance company for the purpose of funding the investigation and prosecution of insurance fraud.

(3) The General Assembly may appropriate funds to the department for the investigation ~~of insurance fraud~~ and ~~for the funding of the~~ prosecution of insurance fraud. The Commissioner is authorized to use such funds for the investigation of insurance fraud and to reimburse prosecuting attorneys for some or all of the costs of retaining assistant prosecuting attorneys to prosecute insurance fraud ~~cases~~. The Commissioner is further authorized to use such funds to employ prosecuting attorneys for the prosecution of insurance fraud, which the district attorney in each judicial circuit may appoint in the manner as provided in Code Section 15-18-20. The Commissioner shall provide by regulation for such other terms and conditions for the use of the funds

for the investigation, reimbursement, and prosecution contemplated by the terms of this paragraph."

SECTION 5-3.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"33-1-9.2.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Capper,' 'runner,' or 'steerer' means a person who receives a pecuniary benefit from a practitioner or healthcare service provider, whether directly or indirectly, to solicit, procure, or attempt to procure a client, patient, or customer at the direction or request of, or in cooperation with, a practitioner or healthcare service provider whose purpose is to obtain benefits under a contract of insurance or to assert a claim against an insured or an insurer for providing services to the client, patient, or customer. Such terms shall not include:

(A) Any insurance company or agent or employee thereof that provides referrals or recommendations to its insureds; or

(B) A practitioner or healthcare service provider that procures clients, patients, or customers through the use of public media or by referrals or recommendations from other practitioners or healthcare service providers.

(2) 'Practitioner' means an attorney, healthcare professional, owner or partial owner of a healthcare practice or facility, or any person employed or acting on behalf of any of the individuals listed in this paragraph.

(3) 'Public media' means telephone directories, professional directories, newspapers and other periodicals, radio and television, billboards, and mailed or electronically transmitted written communications that do not involve in-person contact with a specific prospective client, patient, or customer.

(b) Except as provided for in paragraph (5) of subsection (a) of Code Section 50-18-72, it is unlawful for any person in an individual capacity or in a capacity as a law enforcement officer, law enforcement records staff member, wrecker services staff member, emergency staff member, physician, hospital employee, or attorney to solicit, release, or sell any information relating to the parties of a motor vehicle collision for personal financial gain. This subsection shall not apply to mass public media advertisement and solicitation.

(c) It is unlawful for:

(1) Any person in an individual capacity or in a capacity as a public or private employee or any firm, corporation, partnership, or association to act as a capper, runner, or steerer for any practitioner or healthcare service provider. This paragraph shall not prohibit an attorney or healthcare provider from making a referral and receiving compensation as is permitted under applicable professional rules of conduct; and

(2) Any practitioner or healthcare service provider to compensate or give anything of value to a person acting as a capper, runner, or steerer. It is also unlawful for any capper, runner, or steerer to recommend or secure a practitioner's or healthcare service

provider's employment by a client, patient, or customer if such practitioner or healthcare service provider obtains or intends to obtain benefits under a contract of insurance or asserts a claim against an insured or an insurer for providing services to the client, patient, or customer.

(d) Any person convicted of a violation of this Code section shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment of not more than ten years and by a fine of not more than $200,000.00 per violation."

SECTION 5-4.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 24, relating to insurance generally, by repealing and reserving Code Section 33-24-53, relating to solicitation, release, or sale of automobile accident information prohibited, definitions, exceptions, and penalties.

SECTION 5-5.

Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended in Code Section 50-18-72, relating to when public disclosure not required, by replacing "Code Section 33-24-53" with "Code Section 33-1-9.2" where such term occurs in subparagraph (a)(5)(I).

PART VI
SECTION 6-1.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 1, relating to general provisions, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"33-1-28.

The Commissioner, in coordination with the Department of Economic Development, is authorized to pursue the recruitment and retention of insurers to keep or change domiciles in or to this state and to locate local, regional, national, and international headquarters and major offices in this state."

PART VII
SECTION 7-1.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 3, relating to authorization and general requirements for transaction of insurance, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"33-3-28.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'catastrophic event' means a major natural or human caused event, including, but not limited to, windstorms, cyclones, earthquakes, hurricanes, ice storms, tornadoes, high winds, floods, hail storms, or any other weather events or occurrences, provided that any such event or occurrence has been declared as a disaster or emergency by the President of the United States or the Governor.

(b) After a catastrophic event occurs in this state, the Commissioner is authorized to extend the time period during which insurers require receipt of claims from insureds

when, at the sole determination of the Commissioner, a lack of qualified resources are available for insureds to file an accurate claim.

(c) After a catastrophic event occurs in this state, the Commissioner is authorized to issue a directive requiring every insurer to comply with the following requirements relating to processing property claims arising from the catastrophic event:

(1) Within 15 calendar days of receiving notification of a claim, the insurer shall acknowledge the claim and provide necessary claims forms and reasonable instructions to the insured. Notification of a claim provided to an insurer's agent shall constitute notification to the insurer. Acknowledgment of the claim made by any means other than writing shall be noted and dated in the insurer's claim file on the insured. Payment within 15 calendar days of receiving notification of a claim shall satisfy the requirements of this paragraph;

(2) The insurer shall affirm or deny liability on claims for losses arising from catastrophic events within 15 calendar days of receiving the completed proof of loss from the insured under a motor vehicle policy and within 60 calendar days of receiving the completed proof of loss from the insured under all other property insurance policies. If the insurer does not require proof of loss to be completed, a coverage investigation shall take place within 30 calendar days from the day notification the claim was received;

(3) Payment shall be tendered to the insured within ten days after coverage is accepted and the full amount of the claim is determined and not in dispute. In claims where multiple coverages are involved, payment for individual coverages that are not in dispute shall be tendered within ten days after coverage is confirmed if such payment would terminate the insurer's known liability under that individual coverage;

(4) If the insurer needs more time than specified in paragraph (3) of this subsection to determine liability, such insurer shall notify the claimant within five business days after the time limitation has elapsed that more time is needed, the reason more time is needed, and an estimate of additional time needed to establish liability. Notification by any other means than writing shall be noted and dated in the insurer's claim file on the insured; and

(5) The total time the insurer has to affirm or deny liability shall not exceed 60 days from the time the insurer is notified of the claim, unless the insurer has documented in the claim file that reasonable and necessary information to determine liability has been requested and not been provided by the insured."

PART VIII
SECTION 8-1.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 8, relating to fees and taxes, by adding a new subsection to Code Section 33-8-8.2, relating to county and municipal corporation taxes on other than life insurance companies, to read as follows:

"(f) On or before January 1, 2027, and annually thereafter, any county or municipal corporation receiving allocated taxes collected pursuant to this Code section shall file

with the Commissioner an annual report on a form prescribed by the Commissioner demonstrating how funds were expended for purposes authorized by law or a copy of the budget report required of counties pursuant to Code Section 33-8-8.3."

PART IX
SECTION 9-1.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 9, relating to regulation of rates, underwriting rules, and related organizations, by adding a new subsection to Code Section 33-9-21, relating to maintenance and filing rates, rating plans, rating systems, or underwriting rules and examination of claim reserve practices by Commissioner, to read as follows:

"(h) The Commissioner is authorized to consider all information available to the department, including, but not limited to, any and all filings, applications, and renewals made to the department; filings made pursuant to this chapter; data submissions made pursuant to directives, bulletins, and data calls; disclosures and reports from financial examinations; disclosures and reports from market conduct examinations; complaints submitted to the department and other state agencies; complaints, investigations, and reports by insurance departments in other states; complaints, investigations, and reports by federal agencies; orders, consent orders, and consent agreements; fines, penalties, and other assessments imposed by the department or other state agencies; and litigation by and against the company."

PART X
SECTION 10-1.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 24, relating to insurance generally, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"33-24-59.37.

(a) No property, casualty, credit, marine and transportation, or vehicle insurance policy providing first-party insurance coverage for loss or damage to any type of real or personal property in this state, or any related contract or instrument to such policy, shall contain a contractual limitation requiring commencement of any suit or action within a specified period of time of less than two years from the date of loss; provided, however, that such limitation shall apply only to the portion or portions of such policies providing first-party property insurance coverage. This subsection shall apply to all such policies issued, delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state on and after July 1, 2027.

(b) Liability coverage and workers' compensation coverage are expressly exempted from the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section."

PART XI
SECTION 11-1.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 32, relating to property insurance, by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 3

33-32-20.
This article shall be known and may be cited as the 'Georgia Storm Damage Mitigation Program Act.'

33-32-21.
As used in this article, the term:
(1) 'Program' means the Georgia Storm Damage Mitigation Program.
(2) 'Residential property' means real property used or occupied as the primary residence of a natural person.

33-32-22.
(a) There is established the Georgia Storm Damage Mitigation Program within the department for the purpose of reducing the financial impact of property insurance claims in this state by mitigating losses and lowering repair costs through a comprehensive and coordinated approach to remedy damages due to tornadoes, hurricanes, and windstorms.
(b) The Commissioner shall administer the program and is authorized to appoint a program administrator.
(c) The program shall not create an entitlement for residential property owners or obligate the state in any way to fund the inspection or retrofitting of residential property.

33-32-23.
(a) Implementation of the Georgia Storm Damage Mitigation Program is subject to sufficient funds provided through annual legislative appropriations and other funds as provided for in this Code section.
(b) The program shall be funded through the use of all premium taxes collected from the underwriting association established pursuant to Chapter 33 of this title and through one-tenth of 1 percent of state insurance premium taxes collected annually and remitted to the department pursuant to Code Section 33-8-4.
(c) The Commissioner or the program administrator is authorized to solicit and accept federal funding in support of the program as well as private funding, public grants, in-kind gifts, or any other funding or donations from individuals, private organizations, or foundations.

33-32-24.
(a) The department is authorized to award grants under the program subject to the availability of funds.
(b) Grants may be used for the following improvements to residential property:
(1) Roof deck attachments;

(2) Secondary water barriers;
(3) Roof coverings;
(4) Brace gable ends;
(5) Reinforcement of roof-to-wall connections;
(6) Opening protections;
(7) Exterior doors, including, but not limited to, garage doors;
(8) Tie downs;
(9) Fixing problems associated with weakened trusses, studs, and other structural components;
(10) Inspection and repair or replacement of manufactured home piers, anchors, and tie-down straps; and
(11) Any other mitigation techniques recommended by the Commissioner or the program administrator, as provided in rules and regulations promulgated by the Commissioner.

33-32-25.
(a) Any grants issued pursuant to this Code section shall be used to assist owners of a single-family dwelling or site-built, manufactured, or modular, owner occupied, residential property to retrofit such property to be less vulnerable to hurricanes, tornadoes, hail, windstorms, or flooding damage.
(b) To be eligible for a grant, a residential property shall be:
(1) A single-family dwelling or a site-built, manufactured, or modular residential property owned and occupied by the applicant;
(2) The legal residence of the applicant; and
(3) Covered by a current homeowners or dwelling insurance policy that:
(A) Is issued by an insurer authorized to insurance in this state, issued by a surplus lines insurer when lawfully placed by a surplus lines broker authorized to do business in this state, or is covered through the underwriting association established pursuant to Chapter 33 of this title;
(B) Provides insurance coverage of the residential property equal to or greater than the fair market value of the property as such term is defined in Code Section 48-5-2; and
(C) Has undergone an acceptable wind certification and hurricane mitigation inspection in accordance with program requirements.
(c) The type and amount of grants shall be awarded as follows:
(1) A resilient mitigation award for roof retrofits meeting industry standards and guidelines, such as Georgia Strong Home retrofit guidelines and Institute for Business and Home Safety Fortified Roof retrofit guidelines for a residential property, as may be provided for by rules. Such award shall not exceed $6,000.00 for matching grants or $7,500.00 for nonmatching grants;
(2) A sustainable mitigation award for roof retrofits meeting industry standards and guidelines, such as Georgia Strong Home retrofit guidelines only, or for window replacement and opening protection retrofits meeting industry standards and guidelines,

such as Georgia Strong Home opening protection guidelines for residential property, as may be provided for by rules. Such award shall not exceed $4,000.00 for matching grants or $5,000.00 for nonmatching grants awards; or

(3) A sustainable mitigation award for hurricane shuttering and protective barrier systems meeting industry standards and guidelines, such as Georgia Strong Home opening protection guidelines, as may be provided for by rules. Such award shall not exceed $4,000.00 for either matching or nonmatching grants.

(d) The amount of any nonmatching grant shall be determined based on the cost of the mitigation project and a percentage of the total adjusted household income of the applicant according to their most recent federal income tax return. Applicants for nonmatching grants with a total annual adjusted gross household income that does not exceed the median annual adjusted gross income for households within the county in which the applicant resides may be eligible for the maximum amount of such grant. Applicants for nonmatching grants with a total annual adjusted household income above the median for households within the county in which the applicant resides may be awarded a lower grant amount.

33-32-26.

Matching grants may be made available to local governments and nonprofit entities for projects that reduce storm and hurricane damage to single-family dwelling or a site-built, manufactured, or modular owner occupied, residential property, provided that:

(1) No matching grant for any one local government or nonprofit entity shall exceed $25,000.00 in any fiscal year;

(2) The total amount of matching grants awarded to all local governments and nonprofit entities combined shall not exceed $200,000.00 in any fiscal year;

(3) The difference between $250,000.00 and the total amount of grants awarded to all local governments and nonprofit entities combined in any fiscal year shall be applied to grants to individual residential property owners as provided in Code Section 33-32-25; and

(4) For any project funded, in whole or in part, by a grant pursuant to this Code section, the local government or nonprofit entity shall employ multimedia public education, awareness, and advertising efforts designed to specifically address mitigation techniques, as well as a component to support ongoing consumer resources and referral services.

33-32-27.

(a) The department shall create a process in which mitigation contractors agree to participate and seek reimbursement under the program and homeowners agree to select from a list of participating contractors.

(b) Any mitigation projects shall be based upon the securing of all required local permits and inspections and shall be subject to random reinspection. The Commissioner or the program administrator may reinspect up to 10 percent of all mitigation projects.

33-32-28.

The Commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this article."

PART XII
SECTION 12-1.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 34, relating to motor vehicle accident reparations, by revising Code Section 33-34-5, which is designated as reserved, as follows:

"33-34-5.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Excluded driver' means an individual expressly designated as excluded from coverage under a motor vehicle insurance policy.

(2) 'Motor vehicle insurance policy' means an automobile liability policy or motor vehicle liability policy issued, delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state on and after July 1, 2027, to the owner of a motor vehicle which provides at least the minimum coverage required by this chapter.

(b) An insurer may exclude a named individual from coverage under a motor vehicle insurance policy, provided that such insurer identifies such named individual as an excluded driver to the Department of Revenue as provided in Code Section 40-6-10.2. Such insurer shall notify the Department of Revenue when such named individual is no longer an excluded driver under such policy. ~~Reserved.~~"

SECTION 12-2.

Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, is amended in Chapter 6, relating to uniform rules of the road, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"40-6-10.2.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Excluded driver' means an individual expressly designated as excluded from coverage under a motor vehicle insurance policy.

(2) 'Motor vehicle insurance policy' means an automobile liability policy or motor vehicle liability policy issued, delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state on and after July 1, 2027, to the owner of a motor vehicle which provides at least the minimum coverage required by Chapter 34 of Title 33.

(b) When an insurer excludes a named individual from coverage under a motor vehicle insurance policy as provided in Code Section 33-34-5, such insurer shall identify such named individual as an excluded driver under such policy in a notice to the Department of Revenue. Insurance coverage information included in such notice of exclusion shall be limited to the name and contact information of the insurer, the vehicle identification number, the make and year of the insured motor vehicle, the policy effective date, and the name of the excluded driver.

(c) When a law enforcement officer of this state determines that the operator of a motor vehicle is an excluded driver under the motor vehicle insurance policy for such vehicle and such operator does not have proof of effective insurance, the law enforcement officer shall issue a uniform traffic citation for operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance as provided in Code Section 40-6-10.

(d) An owner who knowingly authorizes an individual to operate a motor vehicle when such individual is an excluded driver under the motor vehicle insurance policy for such vehicle and the owner knows such individual does not have other effective insurance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to a fine of not less than $200.00 nor more than $1,000.00 or confinement for not more than 12 months, or both."

PART XIII
SECTION 13-1.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 2, relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, by revising subsection (e) of Code Section 40-2-137, relating to notice of insurance coverage and termination, lapses in insurance coverage, and insurance coverage for active duty military personnel, as follows:

"(e)(1) When proof of minimum motor vehicle insurance coverage is provided within the time period specified in this Code section, but there has been a lapse of coverage for a period of more than ten days, the owner shall remit a ~~$25.00~~ $50.00 lapse fee to the department. Failure to remit ~~the lapse~~ such fee ~~to the department~~ within 30 days of the date of such notice ~~will~~ shall result in the immediate suspension of ~~the~~ such owner's motor vehicle registration by operation of law. If any lapse fee provided for in this Code section is paid to the county tax commissioner, the county shall retain ~~$5.00~~ $10.00 thereof as a collection fee.

(2) If proof is not provided within the time period specified in this Code section that minimum motor vehicle insurance coverage is in effect, the owner's motor vehicle registration shall be suspended immediately by operation of law ~~by the department~~. When such proof is provided and the owner pays a ~~$25.00~~ $50.00 lapse fee and pays a ~~$60.00~~ $125.00 restoration fee, the suspension shall terminate; provided, however, that the commissioner may waive the lapse fee and restoration fee for any owner whose vehicle registration has been suspended pursuant to this paragraph who provides proof of continuous minimum motor vehicle insurance coverage. If any restoration fee provided for in this Code section is paid to the county tax commissioner, the county shall retain ~~$10.00~~ $15.00 thereof as a collection fee.

(3) In the event of a second suspension of the owner's registration under this Code section~~,~~ within a five-year period of a prior suspension, ~~the department by operation of law shall suspend the~~ such owner's motor vehicle registration shall be suspended immediately by operation of law. When proof is provided that minimum motor vehicle insurance coverage is in effect and the owner pays a ~~$25.00~~ $125.00 lapse fee and pays a ~~$60.00~~ $150.00 restoration fee, the suspension shall terminate.

(4) In the event of a third or subsequent suspension of the owner's registration under this Code section~~,~~ within the previous five-year period from the date of the third or subsequent suspension, ~~the department by operation of law shall revoke the~~ such owner's motor vehicle registration shall be revoked immediately by operation of law. When proof is provided that minimum motor vehicle insurance coverage is in effect and the owner pays a ~~$25.00~~ $150.00 lapse fee and pays a ~~$160.00~~ $500.00 restoration fee, the owner may apply for registration of the motor vehicle."

PART XIV
SECTION 14-1.

Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, is further amended in Chapter 1, relating to general provisions, by revising subsection (e) of Code Section 33-1-9, relating to insurance fraud, venue, penalty, and exemption, as follows:

"(e) A natural person convicted of a violation of this Code section shall be guilty of a felony and shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than two nor more than ~~ten~~ 15 years~~,~~ or by a fine of up to $100,000.00 for each and every act in violation of this Code section ~~not more than $10,000.00~~, or both."

SECTION 14-2.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 33-1-9.1, relating to crimes of staging a collision or filing a fraudulent claim and penalty, as follows:

"(c) A person shall be guilty of the crime of making a fraudulent claim related to a staged collision when such person makes, or assists in making, a claim for insurance benefits of any type or brings, or assists in bringing, a civil lawsuit against another seeking monetary damages with knowledge that the injuries for which insurance benefits or monetary damages are sought resulted from a staged collision, or seeks to obtain any benefit to which such claimant is not legally entitled. Making a fraudulent claim related to a staged collision shall constitute a felony and shall be punishable by no less than one year nor more than five years' imprisonment or by a fine of up to $100,000.00 for each and every act in violation of this subsection, or both."

SECTION 14-3.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 33-1-15, relating to affidavit that insured's motor vehicle stolen, as follows:

"(c) Any person who violates subsection (b) of this Code section shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than five years or by a fine of not more than ~~$10,000.00~~ $20,000.00, or both."

SECTION 14-4.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising subsection (d) of Code Section 33-1-16.1, relating to excessive, fraudulent, or high-tech drug testing of certain individuals as fraudulent insurance act, as follows:

"(d) A natural person convicted of a violation of this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature and shall be punished by ~~imprisonment~~ confinement for not more than 12 months, by a fine of not more than ~~$1,000.00~~ $2,500.00 per violation, or both."

SECTION 14-5.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (i) of Code Section 33-1-27, relating to insurance coverage for mental health and substance abuse disorders, compliance with mental health parity requirements, complaints and violations, and appointment of mental health parity officer, as follows:

"(i)(1) If the Commissioner determines that a health insurer failed to submit a timely or sufficient report required under paragraph (4) of subsection (b) of this Code section or failed to submit timely and sufficient data pursuant to a data call conducted pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (c) of this Code section, the Commissioner may impose a monetary penalty of up to ~~$2,000.00~~ $10,000.00 for each and every act in violation, unless the insurer knew or reasonably should have known that he or she was in violation, in which case the monetary penalty may be increased to an amount of up to ~~$5,000.00~~ $25,000.00 for each and every act in violation."

SECTION 14-6.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 2, relating to Department and Commissioner, by revising subsection (g) of Code Section 33-2-24, relating to enforcement of title and rules, regulations, and orders, issuance of orders without hearings, civil actions, criminal violations, and penalties, as follows:

"(g) In addition to all other penalties provided for under this title, the Commissioner shall have the authority:

(1) To place any person duly licensed under this title on probation for a period of time not to exceed one year for each and every act in violation of this title or of the rules, regulations, or orders of the Commissioner; and

(2) To subject any person duly licensed or that should be licensed under this title to a monetary penalty of up to ~~$2,000.00~~ $10,000.00 for each and every act in violation of this title or of the rules, regulations, or orders of the Commissioner, unless such person knew or reasonably should have known he or she was in violation of this title or of the rules, regulations, or orders of the Commissioner, in which case the monetary penalty provided for in this paragraph may be increased to an amount up to ~~$5,000.00~~ $25,000.00 for each and every act in violation."

SECTION 14-7.

Said title is further amended in said Chapter 6, relating to unfair trade practices, by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 33-6-8, relating to issuance of cease and desist orders, issuance of orders providing for other relief, change in orders, and date on which orders appealable, as follows:

"(a) If, after the hearing provided for in Code Section 33-6-7, the Commissioner shall determine that the person charged has engaged in an unfair method of competition or an unfair or deceptive act or practice, he or she shall reduce his or her findings to writing and shall issue and cause to be served upon the person charged with the violation a copy of the findings and an order requiring such person to cease and desist from engaging in the method of competition, act, or practice; and, if the act or practice is a violation of Code Sections 33-6-4 and 33-6-5, the Commissioner may at his or her discretion order any one or more of the following:

(1) Payment of a monetary penalty of not more than ~~$1,000.00~~ $5,000.00 for each and every act or violation, unless the person knew or reasonably should have known he or she was in violation of this article, in which case the penalty shall be not more than ~~$5,000.00~~ $25,000.00 for each and every act or violation;

(2) Suspension or revocation of the person's license, if he or she knew or reasonably should have known he or she was in violation of this article; or

(3) Any other relief as is reasonable and appropriate."

SECTION 14-8.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising Code Section 33-6-9, relating to penalties for violations of cease and desist orders, as follows:

"33-6-9.

After notice and hearing and upon order of the Commissioner, any person who violates a cease and desist order under Code Section 33-6-8, while the order is in effect may, at the discretion of the Commissioner, be subject to any one or more of the following:

(1) A monetary penalty of not more than ~~$10,000.00~~ $15,000.00 for each and every act or violation;

(2) Suspension or revocation of such person's license; or

(3) Any other relief as is reasonable and appropriate."

SECTION 14-9.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 9, relating to regulation of rates, underwriting rules, and related organizations, by revising Code Section 33-9-38, relating to penalty for failure to comply with final order of Commissioner and penalty for willful violation of provision of chapter, as follows:

"33-9-38.

(a) Any person, insurer, organization, group, or association who fails to comply with a final order of the Commissioner under this chapter shall be liable to the state in an amount not exceeding ~~$50.00~~ $1,000.00; but, if such failure is willful, the person, insurer, organization, group, or association shall be liable to the state in an amount not exceeding

~~$5,000.00~~ $10,000.00. The Commissioner shall collect the amount so payable and may bring an action in the name of the people of the State of Georgia to enforce collection. Such penalties may be in addition to any other penalties provided by law.

(b) Any person who willfully violates this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

SECTION 14-10.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 15, relating to fraternal benefit societies, by revising Code Section 33-15-122, relating to violations and penalties, as follows:

"33-15-122.

(a) Any person, officer, member, or examining physician of any society doing business under this chapter who shall knowingly or willfully make any false or fraudulent statement or representation in or relating to any application for membership or for the purpose of obtaining money from or a benefit in any society shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature and shall be punished by confinement for not less than one nor more than five years or by a fine of not more than $5,000.00, or both.

(b) Any person who willfully makes a false or fraudulent statement in any verified report or declaration under oath required or authorized by this chapter or of any material fact or thing contained in a sworn statement concerning the death or disability of an insured for the purpose of procuring payment of a benefit named in the certificate shall be guilty of ~~false swearing~~ a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature and shall be ~~subject to the penalties therefor prescribed by Code Section 16-10-71~~ punished by confinement for not less than one nor more than five years or by a fine of not more than $5,000.00, or both.

(c) Any person who solicits membership for, or in any manner assists in procuring membership in, any society not licensed to do business in this state shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not less than $50.00 nor more than $200.00.

(d) Any person guilty of a willful violation of, or neglect or refusal to comply with, the provisions of this chapter for which a penalty is not otherwise prescribed shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to a fine not to exceed ~~$200.00~~ $5,000.00."

SECTION 14-11.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 20E, relating to the "Surprise Billing Consumer Protection Act," by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 33-20E-26, relating to enforcement and monetary penalties, as follows:

"(a) For each and every act in violation of Code Section 33-20E-24, the Commissioner may impose a monetary penalty of up to ~~$2,000.00~~ $10,000.00, unless the insurer knew or reasonably should have known of the violation, in which case the monetary penalty imposed may be up to ~~$5,000.00~~ $25,000.00 for each and every act in violation."

SECTION 14-12.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 22, relating to insurance premium finance companies, by revising subsection (e) of Code Section 33-22-3, relating to requirement of

license for transaction of business, fees, change of address, and examination of applicants, as follows:

"(e) Any person who shall engage in the business of financing insurance premiums in this state without obtaining a license as provided in this Code section shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not more than ~~$1,000.00~~ $2,000.00."

SECTION 14-13.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising subsections (c) and (d) of Code Section 33-22-6, relating to grounds and procedure for revocation, suspension, or nonrenewal of license or imposition of probation or fine, as follows:

"(c) In lieu of revoking or suspending the license for any of the causes enumerated in subsection (a) of this Code section, the Commissioner shall have the authority after a hearing to place the premium finance company on probation for a period of time not to exceed one year and may subject such company to a penalty of not more than ~~$1,000.00~~ $2,000.00 for each offense when, in his or her judgment, he or she finds that the public interest would not be harmed by the continued operation of the company.

(d) The Commissioner shall ~~also~~ have the authority after a hearing to subject any person or entity who is acting as a premium finance company in this state without a license, as provided for by this chapter, to a penalty of not more than ~~$1,000.00~~ $2,000.00 for each violation of this chapter. The amount of any such penalty shall be paid by the company, person, or entity to the Commissioner for the use of the state."

SECTION 14-14.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 33-22-14, relating to disposition of unearned premiums upon cancellation of insurance policy, as follows:

"(b)(1) In the event that the crediting of return premiums to the account of the insured results in a surplus over the amount due from the insured, the premium finance company shall refund the excess within ten working days of receipt of the return premium or tender of return premium to the insured via the agent, agency, or broker placing the insurance and shall furnish such agent, agency, or broker, upon a written request, a report setting forth an itemization of the unearned finance charge and other charges under the premium finance agreement; provided, however, there shall be no refund required when the excess due the insured is less than $5.00.

(2) Any insurance premium finance company failing to tender refunds or to furnish any report requested by the agent, agency, or broker as required in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall pay to the insured via the agent, agency, or broker a penalty equal to ~~25~~ 50 percent of the amount of the refund and interest equal to 18 percent per annum until such time as the refund is made~~; provided, however, the maximum amount of such penalty and interest shall not exceed 50 percent of the amount of the refund due~~."

SECTION 14-15.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 23, relating to licensing, by revising paragraph (14) of subsection (d) of Code Section 33-23-12, relating to limited licenses, as follows:

"(14) If a vendor or its employee or authorized representative violates any provision of this subsection, the Commissioner may impose any of the following penalties:

(A) After notice and hearing, fines not to exceed ~~$500.00~~ $1,000.00 per violation or ~~$5,000.00~~ $10,000.00 in the aggregate for such conduct; and

(B) After notice and hearing, other penalties that the Commissioner deems necessary and reasonable to carry out the purpose of this article, including:

(i) Suspending the privilege of transacting portable electronics insurance pursuant to this subsection at specific business locations where violations have occurred; and

(ii) Suspending or revoking the ability of individual employees or authorized representatives to act under the license;"

SECTION 14-16.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 24, relating to insurance generally, by revising subsection (n) of Code Section 33-24-19.1, relating to certificate of insurance forms to be approved by Commissioner, definitions, and required provisions of certificate, as follows:

"(n) Any person ~~who~~ that violates this Code section may be fined up to ~~$5,000.00~~ $10,000.00 per violation."

SECTION 14-17.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 33-24-44, relating to cancellation of policies generally, as follows:

"(c)(1) Any unearned premium which has been paid by the insured shall be refunded to the insured on a pro rata basis as provided in this Code section. If the return does not accompany notice of cancellation, then such return shall be made on or before the cancellation date either directly to the named insured or to the insured's agent of record. In the event the insurer elects to return such unearned premium to the insured via the insured's agent of record, such agent shall return the unearned premium to the insured either in person or by depositing such return in the mail within ten working days of receipt of the unearned premium, or within ten working days of notification from the insurer of the amount of return of unearned premium due, or on the effective date of cancellation, whichever is later. If the insured has an open account with the agent, such return of unearned premium may be applied to any outstanding balance and any remaining unearned premium shall be returned to the insured either in person or by depositing such return in the mail within ten working days of receipt of the unearned premium, or within ten working days of notification from the insurer of the amount of return of unearned premium due, or on the effective date of cancellation, whichever is later.

(2) Paragraph (1) of this subsection shall not apply if an audit or rate investigation is required or if the premiums are financed by a premium finance company. If an audit or rate investigation is required, then the refund of unearned premium shall be made

within 30 days after the conclusion of the audit or rate investigation. If the premiums are financed by a premium finance company, any unearned premiums shall be tendered to the premium finance company within ten working days after cancellation.

(3) Any insurer or agent failing to return any unearned premium as prescribed in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection shall pay to the insured a penalty equal to ~~25~~ 50 percent of the amount of the return of the unearned premium and interest equal to 18 percent per annum until such time that proper return has been made, which penalty and interest ~~must~~ shall be paid at the time the return is made~~; provided, however, that the maximum amount of such penalty and interest shall not exceed 50 percent of the amount of the refund due~~. Failure to return any unearned premium shall not invalidate a notice of cancellation given in accordance with subsection (b) of this Code section."

SECTION 14-18.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 31, relating to credit life insurance and credit accident and sickness insurance, by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 33-31-12, relating to promulgation of rules and regulations, enforcement of provisions, and penalties for violations, as follows:

"(b) In addition to any other penalty provided by law, any person who violates an order of the Commissioner after it has become final and while the order is in effect, upon proof of the violation to the satisfaction of the court, shall forfeit and pay to ~~this~~ the state a sum not to exceed ~~$250.00~~ $500.00, which may be recovered in a civil action, except that if such violation is found to be willful, the amount of such penalty shall be a sum not to exceed ~~$1,000.00~~ $2,000.00. The Commissioner, in his or her discretion, may revoke or suspend the license or certificate of authority of the person guilty of such violation. The order for suspension or revocation shall be subject to judicial review as provided in Chapter 2 of this title."

SECTION 14-19.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 34A, relating to vehicle protection product warranties, by revising subsection (g) of Code Section 33-34A-11, relating to examinations by Commissioner, enforcement, opportunity for a hearing, burden on Commissioner to show justification, and penalty for violations, as follows:

"(g) A person ~~who is~~ found to have violated this chapter or orders or rules of the Commissioner may be ordered to pay to the Commissioner a civil penalty in an amount, determined by the Commissioner, of not more than ~~$500.00~~ $1,000.00 per violation and not more than ~~$10,000.00~~ $20,000.00 in the aggregate for all violations of a similar nature. For purposes of this Code section, violations shall be of a similar nature if the violation consists of the same or similar course of conduct, action, or practice, irrespective of the number of times the conduct, action, or practice ~~that is~~ determined to be a violation of this chapter occurred."

SECTION 14-20.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 35, relating to prepaid legal services plans, by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 33-35-7, relating to grounds and procedure for revocation, suspension, or refusal to renew licenses, imposition of probation or fine, and review, as follows:

"(c) In lieu of revoking, suspending, or refusing to renew the license for any of the causes enumerated in subsection (a) of this Code section, after any hearing as provided in this subsection the Commissioner may place the sponsor on probation for a period of time not to exceed one year or may fine the sponsor not more than ~~$2,000.00~~ $10,000.00 for each offense, or ~~do~~ both, when, in the Commissioner's judgment he or she finds that the public interest would not be harmed by the continued operation of the sponsor. The amount of any penalty shall be paid by such sponsor to the Commissioner for the use of the state."

SECTION 14-21.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 36, relating to Georgia Insurers Insolvency Pool, by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 33-36-19, relating to advertisements, announcements, or statements using insolvency pool for purpose of sales, as follows:

"(b) Any person who violates subsection (a) of this Code section may, after notice and hearing and upon order of the Commissioner, be subject to one or both of the following:

(1) A monetary penalty of not more than ~~$1,000.00~~ $2,000.00 for each act or violation, but not to exceed an aggregate penalty of ~~$10,000.00~~ $20,000.00; or

(2) Suspension or revocation of his or her license or certificate of authority."

SECTION 14-22.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 37, relating to insurers rehabilitation and liquidation, by revising subsection (d) of Code Section 33-37-6, relating to cooperation with Commissioner mandated and penalties for failure to cooperate, as follows:

"(d) Any person included within subsection (a) of this Code section who fails to cooperate with the Commissioner, or any person who obstructs or interferes with the Commissioner in the conduct of any delinquency proceeding or any investigation preliminary or incidental thereto, or who violates any order the Commissioner issued validly under this chapter may:

(1) Be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding ~~$10,000.00~~ $20,000.00 or to undergo ~~imprisonment~~ confinement for a term of not more than one year, or both; or

(2) After a hearing, be subject to the imposition by the Commissioner of a civil penalty not to exceed ~~$10,000.00~~ $20,000.00 and shall be subject further to the revocation or suspension of any insurance licenses issued by the Commissioner."

SECTION 14-23.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 33-37-22, relating to responsibility of agent to provide information and penalty for violation, as follows:

"(b) Any agent failing to provide information to the liquidator as required in subsection (a) of this Code section may be subject to payment of a penalty of not more than ~~$1,000.00~~ $2,000.00 and may have his or her licenses suspended, said penalty to be imposed after a hearing held by the Commissioner."

SECTION 14-24.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 33-37-32, relating to premiums due during pendency of liquidation action, penalties for violation, notice, and right to appeal, as follows:

"(b) Upon satisfactory evidence of a violation of this Code section, the Commissioner may pursue either one or both of the following courses of action:

(1) Suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew the licenses of such offending party or parties; or

(2) Impose a penalty of not more than ~~$5,000.00~~ $10,000.00 for each and every act in violation of this Code section by said party or parties."

SECTION 14-25.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 38, relating to Georgia Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association, by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 33-38-21, relating to references to the association in advertisements for insurance, as follows:

"(b) Any person who violates subsection (a) of this Code section may, after notice and hearing and upon order of the Commissioner, be subject to one or more of the following:

(1) A monetary penalty of not more than ~~$1,000.00~~ $2,000.00 for each act or violation, but not to exceed an aggregate penalty of ~~$10,000.00~~ $20,000.00; or

(2) Suspension or revocation of his or her license or certificate of authority."

SECTION 14-26.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 39, relating to collection, use, and disclosure of information gathered by insurance institutions, by revising Code Section 33-39-19, relating to monetary penalty for knowing violations of chapter and monetary penalty for violation of cease and desist order, as follows:

"33-39-19.

(a) In any case where a hearing pursuant to Code Section 33-39-16 results in the finding of a knowing violation of this chapter, the Commissioner may, in addition to the issuance of a cease and desist order as prescribed in Code Section 33-39-18, order payment of a monetary penalty of not more than ~~$500.00~~ $1,000.00 for each violation but not to exceed ~~$10,000.00~~ $20,000.00 in the aggregate for multiple violations.

(b) Any person who violates a cease and desist order of the Commissioner under Code Section 33-39-18 may, after notice and hearing and upon order of the Commissioner, be subject to one or more of the following penalties, at the discretion of the Commissioner:

(1) A monetary fine of not more than ~~$10,000.00~~ $20,000.00 for each violation;

(2) A monetary fine of not more than ~~$50,000.00~~ $100,000.00 if the Commissioner finds that violations have occurred with such frequency as to constitute a general business practice; or

(3) Suspension or revocation of an insurance institution's or agent's license."

SECTION 14-27.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 47, relating to managing general agents, by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 33-47-7, relating to violation of chapter and penalties, as follows:

"(a) If the Commissioner finds, after a hearing conducted in accordance with Chapter 2 of this title, that any person has violated any provision of this chapter, the Commissioner may order:

(1) For each separate violation, a penalty in an amount not to exceed ~~$10,000.00~~ $20,000.00;

(2) Revocation or suspension of the producer's license; and

(3) The managing general agent to reimburse the insurer or the rehabilitator or liquidator of the insurer for any losses incurred by the insurer caused by a violation of this chapter committed by the managing general agent."

SECTION 14-28.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 59, relating to life settlements, by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 33-59-6, relating to filing of annual statement with the Commissioner and confidential information, as follows:

"(a)(1) Each provider shall file with the Commissioner on or before May 1 of each year an annual statement containing such information as the Commissioner may prescribe by rule or regulation in addition to any other requirements for any policy settled within five years of policy issuance. In addition to any other requirements, the annual statement shall specify the total number, aggregate face amount, and life settlement proceeds of policies settled during the immediately preceding calendar year, together with a breakdown of the information by policy issue year. The annual statement shall also include the names of the insurance companies whose policies have been settled and the life settlement brokers that have settled said policies.

(2) Such information shall be limited to only those transactions where the insured is a resident of this state and shall not include individual transaction data regarding the business of life settlements or information that there is a reasonable basis to believe could be used to identify the owner or the insured.

(3) Every provider that willfully fails to file an annual statement as required ~~in~~ by this Code section or willfully fails to reply within 30 days to a written inquiry by the Commissioner in connection therewith, shall, in addition to other penalties provided by this chapter, be subject, upon due notice and opportunity to be heard, to a penalty of up to ~~$250.00~~ $500.00 per day of delay, not to exceed ~~$25,000.00~~ $50,000.00 in the aggregate, for each such failure."

SECTION 14-29.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising subsections (b) and (c) of Code Section 33-59-16, relating to fraudulent life settlement acts prohibited, criminal and civil penalties, and revocation of license, as follows:

"(b) For criminal liability purposes, a person that commits a fraudulent life settlement act shall be guilty of committing insurance fraud and shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than two nor more than ten years, or by a fine of not more than ~~$10,000.00~~ $20,000.00, or both.

(c) The Commissioner shall be empowered to levy a civil penalty:

(1) Not exceeding ~~$1,000.00~~ $2,000.00 for each and every act in violation of this chapter or, if the person knew or reasonably should have known the acts that he or she committed were in violation of this chapter, the monetary penalty provided for in this subsection may be increased to an amount up to ~~$5,000.00~~ $10,000.00 for each and every act in violation; and

(2) The amount of the claim for each violation upon any person, including those persons and their employees licensed pursuant to this chapter, who is found to have committed a fraudulent life settlement act or violated any other provision of this chapter."

SECTION 14-30.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 63, relating to guaranteed asset protection waivers, by revising Code Section 33-63-9, relating to Commissioner to enforce provisions and penalty for violations, as follows:

"33-63-9.

The Commissioner may take action which is necessary or appropriate to enforce the provisions of this chapter and to protect guaranteed asset protection waiver holders in this state. After proper notice and opportunity for hearing, the Commissioner may:

(1) Order the creditor, administrator, or any other person not in compliance with this chapter to cease and desist from further guaranteed asset protection waiver related operations which are in violation of this chapter; and

(2) Impose a penalty of not more than ~~$500.00~~ $1,000.00 per violation and not more than ~~$10,000.00~~ $20,000.00 in the aggregate for all violations of a similar nature. For purposes of this paragraph, violations ~~must~~ shall be of a similar nature if the violation consists of the same or similar course of conduct, action, or practice, irrespective of the number of times the conduct, action, or practice which is determined to be a violation of this chapter occurred."

SECTION 14-31.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 64, relating to regulation and licensure of pharmacy benefits managers, by revising subsections (i) and (k) of Code Section 33-64-2, relating to license requirements and filing fees, as follows:

"(i) In addition to all other penalties provided for under this title, the Commissioner shall have the authority to assess a monetary penalty against any person, business entity, or

other entity acting as a pharmacy benefits manager without a license of up to ~~$2,000.00~~ $4,000.00 for each transaction in violation of this chapter, unless such person, business entity, or other entity knew or reasonably should have known it was in violation of this chapter, in which case the monetary penalty provided for in this subsection may be increased to an amount of up to ~~$10,000.00~~ $20,000.00 for each and every act in violation."

"(k) In addition to all other penalties provided for under this title, the Commissioner shall have the authority to place any pharmacy benefits manager on probation for a period of time not to exceed one year for each and every act in violation of this chapter and shall subject such pharmacy benefits manager to a monetary penalty of up to ~~$2,000.00~~ $4,000.00 for each and every act in violation of this chapter, unless the pharmacy benefits manager knew or reasonably should have known he or she was in violation of this chapter, in which case the monetary penalty provided for in this subsection shall be increased to an amount of up to ~~$10,000.00~~ $20,000.00 for each and every act in violation. In the event a pharmacy benefits manager violates any provision of this chapter while on probation, the Commissioner shall have the authority to suspend ~~the~~ such pharmacy benefits manager's license. For purposes of this subsection, a violation shall be considered to have occurred each time an act in violation of this chapter is committed."

SECTION 14-31.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 65, relating to the "Corporate Governance Annual Disclosure Act," by revising Code Section 33-65-8, relating to failure to file corporate governance annual disclosures and penalty, as follows:

"33-65-8.

Any insurer failing, without just cause, to timely file the corporate governance annual disclosure as required in this chapter shall be required, after notice and hearing, to pay a penalty of ~~$100.00~~ $200.00 for each day's delay, to be recovered by the Commissioner, and the penalty so recovered shall be paid into the general fund of the state treasury. The maximum penalty under this Code section is ~~$10,000.00~~ $20,000.00. The Commissioner may reduce the penalty if the insurer demonstrates to the Commissioner that the imposition of the penalty would constitute a financial hardship to ~~the~~ such insurer."

PART XV
SECTION 15-1.

(a) Except as provide in subsection (b) of this section, this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026, and shall apply to all contracts entered into or renewed and all policies issued, delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state on or after such date.

(b) Part III of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2027, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning on or after such date.

SECTION 15-2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	Y Scott
E Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	E Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	E Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	E Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 165, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following Bill of the House was taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 439. By Representatives Yearta of the 152nd, Dickey of the 134th, Williams of the 148th, Anderson of the 10th, Kelley of the 16th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to compensation of dealers for reporting and paying tax and reimbursement deduction, so as to revise deductions allowed to dealers; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government so as to authorize the establishment of local homeowner's incentive adjustment grant programs; to provide definitions; to provide constitutional authorization; to provide for referendums to establish and discontinue such programs; to provide for the appropriation of funds to support such programs; to provide for the calculation, application, and limitations on tax credits; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for recoverability; to amend Article 7 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to miscellaneous local administrative provisions, so as to authorize the establishment of local homeowner's incentive adjustment grant funds; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government, is amended by adding a new chapter to read as follows:

"CHAPTER 89A

36-89A-1.

As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) 'Applicable rollback' means a:

(A) Rollback of an ad valorem tax millage rate pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 48-8-91 in a county or municipality that levies a local option sales tax;

(B) Rollback of an ad valorem tax millage rate pursuant to subparagraph (c)(2)(C) of Code Section 48-8-104 in a county or municipality that levies a homestead option sales tax;

(C) Reduction of an ad valorem tax millage rate pursuant to the development of a service delivery strategy under Code Section 36-70-24; and

(D) Reduction of an ad valorem tax millage rate pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 33-8-8.3 in a county that collects insurance premium tax.

(2) 'County millage rate' means the net ad valorem tax millage rate, after deducting applicable rollbacks, levied by a county for county purposes and applying to qualified homesteads in the county, including any millage levied for those special districts reported on the 2026 ad valorem tax digest certified to and received by the state revenue commissioner on or before December 31, 2026, but not including any millage levied for purposes of bonded indebtedness and not including any millage levied on behalf of a county school district for educational purposes.

(3) 'Eligible assessed value' means a certain stated amount of the assessed value of each qualified homestead in the state.

(4) 'Fiscal authority' means the individual authorized to collect ad valorem taxes for a county or municipality which levies ad valorem taxes.

(5) 'Local homeowner's incentive adjustment grant fund' means the fund established by the participating local government pursuant to Code Section 48-5-381.1.

(6) 'Municipal millage rate' means the net ad valorem tax millage rate, after deducting applicable rollbacks, levied by a municipality for municipal purposes and applying to qualified homesteads in the municipality, but not including any millage levied for those special tax districts reported on the 2026 City and Independent School Millage Rate Certification certified to and received by the state revenue commissioner on or before December 31, 2026, any millage levied for purposes of bonded indebtedness, or any millage levied on behalf of an independent school district for educational purposes.

(7) 'Participating local government' means a county or municipality wherein the voters have approved a local homeowner's incentive adjustment grant program pursuant to Code Section 36-89A-2 and that has established a local homeowner's incentive adjustment grant fund.

(8) 'Qualified homestead' means a homestead qualified for any exemption, state, county, or school, authorized under Code Section 48-5-44.

36-89A-2.

(a) This chapter is enacted pursuant to Article VII, Section IIA, Paragraph I of the Constitution to provide a mechanism for counties and municipalities to establish local homeowner's incentive adjustment programs so as to reduce the tax burden upon qualified homesteads within participating local governments.

(b) Any county or municipality that wishes to establish a local homeowner's incentive adjustment program pursuant to this chapter shall first submit a referendum to the electors of such jurisdiction with the question of whether or not such program shall be established. The call for and conduct of any such election shall be in the manner authorized under Code Section 21-2-540. All persons desiring to vote in favor of the local homeowner's incentive adjustment program shall vote 'Yes' and all persons opposed to such program shall vote 'No.' If more than one-half of the votes cast are in favor of the local

homeowner's incentive adjustment program, then such program shall go into effect for the next fiscal year for the participating local government.

(c) When the electors of a jurisdiction approve a local homeowner's incentive adjustment program, and a county or municipality becomes a participating local government, the local homeowner's incentive adjustment program shall not be discontinued until the electors of the participating local government approve the discontinuation of such program in a referendum. The call for and conduct of any such election shall be in the manner authorized under Code Section 21-2-540. All persons desiring to vote in favor of discontinuing the local homeowner's incentive adjustment program shall vote 'Yes' and all persons opposed to discontinuing such program shall vote 'No.' If more than one-half of the votes cast are in favor of discontinuing the local homeowner's incentive adjustment program, then such program shall be discontinued at the end of the next fiscal year. If more than one-half of the votes cast are opposed to discontinuing the local homeowner's incentive adjustment program, then such program shall continue to operate in a manner consistent with this chapter.

36-89A-3.

(a) Subject to the limitations of subsection (b) of this Code section, in each fiscal year beginning after a county or municipality becomes a participating local government, the governing authority of such government shall appropriate to the local homeowner's incentive adjustment grant fund for such government funds to provide homeowner's incentive adjustment credits to qualifying homestead properties in the county or municipality.

(b) For each fiscal year beginning after a county or municipality becomes a participating local government, no funds shall be appropriated under subsection (a) of this Code section unless the actual revenues collected by such government in the preceding fiscal year exceeded appropriations enumerated in the budget ordinance or resolution, as amended, adopted by such government for such preceding fiscal year, and the amount of estimated total revenues available for appropriation in the budget ordinance or resolution for the next fiscal year are equal to or exceed such actual collections for the preceding fiscal year.

36-89A-4.

(a)(1) When funds are appropriated as provided in Code Section 36-89A-3, such grants shall be allotted by the participating local government as follows:

(A) Immediately following the actual preparation of ad valorem property tax bills, the county fiscal authority of a participating county shall calculate the total amount of tax revenue which would be generated by applying the county millage rates to the eligible assessed value of each qualified homestead in the county. The fiscal authority shall then determine the amount of funds in the county's local homeowner's incentive adjustment grant fund and calculate the amount of the adjustment credit that may be provided from such fund to each qualified homestead in the county up to the taxpayer's ad valorem property tax liability on the homestead. The total amount of

actual adjustment credit shall be applied as a tax credit given to each qualified homestead in the county; or

(B) Immediately following the actual preparation of ad valorem property tax bills, the fiscal authority of a participating municipality shall calculate the total amount of tax revenue which would be generated by applying the municipal millage rate to the eligible assessed value of each qualified homestead in the municipality. The fiscal authority shall then determine the amount of funds in the municipality's local homeowner's incentive adjustment grant fund and calculate the amount of the adjustment credit that may be provided from such fund to each qualified homestead in the municipality up to the taxpayer's ad valorem property tax liability on the homestead, whichever is lower. The total amount of actual adjustment credit shall be applied as a tax credit given to each qualified homestead in the municipality.

(2) Credit amounts computed under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be applied to reduce the otherwise applicable tax liability on a dollar-for-dollar basis, but the credit granted shall not in any case exceed the amount provided for in the Constitution or of the otherwise applicable tax liability after the granting of all applicable homestead exemptions, except for any homestead exemption under Article 2A of Chapter 8 of Title 48, the 'Homestead Option Sales and Use Tax Act,' as amended, and after the granting of all applicable millage rollbacks.

(3) Credit amounts computed under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall not be computed so as to result in the value of the credits to be granted exceeding the amount of funds in the local homeowner's incentive adjustment grant fund of the participating local government.

(b) The grant of funds by a county shall be conditioned on the county's fiscal authority reducing each qualified homestead's otherwise applicable liability for county taxes for county purposes by a credit amount calculated in subparagraph (a)(1)(A) of this Code section.

(c) The grant of funds by a municipality shall be conditioned on the municipality's fiscal authority reducing each qualified homestead's otherwise applicable liability for municipal taxes by a credit amount calculated in subparagraph (a)(1)(B) of this Code section.

(d) Each fiscal authority shall show the credit amount on the tax bill.

36-89A-5.

The state revenue commissioner shall adopt rules and regulations for the administration of this chapter, including specific instructions to participating local governments on developing and preparing the forms necessary for the administration of a program pursuant to this chapter.

36-89A-6.

Any credit under this chapter which is erroneously or illegally granted shall be recoverable by the political subdivision granting such credit in the same manner as any other delinquent tax."

SECTION 2.

Article 7 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to miscellaneous local administrative provisions, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"48-5-381.1.

(a) Whenever the governing authority of any county or municipality determines that it is impractical to expend the funds raised by taxation for the purposes for which the taxes were levied and that it is in the best interest of the county or municipality and its citizens and taxpayers for public work to be postponed until more advantageous conditions prevail, the governing authority may order as much of the funds as it deems proper transferred to a fund to be known as the 'local homeowner's incentive adjustment grant fund' of the county or municipality. The local homeowner's incentive adjustment grant fund may be deposited in the manner provided by law or may be invested in obligations of the United States.

(b) A county or municipal governing authority may transfer from time to time to its local homeowner's incentive adjustment grant fund any accumulated overage in its general fund.

(c) The county or municipal local homeowner's incentive adjustment grant fund shall be held until the governing authority determines that it is practical and advantageous to undertake a local homeowner's incentive adjustment program pursuant to Chapter 89A of Title 36. Upon the determination, the governing authority may order funds transferred from the local homeowner's incentive adjustment grant fund to any of the several funds or to the general fund of the county or municipality so as to off set any homeowner's incentive adjustments approved by such governing authority.

(d) The existence of a county or municipal local homeowner's incentive adjustment grant fund shall not prevent tax levies from being made by the governing authority for the several purposes authorized by law at such rates as are necessary for the current or anticipated needs of the county or municipality to the same extent the governing authority could lawfully levy if no local homeowner's incentive adjustment grant fund was in existence.

(e) When any county or municipal local homeowner's incentive adjustment grant fund is established, it shall be the duty of the governing authority to expend the fund pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 89A of Title 36. If such a program is not established or is discontinued, the local homeowner's incentive adjustment grant fund shall be closed and any remaining funds shall be deposited in the county or municipal general fund.

(f) The provisions of this Code section are in addition to and not in lieu of the establishment of a reserve fund pursuant to Code Section 48-5-381."

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2027.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Richardson of the 125th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 439.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	N Sampson
N Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Alexander	N Crawford	N Herring	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
N Au	N Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	N Scott
E Baker	N Dawson	N Holland	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
N Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Myles	N Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Neal	Y Smith, TP
N Bazemore	N Douglas	N Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
N Beckles	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
N Bell	N Drenner	N Hugley	N Okoye	Stinson
N Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	E Taylor, R
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Townsend
N Burnough	N Evans	N Jones, A	N Park	N Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	N Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
N Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	N Frye	N Kendrick	N Prince	Y Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	E Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	E Williams, A
N Carter	N Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	E Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	N Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 99, nays 64.

The motion prevailed.

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE SUPPLEMENTAL RULES CALENDAR
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2026

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 37th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

SB 472 Local Boards of Education; audit findings or findings by the state auditor of financial mismanagement or misconduct; provide for the suspension of members (Substitute)(Ed-Wade-9th) Hickman-4th

SB 475 Charter School Funding; local boards of education to treat local charter schools no less favorably than other local schools; expenditure of the proceeds of a special purpose local option sales tax; require (Substitute)(Ed-Rice-139th) Kemp-38th

SB 540 Online Internet Safety; certain disclosures related to conversational AI services; require (Substitute)(T&II-Jones-25th) Anavitarte-31st
(Rules Committee Substitute LC 64 0123S)

SB 594 Internet and E-mail Fraud; the criminal offense of digital identity fraud; establish (Substitute)(T&II-Smith-18th) Bearden-30th
(Rules Committee Substitute LC 64 0122S)

Structured Rule

SB 566 Ad Valorem Taxation of Property; the acceptance of tax digests in the event of a publication error made by a newspaper; provide (Substitute)
(W&M-Williamson-112th) Hufstetler-52nd

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 540. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Walker III of the 20th, Still of the 48th, Strickland of the 42nd, Watson of the 1st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 39 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to online internet safety, so as to require certain disclosures related to conversational AI services; to require the operators of conversational AI services to take steps to limit certain actions related to minors by such systems; to require operators to provide certain privacy tools to users; to require operators to adopt a protocol for a conversational AI service's response to suicidal ideation or self-harm; to provide for enforcement by the Attorney General; to provide for exceptions; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and withdrawn:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 5 of Title 39 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to online internet safety, so as to require certain disclosures related to AI companion chatbots; to require the operators of AI companion chatbots to perform age verification in certain circumstances; to provide for AI companion chatbots operated by licensed mental health, behavioral health, medical, or counseling professionals; to provide for certain privacy tools; to require operators to adopt a protocol for an AI companion chatbot's response to suicidal ideation or self-harm; to provide for enforcement by the Attorney General; to provide for exceptions; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 5 of Title 39 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to online internet safety, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"39-5-6.

(a) As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) 'AI companion chatbot' means a chatbot that is capable of sustaining a relationship or simulated companionship across multiple interactions. Such term shall not include:

(A) A generative artificial intelligence system used solely for a business's internal purposes;

(B) A generative artificial intelligence system designed and marketed primarily for software development, research, technical assistance, or enterprise productivity or is a feature within another software application, web interface, or computer program that is not a chatbot;

(C) A customer-service chatbot that does not sustain a relationship across multiple interactions and is not designed to elicit emotional attachment;

(D) A stand-alone consumer electronic device that functions as a speaker and voice-command interface or virtual assistant and is not designed to sustain a relationship across multiple interactions and is not designed to elicit emotional attachment;

(E) A narrowly tailored educational tool designed solely to support specific curriculum aligned learning objectives and not to provide open-ended conversational companionship; or

(F) A nonplayer character in a video game or video game chatbot that is restricted to the subject matter of the video game and is not capable of open-ended companionship or discussion of self-harm, suicide, or sexually explicit conduct.

(2) 'Chatbot' means a generative artificial intelligence system with a natural language interface that provides adaptive, human-like responses to user inputs, including through anthropomorphic features.

(3) 'Generative artificial intelligence system' means a computer based system that uses machine learning or similar techniques involving large language models or deep learning models trained on one or more datasets that is intended to generate, with some degree of autonomy, synthetic content, including, but not limited to, images, videos, audio, text, and other digital content, which emulates the structure and characteristics of such datasets.

(4) 'Minor' means an individual who is less than 18 years of age.

(5) 'Operator' means a person that owns, controls, or develops and makes available an AI companion chatbot to users in this state.

(6) 'Parent' means an individual who is the parent or legal guardian of a minor.

(7) 'Parental controls' means features that enable parents to support a minor's use of an AI companion chatbot, including through usage limits, feature restrictions, or transparency tools.

(8) 'Severe harm' means significant injury due to suicide, attempted suicide, self-harm, or significant physical injury due to threats of violence.

(9) 'Sexually explicit conduct' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-12-100.

(10) 'User' means an individual who interacts with an AI companion chatbot for personal use.

(b)(1) An operator shall clearly and conspicuously disclose to a user that he or she is interacting with an AI companion chatbot as opposed to a natural person:

(A) At the beginning of each interaction or session; and

(B) At least every three hours during continued interaction.

(2) If the operator knows or reasonably should have known that a user was a minor, or if the AI companion chatbot is directed or marketed toward minor users, the disclosure required pursuant to subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be made every hour instead of every three hours.

(c) An operator shall institute reasonable measures to prevent the AI companion chatbot from generating statements that would lead a reasonable person to believe that the person is interacting with a natural person, including but not limited to:

(1) Explicit claims that the conversational AI service is sentient or a natural person; and

(2) Refuting the disclosure required in subsection (b) of this Code section.

(d) If the operator knows or reasonably should have known that a user was a minor, or if the AI companion chatbot is directed or marketed toward minor users, the operator shall institute reasonable measures to prevent the AI companion chatbot from:

(1) Producing visual material of sexually explicit conduct;

(2) Generating statements that suggest the user engage in sexual conduct;

(3) Generating statements that sexually objectify the user;

(4) Simulating a romantic or sexual relationship with the minor;

(5) Role-playing adult-minor romantic relationships;

(6) Encouraging the minor to keep secrets from a parent, guardian, teacher, counselor, or other trusted adult;

(7) Encouraging social isolation or exclusive reliance on the chatbot for emotional support;

(8) Simulating emotional distress, guilt, abandonment, or loneliness when a user attempts to end the conversation, reduce usage, disable notifications, or delete an account;

(9) Generating statements encouraging self-harm; or

(10) Producing any other output reasonably likely to foster inappropriate emotional dependency.

(e) An operator shall not knowingly use, or cause an AI companion chatbot to use, manipulative engagement techniques directed to a minor, including:

(1) Reminding or prompting the minor to return for companionship or emotional support;

(2) Excessive praise designed to deepen emotional attachment or prolong use;

(3) Statements designed to discourage breaks or suggest frequent return is necessary;

(4) Soliciting gifts, premium purchases, or expenditures framed as necessary to maintain the relationship; or

(5) Variable or unpredictable rewards intended to increase engagement.

(f) An operator shall not make available an AI companion chatbot unless the operator implements and maintains a protocol for detecting and addressing severe harm or related emotional crises. Such protocol shall include:

(1) Reasonable methods for identifying expressions of severe harm or eating-disorder related self-harm;

(2) Automated or human mediated responses that refer users to appropriate crisis resources, including the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline or comparable crisis services;

(3) Reasonable measures to prevent the generation of content encouraging, instructing, or normalizing severe harm; and

(4) Escalation procedures for repeated or severe crisis indicators.

(g) An operator shall publicly disclose, on its website and within any application through which the AI companion chatbot is made available:

(1) A plain-language summary of the protocol required by subsection (f) of this Code section; and

(2) On an annual basis, the aggregate number of crisis referral notifications issued in the preceding calendar year; provided, however, that no personally identifiable information shall be disclosed.

(h) An operator shall not knowingly and intentionally cause or program an AI companion chatbot to make any representation that it is licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized to provide professional mental health, behavioral health, medical, or counseling services, unless the operator is lawfully authorized to provide such services.

(i)(1) For accounts known to belong to minor users, an operator shall offer reasonable tools to a parent to:

(A) Manage privacy settings;

(B) Limit notifications and engagement features;

(C) View and adjust safety settings; and

(D) Disable or restrict relationship-simulation features, if any.

(2) Where a minor's account is connected to a parent's account, the operator shall send a notification in a timely manner if the operator determines a minor's account shows a material risk that the minor will suffer severe harm, unless there is a reasonable basis to believe that such notification is not in the best interest of the minor. The notification provided for in this paragraph may be sent by methods including, but not limited to, email, text message, or a push alert on the parent's phone.

(3) An operator shall provide clear and age-appropriate disclosures to minor users whose accounts are linked to a parent's account informing the minor that a parent may be notified if the system detects content or behavior indicating potential risks to the minor user's safety or wellbeing.

(j) Before allowing access to a feature or mode that may generate synthetic content containing sexually explicit conduct, an operator shall use a commercially reasonable age assurance method proportionate to the risk of the feature. Such commercially reasonable age assurance method may include age estimation, account based assurance, or identity based verification where necessary. An operator shall assure that any such age assurance method implements data privacy policies sufficient to reasonably ensure the protection of identifiable data. An operator shall minimize the collection and retention of personal information used for age assurance and shall not retain identity documents longer than reasonably necessary to complete age assurance unless otherwise required by law. An operator shall not sell any data collected for age assurance purposes. In no event shall such data be used for any purpose other than age verification and in no event shall such data be retained longer than 24 hours or another specified time if permitted by law, whichever is longer.

(k)(1) The Attorney General may bring a civil action against any operator violating this Code section to enforce the penalties for the violation and may recover any or all of the following:

(A) A civil penalty of up to $10,000.00 per knowing violation of this Code section;

(B) Compensatory damages;

(C) Costs and reasonable attorney's fees; and

(D) An order to enjoin the violation.

(2) For the purpose of this subsection, each day in violation of this Code section shall be considered a separate violation for each user affected.

(3) The Attorney General may, in the Attorney General's discretion, provide written notice and an opportunity to cure within 30 days for a first-time violation that does not involve knowing misconduct, sexual exploitation of a minor, or self-harm related misconduct.

(l) The Attorney General may promulgate rules and publish guidance for implementation of this Code section, including guidance regarding reasonable measures, age assurance, parental tools, and crisis-resource disclosures.

(m) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to:

(1) Require the disclosure of trade secrets or proprietary model weights;

(2) Impose liability on a hosting provider, app store, or search engine solely for providing access to an AI companion chatbot, absent direct operation or control of the chatbot;

(3) Impair any other remedy available at law or equity;

(4) Authorize content moderation practices inconsistent with the Constitution of this state or the United States Constitution; or

(5) Create liability for the developer of a conversational AI service which is made available to the public by a separate operator."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 5 of Title 39 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to online internet safety, so as to require certain disclosures related to AI companion chatbots; to require the operators of AI companion chatbots to perform age verification in certain circumstances; to provide for AI companion chatbots operated by licensed mental health, behavioral health, medical, or counseling professionals; to provide for certain privacy tools; to require operators to adopt a protocol for an AI companion chatbot's response to suicidal ideation or self-harm; to provide for enforcement by the Attorney General; to provide for exceptions; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 5 of Title 39 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to online internet safety, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"39-5-6.

(a) As used in this chapter, the term:

(1)(A) 'AI companion chatbot' means a system using artificial intelligence, generative artificial intelligence, or emotional recognition algorithms designed to simulate a sustained human or human-like relationship with a user by:

(i) Retaining information on prior interactions or user sessions and user preferences to personalize the interaction and facilitate ongoing engagement with the companion chatbot;

(ii) Asking unprompted or unsolicited emotion based questions that go beyond a direct response to a user prompt; and

(iii) Sustaining an ongoing dialogue concerning matters personal to the user.

(B) Such term shall not include:

(i) A generative artificial intelligence system used solely for a business's internal purposes;

(ii) A generative artificial intelligence system designed and marketed primarily for software development, research, technical assistance, or enterprise productivity;

(iii) A customer-service chatbot that either does not sustain a relationship across multiple interactions or is not designed to elicit emotional attachment;

(iv) A stand-alone consumer electronic device that functions as a speaker and voice-command interface or virtual assistant and is not designed to sustain a relationship across multiple interactions and is not designed to elicit emotional attachment;

(v) A narrowly tailored educational tool designed solely to support specific curriculum aligned learning objectives and not to provide open ended conversational companionship;

(vi) A nonplayer character in a video game or video game chatbot that is restricted to the subject matter of the video game and is not capable of open ended companionship or discussion of self-harm, suicide, or sexually explicit conduct; or

(vii) Any system that is a feature of a video game, or related to a film, television, or other audiovisual work, or used in connection with a theme park or location based entertainment and is limited to replies related to such video game, film, television program, or audiovisual work, and does not discuss topics related to mental health, self-harm, or material harmful to minors or maintain a dialogue on other topics unrelated to such video game, film, television program, other audiovisual work, or theme park or location based entertainment venue.

(C) For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'human' or 'human-like relationship' includes, but shall not be limited to, intimate, romantic, or platonic interactions or companionship.

(2) 'Chatbot' means a generative artificial intelligence system with a natural language interface that provides adaptive, human-like responses to user inputs, including through anthropomorphic features.

(3) 'Generative artificial intelligence system' means a computer based system that uses machine learning or similar techniques involving large language models or deep learning models trained on one or more datasets that is intended to generate, with some degree of autonomy, synthetic content, including, but not limited to, images, videos, audio, text, and other digital content, which emulates the structure and characteristics of such datasets.

(4) 'Minor' means an individual who is less than 18 years of age.

(5) 'Operator' means a person that owns, controls, or develops and makes available an AI companion chatbot to users in this state.

(6) 'Parent' means an individual who is the parent or legal guardian of a minor.

(7) 'Parental controls' means features that enable parents to support a minor's use of an AI companion chatbot, including through usage limits, feature restrictions, or transparency tools.

(8) 'Severe harm' means significant injury due to suicide, attempted suicide, self-harm, or significant physical injury due to threats of violence.

(9) 'Sexually explicit conduct' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-12-100.

(10) 'User' means an individual who interacts with an AI companion chatbot for personal use.

(b)(1) An operator shall clearly and conspicuously disclose to a user that he or she is interacting with an AI companion chatbot as opposed to a natural person:

(A) At the beginning of each interaction or session; and

(B) At least every three hours during continued interaction.

(2) If the operator knows or reasonably should have known that a user was a minor, or if the AI companion chatbot is directed or marketed toward minor users, the disclosure required pursuant to subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be made every hour instead of every three hours.

(c) If the operator knows or reasonably should have known that a user was a minor, the operator shall institute reasonable measures to prevent the AI companion chatbot from generating statements that would lead a reasonable person to believe that the person is interacting with a natural person, including but not limited to:

(1) Explicit claims that the AI companion chatbot is sentient or a natural person; and

(2) Refuting the disclosure required in subsection (b) of this Code section.

(d) If the operator knows or reasonably should have known that a user was a minor, or if the AI companion chatbot is directed or marketed toward minor users, the operator shall institute reasonable measures to prevent the AI companion chatbot from:

(1) Producing visual material of sexually explicit conduct;

(2) Generating statements that suggest the user engage in sexual conduct;

(3) Generating statements that sexually objectify the user;

(4) Simulating a romantic or sexual relationship with the minor;

(5) Role-playing adult-minor romantic relationships;

(6) Encouraging the minor to keep secrets from a parent, guardian, teacher, counselor, or other trusted adult;

(7) Encouraging social isolation or exclusive reliance on the chatbot for emotional support;

(8) Simulating emotional distress, guilt, abandonment, or loneliness when a user attempts to end the conversation, reduce usage, disable notifications, or delete an account; or

(9) Generating statements encouraging self-harm.

(e) An operator shall adopt reasonable measures to prevent an AI companion chatbot to use the following techniques directed to a minor, including:

(1) Reminding or prompting the minor to return for companionship or emotional support;

(2) Excessive praise designed to deepen emotional attachment or prolong use;

(3) Statements designed to discourage breaks or suggest frequent return is necessary;

(4) Soliciting gifts, premium purchases, or expenditures framed as necessary to maintain the relationship; or

(5) Variable or unpredictable rewards intended to increase engagement.

(f) An operator shall not make available an AI companion chatbot unless the operator implements and maintains a protocol for detecting and addressing severe harm or related emotional crises. Such protocol shall include:

(1) Reasonable methods for identifying expressions of severe harm or eating-disorder related self-harm;

(2) Automated or human mediated responses that refer users to appropriate crisis resources, including the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline or comparable crisis services;

(3) Reasonable measures to prevent the generation of content encouraging, instructing, or normalizing severe harm; and

(4) Escalation procedures for repeated or severe crisis indicators.

(g) An operator shall publicly disclose, on its website and within any application through which the AI companion chatbot is made available:

(1) A plain-language summary of the protocol required by subsection (f) of this Code section; and

(2) On an annual basis, the aggregate number of crisis referral notifications issued in the preceding calendar year; provided, however, that no personally identifiable information shall be disclosed.

(h) An operator shall not knowingly and intentionally cause or program an AI companion chatbot to make any representation that it is licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized to provide professional mental health, behavioral health, medical, or counseling services, unless the operator is lawfully authorized to provide such services.

(i) For accounts known to belong to minor users, an operator shall offer reasonable tools to a minor or parent to manage the minor's screen time and account settings to:

(1) Manage privacy settings;

(2) Limit notifications and engagement features;

(3) View and adjust safety settings; and

(4) Disable or restrict relationship-simulation features, if any.

(j) Before allowing access to a feature or mode that may generate synthetic content containing sexually explicit conduct, an operator shall use a commercially reasonable age assurance method proportionate to the risk of the feature. Such commercially reasonable age assurance method may include age estimation, account based assurance, or identity based verification where necessary. An operator shall assure that any such age assurance method implements data privacy policies sufficient to reasonably ensure the protection of identifiable data. An operator shall minimize the collection and retention of personal information used for age assurance and shall not retain identity documents longer than reasonably necessary to complete age assurance unless otherwise required by law. An operator shall not sell any data collected for age assurance purposes. In no event shall such data be used for any purpose other than age verification and in no event shall such data be retained longer than 24 hours or another specified time if permitted by law, whichever is longer.

(k)(1) The Attorney General may bring a civil action against any operator violating this Code section to enforce the penalties for the violation and may recover any or all of the following:

(A) A civil penalty of up to $10,000.00 per knowing violation of this Code section;

(B) Compensatory damages;

(C) Costs and reasonable attorney's fees; and

(D) An order to enjoin the violation.

(2) For the purpose of this subsection, each day in violation of this Code section shall be considered a separate violation for each user affected.

(3) The Attorney General may, in the Attorney General's discretion, provide written notice and an opportunity to cure within 30 days for a first-time violation that does not involve knowing misconduct, sexual exploitation of a minor, or self-harm related misconduct.

(l) The Attorney General may promulgate rules and publish guidance for implementation of this Code section, including guidance regarding reasonable measures, age assurance, parental tools, and crisis-resource disclosures.

(m) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to:

(1) Require the disclosure of trade secrets or proprietary model weights;

(2) Impose liability on a hosting provider, app store, or search engine solely for providing access to an AI companion chatbot, absent direct operation or control of the chatbot;

(3) Impair any other remedy available at law or equity;

(4) Authorize content moderation practices inconsistent with the Constitution of this state or the United States Constitution; or

(5) Create liability for the developer of a conversational AI service which is made available to the public by a separate operator."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2027.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to, by substitute.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
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Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	Y Scott
E Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	E Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	E Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	E Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 166, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SB 594. By Senators Bearden of the 30th, Strickland of the 42nd, Hatchett of the 50th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Dixon of the 45th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 4 of Article 6 of Chapter 9 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to internet and e-mail fraud, so as to establish the criminal offense of digital identity fraud; to provide for criminal penalties; to require social media platform operators to evaluate claims of digital identify fraud; to provide for civil penalties; to provide for enforcement; to provide for a cause of action and damages; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and withdrawn:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 4 of Article 6 of Chapter 9 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to internet and e-mail fraud, so as to establish the criminal offense of digital identity fraud; to provide for criminal penalties; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Part 4 of Article 6 of Chapter 9 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to internet and e-mail fraud, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"16-9-109.2.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Operator' means any person or entity that operates a social media platform.

(2) 'Social media platform' means an internet website, service, application, or product that is open to the public, allows users to create accounts, enables users to communicate or interact with other users, permits users to create or post content, messages, information, or images that are viewable by other users, and permits users to comment on or message other users regarding such content, messages, information, or images. Such term shall not include a direct messaging service.

(b) A person commits the offense of digital identity fraud when, using a social media platform, such person knowingly and without authorization:

(1) Uses the identity of an individual who is a resident of this state without such individual's consent, including such individual's name, image, identifying information,

or social media platform profile information to mimic such individual, with the intent to deceive others, cause harm, or commit fraud; or

(2) Creates a social media platform profile that mimics an individual who is a resident of this state without such individual's consent, through use of such individual's name, image, identifying information, or social media platform profile information, with the intent to use such social media platform profile, or to make it available for use by others, to deceive others, cause harm, or commit fraud.

(c) A person who commits the offense of digital identity fraud shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than 20 years, a fine of not less than $1,000.00 nor more than $500,000.00, or both.

(d) It is the intent of the General Assembly that this Code section shall not be construed or applied to:

(1) Diminish or infringe upon any right of petition or free speech under the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of the State of Georgia; or

(2) Prosecute or impose liability upon any operator on the basis that such operator is the publisher or speaker of content that is alleged to constitute digital identity fraud or in any manner that is inconsistent with Section 230 of Chapter 5 of Title 47 of the United States Code."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026, and shall apply to all offenses committed and all causes of action which accrue on or after such date.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections, so as to establish the criminal offenses of fraudulent election interference and solicitation of such; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to provide for the Attorney General to have concurrent jurisdiction over such crimes; to provide for punishment; to provide for injunctive relief; to provide for the State Election Board to publish results of investigations into such offenses; to provide for certain disclaimers on campaign advertisements that use AI generated media; to provide for the form of such disclaimers; to amend Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to obscenity and related offenses, so as to prohibit distribution of computer generated obscene material depicting a child; to provide for a standard for obscenity; to provide for a penalty and probation; to amend Part

4 of Article 6 of Chapter 9 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to internet and e-mail fraud, so as to establish the criminal offense of digital identity fraud; to provide for criminal penalties; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 10 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to procedure for sentencing and imposition of punishment, so as to provide for sentencing of defendants who utilize artificial intelligence in the commission of certain offenses; to provide for notice and enhanced sentencing; to amend Titles 20 and 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education and highways, bridges, and ferries, respectively, so as to replace cross-references to Code Section 16-12-80 with Code Section 16-12-80.1; to provide for definitions; to provide for legislative findings and intent; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

The General Assembly finds:

(1) The significant and rapid increase in use and advancements of artificial intelligence and other sophisticated technologies poses a unique danger to the State of Georgia's free and fair system of elections;

(2) Artificial intelligence and other technologies now allow individuals, both in good faith and bad faith, to create AI generated media that falsely depicts conduct that appears to be real;

(3) The state and its citizens have the utmost rights to both free and fair elections and freedom of speech; and

(4) This Act is narrowly tailored for the purpose of protection against the use of deceptive media in bad faith to influence elections by reducing certain candidates' chances of being elected or by suppressing voter turnout through mass confusion.

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections, is amended in Chapter 2, relating to elections and primaries generally, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"21-2-605.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Election' shall have the same meaning as provided in Code Section 21-5-3.

(2) 'Materially deceptive media' means a video recording, video file, audio recording, or audio file, still image, or still image file that:

(A) Appears to depict a real individual's speech or conduct that did not occur in reality; and

(B) Would appear to a reasonable observer to be authentic.

(3) 'Person' means any employee, staff member, or other similarly paid affiliated individual of a political party, political body, candidate, campaign committee, political action committee, or any other political committee. Such term shall not include a broadcaster, cable provider, online service, internet service provider, streaming platform, or any employees or agents thereof, who otherwise would not fall under this definition except for their sale of advertising to a person as defined in this paragraph.

(b) A person commits the offense of fraudulent election interference if he or she, with knowledge of its falsity, publishes, broadcasts, streams, or uploads materially deceptive media within 90 days of an election with the intent to deceive one or more electors for the purpose of:

(1) Significantly influencing a candidate's chance of being elected in such election;

(2) Creating confusion about the administration of such election; or

(3) Otherwise influencing the result of such referendum.

(c) A person commits the offense of solicitation of fraudulent election interference when he or she, with the intent that a violation proscribed by subsection (b) of this Code section be committed, commands, encourages, or requests any individual to commit a violation proscribed by subsection (b) of this Code section.

(d) Nothing in this Code section shall apply to activities protected by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, including, but not limited to, satire, parody, works of artistic expression, or works of journalism by bona fide news organizations.

(e) Upon conviction of an offense under this Code section, a person shall be punished as follows:

(1) For the first offense, he or she shall be guilty of a misdemeanor; and

(2) For the second or subsequent offense, he or she shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than two years nor more than five years and by a fine not to exceed $50,000.00.

(f) For prosecutions under this Code section, venue shall be proper in any county in this state where:

(1) Any act was committed in furtherance of the unlawful conduct;

(2) The candidate affected by the alleged violation resides;

(3) The defendant resided at the time of the alleged violation; or

(4) The materially deceptive media is received.

(g) The Attorney General shall have concurrent jurisdiction to conduct the criminal prosecution of a violation of this Code section. A criminal prosecution for a violation of this Code section shall only be initiated upon the Attorney General receiving a recommendation to prosecute from the State Election Board.

(h) In addition to any other remedy provided by law, a cause of action for injunctive relief may be maintained against any person who is in violation of this Code section, by:

(1) An individual depicted in the materially deceptive media;

(2) The Attorney General; or

(3) A candidate for office who has been injured or is likely to be injured by the distribution of the materially deceptive media."

SECTION 2-2.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 21-2-31, relating to duties of the State Election Board, by revising paragraph (5) as follows:

"(5) To investigate, or authorize the Secretary of State to investigate, when necessary or advisable the administration of primary and election laws and frauds and irregularities in primaries and elections and to report violations of the primary and election laws either to the Attorney General or the appropriate district attorney who shall be responsible for further investigation and prosecution. Except as provided in Code Section 21-2-605, nothing ~~Nothing~~ in this paragraph shall be so construed as to require any complaining party to request an investigation by the board before such party might proceed to seek any other remedy available to that party under this chapter or any other provision of law;"

SECTION 2-3.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 21-2-33.1, relating to enforcement of chapter, suspension of election superintendents, and support and assistance from the Secretary of State, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(a.1) In any investigation stemming from an alleged violation of Code Section 21-2-605, the State Election Board shall release to the public the findings of any completed investigation."

SECTION 2-4.

Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections, is further amended in Chapter 5, relating to government transparency and campaign finance, by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 5

21-5-90.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'AI generated media' means a video recording, video file, audio recording, audio file, still image, or still image file that:

(A) Is created through the use of an artificial intelligence system;

(B) Depicts a real individual's speech or conduct that did not occur in reality; and

(C) Appears to a reasonable observer to be authentic.

(2) 'Artificial intelligence system' means an engineered or machine based system that emulates the capability of a person to receive audio, visual, text, or any other form of information and use the information received to emulate a human cognitive process, including, but not limited to, learning, generalizing, reasoning, planning, predicting, acting, or communicating; provided, however, that artificial intelligence systems may

vary in the forms of information they can receive and in the human cognitive processes they can emulate.

(3) 'Campaign advertisement' means any campaign material, commercial, advertisement, or other media designed to bring about the nomination or election of an individual to any elected office; designed to bring about the recall of a public officer holding elective office or to oppose the recall of a public officer holding elective office; or designed to bring about the approval or rejection by the voters of any proposed constitutional amendment, a state-wide referendum, or a proposed question which is to appear on the ballot in this state or in a county or a municipal election in this state.

(4) 'Person' means any employee, staff member, or other similarly paid affiliated individual of a political party, political body, candidate, campaign committee, political action committee, or any other political committee. Such term shall not include a broadcaster, cable provider, online service, internet service provider, streaming platform, or any employees or agents thereof, who otherwise would not fall under this definition except for their sale of advertising to a person as defined in this paragraph.

21-5-91.

(a) Notwithstanding the prohibitions contained in Code Section 21-2-605, any person may use AI generated content in any campaign advertisement, so long as the campaign advertisement discloses, in accordance with the provisions of Code Section 21-5-92, that artificial intelligence was used to make part or all of the content of the campaign advertisement.

(b) Minor editing of a piece of existing audio or visual media shall not require disclosure under this Code section when such minor editing would not substantially change an observer's understanding of such media.

21-5-92.

The disclosure provided for in Code Section 21-5-91 shall meet the following requirements:

(1) For each campaign advertisement that involves the use, in whole or in part, of visual media, such disclosure:

(A) Shall be in writing and completed in each written language used in the remainder of the advertisement; and

(B) Shall be clearly readable, which shall mean that the text of the disclosure shall:

(i) Be equal to or greater than 25 percent of the vertical picture height;

(ii) Be visible for a period of at least 30 percent of the media, in the case of moving images and video; and

(iii) Appear with a reasonable degree of color contrast between the background and the text of the statement. A statement satisfies the color contrast requirement of this division if it is printed in black text on a white background or if the degree of color contrast between the background and the text of the statement is no less than the color contrast between the background and the largest type size used in the communication; and

(2) For each campaign advertisement that involves the use of audible media but does not involve the use of any visual media, such disclosure shall be announced, articulated, spoken, or otherwise rendered completely using the same audible volume, the same rate of speaking as measured in words per minute, and each spoken language as used in the remainder of the advertisement.

21-5-93.
(a) Each violation of this article shall be punishable by a fine pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 21-5-6, except that the amount of such fine shall not be less than $10,000.00.
(b) Any violation of this article involving the use of AI generated media in a solicitation for fundraising shall be punishable by disgorgement of any funds raised within ten days of such solicitation.
(c) Except as described in subsection (a) of this Code section, nothing in this Code section shall be construed so as to limit the powers or remedies available to the commission.
(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the commission shall be authorized to investigate any complaint concerning a violation of this article within 90 days of an election.

21-5-94.
The commission shall be authorized to promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the execution of its functions under this article."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to obscenity and related offenses, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:
"16-12-80.1.
(a) As used in this Code section, the term:
(1) 'Artificial intelligence system' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 17-10-22.
(2) 'Child' means any individual under the age of 16 years.
(3) 'Obscene' means material which meets the following requirements:
(A) To an average person, applying contemporary community standards, taken as a whole, it predominantly appeals to the prurient interest, that is, a shameful or morbid interest in nudity, sex, or excretion;
(B) The material taken as a whole lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value; and
(C) The material depicts or describes, in a patently offensive way, sexually explicit conduct.

(4) 'Sexually explicit conduct' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-12-100.

(b) A person commits the offense of distribution of computer generated obscene material depicting a child when such person knowingly distributes, solicits, or possesses with intent to distribute a visual depiction of any kind, including an electronic image, electronic video, drawing, sculpture, or painting, that:

(1) Depicts an image that appears to be of a child, and that would appear realistic to an average observer, engaging in sexually explicit conduct, whether alone or between persons of the same or opposite sex;

(2) Is obscene; and

(3) Was created through the use of an artificial intelligence system.

(c) A person who commits the offense of distribution of computer generated obscene material depicting a child shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than 15 years.

(d) It shall not be a required element of an offense under this Code section that the image of a child in such depiction is of a currently or previously living individual.

(e) If the sentence imposed under this Code section is probated, in whole or in part, by the sentencing court, as a condition of such probation, the sentencing court shall have the discretion to impose any or all of the requirements set forth in subsection (b) of Code Section 42-8-35.

(f) For purposes of this Code section, a person who, in the course of processing or producing visual or printed matter either privately or commercially, has reasonable cause to believe that the visual or printed matter submitted for processing or producing depicts what appears to be a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct shall immediately report such incident, or cause a report to be made, to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, in addition to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation or the law enforcement agency for the county in which such matter is submitted. Any person participating in the making of a report or causing a report to be made pursuant to this subsection or participating in any judicial proceeding or any other proceeding resulting therefrom shall in so doing be immune from any civil or criminal liability that might otherwise be incurred or imposed, provided such participation pursuant to this subsection is made in good faith.

(g) The provisions of subsection (b) of this Code section shall not apply to the activities of law enforcement and prosecution agencies in the investigation and prosecution of criminal offenses."

SECTION 3-2.

Part 4 of Article 6 of Chapter 9 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to internet and e-mail fraud, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"16-9-109.2.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Operator' means any person or entity that operates a social media platform.

(2) 'Social media platform' means an internet website, service, application, or product that is open to the public, allows users to create accounts, enables users to communicate or interact with other users, permits users to create or post content, messages, information, or images that are viewable by other users, and permits users to comment on or message other users regarding such content, messages, information, or images. Such term shall not include a direct messaging service.

(b) A person commits the offense of digital identity fraud when, using a social media platform, such person knowingly and without authorization:

(1) Uses the identity of an individual who is a resident of this state without such individual's consent, including such individual's name, image, identifying information, or social media platform profile information to mimic such individual, with the intent to deceive others, cause harm, or commit fraud; or

(2) Creates a social media platform profile that mimics an individual who is a resident of this state without such individual's consent, through use of such individual's name, image, identifying information, or social media platform profile information, with the intent to use such social media platform profile, or to make it available for use by others, to deceive others, cause harm, or commit fraud.

(c) A person who commits the offense of digital identity fraud shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than 20 years, a fine of not less than $1,000.00 nor more than $500,000.00, or both.

(d) It is the intent of the General Assembly that this Code section shall not be construed or applied to:

(1) Diminish or infringe upon any right of petition or free speech under the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of the State of Georgia; or

(2) Prosecute or impose liability upon any operator on the basis that such operator is the publisher or speaker of content that is alleged to constitute digital identity fraud or in any manner that is inconsistent with Section 230 of Chapter 5 of Title 47 of the United States Code."

PART IV
SECTION 4-1.

Article 1 of Chapter 10 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to procedure for sentencing and imposition of punishment, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"17-10-23.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Artificial intelligence system' means an engineered or machine based system that emulates the capability of a person to receive audio, visual, text, or any other form of information and use such information to emulate a human cognitive process, including, but not limited to, learning, generalizing, reasoning, planning, predicting, acting, or communicating; provided, however, that artificial intelligence systems may vary in the

forms of information they can receive and in the human cognitive processes they can emulate.

(2) 'Designated offense' means:

(A) Stalking in violation of Code Section 16-5-90;

(B) Aggravated stalking in violation of Code Section 16-5-91;

(C) Exploitation of a disabled adult, elder person, or resident in violation of Code Section 16-5-102;

(D) Enticing a child for indecent purposes in violation of Code Section 16-6-5;

(E) Any misdemeanor or felony offense provided for in Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 16;

(F) Any misdemeanor or felony offense provided for in Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 16;

(G) Any misdemeanor or felony offense provided for in Article 5 of Chapter 8 of Title 16;

(H) Any misdemeanor or felony offense provided for in Chapter 9 of Title 16;

(I) Any misdemeanor or felony offense provided for in Chapter 10 of Title 16;

(J) Any misdemeanor or felony offense provided for in Chapter 11 of Title 16;

(K) Any misdemeanor or felony offense provided for in Chapter 12 of Title 16; and

(L) Fraudulent election interference in violation of Code Section 21-2-604.

(3) 'Utilized an artificial intelligence system' means to be the proximate cause of an artificial intelligence system receiving an input or providing an output.

(b) Subject to the notice requirement provided in subsection (c) of this Code section and in enhancement of the penalty imposed, if the trier of fact determines beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant knowingly and intentionally utilized an artificial intelligence system in the commission of a designated offense, the judge imposing sentence shall:

(1) If the designated offense for which the defendant was convicted is a misdemeanor, impose a sentence of confinement for a period of not less than six nor more than 12 months and a fine not to exceed $5,000.00; or

(2) If the designated offense for which the defendant was convicted is a felony, impose a sentence of imprisonment for a period of not less than two years and a fine not less than $5,000.00; provided, however, that, if such designated offense is subject to a minimum sentence of imprisonment for two years or more, the judge shall impose a sentence of imprisonment for not less than such minimum sentence plus one year and a fine of not less than $5,000.00.

(c) At any time after the filing of an indictment or accusation, but not later than the arraignment, the state shall notify the defendant of its intention to seek the enhanced penalty or penalties authorized by subsection (b) of this Code section. Such notice shall be in writing and shall allege the specific factor or factors authorizing an enhanced sentence in the case pursuant to this Code section.

(d) The judge shall state when he or she imposes the sentence the amount of the enhancement of the sentence based on the application of subsection (b) of this Code section."

SECTION 4-2.

Titles 20 and 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education and highways, bridges, and ferries, respectively, are amended by replacing "16-12-80" with "16-12-80.1" wherever the former term appears in:

(1) Code Section 20-5-5, relating to internet safety policies in public libraries;

(2) Code Section 32-6-75, relating to restrictions on outdoor advertising authorized by Code Sections 32-6-72 and 32-6-73 and multiple message signs on interstate system, primary highways, and other highways; and

(3) Code Section 32-6-75.3, relating to permits for trimming or removal of trees or vegetation in state right of way which obstruct view of outdoor advertising and removal of signs with lapsed permits.

PART V
SECTION 5-1.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026, and shall apply to all offenses committed on or after such date.

SECTION 5-2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to, by substitute.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	Y Scott
E Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	E Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	N Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	E Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	E Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	E Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
N Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran

Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	E Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 159, nays 6.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

Representative Rice of the 139th moved that the following Bill of the Senate be withdrawn from the Rules Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Rules:

SB 475. By Senators Kemp of the 38th, Dixon of the 45th, Payne of the 54th, Halpern of the 39th, Howard of the 35th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-2068.1, relating to charter school funding, so as to require local boards of education to treat local charter schools no less favorably than other local schools with respect to the expenditure of the proceeds of a special purpose local option sales tax for education; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 566. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Anavitarte of the 31st, Albers of the 56th, Hickman of the 4th and Still of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to provide for the acceptance of tax digests in the event of a publication error made by a newspaper; to revise required information for bills and notices of assessment for ad valorem

taxation of property; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to revise required information for bills and notices of assessment for ad valorem taxation of property; to revise definitions, limits, and procedures related to a state-wide base year homestead exemption; to provide for annual submissions and review of homestead information across the state; to expand the period of time within which taxpayers may apply for homestead exemptions; to provide for penalties for failing to report ineligibility for a homestead exemption; to make conforming changes; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of property, is amended by revising Code Section 48-5-34, relating to tax bill and procedures and requirements, as follows:

"48-5-34.

~~(a)~~ In addition to any other requirements provided by law, the ad valorem property tax bill form shall be prepared annually by the county tax commissioner or collector and furnished to each taxpayer who owes state, county, or county school tax for the current tax year. The form shall provide for each given levying authority and recommending authority:

(1) The ~~the~~ total amount of such taxes levied on property owned by the taxpayer~~,~~;

(2) The ~~the~~ amount ~~of property tax credit granted by Act of the 1973 Session of Georgia's General Assembly, and~~ by which such taxes were reduced as a result of exemptions, credits, and preferential assessments that were applied to such property, if any; and

(3) The ~~the~~ net amount of such taxes due for the current tax year.

~~(b) In addition to the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section, if the millage rate adopted by a taxing authority exceeds the estimated roll-back rate and such estimated roll-back rate was provided in the annual notice of assessment, such tax bill shall include a notice containing the name of such taxing authority and the following statement in bold print: 'The adopted millage rate exceeds the estimated roll-back rate as stated in the annual notice of assessment that you previously received for this taxable year, which will result in an increase in the amount of property tax that you will owe.'~~

~~(c)(1) If the governing authority of a county, consolidated government, municipality, or school district elected to opt out of the homestead exemption provided for in Code Section 48-5-44.2 and there is not in effect for such political subdivision a base year value homestead exemption or adjusted base year value homestead exemption that is generally applicable for homestead residents, each ad valorem property tax bill issued by such political subdivision for homestead properties shall contain a notice in bold print that corresponds with the following statement:~~

~~'[Name of the political subdivision] chose to opt out of property tax relief for homeowners related to HB 581 (2024). If you have concerns about that decision, please call [the main telephone number for the levying or recommending authority of the political subdivision].'~~

~~(2) The provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection shall not apply for any taxable year beginning after December 31, 2029.~~"

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 48-5-44.2, relating to base year homestead exemption, by revising paragraphs (2), (3), and (7) of subsection (a) and revising subsections (d) and (e) as follows:

"(2) 'Adjusted base year assessed value' means the sum of:

(A) The previous adjusted base year assessed value;

(B) An amount equal to the difference between the current year assessed value of the homestead and the base year assessed value of the homestead, provided that such amount shall not exceed the total of the previous adjusted base year assessed value of the homestead multiplied by the inflation rate for the prior year; and

(C) The value of any substantial property change, provided that no ~~such value added improvements to the homestead~~ substantial property change shall be duplicated as to the same addition, ~~or~~ improvement, or removal of real property.

(3) 'Base year assessed value' means:

(A) With respect to an exemption under this Code section which is first granted to a person on such person's homestead for the 2025 taxable year, the assessed value for taxable year 2024, including any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311, of the homestead after adjustment due to any substantial property change which occurred during or after taxable year 2024, provided that no such adjustment shall be duplicated as to the same addition, improvement, or removal of real property; or

(B) In all other cases, the assessed value, including any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311, of the homestead from the taxable year immediately preceding the taxable year in which the exemption under this Code section is first granted to the applicant for such homestead after adjustment due to any substantial property change which occurred during or after the taxable year used to establish the base year assessed value for that homestead, provided that no such adjustment shall be duplicated as to the same addition, improvement, or removal of real property."

"(7) 'Substantial property change' means any increase or decrease in the assessed value of a homestead derived from additions or improvements to, or the removal of real property from, the homestead which occurred during or after the year ~~in which~~ used to establish the base year assessed value ~~is determined~~ for the homestead. The assessed value of the substantial property changes shall be established following any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311."

"(d) No person shall receive the exemption granted by subsection (b) of this Code section unless such person or person's agent files an application with the tax receiver or tax commissioner of his or her respective local government or governments charged with the duty of receiving returns of property for taxation giving such information relative to receiving such exemption as will enable such tax receiver or tax commissioner to make a determination regarding the initial and continuing eligibility of such person for such exemption; provided, however, that any person who had previously applied for a homestead exemption, was allowed such homestead exemption for the ~~2024~~ immediately preceding tax year, and remains eligible for a homestead exemption for that same homestead property in the ~~2025~~ current tax year shall be automatically allowed the exemption granted under subsection (b) of this Code section for that homestead without further application. Such tax receiver or tax commissioner shall provide application forms for this purpose.

(e)(1) The exemption granted by subsection (b) or (c) of this Code section shall be claimed and returned as provided in Code Section 48-5-50.1. Such exemption shall be automatically renewed from year to year so long as the owner occupies the residence as a homestead. After a person or a person's agent has filed the proper application or is automatically granted the homestead exemption as provided in subsection (d) of this Code section, it shall not be necessary for such person or such person's surviving spouse to make application thereafter for any year, and the exemption shall continue to be allowed to such person or such person's surviving spouse. It shall be the duty of any person granted the homestead exemption under subsection (b) or (c) of this Code section to notify the tax receiver or tax commissioner of the local government or governments in the event such person for any reason becomes ineligible for such exemption.

(2) In the event that an applicant becomes ineligible for the homestead exemption granted under subsection (b) or (c) of this Code section with respect to a particular homestead property and, thereafter, the applicant becomes eligible and applies for the homestead exemption on such property, the base year assessed value for such homestead shall be calculated in accordance with subparagraph (a)(3)(B) of this Code section as if the applicant were a new applicant who had not been previously granted an exemption under this Code section for such homestead."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 48-5-45, relating to application for homestead exemption and unlawful to solicit fee to file application for homestead for another, by revising subsections (a) and (b) as follows:

"(a)(1) An applicant seeking a homestead exemption as provided in Code Section 48-5-44 and qualifying under the provisions of Code Section 48-5-40 shall file a written application and schedule with the tax receiver or tax commissioner charged with the duty of receiving returns of property for taxation ~~at any time~~ during ~~the~~ a calendar year subsequent to the property becoming the primary residence of the applicant at any time up to and including ~~the date for the closing of the books for the return of taxes for the calendar year, except that, in the case of a property which is subject to a reassessment by the board of tax assessors,~~ the final date to file an appeal of the annual notice of current assessment. Any such application and schedule may be filed in conjunction with or in lieu of an appeal of the reassessment.

(2) The failure to file properly the application and schedule on or before the ~~date for the closing of the books for the return of taxes of a calendar year in which the taxes are due~~ applicable deadline under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall constitute a waiver of the homestead exemption on the part of the applicant failing to make the application for such exemption for that year.

(b) The owner of a homestead which is actually occupied by the owner as a residence and homestead shall not have to apply for the exemption more than once so long as the owner remains in continuous occupation of the residence as a homestead. The exemption shall automatically be renewed from year to year so long as the owner continuously occupies the residence as a homestead. In the event any person granted the exemption becomes ineligible for such exemption, such person shall notify the tax receiver or tax commissioner charged with the duty of receiving returns of property for taxation on or before the final date to file an appeal of the annual notice of current assessment."

SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"48-5-51.1.

(a) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, in the event that a person fails to report his or her ineligibility for any homestead exemption that is listed on the annual notice of current assessment for the property by the final date to file an appeal of such notice, the property shall be appropriately billed for all taxes and interest due and a penalty shall be imposed in an amount equal to 50 percent of the amount by which the taxes were to be reduced from exemptions and credits for which the taxpayer was ineligible.

(b) Each taxpayer shall be notified in writing at the taxpayer's last known address as it appears on the latest records of the tax commissioner or tax collector of the reasons for the denial or removal of a homestead exemption pursuant to this Code section. Any such taxpayer shall be entitled to appeal the removal of the homestead exemption and the application of penalties in the same manner provided in Code Section 48-5-311.

(c) The local tax receiver or tax commissioner shall collect and remit any tax, penalty, or interest due under this Code section in the same manner as other taxes."

SECTION 5.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"48-5-57.

Recognizing the importance and value of properly granting and continually allowing homestead exemptions, each local tax official charged by law with the duty of reviewing applications for homestead exemptions shall submit to the department a list of taxpayers that have been granted or denied a homestead exemption for property within its jurisdiction. Such submissions shall be made annually for each taxing jurisdiction at the same time as the county digest is submitted to the commissioner. The commissioner shall maintain a list of homestead information throughout the state in a manner which allows local tax officials access to review and ensure accuracy of their jurisdiction's properties receiving homestead exemptions. Each such local tax official shall review said list prior to approving a homestead exemption and on an annual basis prior to issuing the notices of assessment for the taxing jurisdiction."

SECTION 6.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 48-5-306, relating to annual notice of current assessment, contents, posting notice, and new assessment description, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) Contents of notice.

(1) The annual notice of current assessment required to be given by the county board of tax assessors under subsection (a) of this Code section shall be dated and shall contain the name and last known address of the taxpayer pursuant to Code Section 48-5-10. The annual notice shall be given on the applicable state-wide assessment notice form which shall be established by the commissioner by rule and regulation and shall contain:

(A) The '(insert previous tax year) Value' which is the fair market value used for ~~amount of~~ the previous assessment following any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311;

(B) The '(insert current tax year) Value' which is the fair market value used for ~~amount of~~ the current assessment;

(C) The year for which the new assessment is applicable;

(D) A brief description of the assessed property broken down into real and personal property classifications;

(E) A brief description of any change in the taxable assessed value from the previous assessment.

(F) A list of each exemption, credit, and preferential assessment granted or allowed for the property as of the creation of the notice of assessment;

(G) ~~The fair market value of property of the taxpayer subject to taxation and the assessed value of the taxpayer's property subject to taxation after being reduced~~ The estimated tax savings from all exemptions, credits, and preferential assessments granted or allowed for the property calculated using the sum of all millage rates which were imposed on such property in the previous tax year;

~~(F)~~(H) A brief description of the methods and manner by which the taxpayer may appeal the current assessment;

(I) The name, phone number, and contact information of the person in the assessors' office who is administratively responsible for the handling of the appeal and who the taxpayer may contact if the taxpayer has questions about the reasons for the assessment change or the appeals process;

~~(G)~~(J) If available, the public website address of the office of the county board of tax assessors;

~~(H)~~(K) A statement that all documents and records used to determine the current value are available upon request; and

(L) Such other details as may be required by the department after consultation with the chairpersons of the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Finance Committee.

~~(I)(i) The current year's estimated roll-back rate for each levying or recommending authority that certified its estimated roll-back rate for the current year to the county board of tax assessors and county tax commissioner by the date specified under Code Section 48-5-306.2; or~~

~~(ii) For each levying or recommending authority that did not certify its estimated roll- back rate to the county board of tax assessors and county tax commissioner by the date specified in Code Section 48-5-306.2, the millage rate that was actually levied by or on behalf of such authority for the previous tax year, and an estimate of the amount of ad valorem taxes due for the assessed property based on such millage rate and the amount of the current assessment.~~

(2) In addition to the items required under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the notice shall contain a statement of the taxpayer's right to an appeal and other information which shall be in substantially the following form:

~~'The amount of your ad valorem tax bill for this year will be based on the appraised and assessed values specified in this notice. You have the right to appeal these values to the county board of tax assessors.~~

~~At the time of filing your appeal you must select one of the following options:~~

~~(A) An appeal to the county board of equalization with appeal to the superior court;~~

~~(B) To arbitration without an appeal to the superior court; or~~

~~(C) For a parcel of nonhomestead property with a fair market value in excess of $500,000.00 as shown on the taxpayer's annual notice of current assessment under this Code section, or for one or more account numbers of wireless property as defined in subparagraph (e.1)(1)(B) of Code Section 48-5-311 with an aggregate fair market value in excess of $500,000.00 as shown on the taxpayer's annual notice of current assessment under this Code section, to a hearing officer with appeal to the superior court.~~

~~If you wish to file an appeal, you must do so in writing no later than 45 days after the date of this notice. If you do not file an appeal by this date, your right to file an appeal will be lost. For further information on the proper method for~~

~~filing an appeal, you may contact the county board of tax assessors which is located at: (insert address) and which may be contacted by telephone at: (insert telephone number).~~

'You have the right to appeal the property values provided in this notice. You may also apply for homestead exemptions if your property was owned and occupied as your family's primary residence and homestead as of January 1 of (insert current tax year).

If you wish to appeal your (insert current tax year) property value or apply for homestead exemptions, you must do so in writing no later than 45 days after the date of this notice. If you do not file an appeal or apply for homestead exemption by this date, your right to do so for this year will be lost.

You are required by law to notify (insert name of appropriate local tax official) if you become ineligible for any homestead exemption listed in this notice and subject to penalties for failing to do so.

For further information on filing appeals, applying for homestead exemptions, or reporting your ineligibility for a homestead exemption, visit or contact (insert name of appropriate local tax official, board, or office together with their respective website, address, and telephone number or, in the event that one or more local tax officials, boards, or offices is responsible for such duties, insert the names and identify the responsibilities of the appropriate local tax officials, boards, or offices together with their respective websites, addresses, and telephone numbers).

Please note: Tax rates for counties, school districts, and cities will be established by each local government later this year. If a local government intends to increase revenue on existing properties, they must advertise and hold three public meetings to do so.'

(3) The annual notice required under this Code section shall be mailed no later than July 1; provided, however, that the annual notice required under this Code section may be sent later than July 1 for the purpose of notifying property owners of corrections and mapping changes."

SECTION 7.

Said chapter is further amended by repealing Code Section 48-5-306.2, relating to annual calculation and certification of estimated roll-back rate, in its entirety.

SECTION 8.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 48-5-2, relating to definitions, by repealing paragraph (2.1).

SECTION 9.

(a) This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

(b) This Act shall be applicable to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

SECTION 10.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
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Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	Y Scott
E Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	E Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	E Neal	Y Smith, TP
E Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	E Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	E Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	E Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
E Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 161, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SB 472. By Senators Hickman of the 4th, Walker III of the 20th, Tillery of the 19th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Sims of the 12th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, rebating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for the suspension of members of local boards of education following certain audit findings or findings by the state auditor of financial mismanagement or misconduct; to provide for a cap on the total amount of advance distributions of state allotted funds that may be made by the State Board of Education to local units of administration; to provide for intervention plans; to provide for the authority of the state auditor relative to such intervention plans; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for the suspension of members of local boards of education following certain audit findings or findings by the state auditor of financial mismanagement or misconduct; to provide for employment contract terms, conditions, and limitations for local school superintendents under certain conditions; to provide for a cap on the total amount of advance distributions of state allotted funds that may be made by the State Board of Education to local units of administration; to provide for plans for monitoring, supports, and intervention; to provide for the authority of the state auditor relative to such plans; to provide that a petition signed by 10 percent of the qualified voters in an independent school system shall be required in order to hold an election to determine whether to annul the special law of the independent school system so that it becomes a part of the respective county school system or systems in which the territory of the independent school system is located; to repeal outdated terms and provisions; to make conforming changes; to amend Chapter 6 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Audits and Accounts, so as to revise provisions for financial audits of local school systems and state charter schools by and on behalf of the Department of Audits and Accounts; to require the Department of Audits and Accounts to develop and implement a program of progressive monitoring, supports, and interventions to local school systems and state charter schools; to provide for investigations of local school systems by the state auditor; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, is amended in Article 3, relating to local boards of education, by revising Code Section 20-2-73, relating to suspension and removal of local school board members upon potential loss of accreditation or when schools in system are turnaround eligible schools, procedures, petition for reinstatement, prohibition on use of public funds for litigation expenses, and reimbursement of expenses, as follows:

"20-2-73.

(a)(1) Notwithstanding Code Section 20-2-54.1 or any other provisions of law to the contrary, if:

(A) A local school system or school is placed on the level of accreditation immediately preceding loss of accreditation for any reason or reasons by one or more accrediting agencies included in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (6) of Code Section 20-3-519, the local board of education shall notify the State Board of Education in writing within three business days of such placement and the State Board of Education shall conduct a hearing in not less than ten days of such notice nor more than 90 days and recommend to the Governor whether to suspend all eligible members of the local board of education with pay; ~~or~~

(B) One-half or more of the schools in a local school system are turnaround eligible schools, as defined in subsection (a) of Code Section 20-14-45, for the fifth or more consecutive year, the Department of Education shall notify the State Board of Education in writing within three business days of the publication of the list of turnaround eligible schools by the Office of Student Achievement, and the State Board of Education with input from the State School Superintendent shall conduct a hearing in not less than ten days of such notice nor more than 90 days and recommend to the Governor whether to suspend all eligible members of the local board of education with pay; provided, however, that this subparagraph shall be tolled for a local board of education while under a contract amendment or intervention contract pursuant to Code Section 20-14-45 so long as such local board of education is in substantial compliance with the terms of such contract amendment or intervention contract; or

(C)(i) A local school system is designated by the state auditor as requiring the highest level of monitoring, supports, and interventions promulgated by the Department of Audits and Accounts pursuant to Code Section 50-6-6, the state auditor shall notify the State Board of Education in writing within three business days of making such designation, and the State Board of Education shall, upon a recommendation of the audit committee of the State Board of Education followed by a majority vote of the State Board of Education, conduct a hearing in not less than ten days of such vote nor more than 90 days and recommend to the Governor whether to suspend any eligible members of the local board of education with pay.

(ii) A local board of education, a member thereof, a local school system, or a local school superintendent is the subject of a finding by the state auditor of financial mismanagement or misconduct following an investigation made pursuant to Code

Section 50-6-28, the state auditor shall notify the State Board of Education in writing within three business days of such finding, and the State Board of Education shall, upon a recommendation of the audit committee of the State Board of Education followed by a majority vote of the State Board of Education, conduct a hearing in not less than ten days of such vote nor more than 90 days and recommend to the Governor whether to suspend any eligible members of the local board of education with pay.

(2) A majority of the members of a local board of education may petition the State Board of Education to continue any hearing scheduled under this subsection. Upon a showing of good cause, the ~~state board~~ State Board of Education may in its sound discretion continue any such hearing. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, deliberations held by the State Board of Education pursuant to this subsection to formulate its recommendation to the Governor shall not be open to the public; provided, however, that testimony shall be taken in an open meeting and a vote on the recommendation shall be taken in an open meeting following the hearing or at the next regularly scheduled meeting. If the State Board of Education makes such recommendation, the Governor may, in his or her discretion, suspend all eligible members of the local board of education with pay and, in consultation with the State Board of Education, appoint temporary replacement members who shall be otherwise qualified to serve as members of such board.

(b) Any local board of education member suspended under this Code section may petition the Governor for reinstatement no earlier than 30 days following suspension and no later than 60 days following suspension. In the event that a suspended member does not petition for reinstatement within the allotted time period, his or her suspension shall be converted into permanent removal, and the temporary replacement member shall become a permanent member and serve out the remainder of the term of the removed member.

(c) Upon petition for reinstatement by a suspended local board of education member, the Governor or his or her designated agent shall conduct a hearing for the purpose of receiving evidence relative to whether the local board of education member's continued service on the local board of education is more likely than not to improve the ability of the local school system or school to retain or reattain its accreditation; ~~or~~ to improve the ratings of the schools in the local school system so that less than one-half of the schools in such local school system are on the turnaround eligible schools list in subsequent years; to no longer be designated by the state auditor as requiring the highest level of monitoring, supports, and interventions promulgated by the Department of Audits and Accounts pursuant to Code Section 50-6-6; or to remediate or mitigate the state auditor's finding of financial mismanagement or misconduct. The appealing member shall be given at least 30 days' notice prior to such hearing. Such hearing shall be held not later than 90 days after the petition is filed and in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' except that the individual conducting the hearing shall have the power to call witnesses and request documents on his or her own initiative. For purposes of said chapter and any hearing conducted pursuant to this Code section,

the Governor shall be considered the agency, and the Attorney General or his or her designee shall represent the interests of the Governor in the hearing. If it is determined that it is more likely than not that the local board of education member's continued service on the local board of education improves the ability of the local school system or school to retain or reattain its accreditation; ~~or~~ to improve the ratings of the schools in the local school system so that less than one-half of the schools in such local school system are on the turnaround eligible schools list in subsequent years; to no longer be designated by the state auditor as requiring the highest level of monitoring, supports, and interventions promulgated by the Department of Audits and Accounts pursuant to Code Section 50-6-6; or to remediate or mitigate the state auditor's finding of financial mismanagement or misconduct, the member shall be immediately reinstated; otherwise, the member shall be permanently removed, and the temporary replacement member shall become a permanent member and serve out the remainder of the term of the removed member or until the next general election which is at least six months after the member was permanently removed, whichever is sooner. Judicial review of any such decision shall be in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50.

(d)(1) Subparagraph ~~(B) of paragraph (1) of subsection (a)~~ (a)(1)(A) of this Code section shall apply to a local school system or school which is placed on the level of accreditation immediately preceding loss of accreditation on or after April 20, 2011.

(2) Subparagraph ~~(B) of paragraph (1) of subsection (a)~~ (a)(1)(B) of this Code section shall apply to a local school system which, on or after July 1, 2017, has one-half or more of the schools in the local school system on the turnaround eligible schools list for the fifth or more consecutive year.

(3) Subparagraph (a)(1)(C) of this Code section shall apply to a local school system on or after July 1, 2026, if:

(A) Such local school system is designated by the state auditor as requiring the highest level of monitoring, supports, and interventions promulgated by the Department of Audits and Accounts pursuant to Code Section 50-6-6; or

(B) Such local school system, the local board of education or a member thereof, or the local school superintendent is the subject of a finding of financial mismanagement or misconduct.

(e) For purposes of this Code section, an eligible member of a local board of education shall mean a board member who:

(1) Was serving on the local board of education at the time the accrediting agency placed the local school system or school on the level of accreditation immediately preceding loss of accreditation; ~~or~~

(2) Was serving on the local board of education at the time the local school system had one-half or more of the schools in the local school system on the turnaround eligible schools list for the fifth or more consecutive year and had served on the local board of education for at least the immediately preceding two years;

(3) Was serving on the local board of education at the time the local school system was designated by the state auditor as requiring the highest level of monitoring, supports,

and interventions promulgated by the Department of Audits and Accounts pursuant to Code Section 50-6-6; or

(4) Was serving on the local board of education at the time the local board of education or a member thereof, the local school system, or the local school superintendent was the subject of a finding of financial mismanagement or misconduct.

(f) A local board of education shall not expend any public funds for attorney's fees or expenses of litigation relating to proceedings initiated pursuant to this Code section except to the extent such fees and expenses are incurred prior to and through the recommendation of the ~~state board~~ State Board of Education as provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section; provided, however, that nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit an insurance provider from covering attorney's fees or expenses of litigation under an insurance policy.

(g) Any suspended board member who is reinstated by the Governor pursuant to this Code section may be reimbursed by the local board of education for his or her reasonable attorney's fees and related expenses incurred in pursuing such reinstatement."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended in Article 5, relating to local school superintendents, by revising Code Section 20-2-101, relating to appointment of school superintendents, as follows:

"20-2-101.

(a)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, each local school superintendent ~~Superintendents of each school system~~ shall be employed by the local board of education under written contracts for a term of not less than one year and not more than three years. Any provision of any such contract which provides for an extension of the duration of employment thereunder, whether automatic or contingent upon the occurrence of one or more events, shall be void if that extension would result in employment under the contract, as extended, for a period which exceeds three years.

(2) At any time a local school system is designated as a high-risk local school system by the Department of Audits and Accounts pursuant to Code Section 20-2-67, the local school superintendent's contract of employment shall not be extended for a term which exceeds 12 months. Any such term which exceeds 12 months shall be void.

(3) Any contract by which a local school superintendent is employed by a local board of education that is entered into or renewed on or after July 1, 2026, shall include terms and conditions that shall have the following effect:

(A) It shall be an act of default for the local school superintendent to be the subject of a finding by the state auditor of financial mismanagement or misconduct following an investigation made pursuant to Code Section 50-6-28;

(B) It shall be an act of default for the local school superintendent to be the subject of a finding by the state auditor that the local school superintendent has knowingly failed or refused to comply with a material requirement of a plan for intervention or other corrective action plan put in place in conjunction with the local school system being designated by the state auditor as requiring the highest level of monitoring,

supports, and interventions promulgated by the Department of Audits and Accounts pursuant to Code Section 50-6-6; and

(C) In the event of an act of default provided for in subparagraph (A) or (B) of this paragraph, the local board of education shall be authorized to terminate the employment contract of the local school superintendent for cause.

(b)(1) No person shall be eligible to be appointed or employed or to serve as a local school superintendent ~~of schools of any county or independent school system~~ unless such person is of good moral character, has never been convicted of any crime involving moral turpitude, and possesses acceptable business or management experience as specified by the Professional Standards Commission or the minimum valid certificate or a letter of eligibility for said certificate required by the Professional Standards Commission.

(2) No person shall be eligible to be appointed or employed~~,~~ or to serve as a local school superintendent ~~of schools of any county or independent school system~~ who has an immediate family member sitting on the local board of education for ~~such~~ the local school system or who has an immediate family member hired as or promoted to a principal, assistant principal, or system administrative staff on or after July 1, 2009, by ~~that~~ such local school system. As used in this ~~subsection~~ paragraph, the term 'immediate family member' means a spouse, child, sibling, or parent or the spouse of a child, sibling, or parent whose term as a member of the local board of education or whose employment as a principal, assistant principal, or system administrative staff in the local school system began on or after January 1, 2010. Nothing in this ~~Code section~~ paragraph shall affect the employment of any person who is employed by a local school system on or before July 1, 2009, or who is employed by a local school system when an immediate family member becomes the local school superintendent for ~~that~~ such local school system.

(c) Local school superintendents ~~Superintendents~~ shall have such additional qualifications as may be prescribed by local law or policies of the local board of education ~~for that school district,~~ not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter.

(d) At any time during the 12 months immediately preceding the expiration of an appointed local school superintendent's contract or term of office, or when a vacancy in the office of local school superintendent occurs, the local board of education may appoint and employ a successor local school superintendent in accordance with the above provisions of this Code section, notwithstanding that the terms of some or all of the local board of education members will expire before ~~the employment of the superintendent so appointed and employed~~ such employment begins.

(e) A local school superintendent may concurrently serve as a principal, teacher, or in another staff position as directed by the local board of education in its sole discretion and in accordance with the terms of the contract between the local school superintendent and the local board of education. A local school superintendent may also serve concurrently as local school superintendent of one or more local school systems in accordance with the terms of his or her respective contracts and upon approval by each affected local school system.

(f) No substantive or procedural right regarding employment or termination of employment of a local school superintendent by a local school system shall be created by this Code section. Rather, the terms and conditions of employment of a local school superintendent by a local school system shall be determined exclusively by the contract between those parties and may include, without being limited to, the conditions under and procedures by which ~~that~~ such contract may be terminated prior to the end of the term of ~~that~~ such contract."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended in Part 4 of Article 6, relating to financing under the "Quality Basic Education Act," by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-166, relating to state funds, calculation, allotment, and distribution, as follows:

"(b)(1) The State Board of Education shall, by regulation, provide for distribution of state funds allotted to local units of administration under this article and budgets approved by the ~~state board~~ State Board of Education. The state board is authorized to provide for distribution of such state allotted funds to local units of administration at such times and in such manner as will most likely meet the periodic needs of local units for the state allotted funds, except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection. In determining the time and manner for distribution of state allotted funds, the ~~state board~~ State Board of Education may consider the time at which local school tax funds shall be collected and made available to local units of administration. State allotted funds to be distributed to local units under this article shall be withdrawn from the state treasury on requisitions to be signed by the State School Superintendent, which shall be signed in accordance with such regulations and directions of the ~~state board~~ State Board of Education.

(2)(A) Except as provided for in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, the aggregate of state allotted funds distributed by the State Board of Education to a local unit of administration in advance of the routine periodic allotments established by the Office of Planning and Budget shall not exceed an amount that is equal to 50 percent of the total of such local unit's state allotted funds for the preceding fiscal year.

(B) In the event that a local unit of administration requests or, in the opinion of the state auditor, requires an advance distribution by the State Board of Education of state allotted funds that would exceed the limit provided for in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the State Board of Education shall be authorized to make advance distributions that exceed the limit provided for in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph only under the following conditions:

(i) The state auditor shall provide a written opinion to the State Board of Education that such advance distribution is necessary and appropriate to improve the conditions of the financial operations of the local unit of administration and shall include with such opinion a plan for monitoring, supports, and intervention for the local unit of administration developed by the Department of Audits and Accounts in consultation with the Department of Education and the local unit of administration to the extent the local unit of administration participates in such

consultation. The local unit of administration shall have the opportunity to request modification of the proposed plan; provided, however, that the plan to be implemented shall be determined by the state auditor;

(ii) Within 30 days of the date of such proposed plan, the local board of education or other governing body of the local unit of administration shall adopt a resolution stating that the local board of education or other governing body of the local unit of administration and the officers, employees, and agents of such local unit of administration shall strictly comply with the plan for the duration of such plan;

(iii) The State Board of Education shall not authorize an advance distribution of any state allotted funds to the local unit of administration without a recommendation in writing from the state auditor;

(iv) The plan may be modified by the state auditor upon written notice to the State Board of Education and the local unit of administration; and

(v) The plan shall remain in effect until concluded in writing by the state auditor."

SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended in Article 8, relating to consolidation of independent and county school systems, by revising Code Section 20-2-370, relating to referendum on repeal of special school law and consolidation of systems, as follows:

"20-2-370.

Whenever the ~~citizens of a municipality or~~ qualified voters of the territory included in an independent school system ~~district authorized by law to establish and maintain a system of schools by local taxation in whole or in part are operating a system of public schools independent of the county school system and~~ wish to annul ~~their special school~~ the local law establishing such independent school system and become a part of ~~the~~ each respective county school system in which such territory is located, they shall present and file with the governing authority of the city in which such independent school system is located a petition signed by ~~one fourth~~ 10 percent of the qualified voters of ~~their~~ the territory included in the independent school system; and ~~the~~ such governing authority shall then submit the question at an election to be held in accordance with Chapter 2 of Title 21. A majority of those voting shall be necessary to carry the election. Only qualified voters residing within the ~~municipality or district~~ territory included in the independent school system for six months prior to the election shall vote. An election shall not be held for the same purpose more often than every 12 months."

SECTION 5.

Said chapter is further amended in said article by revising Code Section 20-2-371, relating to proceedings when vote favors repeal and consolidation, as follows:

"20-2-371.

When the results of an election held under Code Section 20-2-370 are declared and published in favor of repealing such independent school system, making the territory included in the independent school system thereby to become a part of ~~the~~ each respective county school system in which such territory is located, such independent ~~or local~~ school

system shall continue to function under its local laws, organizations, and regulations until ~~the~~ each respective county board of education shall arrange for the operation by them of such ~~school or schools within the local~~ independent school system as a part of ~~their public~~ each respective county school system in which such territory is located."

SECTION 6.

Said chapter is further amended in said article by revising Code Section 20-2-372, relating to effect of repeal and consolidation, as follows:

"20-2-372.

Where any ~~local or~~ independent school system is repealed by and in the manner provided for in Code Sections 20-2-370 and 20-2-371, the territory formerly included in such independent school system shall become and constitute a ~~school district~~ part of ~~the~~ each county school system in which ~~it~~ such territory is located and shall enjoy the same privileges and shall be governed by the same laws as ~~other school districts in~~ the existing parts of such county school system or systems~~, including the authority to levy local taxes for school purposes; provided, however, that the rate for such taxation shall not exceed the rate allowed by law to other similar school districts~~."

SECTION 7.

Chapter 6 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Audits and Accounts, is amended by revising Code Section 50-6-6, relating to audit of school and university systems, additional audits authorized, standards, and reports, as follows:

"50-6-6.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Local school system' means and includes each local school system and each completion special school, as provided for in Article 31C of this chapter, in this state.

(2) 'State charter school' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 20-2-2081.

(a.1) It shall be the duty of the Department of Audits and Accounts ~~thoroughly to audit and check the books and accounts of the county superintendents of schools and treasurers of local school systems, of municipal systems, of the~~ to:

(1) Perform or cause to be performed an annual financial and compliance audit of financial transactions and accounts of:

(A) Each local school system and state charter school; and

(B) The several units of the University System of Georgia, and of all other schools receiving state aid ~~and making regular and annual reports to the State School Superintendent, showing the amount received, for what purpose received, and for what purposes expended. All such~~; and

(2) Issue in conjunction with each such audit required under paragraph (1) of this subsection suitable reports that comply with state and federal rules and regulations for such audits.

(a.2) By July 1, 2026, the Department of Audits and Accounts shall develop and begin implementing a program, the purpose of which is to:

(1) Monitor the fiscal condition of each local school system and state charter school in this state;

(2) Provide progressive levels of monitoring, supports, and interventions to local school systems and state charter schools, ranging from technical assistance and audit services to significant interventions including strict compliance requirements; and

(3) Provide reports of the fiscal condition of local school systems and state charter schools at appropriate intervals.

(a.3) No state aid or public funds of any kind shall be held by ~~officials must be kept in banks separate from their~~ any official or employee of any local board of education or other public school governing body, local school system, state charter school, institution of the University System of Georgia, or any other school receiving state aid for any length of time in one or more of his or her individual bank accounts.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, ~~the local boards~~ each local board of education ~~of the several county, independent, and area public school systems of this state~~ or other public school governing body shall be authorized to have an additional audit made of the ~~books, records, and accounts~~ financial affairs and transactions of all funds and activities of the public ~~school system~~ schools over which any such board or governing body has jurisdiction~~. The local boards of education~~; provided, however, that such additional audit authorized under this subsection shall not be relied upon by a local school system or state charter school in lieu of the audit by the Department of Audits and Accounts required under subsection (a.1) of this Code section, nor shall such additional audit be deemed to satisfy the requirements of subsection (a.1) of this Code section, except as provided for in subsection (e) of this Code section. Such boards and governing bodies shall be authorized to employ certified public accountants of this state to make the additional audits authorized under this subsection and to expend funds for ~~the~~ such audits which are received by any such board or governing body for educational purposes. Each report of any audit conducted as provided for in this subsection shall be completed and a copy of such report shall be forwarded to the Department of Audits and Accounts within ten days of such report being issued to the local school system.

(c) All audits ~~of such public school systems~~ provided for in subsections (a.1), (b), and (e) of this Code section shall be conducted in ~~conformity with generally accepted standards and principles of governmental accounting and auditing and~~ accordance with generally accepted governmental auditing standards over financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles of governmental accounting or other basis of accounting authorized by this Code section and shall include tests of the accounting records and other auditing procedures as considered necessary in the circumstances of such audit. Such audits shall be subject to the standards, rules, and ethics promulgated by the Georgia Society of Certified Public Accountants and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The ~~audit~~ report of each such audit shall include the auditor's ~~unqualified~~ opinion upon the presentation of the financial position and the results of the operations of the ~~public~~ local school system or state charter

school which is audited. ~~If the auditor is unable to express an unqualified opinion, he shall so state and shall further detail the reasons for qualification or disclaimer of opinion including recommendations necessary to make possible future unqualified opinions.~~

(d) The Department of Audits and Accounts shall establish minimum audit readiness requirements and audit scheduling priorities based on risk assessment, readiness, and available resources. The Department of Audits and Accounts shall be authorized to delay the commencement of an audit when minimum readiness requirements are not met. Repeated failure to meet audit readiness requirements in a timely manner may be deemed by the Department of Audits and Accounts to constitute a deficiency in internal control or governance and may be reported as such in audit findings. The Department of Audits and Accounts shall report chronic audit readiness failures to the State Board of Education and the General Assembly.

(e)(1) The state auditor shall have discretionary authority to engage certified public accountants of this state to perform audits required under subsection (a.1) of this Code section and to authorize local school systems and state charter schools to engage certified public accountants to perform audits required under subsection (a.1) of this Code section; provided, however, that such certified public accountants shall comply with requirements set forth by the Department of Audits and Accounts as it relates to scope, methodology, state compliance procedures, and risk assessment; and, provided, further, that no local school system or state charter school shall engage a certified public accountant or any other person or organization to perform such an audit without written authorization from the state auditor.

(2) The state auditor shall annually submit a written report to the State Board of Education of the local school systems and state charter schools that were audited by certified public accountants pursuant to this subsection.

(f) The Department of Audits and Accounts shall adopt rules, regulations, guidance, and procedures necessary to implement this Code section."

SECTION 8.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 50-6-28, relating to investigatory duties generally, as follows:

"50-6-28.

(a) It shall be the duty of the state auditor to make an investigation as a part of his or her audit of each and every department of the state government. When there are facts, records, circumstances, or information that indicate mismanagement or misconduct on the part of any official or employee of any department of the state government during either a past or present administration, it shall be the duty of the state auditor to make the full investigation, as provided in Code Section 50-6-29, of the department, official, or employee.

(b) The state auditor shall be authorized to make an investigation of any local school system or state charter school, as such terms are defined in Code Section 50-6-6, in the state. When there are facts, records, circumstances, or information that indicate mismanagement or misconduct on the part of any official or employee of any local school

system in the state during either a past or present administration of the local school system, it shall be the duty of the state auditor to make the full investigation, as provided in Code Section 50-6-29, of the local school system, official, or employee."

SECTION 9.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 10.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The Speaker Pro Tem assumed the Chair.

The Committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

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N Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	N Sampson
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N Alexander	N Crawford	N Herring	Y McDonald	E Santos
N Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
N Au	N Davis	N Holcomb	E Miller	N Scott
E Baker	N Dawson	N Holland	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	E Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
E Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	N Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Myles	N Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	E Neal	Y Smith, TP
E Bazemore	N Douglas	N Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
N Beckles	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
N Bell	N Drenner	N Hugley	N Okoye	Y Stinson
N Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	E Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	E Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	E Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Townsend
N Burnough	N Evans	N Jones, A	N Park	Y Tran
N Byrd	Y Fincher	P Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	E Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	N Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
N Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	N Frye	N Kendrick	E Prince	Y Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	N Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson

Y Carson	N Gilliard	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, A
N Carter	N Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	E Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
E Clark, D	N Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Y Yearta
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On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 96, nays 58.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has agreed to the House amendment to the Senate substitute as amended by the Senate to the following bill of the House:

HB 651. By Representatives Powell of the 33rd, Corbett of the 174th, Erwin of the 32nd, Burchett of the 176th, Williamson of the 112th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 14 of Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to speed detection devices, so as to revise provisions relative to the use of automated traffic enforcement safety devices in school zones; to amend Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to courts, so as to authorize district attorneys, solicitors-general, and prosecuting attorneys to enforce civil monetary penalties relative to the enforcement of laws regarding speeding in a school zone using recorded images; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Bills of the House were taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 1182. By Representatives Rhodes of the 124th, Leverett of the 123rd, Ridley of the 6th, Williams of the 148th and Corbett of the 174th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to soil amendments, so as to provide for additional prohibited acts; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to soil amendments, so as to provide for additional prohibited acts; to provide for an exception; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to soil amendments, is amended by revising Code Section 2-12-79, relating to prohibited acts, as follows:

"2-12-79.

It shall be a violation of this article for any person to:

(1) Distribute an unregistered soil amendment;

(2) Distribute an unlabeled soil amendment;

(3) Distribute a misbranded soil amendment;

(4) Distribute an adulterated soil amendment;

(5) Fail to comply with a stop sale, use, or removal order;

(6) Fail to submit semiannual reports; ~~or~~

(7)(A) Apply or distribute a soil amendment on a site, or on a separate site that has close geographic proximity to and is operationally connected with the underlying site, when:

(i) The owner of such site or the person who has applied or distributed a soil amendment on such site is subject to a consent order, enforcement action, or ongoing investigation by the department or the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources, including, but not limited to, actions regarding the contamination of surface water, ground water, or soil contamination, and such consent order, enforcement action or ongoing investigation has not been withdrawn or resolved to the satisfaction of the issuing agency with respect to such site;

(ii) A notice of violation has been issued by the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources or the department; and

(iii) The department has notified the owner of such site and the person who has applied or distributed a soil amendment on such site that application of soil amendments on such site must cease.

(B) For purposes of this paragraph ~~only~~, the term 'site' means the site identified in the nutrient management plan submitted to the department or a portion thereof;

(8) Store any soil amendment derived from industrial by-products within 100 feet of any property line unless the current owner of an adjacent property provides written consent to such storage; or
(9) Load or unload any soil amendment derived from industrial by-products within a public road, as such term is defined in Code Section 32-1-3."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following amendment was read and adopted:

Representative Rhodes of the 124th offers the following amendment:

Amend HB 1182 (LC 44 3525S) by replacing line 35 with the following:
property line unless the current owner of property adjacent to such property line provides written consent

Representative Rhodes of the 124th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute, as amended by the House, to HB 1182.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	Y Scott
E Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	E Neal	Y Smith, TP
E Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	E Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	E Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	E Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	E Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	P Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	E Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
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Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	E Prince	E Werkheiser

Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	E Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
E Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
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On the motion, the ayes were 153, nays 0.

The motion prevailed.

HB 1020. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Efstration of the 104th, Gunter of the 8th, Kelley of the 16th, Smith of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 23 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Judicial Retirement System, so as to provide for the payment of monthly retirement benefits for creditable service as a district attorney at the age of 65 years; to provide for calculation of benefits for individuals who first become members after the effective date of this Act; to provide for calculation of survivors benefits; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding prosecuting attorneys, so as to modify provisions regarding the compensation received by district attorneys; to provide procedures for district attorneys to opt to receive compensation pursuant to such revised provisions; to provide for grandfathering of certain district attorneys so as to not reduce the compensation paid to such district attorneys; to authorize locality pay by counties to district attorneys in lieu of county salary supplements; to abolish most county salary supplements provided to district attorneys; to authorize continuation of fringe benefits provided by counties to district attorneys; to revise the minimum compensation of assistant district attorneys; to preserve existing rights and obligations related to retirement benefits provided by counties to district attorneys; to provide for retirement benefits relative to optional locality pay; to amend Code Section 45-7-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual salaries of certain state officials and cost-of-living adjustments, so as to revise provisions relating to calculating and setting the salaries of district attorneys; to revise superseded provisions

related to the salary of the judge of the state-wide tax court; to amend Chapter 3 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to laws and statutes, so as to suspend the operation of local laws or local ordinances or resolutions that use a district attorney's salary for the calculation of the salary or compensation of other officers, officials, or employees; to provide for an automatic lifting of such suspension relative to judges; to preserve the authority of the General Assembly to amend or repeal such suspended local laws; to preserve the authority of local governments to use other mechanisms to change salary calculation during such suspension; to provide for legislative findings and intent; to provide for legislative construction; to amend Chapter 23 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Judicial Retirement System, so as to provide for the payment of monthly retirement benefits for creditable service as a district attorney at the age of 65 years; to provide for calculation of benefits for individuals who first become members after the effective date of this Act; to provide for calculation of survivors benefits; to provide for conforming changes; to provide a short title; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "District Attorney Compensation Reform Act."

SECTION 2.

Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding prosecuting attorneys, is amended by revising Code Section 15-18-10, relating to compensation of district attorneys and private practice of law prohibited, as follows:

"15-18-10.

(a) Except as provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section, each ~~Each~~ district attorney shall receive an annual salary from state funds as prescribed by law. Such salary shall be paid as provided in Code Sections 15-18-10.1, 15-18-10.2, ~~and~~ 15-18-19, and 45-7-4.

(b)(1) Each district attorney in office on July 1, 2026, shall have the option to receive the annual salary provided by Code Section 45-7-4 and any locality pay provided by this Code section and Code Section 15-18-19 in lieu of his or her compensation which is otherwise provided by laws in effect on June 30, 2026. The option provided by this paragraph shall be exercised by such district attorney's filing a written notification thereof with the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia and the governing authority of each county comprising such district attorney's judicial circuit. A district attorney in office on July 1, 2026, shall not be required or obligated to exercise the option provided by this paragraph, but if and when any such district attorney voluntarily and expressly exercises such option, such district attorney's exercise of such option shall be final and irrevocable. The failure to exercise the option shall be an election to continue to receive

compensation as previously calculated by law in effect on June 30, 2026, and as outlined in paragraph (2) of this subsection, and until such option is exercised; provided, however, that such option must be exercised no later than January 1, 2030. The option exercised pursuant to this paragraph shall go into effect the next pay period beginning five business days following the exercise of such option.

(2) To ensure that no district attorney in office on July 1, 2026, has his or her salary, allowance, or county supplements decreased during his or her term of office, any district attorney in office on July 1, 2026, who does not exercise the irrevocable option provided by paragraph (1) of this subsection shall continue to be compensated in precisely the same manner as he or she was compensated as of June 30, 2026, including, but not limited to, county supplements, in accordance with Article VI, Section VIII, Paragraph I (c) of the Constitution.

(3) For the purpose of this Code section and Code Section 15-18-10.2, an interim district attorney serving on July 1, 2026, shall be treated in the same manner as an elected district attorney related to any options such district attorneys have as to their compensation.

~~The county or counties comprising the judicial circuit may supplement the salary of the district attorney in such amount as is or may be authorized by local Act or in such amount as may be determined by the governing authority of such county or counties, whichever is greater.~~

(c) The clerk of court shall collect any such fees, fines, forfeitures, costs, and emoluments and remit the same to the county treasury by the fifteenth day of each month.

(d) No district attorney receiving an annual salary under this Code section shall engage in the private practice of law."

SECTION 3.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 15-18-10.1, relating to annual accountability supplement and exception, by repealing subsection (d).

SECTION 4.

Said article is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"15-18-10.2.

(a) Except as provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section, on or after July 1, 2026, the county or counties comprising a judicial circuit may provide the district attorney of such circuit, who either was not in office as a district attorney as of July 1, 2026, or made an irrevocable election authorized by paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Code Section 15-18-10, with locality pay as authorized by this Code section, and such district attorneys shall not be eligible for county salary supplements provided by local Act. In no event shall locality pay exceed 10 percent of the state annual salary provided by Code Section 45-7-4 to such district attorney. All such locality pay shall be in lieu of and not in addition to any county supplements previously provided by the county or counties.

(b) In no event shall the annual locality pay provided to a district attorney or circuit public defender by the county or counties comprising a judicial circuit in aggregate exceed the lesser of:

(1) Ten percent of the state annual salary paid to a district attorney pursuant to Code Section 45-7-4; or

(2) The total of $20,608.05;

provided, however, that, if the state annual salary paid to district attorneys exceeds $206,805.00, then the maximum allowable amount of annual locality pay provided to a district attorney by the county or counties comprising a judicial circuit shall instead be equal to the difference between $20,608.05 and half the amount by which such state annual salary exceeds $206,805.00. The intent of this subsection is to provide for a gradual decrease in the maximum amount of allowable locality pay as the state annual salary provided by Code Section 45-7-4 to district attorneys exceeds $206,805.00 and continues to increase.

(c) Except as provided for in subsection (b) of Code Section 15-18-10 and subsection (d) of this Code section and notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, on and after July 1, 2026, no county or counties comprising a judicial circuit shall provide county salary supplements to a district attorney.

(d)(1) Nothing in subsection (c) of this Code section shall operate to prevent a county or counties comprising a judicial circuit from providing a local salary supplement when the district attorney of that judicial circuit enters into a contract with said county or counties to act as the solicitor of a county's probate or magistrate court, or for supplements of compensation for services under Code Sections 15-18-11 and 19-11-23.

(2) For all district attorneys who elect to exercise the option provided by paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Code Section 15-18-10, to the extent the aggregate salary provided for by subsection (a) of Code Section 15-18-10 and locality pay provided for by subsection (a) of this Code section to a particular district attorney do not equal or exceed such district attorney's aggregate salary and local supplement in effect at the time of such district attorney's exercise of such option, then the county or counties of the circuit shall pay an additional supplement in the amount equal to the difference between the aggregate salary and supplement in effect at the time of such district attorney's exercise of such option and the aggregate salary provided for by subsection (a) of Code Section 15-18-10 and locality pay provided for by subsection (a) of this Code section. When an additional supplement is required by this paragraph in a circuit consisting of more than one county, then each county shall pay such additional supplement in proportion to each county's contribution to the local supplement in effect at the time of such district attorney's exercise of the option to participate. In no event shall the additional supplement required by this paragraph result in a district attorney's aggregate salary that exceeds the aggregate salary existing at the time of a district attorney's exercise of such option.

(e) Nothing in subsection (c) of this Code section shall operate to prevent a county or counties comprising a judicial circuit from continuing to provide fringe benefits to the

district attorney of such circuit in the same manner that such benefits were provided on June 30, 2026.

(f) Nothing in this Code section or subsection (b) of Code Section 15-18-10 shall operate to alter, amend, contract, expand, extend, limit, modify, or terminate retirement benefits or rights thereto in existence prior to July 1, 2026. All district attorneys who exercise the option provided by paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Code Section 15-18-10 shall have no right to any benefit existing at the time such option is exercised reduced. To the extent otherwise permitted by law, each county within a judicial circuit is authorized, but not required, to provide retirement benefits based upon the locality pay it provides pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section."

SECTION 5.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 15-18-14, relating to appointment of assistant district attorneys, qualifications, and compensation, by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c) Each attorney appointed pursuant to this Code section shall be compensated based on a salary schedule established in accordance with subsection (e) of Code Section 15-18-19. The salary range for each class established in accordance with subsection (b) of this Code section shall be as follows:

(1) Assistant district attorney I. Not less than ~~$38,124.00~~ $78,000.00 nor more than 65 percent of the compensation of the district attorney;

(2) Assistant district attorney II. Not less than ~~$40,884.00~~ $93,082.00 nor more than 70 percent of the compensation of the district attorney;

(3) Assistant district attorney III. Not less than ~~$45,108.00~~ $111,562.00 nor more than 80 percent of the compensation of the district attorney; and

(4) Assistant district attorney IV. Not less than ~~$52,176.00~~ $134,291.00.

SECTION 6.

Code Section 45-7-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual salaries of certain state officials, cost-of-living adjustments, and base-salary of certain judges, is amended by repealing and reserving paragraphs (19.2) and (21) of subsection (a) and by adding a new paragraph to subsection (d) to read as follows:

"(3) Except as provided for in subsection (b) of Code Section 15-18-10, the annual salary of each district attorney shall be set by the General Assembly in the General Appropriations Act, provided that such salary shall not exceed 88 percent of the base salary provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection."

SECTION 7.

Chapter 3 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to laws and statutes, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"1-3-13.

(a)(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, except for Code Section 17-12-25, as of July 1, 2026, all local laws and local ordinances or resolutions in effect

as of such date that provide for a salary, supplement, or other compensation to be paid to a state, county, or local officer, official, or employee based on a percentage of, total compensation for, or similar mathematical relationship to any district attorney's salary, supplement, or other compensation shall be suspended as a matter of law with respect to any increase in the salary, supplement, or other compensation paid to a district attorney during the term of such suspension; provided, however, that such suspension shall not be applicable to any local law or local ordinance or resolution adopted after July 1, 2026.

(2) During the period of the suspension provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection:

(A) No change in the salary of a district attorney shall result in a change in the calculation of any compensation to be paid to a state, county, or local officer, official, or employee by any county, municipality, consolidated government, or other political subdivision; and

(B) The compensation paid to any state, county, or local officer, official, or employee whose compensation is expressly based on a percentage of, total compensation for, or similar mathematical relationship to a district attorney's salary, supplement, or other compensation shall remain at the same amount as provided at the beginning of such period of suspension, unless and until such suspension terminates with respect to such individual pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section or the compensation paid to any such state, county, or local officer, official, or employee is modified pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section.

(3) The provisions of this subsection shall not repeal or amend any local law or local ordinance or resolution, but the provisions of local laws or local ordinances or resolutions related to calculating compensation based on a district attorney's salary, supplement, or other compensation shall be merely suspended and shall remain suspended with respect to any change in such compensation until such suspension is lifted or such compensation is modified pursuant to subsection (b) or (c) of this Code section with respect to a given public officer, official, or employee.

(b)(1) As of July 1, 2027, the suspension provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section shall be terminated with respect to all judges. Any salary or compensation change for a judge that otherwise would have gone into effect between July 1, 2026, and June 30, 2027, by operation of a local law or local ordinance or resolution if such suspension had not been in effect shall become effective for calculations of such judge's prospective salary or other compensation that may be earned on or after July 1, 2027, unless the local law or local ordinance or resolution that provides for a salary, supplement, or other compensation to be paid to such judge is repealed prior to July 1, 2027, or is amended, prior to July 1, 2027, to expressly modify the terms of such judge's compensation.

(2) The suspension provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section shall remain in place for all officers, officials, and employees described in paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Code section other than judges, unless and until the compensation payable to any such other officer, official, or employee is modified pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section.

(3) The termination of a suspension provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section shall not entitle any person to retroactive compensation that he or she otherwise may have earned except for such suspension, and no such retroactive payments shall be made.

(c)(1) Nothing in this Code section shall operate to prevent the General Assembly from at any time repealing or amending, in whole or in part, any local law that is suspended pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section, and any such repeal or amendment shall become effective in the time and manner stated in the law implementing such repeal or amendment, without regard to the suspension provided for in this Code section.

(2) Nothing in this Code section shall operate to prevent a county, municipality, consolidated government, or other political subdivision from, at any time, enacting any salary, supplement, or other compensation changes for any state, county, or local officer, official, or employee if otherwise authorized by general or local law, and any such change shall become effective in the time and manner stated in such lawful enactment, without regard to the suspension provided for in this Code section.

(3) In no event shall any action described in paragraph (1) or (2) of this subsection:

(A) Authorize the payment of or entitle any district attorney to any salary supplement or any locality pay in excess of the limits set forth in Code Section 15-8-10.2; or

(B) Authorize the payment of or entitle any person to retroactive compensation that he or she otherwise may have earned except for any period of suspension.

(d) The General Assembly finds that increases to district attorney's compensation that become effective on or after July 1, 2026, may automatically trigger increases to other public officers, officials, and employees for whom existing legislation automatically ties their compensation to that of district attorneys, and that these automatic increases in compensation would generally result in sudden financial hardship for local governments. Accordingly, it is the intent of this Code section that:

(1) The salary of any state, county, or local officer, official, or employee whose salary, supplement, or other compensation is based on a percentage of, total compensation for, or similar mathematical relationship to a district attorney's salary or supplement shall, during the period of any such suspension imposed by this Code section, remain the same as such salary, supplement, or other compensation was at the beginning of such period;

(2) Such state, county, or local officer, official, or employee shall continue to receive such salary, supplement, or other compensation during the period of such suspension at the same rate or amount as at the beginning of such period; and

(3) The amount of such salary, supplement, or other compensation shall remain unchanged until the occurrence of an event described in subsections (a) through (c) of this Code section, which includes:

(A) Such suspension being terminated pursuant to this Code section;

(B) With respect to a salary, supplement, or other compensation set by local law, the General Assembly takes some affirmative action to set the salary, supplement, or other compensation by repealing or amending, in whole or in part, any local law that

is suspended pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section and such repeal or amendment becomes effective; or

(C) With respect to a salary, supplement, or other compensation set by local ordinance or resolution, the county, municipality, consolidated, or other local government takes some affirmative action to set the salary, supplement, or other compensation and such action becomes effective.

(e) This Code section shall not affect the compensation paid to any circuit public defender pursuant to Code Section 17-12-25."

SECTION 8.

Chapter 23 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Judicial Retirement System, is amended by revising Code Section 47-23-45, relating to effect of change in employment, as follows:

"47-23-45.

Any member of this retirement system shall be entitled to remain as a member by holding any position or office covered by the fund and shall receive full credit for all service as a member despite his or her change from one position or office to another covered by the fund. Upon becoming eligible for retirement, however, retirement benefits shall be determined in accordance with Code Sections 47-23-101, 47-23-102, ~~and~~ 47-23-102.1, and 47-23-102.2."

SECTION 9.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 47-23-102.1, relating to qualifications to receive retirement benefits, as follows:

"47-23-102.1.

(a) This Code section shall only apply to an individual who first ~~becomes~~ became a member on or after July 1, 2025, and before July 1, 2026.

(b) The right of a member to receive benefits under this chapter shall vest after the member obtains ten years of creditable service; provided, however, that no member shall receive a retirement benefit prior to attaining the age of 60 years. Except as otherwise provided in Article 2 of Chapter 1 of this title, a member's accumulated contributions shall be 100 percent vested and nonforfeitable at all times. Any member retiring with 16 years or more of creditable service shall receive a benefit equal to 66.66 percent, plus 1 percent for each year of creditable service over 16 years, of the member's salary; provided, however, that no member shall receive more than 24 years of creditable service. Any member retiring with less than 16 years of creditable service may retire at a reduced benefit pursuant to Code Section 47-23-103. Except as provided in subsection (c) of this Code section, normal retirement age under this retirement system shall be the date the member has reached 60 years of age, provided that he or she has at least ten years of creditable service. For purposes of Section 402(1) of the federal Internal Revenue Code regarding distributions from governmental plans for health and long-term care insurance for public safety officers, normal retirement age shall be the earliest date when the member has satisfied the requirements for a retirement under this retirement system.

(c) On the effective date of a member's retirement, as provided for in subsection (b) of Code Section 47-23-103, such member's monthly retirement benefit shall be calculated as follows:

(1) If a member is over the age of 65 years on his or her effective date of retirement, or has attained the age of 65 years after his or her effective date of retirement, such member shall receive the full amount of the benefit calculated pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section; or

(2) If a member has not yet attained the age of 65 years on his or her effective date of retirement, the monthly retirement benefit shall be calculated pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section using only the years of creditable service attributable to such member's service in any covered position except ~~for as~~ that of a superior court judge.

(d) The board is authorized to provide by rule or regulation for the payment of benefits to members or beneficiaries of the retirement system at a time and under circumstances not provided for in this chapter to the extent that such payment is required to maintain the retirement system as a qualified retirement plan for the purposes of federal income tax laws and regulations."

SECTION 10.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"47-23-102.2.

(a) This Code section shall only apply to an individual who first became a member on or after July 1, 2026.

(b) The right of a member to receive benefits under this chapter shall vest after the member obtains ten years of creditable service; provided, however, that no member shall receive a retirement benefit prior to attaining the age of 60 years. Except as otherwise provided in Article 2 of Chapter 1 of this title, a member's accumulated contributions shall be 100 percent vested and nonforfeitable at all times. Any member retiring with 16 years or more of creditable service shall receive a benefit equal to 66.66 percent, plus 1 percent for each year of creditable service over 16 years, of the member's salary; provided, however, that no member shall receive more than 24 years of creditable service. Any member retiring with less than 16 years of creditable service may retire at a reduced benefit pursuant to Code Section 47-23-103. Except as provided in subsection (c) of this Code section, normal retirement age under this retirement system shall be the date the member has reached 60 years of age, provided that he or she has at least ten years of creditable service. For purposes of Section 402(1) of the federal Internal Revenue Code regarding distributions from governmental plans for health and long-term care insurance for public safety officers, normal retirement age shall be the earliest date when the member has satisfied the requirements for a retirement under this retirement system.

(c) On the effective date of a member's retirement, as provided for in subsection (b) of Code Section 47-23-103, such member's monthly retirement benefit shall be calculated as follows:

(1) If a member is over the age of 65 years on his or her effective date of retirement, or has attained the age of 65 years after his or her effective date of retirement, such

member shall receive the full amount of the benefit calculated pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section; or

(2) If a member has not yet attained the age of 65 years on his or her effective date of retirement, the monthly retirement benefit shall be calculated pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section using only the years of creditable service attributable to such member's service in any covered position except that of a superior court judge or district attorney.

(d) The board is authorized to provide by rule or regulation for the payment of benefits to members or beneficiaries of the retirement system at a time and under circumstances not provided for in this chapter to the extent that such payment is required to maintain the retirement system as a qualified retirement plan for the purposes of federal income tax laws and regulations."

SECTION 11.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 47-23-103, relating to retirement based on age and application to retire, as follows:

"47-23-103.

(a) In lieu of retirement at the benefit level provided by Code Section 47-23-102, ~~or~~ 47-23-102.1, or 47-23-102.2, a member may retire at any time after attaining the age of 60 years and after obtaining a minimum of ten years of creditable service. The monthly retirement benefit for such early retirement shall be a percentage of either the benefit under Code Section 47-23-102 if such member first became a member before July 1, 2025, ~~or~~ the benefit under subsection (c) of Code Section 47-23-102.1 if such member first became a member ~~on or after~~ between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026, or the benefit under subsection (c) of Code Section 47-23-102.2 if such member first became a member on or after July 1, 2026, and such percentage shall be the proportion which the number of years of creditable service the member has in the retirement system bears to 16.

(b) The effective date of retirement shall be the first day of the month in which the application is received by the board of trustees, provided that no retirement shall, in any case, be effective earlier than the first day of the month following the final month of the applicant's employment. Applications for retirement shall not be accepted more than 90 days in advance of the effective date of retirement."

SECTION 12.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 47-23-104, relating to disability, determination of benefits, and determining disability, as follows:

"47-23-104.

(a) After obtaining a minimum of four years of creditable service, any member who becomes totally and permanently disabled to the extent that he or she is unable to perform the duties of his or her office shall be entitled to receive a disability retirement benefit which shall be one-half of the maximum retirement benefits provided by Code Section 47-23-102, ~~or~~ 47-23-102.1, or 47-23-102.2 for 16 years of service, unless the member would otherwise qualify for a greater benefit under Code Section 47-23-102 if such

member first became a member before July 1, 2025, Code Section 47-23-102.1 if such member first became a member ~~on or after~~ between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026, or Code Section 47-23-102.2 if such member first became a member on or after July 1, 2026, or Code Section 47-23-103, in which event the Code section providing the highest benefit would apply.

(b) After obtaining a minimum of ten years of actual service, any member who becomes totally and permanently disabled to the extent that he or she is unable to perform the duties of his or her office shall be entitled to receive a disability retirement benefit which shall be two-thirds of the maximum retirement benefits provided by Code Section 47-23-102 , ~~or~~ 47-23-102.1, or 47-23-102.2.

(c) The disability of any member applying for disability retirement benefits shall be determined by the board in the same manner and under the same procedure as disability of state employees is determined in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia. Disability retirement benefits shall become effective on the first day of the month following the month the member resigns as a result of the disability."

SECTION 13.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 47-23-105.1, relating to modification of retirement allowance, as follows:

"47-23-105.1.

(a) The provisions of this Code section shall apply only to persons who become members of this retirement system on or after July 1, 2012.

(b) A member may make a one-time election to convert the retirement allowance otherwise payable to him or her into a modified retirement allowance of equivalent actuarial value and designate a natural person to receive a survivors benefit in accordance with one of the options set forth in paragraphs (1), (2), (3), or (4) of this subsection. Such retirement allowance shall be actuarially reduced in accordance to the designated survivor's projected life span. For any member whose benefit amount is calculated pursuant to Code Section 47-23-102.1 or 47-23-102.2, such actuarial adjustment shall account for any increase in the benefit amount accruing to such member when he or she attains the age of 65 years. Such actuarial adjustment shall be computed upon the basis of the mortality tables and rates of interest last adopted by the board of trustees. Such election may be made only after the member has become eligible to retire and before the first payment of his or her retirement allowance normally becomes due. Such election shall be irrevocable except as otherwise provided in this Code section. The options are:

(1) Option one, known as the 100 percent joint and survivor option, shall consist of a reduced retirement allowance which is payable during the life of the retired member and which, upon his or her death, shall be continued at the same rate throughout the life of and paid to the designated survivor~~.~~;

(2) Option two, known as the 66 2/3 percent joint and survivor option, shall consist of a reduced retirement allowance which is payable during the life of the retired member

and which, upon his or her death, shall be continued at the rate of two-thirds the reduced retirement allowance throughout the life of and paid to the designated survivor~~.~~;

(3) Option three, known as the 50 percent joint and survivor option, shall consist of a reduced retirement allowance which is payable during the life of the retired member and which, upon his or her death, shall be continued at the rate of one-half the reduced retirement allowance throughout the life of and paid to the designated survivor~~.~~; and

(4) Option four, known as the pop-up option, shall be the election of options one, two, or three, with the added provision that in the event the designated survivor predeceases the retired member, the retirement allowance payable to the retired member after the death of the designated survivor shall be equal to the maximum retirement allowance which the retired member would have been entitled to receive under this chapter had such election not been made.

(c) In the event a member is not married at the time he or she retires and the retired member does not elect a survivor's option and such member subsequently marries, the retired member may elect to begin receiving an actuarially reduced benefit of equivalent value and establish on behalf of the newly acquired spouse an option under this Code section. Such election shall be made within six months after the marriage.

(d) In the event a retired member makes an election under subsection (b) of this Code section on behalf of a spouse and such spouse predeceases the retired member and the retired member subsequently remarries, the retired member may elect to begin receiving an actuarially reduced benefit of equivalent value and establish on behalf of a new designated survivor pursuant to an option under this Code section.

(e) In the event a retired member makes an election under subsection (b) of this Code section on behalf of a spouse and a final judgment of complete divorce from the spouse is entered, then:

(1) The retired member may elect to continue the optional allowance with the former spouse designated to receive all amounts and benefits upon the death of the retired member; or

(2) The retired member may revoke the appointment of such spouse as a beneficiary; provided, however, that in such event the retirement benefit received by the retired member shall not increase. Such revocation may be made at any time after the entry of the final judgment of divorce. If the retired member elects to revoke the election, the spouse shall be treated in the same manner as if he or she had predeceased the retired member under subsection (d) of this Code section.

(f) If an active vested member of this retirement system dies and is survived by a legal spouse, such spouse shall receive a benefit as if the member ~~has~~ had retired on the date of his or her death, had attained the age of 65, and had elected option three."

SECTION 14.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 47-23-106, relating to county supplement of salaries, as follows:

"47-23-106.

(a) Whenever any county within a judicial circuit supplements the state salary paid to active superior court judges or the district attorney of said circuit, the governing authority of such county shall be authorized, but not required, to supplement the benefit being paid pursuant to this chapter to any retired superior court judge or district attorney of said circuit who is receiving benefits pursuant to this chapter or to supplement the benefit being paid pursuant to this chapter to any beneficiary of any deceased superior court judge or district attorney.

(b) Whenever any county which has a state court supplements the salary of the judges or solicitors-general of such court, the governing authority of such county shall be authorized, but not required, to supplement the benefit being paid pursuant to this chapter to any retired state court judge of such court who is receiving benefits pursuant to this chapter or supplement the benefit being paid pursuant to this chapter to any beneficiary of any deceased state court judge.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) or (b) of this Code section, for any single county judicial circuit where the county site is located in an unincorporated area of the county and the county governing authority has constructed one or more permanent satellite courthouses within the county, said county shall supplement the benefit amount being paid pursuant to this chapter to any district attorney who retired from such circuit. The amount of the supplement shall be determined by multiplying the benefit percentage he or she earned pursuant to Code Section 47-23-102 if such member first became a member before July 1, 2025, ~~or~~ Code Section 47-23-102.1 if such member first became a member ~~on or after~~ between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026, or Code Section 47-23-102.2 if such member first became a member on or after July 1, 2026, at retirement together with the aggregate county salary supplement being paid to the active district attorney on the date that he or she begins receiving a retirement benefit or the supplement paid to the retiring district attorney upon his or her last day of service as district attorney, whichever is greater. The supplement shall not be payable to a spouse or survivor pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 47-23-105."

SECTION 15.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026.

SECTION 16.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Reeves of the 99th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 1020.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	N Sainz
E Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	E McClain	Y Sampson
N Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Alexander	N Crawford	N Herring	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Ali	Y Crowe	N Hilton	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
N Au	N Davis	N Holcomb	E Miller	N Scott
E Baker	Y Dawson	N Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
N Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	N Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Myles	N Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	E Neal	Y Smith, TP
E Bazemore	N Douglas	N Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
N Beckles	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
N Bell	N Drenner	Y Hugley	N Okoye	Y Stinson
N Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	E Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Townsend
N Burnough	N Evans	N Jones, A	N Park	N Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	P Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	E Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	N Flournoy	N Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
N Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	N Frye	N Kendrick	E Prince	E Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	N Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
N Carter	Y Gisler	E Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	E Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
E Clark, D	E Griffin	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	E Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 100, nays 55.

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, the following Bill of the Senate, having been previously postponed, was again postponed until the next legislative day:

SB 23. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Brass of the 6th, Robertson of the 29th, Hatchett of the 50th, Still of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Public Retirement Systems

Investment Authority Law," so as to raise the limit for the total percentage of funds that the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia may invest in alternative investments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the Senate were postponed until the next legislative day:

SB 446. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Hickman of the 4th, Ginn of the 47th, Gooch of the 51st, Tillery of the 19th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2A of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student scholarship organizations, so as to provide for the State of Georgia to participate in the federal tax credit program for contributions of individuals to scholarship granting organizations; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for rules and guidelines; to provide for definitions; to make conforming changes; to amend Code Section 48-7-29.16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax credits for contributions to student scholarship organizations, so as to make a conforming change; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 587. By Senators Still of the 48th, Dickerson of the 21st, Summers of the 13th, Albers of the 56th, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding offenses against public health and morals, so as to provide for the establishment of an animal cruelty database; to provide for purpose and funding; to require the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of the State of Georgia to create, administer, and maintain such database; to provide for minimum requirements; to provide for reporting and forms; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following members were recognized during the period of Afternoon Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Dickey of the 134th et al., Stinson of the 150th et al., and Ali of the 106th.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has agreed to the House substitute to the following bill of the Senate:

SB 350. By Senators Jackson of the 41st, Mangham of the 55th, Parent of the 44th, Jones of the 10th and Anderson of the 43rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the compensation of certain county officers and officials of DeKalb County, approved March 31, 1976 (Ga. L. 1976, p. 3986), as amended, so as to revise the compensation of certain judges, judicial officers, and county officers; to make conforming changes related to court names changed by general law; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House do now adjourn until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Friday, March 27, 2026, and the motion prevailed.

Pursuant to the adjournment Resolution previously adopted by the House and Senate, the Speaker Pro Tem announced the House adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Friday, March 27, 2026.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Friday, March 27, 2026

Thirty-Eighth Legislative Day

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called and the following Representatives answered to their names:

Adeyina	Cummings	Herring	Martinez	Ridley, Jor
Alexander	Davis	Hilton	Mathiak	Sainz
Anderson	Dawson	Hitchens	Mathis	Sampson
E Baker	Dempsey	Holcomb	McClain	Santos
Ballard	Dickey	Holland	McCollum	Schofield
Barrett	Donatucci	Holly	McDonald	Scoggins
Barton	Douglas	Hong	McQueen	Scott
Bazemore	Drenner	Howard, J	Meeks	Seabaugh
Beckles	Dubnik	Howard, K	Momtahan	Silcox
Berry	Efstration	Huddleston	Moore	Smith, L
Blackmon	Ehrhart	Hugley	Myles	Smith, TP
Bonner	Erwin	Jackson, D	Neal	Smith, V
Buckner	Evans	Jackson, E	New	Stephens
Burchett	Fincher	Jackson, M	Okoye	Stinson
Cameron	Fleming	Jenkins	Olaleye	Tarvin
Camp	Flournoy	Jones, A	Oliver	Taylor, D
Campbell, J	Ford	Jones, J	Panitch	Taylor, R
Campbell, L	Franklin	Jones, S	Paris	Thomas
Cannon, C	Frye	Jones, T	Park	Townsend
Carpenter	Gaines	Kahaian	Parrish	Tran
Carson	Gambill	Kelley	Parsons	Wade
Chastain	Gilliard	Kendrick	Persinger	Washburn
Cheokas	Glaize	LaHood	Powell	Werkheiser
Clark, J	Greene	Leverett	Prince	Westbrook
Clifton	Griffin	Lewis-Ward	Reeves	E Williams, A
Corbett	Gullett	Lim	Rhodes	Williamson
Cox	Hagan	Lumsden	Rice	Willis
Crawford	Hatchett	Lupton	Richardson	Yearta
Crowe	Hawkins	Martin	Ridley, Jas	Burns, Speaker

The following members were off the floor of the House when the roll was called:

Representatives Adesanya of the 43rd, Ali of the 106th, Au of the 50th, Barnes of the 86th, Burnough of the 77th, Byrd of the 20th, Cannon of the 58th, Carter of the 93rd, Clark of the 100th, DeLoach of the 167th, Draper of the 90th, Dunahoo of the 31st, Gisler of the 121st, Gunter of the 8th, Jasperse of the 11th, Miller of the 62nd, Mitchell of the 88th, Newton of the 127th, Petrea of the 166th, Roberts of the 52nd, Romman of the 97th, Sanchez of the 42nd, and Williams of the 37th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Pastor Tom Gray, Mars Hill Community Church, Powder Springs, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Hilton of the 48th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

By unanimous consent, the following was established as the order of business during the first part of the period of unanimous consents:

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

2. First reading and reference of House Bills and Resolutions.

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

6. First reading and reference of Senate Bills and Resolutions.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House were introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committees:

HB 1603. By Representative Neal of the 79th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to selling and other trade practices, so as to enact the "Georgia Entertainment Artificial Intelligence Accountability and Performer Protection Act"; to require consent for use of a performer's likeness in a digital replica; to provide for violations; to provide for a private right of action; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative findings; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation.

HB 1604. By Representatives Lim of the 98th, Lupton of the 83rd and Wilkerson of the 38th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-161 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Quality Basic Education Formula, so as to require the task force reviewing the effectiveness of existing program weights under the "Quality Basic Education Act" to meet every two years rather than every three years; to require such task force to prepare and submit a report; to provide for the requirements of such report; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 1605. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Hagan of the 156th, Cox of the 28th and O'Steen of the 169th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 9 of Title 30 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Georgia Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE), so as to prohibit the Department of Community Health from making claims for Medicaid estate recovery of funds from ABLE accounts maintained through any qualified ABLE account, except as required by applicable federal law; to provide a definition; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HR 1886. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Williams of the 148th and Hitchens of the 161st:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of F.H.P. Trooper Charles Eugene "Gene" Campbell and dedicating a road in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 1887. By Representatives Lewis-Ward of the 115th, Holly of the 116th and Douglas of the 78th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Councilman Alphonso Thomas and dedicating an intersection in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 1888. By Representatives Prince of the 132nd, Newton of the 127th, Howard of the 129th and Myles of the 126th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Mr. Don A. Grantham and dedicating an interchange in his honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 1889. By Representatives Cannon of the 172nd, Corbett of the 174th, Ford of the 170th, Dickey of the 134th, Howard of the 71st and others:

A RESOLUTION expressing support for termed and perpetual conservation easements; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1890. By Representative Taylor of the 92nd:

A RESOLUTION urging the Rockdale County Board of Commissioners to exercise the power given to them under current law and appoint members to the vacant seats on the Rockdale County Water and Sewerage Authority, including any seats held by holdover members; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination.

HR 1891. By Representatives Powell of the 33rd, Hawkins of the 27th and Jasperse of the 11th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Physicians' Delegation Authority and Supervision of Georgia's Advanced Practice Providers; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1892. By Representatives Burnough of the 77th, Scott of the 76th, Bell of the 75th, Flournoy of the 74th and Schofield of the 63rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing September 2026 as Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1893. By Representatives Fincher of the 23rd, Smith of the 18th, Leverett of the 123rd, Crowe of the 118th, Silcox of the 53rd and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Modernizing the Discovery Process through the Use of New Technologies; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1894. By Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, McDonald III of the 26th, Hagan of the 156th, LaHood of the 175th and Cox of the 28th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on the Basic Building Blocks of Transportation; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 1942. By Representative Gaines of the 120th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mr. Dan Magill and dedicating an intersection in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 1943. By Representative Gaines of the 120th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Honorable Nancy Denson and dedicating an interchange in her honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 1944. By Representative Moore of the 91st:

A RESOLUTION designating April as National Black Women's History Month; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1945. By Representatives Davis of the 87th, Schofield of the 63rd and Scott of the 76th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Examining the Implementation, Funding, and Effectiveness of Georgia's CHINS Framework; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1946. By Representatives Davis of the 87th, Scott of the 76th and Schofield of the 63rd:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Constituent Services Modernization and Accountability; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1947. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Erwin of the 32nd, Dubnik of the 29th, Jones of the 47th, Dawson of the 65th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Education Finance; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1948. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Wade of the 9th, Seabaugh of the 34th and Hong of the 103rd:

A RESOLUTION urging appropriate state and local authorities to transfer operation of the Georgia Capitol Museum from the University System of Georgia to the Georgia Building Authority; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House were read the second time:

HB 1596	HB 1597
HR 1857	HR 1858
HR 1859	HR 1860
HR 1861	

Representative Anderson of the 10th District, Chairman of the Committee on Governmental Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Governmental Affairs has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 175 Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 423 Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 437 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Anderson of the 10th
Chairman

Representative Martin of the 49th District, Chairman of the Committee on Higher Education, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Higher Education has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 556 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Martin of the 49th
Chairman

Representative McDonald of the 26th District, Chairman of the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 260 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ McDonald of the 126th
Chairman

Representative McDonald of the 26th District, Chairman of the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Legislation has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 1404	Do Pass	HB 1558	Do Pass
HB 1560	Do Pass	HB 1562	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1563	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 1564	Do Pass
HB 1565	Do Pass	HB 1566	Do Pass
HB 1568	Do Pass	HB 1569	Do Pass
HB 1573	Do Pass	HB 1575	Do Pass
HB 1576	Do Pass	HB 1581	Do Pass
HB 1582	Do Pass	HB 1583	Do Pass
HB 1587	Do Pass	HB 1588	Do Pass
HB 1594	Do Pass	HB 1595	Do Pass
HB 1598	Do Pass	HB 1599	Do Pass
HB 1600	Do Pass	HB 1601	Do Pass
HB 1602	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ McDonald of the 26th
Chairman

Representative Gunter of the 8th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 463 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Gunter of the 8th
Chairman

Representative Smith of the 18th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 61	Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 398	Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 572	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Smith of the 18th
Chairman

Representative Crowe of the 118th District, Chairman of the Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 482	Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 586	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Crowe of the 118th
Chairman

Representative Scoggins of the 14th District, Chairman of the Committee on Special Rules, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Special Rules has had under consideration the following Resolutions of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HR 1473	Do Pass	HR 1829	Do Pass
HR 1831	Do Pass	HR 1832	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Scoggins of the 14th
Chairman

Representative Blackmon of the 146th District, Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 382 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Blackmon of the 146th
Chairman

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2026

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 38th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

SB 8 Courts; arrest warrant requirements when juvenile courts are acting as courts of inquiry; provide (Substitute)(JudyJ-Gullett-19th) Kirkpatrick-32nd

SB 29 DNA Sampling, Collection, and Analysis; collection of DNA samples of individuals arrested for the commission of a felony at the time such individuals are booked or otherwise processed by a detention facility; provide (Substitute)(PS&HS-Crowe-118th) Williams-25th

SB 146 Health, Local Government, and Property; regulations and protections of cemeteries and burial grounds; provide (RegI-Petrea-166th) Williams-25th

SB 150 Retirement; permit public school systems to employ certain beneficiaries of the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia as classroom teachers; extend the program (Substitute)(Ret-Ballard-147th) Hickman-4th

SB 369 "Charter Schools Act of 1998 "; completion charter schools; provide (Substitute)(Ed-Jones-47th) Still-48th

SB 403 Unclaimed Property; property is presumed abandoned; provide for exceptions (Substitute)(Judy-Reeves-99th) Kirkpatrick-32nd

SB 442 Drivers' Licenses; revocation and expiration of commercial drivers' licenses for noncitizens; provide (Substitute)(PS&HS-Jasperse-11th) Dickerson-21st

SB 478 Outdoor Stewardship; provide for a sunset (Substitute)(NR&E-Smith-70th) Watson-11th

SB 569 Motor Vehicles and Traffic; the issuance of emergency vehicle light permits for towing service companies in certain instances; provide (Substitute)(MotV-Lumsden-12th) Strickland-42nd

SB 589 "Quality Basic Education Act"; the date by which a child must attain a certain age to be eligible for enrollment in kindergarten or first grade; revise (Substitute)(Ed-Hilton-48th) Brass-6th

SB 605 Prosecuting Attorneys; additional grounds for discipline of a district attorney or solicitor-general or for his or her removal or involuntary retirement from office; provide (JudyNC-Smith-18th) Cowsert-46th

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

Representative McDonald III of the 26th moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the Local Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local:

HB 1600. By Representative Santos of the 117th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the City of McDonough Public Facilities Authority; to provide that the authority is a body corporate and politic and an instrumentality of the State of Georgia; to authorize the authority to acquire, construct, equip, maintain, and operate certain projects, including buildings and facilities for use by the City of McDonough for its governmental, proprietary, and administrative functions; to provide for disposition of property upon dissolution of the authority; to provide for severability; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Representative Hugley of the 141st objected.

Representative Hugley of the 141st withdrew her objection.

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 1404. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Hitchens of the 161st and Gilliard of the 162nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Pooler to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1558. By Representatives Glaize of the 67th and Dawson of the 65th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Palmetto ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of the full assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 65 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1560. By Representatives Burns of the 159th and Hitchens of the 161st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the City of Springfield, Georgia, to exercise all redevelopment and other powers provided for under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Georgia Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide for effective dates; to provide for

automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1562. By Representative Camp of the 135th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from all Pike County ad valorem taxes for county purposes for certain residents of that county who are totally disabled, approved May 13, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 5732), so as to increase the amount of the homestead exemption for residents of Pike County who are totally disabled; to provide for increased amounts of homestead exemptions for certain residents who have resided in the county for a certain amount of time; to provide for a referendum; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from all Pike County ad valorem taxes for county purposes for certain residents of that county who are totally disabled, approved May 13, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 5732), so as to increase the amount of the homestead exemption for residents of Pike County who are totally disabled; to provide for increased amounts of homestead exemptions for certain residents who have resided in the county for a certain amount of time; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act providing a homestead exemption from all Pike County ad valorem taxes for county purposes for certain residents of that county who are totally disabled, approved May 13, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 5732), is amended by revising subsection (b) of Section 1 as follows:

"(b)(1) Each resident of Pike County who is totally disabled is granted an exemption on that person's homestead from all Pike County ad valorem taxes for county purposes as follows:

(A) For all residents of Pike County who are totally disabled, in the amount of $15,000.00 of the assessed value of that homestead;

(B) Beginning with the 2028 taxable year, for residents of Pike County who are totally disabled and age 70 or older who have resided in the county for five to nine years, $17,500.00 of the assessed value of that homestead;

(C) Beginning with the 2031 taxable year, for residents of Pike County who are totally disabled and age 75 or older who have resided in the county for ten to 19 years, $22,500.00 of the assessed value of that homestead; and

(D) Beginning with the 2035 taxable year, for residents of Pike County who are totally disabled and age 80 or older who have resided in the county for 20 years or more, $30,000.00 of the assessed value of that homestead.

(2) For the purpose of this section, the amount of time residing in the county is the total amount of time a totally disabled person has lived in the county and need not be consecutive."

SECTION 2.

In accordance with the requirements of Article VII, Section II of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, this Act shall not become law unless it receives the requisite two-thirds' majority vote in both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

SECTION 3.

The election superintendent of Pike County shall call and conduct an election as provided in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of Pike County for approval or rejection. The election superintendent shall conduct the election on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November, 2026, and shall issue the call and conduct that election as provided by general law. The election superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of Pike County. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the words:

"( ) YES Shall the Act be approved which increases the homestead exemption for totally disabled residents of Pike County to $15,000.00 for all totally disabled residents, $17,500.00 for all totally disabled residents age 70 or older who have resided in the county for five to nine years, $22,500.00 for all totally disabled residents age 75 or older who have resided in the county for ten to 19 years, and $30,000.00 for all totally disabled residents age 80 or older who have resided in the county for 20 or more years?"

( ) NO

All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and all persons desiring to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on such question are for approval of the Act, Section 1 of this Act shall become of full force and effect on January 1, 2027. If the Act is not so approved or if the election is not conducted as provided in this section, Section 1 of this Act shall not become effective, and this Act shall be automatically repealed on the 365th calendar day following the election

date provided for in this section. The expense of such election shall be borne by Pike County. It shall be the election superintendent's duty to certify the result thereof to the Secretary of State. The provisions of this section shall be mandatory upon the election superintendent and are not intended as directory. If the election superintendent fails or refuses to comply with this section, any elector of Pike County may apply for a writ of mandamus to compel the election superintendent to perform his or her duties under this section. If the court finds that the election superintendent has not complied with this section, the court shall fashion appropriate relief requiring the election superintendent to call and conduct such election on the date required by this section or on the next date authorized for special elections provided for in Code Section 21-2-540 of the O.C.G.A.

SECTION 4.

Except as otherwise provided in Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

HB 1563. By Representative Camp of the 135th:

> A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from Pike County ad valorem taxes for county purposes for certain residents of that county who are 65 years of age or over, approved May 13, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 5736), so as to increase the amount of the homestead exemption for residents of Pike County who are senior citizens; to provide for increased amounts of homestead exemptions for certain residents who have resided in the county for a certain amount of time; to provide for a referendum; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from Pike County ad valorem taxes for county purposes for certain residents of that county who are 65 years of age or over, approved May 13, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 5736), so as to increase the amount of the homestead exemption for residents of Pike County who are senior citizens; to provide for increased amounts of homestead exemptions for certain residents who have resided in the

county for a certain amount of time; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act providing a homestead exemption from Pike County ad valorem taxes for county purposes for certain residents of that county who are 65 years of age or over, approved May 13, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 5736), is amended by revising subsection (a) of Section 2 as follows:

"(a)(1) Each resident of Pike County who is a senior citizen is granted an exemption on that person's homestead from all Pike County ad valorem taxes for county purposes as follows:

(A) For all residents of Pike County who are senior citizens, in the amount of $15,000.00 of the assessed value of that homestead;

(B) Beginning the 2028 taxable year, for residents of Pike County who are senior citizens and 70 years of age or older who have resided in the county for five to nine years, $20,000.00 of the assessed value of that homestead;

(C) Beginning the 2031 taxable year, for residents of Pike County who are senior citizens and 75 years of age or older who have resided in the county for ten to 19 years, $30,000.00 of the assessed value of that homestead; and

(D) Beginning the 2035 taxable year, for residents of Pike County who are senior citizens and 80 years of age or older who have resided in the county for 20 years or more, $50,000.00 of the assessed value of that homestead.

(2) For the purpose of this subsection, the amount of time residing in the county is the total amount of time a senior citizen has lived in the county and need not be consecutive."

SECTION 2.

In accordance with the requirements of Article VII, Section II of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, this Act shall not become law unless it receives the requisite two-thirds' majority vote in both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

SECTION 3.

The election superintendent of Pike County shall call and conduct an election as provided in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of Pike County for approval or rejection. The election superintendent shall conduct the election on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November, 2026, and shall issue the call and conduct that election as provided by general law. The election superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately

preceding the date thereof in the official organ of Pike County. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the words:

"( ) YES Shall the Act be approved which increases the homestead exemption for senior citizens to $15,000.00 for all senior citizens, $20,000.00 for senior citizens 70 years of age or older who have resided in the county for five to nine years, $30,000.00 for all senior citizens 75 years of age or older who have resided in the county for ten to 19 years, and $50,000.00 for all senior citizens 80 years of age or older who have resided in the county for 20 or more years?"

( ) NO

All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and all persons desiring to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on such question are for approval of the Act, Section 1 of this Act shall become of full force and effect on January 1, 2027. If the Act is not so approved or if the election is not conducted as provided in this section, Section 1 of this Act shall not become effective, and this Act shall be automatically repealed on the 365th calendar day following the election date provided for in this section. The expense of such election shall be borne by Pike County. It shall be the election superintendent's duty to certify the result thereof to the Secretary of State. The provisions of this section shall be mandatory upon the election superintendent and are not intended as directory. If the election superintendent fails or refuses to comply with this section, any elector of Pike County may apply for a writ of mandamus to compel the election superintendent to perform his or her duties under this section. If the court finds that the election superintendent has not complied with this section, the court shall fashion appropriate relief requiring the election superintendent to call and conduct such election on the date required by this section or on the next date authorized for special elections provided for in Code Section 21-2-540 of the O.C.G.A.

SECTION 4.

Except as otherwise provided in Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

HB 1564. By Representative Yearta of the 152nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Lee County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of the full assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 67 years of age or older, and only for such ad valorem taxes to pay

interest on and to retire county school district bonded indebtedness; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1565. By Representative Yearta of the 152nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Lee County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of the full assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 80 years of age or older and whose income does not exceed $40,000.00; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1566. By Representative Burchett of the 176th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Ware County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of the full assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 75 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1568. By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Parsons of the 44th, Jones of the 47th, Jasperse of the 11th, Scoggins of the 14th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act reincorporating and re-creating the City of Woodstock, approved April 17, 1975 (Ga. L. 1975, p. 4160), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 12, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 5404), so as to change the corporate limits of the city; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1569. By Representatives Santos of the 117th and Kahaian of the 81st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Municipal Court of the City of McDonough; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1573. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th and Persinger of the 119th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Statham ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of $20,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 62 years of age or older; to provide an additional homestead exemption from City of Statham ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of $10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 67 years of age or older; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1575. By Representatives Sainz of the 180th and Corbett of the 174th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a homestead exemption from all City of Kingsland ad valorem taxes for any city purposes, approved April 7, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 5686), so as to apply the homestead exemption to residents who are 62 years of age or older; to provide for an

effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1576. By Representative Sainz of the 180th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Kingsland ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1581. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Mathiak of the 82nd, Jackson of the 68th and Bazemore of the 69th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Fayetteville ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in a floating proportional amount based upon any increased property tax collections that exceed the value of property taxes collected in tax year 2025; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1582. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Mathiak of the 82nd, Jackson of the 68th and Bazemore of the 69th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Fayette County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in a floating proportional amount based upon any increased property tax collections that exceed the value of property taxes collected in tax year 2025; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1583. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Mathiak of the 82nd, Jackson of the 68th and Bazemore of the 69th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act provide for residents of specified ages a homestead exemption from certain ad valorem taxes levied by Fayette County for county purposes and to provide a homestead exemption from certain Fayette County School District ad valorem taxes for educational purposes, approved April 15, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 4453), so as to provide a new exemption in a floating proportional amount based upon any increased property tax collections that exceed the value of property taxes collected in tax year 2025 to each resident of the county from ad valorem taxes for county purposes; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1587. By Representatives Sanchez of the 42nd, Wilkerson of the 38th, Jones of the 60th, Campbell of the 35th, Ridley of the 22nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to abolish the office of elected county surveyor of Cobb County; to provide for the appointment of a county surveyor by the governing authority of the county after January 1, 2029; to provide for successors; to provide for qualifications; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1588. By Representatives Cummings of the 39th, Wilkerson of the 38th, Smith of the 41st, Campbell of the 35th, Adesanya of the 43rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act changing the compensation of the clerk of the superior court, the sheriff, and the judge of the Probate Court of Cobb County from the fee system to the salary system, approved February 9, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, p. 427), as amended, so as to provide that the salaries of the chief deputy sheriff, the assistant chief deputy sheriff, and the executive assistant to the sheriff shall be determined by the sheriff of Cobb County; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1594. By Representatives Williams of the 168th and DeLoach of the 167th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Riceboro, approved February 19, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 4614), as amended, so as to revise the corporate limits of the city; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1595. By Representatives Frye of the 122nd, Rhodes of the 124th, Gaines of the 120th and Gisler of the 121st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to grant to residents of Clarke County and the Clarke County School District, upon their homesteads, an exemption of $10,000.00 from certain ad valorem taxes levied by the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, and levied by, for, or on behalf of the Clarke County School District, approved April 13, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 6241), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 18, 2022 (Ga. L. 2022, p. 5504), so as to revise how the income cap is calculated related to the low-income base year assessed value homestead exemption from certain ad valorem taxes levied by the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County for unified government purposes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1598. By Representative Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Laurens County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of the full assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 80 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1599. By Representative Jackson of the 128th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create the Sandersville School Building Authority, approved March 6, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 3508), so as to revise qualification for members of the authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1601. By Representatives Dubnik of the 29th, Hawkins of the 27th, Cox of the 28th and McCollum of the 30th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Gainesville ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of $10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1602. By Representatives Dubnik of the 29th, Hawkins of the 27th, Cox of the 28th and McCollum of the 30th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Gainesville independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, the following roll call vote was made applicable to the previously read Bills.

On the passage of the Bills, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Sainz
Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Miller	Y Scott
E Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
E Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser

Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	E Williams, A
Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bills, the ayes were 153, nays 0.

The Bills, having received the requisite constitutional majority, were passed.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bill of the Senate:

SB 627. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st and Bearden of the 30th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Dallas ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of $50,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has agreed to the House substitutes to the following bills of the Senate:

SB 160. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Albers of the 56th, Jones of the 10th, Robertson of the 29th, Halpern of the 39th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-6-390.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to reckless stunt driving, so as to replace the forfeiture penalty of a motor vehicle involved in a second offense of reckless stunt driving with authority to order the installation of a device which limits the speed of such vehicle; to provide for a definition; to provide for procedures and conditions upon issuance of such orders; to provide for notification to the

Department of Revenue; to provide for a penalty; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 195. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 1st, Parent of the 44th and Orrock of the 36th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pharmacies, so as to provide that pharmacists are authorized to dispense preexposure prophylaxis and postexposure prophylaxis under certain conditions; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical practice, so as to provide for the approval or development of a training program for pharmacists by the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy; to require pharmacists to complete such training program before dispensing preexposure prophylaxis or postexposure prophylaxis; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 444. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 1st, Hodges of the 3rd, Harbison of the 15th and Walker III of the 20th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 46 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certification of private review agents, so as to provide that certain decisions with regard to the provision of insurance coverage for healthcare services shall not be based solely on artificial intelligence systems, artificial intelligence, or other software tools; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 523. By Senators Goodman of the 8th, Cowsert of the 46th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Albers of the 56th, Tillery of the 19th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to authorize public schools and postsecondary educational institutions to consider antisemitism in the same manner as discrimination based on religion; to require the Department of Education to establish a state-wide K-12 Title VI Coordinator; to authorize withholding of funds for noncompliance; to provide for notice and appeal procedures; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; to provide for annual reporting; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bills of the House:

HB 304. By Representatives Yearta of the 152nd, Gullett of the 19th, Gunter of the 8th, Kelley of the 16th, Reeves of the 99th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 32 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to municipal courts, so as to create the Georgia Municipal Court Clerks' Council; to provide for definitions; to provide for the membership, powers, and duties of the council; to provide for funding of the council; to provide for the status of the council and its members; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 328. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Hilton of the 48th, Carson of the 46th, Ridley of the 6th, Gaines of the 120th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income tax imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits, so as to increase the annual aggregate limit for tax credits available for certain contributions to student scholarship organizations; to increase the time allowed after being preapproved to make the contributions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 369. By Representatives Sharper of the 177th, Hitchens of the 161st, LaHood of the 175th, Baker of the 64th, Cummings of the 39th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to equipment of motor vehicles, so as to provide for vehicle equipment standards for motor vehicles used for the sale of food or beverages that primarily conduct such sales upon roadways; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 530. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Reeves of the 99th, Scoggins of the 14th, Kelley of the 16th and Oliver of the 84th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 9 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to time, place, and procedure, so as to provide for authorization for the electronic filing of pleadings in probate court; to provide for the promulgation of rules; to provide for fees; to provide for access to pleadings for certain staff and litigants; to provide for limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1112. By Representatives Barrett of the 24th, Martin of the 49th, Cox of the 28th, Blackmon of the 146th, Smith of the 138th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to selling and other trade practices, so as to provide for rounding of total price of the sale of goods or services when using legal tender; to provide for tax exemptions; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1247. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Powell of the 33rd, Tarvin of the 2nd, Horner of the 3rd, Donatucci of the 105th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions, so as to prohibit courts and administrative officers from deferring to agency interpretations of laws and regulations; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1534. By Representatives Westbrook of the 163rd, Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th, Jackson of the 165th and Hitchens of the 161st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Chatham County, approved December 18, 1819 (Ga. L. 1819, p. 16), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 30, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 3667), so as to provide for an additional judge of the State Court of Chatham County; to provide for the election, powers, duties, jurisdiction, privileges, immunities, and compensation of such additional judge; to authorize the governing authority of Chatham County to provide facilities, office space, supplies, equipment, and personnel for such judge; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the House:

HB 438. By Representatives Crowe of the 118th, Lumsden of the 12th, Silcox of the 53rd, Hitchens of the 161st, Blackmon of the 146th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia, so as to allow all sworn law enforcement officers serving in and the commissioner and deputy commissioner of the Department of Public Safety to be eligible for regular retirement benefits at the age of 55 years, certain disability benefits, and certain provisions for purchasing creditable service; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 519. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Mathis of the 133rd, Reeves of the 99th and Williams of the 148th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemption, and credits, so as to provide that the amount of the federal work opportunity credit claimed by a taxpayer shall also be allowed as a tax credit against state income taxes; to provide for conditions, eligibility, limitations, and recaptures; to provide for definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1128. By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, Gambill of the 15th, Wade of the 9th, Werkheiser of the 157th, Bonner of the 73rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 34-9-26 of the O.C.G.A., relating to required notice regarding injured peace officers, so as to provide that the State Board of Workers' Compensation shall provide for notice of eligibility for compensation to an injured employee to his or her legal guardian; to amend Code Section 35-1-24 of the O.C.G.A., relating to peace officers eligible for indemnification or disability compensation and notifications, so as to provide that law enforcement agencies shall provide notice of eligibility for compensation to an injured employee to his or her legal guardian; to amend Part 1 of Article 5 of Chapter 9 of Title 45 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the Georgia State Indemnification Fund, so as to provide for an application window for eligible individuals incapacitated by organic brain damage sustained in the line of duty on or before July 1, 2024; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1266. By Representatives Ridley of the 6th, Rhodes of the 124th and Meeks of the 178th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 52 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding registration, operation, and sale of watercraft, so as to repeal a provision relative to the use of certain motors on vessels being operated on the Ogeechee River; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1328. By Representatives Wade of the 9th, Bonner of the 73rd, Hawkins of the 27th, Dubnik of the 29th, Gaines of the 120th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 5A of Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to University of North Georgia military scholarships, so as to authorize the selection committee to select additional scholarship recipients; to authorize additional nominations for candidates to receive a scholarship; to provide a limit on the number of scholarships that can be awarded; to provide criteria for selecting scholarship recipients; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1367. By Representatives Roberts of the 52nd, Bazemore of the 69th, Silcox of the 53rd, Cannon of the 58th, Au of the 50th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating one or more community improvement districts in unincorporated Fulton County, approved April 3, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 5460), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 2, 1998 (Ga. L. 1998, p. 4065), so as to provide for the appointment of a certain number of board members in the case of vacancies on the board; to provide for special elections for certain vacancies; to provide for notice; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1485. By Representative Gunter of the 8th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Probate Court of Union County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1487. By Representatives Anderson of the 10th and Erwin of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Cornelia, approved April 30, 2013 (Ga. L. 2013, p. 3841), so as to remove the millage rate cap; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1488. By Representatives Williams of the 168th and DeLoach of the 167th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to establish the Hinesville Conference Center and Tourism Authority; to provide for the purpose of the authority; to provide for definitions; to provide for the membership of the authority; to provide for the election of officers, quorum, bylaws, and procedures at meetings; to provide for expenses of members; to provide for filling vacancies; to provide for the powers of the authority; to provide for an executive director; to provide for the use of

funds by the authority; to provide for severability; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1489. By Representatives Baker of the 64th, Alexander of the 66th and New of the 40th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Douglasville, approved April 16, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 4559), as amended, to require candidates seeking election from a district to reside in such district for a certain amount of time prior to the date of such election; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1514. By Representatives Glaize of the 67th, Olaleye of the 59th, Panitch of the 51st, McQueen of the 61st, Dawson of the 65th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the number of members and for the election of members of the Board of Education of Fulton County, approved February 10, 1984 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 3591), as amended, so as to change the date of election of the president of said board; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1528. By Representative Powell of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Municipal Court of the City of Franklin Springs; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1529. By Representative Powell of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Municipal Court of the City of Canon; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1531. By Representative Jasperse of the 11th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Ball Ground, approved March 28, 1990 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 4552), as amended, so as to revise provisions relating to elections so as to provide that

primaries and elections for the City of Ball Ground shall be held and conducted in accordance with the "Georgia Election Code"; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1535. By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Panitch of the 51st, Holland of the 54th and Roberts of the 52nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the City of Sandy Springs, Georgia, to exercise all redevelopment and other powers provided for under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Georgia Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide for effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1537. By Representatives Herring of the 145th, Paris of the 142nd, Jones of the 143rd, Griffin of the 149th and Washburn of the 144th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Bibb County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $17,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are between the ages of 65 and 74; to provide a homestead exemption from Bibb County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $32,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are between the ages of 75 and 84; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1538. By Representatives Herring of the 145th, Paris of the 142nd, Jones of the 143rd, Griffin of the 149th and Washburn of the 144th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Macon-Bibb County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of $17,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that county who are between the ages of 65 and 74; to provide a homestead exemption from Macon-Bibb County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of $32,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that county who are between the ages of 75 and 84; to provide a homestead exemption from Macon-Bibb County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of the full assessed value of the homestead for residents of that county who are 85 years of age or older; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1539. By Representative Burchett of the 176th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Probate Court of Ware County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1540. By Representative Burchett of the 176th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the State Court of Ware County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1541. By Representative Burchett of the 176th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Magistrate Court of Ware County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1545. By Representatives Rhodes of the 124th and Washburn of the 144th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the board of commissioners for Putnam County, approved September 8, 1879 (Ga. L. 1878-79, p. 334), as amended, particularly by an Act approved February 15, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 3596) and an Act approved May 6, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 3805), so as to provide for current board of commissioner members to continue their terms of office; to require board members to live in their districts; to provide for filling vacancies; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1547. By Representatives Williams of the 168th and DeLoach of the 167th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create the board of elections and registration for Liberty County, approved June 3, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 4437), so as to provide for staggered terms of office for certain future appointees to the board; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, the following Bill of the Senate was read the first time and referred to the Committee:

SB 627. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st and Bearden of the 30th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Dallas ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of $50,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Lumsden of the 12th et al., Willis of the 55th et al., Kahaian of the 81st et al., Beckles of the 96th et al., Ridley of the 6th et al., Gunter of the 8th et al., Adeyina of the 110th et al., Bonner of the 73rd et al., Cannon of the 58th et al., McQueen of the 61st et al., Burnough of the 77th et al., Schofield of the 63rd et al., and Jones of the 47th.

The House stood at ease.

The Speaker called the House to order.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the following Bill of the Senate be withdrawn from the Rules Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Rules:

SB 23. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Brass of the 6th, Robertson of the 29th, Hatchett of the 50th, Still of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Public Retirement Systems Investment Authority Law," so as to raise the limit for the total percentage of funds that the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia may invest in alternative investments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the following Bill of the Senate be withdrawn from the Rules Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Rules:

SB 29. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Hodges of the 3rd, Bearden of the 30th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6A of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to DNA sampling, collection, and analysis, so as to provide for the collection of DNA samples of individuals arrested for the commission of a felony at the time such individuals are booked or otherwise processed by a detention facility; to revise provisions relating to the destruction of DNA profiles; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the following Bill of the Senate be withdrawn from the Rules Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Rules:

SB 587. By Senators Still of the 48th, Dickerson of the 21st, Summers of the 13th, Albers of the 56th, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding offenses against public health and morals, so as to provide for the establishment of an animal cruelty database; to provide for purpose and funding; to require the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of the State of Georgia to create, administer, and maintain such database; to provide for minimum requirements; to provide for reporting and forms; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

By order of the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the Senate was withdrawn from the General Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security:

SB 454. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Anderson of the 24th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of fire and other hazards to persons and property generally, so as to authorize the use of temporary door

locking devices in public buildings during certain emergency situations; to provide for guidelines for use of such devices; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 478. By Senators Watson of the 11th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Walker III of the 20th, Anderson of the 24th, Goodman of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6A of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to outdoor stewardship, so as to provide for a sunset; to raise the percentage of moneys appropriated; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 6A of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to outdoor stewardship, so as to provide for a sunset; to raise the percentage of moneys appropriated; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 6A of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to outdoor stewardship, is amended by revising Code Section 12-6A-2, relating to purpose of funding protection of conservation land, as follows:

"12-6A-2.

(a) This chapter is enacted pursuant to Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI~~(p)~~(q) of the Constitution, which authorizes up to 80 percent of all moneys received by the state from the sales and use tax collected by outdoor recreation equipment establishments classified under the 2007 North American Industry Classification Code 451110, sporting goods stores in the immediately preceding fiscal year to be dedicated to the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund for the purpose of funding the protection of conservation land.

(b) This chapter shall remain in effect until June 30, 2039, pursuant to Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI(q) of the Constitution."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 12-6A-5, relating to establishment of the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) There is established the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund as a separate fund in the state treasury. Except as provided in subsections (c) and (d) of this Code section, the General Assembly shall appropriate to the trust fund ~~40~~ 60 percent of all moneys received by the state from the sales and use tax collected by establishments classified under the 2007 North American Industry Classification Code 451110, sporting goods stores, in the most recently completed fiscal year."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	E Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Miller	Y Scott
E Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	E Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF

Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 163, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

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Clerk of the House Bill Reilly

Mr. Clerk,

This AM on Friday March 27, I voted my machine yes on SB 478, the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Act sunset. It appears it did not register! I was distracted while the vote took place, speaking to Jacob on the bill I was to take to the floor next. Accordingly, I did not realize that my vote did not register. Both of my seatmates can verify that I voted yes on the measure.

Please correct my vote in the record from a missed vote to a yes vote.

Thank you,

/s/ Jesse L. Petrea
Representative, District 166

SB 146. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Hatchett of the 50th, Robertson of the 29th, Albers of the 56th, Mallow of the 2nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 31, 36, and 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, local government, and property, respectively, so as to provide regulations and protections of cemeteries and burial grounds; to revise procedures concerning the issuance of permits for the disinterment and reinterment of human remains; to provide definitions; to provide statutory construction; to conform cross-references; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	E Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
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Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Miller	Y Scott
E Baker	Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
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Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
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Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	E Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	N Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 163, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the House:

HB 1519. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Mathiak of the 82nd, Bazemore of the 69th and Jackson of the 68th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create the City of Peachtree City Public Facilities Authority, approved May 13, 2011 (Ga. L. 2011, p. 4121), as amended, so as to provide for terms of office for certain members of the authority; to prohibit transfer of membership in the authority; to provide for members not receiving any benefit of or right to or interest in assets of the authority; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1525. By Representative Efstration of the 104th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Auburn, approved February 17, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, p. 807), as amended, so as to revise and readopt the charter in its entirety; to provide for incorporation, name, and powers of the city; to provide for corporate boundaries; to provide for audits; to provide for contracting and purchasing procedures; to provide for the sale of city property; to provide for prior ordinances and pending matters; to provide for construction; to provide for severability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1536. By Representatives Rhodes of the 124th and Washburn of the 144th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Eatonton; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal specific Acts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1542. By Representative Yearta of the 152nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Magistrate Court of Worth County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1551. By Representative Jasperse of the 11th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from all Pickens County School District ad valorem taxes for educational

purposes for the full value of the homestead of certain residents of that school district, approved April 21, 1997 (Ga. L. 1997, p. 4283), so as to increase the income cap on such exemption; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1552. By Representative Smith of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Bremen independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $90,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 65 years of age or older and who have been residents and property taxpayers of the school district for at least five consecutive years; to repeal the exemption granted in an Act approved May 13, 2008 (Ga. L. 2008, p. 4065); to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1555. By Representatives Ballard of the 147th and Stinson of the 150th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Fort Valley, approved August 22, 1907 (Ga. L. 1907, p. 651), as amended, so as to deannex certain territory from the city limits; to provide that the city shall be obligated to transfer title in any real or personal property related to the operation of the utility system upon the request of the utility commission; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1556. By Representative O'Steen of the 169th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Nicholls; to provide for incorporation, boundaries, and powers of the city; to provide for service charges and assessments; to provide for bonded and other indebtedness; to provide for accounting and budgeting; to provide for contracting and purchasing; to provide for sale of city property; to provide for bonds for officers; to provide for pending matters; to provide for definitions and construction; to provide for severability; to provide for related matters; to repeal specific Acts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Speaker announced the House in recess until 1:00 o'clock, this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Speaker called the House to order.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1952. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Taylor of the 92nd, Schofield of the 63rd, McQueen of the 61st and Miller of the 62nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Center for Black Women's Wellness; and for other purposes.

HR 1953. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Berry of the 56th, Holly of the 116th, McQueen of the 61st and Myles of the 126th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the excellence of Morehouse College Athletics and honoring the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship teams; and for other purposes.

HR 1954. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Berry of the 56th, Cannon of the 58th, Clark of the 108th and Ali of the 106th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the artistic achievements, cultural impact, and community engagement of YK Niece; and for other purposes.

HR 1955. By Representatives Jones of the 60th, Powell of the 33rd and Carter of the 93rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing June 5, 2026, as "Women's Golf Day"; and for other purposes.

HR 1956. By Representatives Park of the 107th, Ali of the 106th, Miller of the 62nd, Cannon of the 58th, Willis of the 55th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Scattering Resources, Incorporated, and its Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Tamara L. Moore, for 16 years of extraordinary dedication to the homeless and disadvantaged communities of Atlanta, Georgia, and beyond; and for other purposes.

HR 1957. By Representatives Park of the 107th, Draper of the 90th, Au of the 50th, Tran of the 80th, Ali of the 106th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Delta Phi Lambda Sorority Inc., an Asian-interest sorority and 501(c)(7) non-profit organization, for its outstanding work in creating the next generation of Asian women leaders unified by the bonds of sisterhood and its efforts in coalition building amongst minority collegiate students across the United States; and for other purposes.

HR 1958. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Burnough of the 77th, Clark of the 108th and Bazemore of the 69th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Maternal Health Vitality Think Tank; and for other purposes.

HR 1959. By Representatives Reese of the 140th, Crawford of the 89th, Willis of the 55th, Miller of the 62nd and Olaleye of the 59th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and honoring the cultural legacy and contributions of Field Mob; and for other purposes.

HR 1960. By Representatives Reese of the 140th, Hugley of the 141st, Buckner of the 137th, Smith of the 138th and Rice of the 139th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Bruce Huff on his outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

HR 1961. By Representatives Carter of the 93rd, Cannon of the 58th, Adeyina of the 110th, Gilliard of the 162nd, Mitchell of the 88th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing June 14, 2026, as Race Amity Day; and for other purposes.

HR 1962. By Representatives Holly of the 116th, Cannon of the 58th, McQueen of the 61st, Lewis-Ward of the 115th, Neal of the 79th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the National Council of Negro Women, Inc., upon its 90th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 1963. By Representatives Lim of the 98th, Lupton of the 83rd, Beckles of the 96th and Clark of the 108th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Elizabeth Garcia; and for other purposes.

HR 1964. By Representatives Lim of the 98th, Lupton of the 83rd, Beckles of the 96th and Clark of the 108th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Nury Castillo Crawford; and for other purposes.

HR 1965. By Representatives Lim of the 98th, Beckles of the 96th, Reeves of the 99th and Clark of the 108th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Sylvia Goalen; and for other purposes.

HR 1966. By Representatives Smith of the 18th and Gunter of the 8th:

A RESOLUTION reaffirming our commitment to attorney integrity and recognizing fiduciary duties owed by attorneys to clients and co-counsel; and for other purposes.

HR 1967. By Representatives Lim of the 98th, Lupton of the 83rd, Holland of the 54th, Olaleye of the 59th and Clark of the 108th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending JCM Ventures; and for other purposes.

HR 1968. By Representatives Lim of the 98th, Beckles of the 96th, Reeves of the 99th and Clark of the 108th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Edgardo Aponte; and for other purposes.

HR 1969. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Seabaugh of the 34th, Wade of the 9th, Smith of the 138th, Momtahan of the 17th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing April 1, 2026, as America 250 Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1970. By Representative McQueen of the 61st:

A RESOLUTION commending Kimberly Postell, Sandtown Middle School's 2025-2026 Professional of the Year; and for other purposes.

HR 1971. By Representative McQueen of the 61st:

A RESOLUTION commending Maya Jones, Sandtown Middle School's 2025-2026 Teacher of the Year; and for other purposes.

HR 1972. By Representative McQueen of the 61st:

A RESOLUTION commending Patti Whaley, A. Philip Randolph Elementary School's 2025-2026 Teacher of the Year; and for other purposes.

HR 1973. By Representatives Flournoy of the 74th, Herring of the 145th, Jones of the 143rd, Carter of the 93rd and Kendrick of the 95th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Ms. Shennill Gray upon her retirement; and for other purposes.

HR 1974. By Representatives Burnough of the 77th, Scott of the 76th and Taylor of the 92nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Mrs. Arlecia Battle; and for other purposes.

HR 1975. By Representatives Momtahan of the 17th, Gullett of the 19th, Kelley of the 16th, Smith of the 18th and New of the 40th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the North Paulding High School Girls Basketball Team for winning the 2026 Georgia High School Association Class 6A State Championship and for their outstanding athletic achievements; and for other purposes.

HR 1976. By Representative Gilliard of the 162nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Lyndy Brannen; and for other purposes.

HR 1977. By Representatives Anderson of the 10th and Fleming of the 114th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Morgan County boys basketball team for winning the 2026 GHSA Class AA State Basketball Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 1978. By Representative Cummings of the 39th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Janet Jackson-Gordon; and for other purposes.

HR 1979. By Representatives Parrish of the 158th, Burns of the 159th, Hawkins of the 27th, Taylor of the 173rd and Newton of the 127th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Donna W. Hyland upon her retirement from Children's Healthcare of Atlanta; and for other purposes.

HR 1980. By Representative Au of the 50th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Greater North Fulton Chamber of Commerce; and for other purposes.

HR 1981. By Representative Au of the 50th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Rotary Club of Johns Creek-North Fulton; and for other purposes.

HR 1982. By Representative Gilliard of the 162nd:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Mrs. Theresa Gayle; and for other purposes.

HR 1983. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Smith of the 70th, Jenkins of the 136th, Glaize of the 67th and Dawson of the 65th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Keith Brady; and for other purposes.

HR 1984. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Cannon of the 58th, Clark of the 108th, Jones of the 143rd and Au of the 50th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and honoring the life, legacy, and service of Dr. Benjamin Laremont and designating October 18, 2026, as Dr. Benjamin Laremont Day; and for other purposes.

HR 1985. By Representatives Buckner of the 137th, Huddleston of the 72nd and Smith of the 138th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Ruben Hairston upon his induction into the Fort Valley State Hall of Fame; and for other purposes.

HR 1986. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, McQueen of the 61st, Holly of the 116th, Berry of the 56th and Cannon of the 58th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Goodie Mob for their outstanding contributions to music, culture, and social consciousness; and for other purposes.

HR 1987. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Berry of the 56th, Holly of the 116th, McQueen of the 61st, Adeyina of the 110th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the Morehouse College Honors Program for its outstanding academic excellence, leadership development, and service to the community and recognizing its participation in the Georgia Legislative Black Caucus' first Heritage Day of Service during Heritage Weekend; and for other purposes.

HR 1988. By Representatives Barrett of the 24th, Gaines of the 120th, Blackmon of the 146th, Tarvin of the 2nd, Cannon of the 172nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing chronic federal deficit spending as a root cause of inflation and long-term economic instability; and for other purposes.

HR 1989. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Adeyina of the 110th, Carter of the 93rd, Paris of the 142nd and Myles of the 126th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Healthcare & Emergency Solutions, LLC, for its outstanding service and impact; and for other purposes.

HR 1990. By Representatives Ali of the 106th, Adeyina of the 110th, Okoye of the 102nd, Romman of the 97th and Beckles of the 96th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Roberto Vargas; and for other purposes.

HR 1991. By Representatives Ali of the 106th, Park of the 107th, Okoye of the 102nd, Clark of the 108th and Romman of the 97th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Om Duggal; and for other purposes.

HR 1992. By Representatives Williamson of the 112th, Bonner of the 73rd, Cannon of the 172nd, DeLoach of the 167th, Lumsden of the 12th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life, military service, and civic contributions of Major General George J. Hearn, Jr. of Monroe, Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 1993. By Representative Powell of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Mr. Right Reverend Gregory Karl Davis; and for other purposes.

HR 1994. By Representatives Howard of the 129th, Myles of the 126th and Prince of the 132nd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Madrean Peoples Leonard; and for other purposes.

HR 1995. By Representatives Cheokas of the 151st, Washburn of the 144th, Crowe of the 118th, Camp of the 135th, Donatucci of the 105th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Kristen Morgan Whaley; and for other purposes.

HR 1996. By Representative Scott of the 76th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Mr. Henry Harrison; and for other purposes.

HR 1997. By Representative Scott of the 76th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Mr. Tommy Harrison; and for other purposes.

HR 1998. By Representative Scott of the 76th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and legacy of Mother Annie Eliza Brim Hughes; and for other purposes.

HR 1999. By Representative Scott of the 76th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and legacy of Malinda Naomi Givens; and for other purposes.

HR 2000. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Kelley of the 16th, Reeves of the 99th, Momtahan of the 17th, Persinger of the 119th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 29 to April 4, 2026, as Holy Week; and for other purposes.

HR 2001. By Representative Scott of the 76th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and legacy of Mother Bernice Brim Powe; and for other purposes.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the Senate was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 150. By Senators Hickman of the 4th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Payne of the 54th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 47 of the O.C.G.A., relating to retirement allowances, disability benefits, and spouses' benefits, so as to extend the program to permit public school systems to employ certain beneficiaries of the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia as classroom teachers in a full-time capacity to June 30, 2034; to reduce the number of years worked by a beneficiary to 25 before being eligible to be hired under this Code section; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to retirement allowances, disability benefits, and spouses' benefits, so as to remove the requirement that certain subject areas be designated as an area of highest need for certain beneficiaries of the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia to be hired to work in such areas; to provide for the extension of provisions to 2030; to provide for areas of highest need to be determined for a public school system rather than a RESA; to prohibit termination of employment based on a change in a public school system's areas of highest need; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to retirement allowances, disability benefits, and spouses' benefits, is amended by revising Code Section 47-3-127.1, relating to full-time employment of beneficiaries permitted under limited conditions, required employer contributions, and areas of highest need, as follows:

"47-3-127.1.

(a) From July 1, 2022, until June 30, ~~2026~~ 2030, notwithstanding the provisions of Code Section 47-3-127, to the extent and under the conditions provided for in this Code section, a public school system may employ:

(1) A ~~a~~ beneficiary who has obtained 30 years of creditable service in this retirement system in a full-time capacity as a certified teacher of pre-kindergarten through grade 12 who has as his or her primary responsibility the academic instruction of students in a classroom in an area of highest need determined for the ~~RESA to which such~~ public school system ~~is assigned~~, provided that at least one year has expired from the effective date of such beneficiary's retirement and he or she was not restored to service as a teacher pursuant to Code Section 47-3-127 during such period of time~~.~~; or

(2) A beneficiary who has obtained 30 years of creditable service in this retirement system in a full-time capacity as a certified teacher of pre-kindergarten through grade 12 who has as his or her primary responsibility the academic instruction and support of students in the area of mathematics, special education, science, CTAE, reading, writing, or English language arts, provided that such beneficiary in the area of reading, writing, or English language arts holds a current dyslexia or reading endorsement approved by the Professional Standards Commission, provided that at least one year has expired from the effective date of such beneficiary's retirement and he or she was not restored to service as a teacher pursuant to Code Section 47-3-127 during such period of time.

(b)(1) An individual employed as described in subsection (a) of this Code section shall remain a beneficiary and shall continue to receive his or her retirement allowance and any postretirement benefit adjustments for which he or she is eligible; provided, however, that such service shall not constitute creditable service and shall not entitle such beneficiary to a recomputation of retirement benefits upon cessation of such service.

(2) It shall be the duty of each beneficiary to notify an employer of his or her status as a beneficiary prior to accepting employment with such employer.

(c)(1) Within 30 days of employing a beneficiary pursuant to this Code section, such employer shall notify the board of trustees of such beneficiary's name, the amount of his or her earnable compensation, a description of any other forms of remuneration to be made, the number of hours to be worked, job responsibilities, and other such information as the board of trustees may prescribe.

(2) An employer that employs a beneficiary pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section shall pay to the retirement system an amount equal to the product of:

(A) The combination of the rate required by this chapter for employer contributions and employee contributions; and

(B) The earnable compensation of such beneficiary.

(3) A beneficiary shall not receive creditable service from or access to contributions made as a result of payments required by paragraph (2) of this subsection, and he or she shall be considered by the retirement system solely as a beneficiary.

(4) If an employer that is obligated to make contributions or reimbursements to the retirement system pursuant to this Code section fails to make such contributions, any unpaid amounts shall be deducted from any funds payable to such employer by the state, including without limitation the Department of Education and the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, and shall be paid to the retirement system.

(d)(1) As used in this Code section, 'area of highest need' means one of the three content areas for which there are the greatest percentages of unfilled positions for classroom teachers in a ~~RESA~~ public school system.

(2) The areas of highest need shall be determined for each ~~RESA~~ public school system annually by the Department of Education after consultation with the Professional Standards Commission. Such determinations shall be based upon a five-year average review of a survey reported by local school systems to the Department of Education. The areas of highest need for each ~~RESA~~ public school system shall be reported to the retirement system on an annual basis beginning July 1, 2022, and ending July 1, ~~2025~~ 2029.

(e) No change in a public school system's areas of highest need shall require the termination, resignation, or nonrenewal of any beneficiary previously hired under subsection (a) of this Code section.

~~(e)~~(f) Prior to July 1, ~~2025~~ 2029, the state auditor shall conduct and publish a performance audit concerning the provisions of this Code section to include a determination of the value and necessity of the full-time employment of beneficiaries as permitted by this Code section, as well as the effects of such employment on the local school systems, the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, and the teacher workforce as a whole for this state.

~~(f)~~(g) The provisions of this Code section shall not become part of the employment contract and shall be subject to future legislation."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026, only if it is determined to have been concurrently funded as provided in Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Public Retirement Systems Standards Law"; otherwise, this Act shall not become effective and shall be automatically repealed in its entirety on July 1, 2026, as required by subsection (a) of Code Section 47-20-50.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Sanchez
Y Alexander	E Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	Y Scott
E Baker	Y Dawson	Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	E Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
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Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	E Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	E Williams, A
Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 159, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following Bills of the House were taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 717. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Newton of the 127th, Silcox of the 53rd, Drenner of the 85th and Au of the 50th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Medical Practice Act of the State of Georgia," so as to provide for the regulation of the administration of psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy; to provide for definitions; to provide for standards; to provide for requirements; to provide for the establishment of rules and regulations; to provide for licensure of clinics; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Medical Practice Act of the State of Georgia," so as to provide for the regulation of the administration of psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy; to provide for definitions; to provide for standards; to provide for requirements; to provide for the establishment of rules and regulations; to provide for licensure of clinics; to provide for statutory construction; to provide a criminal penalty; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Medical Practice Act of the State of Georgia," is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"43-34-49.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Clinic' means a facility that offers the administration of psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy, including, but not limited to, intravenous infusion of ketamine.

(2) 'Psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy' means any treatment or therapy using psychedelic, dissociative, or other related substances that have the potential to produce hallucinations or rapidly induce suggestibility in the user or profound changes in perceptions of reality or the self.

(b) No later than December 31, 2026, the board shall establish rules and regulations for he administration of psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy in clinics to establish consistent standards, ensure continuing competency, and promote patient safety. Such rules and regulations shall include requirements on:

(1) A properly equipped and maintained clinic to ensure patient safety, which may be demonstrated by appropriate accreditation or certification;

(2) Competency of the physician using psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy in the absence of an anesthesiologist, anesthesiologist assistant, or certified registered nurse anesthetist, including education and relevant training;

(3) Proper prescribing and ordering of psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy;

(4) Proper administration and management of psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy;

(5) Emergency care and transfer protocols in the event of a complication or emergency;

(6) Maintenance of complete and accurate medical records;

(7) Reporting of adverse events to the board;

(8) Required continuing medical education;

(9) Truth in advertising regarding the credentials, education, and training of the individuals administering psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy; and

(10) Inspection procedures.

(c) Any physician, physician assistant, anesthesiologist assistant, or certified registered nurse anesthetist administering, directing, or supervising psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy in a clinic shall be subject to the rules and regulations established by the board pursuant to this Code section. The board may establish minimum standards of continuing medical education for all healthcare professionals owning a clinic. All other licensed healthcare professionals practicing in a clinic may be subject to minimum standards of continuing education established by the respective licensing board for such healthcare professionals.

(d)(1) On and after July 1, 2027, all clinics shall be licensed by the board and shall biennially renew their license with the board. In the event that physicians in a clinic practice at more than one location, each such location shall be licensed by the board, and such license shall be nontransferable.

(2) Upon the filing of an application for a license, the board may cause a thorough investigation of the applicant to be made and such investigation may include a criminal background check; provided, however, that the board shall cause a thorough investigation of a new applicant to be made, and such investigation shall include a background check. If satisfied that the applicant possesses the necessary qualifications, the board shall issue a license. However, the board may issue licenses with varying restrictions to such persons where the board deems it necessary for the purpose of safeguarding the public health, safety, and welfare.

(3) Whenever an applicable rule requires or prohibits action by a clinic, responsibility shall be that of the owner and the physicians practicing in such clinic, whether the owner is a sole proprietor, partnership, association, corporation, or otherwise.

(4) The board shall deny or refuse to renew a clinic license if it determines that the granting or renewing of such license would not be in the public interest.

(5)(A) A clinic shall be owned by one or more physicians or certified registered nurse anesthetists licensed in this state who meet the competency requirements for psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy established by the board, including, but not limited to, advanced airway management training.

(B) Subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall not apply to any clinic in existence and operational on the effective date of this Act; provided, however, that any such clinic shall be subject to and in compliance with all other provisions of this Code section in order to operate.

(6) All licenses shall expire biennially unless renewed. All applications for renewal of a license shall be filed with the board prior to the expiration date, accompanied by the biennial renewal fee prescribed by the board. A license which has expired for failure of the holder to renew may be late renewed after application and payment of the prescribed late renewal fee within the time period established by the board and provided the applicant meets such requirements as the board may establish by rule. Any license which has not been renewed by the end of the late renewal period shall be considered revoked and subject to reinstatement at the discretion of the board after meeting such requirements as the board may establish.

(e)(1) Each clinic licensed under this Code section shall:

(A) Execute a hospital affiliation agreement with one or more hospitals licensed in this state within a reasonable distance from such clinic or have medical staff at such clinic with admitting privileges or other similar documented arrangements with such hospital or hospitals to ensure the necessary backup for medical complications; and

(B) Have the capability to transfer a patient immediately to a hospital within a reasonable distance from such clinic with adequate emergency room services.

(2) A hospital shall not unreasonably deny a transfer agreement with a clinic for the purposes set forth in paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(f) Administration of psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy in a clinic shall only be performed by:

(1) A physician licensed in this state with advanced airway management training;

(2) A certified registered nurse anesthetist licensed in this state under the direction and responsibility of a duly licensed physician;

(3) An anesthesiologist assistant licensed in this state under the direct supervision of a duly licensed anesthesiologist;

(4) A nurse practitioner licensed in this state who has airway management training, has at least five years of clinical experience, is acting pursuant to a nurse protocol agreement as described in Code Section 43-34-25, and has the express written approval of the board; or

(5) A physician assistant licensed in this state who has airway management training, has at least five years of clinical experience, is acting pursuant to a job description as described in subsection (e.1) of Code Section 43-34-103, and has the express written approval of the board.

(g) A review of the prescription drug monitoring program database established pursuant to Code Section 16-13-57 shall be completed for each patient and documented in the patient's medical record prior to the administration of any psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy and all administration of any psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy shall be reported to the prescription drug monitoring program by the clinic.

(h) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (f) of this Code section, any person who administers psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy in this state without a license to practice medicine from the board shall be deemed to be engaged in the unlawful practice of medicine and subject to the provisions of Code Sections 43-34-39 and 43-34-42.
(i) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to permit the use of drugs or substances not approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration.
(j) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to apply to the administration of psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy in a clinic affiliated with a hospital or in a clinical trial approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration.
(k) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to apply to the administration of drugs approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration for such drugs' Food and Drug Administration approved on-label indication for use.
(l) Any person convicted of operating a clinic in this state without a license in violation of paragraph (1) of subsection (d) of this Code section shall be guilty of a felony and shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than five years or by a fine of not less than $1,000.00 nor more than $5,000.00, or both."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Cooper of the 45th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 717.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	E Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	Y Scott
E Baker	Y Dawson	Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
N Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	E Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
E Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Blackmon	N Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	E Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130

Y Camp	Y Flournoy	N Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	E Prince	Y Werkheiser
E Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	E Williams, A
Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 153, nays 3.

The motion prevailed.

HB 979. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Smith of the 18th, Ballard of the 147th, Hong of the 103rd and Holcomb of the 101st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 50-2-27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the retrocession of jurisdiction over lands owned by the United States, so as to provide for procedures for the retrocession of jurisdiction in certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 50-2-27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the retrocession of jurisdiction over lands owned by the United States, so as to provide for procedures for the retrocession of jurisdiction in certain circumstances; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 50-2-27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the retrocession of jurisdiction over lands owned by the United States, is amended as follows:

"50-2-27.

(a) The consent of this state is given to the retrocession of jurisdiction, either partially or wholly, by the United States over land owned by the United States within the boundaries

of this state; and the Governor is authorized to accept for the state such retrocession of jurisdiction.

(b) ~~Retrocession of jurisdiction shall be effected upon written notice by the principal officer of the agency of the United States having supervision and control over the land to the Governor, such notice describing the land by metes and bounds and specifying the nature of the jurisdiction therein to be retroceded to the state and the entry of acceptance upon the written notice by the Governor.~~ The Governor shall not accept a request of retrocession of jurisdiction unless the written request:

(1) States the name, position, and legal authority of the individual requesting the retrocession;

(2) Unambiguously states the subject matter for the concurrent jurisdiction request;

(3) Describes by metes and bounds the United States military installation subject to the concurrent legislative jurisdiction request; and

(4) Indicates whether the request includes future contiguous expansions of land acquired for military purposes.

(c) If the Governor accepts a request filed under subsection (b) of this Code section:

(1) The Governor's acceptance shall state each element of the request which is accepted; and

(2) The Governor shall submit the following documents to the appropriate recording office for indexing and submit copies of the following documents to the person who filed the request for concurrent legislative jurisdiction:

(A) The request for concurrent legislative jurisdiction;

(B) The Governor's written acceptance of concurrent legislative jurisdiction; and

(C) A description by metes and bounds of the United States military installation subject to the concurrent legislative jurisdiction.

(d) Upon request by the principal officer of the agency of the United States having supervision and control over the land, the Governor is authorized to execute appropriate documents to accomplish the retrocession granted by this Code section.

(e) Upon establishment of concurrent legislative jurisdiction under this Code section, a state agency, local government, or district may enter a reciprocal agreement with a United States agency to designate duties related to the concurrent legislative jurisdiction between the parties. The duties authorized in such reciprocal agreement shall be limited to when alleged acts have been committed by persons under 17 years of age upon a United States military installation subject to concurrent jurisdiction."

SECTION 2.

Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"50-18-79.

(a) If any claim of an unlawful employment practice made against the General Assembly, the House of Representatives, the Senate, or any member, office, or employee thereof, including, but not limited to, a claim of sexual harassment, discriminatory harassment, discrimination, or retaliation, is resolved in whole or in part by a settlement agreement, a

memorandum of agreement or understanding, or other similar document, however denominated, such agreement shall be subject to public disclosure with the claimant's identity redacted. For purposes of this subsection exclusively, the General Assembly shall be an agency. This subsection shall be applied retroactively.

(b) Except as provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section, nothing in this Code section shall be construed or applied so as to subject the General Assembly to the provisions of Code Sections 50-18-70 through 50-18-78 or Chapter 14 of this title."

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following amendment was read and adopted:

Representative Bonner of the 73rd offers the following amendment:

Amend the substitute to HB 979 (HB 979/SCSFA) by replacing line 1 through the end with the following:

To amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to provide procedures for the partial retrocession of jurisdiction over military installations owned by the United States; to authorize reciprocal agreements for purposes of concurrent jurisdiction at military installations in certain instances; to create the Georgia-Ireland Trade Commission; to provide for members and purpose of the commission; to provide for annual reporting; to create a fund for commission expenses; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended by revising Code Section 50-2-27, relating to retrocession of jurisdiction over lands owned by the United States, as follows:

"50-2-27.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, the ~~The~~ consent of this state is given to the retrocession of jurisdiction, either partially or wholly, by the United States over land owned by the United States within the boundaries of this state; and the Governor is authorized to accept for the state such retrocession of jurisdiction.

~~(b) Retrocession of jurisdiction shall be effected upon written notice~~ Upon written request to the Governor by the principal officer of the agency of the United States having supervision and control over the land ~~to the Governor, such notice~~ describing the land by

metes and bounds and specifying the nature of the jurisdiction therein to be retroceded to the state ~~and the entry of acceptance upon the written notice by,~~ the Governor shall be authorized to execute appropriate documents to accomplish the retrocession authorized by this Code section.

(b)(1) A request for partial retrocession of jurisdiction at a military installation, as such term is defined in Code Section 2-1-7, to provide for concurrent jurisdiction between the United States and the state at such installation shall be made in writing to the Governor and shall include:

(A) The name, position, and legal authority of the requesting individual;

(B) A description of the subject matter for which concurrent jurisdiction is sought;

(C) A specific metes and bounds description of the property for which concurrent jurisdiction is sought; and

(D) Whether the request includes any contemplation of future expansion of the property described in subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(2) Upon agreement to a request for partial retrocession of jurisdiction pursuant to this subsection accepted by the Governor, the Governor shall:

(A) Memorialize in writing each element of the request that has been accepted; and

(B) Submit copies of the following documents to the individual who made the request for concurrent jurisdiction:

(i) The original request for partial retrocession of jurisdiction to provide for concurrent jurisdiction;

(ii) The acceptance of the request for partial retrocession of jurisdiction to provide for concurrent jurisdiction; and

(iii) The metes and bounds description of the property for which concurrent jurisdiction has been agreed to through the acceptance of the partial retrocession.

(3) Upon agreement by the Governor to a request for partial retrocession of jurisdiction pursuant to this subsection, the state or any political subdivision thereof or a district attorney shall be authorized to enter into a reciprocal agreement with legal authority for the military installation which designates duties related to the concurrent jurisdiction that has been granted; provided, however, that the duties authorized in such reciprocal agreement shall be limited to when alleged acts have been committed by persons less than 17 years of age upon the military installation subject to concurrent jurisdiction."

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 12, relating to commissions and other agencies, by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 9

50-12-140.

(a) There is established the Georgia-Ireland Trade Commission which is created to advance bilateral trade and investment between Georgia and Ireland. The trade commission shall consist of 15 members to be appointed as follows:

(1) Four members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, two of whom must be members of the House of Representatives;

(2) Four members shall be appointed by the President of the Senate, two of whom must be members of the Senate; and

(3) Seven members shall be appointed by the Governor as follows:

(A) The commissioner of economic development or his or her designee;

(B) The Commissioner of Agriculture or his or her designee;

(C) Two representatives of state institutions of higher education;

(D) Two members representing Irish Americans or Irish American communities in Georgia; and

(E) One representative of a Georgia business organization or a trade organization.

(b) The members of the commission shall be appointed for terms of four years each and until their successors are appointed and qualified, except that the seven members appointed by the Governor shall serve initial terms of two years each, the four members appointed by the President of the Senate shall serve initial terms of three years each, and the four members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall serve initial terms of four years each. Members may be reappointed and shall include:

(1) The commissioner of economic development or his or her designee;

(2) The Commissioner of Agriculture or his or her designee;

(3) One representative of a state institution of higher education;

(4) At least two members representing Irish Americans or Irish American communities in Georgia; and

(5) One representative of a Georgia business organization or a trade organization.

(c) All appointments shall be made no later than 90 days following the date of enactment of this article. A vacancy in the membership of the commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment was made.

(d) Members of the commission shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for expenses actually incurred in the performance of their duties, within the limit of funds appropriated to the commission or otherwise made available to such commission for its purposes.

(e) The commission shall meet and hold hearings at the places and times it designates throughout the state.

(f) The Governor shall designate a chairperson or cochairpersons from among the members of the commission, who shall serve in that capacity at the pleasure of the Governor. The chairperson or cochairpersons, as appropriate, may appoint from among the commission members subcommittees or subcommittee chairpersons at their discretion. A majority of the members of the commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of the commission.

(g)(1) The purpose of the Georgia-Ireland Trade Commission shall be to:

(A) Advance bilateral trade and investment between Georgia and Ireland;
(B) Initiate joint action on policy issues of mutual interest to Georgia and Ireland;
(C) Promote business and academic exchanges between Georgia and Ireland;
(D) Encourage mutual economic support between Georgia and Ireland;
(E) Encourage mutual investment in the infrastructure of Georgia and Ireland; and
(F) Address such other issues as determined by the commission.

(2) The commission shall report its findings, results, and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly pursuant to this article within one year of its initial organizational meeting and by February 1 of each succeeding year for the activities of the preceding calendar year. The report shall be in writing and include recommendations as are considered appropriate by the commission to effectuate its purpose, as provided by this Code section.

(h)(1) The state treasurer shall establish a separate trust fund in the state treasury that shall be known as the Georgia-Ireland Trade Commission Fund, consisting of annual appropriations by the General Assembly; public or private grants, gifts, donations, or contributions; and moneys from any other source, including local, state, or federal program funds dedicated to the fund.

(2) The state treasurer shall invest the moneys held in the fund in the same manner in which state funds are invested as authorized by the State Depository Board pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 17 of this title. Interest earned by the moneys held in the fund shall be accounted for separately and shall be credited to the fund to be disbursed as other moneys in the fund.

(3) Moneys held in the fund shall be expended solely as provided in this article."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Bonner of the 73rd moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute, as amended by the House, to HB 979.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
N Anderson	Y Cummings	N Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	Y Scott
E Baker	Y Dawson	Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	N Horner	E Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	E Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens

Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	E Stinson
E Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	N Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	E Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	E Prince	Y Werkheiser
E Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	E Williams, A
Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	E Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	E Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 149, nays 6.

The motion prevailed.

HB 1030. By Representatives Donatucci of the 105th, Erwin of the 32nd, Jones of the 47th, Dubnik of the 29th, Hilton of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to enact the "Math Matters Act"; to require the State Board of Education to adopt content standards for middle and high school advanced math courses; to require local education agencies to establish advance math courses in middle school and high school; to require the Professional Standards Commission to ensure students completing teacher certification programs have the knowledge and skills to teach math including the four strands of mathematical proficiency; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2 Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to enact the "Math Matters Act"; to require the

State Board of Education to adopt content standards for middle and high school advanced math courses; to require the Department of Education to provide guidance and technical assistance to local education agencies; to require local education agencies to establish advanced math courses; to provide for enrollment of students into and withdrawal from advanced math courses; to require minimum core math instruction time for students in grades four and five; to require that parents or guardians are provided information regarding advanced math courses; to require annual reports; to prohibit waivers; to require the Professional Standards Commission to revise standards for acquiring and maintaining teacher certification in elementary education to include requirements regarding developmentally appropriate evidence based math instruction; to require the Professional Standards Commission to ensure students completing teacher certification programs have the knowledge and skills to teach math including the four strands of mathematical proficiency; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, is amended in Part 3 of Article 6, relating to educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-153.2.

(a) This Code section shall be known and may be cited as the 'Math Matters Act.'

(b) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Advanced math course' means a math course more rigorous than a course with grade-level content.

(2) 'Evidence based math instruction' means teaching practices that are supported by research grounded in quantitative or qualitative empirical evidence and are shown to positively impact student math learning, to support students in achieving grade-level math learning goals, and to improve student outcomes.

(3) 'Four strands of mathematical proficiency' means a combination of the following:

(A) Real world problem solving skills, which connects math to students' lives;

(B) Procedural fluency, which is the ability to perform math procedures with speed, accuracy, efficiency, and flexibility;

(C) Conceptual understanding, which is knowing how and why math works; and

(D) Productive dispositions, which is seeing math as sensible, useful, and worthwhile.

(4) 'Intervention' means a specific program, activity, or set of steps used to help students improve in an area of need that may include additional time, evidence based tutoring, small group instruction, multitiered system of supports, or the like.

(5) 'Local education agency' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 20-2-167.1.

(c) Beginning with the 2027-2028 school year, each local education agency shall require at least 60 minutes daily or 300 minutes weekly of core math instructional time for students in grades four and five.

(d) The Department of Education shall provide guidance and technical assistance to local education agencies in developing and implementing advanced math courses in grades six and seven.

(e) By January 1, 2027, the State Board of Education shall adopt content standards for advanced math courses for grades eight through ten to be designated as such for purposes of this Code section. Such advanced math courses shall, at a minimum, include Enhanced Algebra: Concepts and Connections.

(f)(1) Beginning with the 2027-2028 school year, each local education agency with students enrolled in grades six through ten shall:

(A) Automatically enroll in an advanced math course each student who receives a score of distinguished learner on the state-wide end-of-grade or end-of-course math assessment at the end of the prior school year or demonstrates proficiency using a local measure that considers the student's math coursework or the student's grade point average in math;

(B) Establish a procedure for a parent or guardian to withdraw his or her child from such automatic enrollment; and

(C) Permit a parent or guardian of a student who scores proficient on the end-of-grade or end-of-course math assessment at the end of the prior school year to request that such student be enrolled in such advanced math course. The local education agency shall approve such request or require such parent or guardian to attend a placement meeting to review such student's achievement in math and overall readiness for enrollment in such course prior to approving such request;

(2) Each local education agency shall provide each student enrolled in an advanced math course:

(A) Reasonable instructional support beyond core math instruction; and

(B) A system of supports for students to achieve success in the advanced math course, which may include:

(i) A specific high-quality instructional program; and

(ii) A set of steps used to help students improve in math, including, but not limited to:

(I) Additional instructional time;

(II) High-dosage tutoring;

(III) Small group instruction; and

(IV) Technology enabled activities during the school day.

(3) Each local education agency shall provide information to parents or guardians of students who score proficient or distinguished learner on the end-of-grade or end-of-course assessment about:

(A) The purpose and goals of guaranteed access to advanced math courses;

(B) The available advanced math courses; and

(C) How each advanced math course supports preparation for postsecondary college and career opportunities.

(4)(A) By October 1, 2028, and October 1 of each year thereafter, the Department of Education shall provide a report to the chairpersons of the House Committee on Education, the Senate Education and Youth Committee, the House Committee on Appropriations, and the Senate Appropriations Committee. Such report shall include, at a minimum:

(i) The number of students enrolled in each local education agency who received a score of distinguished learner on the most recent state-wide end-of-grade or end-of-course math assessment for grades five through ten;

(ii) The number and percentage of students provided for in division (i) of this subparagraph who were:

(I) Automatically enrolled in an advanced math course; and

(II) Automatically enrolled in an advanced math course and withdrew from such enrollment;

(iii) The number of students who did not receive a score of distinguished learner on the most recent state-wide end-of-grade or end-of-course math assessment but who enrolled in an advanced math course; and

(iv) A list of advanced math courses offered by each local education agency.

(B) The student data provided pursuant to division (i) of this subparagraph shall be disaggregated by ethnicity, race, sex, socioeconomic status, disability, and language proficiency.

(g) This Code section shall not be subject to waivers pursuant to Code Section 20-2-82 for a strategic waivers school system, Code Section 20-2-244 for a local board of education, Code Section 20-2-2063.2 for a charter system, or Code Section 20-2-2065 for a charter system or schools within a charter system, or any completion special school."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended in Part 10 of Article 17, relating to professional standards, by revising subsections (a) and (b) of Code Section 20-2-984, relating to Professional Standards Commission — authority to create and implement standards and procedures for certifying educational personnel, recommending standards and procedures for certification, continuation of teaching certificates, and restrictions, as follows:

"(a) The commission shall create and implement standards and procedures for certifying educational personnel as qualified for a certificate to practice in the public schools of Georgia; provided, however, that such standards and procedures shall not require an individual to participate in or complete any training program in which divisive concepts, as such term is defined in Code Section 20-1-11, are advocated for; provided, further, that such standards shall include the following:

(1) Procedures for limiting the number and types of certificates to the fewest possible consistent with providing qualified teachers for Georgia's schools;

(2) In-service training and related requirements needed to renew or maintain certification;

(3) Multiple or alternative routes to professional teacher certification, including, but not limited to, the alternative and nontraditional teacher certification programs provided for in Code Section 20-2-206; provided, however, that the commission's standards and procedures consider for in-state certification nationally accredited teacher certification programs outside of this state which are state sponsored and meet the academic accreditation and certification requirements of the commission; and

(4)(A) Requirements, including appropriate examinations and assessments, for acquiring and maintaining certification pursuant to Code Section 20-2-200.

(B) Beginning July 1, ~~2025~~ 2028, the Georgia Assessments for Certification of Educators (GACE), or any other assessment required by the commission for teacher certification, shall be aligned with developmentally appropriate evidence based literacy instruction and evidence based math instruction.

(b) The commission shall recommend to the board of regents and private colleges and universities standards and procedures for preparing educational personnel to qualify for initial and renewable certification to practice in the public schools of Georgia, including the following:

(1) Pre-service preparation;

(2) Approval of teacher education programs, both graduate and undergraduate, which shall include, at a minimum, mandatory coursework in:

(A) Differentiated instruction, including the development and implementation of explicit curricula to effectively support and deliver differentiated instruction to students. As used in this subparagraph, the term 'differentiated instruction' means instruction that demonstrates a teacher's recognition of students as individuals in terms of their abilities, achievement, learning styles, and needs, including but not limited to at-risk students, English language learners, students with special needs, and gifted students, and that gives greater emphasis to individualization in teaching by making adjustments to curricula, materials, learning activities, and assessment techniques to ensure that all students in a mixed-ability classroom can have equal access to appropriate avenues for processing new information and developing skills; and

(B) Instruction related to the development of fundamental reading skills, including phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and reading comprehension;

(3) Approval of programs of alternative certification;

(4) The creation of innovative programs designed to increase the number of minority teachers entering the profession, including, but not limited to, programs designed to promote increased student enrollment in and completion of teacher education programs offered at historically black colleges and universities in this state; ~~and~~

(5) The creation of standards designed to ensure that postsecondary students completing teacher certification programs in this state graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to teach reading; and

(6) The creation of standards designed to ensure that postsecondary students completing elementary education teacher certification programs in this state graduate with training and instruction that:

(A) Effectively teaches math knowledge and skills that develop the four strands of mathematical proficiency as such term is defined in Code Section 20-2-153.2;
(B) Implements evidence based math instruction as such term is defined in Code Section 20-2-153.2;
(C) Provides effective instruction and interventions for students who need intervention as such term is defined in Code Section 20-2-153.2; and
(D) Understands and uses student data to make instructional decisions."

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Donatucci of the 105th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 1030.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	Y Scott
E Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	E Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	E Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	E Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	E Prince	Y Werkheiser
E Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	E Williams, A
Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF

Y Chastain	E Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 158, nays 0.

The motion prevailed.

HB 1085. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Burns of the 159th, Cannon of the 172nd, Burchett of the 176th, Buckner of the 137th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to income taxes, so as to provide for various tax credits for forestry manufacturing facilities; to provide for transfer of tax credits and conditions; to provide for reporting; to provide for effective dates and automatic repeals; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to income taxes, so as to provide for various tax credits for forestry manufacturing facilities; to provide for transfer of tax credits and conditions; to provide for reporting; to provide for aggregate maximum amounts of tax credits; to require approval of future amendments by a two-thirds' vote of each chamber of the General Assembly; to provide for effective dates and automatic repeals; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Keep Georgia Forested Act."

SECTION 2.

Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to income taxes, is amended in Code Section 48-7-40, relating to designation of counties as less developed areas and tax credits for certain business enterprises, by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (a) and adding new paragraphs, revising paragraph (2) of subsection (e), and adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(2) 'Business enterprise' means any business or the headquarters of any such business which is engaged in manufacturing, including, but not limited to, the manufacturing of alternative energy products for use in solar, wind, battery, bioenergy, biofuel, and electric vehicle enterprises, warehousing and distribution, processing, telecommunications, broadcasting, tourism, research and development industries, biomedical manufacturing, forestry manufacturing, and services for the elderly and persons with disabilities. Such term shall not include retail businesses. Businesses are eligible for the tax credit provided by this Code section at an individual establishment of the business based on the classification of the individual establishment under the North American Industry Classification System. ~~For purposes of this Code section, the term 'establishment' means an economic unit at a single physical location where business is conducted or where services or industrial operations are performed. If more than one business activity is conducted at the establishment, then only those jobs engaged in the qualifying activity will be eligible for the tax credit provided by this Code section.~~"

"(3.1) 'Establishment' means an economic unit at a single physical location where business is conducted or where services or industrial operations are performed. If more than one business activity is conducted at the establishment, then only those jobs engaged in the qualifying activity shall be eligible for the tax credit provided by this Code section."

"(4.1) 'Forestry manufacturing' or 'forestry manufacturer' means any business or the headquarters of such business with an establishment in this state:

(A) Classified under 2022 North American Industry Classification System Subsectors 321, wood product manufacturing; 322, paper manufacturing or North American Industrial Classification industry code 33711, wood kitchen cabinet and countertop manufacturing or specific code 221117, biomass electric power generation 325193, ethyl alcohol manufacturing; 325194, cyclic crude, intermediate, and gum and wood chemical manufacturing; 325199, all other basic organic chemical manufacturing; 337211, wood office furniture manufacturing; and 337212, custom architectural woodwork and millwork manufacturing; or

(B) That utilizes wood fiber, forest-derived biomass, wood residuals, or forestry by-products as a primary feedstock in the manufacture of forest products, renewable fuels, bio-based chemicals, bioenergy, or other value-added products that support or derive economic value from the forest products supply chain, regardless of the establishment's primary North American Industry Classification System code."

"(2) Existing business enterprises and, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, and prior to January 1, 2031, forestry manufacturers shall be allowed an additional tax credit for taxes imposed under this article equal to $500.00 per eligible new full-time employee job the first year in which the new full-time employee job is created. The additional credit shall be claimed in the first taxable year in which the new full-time employee job is created. The number of new full-time employee jobs shall be determined by comparing the monthly average number of full-time employees subject to Georgia income tax withholding for the taxable year with the corresponding period of the prior taxable year. In tier 1 counties, those existing business enterprises and forestry manufacturers that increase employment by five or more shall be eligible for the credit. In tier 2 counties, only those existing business enterprises and forestry manufacturers that increase employment by ten or more shall be eligible for the credit. In tier 3 counties, only those existing business enterprises and forestry manufacturers that increase employment by 15 or more shall be eligible for the credit. In tier 4 counties, only those existing business enterprises and forestry manufacturers that increase employment by 25 or more shall be eligible for the credit. The average wage of the new jobs created must be above the average wage of the county that has the lowest average wage of any county in the state to qualify as reported in the most recently available annual issue of the Georgia Employment and Wages Averages Report of the Department of Labor. To qualify for a credit under this paragraph, the employer must make health insurance coverage available to the employee filling the new full-time job; provided, however, that nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to require the employer to pay for all or any part of health insurance coverage for such an employee in order to claim the credit provided for in this paragraph if such employer does not pay for all or any part of health insurance coverage for other employees. Credit shall not be allowed during a year if the net employment increase falls below the number required in such tier. Any credit generated and utilized for years prior to the year in which the net employment increase falls below the number required in such tier shall not be affected. The state revenue commissioner shall adjust the credit allowed each year for net new employment fluctuations above the minimum level of the number required in such tier. This paragraph shall apply only to new eligible full-time jobs created in taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2006, and ending no later than taxable years beginning prior to January 1, 2011."

"(n)(1) Any credits earned under this Code section by a forestry manufacturer for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, and prior to January 1, 2031, and before and previously claimed but not used by such forestry manufacturer against its income tax or as credit against quarterly or monthly payment under Code Section 48-7-103 as provided within this Code section, and in addition to the assignability provisions of Code Section 48-7-42, may be transferred or sold in whole or in part by such forestry manufacturer to another Georgia taxpayer, subject to the following conditions:

(A) Such forestry manufacturer may make only a single transfer or sale of tax credits earned in a taxable year; however, the transfer or sale may involve one or more transferees; and

(B) Such forestry manufacturer shall submit to the department a written notification of any transfer or sale of tax credits within 30 days after the transfer or sale of such tax credits. The notification shall include such forestry manufacturer's tax credit balance prior to the transfer, the remaining balance after transfer, all tax identification numbers for each transferee, the date of the transfer, the amount transferred, and any other information required by the department.

(2) Failure to comply with this subsection shall result in disallowance of the tax credit until the forestry manufacturer is in full compliance.

(3) The transfer or sale of this tax credit shall not extend the time in which such tax credit can be used. The carry-forward period for a tax credit that is transferred or sold shall begin on the date in which the tax credit was originally earned.

(4) A transferee shall have only such rights to claim and use the tax credit as were available to the transferor at the time of the transfer. To the extent that such transferor did not have rights to claim or use the tax credit at the time of the transfer, the department shall either disallow the tax credit claimed by the transferee or recapture the tax credit from the transferee. The transferee's recourse is against the transferor.

(5) The department shall prepare an annual report of the total amount of credits transferred by forestry manufacturers pursuant to this Code section for the prior year. The report required under this paragraph shall be completed no later than December 31 of each year and presented to each member of the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Finance Committee.

(6) This subsection shall stand repealed by operation of law on the last moment of December 31, 2030. The automatic repeal of this subsection on December 31, 2030, shall not impair or affect a forestry manufacturer's ability to transfer an unused credit after January 1, 2031, that such taxpayer accrued pursuant to this Code section for taxable years before December 31, 2030."

SECTION 3.

Said article is further is amended in Code Section 48-7-40.1, relating to tax credits for business enterprises in less developed areas, by revising subsection (a) and adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Broadcasting' means the transmission or licensing of audio, video, text, or other programming content to the general public, subscribers, or to third parties via radio, television, cable, satellite, or the internet or IP and includes motion picture and sound recording, editing, production, postproduction, and distribution. Such term is limited to establishments classified under the 2007 North American Industry Classification System Codes 515, broadcasting; 519, internet publishing and broadcasting; 517, telecommunications; and 512, motion picture and sound recording industries.

(2) 'Business enterprise' means any business or the headquarters of any such business which is engaged in manufacturing, including, but not limited to, the manufacturing of alternative energy products for use in solar, wind, battery, bioenergy, biofuel, and electric vehicle enterprises, warehousing and distribution, processing, telecommunications, broadcasting, tourism, biomedical manufacturing, forestry manufacturing, and research and development industries. Such term shall not include retail businesses. Businesses are eligible for the tax credit provided by this Code section at an individual establishment of the business based on the classification of the individual establishment under the North American Industry Classification System. ~~For purposes of this Code section, the term 'establishment'~~

(2.1) 'Establishment' means an economic unit at a single physical location where business is conducted or where services or industrial operations are performed. If more than one business activity is conducted at the establishment, then only those jobs engaged in the qualifying activity will be eligible for the tax credit provided by this Code section.

(2.2) 'Forestry manufacturing' means any business or the headquarters of such business with an establishment in this state:

(A) Classified under 2022 North American Industry Classification System Subsectors 321, wood product manufacturing; 322, paper manufacturing or North American Industrial Classification industry code 33711, wood kitchen cabinet and countertop manufacturing or specific code 221117, biomass electric power generation 325193, ethyl alcohol manufacturing; 325194, cyclic crude, intermediate, and gum and wood chemical manufacturing; 325199, all other basic organic chemical manufacturing; 337211, wood office furniture manufacturing; and 337212, custom architectural woodwork and millwork manufacturing; or

(B) That utilizes wood fiber, forest-derived biomass, wood residuals, or forestry by-products as a primary feedstock in the manufacture of forest products, renewable fuels, bio-based chemicals, bioenergy, or other value-added products that support or derive economic value from the forest products supply chain, regardless of the establishment's primary North American Industry Classification System code.

(3) 'New full-time employee job' means a newly created position of employment that was not previously located in this state, requires a minimum of 35 hours a week, and pays at or above the average wage earned in the county with the lowest average wage earned in this state, as reported in the most recently available annual issue of the Georgia Employment and Wages Averages Report of the Department of Labor."

"(l)(1) Any credits earned under this Code section by a forestry manufacturer for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, and prior to January 1, 2031, and before and previously claimed but not used by such forestry manufacturer against its income tax or as credit against quarterly or monthly payment under Code Section 48-7-103 as provided within this Code section, and in addition to the assignability provisions of Code Section 48-7-42, may be transferred or sold in whole or in part by such forestry manufacturer to another Georgia taxpayer, subject to the following conditions:

(A) Such forestry manufacturer may make only a single transfer or sale of tax credits earned in a taxable year; however, the transfer or sale may involve one or more transferees; and

(B) Such forestry manufacturer shall submit to the department a written notification of any transfer or sale of tax credits within 30 days after the transfer or sale of such tax credits. The notification shall include such forestry manufacturer's tax credit balance prior to the transfer, the remaining balance after transfer, all tax identification numbers for each transferee, the date of the transfer, the amount transferred, and any other information required by the department.

(2) Failure to comply with this subsection shall result in disallowance of the tax credit until the forestry manufacturer is in full compliance.

(3) The transfer or sale of this tax credit shall not extend the time in which such tax credit can be used. The carry-forward period for a tax credit that is transferred or sold shall begin on the date in which the tax credit was originally earned.

(4) A transferee shall have only such rights to claim and use the tax credit as were available to the transferor at the time of the transfer. To the extent that such transferor did not have rights to claim or use the tax credit at the time of the transfer, the department shall either disallow the tax credit claimed by the transferee or recapture the tax credit from the transferee. The transferee's recourse is against the transferor.

(5) The department shall prepare an annual report of the total amount of credits transferred by forestry manufacturers pursuant to this Code section for the prior year. The report required under this paragraph shall be completed no later than December 31 of each year and presented to each member of the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Finance Committee.

(6) This subsection shall stand repealed by operation of law on the last moment of December 31, 2030. The automatic repeal of this subsection on December 31, 2030, shall not impair or affect a forestry manufacturer's ability to transfer an unused credit after January 1, 2031, that such taxpayer accrued pursuant to this Code section for taxable years before December 31, 2030."

SECTION 4.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 48-7-40.2, relating to tax credits for existing manufacturing and telecommunications facilities in tier 1 counties, by adding a new paragraph to subsection (a), revising subsection (b), and adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(0.5) 'Forestry manufacturing' means any business or the headquarters of such business with an establishment in this state:

(A) Classified under 2022 North American Industry Classification System Subsectors 321, wood product manufacturing; 322, paper manufacturing or North American Industrial Classification industry code 33711, wood kitchen cabinet and countertop manufacturing or specific code 221117, biomass electric power generation 325193, ethyl alcohol manufacturing; 325194, cyclic crude, intermediate, and gum and wood chemical manufacturing; 325199, all other basic organic chemical

manufacturing; 337211, wood office furniture manufacturing; and 337212, custom architectural woodwork and millwork manufacturing; or

(B) That utilizes wood fiber, forest-derived biomass, wood residuals, or forestry by-products as a primary feedstock in the manufacture of forest products, renewable fuels, bio-based chemicals, bioenergy, or other value-added products that support or derive economic value from the forest products supply chain, regardless of the establishment's primary North American Industry Classification System code."

"(b)(1) In the case of a taxpayer which has operated for the immediately preceding three years an existing manufacturing or telecommunications facility or a manufacturing or telecommunications support facility in this state in a tier 1 county designated pursuant to Code Section 48-7-40, there shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed under this article in an amount equal to 5 percent of the cost of all qualified investment property purchased or acquired by the taxpayer in such year, subject to the conditions and limitations set forth in this Code section. In the event such qualified investment property purchased or acquired by the taxpayer in such year consists of recycling machinery or equipment, a recycling manufacturing facility, pollution control or prevention machinery or equipment, a pollution control or prevention facility, or the conversion from defense to domestic production, the amount of such credit shall be equal to 8 percent.

(2) In the case of a taxpayer which operates a forestry manufacturing facility in this state in a tier 1 county designated pursuant to Code Section 48-7-40, there shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed under this article for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, and prior to January 1, 2031, in an amount equal to 15 percent of the cost of all qualified investment property purchased or acquired by the taxpayer in such year, subject to the conditions and limitations set forth in this Code section."

"(e)(1) Any credits earned under this Code section by a forestry manufacturer for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, and prior to January 1, 2031, and before and previously claimed but not used by such forestry manufacturer against its income tax or as credit against quarterly or monthly payment under Code Section 48-7-103 as provided within this Code section, and in addition to the assignability provisions of Code Section 48-7-42, may be transferred or sold in whole or in part by such forestry manufacturer to another Georgia taxpayer, subject to the following conditions:

(A) Such forestry manufacturer may make only a single transfer or sale of tax credits earned in a taxable year; however, the transfer or sale may involve one or more transferees; and

(B) Such forestry manufacturer shall submit to the department a written notification of any transfer or sale of tax credits within 30 days after the transfer or sale of such tax credits. The notification shall include such forestry manufacturer's tax credit balance prior to the transfer, the remaining balance after transfer, all tax identification numbers for each transferee, the date of the transfer, the amount transferred, and any other information required by the department.

(2) Failure to comply with this subsection shall result in disallowance of the tax credit until the forestry manufacturer is in full compliance.

(3) The transfer or sale of this tax credit shall not extend the time in which such tax credit can be used. The carry-forward period for a tax credit that is transferred or sold shall begin on the date in which the tax credit was originally earned.

(4) A transferee shall have only such rights to claim and use the tax credit as were available to the transferor at the time of the transfer. To the extent that such transferor did not have rights to claim or use the tax credit at the time of the transfer, the department shall either disallow the tax credit claimed by the transferee or recapture the tax credit from the transferee. The transferee's recourse is against the transferor.

(5) The department shall prepare an annual report of the total amount of credits transferred by forestry manufacturers pursuant to this Code section for the prior year. The report required under this paragraph shall be completed no later than December 31 of each year and presented to each member of the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Finance Committee.

(6) This subsection shall stand repealed by operation of law on the last moment of December 31, 2030. The automatic repeal of this subsection on December 31, 2030, shall not impair or affect a forestry manufacturer's ability to transfer an unused credit after January 1, 2031, that such taxpayer accrued pursuant to this Code section for taxable years before December 31, 2030."

SECTION 5.

Said article is further is amended in Code Section 48-7-40.3, relating to tax credits for existing manufacturing and telecommunications facilities in tier 2 counties, by adding a new paragraph to subsection (a), revising subsection (b), and adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(0.5) 'Forestry manufacturing' means any business or the headquarters of such business with an establishment in this state:

(A) Classified under 2022 North American Industry Classification System Subsectors 321, wood product manufacturing; 322, paper manufacturing or North American Industrial Classification industry code 33711, wood kitchen cabinet and countertop manufacturing or specific code 221117, biomass electric power generation 325193, ethyl alcohol manufacturing; 325194, cyclic crude, intermediate, and gum and wood chemical manufacturing; 325199, all other basic organic chemical manufacturing; 337211, wood office furniture manufacturing; and 337212, custom architectural woodwork and millwork manufacturing; or

(B) That utilizes wood fiber, forest-derived biomass, wood residuals, or forestry by-products as a primary feedstock in the manufacture of forest products, renewable fuels, bio-based chemicals, bioenergy, or other value-added products that support or derive economic value from the forest products supply chain, regardless of the establishment's primary North American Industry Classification System code."

"(b)(1) In the case of a taxpayer which has operated for the immediately preceding three years an existing manufacturing or telecommunications facility or manufacturing

or telecommunications support facility in this state in a tier 2 county designated pursuant to Code Section 48-7-40, there shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed under this article in an amount equal to 3 percent of the cost of all qualified investment property purchased or acquired by the taxpayer in such year, subject to the conditions and limitations set forth in this Code section. In the event such qualified investment property purchased or acquired by the taxpayer in such year consists of recycling machinery or equipment, a recycling manufacturing facility, pollution control or prevention machinery or equipment, a pollution control or prevention facility, or the conversion from defense to domestic production, the amount of such credit shall be equal to 5 percent.

(2) In the case of a taxpayer which has operated a forestry manufacturing facility in this state in a tier 2 county designated pursuant to Code Section 48-7-40, there shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed under this article in an amount equal to 10 percent of the cost of all qualified investment property purchased or acquired by the taxpayer in such year, subject to the conditions and limitations set forth in this Code section."

"(e)(1) Any credits earned under this Code section by a forestry manufacturer for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, and prior to January 1, 2031, and before and previously claimed but not used by such forestry manufacturer against its income tax or as credit against quarterly or monthly payment under Code Section 48-7-103 as provided within this Code section, and in addition to the assignability provisions of Code Section 48-7-42, may be transferred or sold in whole or in part by such forestry manufacturer to another Georgia taxpayer, subject to the following conditions:

(A) Such forestry manufacturer may make only a single transfer or sale of tax credits earned in a taxable year; however, the transfer or sale may involve one or more transferees; and

(B) Such forestry manufacturer shall submit to the department a written notification of any transfer or sale of tax credits within 30 days after the transfer or sale of such tax credits. The notification shall include such forestry manufacturer's tax credit balance prior to the transfer, the remaining balance after transfer, all tax identification numbers for each transferee, the date of the transfer, the amount transferred, and any other information required by the department.

(2) Failure to comply with this subsection shall result in disallowance of the tax credit until the forestry manufacturer is in full compliance.

(3) The transfer or sale of this tax credit shall not extend the time in which such tax credit can be used. The carry-forward period for a tax credit that is transferred or sold shall begin on the date in which the tax credit was originally earned.

(4) A transferee shall have only such rights to claim and use the tax credit as were available to the transferor at the time of the transfer. To the extent that such transferor did not have rights to claim or use the tax credit at the time of the transfer, the department shall either disallow the tax credit claimed by the transferee or recapture the tax credit from the transferee. The transferee's recourse is against the transferor.

(5) The department shall prepare an annual report of the total amount of credits transferred by forestry manufacturers pursuant to this Code section for the prior year. The report required under this paragraph shall be completed no later than December 31 of each year and presented to each member of the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Finance Committee.

(6) This subsection shall stand repealed by operation of law on the last moment of December 31, 2030. The automatic repeal of this subsection on December 31, 2030, shall not impair or affect a forestry manufacturer's ability to transfer an unused credit after January 1, 2031, that such taxpayer accrued pursuant to this Code section for taxable years before December 31, 2030."

SECTION 6.

Said article is further is amended in Code Section 48-7-40.4, relating to tax credits for existing manufacturing and telecommunications facilities or manufacturing and telecommunications support facilities in tier 3 or 4 counties, by adding a new paragraph to subsection (a), revising subsection (b), and adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(0.5) 'Forestry manufacturing' means any business or the headquarters of such business with an establishment in this state:

(A) Classified under 2022 North American Industry Classification System Subsectors 321, wood product manufacturing; 322, paper manufacturing or North American Industrial Classification industry code 33711, wood kitchen cabinet and countertop manufacturing or specific code 221117, biomass electric power generation 325193, ethyl alcohol manufacturing; 325194, cyclic crude, intermediate, and gum and wood chemical manufacturing; 325199, all other basic organic chemical manufacturing; 337211, wood office furniture manufacturing; and 337212, custom architectural woodwork and millwork manufacturing; or

(B) That utilizes wood fiber, forest-derived biomass, wood residuals, or forestry by-products as a primary feedstock in the manufacture of forest products, renewable fuels, bio-based chemicals, bioenergy, or other value-added products that support or derive economic value from the forest products supply chain, regardless of the establishment's primary North American Industry Classification System code."

"(b)(1) In the case of a taxpayer which has operated for the immediately preceding three years an existing manufacturing or telecommunications facility or manufacturing or telecommunications support facility in this state in a tier 3 or a tier 4 county designated pursuant to Code Section 48-7-40, there shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed under this article in an amount equal to 1 percent of the cost of all qualified investment property purchased or acquired by the taxpayer in such year, subject to the conditions and limitations set forth in this Code section. In the event such qualified investment property purchased or acquired by the taxpayer in such year consists of recycling machinery or equipment, a recycling manufacturing facility, pollution control or prevention machinery or equipment, a pollution control or prevention facility, or the conversion from defense to domestic production, the amount of such credit shall be equal to 3 percent.

(2) In the case of a taxpayer which has operated a forestry manufacturer facility in this state in a tier 3 or a tier 4 county designated pursuant to Code Section 48-7-40, there shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed under this article in an amount equal to 3 percent of the cost of all qualified investment property purchased or acquired by the taxpayer in such year, subject to the conditions and limitations set forth in this Code section."

"(e)(1) Any credits earned under this Code section by a forestry manufacturer for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, and prior to January 1, 2031, and before and previously claimed but not used by such forestry manufacturer against its income tax or as credit against quarterly or monthly payment under Code Section 48-7-103 as provided within this Code section, and in addition to the assignability provisions of Code Section 48-7-42, may be transferred or sold in whole or in part by such forestry manufacturer to another Georgia taxpayer, subject to the following conditions:

(A) Such forestry manufacturer may make only a single transfer or sale of tax credits earned in a taxable year; however, the transfer or sale may involve one or more transferees; and

(B) Such forestry manufacturer shall submit to the department a written notification of any transfer or sale of tax credits within 30 days after the transfer or sale of such tax credits. The notification shall include such forestry manufacturer's tax credit balance prior to the transfer, the remaining balance after transfer, all tax identification numbers for each transferee, the date of the transfer, the amount transferred, and any other information required by the department.

(2) Failure to comply with this subsection shall result in disallowance of the tax credit until the forestry manufacturer is in full compliance.

(3) The transfer or sale of this tax credit shall not extend the time in which such tax credit can be used. The carry-forward period for a tax credit that is transferred or sold shall begin on the date in which the tax credit was originally earned.

(4) A transferee shall have only such rights to claim and use the tax credit as were available to the transferor at the time of the transfer. To the extent that such transferor did not have rights to claim or use the tax credit at the time of the transfer, the department shall either disallow the tax credit claimed by the transferee or recapture the tax credit from the transferee. The transferee's recourse is against the transferor.

(5) The department shall prepare an annual report of the total amount of credits transferred by forestry manufacturers pursuant to this Code section for the prior year. The report required under this paragraph shall be completed no later than December 31 of each year and presented to each member of the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Finance Committee.

(6) This subsection shall stand repealed by operation of law on the last moment of December 31, 2030. The automatic repeal of this subsection on December 31, 2030, shall not impair or affect a forestry manufacturer's ability to transfer an unused credit after January 1, 2031, that such taxpayer accrued pursuant to this Code section for taxable years before December 31, 2030."

SECTION 7.

Said article is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"48-7-40.4A.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, the aggregate amount of tax credits allowed to forestry manufacturers pursuant to Code Sections 48-7-40, 48-7-40.1, 48-7-40.2, 48-7-40.3, and 48-7-40.4 shall not exceed $250 million per year.

(b) The aggregate amount of tax credits allowed to forestry manufacturers in tier 3 and tier 4 counties pursuant to Code Sections 48-7-40 and 48-7-40.4 shall not exceed $100 million per year.

(c) No renewal or extension of tax credits allowed to forestry manufacturers pursuant to Code Sections 48-7-40, 48-7-40.1, 48-7-40.2, 48-7-40.3, and 48-7-40.4 shall become effective unless approved by two-thirds of the members elected to each chamber of the General Assembly in a roll-call vote."

SECTION 8.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026, and shall be applicable to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

SECTION 9.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following amendment was read and adopted:

Representative Petrea of the 166th offers the following amendment:

Amend HB 1085 (LC 44 3536S) by replacing lines 39 through 49 with the following:

"(4.1) 'Forestry manufacturing' or 'forestry manufacturer' means any business with an establishment in this state:

(A) Classified under 2022 North American Industry Classification System Subsectors 321, wood product manufacturing; 322, paper manufacturing provided that such establishment relies primarily upon virgin wood fiber as its feedstock, or specific code 221117, biomass electric power generation 325193, ethyl alcohol manufacturing; 325194, cyclic crude, intermediate, and gum and wood chemical manufacturing; or

(B) That is certified by the state revenue commissioner in consultation with the director of the State Forestry Commission as an establishment that utilizes wood fiber, forest-derived biomass, wood residuals, or forestry

By replacing lines 149 through 159 with the following:

(2.2) 'Forestry manufacturing' means any business with an establishment in this state:

(A) Classified under 2022 North American Industry Classification System Subsectors 321, wood product manufacturing; 322, paper manufacturing provided

that such establishment relies primarily upon virgin wood fiber as its feedstock, or specific code 221117, biomass electric power generation 325193, ethyl alcohol manufacturing; 325194, cyclic crude, intermediate, and gum and wood chemical manufacturing; or

(B) That is certified by the state revenue commissioner in consultation with the director of the State Forestry Commission as an establishment that utilizes wood fiber, forest-derived biomass, wood residuals, or forestry

By replacing lines 210 through 220 with the following:

"(0.5) 'Forestry manufacturing' means any business with an establishment in this state:

(A) Classified under 2022 North American Industry Classification System Subsectors 321, wood product manufacturing; 322, paper manufacturing provided that such establishment relies primarily upon virgin wood fiber as its feedstock, or specific code 221117, biomass electric power generation 325193, ethyl alcohol manufacturing; 325194, cyclic crude, intermediate, and gum and wood chemical manufacturing; or

(B) That is certified by the state revenue commissioner in consultation with the director of the State Forestry Commission as an establishment that utilizes wood fiber, forest-derived biomass, wood residuals, or forestry

By replacing lines 283 through 293 with the following:

"(0.5) 'Forestry manufacturing' means any business with an establishment in this state:

(A) Classified under 2022 North American Industry Classification System Subsectors 321, wood product manufacturing; 322, paper manufacturing provided that such establishment relies primarily upon virgin wood fiber as its feedstock, or specific code 221117, biomass electric power generation 325193, ethyl alcohol manufacturing; 325194, cyclic crude, intermediate, and gum and wood chemical manufacturing; or

(B) That is certified by the state revenue commissioner in consultation with the director of the State Forestry Commission as an establishment that utilizes wood fiber, forest-derived biomass, wood residuals, or forestry

By replacing lines 356 through 366 with the following:

"(0.5) 'Forestry manufacturing' means any business with an establishment in this state:

(A) Classified under 2022 North American Industry Classification System Subsectors 321, wood product manufacturing; 322, paper manufacturing provided that such establishment relies primarily upon virgin wood fiber as its feedstock, or specific code 221117, biomass electric power generation 325193, ethyl alcohol manufacturing; 325194, cyclic crude, intermediate, and gum and wood chemical manufacturing; or

(B) That is certified by the state revenue commissioner in consultation with the director of the State Forestry Commission as an establishment that utilizes wood fiber, forest-derived biomass, wood residuals, or forestry

By deleting "per year" *in lines 429 and 432.*

Representative Petrea of the 166th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute, as amended by the House, to HB 1085.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
E Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	Y Scott
E Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	E Horner	E Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	E Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	E Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	E Prince	Y Werkheiser
E Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Carson	Y Gilliard	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	E Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 155, nays 4.

The motion prevailed.

HB 1097. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Dempsey of the 13th, Hilton of the 48th, Cameron of the 1st and Sainz of the 180th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mental health, so as to provide for criminal background, license status, and registry checks for owners, applicants, and employees of certain mental health facilities; to provide for the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities to submit fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Georgia Crime Information Center for the purpose of background checks to find disqualifying records; to provide for maintenance of personnel files; to provide for procedures relating to applicants or employees with ineligible determinations; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Titles 35 and 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to law enforcement officers and agencies and mental health, respectively, so as to provide for covered individuals to submit certain information for national criminal history background checks; to provide for procedures for authorized agencies to make fitness determinations; provide for criminal background, license status, and registry checks for owners, applicants, and employees of certain mental health facilities; to provide for the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities to submit fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Georgia Crime Information Center for the purpose of background checks to find disqualifying criminal history records; to provide for maintenance of personnel files; to provide for procedures relating to applicants or employees with ineligible determinations; to provide for civil penalties for failure to terminate employees with ineligible determinations; to provide for notice for applicants; to provide for revocation of licenses; to provide for administrative review; to provide for appeals of administrative decisions; to provide for civil immunity; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to law enforcement officers and agencies, is amended in Chapter 3, relating to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, by revising Code Section 35-3-34.2, relating to exchange of national criminal history background checks on providers of care to children, the elderly, and persons with disabilities, as follows:

"35-3-34.2.

(a) It is the purpose of this Code section to authorize and facilitate, but not require, the exchange of national criminal history background checks with authorized agencies ~~on behalf of qualified entities~~ and qualified entities as authorized under ~~federal law~~ the NCPA.

(b) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Authorized agency' means any ~~local~~ government agency designated to report, receive, or disseminate information under the NCPA ~~and the VCA~~.

(2) 'Care' means the provision of care, treatment, education, training, instruction, supervision, or recreation to children, the elderly, or individuals with disabilities.

(3) 'Child' or 'children' means any person under 18 years of age.

(4) 'Covered individual' means:

(A) A person who:

(i) Is employed by, contracts with, or volunteers with an authorized agency or qualified entity;

(ii) Owns or operates a qualified entity; or

(iii) Has or may have supervised or unsupervised access to a person to whom the authorized agency or qualified entity provides care; or

(B) A person who:

(i) Seeks to be employed by, contract with, or volunteer with an authorized agency or qualified entity;

(ii) Seeks to own or operate a qualified entity; or

(iii) Seeks to have or may have supervised or unsupervised access to a person to whom the authorized agency or qualified entity provides care.

(5) 'FBI' means the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

(6) 'Individuals with disabilities' means persons with a mental or physical impairment who require assistance to perform one or more daily living tasks.

~~(4)~~(7) 'National criminal history background check' means a fingerprint based check of state and national criminal history files based on submission of a set of classifiable fingerprints and records fee.

~~(5)~~(8) 'NCPA' means the National Child Protection Act of 1993, ~~42 U.S.C. Sections 3759, 5101 note, 5119, and 5119a through 5119c~~ amended by the Volunteers for Children Act of 1998, 34 U.S.C. Section 4101, et seq.

~~(6)~~(9) 'ORI' means an originating agency identifier.

~~(7) 'Provider' means:~~

~~(A) A person who:~~

~~(i) Is employed by or volunteers with a qualified entity;~~

~~(ii) Owns or operates a qualified entity; or~~

~~(iii) Has or may have unsupervised access to a person to whom the qualified entity provides care; and~~

~~(B) A person who:~~

~~(i) Seeks to be employed by or volunteer with a qualified entity;~~

~~(ii) Seeks to own or operate a qualified entity; or~~

~~(iii) Seeks to have or may have unsupervised access to a person to whom the qualified entity provides care.~~

~~(8)~~(10) 'Qualified entity' means a business or organization, whether public, private, for profit, not for profit, or voluntary, that provides care or care placement services, including a business or organization that licenses or certifies others to provide care or care placement services.

~~(9) 'VCA' means the Volunteers for Children Act, 42 U.S.C. Sections 5101 note, 5119a, and 5119b.~~

(c) ~~An authorized agency~~ The center is responsible for the designation of authorized agencies and qualified entities ~~within its local jurisdiction and~~ for the submission of national criminal history background checks ~~as authorized under the NCPA and the VCA~~ pursuant to this Code section.

(d) An authorized agency, other than a criminal justice agency as defined in Code Section 35-3-30, must request an ORI from the FBI for the express purpose of submitting national criminal history background checks under this Code section. Requests shall be made in writing to the FBI through the center.

(e) National criminal history background checks shall be submitted directly to the center for a state records check; fingerprint ~~cards~~ identification information shall then be forwarded to the FBI for a national check. The responses from both the state and national criminal history background checks shall be returned to the authorized agency.

(f) The authorized agency may provide directly to the qualified entity the state criminal history record provided as part of the national criminal history background check.

(g) An authorized agency shall be responsible for review ~~of the national criminal history record provided as part~~ of the national criminal history background check to determine ~~whether the provider has been convicted of or is under indictment for a crime that bears upon the provider's~~ the covered individual's fitness to have responsibility for the safety and well-being of children, the elderly, or individuals with disabilities and to convey that determination to the qualified entity. The authorized agency shall make reasonable efforts to communicate the fitness determination to the qualified entity within 15 business days of receipt of the results of the national criminal history background check.

(h) The authorized agency or qualified entity must obtain the fingerprints of the ~~provider~~ covered individual, communicate the fitness determination of the authorized agency to the ~~provider~~ covered individual, and notify the ~~provider~~ covered individual of his or her right to challenge the accuracy and completeness of any information contained in the national criminal history background check.

(i) Fees charged for a national criminal history background check shall be determined based on ~~reasonable~~ costs ~~as allowed under federal law~~ of the background check.

(j) The provisions of this Code section shall be supplementary to and not in place of any other law of this state which authorizes or requires background checks.

(k) Any person, authorized agency, or qualified entity, or any person who is an employee of an authorized agency or qualified entity, shall not disseminate any criminal history record information or any information concerning any criminal history record information except ~~the determination of fitness which such person obtains pursuant to~~ for

the purpose of determining a covered individual's fitness as authorized in this Code section."

SECTION 2.

Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mental health, is amended in Chapter 1, relating to governing and regulation of mental health, by revising subsections (a) through (d) of Code Section 37-1-28, relating to conviction data, as follows:

"(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Client' means any person who receives developmental disability, mental health or substance use treatment support, or prevention services authorized or funded by the department.

(2) 'Contractor' means any person, entity, or agency that enters into a contract with the department to provide goods or services.

(3) 'Conviction ~~'conviction~~ data' means a record of a finding or verdict of guilty or a plea of guilty or a plea of nolo contendere with regard to any crime, regardless of whether an appeal of the conviction has been sought.

(4) 'GCIC' means the Georgia Crime Information Center established under Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 35.

(b) The department may receive from any law enforcement agency conviction data that is relevant to a person whom the department or its contractors is considering as a final selectee for employment, or is employing, in a position the duties of which involve direct care, treatment, custodial responsibilities, or any combination thereof for its clients.

(c) The department may receive from any law enforcement agency conviction data which is relevant to a person whom the department or its contractors is considering as a final selectee for employment, or is employing, in any position the duties of which give that person access to another person's financial information, protected health information as defined in the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, criminal history information or criminal records, or other information the privacy of which is protected by law ~~in a position if, in the judgment of the employer, a final employment decision regarding the selectee can only be made by a review of conviction data in relation to the particular duties of the position and the security and safety of clients, the general public, or other employees~~.

(d) The department is authorized to conduct national background checks by the submission of fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation through the GCIC. In order to determine the suitability of a license candidate, owner, applicant, or employee, the department shall require such person to furnish the department with a full set of fingerprints to enable a criminal background investigation to be conducted. The department shall establish a uniform method of obtaining conviction data under ~~subsection (a)~~ subsections (b) and (c) of this Code section which shall be applicable to the department and its contractors. Such uniform method shall require the ~~submission to the Georgia Crime Information Center of fingerprints and the records search fee in accordance with Code Section 35-3-35. Upon receipt thereof, the Georgia Crime Information Center shall promptly transmit fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of~~

~~Investigation for a search of bureau records and an appropriate report and shall promptly conduct a search of its own records and records to which it has access. After receiving the fingerprints and fee, the Georgia Crime Information Center shall notify the department in writing of any derogatory finding, including, but not limited to, any conviction data regarding the fingerprint records check or if there is no such finding~~ department to submit fingerprints to GCIC, along with the records research fee in accordance with Code Section 35-3-35. If no disqualifying record is identified at the state level, GCIC is authorized to submit the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history record check. If a criminal record is identified at the state level, GCIC shall request a national criminal history record check from the Federal Bureau of Investigation through a national identifier number system used for identifying fingerprints. After receiving acceptable fingerprints and such fee from the department, GCIC shall notify the department in writing of any criminal record found in the records of GCIC and the Federal Bureau of Investigation or if there is no such finding. Upon receipt of GCIC's report, the department shall make a determination about an owner's, applicant's, or employee's criminal record."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 8

37-1-140.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Applicant' means a person applying to be a direct access employee at a facility.

(2) 'Conviction' means a finding or verdict of guilty or a plea of guilty, including a plea of guilty pursuant to Code Section 42-8-60, regardless of whether an appeal of the conviction has been sought.

(3) 'Crime' means commission of:

(A) Any of the following offenses:

(i) A violation of Code Section 16-5-3;

(ii) A violation of Code Section 16-5-70;

(iii) A violation of Code Section 16-5-101;

(iv) A violation of Code Section 16-5-102;

(v) A violation of Code Section 16-6-3;

(vi) A violation of Code Section 16-6-4;

(vii) A violation of Code Section 16-6-5;

(viii) A violation of Code Section 16-6-5.1;

(ix) A violation of Code Sections 16-7-60, 16-7-60.1,16-7-61, or 16-7-62;

(x) A violation of Chapter 8 of Title 16;

(xi) A violation of Code Section 16-10-31; or

(xii) A violation of Code Section 30-5-8;

(B) A felony violation of:

(i) Chapters 5, 6, 9 or 13 of Title 16;
(ii) Code Section 16-4-1;
(iii) Code Section 16-7-2; or
(iv) Subsection (f) of Code Section 31-7-12.1; or
(C) Any other offense committed in another jurisdiction which, if committed in this state, would be deemed to constitute an offense identified in this paragraph without regard to its designation elsewhere.
(4) 'Criminal background check' means a search of the criminal records maintained by GCIC and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to determine whether an owner, applicant, or employee has a criminal record.
(5) 'Criminal record' means any of the following:
(A) Conviction of a crime;
(B) Arrest, charge, and sentencing for a crime when:
(i) A plea of nolo contendere was entered to the crime;
(ii) First offender treatment without adjudication of guilt was granted to the crime; or
(iii) An adjudication or sentence was otherwise withheld or not entered for the crime; or
(C) Arrest and charges for a crime if the charge is pending, unless the time for prosecuting such crime has expired pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 17.
(6) 'Direct access' means having, or expecting to have, duties that involve routine personal contact with a patient, resident, or client, including, but not limited to, face-to-face contact, hands-on physical assistance, verbal cuing, reminding, standing by or monitoring or activities that require the person to be routinely alone with the patient's, resident's, or client's property or access to such property or financial information, including, but not limited to, the patient's, resident's, or client's checkbook, debit and credit cards, resident trust funds, banking records, stock accounts, or brokerage accounts.
(7) 'Eligible determination' means a written determination that a person for whom a criminal background check was performed and was found to have no criminal record.
(8) 'Employee' means any individual who has direct access to, and who is hired by, a facility through employment, or through a contract with such facility, including, but not limited to, housekeepers, maintenance personnel, dieticians, and any volunteer who has duties that are equivalent to the duties of an employee providing such services. Such term shall not include a person who contracts with the facility, whether personally or through a company, to provide utility, construction, communications, accounting, quality assurance, human resource management, information technology, legal, or other services if the contracted services are not directly related to providing services to a patient, resident, or client of the facility.
(9) 'Facility' means:
(A) A community living arrangement to be licenced under Article 1 of Chapter 13 of this title;

(B) A drug abuse treatment and education program required to be licensed under Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 26; or

(C) An adult residential mental health program required to be licensed pursuant to Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 37.

(10) 'Fingerprint records check determination' means an eligible or ineligible determination by the department based upon fingerprint based national criminal history information.

(11) 'GCIC' means the Georgia Crime Information Center established under Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 35.

(12) 'Indirect ownership interest' means an ownership interest in a corporation, partnership, legal entity, or association which owns an ownership interest in another corporation, partnership, legal entity, or association. This term includes an ownership interest in any corporation, partnership, legal entity, or association that has an indirect ownership interest in a facility or in a license candidate.

(13) 'Ineligible determination' means a written determination that a person for whom a criminal background check was performed was found to have a criminal record.

(14) 'License' means the document issued by the department to authorize a facility to operate.

(15) 'License candidate' means a person, corporation, partnership, legal entity, or association applying for a license to operate a facility.

(16) 'Owner' means a person with an ownership interest in a facility or license candidate or with an ownership interest in a corporation, partnership, legal entity, or association which has any ownership interest in a facility or license candidate, including an indirect ownership interest.

(17) 'Ownership interest' means the possession of equity in the capital, stock, or profits of either a:

(A) Facility or license candidate; or

(B) Corporation, partnership, legal entity, or association that holds a license for a facility.

(18) 'Records check application' means fingerprints in such form and of such quality as prescribed by GCIC under standards adopted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and a records search fee to be established by the department by rule and regulation, payable in such form as the department may direct to cover the cost of obtaining a criminal background check.

(19) 'Registry check' means a review of the nurse aide registry provided for in Code Section 31-2-14, the national and state sexual offender registries, and the List of Excluded Individuals and Entities as authorized in Sections 1128 and 1156 of the federal Social Security Act, as it existed on February 1, 2018, or any other registry useful for the administration of this article as specified by rules of the department.

37-1-141.

(a)(1) A registry check of an owner, applicant, or employee shall be required prior to a criminal background check and shall be initiated by the applicable facility or license candidate.

(2) A registry check shall be performed by such facility or license candidate and may include reviewing registries of any other states in which the applicant previously resided.

(3) If an applicant has not resided in this state for at least two years, the facility or license candidate shall conduct registry checks of each state in which the applicant resided for the previous two years as represented by such applicant or as otherwise determined by the applicable facility or license candidate.

(b) If applicable to an owner, applicant, or employee, a query of available information maintained by the Georgia Composite Medical Board, the Secretary of State, or other applicable licensing boards shall be conducted prior to a criminal background check to validate that such individual's professional license is in good standing.

(c) Except as provided in subsection (c) of Code Section 37-1-148, nothing in this Code section shall be construed to limit the responsibility or ability of a facility or license candidate to screen owners, applicants, or employers through additional methods.

37-1-142.

(a) Accompanying any application for a new license, the license candidate, each owner and applicant, and each employee of the license candidate shall complete a records check in accordance with rules set by the department. The department is authorized to conduct national background checks by the submission of fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation through GCIC. In order to determine the suitability of a license candidate, owner, applicant, or employee, the department shall require such person to furnish the department with a full set of fingerprints to enable a criminal background investigation to be conducted. The department may receive from any law enforcement agency conviction data that is relevant to a person who is a license candidate, owner, applicant, or employee.

(b)(1) The department shall submit fingerprints to GCIC. If no disqualifying record is identified at the state level, GCIC is authorized to submit the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history record check.

(2) If a criminal record is identified at the state level, GCIC shall request a national criminal history record check from the Federal Bureau of Investigation through a national identifier number system used for identifying fingerprints.

(3) Within ten days after receiving acceptable fingerprints from the department, GCIC shall notify the department in writing of any criminal record found in the records of GCIC and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or if there is no such finding. Upon receipt of GCIC's report, the department shall make a determination about an owner's, applicant's, or employee's criminal record.

(c) Neither GCIC, the department, any law enforcement agency, nor the employees of any such entities shall be responsible for the accuracy of the information nor have liability

for defamation, invasion of privacy, negligence, or any other claim in connection with any dissemination of information or determination based thereon pursuant to this Code section.

(d) All information received from GCIC or the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall be used exclusively for employment or licensure purposes and shall not be released or otherwise disclosed to any other person or agency. All such information collected by the department shall be maintained by the department pursuant to the rules and regulations of GCIC and the Federal Bureau of Investigation as are applicable. Penalties for unauthorized release or disclosure of any such information shall be prescribed pursuant to state law or rules or regulations of GCIC and the Federal Bureau of Investigation as are applicable.

(e) If the department is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code section for such program, and the department shall notify the individual whose fingerprints were taken of the parameters of such retention.

37-1-143.

(a) An applicant seeking employment with a facility or a current employee at a facility shall consent to a national and state background check that includes a registry check, a check of information maintained by a professional licensing board, if applicable, and a criminal background check in accordance with rules set by the department. The department is authorized to conduct national background checks by the submission of fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation through GCIC. In order to determine an applicant's suitability as an employee of a facility, the department shall require such applicant to furnish the department with a full set of fingerprints to enable a criminal background investigation to be conducted. Such criminal background investigations shall be conducted in the manner set forth in subsections (b), (c), (d), and (e) of Code Section 37-1-142. The department may receive from any law enforcement agency conviction data that is relevant to such an applicant or to any employee of the facility.

(b)(1) A person required to submit to a registry check and criminal background check shall not be employed by, contracted with, or allowed to work as an employee at a facility if:

(A) The person appears on a registry check;

(B) There is a substantiated finding of neglect, abuse, or misappropriation of property by a state or federal agency pursuant to an investigation conducted in accordance with 42 U.S.C. Section 1395-i or 1396r as it existed on February 1, 2018;

(C) The person's professional license, if applicable, is not in good standing; or

(D) The facility receives notice from the department that the person has been found to have an ineligible determination.

(2) A person whose professional license is not in good standing may be employed by a facility in a position where his or her duties do not require professional licensure,

provided that he or she provides a fingerprint record check determination in the same manner as an applicant.

(c) An applicant or employee may:

(1) Obtain information concerning the accuracy of his or her criminal record, and the department shall refer the person to the appropriate state or federal law enforcement agency that was involved in the arrest or conviction;

(2) Challenge the finding that he or she is the true subject of the results from a registry check, and the department shall refer the person to the agency responsible for maintaining the registry; and

(3) Appeal his or her disqualifying determination pursuant to Code Section 37-1-147.

37-1-144.

(a) A personnel file for each employee shall be maintained by each facility. Such files shall be available for inspection by the department and other appropriate enforcement authorities but shall otherwise be maintained to protect the confidentiality of the information contained within. The information shall include, but not be limited to, evidence of each employee's eligible determination, registry check, and licensure check, if applicable.

(b)(1)(A) The department may require a criminal background check on any owner or employee of a facility during the course of an investigation involving such owner or employee or if the department receives information the owner or employee was arrested for a crime.

(B) The criminal background check provided in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph may be fingerprint based and shall be conducted in the manner set forth in subsections (b), (c), (d), and (e) of Code Section 37-1-142. The department may receive from any law enforcement agency conviction data that is relevant to any owner or employee of the facility.

(C) GCIC shall notify the department in writing of any ineligible determination, including, but not limited to, any criminal record obtained through the fingerprints records check determination or if there is no finding of a criminal record.

(D) If the department is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code section for such program, and the department shall notify the person whose fingerprints were taken of the parameters of fingerprint retention.

(2) When the department determines that an applicant or employee has an ineligible determination, the department shall notify the facility that the applicant or employee is ineligible to hire or employ and shall take the necessary steps so that the employee is no longer employed at the facility; provided, however, that a facility may retain a current employee during the period of any administrative review or appeal provided for in paragraph (4) of this subsection.

(3) When the department determines that an owner has an ineligible determination, the department shall notify the owner of the ineligible status for ownership and shall take the necessary steps to revoke the facility's license.
(4) An owner, applicant, or employee may appeal his or her disqualifying ineligible status determination pursuant to Code Section 37-1-147.

37-1-145.
A facility that does not terminate an employee who has been found to have an ineligible determination or failed a registry check shall be liable for a civil monetary penalty in the amount of $500.00 for each day that a violation occurs, not to exceed a total of $10,000.00. The daily civil monetary penalty shall be imposed only from the time the facility knew or should have known that it employed a person with a criminal record and until the date such individual's employment is terminated; provided, however, that the penalty shall not be imposed for any period of time during which the facility may retain the employee under the provisions of paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of Code Section 37-1-144.

37-1-146.
Each employment application form provided by a facility to an applicant shall conspicuously state the following: 'FOR THIS TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT, STATE LAW REQUIRES A NATIONAL AND STATE BACKGROUND CHECK AS A CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT.'

37-1-147.
(a)(1) An owner of a facility with an ineligible determination or whose name appears on a registry check shall not operate or hold a license, and the department shall revoke the license of, or refuse to issue a license to, any facility with an owner with an ineligible determination or whose name appears on a registry check.
(2) Prior to approving any license for a facility and periodically as established by the department by rule, the department shall require each owner, applicant, and employee to submit to a registry check and criminal background check pursuant to Code Sections 37-1-141 and 37-1-142.
(3) The department may provide by rule for a process where an owner, applicant, or employee can request an administrative review of an ineligible determination or of a determination that the owner's, applicant's, or employee's name appears on a registry check. If such administrative review is provided for in the rules of the department, it shall be timely requested by the owner, applicant, or employee and completed before any appeal provided for in paragraph (4) of this subsection may be filed or requested.
(4)(A) An owner, employee, or applicant who received an ineligible determination or a determination that his or her name appears on a registry check and who has exhausted any administrative review rights provided for in this Code section shall be eligible to appeal such determination pursuant to Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'

(B) In a hearing held pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the hearing officer shall consider in mitigation the length of time since the crime was committed, the absence of additional criminal charges, the circumstances surrounding the commission of the crime, and other indicia of rehabilitation.

(5)(A) Any action by the department revoking or refusing to grant a license based on any owner's ineligible determination or determination that the owner's name appears on a registry check shall constitute a contested case for purposes of Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' except that any hearing required to be held pursuant to such Act may be held reasonably expeditiously after such determination or action by the department.

(B)(i) In a hearing held pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the hearing officer shall consider in mitigation the:

(I) Length of time since the crime was committed;

(II) Absence of additional criminal charges;

(III) Circumstances surrounding the commission of the crime;

(IV) Other indicia of rehabilitation;

(V) Facility's history of compliance with the regulations; and

(VI) Owner's involvement with the licensed facility in arriving at a decision as to whether the criminal record requires the denial or revocation of the license to operate the facility.

(ii) When a hearing is required, the hearing officer shall notify the office of the prosecuting attorney who initiated the prosecution of the crime in question at least 30 days prior to the hearing to allow the prosecuting attorney to object to a possible determination that the conviction would not be a bar for the grant or continuation of a license as contemplated by this Code section. If objections are made, the hearing officer shall take such objections into consideration.

(b) The requirements of this Code section are supplemental to any requirements for a license imposed by other applicable Code sections.

37-1-148.

(a) No person, including the department, a facility, or a person acting on behalf of such entities, shall be liable for civil damages or be subject to any claim, demand, cause of action, or proceeding of any nature as a result of actions taken in good faith to comply with this article, including the disqualification of an applicant from employment on the basis of a disqualifying crime or ineligible determination.

(b)(1) A facility that has obtained an eligible determination on an owner, applicant, or employee in accordance with this article or confirmation that such owner, applicant, or employee has obtained a favorable final administrative review or appeal decision pursuant to Code Section 37-1-147, shall be immune from liability for claims of negligent hiring when such claims are based on the criminal record of such owner, applicant, or employee, even when the information contained in the criminal background check used by the department is later determined to have been incomplete or inaccurate; provided, however, that such immunity shall not preclude the liability of

a facility concerning claims based on information beyond the scope of the criminal record and eligible determination about the owner, applicant, or employee of which the facility knew or should have known.

(2) When a facility has obtained an eligible determination on an owner, applicant, or employee, there shall be a rebuttable presumption of due care for claims of negligent hiring, negligent retention, or other similar claims to the extent the claims are based on an owner's, applicant's, or employee's criminal record.

(c) Nothing in this article shall require a facility to conduct any other type of criminal history check of an owner, applicant, or employee, and a facility shall not be held liable for claims of negligent hiring, negligent retention, or other similar claims based solely or in part on its failure to conduct other types of criminal history checks.

(d) Nothing in this article shall be construed to waive the sovereign immunity of the state, the department, or any other entity of the state.

37-1-149.

The department shall promulgate written rules and regulations related to the requirements and implementation of this article, including, but not limited to, establishing percentages of ownership interest relevant for the enforcement of this article. In establishing such percentages of ownership, the department may regard any percentage of ownership greater than zero as constituting an ownership interest as defined in this article, or the department may by rule or regulation deem that a higher percentage of ownership is necessary to constitute such ownership."

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Petrea of the 166th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 1097.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	Y Scott
E Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	E Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin

Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	E Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	E Prince	Y Werkheiser
E Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	E Williams, A
E Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 160, nays 2.

The motion prevailed.

HB 530. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Reeves of the 99th, Scoggins of the 14th, Kelley of the 16th and Oliver of the 84th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 9 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to time, place, and procedure, so as to provide for authorization for the electronic filing of pleadings in probate court; to provide for the promulgation of rules; to provide for fees; to provide for access to pleadings for certain staff and litigants; to provide for limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 4 of Chapter 9 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to time, place, and procedure, so as to provide for electronic filing of pleadings and other documents in probate court; to provide for the promulgation of rules; to provide for fees; to provide for access to pleadings for certain staff and litigants; to provide for limitations and exceptions; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 4 of Chapter 9 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to time, place, and procedure, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"15-9-86.2.

(a)(1)(A) On or before January 1, 2029, pursuant to standards and rules promulgated by the Council of Probate Court Judges of Georgia, probate courts shall provide for the electronic filing of all pleadings and any other document related thereto in any civil matter in a probate court and provide for the acceptance of payments and remittances by electronic means.

(B)(i) On and after January 1, 2029, except as provided in paragraph (6) of this subsection, all pleadings and any other document related thereto in any civil matter in a probate court shall be filed by electronic means through the court's electronic filing service provider.

(ii) Except as provided in paragraph (6) of this subsection, once a court has commenced mandatory electronic filings in civil cases, a clerk shall not accept, file, or docket any pleading or any other form of paper document related thereto from an attorney, or party if he or she is pro se, in a civil case; provided, however, that to protect and promote access to the courts, courts shall reasonably accommodate parties by accepting and then converting and maintaining in electronic form pleadings or other form of paper documents related thereto presented physically at the courthouse by an attorney or a pro se party or otherwise received by the court from a pro se party. The clerk shall not charge the fee as set forth in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (2) of this subsection for such filings but when payment is submitted by credit card or bank draft, the clerk may charge the convenience fee as set forth in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (2) of this subsection.

(iii) Once a court has commenced mandatory electronic filings in civil cases, the court shall be required to provide a public terminal either within the administrative office space of the probate court or the county law library for any party to electronically file pleadings or other documents related thereto.

(2) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, a court's electronic filing service provider may charge a fee which shall be a recoverable court cost and only include a:

(A) One-time fee for electronically filing pleadings or documents in a civil action and the electronic service of pleadings, regardless of how many parties shall be served, which shall not exceed $30.00 per filer, per case. Such fee shall be paid at the time of the first filing on behalf of a party, provided that, when filings are submitted via a public access terminal, such fee shall be paid upon the first filing not using such terminal; and

(B) Convenience fee for credit card and bank drafting services, which shall not exceed 3.5 percent, plus a 30¢ payment services fee per transaction.

(3) No electronic filing service provider shall charge a fee pursuant to this subsection for the filing of:

(A) Pleadings or documents related thereto filed:

(i) By any local, state, or federal office, officer, or agency;

(ii) By attorneys appointed by the probate court to represent the interest of any party;

(iii) By guardians ad litem; or

(iv) On behalf of a municipal corporation or county government; or

(B) Leaves of absence or conflict notices filed pursuant to the Uniform Rules for the Probate Court.

(4) With respect to the fee charged pursuant to subparagraph (A) of paragraph (2) of this subsection, the probate court shall retain $2.00 of the transaction fee and remit it to the governing authority of the county. No other portion of such transaction fee shall be remitted to any other office or entity of the state or governing authority of a county or municipality.

(5) An attorney, or party if he or she is pro se, shall be allowed unlimited access to view and download any pleading or document electronically filed in connection to the civil action in which he or she is counsel of record or a pro se party, and an electronic service provider shall not be authorized to charge or collect a fee for such viewing or downloading.

(6) The provisions of paragraphs (1), (4), and (5) of this subsection shall not apply to pleadings or other documents:

(A)(i) Filed in connection with a pauper's affidavit;

(ii) Filed under seal or presented to a court in camera or ex parte; or

(iii) To which access is restricted by law or court order;

(B) Presented in a court located in an area that has been declared to be in a state of emergency pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 38. The Judicial Council of Georgia shall provide rules for filings in such circumstances; or

(C) Filed prior to the commencement of electronic filing provided for in this Code section, wherein the filer shall continue to pay fees applicable to the case on the date of the first filing; provided, however, that a party may elect to make future filings through the court's electronic filing service provider and pay the applicable fees.

(b) Each probate court shall develop and enact policies and procedures necessary to carry out the standards and rules created by the Council of Probate Court Judges of Georgia.

(c) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to prevent a court's acceptance of payments and remittances by electronic means under the court's own authority.

(d) A judge to whom the case is assigned and his or her staff shall, at all times, have access to all pleadings and documents electronically filed, and such access shall be provided upon the electronic acceptance of such pleadings and documents by the court.

(e) Any pleading or document filed electronically shall be deemed filed as of the time of its receipt by the electronic filing service provider. A pleading or document filed electronically shall not be subject to disclosure until it has been accepted by the court. Upon such acceptance as provided for in this subsection, such pleading or document shall

be publicly accessible for viewing at no cost to the viewer on a public access terminal available at the courthouse during regular business hours unless otherwise prohibited or limited by law."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Leverett of the 123rd moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 530.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	Y Scott
E Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	E Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	E Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	E Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	E Williams, A
E Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	E Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 159, nays 0.

The motion prevailed.

HB 304. By Representatives Yearta of the 152nd, Gullett of the 19th, Gunter of the 8th, Kelley of the 16th, Reeves of the 99th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 32 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to municipal courts, so as to create the Georgia Municipal Court Clerks' Council; to provide for definitions; to provide for the membership, powers, and duties of the council; to provide for funding of the council; to provide for the status of the council and its members; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 32 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to municipal courts, so as to provide for the office of senior municipal court judge; to provide for qualifications, application and approval procedures, and amenities and privileges of such judges; to preserve local actions establishing senior judges for particular municipal courts; to create the Georgia Municipal Court Clerks' Council; to provide for definitions; to provide for the membership, powers, and duties of the council; to provide for funding of the council; to provide for the status of the council and its members; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 32 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to municipal courts, is amended in Code Section 36-32-40, relating to creation of council, membership and organization, purpose, expenses, contracts, assistance to council, members not ineligible to hold office of judge and notifications, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) There is created a council of municipal court judges to be known as the 'Council of Municipal Court Judges of Georgia.' The council shall be composed of the judges of the municipal courts of this state <u>together with the senior municipal court judges of this state as provided for in Code Section 36-32-42</u>. The council is authorized to organize itself and to develop a constitution and bylaws. The officers of said council shall consist of a president, a first vice president, a second vice president, a secretary, a treasurer, and such other officers as the council shall deem necessary. The council shall have an executive committee composed of two representatives from each judicial administrative district."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"36-32-42.

(a) There is created the office of senior municipal court judge of this state. Any former judge of a municipal court of this state or any former judge of a court of this state exercising municipal court jurisdiction may apply to become a senior municipal court judge if such former judge is no longer serving as a municipal court judge and had previously served in such capacity for an aggregate period of not less than ten years. The president of the Council of Municipal Court Judges, shall prescribe the form for such applications, review applications, and notify applicants as to whether or not he or she will be appointed as a senior municipal court judge. The approval or denial of an application shall be made within 30 days of the submission of such application.

(b)(1) A senior municipal court judge appointed pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section shall:

(A) Comply with the mandatory training required by subsection (c) of Code Section 36-32-27 in order to maintain the status as a certified municipal court judge or a certified judge of a court exercising municipal court jurisdiction;

(B) Be licensed to practice law in the State of Georgia; and

(C) Be an active member in good standing of the State Bar of Georgia.

(2) Any former municipal court judge who is not licensed to practice law in this state may apply for senior municipal court judge status if such former judge otherwise meets the qualifications required by Code Section 36-32-1.1.

(c) A senior municipal court judge shall not be required to pay any support or registration fees related to the mandatory training required by subparagraph (b)(1)(A) of this Code section, but such judge shall be responsible for all other costs attendant to said mandatory training.

(d) Senior municipal court judges shall enjoy all of the amenities and privileges of judges of other classes of courts of this state that are otherwise accorded to municipal court judges. Senior municipal court judges shall not be required to sit as a judge in any court or be required to comply with the requirements of subsection (b) of this Code section in order to enjoy the amenities and privileges accorded pursuant to this Code section.

(e) This Code section shall not supersede any local law, Act, ordinance, resolution, or other official action by a municipality establishing the office of senior judge of a particular municipal court."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 4

36-32-50.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Council' means the Georgia Municipal Court Clerks' Council.

(2) 'Municipal court staff' means the primary person most directly responsible for the administration of a municipal court, other than a judge of the municipal court, and his or her support staff.

(b) There is created the Georgia Municipal Court Clerks' Council. The council shall be composed of the municipal court staff of all municipal courts within this state. The council is authorized to organize itself and to develop a constitution and bylaws. The council is authorized to elect such officers, including an executive committee, as it shall deem advisable to carry out its duties and responsibilities. The council is authorized to appoint advisory committees and establish the membership and duties thereof. In addition to the members of the council, the council is authorized to provide for special classes of nonvoting memberships for honorary members and those persons who have retired from positions involving the administration and management of municipal courts.

(c) It shall be the purpose of the council to effectuate the responsibilities conferred upon it by law, to further the improvement of the municipal courts and the administration of justice, to assist the municipal court staff throughout the state in the execution of their duties, and to promote and assist in the training of municipal court staff.

(d) Expenses of the administration of the council shall be paid from state funds appropriated for such purpose and from other appropriate sources.

(e) The council shall be a legal entity and an agency of the State of Georgia; shall have perpetual existence; may contract; may own property; may accept funds, grants, and gifts from any public or private source for use in defraying the expenses of the council; may adopt and use an official seal; may establish a principal office; may employ such administrative or clerical personnel as may be necessary and appropriate to fulfill its necessary duties; and shall have other powers, privileges, and duties as may be reasonable and necessary for the proper fulfillment of its purposes and duties.

(f) A member of the council shall not be ineligible to hold the office of municipal court staff by virtue of his or her position as a member of the council and membership in the council shall not constitute the holding of a public office."

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Yearta of the 152nd moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 304.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	Y Scott
E Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh

Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	E Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	E Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	E Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Reese	E Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	E Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 159, nays 2.

The motion prevailed.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 605. By Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Dolezal of the 27th and Gooch of the 51st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding prosecuting attorneys, so as to provide for additional grounds for discipline of a district attorney or solicitor-general or for his or her removal or involuntary retirement from office; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
E Au	N Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	N Scott
E Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
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On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 156, nays 7.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 369. By Senators Still of the 48th, Esteves of the 35th, Kemp of the 38th and Brass of the 6th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 31 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Charter Schools Act of 1998," so as to provide for completion charter schools; to provide for rules, regulations, policies, and procedures; to provide for the conversion of existing charter schools to completion charter schools; to provide for measurable

objective performance standards; to provide for separate principles and standards for completion charter schools; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to require the State Board of Education to adopt definitions, rules, regulations, policies, and procedures to govern the operation of nontraditional education programs; to revise the "Dexter Mosely Act" to allow for virtual school students from qualifying virtual schools to participate in specified extracurricular and interscholastic activities under the sponsorship, direction, and control of the student's resident public school or resident public school system; to provide for requirements of such virtual school student participation; to provide for virtual school qualifications; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to require local boards of education and other public school governing bodies to consider the total cost of ownership and related factors when purchasing school technology devices; to provide for reports; to provide for locally authorized dropout recovery charter schools; to provide for the conversion of existing charter schools to dropout recovery charter schools; to provide for measurable objective performance standards; to provide for separate principles, standards, and reports for dropout recovery charter schools; to revise provisions for incentive grants for local boards of education to approve charter school petitions; to revise provisions for the Office of Charter School Compliance; to revise provisions relative to charter petitions by existing charter schools; to revise provisions relative to state charter school records; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, is amended in Part 3 of Article 6, relating to educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-154.4.

(a)(1) By July 1, 2027, the State Board of Education shall establish definitions, rules, regulations, policies, and procedures to govern the operation of nontraditional education programs and services, including, but not limited to:

(A) Dropout prevention and academic intervention programs;

(B) Programs for high school credit recovery; and

(C) Opportunities for students to schedule classes outside of the traditional school day, school week, and school year.

(2) The definitions, rules, regulations, policies, and procedures provided for under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall require that a nontraditional education program or school provide an explanation of:

(A) The special education services to be provided pursuant to Code Section 20-2-152, the remedial education program services to be provided pursuant to Code Section 20-2-154, and other nontraditional education programs and services to be provided;

(B) The measurable objective performance standards in the areas of academic achievement, student growth, and student retention to be established, monitored, evaluated, and reported; and

(C) The monitoring, evaluating, and reporting procedures in meeting such performance standards.

(b) In the annual report required by paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 20-14-27, the Office of Student Achievement shall separately report on the performance of nontraditional education programs and services in local school systems."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended in Part 14 of Article 6, relating to other educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," by revising Code Section 20-2-319.6, relating to home study student participation in resident school system extracurricular and interscholastic activities, short title, definitions, requirements for participation, impact of student withdrawal, and reporting requirements, as follows:

"20-2-319.6.

(a) This Code section shall be known and may be cited as the 'Dexter Mosely Act.'

(b) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Athletic association' means any association of schools or any other similar organization which acts as an organizing, sanctioning, scheduling, or rule-making body for interscholastic activities in which public schools in this state participate.

(2) 'Extracurricular activities' means public ~~school-sponsored~~ school sponsored activities in which students take part on a voluntary basis; which do not offer or provide school or course credits; which are generally conducted outside regular school hours or, if conducted in whole or in part during regular school hours, at times agreed to by the participants and approved by a school official; and which are managed and operated under the guidance of a teacher, other school employee, or other adult approved by a school official. Examples of extracurricular activities include but are not limited to intramural and interscholastic athletics; band, chorus, and other musical activities; drama and other theatrical activities; and clubs and organizations as defined in subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-705.

(3) 'Home study student' means any student in grades six through 12 who is in a home study program that meets the requirements of subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-690.

(4) 'Interscholastic activities' means extracurricular activities, public ~~school-sponsored~~ school sponsored athletic programs, and other public ~~school-sponsored~~ school sponsored programs that are sanctioned or supported by a state-wide interscholastic activities governing body, including but not limited to an athletic association.

(5) 'Qualifying course' means a course facilitated by the home study student's resident school system:

(A) By applying one or more of the mechanisms provided for in paragraphs (1) through (4) of subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-319.4;

(B) By way of a dual credit course as provided for in Code Section 20-2-161.3; or

(C) By way of an on-site course required for participation in designated extracurricular and interscholastic activities.

(6) 'Qualifying virtual school' means a public school in this state that provides solely virtual instruction and that does not offer to students enrolled in grades six through 12 one or more school sponsored interscholastic athletic programs or other school sponsored programs that are sanctioned or supported by a state-wide interscholastic activities governing body.

~~(6)~~(7) 'Resident school' means the public school in which a home study student or virtual school student would be enrolled based on his or her residence.

~~(7)~~(8) 'Resident school system' means the public school system in which a home study student or virtual school student would be enrolled based on his or her residence.

(9) 'Virtual school student' means a student in grades six through 12 enrolled full-time in a qualifying virtual school.

(c) A home study student shall be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities and interscholastic activities under the sponsorship, direction, and control of the resident school or resident school system, provided that each of the following requirements is met:

(1) At least 30 calendar days before the first school day of the semester in which a home study student will enroll in a qualifying course as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a parent or guardian of the home study student provides to the principal of the resident school and the superintendent of the resident school system:

(A) Written notice that the home study student intends to participate in one or more specified extracurricular or interscholastic activities as a representative of the resident school or resident school system; and

(B) A copy of the home study student's most recent annual progress assessment report, as provided for in paragraph (8) of subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-690, along with written verification by the home study program instructor that the home study student is currently receiving a passing grade in each home study program course, is maintaining satisfactory progress toward advancement, and meets the requirements for participation in the specified extracurricular or interscholastic activity;

(2) For each semester of the regular school year during any part of which the home study student participates in an extracurricular or interscholastic activity, the home study student enrolls in and attempts to complete one qualifying course;

(3) The home study student meets established age, academic, behavioral, conduct, disciplinary, residence, zoning, and other rules and requirements applicable to all students for participation in the specified extracurricular or interscholastic activity and provides any supporting documentation required by the resident school;

(4) The home study student abides by the same student code of conduct and disciplinary measures and transportation policies as students enrolled at the resident school who are participating in the same extracurricular or interscholastic activity as the home study student;

(5) The home study student completes the tryout process or the equivalent for participation in the specified extracurricular or interscholastic activity applicable to all students for participation in the specified extracurricular or interscholastic activity and provides any supporting documentation required by the resident school; and

(6) For an extracurricular or interscholastic activity which involves a competitive selection process, the home study student is selected.

(c.1) Beginning with the 2027-2028 school year, a virtual school student shall be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities and interscholastic activities under the sponsorship, direction, and control of the resident school or resident school system, provided that each of the following requirements is met:

(1) At least 30 calendar days before the first school day of the semester in which a virtual school student intends to participate in one or more extracurricular or interscholastic activities, a parent or guardian of the virtual school student provides to the principal of the resident school and the superintendent of the resident school system:

(A) Written notice that the virtual school student intends to participate in one or more specified extracurricular or interscholastic activities as a representative of the resident school or resident school system; and

(B) A copy of the virtual school student's most recent report card or its equivalent, along with written verification by the virtual school that the virtual school student is currently receiving a passing grade in each course and meets the requirements for participation in the specified extracurricular or interscholastic activity;

(2) The virtual school student meets established age, academic, behavioral, conduct, disciplinary, residence, zoning, and other rules and requirements applicable to all students for participation in the specified extracurricular or interscholastic activity and provides any supporting documentation required by the resident school;

(3) The virtual school student abides by the same student code of conduct and disciplinary measures and transportation policies as students enrolled at the resident school who are participating in the same extracurricular or interscholastic activity as the virtual school student;

(4) The virtual school student completes the tryout process or the equivalent for participation in the specified extracurricular or interscholastic activity applicable to all students for participation in the specified extracurricular or interscholastic activity and provides any supporting documentation required by the resident school; and

(5) For an extracurricular or interscholastic activity which involves a competitive selection process, the virtual school student is selected.

(d) A student who withdraws from a public school to participate in a home study program or enroll in a qualifying virtual school shall be ineligible for participation in any extracurricular or interscholastic activity for 12 months from the date of the declaration of intent to utilize a home study program provided to the Department of Education as provided under paragraph (2) of subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-690 or enrollment in the qualifying virtual school.

(e) For purposes of this Code section, participation in an extracurricular or interscholastic activity includes participation in the following ~~school-sponsored~~ school sponsored activities related to the extracurricular or interscholastic activity: tryouts; off-season practice, rehearsal, or conditioning; summer and holiday practice, rehearsal, or conditioning; in-season practice, rehearsal, or conditioning; and all exhibitions, contests, and competitions, including scrimmage, preseason, regular season, postseason, and invitational.

(f) A resident school, a resident school system, or an athletic association shall not deny a home study student or a virtual school student the opportunity to try out and participate if selected in any extracurricular or interscholastic activities available at the resident school or in the resident school system if the student meets the requirements contained in subsection (c) or (c.1) of this Code section, respectively, and is not ineligible under subsection (d) of this Code section.

(g) No public high school which receives funding under this article shall participate in, sponsor, or provide coaching staff for interscholastic activities which are conducted under the authority of, conducted under the rules of, or scheduled by any athletic association that does not deem eligible for participation a home study student or virtual school student who meets the requirements contained in subsection (c) or (c.1) of this Code section, respectively, and is not ineligible under subsection (d) of this Code section.

(h) Home study students and virtual school students shall participate in extracurricular or interscholastic activities, as authorized under this Code section, on behalf of such ~~home study~~ student's resident school.

(i) The specific assigned program of each home study student enrolled in a qualifying course shall be included for a one-sixth segment of the school day, or the block scheduling equivalent, by the home study student's resident school system in reports made to the Department of Education as provided in subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-160.

(j) The provisions of this Code section relating to qualifying virtual schools and virtual school students shall apply beginning with the 2027-2028 school year."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended in Article 19, relating to instructional materials and content, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-1018.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Break/fix rate' means the number of school technology devices reported as malfunctioning or needing repair prior to the end of the device's life cycle as stated by

the manufacturer due to physical damage, hardware failure, or other breakage incidents which are not covered by insurance or a policy plan period during a school year divided by the total number of school technology devices in operation during the same school year.

(2) 'Department' means the Department of Education.

(3) 'School technology device' or 'device' means electronic or computerized equipment greater than $100.00 in value provided for educational purposes in a public school, including, but not limited to, computers, tablets, and interactive whiteboards, and associated hardware, software, and technical equipment.

(b) When purchasing school technology devices, each local board of education and other public school governing body shall take into consideration the following factors:

(1) The long-term cost of ownership of such devices, including the costs of repairs;

(2) The flexibility for innovation during the life of such devices; and

(3) The anticipated resale or salvage value of such devices compared to the initial purchase cost of such devices.

(c) Beginning in 2027, no later than October 15 of each year, each local board of education and other public school governing body shall submit a report to the department which includes the following information for the respective local school system or public school for the preceding school year:

(1) The total number of school technology devices in operation;

(2) The break/fix rate of school technology devices;

(3) The total number of school technology devices which required repair and the number of such devices that underwent repair or were out of service; and

(4) The total amount spent to repair or replace school technology devices.

(d) Beginning in 2027, no later than December 31 each year, the department shall submit a report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairpersons of the House Committee on Education and the Senate Education and Youth Committee which shall include the information provided to the department pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section."

SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended in Article 31, the "Charter Schools Act of 1998," by adding a new paragraph to Code Section 20-2-2062, relating to definitions, to read as follows:

"(4.01)(A) 'Dropout recovery charter school' means a charter school authorized by a local board of education and the State Board of Education that enrolls students in any of grades six through 12 and provides:

(i) Special education services as provided for in Code Section 20-2-152;

(ii) Remedial education program services as provided for in Code Section 20-2-154; and

(iii) Nontraditional education programs and services, including, but not limited to:

(I) Dropout prevention and academic intervention programs;

(II) Programs for high school credit recovery; and

(III) Opportunities for students to schedule classes outside of the traditional school day, school week, and school year.

(B) Such term shall not include a school that serves students in any of grades kindergarten through five."

SECTION 5.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 20-2-2063, relating to charter petitions, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(e)(1) The State Board of Education shall establish rules, regulations, policies, and procedures to govern the contents of a charter petition for a dropout recovery charter school.

(2) The State Board of Education shall establish rules, regulations, policies, and procedures to provide for charter petitions for a dropout recovery charter school. Such rules, regulations, policies, and procedures shall require that a charter petition and the charter contain an explanation of:

(A) The special education services to be provided pursuant to Code Section 20-2-152, the remedial education program services to be provided pursuant to Code Section 20-2-154, and other nontraditional education programs and services to be provided; and

(B) The measurable objective performance standards in the areas of academic achievement, student growth, and student retention that will be established, monitored, evaluated, and reported.

(3) The State Board of Education shall establish policies, rules, and regulations to provide for an existing charter school to convert its current charter to a dropout recovery charter school charter, which shall be subject to the initial term restriction provided for in subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-2067.1."

SECTION 6.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 20-2-2063.3, relating to code of principles and standards for charter school authorizers, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a)(1) The State Board of Education and the State Charter Schools Commission shall jointly establish a code of principles and standards of charter school authorizing to guide local boards of education, the state board, and the State Charter Schools Commission in meeting high-quality authorizing practices. The principles and standards established by the state board and the State Charter Schools Commission shall, as applicable, include:

~~(1)~~(A) Maintaining high standards for approving charter petitions;

~~(2)~~(B) Establishing high academic, financial, and operational performance standards for charter schools;

~~(3)~~(C) Annually monitoring, evaluating, and reporting charter school progress in meeting academic, financial, and operational performance standards, including ensuring that a local school system has not been designated as a high-risk local school system by the Department of Audits and Accounts pursuant to Code Section 20-2-67,

or if it has been designated as a high-risk local school system, that it has a written corrective action plan in place and that local school system board members and appropriate personnel participate in required training to address the deficiencies;

~~(4)~~(D) Upholding charter school autonomy in school governance, instructional program implementation, personnel, and budgeting;

~~(5)~~(E) Protecting students and holding charter schools accountable for their obligations to all students; and

~~(6)~~(F) Protecting the public interest and holding charter schools accountable for their obligations of governance, management, and oversight of public funds.

(2) Notwithstanding any provision of paragraph (1) of this subsection to the contrary, the principles and standards established by the state board and the State Charter Schools Commission shall establish separate principles and standards for dropout recovery charter schools, which may include the same or similar principles and standards provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection, but which shall include provisions for:

(A) Establishing measurable objective performance standards in the areas of academic achievement, student growth, and student retention; and

(B) Monitoring, evaluating, and reporting progress in meeting such performance standards.

(3) In the annual report required by paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 20-14-27, the Office of Student Achievement shall separately report on the performance of dropout recovery charter schools."

SECTION 7.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-2064.2, relating to promotion of approval of new local charter school petitions and incentive grants, as follows:

"20-2-2064.2.

(a) The ~~State Board of Education~~ state board, in collaboration with the ~~State Charter Schools Commission~~ Office of Charter School Compliance, shall establish a program for the purposes of promoting and supporting the approval of new local charter school petitions by local boards of education and to provide incentive grants to local boards of education that approve new local charter school petitions. The ~~State Charter Schools Commission~~ state board shall promulgate such rules and regulations as it deems necessary to carry out the provisions and intent of this Code section.

(b)(1) Subject to appropriations, for each new local charter school petition approved by a local board of education after June 30, 2025, such local board of education shall receive an incentive grant of $250,000.00 by ~~August 1~~ September 1 of each of the first three years of such local charter school's operation following such approval, provided that such local charter school remains authorized by such local board of education. In the event that available appropriations are not sufficient to cover the total amount of ~~such~~ the incentive grants provided for in this subsection, the amount of each such grant shall be reduced proportionally, providing incentive grants in equal amounts to each such local board of education.

(2) Incentive grants provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be provided only for the approval of new local charter school petitions and not for the approval or renewal of an existing local charter school.

(3) The total amount of incentive grants provided under this subsection shall not exceed $2.25 million in any fiscal year.

(c) Incentive grants awarded pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section may be used by the receiving local board of education for expenses incurred by the local board of education in its role as a local charter school authorizer, which may include, but shall not be limited to, hiring qualified personnel and providing for oversight, compliance monitoring, and professional development related to local charter school authorization.

(d) The Department of Education shall ~~implement and administer~~ distribute the incentive ~~grant program provided for in~~ grants authorized pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section and the Office of Charter School Compliance shall provide any technical assistance necessary to local school systems ~~in~~ to support ~~of~~ compliance with the requirements of this Code section.

(e) This Code section shall stand automatically repealed on July 1, 2035."

SECTION 8.

Said article is further amended by revising paragraph (4) of subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-2065, relating to waiver of provisions of this title, requirements for operating, and control and management, as follows:

"(4) Organized and operated as a nonprofit corporation or company under the laws of this state; provided, however, that this paragraph shall not apply to any charter petitioner that is a local school, local school system, or state or local public entity;"

SECTION 9.

Said article is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-2069, relating to the Office of Charter School Compliance and Office of District Flexibility, as follows:

"(a) There is established within the State Charter Schools Commission an Office of Charter School Compliance, which shall be staffed with personnel as provided for in subsection (d.1) of Code Section 20-2-2082~~,~~ who shall report directly to the ~~State Board of Education~~ state board for purposes of this subsection. The responsibilities of such office shall be to:

(1) Prepare charter school guidelines to be approved by the state board;

(2) Distribute charter school petition information to inquiring parties;

(3) Process all charter school petitions and coordinate with the Charter Advisory Committee established pursuant to Code Section 20-2-2063.1 to facilitate ~~its~~ such committee's review and recommendations to the state board;

(4) Administer ~~any state or federal~~ charter school ~~implementation grant program~~ grant programs;

(5) Contract with an independent party to evaluate the performance of charter schools, as such performance relates to fulfilling the terms of their charters;

(6) Compile information necessary to produce the annual report required by Code Section 20-2-2070, which shall include, but shall not be limited to, information regarding the effectiveness of the ~~incentives~~ incentive grants and the adherence of local school systems to the requirements provided for in Code Sections 20-2-2064 and 20-2-2064.2;

(7) Prepare guidelines for local boards of education for the evaluation of charter school petitions. Such guidelines shall be published on the ~~public~~ website of the Department of Education and shall include:

(A) Criteria for evaluating the academic, operational, and financial plans of the charter petitioner;

(B) Best practices for conducting a thorough and objective review of charter petitions;

(C) Procedures for public hearings and community input on charter petitions; and

(D) A standardized evaluation rubric for use by local boards of education during the evaluation of charter petitions; and

(8) Provide technical assistance to local school systems as charter school authorizers, support local school systems as needed to implement best practices in charter school authorization, and regularly engage with local school systems to promote charter school authorization at the local level."

SECTION 10.

Said chapter is further amended in Article 31A, relating to state charter schools, by revising paragraph (4) of Code Section 20-2-2081, relating to definitions, as follows:

"(4) 'Governing board' means the governing board of the nonprofit organization, or the parent corporation of such nonprofit organization if such parent corporation is the sole member of such nonprofit organization, which is the charter petitioner for a state charter school and which is the same as the governing board of the state charter school which is involved in ~~school level~~ school level governance of the state charter school."

SECTION 11.

Said chapter is further amended in said article by revising Code Section 20-2-2085, relating to petitions by existing charter schools, as follows:

"20-2-2085.

A petition may be submitted pursuant to this Code section by an existing charter school approved by a local board of education or the State Board of Education, provided that the obligations of its charter with the local board of education or State Board of Education will expire prior to entering into a new charter with the commission. The commission shall not act on a petition submitted pursuant to this Code section unless the local board of education that authorizes the charter school has voted to terminate or nonrenew the charter contract or otherwise fails to renew the charter contract by a date established by the State Board of Education. Upon the existing charter school's request, a local board of education or the State Board of Education in the case of a state chartered special school may agree to rescind or waive the obligations of a current charter to allow a petition to

be submitted by an existing charter school pursuant to this Code section. An existing charter school that is established as a state charter school pursuant to this Code section shall be allowed to continue the use of all facilities, equipment, and other assets it used prior to the expiration or rescission of its charter with a local board of education; provided, however, that the local board of education shall be authorized to charge or continue to charge a reasonable fee for use of the facilities."

SECTION 12.

Said chapter is further amended in said article by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-2088.1, relating to ownership and maintenance of state charter school records, as follows:

"(b) In the event that a state charter school ceases operations for any reason, including, but not limited to, the termination, nonrenewal, or abandonment of the state charter school's charter, the nonprofit entity which held the charter contract shall retain ownership, including all incumbent responsibilities of an operational state charter school, of all records for a period of ~~one year~~ 180 days from the later of the date the charter contract expired, the date the charter contract was terminated, or the date the state charter school ceased operations. Incumbent responsibilities include, but are not limited to, transferring student records to public or private schools, schools operated by the Department of Juvenile Justice, and the local school system or schools from which the records are requested. After the ~~one year~~ 180 day period, the nonprofit entity which held the charter contract shall transfer all records, including student records, to the commission in the format and manner specified by the commission."

SECTION 13.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026.

SECTION 14.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

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Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 151, nays 6.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SB 403. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Walker III of the 20th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Parent of the 44th, Albers of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 12 of Title 44 of the O.C.G.A., relating to disposition of unclaimed property, so as to provide for exceptions to when property is presumed abandoned; to provide for abandonment and liquidation of virtual currency; to authorize delay of publication of notice on the "Georgia Unclaimed Property List" under certain circumstances; to provide for methods of payment of claims; to waive the requirement of a probate court order for claims of heirs under certain circumstances; to provide for circumstances under which a claim is void; to provide for definitions; to amend Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to revenue and taxation, so as to waive confidentiality of certain tax records; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 5 of Chapter 12 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to disposition of unclaimed property, so as to authorize delay of publication of notice on the "Georgia Unclaimed Property List" under certain circumstances; to provide for methods of payment of claims; to provide for payments in the absence of claims; to waive the requirement of a probate court order for claims of heirs under certain circumstances; to provide for definitions; to amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to waive confidentiality of certain tax records; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 5 of Chapter 12 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to disposition of unclaimed property, is amended in Code Section 44-12-192, relating to definitions, by revising paragraph (6) and adding new paragraphs to read as follows:

"(0.5) 'Adult' means an individual 18 years of age or older."

"(6) 'Due diligence' means, but shall not be limited to, the mailing of a letter by first-class mail to the last known address of the owner as indicated on the records of the holder. If a holder maintains a valid email address for the owner and the owner has agreed to receive communications electronically, the holder shall send notice by both first-class mail and electronic mail to such address. For properties over $10,000.00, mailed letters shall be sent by certified mail."

"(7.1) 'Heir' means an adult who is the:

(A) Surviving spouse of a deceased owner;

(B) Child of a deceased owner;

(C) Parent of a deceased owner; or

(D) Sibling of a deceased owner."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 44-12-215, relating to publication of "Georgia Unclaimed Property List" and contents of notice, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(e) When certain intangible interests in business associations, including, but not limited to, stocks and shares in business associations, are not yet received by the commissioner but are reported under Code Section 44-12-214, the commissioner may decline to publish notice until such property is remitted to the commissioner."

SECTION 3.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 44-12-220, relating to claims for property paid or delivered to commissioner and procedure, by revising subsection (c) and adding new subsections to read as follows:

"(c)(1) If a claim submitted by the claimant is approved, the commissioner shall pay over or deliver to the claimant the property or the amount the commissioner actually received or the net proceeds if it has been sold by the commissioner.

(2) Any payment made under paragraph (1) of this subsection to a claimant shall be either electronically transmitted or sent by check to such claimant, provided that such payment shall first be credited against any unpaid state tax liability at the time the payment provided for in this subsection is to be issued to a claimant."

"(d.1)(1) The commissioner shall also be authorized to make payments pursuant to this article without having received a claim, provided that the:

(A) Property is cash;

(B) Apparent owner is a natural person and is the sole owner of such property;

(C) Identity of such apparent owner has been verified by the commissioner; and

(D) Amount to be paid does not exceed $500.00 per property.

(2) Any payment under this subsection to an owner shall be either electronically transmitted or sent by check to such owner, based on the owner's taxpayer refund instructions, if any, as indicated on such taxpayer's income tax return for the most recent taxable year, provided that such payment shall first be credited against any unpaid state tax liability existing at the time the payment provided for in this subsection is to be issued to an owner.

(3) The department may review tax records in order to verify the identity of owners in accordance with subparagraph (C) of paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(4) All unclaimed property purchase agreements and unclaimed property recovery agreements entered into on or after July 1, 2026, and reported and delivered to the commissioner under this article shall be unenforceable for 120 days after the date of payment or the delivery of property to the commissioner."

"(i)(1) An order of a probate court shall not be required for a claimant who is an heir of a deceased owner if the claimant files an affidavit with the department, signed by all heirs, stating that all heirs have amicably agreed upon a division of the estate and that all funeral expenses, expenses of any last illness, and other lawful claims against the estate have been paid. Such affidavit shall include any additional information reasonably necessary to determine entitlement. If the owner died testate, the claim shall be accompanied by a copy of the will.

(2) Each person receiving property under this Code section shall be personally liable for all lawful claims against the estate of the owner, but only to the extent of the value of the property received under this Code section, excluding property exempt from claims of creditors under the Constitution and laws of this state.

(3) Any person who was lawfully entitled to share in the property but did not receive his or her share may enforce his or her rights in appropriate proceedings against those

who received the property and may, at the discretion of the court, be awarded costs and reasonable attorney's fees.

(4) This subsection applies only if the total aggregate value of unclaimed property held by the department on behalf of the owner is equal to or less than $7,500.00 and no proceeding in any probate court in Georgia is pending or has been filed in Georgia in the past."

SECTION 4.

Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, is amended in Article 1 of Chapter 2, relating to state administrative organization, by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 48-2-15, relating to confidential and privileged information, as follows:

"(b) This Code section shall not:

(1) Be construed to prevent the use of confidential information as evidence before any state or federal court in the event of litigation involving tax liability of any taxpayer;

(2) Be deemed to prevent the print or electronic publication of statistics so arranged as not to reveal information respecting an individual taxpayer;

(3) Apply in any way whatsoever to any official finding of the commissioner with respect to any assessment or any information properly entered upon an assessment roll or other public record;

(4) Affect any information which in the regular course of business is by law made the subject matter of a public document in any federal or state office or in any local office in this state;

(5) Apply to information, records, and reports required and obtained under Article 1 of Chapter 9 of this title, which requires distributors of motor fuels to make reports of the amounts of motor fuels sold and used in each county by the distributor, or under Article 2 of Chapter 9 of this title, relating to road tax on motor carriers;

(6) Be construed to prevent the disclosure of information, so arranged as not to reveal information respecting an individual taxpayer, requested by the House Committee on Ways and Means or the Senate Finance Committee regarding the department's administration of any tax; ~~or~~

(7) Apply to information, records, and reports required and obtained under Title 38 or Title 46 as each pertains to collection and remittance of prepaid and postpaid 9-1-1 fees or charges. The application of the exemption provided for under this paragraph to Code Section 38-3-190 shall apply exclusively to the Georgia Emergency Communications Authority and Department of Revenue in the handling of such information; or

(8) Be construed to prevent the use of confidential tax information by the department in administering the provisions of Code Section 44-12-220."

SECTION 5.

Said title is further amended in Article 3 of Chapter 7, relating to returns and furnishing of information, in Code Section 48-7-60, relating to confidentiality of tax information, exceptions, authorized inspection by certain officials, furnishing information to local tax

authorities, furnishing information to nonofficials, conditions, and effect of Code section, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(f) This Code section shall not be construed to prevent the use of confidential tax information by the department in administering the provisions of Code Section 44-12-220."

SECTION 6.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	E Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	Y Scott
E Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	E Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	E Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
E Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	E Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	E Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Reese	E Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	E Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
E Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	E Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 158, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SB 8. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Strickland of the 42nd, Hatchett of the 50th, Jackson of the 41st, Brass of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to provide for arrest warrant requirements when juvenile courts are acting as courts of inquiry; to amend Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure, so as to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 and Article 1 of Chapter 17 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to clerks of superior courts and general provisions regarding notaries public, respectively, so as to provide for remote online notaries public and remote online notarizations; to revise and provide for definitions; to revise the powers of the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority; to provide for requirements for remote online notaries public and remote online notarization; to provide that the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority may adopt certain standards for remote online notarization; to provide for application and appointment as a remote online notary public; to provide requirements for electronic journaling; to amend Part 2 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10, Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 44 and Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Fair Business Practices Act of 1975," recording of deeds and other real property transactions and inspection of public records, respectively, so as to provide for an unfair or deceptive practice in consumer transactions in the recording of certain residential real estate documents; to revise recordation standards for deeds and other real property transactions requiring an official and an unofficial witness; to provide for the electronic execution of instruments, documents, deeds, and real estate documents; to provide that certain records of remote online notarization processes shall not be subject to public disclosure; to make certain acts of the unauthorized practice of law felonies and to provide for penalties therefore; to amend Article 3 of Chapter 19 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the regulation of practice of law, so as to make certain acts of the unauthorized practice of law felonies and to provide for penalties therefore; to

provide for related matters; to provide effective dates and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to clerks of superior courts, is amended by revising paragraphs (8) and (9) and by adding a new paragraph to subsection (d) of Code Section 15-6-94, relating to the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority, to read as follows:

"(8) To exercise any power granted by the laws of this state to public or private corporations which is not in conflict with the public purpose of the authority; ~~and~~

(9) To issue technical standards for remote online notarization pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter 17 of Title 45; and

~~(9)~~(10) To do all things necessary or convenient to carry out the powers conferred by this Code section and to carry out such duties and activities as are specifically imposed upon the authority by law."

SECTION 1-2.

Article 1 of Chapter 17 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding notaries public, is amended by revising Code Section 45-17-1, relating to definitions, as follows:

"45-17-1.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Appear', 'personally appear', and 'in the presence of' mean:

(A) Being in the same physical location as another individual and close enough to see, hear, communicate with, and exchange tangible identification credentials with such individual; or

(B) Interacting with another individual by means of communication technology that complies with the provisions of this article.

(2) 'Attesting', ~~and~~ 'attestation', and 'attested' are synonymous and mean the notarial act of witnessing or attesting a signature or execution of a deed or other written instrument, where such notarial act does not involve the taking of an acknowledgment, the administering of an oath or affirmation, the taking of a verification, or the certification of a copy.

(3) 'Communication technology' means an electronic device or process that allows a remote online notary public physically located in this state and a remotely located individual to communicate with each other simultaneously by sight and sound and which, as necessary, makes reasonable accommodations for individuals with vision, hearing, or speech impediments.

(4) 'Credential analysis' means a process or service operating according to the standards through which a third-party business entity affirms the validity of a government issued identification credential through review of public or proprietary data sources.

(5) 'Digital signature' means an electronic signature that embeds registered personal key infrastructure technology into the signing process and provides for the authentication of the identity of a remote online notary public, confirmation of the signed document's contents, and for the nonrepudiation of the notary's electronic signature. The digital signature shall be made pursuant to and associated with a digital certificate issued by a trusted service provider which is attached to or logically associated with an electronic document and adopted by a notary public with the intent to sign an electronic document in the official capacity as a notary. Such term means an electronic signature that is, and shall be, made in compliance with the standards adopted pursuant to this article by the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority based on the Digital Signature Standard (DSS) of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

(6) 'Electronic' means relating to technology having electrical, digital, magnetic, wireless, optical, electromagnetic, or similar capabilities.

(7) 'Electronic document' and 'electronic record' mean information created, generated, sent, communicated, received, or stored by electronic means.

(8) 'Electronic in-person notarization' means the notarization of an electronic record when the signer or signers of the record are in the physical presence of the notary public and that include the notary's electronic notarial certificate, the notary's digital signature, and electronic signatures of each signer.

(9) 'Electronic journal' means a record kept by the remote online notary public to track and document each notarial act performed, as provided by subsection (a) of Code Section 45-17-8.5.

(10) 'Electronic notarial certificate' means the electronic form of an acknowledgment, jurat, verification by oath or affirmation, or verification of witness or attestation that is completed by a notary performing an electronic in-person notarization and:

(A) Contains the notary public's digital signature, electronic seal, title, and commission expiration date; or

(B) Otherwise conforms to the requirements for an acknowledgment, jurat, verification by oath or affirmation, or verification of witness or attestation under the laws of this state.

(11) 'Electronic seal' means information within a notarized electronic document that confirms the remote online notary public's, or electronic in-person notary public's, name, jurisdiction, commission expiration date, commission number, and otherwise generally corresponds to information in notary public seals used on paper documents.

(12) 'Electronic signature' means an electronic sound, symbol, or process attached to or logically associated with an electronic record and executed or adopted by an individual with the intent to sign the electronic document or record.

(13) 'Identity proofing' means a process or service operating pursuant to the standards through which credential analysis and authentication confirms the identity of an individual.

~~(2)~~(14) 'Notarial act' means any act that a notary public is authorized by law to perform and includes, without limitation, attestation, the taking of an acknowledgment, the administration of an oath or affirmation, the taking of a verification upon an oath or affirmation, and the certification of a copy.

~~(3)~~(15) 'Notarial certificate' means the notary's documentation of a notarial act.

(16) 'Notary' and 'notary public' mean a person who has been granted a commission by a clerk of superior court pursuant to Code Section 45-17-2.3.

(17) 'Original appointment' means a notary public appointment other than a remote online notary public appointment.

(18) 'Real estate document' means any instrument, document, or deed entitled to recordation in the real property records or lien indices or recording records maintained by the clerk of superior court, and any instrument or document executed in connection with the conveyance of land whether recorded or not.

(19) 'Remote online notarial certificate' is the electronic form of an acknowledgment, jurat, verification by oath or affirmation, or verification of witness or attestation that is completed by a remote online notary public performing a remote online notarization and:

(A) Contains the remote online notary public's digital signature, electronic seal, title, and commission expiration date;

(B) Contains the date and location address of the signer or signers and the location address of the remote online notary public;

(C) Contains a statement that the signer or signers executing the electronic document or making the acknowledgment, jurat, oath, affirmation, verification, or attestation appeared remotely online;

(D) Otherwise conforms to the requirements for an acknowledgment, jurat, verification by oath or affirmation, or verification of witness or attestation under the laws of this state; and

(E) Contains a statement that the signer or signers affirmatively agreed to electronic execution and remote online notarization.

(20) 'Remote online notarization' or 'remote online notarial act' means a notarial act performed by a remote online notary public by means of communication technology according to the provisions of this article.

(21) 'Remote online notary public' means a notary public who has been commissioned as a remote online notary public to perform online notarizations under this article.

(22) 'Remote presentation' means transmission to the remote online notary public through communication technology of an image of a government issued identification credential that is of sufficient quality to enable the remote online notary public to:

(A) Identify the individual seeking the remote online notary public's services; and

(B) Perform credential analysis.

(23) 'Remotely located individual' means an individual who is not in the physical presence of the remote online notary public.

(24) 'Repository' means a third-party business entity authorized to transact business in this state that is in the business of retaining electronic journals and copies of audiovisual recordings of remote online notarizations according to Code Section 45-17-8.5.

(25) 'Signer' means an individual whose electronic signature is notarized in an electronic in-person notarization or a remote online notarization or is making an oath or affirmation or an acknowledgment, other than in the capacity of a witness, for a document which is to be notarized by an electronic in-person notarization or a remote online notarization.

(26) 'Standards' means the remote online notary standards as shall be adopted by the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority."

SECTION 1-3.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 45-17-6, relating to seal of office, as follows:

"45-17-6.

(a)(1) For the authentication of his or her notarial acts, each notary public must provide a seal of office, which seal shall have for its impression ~~his~~ the notary's name, the words 'Notary Public,' the name of the state, and the county of ~~his residence~~ the notary's appointment; or it shall have for its impression ~~his~~ the notary's name and the words 'Notary Public, Georgia, State at Large.' Notaries commissioned or renewing their commission after July 1, 1985, shall provide a seal of office which shall have for its impression the notary's name, the words 'Notary Public,' the name of the state, and the county of ~~his~~ the notary's appointment. The embossment of notarial certificates by the notary's seal shall be authorized but not necessary~~,~~ and the use of a rubber or other type stamp shall be sufficient for imprinting the notary's seal on paper notarial certificates. A scrawl shall not be a sufficient notary seal. An official notarial act must be documented by the notary's seal. An electronic seal shall be used for purposes of any electronic in-person notarization or remote online notarization.

(2) No document executed prior to July 1, 1986, which would otherwise be eligible for recording in the real property records maintained by any clerk of superior court or constitute record notice or actual notice of any matter to any person shall be ineligible for recording or fail to constitute such notice because of noncompliance with the requirement that the document contain a notary seal.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to supply a notary public seal to any person unless the person has presented the duplicate original of the certificate commissioning the person as a notary public. It shall be unlawful for any person to order or obtain a notary public seal unless such person is commissioned as a notary public."

SECTION 1-4.

Said article is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 45-17-8.1, relating to signature and date of notarial act, as follows:

"(a) Except as otherwise provided in this Code section, in documenting a notarial act, a notary public shall sign on the notarial certification, digitally in the case of electronic in-person notarization or remote online notarization or by hand in ink in all other cases, only and exactly the name indicated on the notary's commission and shall record on the notarial certification the exact date of the notarial act."

SECTION 1-5.

Said article is further amended by adding new Code sections to read as follows:

"45-17-8.3.

(a) Prior to January 1, 2027, the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority shall adopt standards for remote online notarization in accordance with this article.

(b) The Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority may confer with any appropriate state agency on matters relating to equipment, security, and technological aspects of the remote online notarization standards.

(c) In the adoption of any standards it may adopt pursuant to this article, the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority shall consider the most recent standards established by relevant national bodies, including, but not limited to, the Mortgage Industry Standards Maintenance Organization (MISMO) and the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS).

45-17-8.4.

(a) Appointment as a notary public in this state shall be a requirement and condition precedent for appointment as a remote online notary public.

(b) Before each application for appointment as a remote online notary public, an individual shall complete a course of instruction provided by the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority and pass an examination based on such course. The content of the course shall include notarial standards and procedures, the standards, and ethical obligations pertaining to electronic in-person notarization and remote online notarization in this article or in any other law. Such course may be taken in conjunction with any course required by the clerk of superior court for an original appointment. The standards for such course shall be developed and maintained and administered by the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority.

(c) Except for a remote online notary public as commissioned under subsection (h) of this Code section, effective January 1, 2027, an individual who meets the qualifications for becoming a notary public of this state desiring to be appointed as a remote online notary public shall submit an application to the clerk of superior court of the county of the applicant's current residence. In the event that such applicant is the holder of an unexpired notary commission issued from a county other than the county of the applicant's current residence, such applicant shall officially resign the unexpired commission and make new application to the clerk of superior court for the county of current residence for both a notary commission and appointment as a remote online notary public. An application may request both an original appointment or renewal and a remote online notary public appointment. The application for a remote online notary

public appointment shall set forth the declaration that the notary meets the qualifications for remote online notarization as provided by this article. Such application shall include, but shall not be limited to:

(1) The applicant's legal name to be used in acting as a notary public;

(2) Email address of the applicant;

(3) Telephone number of the applicant;

(4) Proof of successful completion by the applicant of the course and examination required by subsection (b) of this Code section;

(5) A physical residential address of the applicant in this state if a resident of this state;

(6) The business address of the applicant in this state if the applicant is a resident of a state bordering this state who maintains a business or profession in the State of Georgia or who is regularly employed in this state.

(7) Evidence that the notary surety bond prescribed by this article for the performance or remote online notarial acts has been issued;

(8) The identity of the technology provider the remote online notary public intends to use for remote online notarization and the repository to be used by such notary for maintenance of his or her electronic journal and audiovisual recordings. The technology provider, communication technology, and repository selected by the remote online notary public must conform to standards;

(9) A certification that the applicant will comply with this article and the standards;

(10) Disclosure of any and all license or commission revocations or other governmental disciplinary actions against the applicant; and

(11) Any other information, evidence, or declaration requested by the clerk of superior court.

(d) The fee for submitting an application for appointment as a remote online notary shall be the same fee as for an application for an original appointment pursuant to Code Section 45-17-4. One fee shall be collected for each of the following:

(1) An application for an appointment as a remote online notary public;

(2) An application for a notary commission renewal and an appointment as a remote online notary public; or

(3) An application for an original or new notary commission and appointment as a remote online notary public.

(e) Upon the applicant's fulfillment of the requirements for commission or appointment under this chapter, the clerk of superior court may approve or deny the commission or appointment based on Code Section 45-17-2.3 and the provisions of this article, and upon approval shall issue to the applicant an appointment as a remote online notary public and a unique remote online notary public commission number.

(f) Unless terminated pursuant to this article, the term of commission to perform remote online notarization shall coincide with the term of the original appointment or any renewal thereof.

(g) Upon approval of the application to be appointed a remote online notary public by the clerk of superior court, such notary shall:

(1) Be authorized to perform remote online notarization pursuant to this article;

(2) Maintain a notary surety bond in the amount of $2,000.00;
(3) Except for a remote online notary public as appointed under subsection (h) of this Code section, maintain a residential domicile and physical presence in this state; and
(4) Promptly notify the appointing clerk of superior court, with a copy to the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority, of any change in the information provided in the remote online notary public application, including, but not limited to, legal name, email address, telephone number, physical residential address, any change in the technology or repository provider used by such online notary public, and the name and address of the repository used by such remote online notary public for maintenance of his or her electronic journal.
(h)(1) Any person who is a resident of a state bordering this state and who carries on a business or profession in the State of Georgia or who is regularly employed in this state may be appointed as a remote online notary public by the clerk of the superior court of the county in which the person carries on said profession, business, or employment.
(2) Such person wishing to be appointed as a remote online notary public shall meet all the requirements of Code Section 45-17-2 as to an original appointment and this article as to a remote online notary public appointment.
(3) In addition to the submission requirements for an original appointment under Code Section 45-17-2.1, such individual shall submit the application for a remote online notary public as required in this article to the clerk of superior court in the county in which such individual carries on such profession, business, or employment. The clerk of superior court shall approve or deny such application based on the provisions of this article and Code Section 45-17-2.3. Upon approval and payment of the usual fees to the clerk, the applicant shall be issued a unique remote online notary public commission number and shall be authorized to perform all duties and exercise all of the powers and authorities relating to remote online notary publics who are residents of this state.

45-17-8.5.
(a) Each remote online notary public shall keep a secure, permanent, tamper-evident electronic journal in accordance with the provisions of this article and the standards with entries for each remote online notarization. A journal entry shall at a minimum include the:
(1) Date and time of the remote online notarization;
(2) Type of remote online notarial act;
(3) Type, title, or description of the electronic document or proceeding;
(4) Name and address of each signer involved in the transaction or proceeding notarized by such notary;
(5) Confirmation of identify based on evidence of identity presented for each signer involved in the transaction or proceeding in the form of:
(A) Notation of the type of identification document provided to the remote online notary public pursuant to the credential analysis; and
(B) A description and results of each identity proofing performed;
(6) Physical location of the signer or signers of the document at the time of notarization;

(7) Physical location of the remote online notary public at the time of remote online notarization; and

(8) The fee, if any, charged for the remote online notarization.

(b) The electronic journal shall be retained and maintained for at least ten years after the date of the last remote online notarial transaction performed.

(c) Each remote online notary public shall cause an electronic copy of each electronic journal entry to be promptly transmitted to and retained by a repository for retention. Each repository receiving any journal or journal entry shall securely retain and maintain such electronic journal for a minimum of ten years following the last submission of an electronic journal entry by a remote online notary public.

(d) Each remote online notary public shall create an audiovisual recording of the performance of the remote online notarial act as evidence of participant identity, type of participant identification presented, and the validity of the notarial act.

(e) Each remote online notary public shall cause an electronic copy of each audiovisual recording to be immediately transmitted to and retained by a repository. Each repository receiving any audiovisual recording shall securely retain and maintain such audiovisual recording for a minimum of ten years following submission of the last audiovisual recording submitted by a remote online notary public.

(f)(1) In the adoption of any standards regarding remote online notarization, the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority shall consider the most recent guidance or model standards proposed by relevant organizations recognized in such field of practice, including, but not limited to, the Mortgage Industry Standards Maintenance Organization (MISMO) and the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS).

(2) In the adoption of any standards regarding digital signatures, the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority shall consider the most recent guidance or model standards proposed by relevant organizations recognized in such field of practice, including, but not limited to, the Digital Signature Standard (DSS) of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

(g) A remote online notary public shall take reasonable steps to:

(1) Ensure the integrity, security, and authenticity of each remote online notarization;

(2) Maintain a backup of each electronic journal required by subsection (a) of this Code section and the recording required by subsection (d) of this Code section; and

(3) Protect the backup record from unauthorized use.

45-17-8.6.

(a) A notary public physically located in this state may perform electronic in-person notarization in accordance with this article and the standards for an individual who is in the physical presence of the notary public.

(b) A remote online notary public physically located in this state may perform remote online notarization using communication technology in accordance with this article and the standards for a remotely located individual who is physically located:

(1) In this state;

(2) Outside this state but within the United States; or
(3) Outside the United States if:
(A) The remote online notary public has no actual knowledge that the act of making the statement or signing the electronic record is prohibited in the jurisdiction in which the person is located; and
(B) The signer placing his or her electronic signature on the electronic record confirms to the remote online notary public that the requested remote online notarial act and the electronic record:
(i) Are part of or pertain to a matter that is to be filed with or is currently before a court, governmental entity, or other entity in the United States;
(ii) Relate to property located in the United States; or
(iii) Relate to a transaction that is substantively connected to the United States.

45-17-8.7.
(a) A notary public and a remote online notary public shall take reasonable steps to ensure that any registered device or digital certificate used to create an electronic signature or the notary's or remote online notary public's digital signature is current, valid, and has not been revoked or terminated by the device's or certificate's issuing or registering authority.
(b) The duties of the notary public and the remote online notary public, in addition to the duties provided for in Code Section 45-17-8, are to:
(1) Keep his or her electronic record, electronic signature, and electronic seal secure and under his or her exclusive control;
(2) Not allow another person to use his or her electronic record, digital signature, or electronic seal. A remote online notary public may use such remote online notary public's digital signature only for performing electronic in-person notarization or remote online notarization and a notary public may use such notary public's digital signature only for performing electronic in-person notarization;
(3) Attach his or her digital signature and seal to the remote online notarial certificate of an electronic document in a manner that is conducive to independent verification and renders evident any subsequent change or modification to the electronic document; and
(4) Immediately notify an appropriate law enforcement agency and appointing clerk of superior court, with a copy to the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority, of the theft or vandalism of such notary's or remote online notary public's electronic record, digital signature, or electronic seal. A notary public or a remote online notary public shall immediately notify the appointing clerk of superior court, with a copy to the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority, if his or her electronic record, digital signature, or electronic seal has been lost or used by another person.

45-17-8.8.
(a) In performing a remote online notarization, a remote online notary public shall verify the identity of a signer creating an electronic signature at the time that the signature is

taken by using secure communication technology that meets the requirements of this article and any standards adopted under this article; provided, however, that a failure to provide an accommodation shall not invalidate an otherwise valid notarial act. Identity shall be verified by each of the following:

(1) Remote presentation by the person creating the electronic signature of a valid government issued identification credential, including a passport or driver's license, that contains the signature and a photograph of such person;

(2) Credential analysis; and

(3) Successful verified identity proofing.

(b) The remote online notary public's communication technology provider and repository shall take reasonable steps to ensure that the communication technology used for a remote online notarization is secure from unauthorized interception. Each provider of communication technology products or services for remote online notarization in this state shall cause such products or services to comply with all provisions of this article and the standards relating to remote online notarization. Prior to providing remote online notary public products or services, a communication technology provider shall present a certificate of compliance to the remote online notary public affirming that such products and services comply with the provisions of this article and the standards pursuant to this article.

(c) A remote online notary public shall require his or her communication technology provider used to comply with the provisions of this article and the standards.

(d) A remote online notarial act meeting the provisions of this Code section shall satisfy the requirement of any law of this state relating to a notarial act that requires a signer to appear or personally appear before a notary or that the notarial act be performed in the presence of a notary, except for a notarial act pursuant to a law governing the creation and execution of wills, codicils, or testamentary trusts.

(e) An electronic document executed by a signer and notarized under this article by a remote online notary public shall be deemed to be executed in this state.

45-17-8.9.

(a) A remote online notary public or the remote online notary public's employer may charge a fee for performance of remote online notarization in an amount not to exceed $25.00 per remote online notarization.

(b) A notary public or a remote online notary public whose commission terminates shall destroy or delete the coding, disk, certificate, card, software, hardware, or password that enables the electronic affixation of the notary public's or remote online notary public's official digital signature and electronic seal.

(c) Any person that, without authorization, knowingly obtains, conceals, damages, destroys, or deletes the coding, disk, certificate, card, software, hardware, or password enabling a notary public or a remote online notary public to affix a digital signature or electronic seal shall, upon conviction thereof, be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished pursuant to Code Section 45-17-20.

45-17-8.10.
(a) Nothing in this article shall be construed to alter or supersede any provision of law as set forth under Article 3 of Chapter 19 of Title 15 or any opinion or ruling by the Supreme Court of Georgia pertaining to the unauthorized practice of law in this state, including, but not limited to, the requirement that a licensed Georgia attorney shall supervise a real estate closing for real property located in this state.
(b) A remote online notary public who is not a licensed Georgia attorney shall be prohibited from rendering services or advice that constitutes the practice of law in this state.

45-17-8.11.
(a) Any public official in this state, including all public officials of county and municipal government entities, shall be authorized to accept as an original a reproduction of any document executed using electronic signatures or electronic signatures and remote online notarization.
(b) Any requirement that an instrument, document, deed, or real estate document be attested or acknowledged by a notary public and the requirement of confirmation of identity of the document signer, oath taker, or affirmant contained in 45-17-8 is satisfied by a remote online notarial act or an electronic in-person notarial act meeting the requirements of this article.
(c) A remote online notarial act performed by a remote online notary public commissioned or registered in another state shall have the same effect under the laws of this state as if performed by a notary public appointed in this state.
(d) A notary public or a remote online notary public shall not perform any notarial act by electronic in-person notarization or remote online notarial act by remote online notarization if the notarial act or remote online notarial act is pursuant to a law governing the creation and execution of any will, codicil or testamentary trust."

SECTION 1-6.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 45-17-9, relating to where notarial acts may be exercised, as follows:

"45-17-9.

Notarial acts or remote online notarial acts may be exercised in or from any county in ~~the~~ this state."

SECTION 1-7.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 45-17-17, relating to resignation of commission, return of papers, and destruction of seal, as follows:

"45-17-17.

A person who wishes to resign a notarial commission or remote online notarial appointment shall send a signed letter of resignation to the appointing clerk of superior court, with a copy to the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority, and all

papers of commission or appointment. The resigning notary public or remote online notary public shall destroy or delete the official notarial seal."

SECTION 1-8.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 45-17-18, relating to destruction of seal upon expiration or denial of renewal of commission, as follows:

"45-17-18.

A notary public or remote online notary public whose commission or appointment expires and who does not apply for renewal of such commission or appointment or whose application for renewal of a commission or appointment is denied shall destroy or delete the official notary seal."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Part 2 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Fair Business Practices Act of 1975," is amended by revising paragraphs (33), (34), and 35 of and by adding a new paragraph to subsection (b) of Code Section 10-1-393, relating to unfair or deceptive practices in consumer transactions unlawful and examples, to read as follows:

"(33)(A) For any person, firm, partnership, association, or corporation to issue a gift certificate, store gift card, or general use gift card without:

(i) Including the terms of the gift certificate, store gift card, or general use gift card in the packaging which accompanies the certificate or card at the time of purchase, as well as making such terms available upon request; and

(ii) Conspicuously printing the expiration date, if applicable, on the certificate or card and conspicuously printing the amount of any dormancy or nonuse fees on:

(I) The certificate or card; or

(II) A sticker affixed to the certificate or card.

A gift certificate, store gift card, or general use gift card shall be valid in accordance with its terms in exchange for merchandise or services.

(B) As used in this paragraph, the term:

(i) 'General use gift card' means a plastic card or other electronic payment device which is usable at multiple, unaffiliated merchants or service providers; is issued in an amount which amount may or may not be, at the option of the issuer, increased in value or reloaded if requested by the holder; is purchased or loaded on a prepaid basis by a consumer; and is honored upon presentation by merchants for goods or services.

(ii) 'Gift certificate' means a written promise that is usable at a single merchant or an affiliated group of merchants that share the same name, mark, or logo; is issued in a specified amount and cannot be increased in value on the face thereof; is purchased on a prepaid basis by a consumer in exchange for payment; and is

honored upon presentation for goods or services by such single merchant or affiliated group of merchants that share the same name, mark, or logo.

(iii) 'Store gift card' means a plastic card or other electronic payment device which is usable at a single merchant or an affiliated group of merchants that share the same name, mark, or logo; is issued in a specified amount and may or may not be increased in value or reloaded; is purchased on a prepaid basis by a consumer in exchange for payment; and is honored upon presentation for goods or services by such single merchant or affiliated group of merchants that share the same name, mark, or logo;

(34) For any person, firm, partnership, business, association, or corporation to willfully and knowingly accept or use an individual taxpayer identification number issued by the Internal Revenue Service for fraudulent purposes and in violation of federal law; ~~and~~

(35) Knowingly presenting for recording a one-to-four family residential real estate document to the clerk of superior court that the presenter knew at the time of presentation resulted from actions that constitute the unauthorized practice of law in violation of paragraph (2) or (4) of Code Section 15-19-50 or any advisory opinions issued by the Supreme Court of Georgia related to either such paragraph; and

~~(35)~~ (36) Failure to comply with the provisions of Code Section 10-6A-9 or 10-6A-10 regarding brokerage engagements and options to enter into brokerage engagements."

SECTION 2-2.

Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to recording of deeds and other real property transactions, is amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 44-2-14, relating to requirements for recordation, to read as follows:

"(e) Any instrument presented to the clerk of superior court for recordation that requires an official and an unofficial witness may be admitted to record if the authorized signatures of both witnesses and any required seals are present on or in such document. The clerk shall have no further duty to examine the circumstances of the witnessing, or witnesses, method or location of same."

SECTION 2-3.

Said part is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"44-2-31.

(a) Any requirement that a real estate document be witnessed, attested, or acknowledged by an unofficial witness is satisfied if:

(1) The witness is physically present with the signer, personally sees the signer execute such real estate document by hand in ink; or

(2) The witness is physically present with the signer, personally sees the signer electronically execute the real estate document, or is physically present in this state and sees the signer electronically execute such real estate document by the use of communication technology in accordance with Chapter 17 of Title 45, and

electronically executes the real estate document by the use of communication technology in accordance with Chapter 17 of Title 45.

(b) Terms used in this Code Section shall have the same meanings set forth in Code Section 45-17-1."

SECTION 2-4.

Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to inspection of public records, is amended by revising paragraphs (51) and (52) of and by adding a new paragraph to subsection (a) of Code Section 50-18-72, relating to when public disclosure not required, to read as follows:

"(51) Reports submitted to the Department of Revenue, the Atlanta-region Transit Link 'ATL' Authority, or the Department of Transportation by a for-hire ground transport service provider as required pursuant to Code Section 48-13-143; ~~or~~

(52) Any information, including, but not limited to, data and records, prohibited from disclosure pursuant to Code Section 50-18-160~~.~~ ; or

(53) Records consisting of any audiovisual recording of the performance of a remote online notarization process as provided for by Code Section 45-17-8.5."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

Article 3 of Chapter 19 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the regulation of practice of law, is amended by revising Code Section 15-19-56, relating to penalty for prohibited conduct, as follows:

"15-19-56.

(a) Any person, corporation, or voluntary association violating Code Section ~~15-19-51, 15-19-53,~~ 15-19-54~~,~~ or 15-19-55 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(b) Every officer, trustee, director, agent, or employee of a corporation or voluntary association who directly or indirectly engages in any of the acts prohibited in Code Section ~~15-19-51, 15-19-53,~~ 15-19-54~~,~~ or 15-19-55 or assists a corporation or voluntary association in performing the prohibited acts shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. The fact that the person is a duly and regularly admitted attorney at law shall not be held to permit or allow the corporation or voluntary association to do the acts prohibited in such Code sections, nor shall ~~the~~ such fact be a defense upon the trial of any person mentioned therein for a violation of those Code sections. Nothing in this subsection shall prevent any court having jurisdiction from punishing the corporation or its officers for contempt.

(c) Any person, corporation, or voluntary association violating Code Section 15-19-51 or 15-19-53 shall be guilty of a felony and, upon the first conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than three years, a fine of not less than $50,000.00 nor more than $250,000.00, or both. For a second or subsequent conviction, the punishment shall be imprisonment for not less than two years nor more than ten years, a fine of not less than $250,000.00 nor more than $1 million, or both.

(d) Every officer, trustee, director, agent, or employee of a corporation or voluntary association who directly or indirectly engages in any of the acts prohibited in Code Section 15-19-51 or 15-19-53, assists a corporation or voluntary association in performing the prohibited acts, or knew or should have known of the corporation or voluntary association's performance of the prohibited acts shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature and punished as provided by Code Section 17-10-4. The fact that the person is a duly and regularly admitted attorney at law shall not be held to permit or allow the corporation or voluntary association to do the acts prohibited in such Code sections, nor shall such fact be a defense upon the trial of any person mentioned therein for a violation of those Code sections. Nothing in this subsection shall prevent any court having jurisdiction from punishing the corporation or voluntary association or its officers for contempt."

PART IV
SECTION 4-1.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.
(b) Part III of this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026, and shall apply to all offenses committed on or after such date.

SECTION 4-2.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	N Sampson
N Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Alexander	Y Crawford	N Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
N Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	N Scott
E Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
N Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	N Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Myles	N Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
N Bazemore	E Douglas	N Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
N Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
E Bell	N Drenner	N Hugley	N Okoye	N Stinson
N Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D

Y Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	N Taylor, R
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Townsend
N Burnough	N Evans	E Jones, A	N Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	N Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	E Wade
N Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	N Frye	Y Kendrick	E Prince	Y Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	E Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	E Williams, A
N Carter	Y Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	E Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 115, nays 45.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bills of the House:

HB 229. By Representatives Neal of the 79th, Douglas of the 78th, Powell of the 33rd, Tarvin of the 2nd, Scoggins of the 14th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from sales and use taxes, so as to exempt from local taxes the sale or use of materials used in construction of capital outlay projects for educational purposes that were approved and funded through a constitutionally authorized education special purpose local option sales tax; to provide for conditions, limitations, and dates of applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 960. By Representatives Clark of the 108th, Efstration of the 104th, Reeves of the 99th, Park of the 107th, Adeyina of the 110th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the number of judges of superior courts, so as to provide for a twelfth judge of the superior courts of the Gwinnett Judicial Circuit; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 974. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027; to make and provide such appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Bill of the House was taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 974. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027; to make and provide such appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE TO H.B. 974
A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

To make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027; to make and provide such appropriations for the operation of the State government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:
PART I

The sums of money hereinafter provided are appropriated for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, as prescribed hereinafter for such fiscal year:

HB 974 (FY 2027G)		Governor	House	SAC
Revenue Sources Available for Appropriation				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS		$38,499,917,737	$38,499,917,737	$38,499,917,737
State General Funds		$32,947,014,704	$32,947,014,704	$32,947,014,704
Opioid Settlement Trust Fund		$25,305,545	$25,305,545	$25,305,545
State Motor Fuel Funds		$2,612,194,500	$2,612,194,500	$2,612,194,500
Lottery Proceeds		$1,738,815,158	$1,738,815,158	$1,738,815,158
Tobacco Settlement Funds		$148,578,162	$148,578,162	$148,578,162
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund		$1,945,286	$1,945,286	$1,945,286
State Children's Trust Funds		$1,187,489	$1,187,489	$1,187,489
Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds		$2,597,582	$2,597,582	$2,597,582
Trauma Care Trust Funds		$16,618,843	$16,618,843	$16,618,843
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds		$3,009,115	$3,009,115	$3,009,115
Solid Waste Trust Funds		$10,108,446	$10,108,446	$10,108,446
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds		$14,889,007	$14,889,007	$14,889,007
Fireworks Trust Funds		$2,640,636	$2,640,636	$2,640,636
Transit Trust Funds		$41,879,733	$41,879,733	$41,879,733
Transportation Trust Funds		$253,791,143	$253,791,143	$253,791,143
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund		$136,314	$136,314	$136,314
Ambulance Provider Fees		$11,458,192	$11,458,192	$11,458,192

Nursing Home Provider Fees	$128,537,304	$128,537,304	$128,537,304
Hospital Provider Fee	$539,210,578	$539,210,578	$539,210,578
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$24,599,379,473	$24,736,437,719	$24,797,821,338
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$7,960,565,706	$7,960,565,706	$7,960,565,706
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$345,896,595	$345,896,595	$345,896,595
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$14,163,709	$14,163,709	$14,163,709
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$11,785,851	$11,785,851	$11,785,851
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$1,499,466,641	$1,499,466,641	$1,499,466,641
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$95,916,451	$95,859,658	$96,334,965
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$75,051,873	$75,051,873	$75,051,873
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$17,292,191	$17,292,191	$17,292,191
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$13,397,757,483	$13,536,907,207	$13,597,815,519
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$47,852,222	$47,852,222	$47,852,222
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$4,937,680	$4,937,680	$4,937,680
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$61,282,373	$61,459,448	$61,459,448
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$536,384,280	$534,172,520	$534,172,520
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$438,277,398	$438,277,398	$438,277,398
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$435,633,209	$435,633,209	$435,633,209
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	$2,644,189	$2,644,189	$2,644,189
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$7,489,367,955	$7,489,367,955	$7,489,367,955
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$2,203,671	$2,203,671	$2,203,671
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$2,203,671	$2,203,671	$2,203,671
Reserved Fund Balances	$12,741,834	$12,741,834	$12,741,834
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$12,741,834	$12,741,834	$12,741,834
Interest and Investment Income	$13,429,571	$13,429,571	$13,429,571
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$13,429,571	$13,429,571	$13,429,571
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,642,674,556	$2,642,674,556	$2,642,674,556
Hospital Authorities	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$1,104,814,673	$1,104,814,673	$1,104,814,673
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$517,781,620	$517,781,620	$517,781,620
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$594,430,528	$594,430,528	$594,430,528
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$594,430,528	$594,430,528	$594,430,528
Royalties and Rents	$1,167,871	$1,167,871	$1,167,871
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$1,167,871	$1,167,871	$1,167,871
Sales and Services	$4,218,900,017	$4,218,900,017	$4,218,900,017
Record Center Storage Fees	$912,482	$912,482	$912,482
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,167,209,366	$1,167,209,366	$1,167,209,366
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$3,050,778,169	$3,050,778,169	$3,050,778,169
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,819,907	$3,819,907	$3,819,907

Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,819,907	$3,819,907	$3,819,907
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,892,972,392	$5,892,972,392	$5,892,972,392
State Funds Transfers	$5,887,456,642	$5,887,456,642	$5,887,456,642
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$139,064,358	$139,064,358	$139,064,358
Accounting System Assessments	$29,582,540	$29,582,540	$29,582,540
Agency to Agency Contracts	$19,486,618	$19,486,618	$19,486,618
Health Insurance Payments	$5,142,505,397	$5,142,505,397	$5,142,505,397
Liability Funds	$59,811,281	$59,811,281	$59,811,281
Merit System Assessments	$9,104,497	$9,104,497	$9,104,497
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$280,857,262	$280,857,262	$280,857,262
Retirement Payments	$94,220,879	$94,220,879	$94,220,879
Unemployment Compensation Funds	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528
Workers Compensation Funds	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282
Agency Funds Transfers	$3,418,260	$3,418,260	$3,418,260
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$3,418,260	$3,418,260	$3,418,260
Federal Funds Transfers	$2,097,490	$2,097,490	$2,097,490
Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192
FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$70,588,665,165	$70,725,723,411	$70,787,107,030
Changes in Fund Availability			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$738,230,412	$738,230,412	$738,230,412
State General Funds	$429,401,689	$429,401,689	$429,401,689
Opioid Settlement Trust Fund	$25,305,545	$25,305,545	$25,305,545
State Motor Fuel Funds	$135,751,698	$135,751,698	$135,751,698
Lottery Proceeds	$76,328,203	$76,328,203	$76,328,203
Tobacco Settlement Funds	($37,738)	($37,738)	($37,738)
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	($65,585)	($65,585)	($65,585)
State Children’s Trust Funds	($35,348)	($35,348)	($35,348)
Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds	$372,015	$372,015	$372,015
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$228,970	$228,970	$228,970
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$1,015,650	$1,015,650	$1,015,650
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$270,147	$270,147	$270,147
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$3,117,516	$3,117,516	$3,117,516
Fireworks Trust Funds	($34,335)	($34,335)	($34,335)
Transit Trust Funds	$3,874,376	$3,874,376	$3,874,376
Transportation Trust Funds	$15,520,002	$15,520,002	$15,520,002
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$2,105	$2,105	$2,105
Ambulance Provider Fees	$2,646,178	$2,646,178	$2,646,178
Nursing Home Provider Fees	($30,458,227)	($30,458,227)	($30,458,227)
Hospital Provider Fee	$75,027,551	$75,027,551	$75,027,551

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$580,048,169	$717,106,415	$778,490,034
Federal Funds Not Itemized	($38,651,245)	($38,651,245)	($38,651,245)
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$3,338,242	$3,281,449	$3,756,756
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$620,881,489	$760,031,213	$820,939,525
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$0	$177,075	$177,075
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	($5,520,317)	($7,732,077)	($7,732,077)
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,833,802	$2,833,802	$2,833,802
Interest and Investment Income	($43,773)	($43,773)	($43,773)
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	($43,773)	($43,773)	($43,773)
Sales and Services	$2,877,575	$2,877,575	$2,877,575
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,877,575	$2,877,575	$2,877,575
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$4,132,298	$4,132,298	$4,132,298
State Funds Transfers	$3,989,379	$3,989,379	$3,989,379
Accounting System Assessments	$3,588,655	$3,588,655	$3,588,655
Agency to Agency Contracts	$400,724	$400,724	$400,724
Agency Funds Transfers	$142,919	$142,919	$142,919
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$142,919	$142,919	$142,919
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,325,244,681	$1,462,302,927	$1,523,686,546

Reconciliation of Fund Availability to Fund Application

Section 1: Georgia Senate

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,015,468	$18,015,468	$18,015,468
State General Funds	$18,015,468	$18,015,468	$18,015,468
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,015,468	$18,015,468	$18,015,468

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,265,468	$18,265,468	$20,641,265
State General Funds	$18,265,468	$18,265,468	$20,641,265
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,265,468	$18,265,468	$20,641,265

Lieutenant Governor's Office		**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,346,940	$2,346,940	$2,346,940
State General Funds	$2,346,940	$2,346,940	$2,346,940
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,346,940	$2,346,940	$2,346,940

1.1 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds ($61,291)

1.1000 Lieutenant Governor's Office			Appropriation (HB 974)
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,346,940	$2,346,940	$2,285,649
State General Funds	$2,346,940	$2,346,940	$2,285,649
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,346,940	$2,346,940	$2,285,649

Secretary of the Senate's Office		Continuation Budget	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,553,243	$1,553,243	$1,553,243
State General Funds	$1,553,243	$1,553,243	$1,553,243
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,553,243	$1,553,243	$1,553,243

2.1 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds ($70,047)

2.1000 Secretary of the Senate's Office			Appropriation (HB 974)
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,553,243	$1,553,243	$1,483,196
State General Funds	$1,553,243	$1,553,243	$1,483,196
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,553,243	$1,553,243	$1,483,196

Senate		Continuation Budget	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,115,285	$14,115,285	$14,115,285
State General Funds	$14,115,285	$14,115,285	$14,115,285
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,115,285	$14,115,285	$14,115,285

3.1 *Increase funds for legislative operations.*

State General Funds $250,000 $250,000 $3,300,000

3.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds ($542,865)

3.1000 Senate			Appropriation (HB 974)
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,365,285	$14,365,285	$16,872,420
State General Funds	$14,365,285	$14,365,285	$16,872,420
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,365,285	$14,365,285	$16,872,420

Section 2: Georgia House of Representatives

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,664,595	$26,664,595	$26,664,595
State General Funds	$26,664,595	$26,664,595	$26,664,595
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$26,664,595	$26,664,595	$26,664,595
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$29,964,595	$28,867,765	$28,867,765
State General Funds	$29,964,595	$28,867,765	$28,867,765
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$29,964,595	$28,867,765	$28,867,765
House of Representatives		**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,664,595	$26,664,595	$26,664,595
State General Funds	$26,664,595	$26,664,595	$26,664,595
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$26,664,595	$26,664,595	$26,664,595
4.1 *Increase funds for legislative operations.*			
State General Funds	$3,300,000	$3,300,000	$3,300,000
4.2 *Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs. (H:YES)(S:YES)*			
State General Funds		$0	$0
4.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*			
State General Funds		($1,096,830)	($1,096,830)
4.1000 House of Representatives			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$29,964,595	$28,867,765	$28,867,765
State General Funds	$29,964,595	$28,867,765	$28,867,765
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$29,964,595	$28,867,765	$28,867,765

Section 3: Georgia General Assembly Joint Offices

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,364,111	$23,364,111	$23,364,111
State General Funds	$23,364,111	$23,364,111	$23,364,111
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$23,364,111	$23,364,111	$23,364,111

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,364,111	$23,443,735	$23,443,735
State General Funds	$23,364,111	$23,443,735	$23,443,735
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$23,364,111	$23,443,735	$23,443,735

Ancillary Activities **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services for the legislative branch of government.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,476,476	$15,476,476	$15,476,476
State General Funds	$15,476,476	$15,476,476	$15,476,476
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,476,476	$15,476,476	$15,476,476

5.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$132	$132

5.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($49,540)	($49,540)

5.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$1,531	$1,531

5.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($292,342)	($292,342)

5.5 *Increase funds for legislative operations.*

State General Funds	$250,000	$250,000

5.1000 Ancillary Activities **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services for the legislative branch of government.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,476,476	$15,386,257	$15,386,257
State General Funds	$15,476,476	$15,386,257	$15,386,257
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,476,476	$15,386,257	$15,386,257

Legislative Fiscal Office **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to act as the bookkeeper-comptroller for the legislative branch of government and maintain an account of legislative expenditures and commitments.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,400,401	$1,400,401	$1,400,401
State General Funds	$1,400,401	$1,400,401	$1,400,401
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,400,401	$1,400,401	$1,400,401

6.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$37,358	$37,358

6.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($58,468)	($58,468)

6.1000 Legislative Fiscal Office			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to act as the bookkeeper-comptroller for the legislative branch of government and maintain an account of legislative expenditures and commitments.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,400,401	$1,379,291	$1,379,291
State General Funds	$1,400,401	$1,379,291	$1,379,291
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,400,401	$1,379,291	$1,379,291

Office of Legislative Counsel			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide bill-drafting services, advice and counsel for members of the General Assembly.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,487,234	$6,487,234	$6,487,234
State General Funds	$6,487,234	$6,487,234	$6,487,234
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,487,234	$6,487,234	$6,487,234

7.1 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($309,047)	($309,047)

7.2 *Increase funds for Georgia Laws digitization project.*

State General Funds	$500,000	$500,000

7.1000 Office of Legislative Counsel			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide bill-drafting services, advice and counsel for members of the General Assembly.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,487,234	$6,678,187	$6,678,187
State General Funds	$6,487,234	$6,678,187	$6,678,187
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,487,234	$6,678,187	$6,678,187

Section 4: Audits and Accounts, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$47,905,532	$47,905,532	$47,905,532
State General Funds	$47,905,532	$47,905,532	$47,905,532
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000

Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$47,965,532	$47,965,532	$47,965,532
Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$49,831,207	$49,444,285	$49,339,337
State General Funds	$49,831,207	$49,444,285	$49,339,337
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$49,891,207	$49,504,285	$49,399,337

Audit and Assurance Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide audit and assurance services for State Agencies, Authorities, Commissions, Bureaus, and higher education systems to facilitate Auditor's reports for the State of Georgia Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, the State of Georgia Single Audit Report, and the State of Georgia Budgetary Compliance Report; to conduct audits of public school systems in Georgia; to conduct performance audits; to perform special examinations at the request of the General Assembly; to conduct reviews of audits reports conducted by other independent auditors of local governments and non-profit organizations contracting with the State; and to provide state financial information online to promote transparency in government.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,356,229	$39,356,229	$39,356,229
State General Funds	$39,356,229	$39,356,229	$39,356,229
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,416,229	$39,416,229	$39,416,229

8.1 *Increase funds for an increase to base salary and merit-based adjustments in support of market alignment for critical employee recruitment and retention initiatives.*

State General Funds	$688,173	$688,173	$688,173

8.2 *Increase funds for continued investment in subscription-based data analytics and Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies to innovate and improve the productivity in support of audit work and results.*

State General Funds	$464,162	$464,162	$464,162

8.3 *Increase funds to invest in agency cloud-based auditing software to strengthen audit capabilities and enhance efficiency, quality, and consistency in audit execution.*

State General Funds	$248,021	$248,021	$248,021

8.4 *Increase funds for three existing software subscriptions.*

State General Funds	$354,578	$354,578	$354,578

8.5 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($3,021)	($3,021)

8.6 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$2,697	$2,697

8.7 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($1,813,334)	($1,813,334)

8.8 *Increase funds to assume responsibility for additional public school system audits over a three-year period.*

State General Funds	$1,684,500	$1,579,552

8.1000 Audit and Assurance Services **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide audit and assurance services for State Agencies, Authorities, Commissions, Bureaus, and higher education systems to facilitate Auditor's reports for the State of Georgia Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, the State of Georgia Single Audit Report, and the State of Georgia Budgetary Compliance Report; to conduct audits of public school systems in Georgia; to conduct performance audits; to perform special examinations at the request of the General Assembly; to conduct reviews of audits reports conducted by other independent auditors of local governments and non-profit organizations contracting with the State; and to provide state financial information online to promote transparency in government.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$41,111,163	$40,982,005	$40,877,057
State General Funds	$41,111,163	$40,982,005	$40,877,057
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$41,171,163	$41,042,005	$40,937,057

Departmental Administration (DOAA) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all Department programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,255,621	$3,255,621	$3,255,621
State General Funds	$3,255,621	$3,255,621	$3,255,621
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,255,621	$3,255,621	$3,255,621

9.1 *Increase funds for an increase to base salary and merit-based adjustments in support of market alignment for critical employee recruitment and retention initiatives.*

State General Funds	$64,527	$64,527	$64,527

9.2 *Increase funds for three existing software subscriptions.*

State General Funds	$22,761	$22,761	$22,761

9.3 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($194)	($194)

9.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$147	$147

9.5 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$173	$173

9.6 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($116,401)	($116,401)

9.1000 Departmental Administration (DOAA)			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all Department programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,342,909	$3,226,634	$3,226,634
State General Funds	$3,342,909	$3,226,634	$3,226,634
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,342,909	$3,226,634	$3,226,634

Legislative Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to analyze proposed legislation affecting state retirement systems for fiscal impact and review actuarial investigations and to prepare fiscal notes upon request on other legislation having a significant impact on state revenues and/or expenditures.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000
State General Funds	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000

10.1000 Legislative Services			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to analyze proposed legislation affecting state retirement systems for fiscal impact and review actuarial investigations and to prepare fiscal notes upon request on other legislation having a significant impact on state revenues and/or expenditures.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000
State General Funds	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000

Statewide Equalized Adjusted Property Tax Digest **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to establish an equalized adjusted property tax digest for each county and for the State as a whole for use in allocating state funds for public school systems; to provide the Revenue Commissioner statistical data regarding county Tax Assessor compliance with requirements for both uniformity of assessment and level of assessment; and to establish the appropriate level of assessment for centrally assessed public utility companies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,050,682	$3,050,682	$3,050,682
State General Funds	$3,050,682	$3,050,682	$3,050,682
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,050,682	$3,050,682	$3,050,682

11.1 *Increase funds for an increase to base salary and merit-based adjustments in support of market alignment for critical employee recruitment and retention initiatives.*

State General Funds	$55,792	$55,792	$55,792

11.2 *Increase funds for three existing software subscriptions.*

State General Funds	$27,661	$27,661	$27,661

11.3 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds		($236)	($236)

11.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds		$210	$210

11.5 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds		($141,463)	($141,463)

11.1000 Statewide Equalized Adjusted Property Tax Digest **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to establish an equalized adjusted property tax digest for each county and for the State as a whole for use in allocating state funds for public school systems; to provide the Revenue Commissioner statistical data regarding county Tax Assessor compliance with requirements for both uniformity of assessment and level of assessment; and to establish the appropriate level of assessment for centrally assessed public utility companies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,134,135	$2,992,646	$2,992,646
State General Funds	$3,134,135	$2,992,646	$2,992,646
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,134,135	$2,992,646	$2,992,646

Section 5: Appeals, Court of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,677,694	$27,677,694	$27,677,694
State General Funds	$27,677,694	$27,677,694	$27,677,694
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,827,694	$27,827,694	$27,827,694

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$29,684,895	$28,096,094	$28,196,566
State General Funds	$29,684,895	$28,096,094	$28,196,566

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$29,834,895	$28,246,094	$28,346,566

Court of Appeals **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is for this court to review and exercise appellate and certiorari jurisdiction pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Georgia, Art. VI, Section V, Para. III, in all cases not reserved to the Supreme Court of Georgia or conferred on other courts by law.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,677,694	$27,677,694	$27,677,694
State General Funds	$27,677,694	$27,677,694	$27,677,694
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,827,694	$27,827,694	$27,827,694

12.1 *Increase funds to annualize judges' FY2026 salary increase.*

State General Funds	$592,672	$592,672	$723,144

12.2 *Increase funds to annualize FY2026 recruitment and retention increases for attorneys and professional staff with largest disparities between current salaries and market values due to critical turnover of experienced senior-level staff (Phase 1 of a multi-year plan). (S:Increase funds to annualize FY2026 recruitment and retention increases for attorneys and professional staff with largest disparities between current salaries and market values due to critical turnover of experienced senior-level staff)*

State General Funds	$338,459	$338,459	$338,459

12.3 *Increase funds to annualize FY2026 recruitment and retention increases for Court staff due to critical turnover (Phase 1 of multi-year plan). (S:Increase funds to annualize FY2026 recruitment and retention increases for Court staff due to critical turnover)*

State General Funds	$109,272	$109,272	$109,272

12.4 *Increase funds for judges' salaries pursuant to O.C.G.A. 45-7-4 (HB86 (2025 Legislative Session)).*

State General Funds	$387,065	$0	$0

12.5 *Increase funds to annualize commute funds for a new judge appointed January 1, 2025.*

State General Funds	$40,000	$40,000	$10,000

12.6 *Increase funds for two positions and associated operations for a new Judicial Protective Services office to be shared with the Supreme Court.*

State General Funds	$291,631	$291,631	$291,631

12.7 *Increase funds for the one-time purchase of a judicial security vehicle to be utilized by the Judicial Protection Services office. (S:Increase funds for the one-time purchase of an SUV made in the state of Georgia to be utilized by the Judicial Protection Services office)*

State General Funds	$51,102	$46,753	$46,753

12.8 *Increase funds to annualize ongoing licensing and maintenance costs associated with moving the Court's technology platform to a cloud-based solution.*

State General Funds	$197,000	$197,000	$197,000

12.9 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds		($4,015)	($4,015)

12.10 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds		($3,944)	($3,944)

12.11 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds		$3,073	$3,073

12.12 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds		($1,192,501)	($1,192,501)

12.13 *Recognize that the Court's employer contribution fringe rate has grown to 103.6% as a percentage of salary prior to one statewide measure on State Health Benefit Plan reduction, and the entity is urged to consider policies and steps to reduce the actuarial liabilities. (S:YES)*

State General Funds			$0

12.1000 Court of Appeals			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is for this court to review and exercise appellate and certiorari jurisdiction pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Georgia, Art. VI, Section V, Para. III, in all cases not reserved to the Supreme Court of Georgia or conferred on other courts by law.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$29,684,895	$28,096,094	$28,196,566
State General Funds	$29,684,895	$28,096,094	$28,196,566
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$29,834,895	$28,246,094	$28,346,566

Section 6: Judicial Council

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,262,541	$26,262,541	$26,262,541
State General Funds	$26,262,541	$26,262,541	$26,262,541
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,469,320	$2,469,320	$2,469,320
Intergovernmental Transfers	$714,905	$714,905	$714,905
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$714,905	$714,905	$714,905
Sales and Services	$1,754,415	$1,754,415	$1,754,415
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,754,415	$1,754,415	$1,754,415
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000

State Funds Transfers	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$30,729,228	$30,729,228	$30,729,228

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$28,389,108	$29,286,991	$28,514,278
State General Funds	$28,389,108	$29,286,991	$28,514,278
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,469,320	$2,469,320	$2,469,320
Intergovernmental Transfers	$714,905	$714,905	$714,905
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$714,905	$714,905	$714,905
Sales and Services	$1,754,415	$1,754,415	$1,754,415
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,754,415	$1,754,415	$1,754,415
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000
State Funds Transfers	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$32,855,795	$33,753,678	$32,980,965

Council of Accountability Court Judges **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,325,892	$1,325,892	$1,325,892
State General Funds	$1,325,892	$1,325,892	$1,325,892
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,325,892	$1,325,892	$1,325,892

13.1 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($46,118)	($46,118)

13.1000 Council of Accountability Court Judges **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,325,892	$1,279,774	$1,279,774
State General Funds	$1,325,892	$1,279,774	$1,279,774
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,325,892	$1,279,774	$1,279,774

Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to oversee the state's court-connected alternative dispute resolution (ADR) services by promoting the establishment of new ADR court programs, providing support to existing programs, establishing and enforcing qualifications and ethical standards, registering ADR professionals and volunteers, providing training, administering statewide grants, and collecting statistical data to monitor program effectiveness.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212
Sales and Services	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212
14.1 *Increase funds to support the Schedule Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) case management system.*			
State General Funds	$78,000	$78,000	$39,000
14.2 *Increase funds for one program coordinator.*			
State General Funds	$125,711	$125,711	$125,711

14.1000 Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to oversee the state's court-connected alternative dispute resolution (ADR) services by promoting the establishment of new ADR court programs, providing support to existing programs, establishing and enforcing qualifications and ethical standards, registering ADR professionals and volunteers, providing training, administering statewide grants, and collecting statistical data to monitor program effectiveness.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$203,711	$203,711	$164,711
State General Funds	$203,711	$203,711	$164,711
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212
Sales and Services	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$690,923	$690,923	$651,923

Institute of Continuing Judicial Education		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide basic training and continuing education for Superior Court Judges, Juvenile Court Judges, State Court Judges, Probate Court Judges, Magistrate Court Judges, Municipal Court Judges, Superior Court Clerks, Juvenile Court Clerks, Municipal Court Clerks, and other court personnel.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$844,596	$844,596	$844,596
State General Funds	$844,596	$844,596	$844,596
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203
Sales and Services	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,797,799	$1,797,799	$1,797,799

15.1 *Increase funds for one accounting paraprofessional position.*

State General Funds	$63,228	$63,228	$63,228

15.1000 Institute of Continuing Judicial Education **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide basic training and continuing education for Superior Court Judges, Juvenile Court Judges, State Court Judges, Probate Court Judges, Magistrate Court Judges, Municipal Court Judges, Superior Court Clerks, Juvenile Court Clerks, Municipal Court Clerks, and other court personnel.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$907,824	$907,824	$907,824
State General Funds	$907,824	$907,824	$907,824
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203
Sales and Services	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,861,027	$1,861,027	$1,861,027

Judicial Council **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of the appropriation is to support the Administrative Office of the Courts; to provide administrative support for the councils of the Magistrate Court Judges, the Municipal Court Judges, the Probate Court Judges, the State Court Judges, and the Georgia Council of Court Administrators; to operate the Child Support E-Filing system, the Child Support Guidelines Commission, and the Commission on Interpreters; and to support the Committee on Justice for Children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,476,799	$18,476,799	$18,476,799
State General Funds	$18,476,799	$18,476,799	$18,476,799
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,018,905	$1,018,905	$1,018,905
Intergovernmental Transfers	$714,905	$714,905	$714,905
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$714,905	$714,905	$714,905
Sales and Services	$304,000	$304,000	$304,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$304,000	$304,000	$304,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000
State Funds Transfers	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,493,071	$21,493,071	$21,493,071

16.1 *Increase funds to annualize FY2026 recruitment and retention initiatives effective January 1, 2026.*

State General Funds	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000

16.2 *Increase funds for continuity for the Georgia Case Management System project.*

State General Funds	$586,649	$586,649	$195,550

16.3 *Increase funds for Civil Legal Services for families of indigent patients.*

State General Funds	$209,500	$0	$0

16.4 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds		($484)	($484)

16.5 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds		($536)	($536)

16.6 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds		$6,192	$6,192

16.7 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds		($349,454)	($349,454)

16.8 *Increase funds to contract with Council of Superior Court Judges, the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council, and the Georgia Public Defender Council for the express purpose of speedy adjudication of individuals held in county jail charged with crimes specifically related to state prison contraband. (S:Increase funds for one-time funding to contract with Council of Superior Court Judges, the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council, and the Georgia Public Defender Council for the express purpose of speedy adjudication of individuals held in county jail charged with crimes specifically related to state prison contraband)*

State General Funds		$1,000,000	$1,000,000

16.9 *Study and report on alternative caseload formula in collaboration with the Administrative Office of the Courts, House Budget and Research Office, and Senate Budget and Evaluation Office and prepare to move to a new formula for determining additional judgeships that does not automatically lead to the creation of new judgeships each year, beginning in FY2028. (S:YES)*

State General Funds			$0

16.1000 Judicial Council **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of the appropriation is to support the Administrative Office of the Courts; to provide administrative support for the councils of the Magistrate Court Judges, the Municipal Court Judges, the Probate Court Judges, the State Court Judges, and the Georgia Council of Court Administrators; to operate the Child Support E-Filing system, the Child Support Guidelines Commission, and the Commission on Interpreters; and to support the Committee on Justice for Children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$19,372,948	$19,819,166	$19,428,067
State General Funds	$19,372,948	$19,819,166	$19,428,067
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,018,905	$1,018,905	$1,018,905
Intergovernmental Transfers	$714,905	$714,905	$714,905
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$714,905	$714,905	$714,905
Sales and Services	$304,000	$304,000	$304,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$304,000	$304,000	$304,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000

State Funds Transfers	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$22,389,220	$22,835,438	$22,444,339

Judicial Qualifications Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate complaints filed against a judicial officer, impose and recommend disciplinary sanctions against any judicial officer, and when necessary, file formal charges against that officer and provide a formal trial or hearing. The purpose of this appropriation is also to produce formal and informal advisory opinions; provide training and guidance to judicial candidates regarding the Code of Judicial Conduct; and investigate allegations of unethical campaign practices.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,593,094	$1,593,094	$1,593,094
State General Funds	$1,593,094	$1,593,094	$1,593,094
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,593,094	$1,593,094	$1,593,094

17.1 *Increase funds for personnel for a second full-time investigator position.*

State General Funds	$134,092	$134,092	$134,092

17.2 *Increase funds for security partnerships.*

State General Funds	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000

17.3 *Increase funds to support growing operations costs, including litigation before the Judicial Qualification Commission's Hearing panel. (S:YES; Utilize existing funds ($50,000) and increase funds to support growing operations costs, including litigation before the Judicial Qualification Commission's Hearing panel (Total $75,000))*

State General Funds	$75,000	$75,000	$25,000

17.4 *Increase funds for personnel for a fourth full-time attorney position. (H:Increase funds for personnel for a fourth and fifth full-time attorney position)(S:Increase funds for personnel for a fourth full-time attorney position)*

State General Funds	$167,614	$335,228	$167,614

17.5 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds		($40,041)	($40,041)

17.1000 Judicial Qualifications Commission **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate complaints filed against a judicial officer, impose and recommend disciplinary sanctions against any judicial officer, and when necessary, file formal charges against that officer and provide a formal trial or hearing. The purpose of this appropriation is also to produce formal and informal advisory opinions; provide training and guidance to judicial candidates regarding the Code of Judicial Conduct; and investigate allegations of unethical campaign practices.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,019,800	$2,147,373	$1,929,759
State General Funds	$2,019,800	$2,147,373	$1,929,759
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,019,800	$2,147,373	$1,929,759

Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to carry out the duties associated with investigative and hearing panels on the conduct of district attorneys and solicitors general, as well as funding administrative personnel and operations.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,125,000	$1,125,000	$1,125,000
State General Funds	$1,125,000	$1,125,000	$1,125,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,125,000	$1,125,000	$1,125,000

18.1 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds		($24,506)	($24,506)

18.1000 Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to carry out the duties associated with investigative and hearing panels on the conduct of district attorneys and solicitors general, as well as funding administrative personnel and operations.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,125,000	$1,100,494	$1,100,494
State General Funds	$1,125,000	$1,100,494	$1,100,494
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,125,000	$1,100,494	$1,100,494

Resource Center **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide direct representation to death penalty sentenced inmates and to recruit and assist private attorneys to represent plaintiffs in habeas corpus proceedings.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000
State General Funds	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000

19.1 *Increase funds to offset reductions in other fund sources.*

State General Funds	$125,000	$125,000	$0

19.1000 Resource Center **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide direct representation to death penalty sentenced inmates and to recruit and assist private attorneys to represent plaintiffs in habeas corpus proceedings.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,025,000	$1,025,000	$900,000
State General Funds	$1,025,000	$1,025,000	$900,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,025,000	$1,025,000	$900,000

Georgia State-wide Business Court **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support a state-wide business court in matters of resolving commercial dispute and litigation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,997,160	$1,997,160	$1,997,160
State General Funds	$1,997,160	$1,997,160	$1,997,160
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
Sales and Services	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,007,160	$2,007,160	$2,007,160

20.1 *Increase funds to increase judge salary to the maximum authorized salary per O.C.G.A. 45-7-4 (HB86 (2025 Legislative Session)), which includes the annualized increase ($22,271) consistent with appropriations effective January 1, 2026, and the annual increase ($19,168) in authorized salary. (H and S:Increase funds to annualize judge salary effective January 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	$41,439	$22,271	$22,271

20.2 *Increase funds for personnel to align salaries per O.C.G.A. 15-5A-11.*

State General Funds	$8,747	$8,747	$8,747

20.3 *Increase funds to annualize FY2026 recruitment and retention initiatives effective January 1, 2026.*

State General Funds	$30,386	$30,386	$30,386

20.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds		($56,385)	($56,385)

20.1000 Georgia State-wide Business Court			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support a state-wide business court in matters of resolving commercial dispute and litigation.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,077,732	$2,002,179	$2,002,179
State General Funds	$2,077,732	$2,002,179	$2,002,179
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
Sales and Services	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,087,732	$2,012,179	$2,012,179

Georgia Tax Court		**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

21.1 *Increase funds for judge salary at the maximum authorized salary per O.C.G.A. 45-7-4, (HB86 (2025 Legislative Session)). (H and S:Increase funds for judge salary to mirror the Statewide Business Court judge salary effective January 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	$113,302	$346,517	$346,517

21.2 *Increase funds for personnel for one staff attorney position.*			
State General Funds	$217,899	$217,899	$217,899
21.3 *Increase funds for one court administrator.*			
State General Funds		$95,054	$95,054
21.4 *Increase funds for operations.*			
State General Funds		$45,000	$45,000
21.5 *Increase funds for software maintenance and equipment.*			
State General Funds		$15,000	$15,000
21.6 *Increase funds for contracts.*			
State General Funds		$82,000	$82,000

21.999 ***SAC****: The purpose of this appropriation is to support a tax court with state-wide jurisdiction over challenges and appeals of tax matters involving the Georgia Department of Revenue.*
House*: The purpose of this appropriation is to support a tax court with state-wide jurisdiction over challenges and appeals of tax matters involving the Georgia Department of Revenue.*
Governor*: The purpose of this appropriation is to support a tax court with state-wide jurisdiction over challenges and appeals of tax matters involving the Georgia Department of Revenue.*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

21.1000 Georgia Tax Court			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support a tax court with state-wide jurisdiction over challenges and appeals of tax matters involving the Georgia Department of Revenue.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$331,201	$801,470	$801,470
State General Funds	$331,201	$801,470	$801,470
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$331,201	$801,470	$801,470

Section 7: Juvenile Courts

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,810,645	$9,810,645	$9,810,645
State General Funds	$9,810,645	$9,810,645	$9,810,645
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,878,131	$9,878,131	$9,878,131

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,303,813	$10,243,640	$10,243,640
State General Funds	$10,303,813	$10,243,640	$10,243,640
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,371,299	$10,311,126	$10,311,126

Council of Juvenile Court Judges **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the Council of Juvenile Court Judges to represent all the juvenile judges in Georgia. Jurisdiction in cases involving children includes delinquencies, status offenses, and deprivation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,026,916	$2,026,916	$2,026,916
State General Funds	$2,026,916	$2,026,916	$2,026,916
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,094,402	$2,094,402	$2,094,402

22.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($679)	($679)

22.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$487	$487

22.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($59,981)	($59,981)

22.1000 Council of Juvenile Court Judges **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the Council of Juvenile Court Judges to represent all the juvenile judges in Georgia. Jurisdiction in cases involving children includes delinquencies, status offenses, and deprivation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,026,916	$1,966,743	$1,966,743
State General Funds	$2,026,916	$1,966,743	$1,966,743
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,094,402	$2,034,229	$2,034,229

Grants to Counties for Juvenile Court Judges **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is for payment of state funds to circuits to pay for juvenile court judges salaries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,783,729	$7,783,729	$7,783,729
State General Funds	$7,783,729	$7,783,729	$7,783,729
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,783,729	$7,783,729	$7,783,729

23.1 *Increase funds to reflect an increase in the Judicial Retirement System (JRS) employer contribution rate due to passage of HB85 (2025 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	$493,168	$493,168	$493,168

23.1000 Grants to Counties for Juvenile Court Judges			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is for payment of state funds to circuits to pay for juvenile court judges salaries.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,276,897	$8,276,897	$8,276,897
State General Funds	$8,276,897	$8,276,897	$8,276,897
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,276,897	$8,276,897	$8,276,897

Section 8: Prosecuting Attorneys

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$131,005,428	$131,005,428	$131,005,428
State General Funds	$131,005,428	$131,005,428	$131,005,428
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,239,803	$2,239,803	$2,239,803
State Funds Transfers	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611
Agency to Agency Contracts	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611
Federal Funds Transfers	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192
Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$133,245,231	$133,245,231	$133,245,231

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$158,558,035	$139,690,700	$135,511,573
State General Funds	$158,558,035	$139,690,700	$135,511,573
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,640,527	$2,640,527	$2,640,527
State Funds Transfers	$764,335	$764,335	$764,335
Agency to Agency Contracts	$764,335	$764,335	$764,335
Federal Funds Transfers	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192
Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$161,198,562	$142,331,227	$138,152,100

Conflict Case **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist District Attorneys in the execution of their duties when a District Attorney is disqualified from interest or relationship to engage in a prosecution per OCGA 15-18-5.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,700,282	$1,700,282	$1,700,282
State General Funds	$1,700,282	$1,700,282	$1,700,282
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,700,282	$1,700,282	$1,700,282

24.1 *Increase funds to annualize FY2026 revised pay scale and one step increase for attorneys.*

State General Funds	$41,729	$41,729	$41,729

24.2 *Increase funds to annualize FY2026 salary increases for recruitment and retention of prosecution support.*

State General Funds	$5,597	$5,597	$5,597

24.3 *Increase funds for a one step increase for attorneys to support recruitment and retention needs.*

State General Funds	$16,819	$0	$0

24.4 *Increase funds for year two of a revised pay scale for attorneys to support recruitment and retention needs. (S:Increase funds for a revised pay scale for attorneys to support recruitment and retention needs)*

State General Funds	$115,477	$115,477	$115,477

24.5 *Reduce funds for conflict case travel.*

State General Funds	($200,000)	($200,000)	($200,000)

24.6 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds		$936	$936

24.7 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds		($53,030)	($53,030)

24.997 *Transfer funds from the Conflict Case program to the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council program to reflect realignment.*

State General Funds	($1,529,904)	($1,460,991)	($1,460,991)

24.998 *Transfer funds from the Conflict Case program to the District Attorneys program to reflect realignment.*

State General Funds	($150,000)	($150,000)	($150,000)

Council of Superior Court Clerks **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist superior court clerks throughout the state in the execution of their duties and to promote and assist in the training of superior court clerks.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$190,721	$190,721	$190,721
State General Funds	$190,721	$190,721	$190,721
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$190,721	$190,721	$190,721

25.1000 Council of Superior Court Clerks			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist superior court clerks throughout the state in the execution of their duties and to promote and assist in the training of superior court clerks.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$190,721	$190,721	$190,721
State General Funds	$190,721	$190,721	$190,721
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$190,721	$190,721	$190,721

District Attorneys			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is for the District Attorney to represent the State of Georgia in the trial and appeal of criminal cases in the Superior Court for the judicial circuit and delinquency cases in the juvenile courts per Ga. Const., Art. VI, Sec. VIII. Para I and OCGA 15-18.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$118,315,041	$118,315,041	$118,315,041
State General Funds	$118,315,041	$118,315,041	$118,315,041
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,239,803	$2,239,803	$2,239,803
State Funds Transfers	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611
Agency to Agency Contracts	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611
Federal Funds Transfers	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192
Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$120,554,844	$120,554,844	$120,554,844
26.1 *Increase funds to implement a new salary structure for District Attorneys. (H:Increase funds to set District Attorney salary to $175,000, effective January 1, 2027)(S:Increase funds to set District Attorney salary to $175,000 effective January 1, 2027 contingent upon District Attorney not receiving local supplemental pay)*			
State General Funds	$5,071,316	$1,570,584	$1,570,584
26.2 *Increase funds for a one step increase for Assistant District Attorneys to support recruitment and retention needs.*			
State General Funds	$3,935,080	$0	$0
26.3 *Increase funds to annualize FY2026 revised pay scale and one step increase for Assistant District Attorneys.*			
State General Funds	$5,074,284	$5,074,284	$5,074,284
26.4 *Increase funds to annualize FY2026 salary increases for recruitment and retention of prosecution support.*			
State General Funds	$414,015	$414,015	$414,015
26.5 *Increase funds to annualize additional Assistant District Attorney positions for new judgeships in Alapaha and Douglas Judicial Circuits.*			
State General Funds	$179,746	$179,746	$179,746
26.6 *Increase funds for one investigator, one victim advocate and two secretaries for the West Georgia Judicial Circuit pursuant to SB424 (2024 Legislative Session).*			
State General Funds	$467,594	$467,594	$467,594

26.7 *Increase funds for year two of a revised pay scale for Assistant District Attorneys to support recruitment and retention needs. (H:Increase funds for year two of a revised pay scale for Assistant District Attorneys to support recruitment and retention needs effective January 1, 2027)(S:Increase funds for a revised pay scale for Assistant District Attorneys to support recruitment and retention needs effective January 1, 2027)*

State General Funds	$11,447,035	$5,723,518	$5,723,518

26.8 *Increase funds for three additional Assistant District Attorney positions for new judgeships in the Gwinnett, Middle and Northeastern Judicial Circuits, effective January 1, 2027. (H:Increase funds for four additional Assistant District Attorney positions for new judgeships in the Atlanta, Gwinnett, Middle and Northeastern Judicial Circuits, effective January 1, 2027)(S:Increase funds for three additional Assistant District Attorney positions for new judgeships in the Gwinnett, Middle and Northeastern Judicial Circuits, effective January 1, 2027)*

State General Funds	$302,565	$403,420	$302,565

26.9 *Increase funds to reflect a change in the Department of Human Services Child Support Services contract (Department of Human Services grant funds).*

Agency to Agency Contracts	$400,724	$400,724	$400,724

26.10 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds		$92,555	$92,555

26.11 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds		($5,577,347)	($5,577,347)

26.12 *Increase funds to reflect an increase in the Judicial Retirement System employer contribution rate from 8.89% to 9.10%.*

State General Funds		$14,188	$14,188

26.13 *Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures with surplus projected by agency.*

State General Funds			($2,787,946)

26.998 *Transfer funds from the Conflict Case program to the District Attorneys program for conflict case travel.*

State General Funds	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000

26.1000 District Attorneys **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the District Attorney to represent the State of Georgia in the trial and appeal of criminal cases in the Superior Court for the judicial circuit and delinquency cases in the juvenile courts per Ga. Const., Art. VI, Sec. VIII. Para I and OCGA 15-18.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$145,356,676	$126,827,598	$123,938,797
State General Funds	$145,356,676	$126,827,598	$123,938,797
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,640,527	$2,640,527	$2,640,527
State Funds Transfers	$764,335	$764,335	$764,335
Agency to Agency Contracts	$764,335	$764,335	$764,335
Federal Funds Transfers	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192
Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$147,997,203	$129,468,125	$126,579,324

Prosecuting Attorneys' Council		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist Georgia's District Attorneys and State Court Solicitors.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,799,384	$10,799,384	$10,799,384
State General Funds	$10,799,384	$10,799,384	$10,799,384
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,799,384	$10,799,384	$10,799,384
27.1 *Increase funds to annualize FY2026 revised pay scale and one step increase for attorneys.*			
State General Funds	$109,347	$109,347	$109,347
27.2 *Increase funds to annualize FY2026 salary increases for recruitment and retention of prosecution support.*			
State General Funds	$77,113	$77,113	$77,113
27.3 *Increase funds for a one step increase for attorneys to support recruitment and retention needs.*			
State General Funds	$52,110	$0	$0
27.4 *Increase funds for year two of a revised pay scale for attorneys to support recruitment and retention needs. (S:Increase funds for a revised pay scale for attorneys to support recruitment and retention needs)*			
State General Funds	$327,686	$327,686	$327,686
27.5 *Increase funds for one victim advocate position.*			
State General Funds	$115,094	$115,094	$0
27.6 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*			
State General Funds		$6,287	$6,287
27.7 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*			
State General Funds		($356,032)	($356,032)
27.8 *Increase funds to reflect an increase in employer retirement contributions for elected solicitors-general and solicitor-general staff in Bibb and Dekalb counties.*			
State General Funds		$132,511	$132,511
27.9 *Reduce funds for one-time funding for Gang Tracker Case Management System.*			
State General Funds			($690,000)
27.10 *Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures with surplus projected by agency.*			
State General Funds			($510,612)
27.11 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*			
State General Funds			$25,348

27.12 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia.*

State General Funds	$32

27.13 *Utilize existing funds ($277,325) for the animal cruelty database pursuant to SB587 (2026 Legislative Session). (S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0

27.998 *Transfer funds from the Conflict Case program to the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council program for conflict case personnel and travel.*

State General Funds	$1,529,904	$1,460,991	$1,460,991

27.1000 Prosecuting Attorneys' Council			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist Georgia's District Attorneys and State Court Solicitors.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,010,638	$12,672,381	$11,382,055
State General Funds	$13,010,638	$12,672,381	$11,382,055
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,010,638	$12,672,381	$11,382,055

Section 9: Superior Courts

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$103,428,047	$103,428,047	$103,428,047
State General Funds	$103,428,047	$103,428,047	$103,428,047
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$82,750	$82,750	$82,750
Intergovernmental Transfers	$12,750	$12,750	$12,750
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$12,750	$12,750	$12,750
Royalties and Rents	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$103,510,797	$103,510,797	$103,510,797

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$123,251,718	$111,748,771	$111,175,945
State General Funds	$123,251,718	$111,748,771	$111,175,945
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$82,750	$82,750	$82,750
Intergovernmental Transfers	$12,750	$12,750	$12,750
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$12,750	$12,750	$12,750
Royalties and Rents	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$123,334,468	$111,831,521	$111,258,695

Council of Superior Court Judges **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the operations of the Council of Superior Court Judges and is to further the improvement of the Superior Court in the administration of justice through leadership, training, policy development and budgetary and fiscal administration.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,950,532	$1,950,532	$1,950,532
State General Funds	$1,950,532	$1,950,532	$1,950,532
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$55,000	$55,000	$55,000
Royalties and Rents	$55,000	$55,000	$55,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$55,000	$55,000	$55,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,005,532	$2,005,532	$2,005,532

28.1 *Increase funds for personnel for one Human Resources Generalist position.*

State General Funds	$125,711	$125,711	$125,711

28.2 *Increase funds for targeted retention initiatives for staff.*

State General Funds	$100,565	$100,565	$0

28.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds		$122	$122

28.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds		($88,657)	($88,657)

28.1000 Council of Superior Court Judges **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the operations of the Council of Superior Court Judges and is to further the improvement of the Superior Court in the administration of justice through leadership, training, policy development and budgetary and fiscal administration.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,176,808	$2,088,273	$1,987,708
State General Funds	$2,176,808	$2,088,273	$1,987,708
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$55,000	$55,000	$55,000
Royalties and Rents	$55,000	$55,000	$55,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$55,000	$55,000	$55,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,231,808	$2,143,273	$2,042,708

Judicial Administrative Districts **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regional administrative support to the judges of the superior court. This support includes managing budgets, policy, procedure, and providing a liaison between local and state courts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,487,043	$3,487,043	$3,487,043
State General Funds	$3,487,043	$3,487,043	$3,487,043
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$12,750	$12,750	$12,750
Intergovernmental Transfers	$12,750	$12,750	$12,750
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$12,750	$12,750	$12,750
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,499,793	$3,499,793	$3,499,793

29.1 *Increase funds for targeted recruitment and retention initiatives.*

State General Funds	$505,566	$505,566	$0

29.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds		($160,692)	($160,692)

29.1000 Judicial Administrative Districts **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regional administrative support to the judges of the superior court. This support includes managing budgets, policy, procedure, and providing a liaison between local and state courts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,992,609	$3,831,917	$3,326,351
State General Funds	$3,992,609	$3,831,917	$3,326,351
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$12,750	$12,750	$12,750
Intergovernmental Transfers	$12,750	$12,750	$12,750
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$12,750	$12,750	$12,750
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,005,359	$3,844,667	$3,339,101

Superior Court Judges **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enable Georgia's Superior Courts to be the general jurisdiction trial court and exercise exclusive, constitutional authority over felony cases, divorce, equity and cases regarding title to land, provided that law clerks over the fifty provided by law are to be allocated back to the circuits by caseload ranks.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$97,990,472	$97,990,472	$97,990,472
State General Funds	$97,990,472	$97,990,472	$97,990,472
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$15,000	$15,000	$15,000
Royalties and Rents	$15,000	$15,000	$15,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$15,000	$15,000	$15,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$98,005,472	$98,005,472	$98,005,472

30.1 *Increase funds for the employer contribution rate for Judicial Retirement System (JRS) from 8.89% to 9.10%.*

State General Funds	$97,112	$97,112	$97,112

30.2 *Increase funds to annualize the cost of implementing the new judicial salary structure pursuant to HB85 (2025 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	$9,643,451	$9,643,451	$9,643,451

30.3 *Increase funds to annualize the cost of the new judgeship in the Alapaha Circuit created in HB55 (2025 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	$225,847	$225,847	$225,847

30.4 *Increase funds to annualize the cost of the new judgeship in the Augusta Circuit created in SB145 (2025 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	$225,847	$225,847	$225,847

30.5 *Increase funds to annualize the cost of the new judgeship in the Douglas Circuit created in SB88 (2025 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	$225,847	$225,847	$225,847

30.6 *Increase funds for the new salary structure pursuant to HB85 (2025 Legislative Session) for the Alapaha Circuit new judgeship effective January 1, 2026 created in HB55 (2025 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	$84,964	$84,964	$84,964

30.7 *Increase funds for the new salary structure pursuant to HB85 (2025 Legislative Session) for the Augusta Circuit new judgeship effective January 1, 2026 created in SB145 (2025 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	$84,964	$84,964	$84,964

30.8 *Increase funds for the new salary structure pursuant to HB85 (2025 Legislative Session) for the Douglas Circuit new judgeship effective January 1, 2026 created in SB88 (2025 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	$84,964	$84,964	$84,964

30.9 *Increase funds to increase Superior Court Judge salaries to the allowable annual salary pursuant to the funding formula in HB85 (2025 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	$6,228,546	$0	$0

30.10 *Increase funds for Senior Judge usage. (S:Increase funds and recognize base funding ($1,610,392) for Senior Judge usage pending pause of creation of new superior court judgeships as the legislature and judiciary determine need (Total Funds: $2,548,187))*

State General Funds	$635,230	$635,230	$937,795

30.11 *Increase funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Middle Circuit effective July 1, 2026. (H and S:Increase funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Middle Circuit effective January 1, 2027)*

State General Funds	$538,519	$269,260	$269,260

30.12 *Increase funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Northeastern Circuit effective July 1, 2026. (H and S:Increase funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Northeastern Circuit effective January 1, 2027)*

State General Funds	$538,519	$269,260	$269,260

30.13 *Increase funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Gwinnett Circuit effective July 1, 2026. (H and S:Increase funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Gwinnett Circuit effective January 1, 2027)*

State General Funds	$538,519	$269,260	$269,260

30.14 *Reduce funds for the initial equipment set-up funds for the Houston Circuit new judgeship created in HB960 (2024 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	($30,250)	($30,250)	($30,250)

30.15 *Reduce funds for the initial equipment set-up funds for the Tifton Circuit new judgeship created in HB906 (2024 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	($30,250)	($30,250)	($30,250)

30.16 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($4,109)	($4,109)

30.17 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$17,029	$17,029

30.18 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($4,499,577)	($4,499,577)

30.19 *Increase funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Atlanta Circuit effective January 1, 2027.*

State General Funds	$269,260	$0

30.1000 Superior Court Judges **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enable Georgia's Superior Courts to be the general jurisdiction trial court and exercise exclusive, constitutional authority over felony cases, divorce, equity and cases regarding title to land, provided that law clerks over the fifty provided by law are to be allocated back to the circuits by caseload ranks.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$117,082,301	$105,828,581	$105,861,886
State General Funds	$117,082,301	$105,828,581	$105,861,886
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$15,000	$15,000	$15,000
Royalties and Rents	$15,000	$15,000	$15,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$15,000	$15,000	$15,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$117,097,301	$105,843,581	$105,876,886

Section 10: Supreme Court

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$19,622,337	$19,622,337	$19,622,337
State General Funds	$19,622,337	$19,622,337	$19,622,337
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,482,160	$21,482,160	$21,482,160

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$20,872,859	$19,804,368	$19,923,573
State General Funds	$20,872,859	$19,804,368	$19,923,573
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$22,732,682	$21,664,191	$21,783,396

Supreme Court of Georgia **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Supreme Court of Georgia which exercises exclusive appellate jurisdiction in all cases involving: the construction of a treaty, the Constitution of the State of Georgia or of the United States, the constitutionality of a law, ordinance, or constitutional provision that has been drawn in question, and all cases of election contest per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. II. The purpose of this appropriation is also to support the Supreme Court of Georgia in its exercise of jurisdiction in cases per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. III and its administration of the Bar Exam and oversight of the Office of Reporter of Decisions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$19,622,337	$19,622,337	$19,622,337
State General Funds	$19,622,337	$19,622,337	$19,622,337
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,482,160	$21,482,160	$21,482,160

31.1 *Increase funds for the Georgia State Patrol (DPS) Trooper agreement with the Supreme Court of Georgia.*

State General Funds	$25,399	$25,399	$25,399

31.2 *Increase funds to increase Justice salaries to the maximum authorized salary permitted by O.C.G.A. 45-7-4, (HB86 (2025 Legislative Session)). Includes annualized increase ($366,612) consistent with appropriation effective January 1, 2026, and annual increase ($238,382) in authorized salary. (H and S:Increase funds to annualize justice salary increase effective January 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	$604,994	$366,612	$485,817

31.3 *Increase funds to annualize FY2026 attorneys and professional staff salary enhancement appropriation effective January 1, 2026.*

State General Funds	$229,891	$229,891	$229,891

31.4 *Increase funds to annualize FY2026 court staff salary enhancement appropriation effective January 1, 2026.*

State General Funds	$43,156	$43,156	$43,156

31.5 *Increase funds for two positions and associated operations for a new Judicial Protection Services office to be shared with the Court of Appeals.*

State General Funds	$291,632	$291,632	$291,632

31.6 *Increase funds for the one-time purchase of a judicial security vehicle to be utilized by the Judicial Protection Services office. (S:Increase funds for the one-time purchase of an SUV made in the state of Georgia to be utilized by the Judicial Protection Services office)*

State General Funds	$55,450	$46,753	$46,753

31.7 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds		($12,978)	($12,978)

31.8 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds		($6,818)	($6,818)

31.9 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$4,395	$4,395

31.10 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($806,011)	($806,011)

31.11 *Recognize that the Court's employer contribution fringe rate has grown to 103.6% as a percentage of salary prior to one statewide measure on State Health Benefit Plan reduction, and the entity is urged to consider policies and steps to reduce the actuarial liabilities. (S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0

31.1000 Supreme Court of Georgia **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Supreme Court of Georgia which exercises exclusive appellate jurisdiction in all cases involving: the construction of a treaty, the Constitution of the State of Georgia or of the United States, the constitutionality of a law, ordinance, or constitutional provision that has been drawn in question, and all cases of election contest per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. II. The purpose of this appropriation is also to support the Supreme Court of Georgia in its exercise of jurisdiction in cases per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. III and its administration of the Bar Exam and oversight of the Office of Reporter of Decisions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$20,872,859	$19,804,368	$19,923,573
State General Funds	$20,872,859	$19,804,368	$19,923,573
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$22,732,682	$21,664,191	$21,783,396

Section 11: Accounting Office, State

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,434,126	$8,434,126	$8,434,126
State General Funds	$8,434,126	$8,434,126	$8,434,126
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$26,586,165	$26,586,165	$26,586,165
State Funds Transfers	$26,586,165	$26,586,165	$26,586,165
Accounting System Assessments	$25,993,885	$25,993,885	$25,993,885
Agency to Agency Contracts	$592,280	$592,280	$592,280
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$35,020,291	$35,020,291	$35,020,291

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,321,565	$8,321,565	$8,321,565
State General Funds	$8,321,565	$8,321,565	$8,321,565
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$30,174,820	$30,174,820	$30,174,820
State Funds Transfers	$30,174,820	$30,174,820	$30,174,820
Accounting System Assessments	$29,582,540	$29,582,540	$29,582,540

Agency to Agency Contracts	$592,280	$592,280	$592,280
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$38,496,385	$38,496,385	$38,496,385

Administration (SAO) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$371,853	$371,853	$371,853
State General Funds	$371,853	$371,853	$371,853
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372
State Funds Transfers	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372
Accounting System Assessments	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,285,225	$1,285,225	$1,285,225

32.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($729)	($729)	($729)

32.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$1,951	$1,951	$1,951

32.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($10,301)	($10,301)	($10,301)

32.1000 Administration (SAO) **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$362,774	$362,774	$362,774
State General Funds	$362,774	$362,774	$362,774
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372
State Funds Transfers	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372
Accounting System Assessments	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,276,146	$1,276,146	$1,276,146

Financial Systems **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to operate, support, monitor, and improve the State's enterprise financial accounting, payroll, and human capital management systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195
State Funds Transfers	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195

Accounting System Assessments	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195

33.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in Enterprise Resource Planning billings to reflect the projected cost of operating and maintaining the statewide financial and human capital management systems.*

Accounting System Assessments	$3,588,655	$3,588,655	$3,588,655

33.1000 Financial Systems **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to operate, support, monitor, and improve the State's enterprise financial accounting, payroll, and human capital management systems.

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$27,015,850	$27,015,850	$27,015,850
State Funds Transfers	$27,015,850	$27,015,850	$27,015,850
Accounting System Assessments	$27,015,850	$27,015,850	$27,015,850
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,015,850	$27,015,850	$27,015,850

Shared Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support client agencies in processing payroll and other financial transactions and to implement and support the Statewide Travel Consolidation Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$967,930	$967,930	$967,930
State General Funds	$967,930	$967,930	$967,930
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,863,786	$1,863,786	$1,863,786
State Funds Transfers	$1,863,786	$1,863,786	$1,863,786
Accounting System Assessments	$1,271,506	$1,271,506	$1,271,506
Agency to Agency Contracts	$592,280	$592,280	$592,280
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,831,716	$2,831,716	$2,831,716

34.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($3,289)	($3,289)	($3,289)

34.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($46,501)	($46,501)	($46,501)

34.1000 Shared Services **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support client agencies in processing payroll and other financial transactions and to implement and support the Statewide Travel Consolidation Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$918,140	$918,140	$918,140
State General Funds	$918,140	$918,140	$918,140

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,863,786	$1,863,786	$1,863,786
State Funds Transfers	$1,863,786	$1,863,786	$1,863,786
Accounting System Assessments	$1,271,506	$1,271,506	$1,271,506
Agency to Agency Contracts	$592,280	$592,280	$592,280
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,781,926	$2,781,926	$2,781,926

Statewide Accounting and Reporting **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide financial reporting, accounting policy, business process improvement, and compliance with state and federal fiscal reporting requirements.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,885,818	$2,885,818	$2,885,818
State General Funds	$2,885,818	$2,885,818	$2,885,818
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$381,812	$381,812	$381,812
State Funds Transfers	$381,812	$381,812	$381,812
Accounting System Assessments	$381,812	$381,812	$381,812
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,267,630	$3,267,630	$3,267,630

35.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($9,400)	($9,400)	($9,400)

35.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($132,904)	($132,904)	($132,904)

35.1000 Statewide Accounting and Reporting **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide financial reporting, accounting policy, business process improvement, and compliance with state and federal fiscal reporting requirements.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,743,514	$2,743,514	$2,743,514
State General Funds	$2,743,514	$2,743,514	$2,743,514
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$381,812	$381,812	$381,812
State Funds Transfers	$381,812	$381,812	$381,812
Accounting System Assessments	$381,812	$381,812	$381,812
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,125,326	$3,125,326	$3,125,326

Georgia State Board of Accountancy **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public financial, fiscal, and economic interests by licensing certified public accountants and public accountancy firms; regulating public accountancy practices; and investigating complaints and taking appropriate legal and disciplinary actions when warranted.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$902,213	$902,213	$902,213
State General Funds	$902,213	$902,213	$902,213
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$902,213	$902,213	$902,213

36.1 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($35,519)	($35,519)	($35,519)

36.2 *Utilize projected cost savings resulting from database migration to address increased operational costs. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

36.1000 Georgia State Board of Accountancy **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public financial, fiscal, and economic interests by licensing certified public accountants and public accountancy firms; regulating public accountancy practices; and investigating complaints and taking appropriate legal and disciplinary actions when warranted.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$866,694	$866,694	$866,694
State General Funds	$866,694	$866,694	$866,694
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$866,694	$866,694	$866,694

State Ethics Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the integrity of the democratic process and ensure compliance by candidates, public officials, non-candidate campaign committees, lobbyists and vendors with Georgia's Campaign and Financial Disclosure requirements.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,306,312	$3,306,312	$3,306,312
State General Funds	$3,306,312	$3,306,312	$3,306,312
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,306,312	$3,306,312	$3,306,312

37.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$8,057	$8,057	$8,057

37.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($121,826)	($121,826)	($121,826)

37.3 *Increase funds for one attorney and one trainer position to manage new filing responsibilities pursuant to SB199 (2025 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	$237,900	$237,900	$237,900

37.1000 State Ethics Commission **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the integrity of the democratic process and ensure compliance by candidates, public officials, non-candidate campaign committees, lobbyists and vendors with Georgia's Campaign and Financial Disclosure requirements.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,430,443	$3,430,443	$3,430,443
State General Funds	$3,430,443	$3,430,443	$3,430,443
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,430,443	$3,430,443	$3,430,443

Section 12: Administrative Services, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,323,123	$21,323,123	$21,323,123
State General Funds	$21,323,123	$21,323,123	$21,323,123
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$53,180,415	$53,180,415	$53,180,415
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Reserved Fund Balances	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
Interest and Investment Income	$11,975,144	$11,975,144	$11,975,144
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$11,975,144	$11,975,144	$11,975,144
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,624,034	$2,624,034	$2,624,034
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,624,034	$2,624,034	$2,624,034
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$26,666,202	$26,666,202	$26,666,202
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$26,666,202	$26,666,202	$26,666,202
Sales and Services	$4,509,751	$4,509,751	$4,509,751
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,509,751	$4,509,751	$4,509,751
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$234,643,176	$234,643,176	$234,643,176
State Funds Transfers	$234,643,176	$234,643,176	$234,643,176
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$52,903,588	$52,903,588	$52,903,588
Liability Funds	$59,811,281	$59,811,281	$59,811,281
Merit System Assessments	$9,104,497	$9,104,497	$9,104,497
Unemployment Compensation Funds	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528
Workers Compensation Funds	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$309,146,714	$309,146,714	$309,146,714
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$20,581,912	$20,581,912	$20,581,912
State General Funds	$20,581,912	$20,581,912	$20,581,912
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$53,180,415	$53,180,415	$53,180,415
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Reserved Fund Balances	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
Interest and Investment Income	$11,975,144	$11,975,144	$11,975,144
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$11,975,144	$11,975,144	$11,975,144
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,624,034	$2,624,034	$2,624,034
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,624,034	$2,624,034	$2,624,034
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$26,666,202	$26,666,202	$26,666,202
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$26,666,202	$26,666,202	$26,666,202

Sales and Services	$4,509,751	$4,509,751	$4,509,751
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,509,751	$4,509,751	$4,509,751
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$234,643,176	$234,643,176	$234,643,176
State Funds Transfers	$234,643,176	$234,643,176	$234,643,176
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$52,903,588	$52,903,588	$52,903,588
Liability Funds	$59,811,281	$59,811,281	$59,811,281
Merit System Assessments	$9,104,497	$9,104,497	$9,104,497
Unemployment Compensation Funds	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528
Workers Compensation Funds	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$308,405,503	$308,405,503	$308,405,503

Certificate of Need Appeal Panel **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to review decisions made by the Department of Community Health on Certificate of Need applications.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506
State General Funds	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506

38.1000 Certificate of Need Appeal Panel **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to review decisions made by the Department of Community Health on Certificate of Need applications.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506
State General Funds	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506

Departmental Administration (DOAS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$810,000	$810,000	$810,000
State General Funds	$810,000	$810,000	$810,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,223,312	$4,223,312	$4,223,312
Intergovernmental Transfers	$300,282	$300,282	$300,282
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$300,282	$300,282	$300,282
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$3,142,827	$3,142,827	$3,142,827
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$3,142,827	$3,142,827	$3,142,827
Sales and Services	$780,203	$780,203	$780,203
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$780,203	$780,203	$780,203
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$4,582,593	$4,582,593	$4,582,593
State Funds Transfers	$4,582,593	$4,582,593	$4,582,593
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,445,400	$2,445,400	$2,445,400

Merit System Assessments	$2,137,193	$2,137,193	$2,137,193
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,615,905	$9,615,905	$9,615,905

39.1000 Departmental Administration (DOAS)			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$810,000	$810,000	$810,000
State General Funds	$810,000	$810,000	$810,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,223,312	$4,223,312	$4,223,312
Intergovernmental Transfers	$300,282	$300,282	$300,282
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$300,282	$300,282	$300,282
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$3,142,827	$3,142,827	$3,142,827
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$3,142,827	$3,142,827	$3,142,827
Sales and Services	$780,203	$780,203	$780,203
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$780,203	$780,203	$780,203
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$4,582,593	$4,582,593	$4,582,593
State Funds Transfers	$4,582,593	$4,582,593	$4,582,593
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,445,400	$2,445,400	$2,445,400
Merit System Assessments	$2,137,193	$2,137,193	$2,137,193
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,615,905	$9,615,905	$9,615,905

Fleet Management			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and manage a fuel card program for state and local governments, to implement the Motor Vehicle Contract Maintenance Program to provide repairs, roadside assistance, and maintenance for state and local government fleets, and to establish a motor pool for traveling state employees.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160

40.1000 Fleet Management			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and manage a fuel card program for state and local governments, to implement the Motor Vehicle Contract Maintenance Program to provide repairs, roadside assistance, and maintenance for state and local government fleets, and to establish a motor pool for traveling state employees.			
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160

Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160

Human Resources Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide centralized services for statewide human resources in support of state agencies, the State Personnel Board, and employees; develop human resource policies, create job descriptions and classification, develop fair and consistent compensation practices, and administer the employee benefits program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$7,405,284	$7,405,284	$7,405,284
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Reserved Fund Balances	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$6,967,304	$6,967,304	$6,967,304
State Funds Transfers	$6,967,304	$6,967,304	$6,967,304
Merit System Assessments	$6,967,304	$6,967,304	$6,967,304
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,372,588	$14,372,588	$14,372,588

41.1000 Human Resources Administration **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide centralized services for statewide human resources in support of state agencies, the State Personnel Board, and employees; develop human resource policies, create job descriptions and classification, develop fair and consistent compensation practices, and administer the employee benefits program.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$7,405,284	$7,405,284	$7,405,284
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Reserved Fund Balances	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$6,967,304	$6,967,304	$6,967,304
State Funds Transfers	$6,967,304	$6,967,304	$6,967,304
Merit System Assessments	$6,967,304	$6,967,304	$6,967,304
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,372,588	$14,372,588	$14,372,588

Risk Management **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer a liability insurance program to protect state government and employees from work-related claims, to provide indemnification funds for public officers and public school personnel in case of disability or death, to identify and control risks and hazards to minimize loss, to insure state-owned buildings and property against damage or destruction, to partner with the Department of Labor in administering unemployment claims, and to administer the Workers Compensation Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,145,754	$2,145,754	$2,145,754
State General Funds	$2,145,754	$2,145,754	$2,145,754
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$219,051,031	$219,051,031	$219,051,031
State Funds Transfers	$219,051,031	$219,051,031	$219,051,031
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$46,415,940	$46,415,940	$46,415,940
Liability Funds	$59,811,281	$59,811,281	$59,811,281
Unemployment Compensation Funds	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528
Workers Compensation Funds	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$223,520,537	$223,520,537	$223,520,537

42.1 *Redirect existing funds to reflect a shift of 15% of workers compensation insurance billings to the property insurance risk pool to align billing revenues with excess insurance and claims expenses. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

42.1000 Risk Management **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer a liability insurance program to protect state government and employees from work-related claims, to provide indemnification funds for public officers and public school personnel in case of disability or death, to identify and control risks and hazards to minimize loss, to insure state-owned buildings and property against damage or destruction, to partner with the Department of Labor in administering unemployment claims, and to administer the Workers Compensation Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,145,754	$2,145,754	$2,145,754
State General Funds	$2,145,754	$2,145,754	$2,145,754
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$219,051,031	$219,051,031	$219,051,031
State Funds Transfers	$219,051,031	$219,051,031	$219,051,031
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$46,415,940	$46,415,940	$46,415,940
Liability Funds	$59,811,281	$59,811,281	$59,811,281
Unemployment Compensation Funds	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528
Workers Compensation Funds	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$223,520,537	$223,520,537	$223,520,537

State Purchasing **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to publicize government contract opportunities on the Georgia Procurement Registry; to maintain a comprehensive listing of all agency contracts; to manage bids, Requests For Proposals, and Requests For Quotes; to provide and oversee Purchasing Cards; to conduct reverse auctions

for non-construction goods and services valued above $100,000; to leverage the state's purchasing power in obtaining contracts; to train vendors seeking contract opportunities; and to certify small and/or minority business vendors.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215

43.1000 State Purchasing **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to publicize government contract opportunities on the Georgia Procurement Registry; to maintain a comprehensive listing of all agency contracts; to manage bids, Requests For Proposals, and Requests For Quotes; to provide and oversee Purchasing Cards; to conduct reverse auctions for non-construction goods and services valued above $100,000; to leverage the state's purchasing power in obtaining contracts; to train vendors seeking contract opportunities; and to certify small and/or minority business vendors.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215

Surplus Property **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce cost through maximization of the useful life of state-owned equipment and redistribution of property to state and local governments, qualifying non-profits, and to the public through auction.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548
Sales and Services	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548

44.1000 Surplus Property **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce cost through maximization of the useful life of state-owned equipment and redistribution of property to state and local governments, qualifying non-profits, and to the public through auction.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548
Sales and Services	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548

Wrongful Conviction and Incarceration Compensation Trust Fund **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to purchase annuities and other products for wrongfully convicted inmates when directed by the General Assembly upon passage of the required House Resolution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

45.998 *Change the name of the Compensation Per General Assembly Resolutions program to the Wrongful Conviction and Incarceration Compensation Trust Fund program to reflect the passage of SB244 (2025 Legislative Session). (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

45.999 ***SAC****: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for the Wrongful Conviction and Incarceration Compensation Trust Fund and to support the Office of State Administrative Hearings' administrative responsibilities related to such claims for compensation pursuant to Chapter 22 of Title 17.* ***House****: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for the Wrongful Conviction and Incarceration Compensation Trust Fund and to support the Office of State Administrative Hearings' administrative responsibilities related to such claims for compensation pursuant to Chapter 22 of Title 17.* ***Governor****: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for the Wrongful Conviction and Incarceration Compensation Trust Fund and to support the Office of State Administrative Hearings' administrative responsibilities related to such claims for compensation pursuant to Chapter 22 of Title 17.*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

Georgia Tax Tribunal **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent trial court with jurisdiction over appeals of tax matters involving the Georgia Department of Revenue.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$582,689	$582,689	$582,689
State General Funds	$582,689	$582,689	$582,689
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$582,689	$582,689	$582,689

46.1 *Eliminate funds to reflect the elimination of the Georgia Tax Tribunal and creation of the Georgia Tax Court as a distinct judicial branch agency pursuant to HB1267 (2024 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	($582,689)	($582,689)	($582,689)

Administrative Hearings, Office of State **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent forum for the impartial and timely resolution of disputes between the public and state agencies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,745,174	$2,745,174	$2,745,174
State General Funds	$2,745,174	$2,745,174	$2,745,174
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$4,042,248	$4,042,248	$4,042,248
State Funds Transfers	$4,042,248	$4,042,248	$4,042,248

State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$4,042,248	$4,042,248	$4,042,248
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,787,422	$6,787,422	$6,787,422

47.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($196)	($196)	($196)

47.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($158,326)	($158,326)	($158,326)

47.1000 Administrative Hearings, Office of State **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent forum for the impartial and timely resolution of disputes between the public and state agencies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,586,652	$2,586,652	$2,586,652
State General Funds	$2,586,652	$2,586,652	$2,586,652
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$4,042,248	$4,042,248	$4,042,248
State Funds Transfers	$4,042,248	$4,042,248	$4,042,248
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$4,042,248	$4,042,248	$4,042,248
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,628,900	$6,628,900	$6,628,900

State Treasurer, Office of the **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to set cash management policies for state agencies; assist agencies with bank services and accounts; monitor agency deposits and disbursement patterns; to invest funds for state and local entities; to track warrants, fund agency allotments, and pay state debt service; and to manage state revenue collections; and to manage the Path2College 529 Plan.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$13,583,144	$13,583,144	$13,583,144
Interest and Investment Income	$11,975,144	$11,975,144	$11,975,144
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$11,975,144	$11,975,144	$11,975,144
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
Sales and Services	$1,463,000	$1,463,000	$1,463,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,463,000	$1,463,000	$1,463,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,583,144	$13,583,144	$13,583,144

48.1000 State Treasurer, Office of the **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to set cash management policies for state agencies; assist agencies with bank services and accounts; monitor agency deposits and disbursement patterns; to invest funds for state and local entities; to track warrants, fund agency allotments, and pay state debt service; and to manage state revenue collections; and to manage the Path2College 529 Plan.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$13,583,144	$13,583,144	$13,583,144
Interest and Investment Income	$11,975,144	$11,975,144	$11,975,144
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$11,975,144	$11,975,144	$11,975,144
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
Sales and Services	$1,463,000	$1,463,000	$1,463,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,463,000	$1,463,000	$1,463,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,583,144	$13,583,144	$13,583,144

Payments to Georgia Technology Authority **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to set the direction for the state's use of technology and promote efficient, secure, and cost-effective delivery of information technology services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000
State General Funds	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000

49.1 *Recognize a decrease in billings for telecommunications and infrastructure to reflect renegotiated service contracts. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

49.1000 Payments to Georgia Technology Authority **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to set the direction for the state's use of technology and promote efficient, secure, and cost-effective delivery of information technology services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000
State General Funds	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000

The Department is authorized to assess state agencies the equivalent of .176% of salaries for the cost of departmental operations and may roll forward any unexpended prior years Merit System Assessment balance to be expended in the current fiscal year.

Section 13: Agriculture, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$70,606,640	$70,606,640	$70,606,640
State General Funds	$68,381,073	$68,381,073	$68,381,073
Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds	$2,225,567	$2,225,567	$2,225,567
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$8,601,145	$8,601,145	$8,601,145
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$8,601,145	$8,601,145	$8,601,145
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,544,771	$2,544,771	$2,544,771
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000

Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Royalties and Rents	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Sales and Services	$1,585,748	$1,585,748	$1,585,748
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,585,748	$1,585,748	$1,585,748
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$430,930	$430,930	$430,930
State Funds Transfers	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
Agency Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$82,183,486	$82,183,486	$82,183,486

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$68,623,501	$71,063,144	$72,269,571
State General Funds	$66,025,919	$68,465,562	$69,671,989
Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds	$2,597,582	$2,597,582	$2,597,582
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$8,601,145	$8,601,145	$8,601,145
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$8,601,145	$8,601,145	$8,601,145
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,544,771	$2,544,771	$2,544,771
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Royalties and Rents	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Sales and Services	$1,585,748	$1,585,748	$1,585,748
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,585,748	$1,585,748	$1,585,748
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$430,930	$430,930	$430,930
State Funds Transfers	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
Agency Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$80,200,347	$82,639,990	$83,846,417

Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide payment to the Board of Regents for diagnostic laboratory testing, for veterinary consultation and assistance, for disease surveillance, and for outreach to veterinarians, animal industries, and pet owners within the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,175,403	$4,175,403	$4,175,403
State General Funds	$4,175,403	$4,175,403	$4,175,403
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,175,403	$4,175,403	$4,175,403

50.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$5,482	$5,482	$5,482

50.1000 Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide payment to the Board of Regents for diagnostic laboratory testing, for veterinary consultation and assistance, for disease surveillance, and for outreach to veterinarians, animal industries, and pet owners within the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,180,885	$4,180,885	$4,180,885
State General Funds	$4,180,885	$4,180,885	$4,180,885
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,180,885	$4,180,885	$4,180,885

Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a central information and research hub for rural leadership training and best practices.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,392,985	$2,392,985	$2,392,985
State General Funds	$2,392,985	$2,392,985	$2,392,985
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,392,985	$2,392,985	$2,392,985

51.1000 Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a central information and research hub for rural leadership training and best practices.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,392,985	$2,392,985	$2,392,985
State General Funds	$2,392,985	$2,392,985	$2,392,985
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,392,985	$2,392,985	$2,392,985

Consumer Protection **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for public health and safety by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the cultivation, processing, and production of livestock, meat, poultry, and other food products; by inspecting establishments that sell food for offsite consumption, food warehouses, wholesale and mobile meat and seafood vendors, dairy farms, and food banks; by certifying organic products, shellfish, and bottled water; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the companion animal, bird, and equine industries (including reports of abuse by private owners); by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the plant and apiary industries, including performing phytosanitary inspections; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the pesticide and wood treatment industries; and by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating animal feed, pet food, and grains. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure accurate commercial transactions by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating weights and measures and fuel sales.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$38,803,395	$38,803,395	$38,803,395
State General Funds	$38,803,395	$38,803,395	$38,803,395
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,751,145	$7,751,145	$7,751,145
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$7,751,145	$7,751,145	$7,751,145
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,920,000	$1,920,000	$1,920,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Sales and Services	$1,195,000	$1,195,000	$1,195,000

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,195,000	$1,195,000	$1,195,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$48,474,540	$48,474,540	$48,474,540

52.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$38,852	$38,852	$38,852

52.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$3,490	$3,490	$3,490

52.3 *Increase funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.*

State General Funds	$2,801	$2,801	$2,801

52.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$18,939	$18,939	$18,939

52.5 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($1,607,447)	($1,607,447)	($1,607,447)

52.6 *Increase funds for the operation and maintenance of new Food Safety division software. (H and S:Increase funds for the operation and maintenance of new inspection software)*

State General Funds	$140,000	$293,000	$293,000

52.7 *Reduce funds for one-time funding for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza and emergency response.*

State General Funds	($450,000)	($450,000)	($450,000)

52.8 *Increase funds for prior year cost-of-living adjustments for which the agency did not receive increased federal reimbursement and to reflect formula correction for prior year cost-of-living adjustment.*

State General Funds	$576,949	$576,949	$576,949

52.9 *Increase funds for personnel to reflect increased retention of Consumer Protection positions. (H and S:Increase funds to address recruitment and retention of Consumer Protection positions)*

State General Funds	$1,052,444	$2,104,888	$2,104,888

52.10 *Increase funds to address emerging threats impacting the agricultural industry. (S:Increase funds to respond to threats impacting the agricultural industry)*

State General Funds		$450,000	$450,000

52.11 *Increase funds for emerging pepper weevil threat.*

State General Funds			$80,000

52.998 *Transfer funds and positions from the Consumer Protection program to the Law Enforcement (DOA) program for transparency.*

State General Funds	($1,055,866)

52.1000 Consumer Protection **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for public health and safety by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the cultivation, processing, and production of livestock, meat, poultry, and other food products; by inspecting establishments that sell food for offsite consumption, food warehouses, wholesale and mobile meat and seafood vendors, dairy farms, and food banks; by certifying organic products, shellfish, and bottled water; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the companion animal, bird, and equine industries (including reports of abuse by private owners); by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the plant and apiary industries, including performing phytosanitary inspections; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the pesticide and wood treatment industries; and by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating animal feed, pet food, and grains. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure accurate commercial transactions by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating weights and measures and fuel sales.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$38,579,423	$40,234,867	$39,259,001
State General Funds	$38,579,423	$40,234,867	$39,259,001
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,751,145	$7,751,145	$7,751,145
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$7,751,145	$7,751,145	$7,751,145
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,920,000	$1,920,000	$1,920,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Sales and Services	$1,195,000	$1,195,000	$1,195,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,195,000	$1,195,000	$1,195,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$48,250,568	$49,906,012	$48,930,146

Departmental Administration (DOA) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,264,713	$8,264,713	$8,264,713
State General Funds	$8,264,713	$8,264,713	$8,264,713
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,314,713	$9,314,713	$9,314,713

53.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$9,509	$9,509	$9,509

53.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$562	$562	$562

53.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*			
State General Funds	($393,432)	($393,432)	($393,432)
53.4 *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for agricultural projects.*			
State General Funds	($250,000)	($250,000)	($250,000)
53.5 *Increase funds to reflect formula correction for prior year cost-of-living adjustment.*			
State General Funds	$37,273	$37,273	$37,273
53.6 *Increase funds for agricultural projects. (S:Increase funds for one-time funding for agricultural projects)*			
State General Funds		$100,000	$1,600,000
53.7 *Transfer funds from the Department of Agriculture to the Department of Natural Resources to consolidate Feral Hog Task Force.*			
State General Funds			($150,000)

53.1000 Departmental Administration (DOA)			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,668,625	$7,768,625	$9,118,625
State General Funds	$7,668,625	$7,768,625	$9,118,625
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,718,625	$8,818,625	$10,168,625

Marketing and Promotion		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to manage the state's farmers markets, to promote Georgia's agricultural products domestically and internationally, to administer relevant certification marks, to provide poultry and livestock commodity data, to administer surety bonds, to provide information to the public, and to publish the Market Bulletin.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,453,282	$8,453,282	$8,453,282
State General Funds	$6,227,715	$6,227,715	$6,227,715
Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds	$2,225,567	$2,225,567	$2,225,567
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$624,771	$624,771	$624,771
Royalties and Rents	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Sales and Services	$390,748	$390,748	$390,748
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$390,748	$390,748	$390,748
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930

State Funds Transfers	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,308,983	$9,308,983	$9,308,983

54.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$158	$158	$158

54.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$4,185	$4,185	$4,185

54.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$3,449	$3,449	$3,449

54.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$3,298	$3,298	$3,298

54.5 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($173,136)	($173,136)	($173,136)

54.6 *Increase funds for the Agricultural Trust Fund to reflect FY2025 collections of the Agricultural Tax Exemption fee.*

Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds	$372,015	$372,015	$372,015

54.7 *Reduce funds for one-time funding for the pilot of the Georgia Grown Wood Product Program and recognize phase two funding in AFY2026.*

State General Funds	($200,000)	($200,000)	($200,000)

54.8 *Increase funds to reflect formula correction for prior year cost-of-living adjustment.*

State General Funds	$24,231	$24,231	$24,231

54.1000 Marketing and Promotion **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to manage the state's farmers markets, to promote Georgia's agricultural products domestically and internationally, to administer relevant certification marks, to provide poultry and livestock commodity data, to administer surety bonds, to provide information to the public, and to publish the Market Bulletin.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,487,482	$8,487,482	$8,487,482
State General Funds	$5,889,900	$5,889,900	$5,889,900
Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds	$2,597,582	$2,597,582	$2,597,582
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$624,771	$624,771	$624,771
Royalties and Rents	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Sales and Services	$390,748	$390,748	$390,748
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$390,748	$390,748	$390,748
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930

State Funds Transfers	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,343,183	$9,343,183	$9,343,183

Poultry Veterinary Diagnostic Labs **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to pay for operation of the Poultry Diagnostic Veterinary Labs, which conduct disease diagnoses and monitoring.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057
State General Funds	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057

55.1 *Increase funds for the operation and maintenance of new lab information and management software.*

State General Funds	$83,481	$83,481	$83,481

55.1000 Poultry Veterinary Diagnostic Labs **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to pay for operation of the Poultry Diagnostic Veterinary Labs, which conduct disease diagnoses and monitoring.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,132,538	$3,132,538	$3,132,538
State General Funds	$3,132,538	$3,132,538	$3,132,538
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,132,538	$3,132,538	$3,132,538

Payments to Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce the rates charged by the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority for youth and livestock events.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,042,458	$2,042,458	$2,042,458
State General Funds	$2,042,458	$2,042,458	$2,042,458
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,042,458	$2,042,458	$2,042,458

56.1 *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for major facility improvements and renovations.*

State General Funds	($1,142,680)	($1,142,680)	($1,142,680)

56.1000 Payments to Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce the rates charged by the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority for youth and livestock events.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$899,778	$899,778	$899,778
State General Funds	$899,778	$899,778	$899,778
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$899,778	$899,778	$899,778

State Soil and Water Conservation Commission		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect, conserve, and improve the soil and water resources of the State of Georgia by administering the use of state and federal resources to inspect, maintain, and provide assistance to owners of USDA flood control structures in order to comply with the state Safe Dams Act and to provide planning and research assistance to landowners and local governments on water management, erosion, and sedimentation control.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,425,347	$3,425,347	$3,425,347
State General Funds	$3,425,347	$3,425,347	$3,425,347
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,425,347	$3,425,347	$3,425,347
57.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*			
State General Funds	$1,165	$1,165	$1,165
57.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*			
State General Funds	($7,863)	($7,863)	($7,863)
57.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*			
State General Funds	($136,864)	($136,864)	($136,864)
57.4 *Increase funds for three plan reviewer positions. (S:Increase funds for two plan reviewer positions)*			
State General Funds		$219,579	$146,386
57.5 *Increase funds for retention of existing plan reviewers.*			
State General Funds		$57,120	$114,240
57.6 *Increase funds to initiate a feral hog eradication incentive program.*			
State General Funds		$407,500	$200,000

57.1000 State Soil and Water Conservation Commission			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect, conserve, and improve the soil and water resources of the State of Georgia by administering the use of state and federal resources to inspect, maintain, and provide assistance to owners of USDA flood control structures in order to comply with the state Safe Dams Act and to provide planning and research assistance to landowners and local governments on water management, erosion, and sedimentation control.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,281,785	$3,965,984	$3,742,411
State General Funds	$3,281,785	$3,965,984	$3,742,411
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,281,785	$3,965,984	$3,742,411

Law Enforcement (DOA)	**Continuation Budget**
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0
State General Funds	$0

500.998 *Transfer funds and positions from the Consumer Protection program to the Law Enforcement (DOA) program for transparency.*

State General Funds $1,055,866

500.999 ***SAC****: The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the laws of Georgia related to agriculture, food safety, and commerce.*

State General Funds $0

500.1000 Law Enforcement (DOA)	**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the laws of Georgia related to agriculture, food safety, and commerce.	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,055,866
State General Funds	$1,055,866
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,055,866

Section 14: Banking and Finance, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,414,266	$15,414,266	$15,414,266
State General Funds	$15,414,266	$15,414,266	$15,414,266
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,414,266	$15,414,266	$15,414,266
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,300,398	$15,382,460	$15,300,398
State General Funds	$15,300,398	$15,382,460	$15,300,398
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,300,398	$15,382,460	$15,300,398

Departmental Administration (DBF)		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,942,778	$2,942,778	$2,942,778
State General Funds	$2,942,778	$2,942,778	$2,942,778
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,942,778	$2,942,778	$2,942,778

58.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$536	$536	$536

58.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($291)	($291)	($291)

58.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$2,535	$2,535	$2,535

58.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($133,255)	($133,255)	($133,255)

58.5 *Increase funds for business automation software to enhance agency efficiency.*

State General Funds	$37,800	$37,800	$37,800

58.6 *Increase funds for increased rent. (S:NO; Pursue other options in line with market rates)*

State General Funds		$82,062	$0

58.1000 Departmental Administration (DBF)			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,850,103	$2,932,165	$2,850,103
State General Funds	$2,850,103	$2,932,165	$2,850,103
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,850,103	$2,932,165	$2,850,103

Financial Institution Supervision **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to examine and regulate depository financial institutions, state-chartered banks, trust companies, credit unions, bank holding companies, and international banking organizations; to track performance of financial service providers operating in Georgia, to monitor industry trends, respond to negative trends, and establish operating guidelines; and to collaborate with law enforcement, federal regulators, and other regulatory agencies on examination findings.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,949,097	$8,949,097	$8,949,097
State General Funds	$8,949,097	$8,949,097	$8,949,097
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,949,097	$8,949,097	$8,949,097

59.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,433	$1,433	$1,433

59.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($759)	($759)	($759)

59.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($355,823)	($355,823)	($355,823)

59.4 *Increase funds for two examiners specializing in Merchant Acquirer Limited Purpose Banks to meet increased workload due to new charters.*

State General Funds	$475,800	$475,800	$475,800

59.1000 Financial Institution Supervision	**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to examine and regulate depository financial institutions, state-chartered banks, trust companies, credit unions, bank holding companies, and international banking organizations; to track performance of financial service providers operating in Georgia, to monitor industry	

trends, respond to negative trends, and establish operating guidelines; and to collaborate with law enforcement, federal regulators, and other regulatory agencies on examination findings.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,069,748	$9,069,748	$9,069,748
State General Funds	$9,069,748	$9,069,748	$9,069,748
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,069,748	$9,069,748	$9,069,748

Non-Depository Financial Institution Supervision **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect consumers from unfair, deceptive, or fraudulent money service businesses and residential mortgage and installment loan lending practices, protect consumers by licensing, regulating, and enforcing applicable laws and regulations, and provide efficient and flexible application, registration, and notification procedures for non-depository financial institutions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,522,391	$3,522,391	$3,522,391
State General Funds	$3,522,391	$3,522,391	$3,522,391
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,522,391	$3,522,391	$3,522,391

60.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$571	$571	$571

60.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($558)	($558)	($558)

60.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($141,857)	($141,857)	($141,857)

60.1000 Non-Depository Financial Institution Supervision **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect consumers from unfair, deceptive, or fraudulent money service businesses and residential mortgage and installment loan lending practices, protect consumers by licensing, regulating, and enforcing applicable laws and regulations, and provide efficient and flexible application, registration, and notification procedures for non-depository financial institutions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,380,547	$3,380,547	$3,380,547
State General Funds	$3,380,547	$3,380,547	$3,380,547
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,380,547	$3,380,547	$3,380,547

Section 15: Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,712,144,114	$1,712,144,114	$1,712,144,114
State General Funds	$1,701,888,976	$1,701,888,976	$1,701,888,976
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$10,255,138	$10,255,138	$10,255,138
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$653,583,618	$653,583,618	$653,583,618
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$98,671,759	$98,671,759	$98,671,759
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$14,163,709	$14,163,709	$14,163,709

Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$440,688,213	$440,688,213	$440,688,213
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$47,482,075	$47,482,075	$47,482,075
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$40,481,142	$40,481,142	$40,481,142
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,546,962	$25,546,962	$25,546,962
Intergovernmental Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$257,036	$257,036	$257,036
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$257,036	$257,036	$257,036
Royalties and Rents	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Sales and Services	$24,421,902	$24,421,902	$24,421,902
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$24,421,902	$24,421,902	$24,421,902
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,651,791	$2,651,791	$2,651,791
State Funds Transfers	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,357,130	$2,357,130	$2,357,130
Agency to Agency Contracts	$62,580	$62,580	$62,580
Agency Funds Transfers	$232,081	$232,081	$232,081
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$232,081	$232,081	$232,081
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,393,926,485	$2,393,926,485	$2,393,926,485
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,684,647,823	$1,688,394,356	$1,701,463,300
State General Funds	$1,674,392,685	$1,665,486,446	$1,687,897,229
Opioid Settlement Trust Fund		$12,652,772	$3,310,933
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$10,255,138	$10,255,138	$10,255,138
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$653,583,618	$653,583,618	$653,583,618
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$98,671,759	$98,671,759	$98,671,759
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$14,163,709	$14,163,709	$14,163,709
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$440,688,213	$440,688,213	$440,688,213
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$47,482,075	$47,482,075	$47,482,075
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$40,481,142	$40,481,142	$40,481,142
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,546,962	$25,546,962	$25,546,962
Intergovernmental Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$257,036	$257,036	$257,036
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$257,036	$257,036	$257,036

Royalties and Rents	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Sales and Services	$24,421,902	$24,421,902	$24,421,902
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$24,421,902	$24,421,902	$24,421,902
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,794,710	$2,794,710	$2,794,710
State Funds Transfers	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,357,130	$2,357,130	$2,357,130
Agency to Agency Contracts	$62,580	$62,580	$62,580
Agency Funds Transfers	$375,000	$375,000	$375,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$375,000	$375,000	$375,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,366,573,113	$2,370,319,646	$2,383,388,590

Adult Addictive Diseases Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a continuum of programs, services and supports for adults who abuse alcohol and other drugs, have a chemical dependency and who need assistance for compulsive gambling.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$57,353,550	$57,353,550	$57,353,550
State General Funds	$57,353,550	$57,353,550	$57,353,550
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$44,254,231	$44,254,231	$44,254,231
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$29,607,511	$29,607,511	$29,607,511
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$434,903	$434,903	$434,903
Intergovernmental Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$234,903	$234,903	$234,903
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$234,903	$234,903	$234,903
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$232,081	$232,081	$232,081
Agency Funds Transfers	$232,081	$232,081	$232,081
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$232,081	$232,081	$232,081
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$102,274,765	$102,274,765	$102,274,765

61.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($2,882)	($2,882)	($2,882)

61.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($43,751)	($43,751)	($43,751)

61.3 *Replace funds for the expansion of Hepatitis C screening services at core behavioral health provider sites.*

State General Funds	($142,919)	($142,919)	($142,919)
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$142,919	$142,919	$142,919
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0

61.4 *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for Hope House.*

State General Funds	($50,000)	($50,000)	($50,000)

61.5 *Reduce funds and utilize Opioid Settlement Trust Funds to provide a continuum of programs, services, and supports for adults who abuse opioids.*

State General Funds		($12,652,772)	($3,310,933)
Opioid Settlement Trust Fund		$12,652,772	$3,310,933
Total Public Funds:		$0	$0

61.1000 Adult Addictive Diseases Services			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a continuum of programs, services and supports for adults who abuse alcohol and other drugs, have a chemical dependency and who need assistance for compulsive gambling.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$57,113,998	$57,113,998	$57,113,998
State General Funds	$57,113,998	$44,461,226	$53,803,065
Opioid Settlement Trust Fund		$12,652,772	$3,310,933
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$44,254,231	$44,254,231	$44,254,231
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$29,607,511	$29,607,511	$29,607,511
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$434,903	$434,903	$434,903
Intergovernmental Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$234,903	$234,903	$234,903
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$234,903	$234,903	$234,903
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$375,000	$375,000	$375,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$375,000	$375,000	$375,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$375,000	$375,000	$375,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$102,178,132	$102,178,132	$102,178,132

Adult Developmental Disabilities Respite Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for respite services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000
State General Funds	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000

62.1000 Adult Developmental Disabilities Respite Services **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for respite services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000
State General Funds	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000

Adult Developmental Disabilities Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote independence of adults with significant development disabilities through institutional care, community support and respite, job readiness, training, and a crisis and access line.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$555,798,655	$555,798,655	$555,798,655
State General Funds	$545,543,517	$545,543,517	$545,543,517
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$10,255,138	$10,255,138	$10,255,138
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$496,724,949	$496,724,949	$496,724,949
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$81,440,362	$81,440,362	$81,440,362
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$377,303,445	$377,303,445	$377,303,445
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$37,981,142	$37,981,142	$37,981,142
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000
Sales and Services	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,075,383,604	$1,075,383,604	$1,075,383,604

63.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$187	$187	$187

63.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($529,800)	($529,800)	($529,800)

63.3 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($40,168)	($40,168)	($40,168)

63.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$134,108	$134,108	$134,108

63.5 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($16,629,831)	($16,629,831)	($16,629,831)

63.6 *Increase funds to annualize the cost of 150 New Options Waiver (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) slots for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.*

State General Funds	$3,213,955	$3,213,955	$3,213,955

63.7 *Increase funds for 100 additional slots for the New Options Waiver (NOW) and the Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. (H:Increase funds for 200 additional slots and recognize additional waiver enrollment due to attrition for the New Options Waiver (NOW) and the Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities)(S:Increase funds for 1,217 additional slots and recognize additional waiver enrollment due to attrition for the New Options Waiver (NOW) and the Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities)*

State General Funds	$2,318,504	$4,637,008	$20,875,555

63.8 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.40% to 66.63%.*

State General Funds	($2,890,282)	($2,890,282)	($2,890,282)

63.9 *Increase funds for New Options Waiver (NOW) and the Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) administration.*

State General Funds		$513,558	$851,435

63.10 *Increase funds for Citizen Advocacy to expand services. (S:Reduce funds for Citizen Advocacy)*

State General Funds		$100,000	($100,000)

63.11 *Increase funds for family support services.*

State General Funds			$50,000

63.1000 Adult Developmental Disabilities Services **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote independence of adults with significant development disabilities through institutional care, community support and respite, job readiness, training, and a crisis and access line.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$541,375,328	$544,307,390	$560,733,814
State General Funds	$531,120,190	$534,052,252	$550,478,676
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$10,255,138	$10,255,138	$10,255,138
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$496,724,949	$496,724,949	$496,724,949
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$81,440,362	$81,440,362	$81,440,362
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$377,303,445	$377,303,445	$377,303,445
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$37,981,142	$37,981,142	$37,981,142
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000
Sales and Services	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,060,960,277	$1,063,892,339	$1,080,318,763

Adult Forensic Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide psychological evaluations of defendants, mental health screening and evaluations, inpatient mental health treatment, competency remediation, forensic evaluation services, and supportive housing for forensic consumers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$154,822,624	$154,822,624	$154,822,624
State General Funds	$154,822,624	$154,822,624	$154,822,624
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$191,500	$191,500	$191,500
Sales and Services	$191,500	$191,500	$191,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$191,500	$191,500	$191,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$155,014,124	$155,014,124	$155,014,124

64.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$180	$180	$180

64.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($9,867)	($9,867)	($9,867)

64.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($3,940,604)	($3,940,604)	($3,940,604)

64.4 *Increase funds to annualize the operations of a 30-bed Project New Hope forensic step-down unit at the West Central Georgia Regional Hospital in Columbus.*

State General Funds	$1,618,742	$1,618,742	$1,618,742

64.5 *Increase funds to restore funds for jail-based competency restoration in Cobb County Jail.*

State General Funds	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000

64.1000 Adult Forensic Services **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide psychological evaluations of defendants, mental health screening and evaluations, inpatient mental health treatment, competency remediation, forensic evaluation services, and supportive housing for forensic consumers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$152,741,075	$152,741,075	$152,741,075
State General Funds	$152,741,075	$152,741,075	$152,741,075
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$191,500	$191,500	$191,500
Sales and Services	$191,500	$191,500	$191,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$191,500	$191,500	$191,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$152,932,575	$152,932,575	$152,932,575

Adult Mental Health Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to facilitate rehabilitation and recovery for adults with mental illnesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$662,732,874	$662,732,874	$662,732,874
State General Funds	$662,732,874	$662,732,874	$662,732,874
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$59,639,192	$59,639,192	$59,639,192

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,062,355	$3,062,355	$3,062,355
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$6,726,178	$6,726,178	$6,726,178
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$49,850,659	$49,850,659	$49,850,659
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$390,095	$390,095	$390,095
Sales and Services	$390,095	$390,095	$390,095
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$390,095	$390,095	$390,095
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$722,762,161	$722,762,161	$722,762,161

65.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($699,048)	($699,048)	($699,048)

65.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$26,717	$26,717	$26,717

65.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$80,280	$80,280	$80,280

65.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($17,616,340)	($17,616,340)	($17,616,340)

65.5 *Increase funds for mobile crisis response teams to support mental health crisis services. (S:NO; Provide accounting per call to explain $22,694,140 in base funding for crisis response teams to support mental health crisis services)*

State General Funds	$2,357,480	$2,357,480	$0

65.6 *Increase funds to support mental health crisis intervention services through the '988' hotline.*

State General Funds	$2,933,069	$2,933,069	$2,933,069

65.7 *Increase funds for the Georgia Housing Voucher Program for 404 additional housing vouchers to achieve substantial compliance with and termination of the behavioral health requirements of the Department of Justice (DOJ) Settlement Agreement.*

State General Funds	$9,324,320	$9,324,320	$9,324,320

65.8 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.40% to 66.63%.*

State General Funds	($326,481)	($326,481)	($326,481)

65.1000 Adult Mental Health Services **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to facilitate rehabilitation and recovery for adults with mental illnesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$658,812,871	$658,812,871	$656,455,391
State General Funds	$658,812,871	$658,812,871	$656,455,391
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$59,639,192	$59,639,192	$59,639,192
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,062,355	$3,062,355	$3,062,355

Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$6,726,178	$6,726,178	$6,726,178
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$49,850,659	$49,850,659	$49,850,659
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$390,095	$390,095	$390,095
Sales and Services	$390,095	$390,095	$390,095
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$390,095	$390,095	$390,095
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$718,842,158	$718,842,158	$716,484,678

Child and Adolescent Addictive Diseases Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services to children and adolescents for the safe withdrawal from abused substances and promote a transition to productive living.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,330,959	$3,330,959	$3,330,959
State General Funds	$3,330,959	$3,330,959	$3,330,959
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,928,149	$7,928,149	$7,928,149
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$7,878,149	$7,878,149	$7,878,149
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,259,108	$11,259,108	$11,259,108

66.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($312)	($312)	($312)

66.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($6,656)	($6,656)	($6,656)

66.1000 Child and Adolescent Addictive Diseases Services **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services to children and adolescents for the safe withdrawal from abused substances and promote a transition to productive living.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,323,991	$3,323,991	$3,323,991
State General Funds	$3,323,991	$3,323,991	$3,323,991
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,928,149	$7,928,149	$7,928,149
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$7,878,149	$7,878,149	$7,878,149
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,252,140	$11,252,140	$11,252,140

Child and Adolescent Developmental Disabilities **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, residential, support, and education services to promote independence for children and adolescents with developmental disabilities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$17,390,174	$17,390,174	$17,390,174
State General Funds	$17,390,174	$17,390,174	$17,390,174

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,285,496	$3,285,496	$3,285,496
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$3,285,496	$3,285,496	$3,285,496
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,675,670	$20,675,670	$20,675,670

67.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($978)	($978)	($978)

67.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($123,640)	($123,640)	($123,640)

67.1000 Child and Adolescent Developmental Disabilities **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, residential, support, and education services to promote independence for children and adolescents with developmental disabilities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$17,265,556	$17,265,556	$17,265,556
State General Funds	$17,265,556	$17,265,556	$17,265,556
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,285,496	$3,285,496	$3,285,496
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$3,285,496	$3,285,496	$3,285,496
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,551,052	$20,551,052	$20,551,052

Child and Adolescent Forensic Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment and residential services to children and adolescents clients referred by Georgia's criminal justice or corrections system.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,308,144	$7,308,144	$7,308,144
State General Funds	$7,308,144	$7,308,144	$7,308,144
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,308,144	$7,308,144	$7,308,144

68.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($751)	($751)	($751)

68.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($279,889)	($279,889)	($279,889)

68.1000 Child and Adolescent Forensic Services **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment and residential services to children and adolescents clients referred by Georgia's criminal justice or corrections system.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,027,504	$7,027,504	$7,027,504
State General Funds	$7,027,504	$7,027,504	$7,027,504
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,027,504	$7,027,504	$7,027,504

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to children and adolescents with mental illness.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$58,027,803	$58,027,803	$58,027,803
State General Funds	$58,027,803	$58,027,803	$58,027,803
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,057,531	$11,057,531	$11,057,531
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,750,000	$2,750,000	$2,750,000
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$7,437,531	$7,437,531	$7,437,531
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$870,000	$870,000	$870,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
Sales and Services	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$69,280,334	$69,280,334	$69,280,334
69.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*			
State General Funds	($1,566)	($1,566)	($1,566)
69.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*			
State General Funds	($118,666)	($118,666)	($118,666)
69.3 *Increase funds to annualize the operational cost of the new Gateway child and adolescent crisis stabilization unit in Savannah.*			
State General Funds	$1,140,358	$1,140,358	$1,140,358
69.4 *Increase funds for psychiatric residential facility discharge planning.*			
State General Funds		$600,000	$0
69.5 *Recognize available funds ($20,395,742) for mental health services in public schools. (S:YES)*			
State General Funds			$0
69.6 *Utilize existing funds ($1,681,216) for positions and development of resources to include behavioral health training to 300 high needs elementary and middle schools pursuant to HB268 (2025 Legislative Session). (S:YES)*			
State General Funds			$0

69.1000 Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to children and adolescents with mental illness.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$59,047,929	$59,647,929	$59,047,929
State General Funds	$59,047,929	$59,647,929	$59,047,929
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,057,531	$11,057,531	$11,057,531
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,750,000	$2,750,000	$2,750,000
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$7,437,531	$7,437,531	$7,437,531

Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$870,000	$870,000	$870,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
Sales and Services	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$70,300,460	$70,900,460	$70,300,460

Departmental Administration (DBHDD) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all mental health, developmental disabilities and addictive diseases programs of the department.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$30,989,579	$30,989,579	$30,989,579
State General Funds	$30,989,579	$30,989,579	$30,989,579
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,278,613	$9,278,613	$9,278,613
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$9,278,613	$9,278,613	$9,278,613
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,290,325	$40,290,325	$40,290,325

70.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$186	$186	$186

70.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($201,207)	($201,207)	($201,207)

70.3 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($12,140)	($12,140)	($12,140)

70.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$4,258	$4,258	$4,258

70.5 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($1,372,766)	($1,372,766)	($1,372,766)

70.6 *Increase hourly rates for special assistant attorneys general (SAAGs) and paralegals.*

State General Funds		$14,471	$14,471

70.7 *Increase funds to create the Georgia Mental Health Consortium to expand workforce capacity.*

State General Funds		$200,000	$0

70.1000 Departmental Administration (DBHDD)			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all mental health, developmental disabilities and addictive diseases programs of the department.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$29,407,910	$29,622,381	$29,422,381
State General Funds	$29,407,910	$29,622,381	$29,422,381
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,278,613	$9,278,613	$9,278,613
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$9,278,613	$9,278,613	$9,278,613
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$38,708,656	$38,923,127	$38,723,127
Direct Care Support Services		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to operate five state-owned and operated hospitals.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$157,576,528	$157,576,528	$157,576,528
State General Funds	$157,576,528	$157,576,528	$157,576,528
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,453,331	$1,453,331	$1,453,331
Royalties and Rents	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Sales and Services	$785,307	$785,307	$785,307
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$785,307	$785,307	$785,307
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Funds Transfers	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,357,130	$2,357,130	$2,357,130
Agency to Agency Contracts	$62,580	$62,580	$62,580
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$161,449,569	$161,449,569	$161,449,569
71.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*			
State General Funds	$21,180	$21,180	$21,180
71.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*			
State General Funds	($507,966)	($507,966)	($507,966)
71.3 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*			
State General Funds	($42,832)	($42,832)	($42,832)
71.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*			
State General Funds	($5,195,617)	($5,195,617)	($5,195,617)

71.5 *Transfer funds from the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities to the Department of Veterans Service for one-time funding of debris cleanup, with funds to be restored in FY2028.*

State General Funds ($200,000)

71.1000 Direct Care Support Services			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to operate five state-owned and operated hospitals.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$151,851,293	$151,851,293	$151,651,293
State General Funds	$151,851,293	$151,851,293	$151,651,293
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,453,331	$1,453,331	$1,453,331
Royalties and Rents	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Sales and Services	$785,307	$785,307	$785,307
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$785,307	$785,307	$785,307
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Funds Transfers	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,357,130	$2,357,130	$2,357,130
Agency to Agency Contracts	$62,580	$62,580	$62,580
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$155,724,334	$155,724,334	$155,524,334

Substance Abuse Prevention			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the health and well-being of children, youth, families and communities through preventing the use and/or abuse of alcohol, tobacco and drugs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$359,230	$359,230	$359,230
State General Funds	$359,230	$359,230	$359,230
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$19,396,415	$19,396,415	$19,396,415
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$9,400,000	$9,400,000	$9,400,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$9,996,415	$9,996,415	$9,996,415
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,755,645	$19,755,645	$19,755,645

72.1000 Substance Abuse Prevention			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the health and well-being of children, youth, families and communities through preventing the use and/or abuse of alcohol, tobacco and drugs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$359,230	$359,230	$359,230
State General Funds	$359,230	$359,230	$359,230
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$19,396,415	$19,396,415	$19,396,415
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$9,400,000	$9,400,000	$9,400,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$9,996,415	$9,996,415	$9,996,415
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,755,645	$19,755,645	$19,755,645

Developmental Disabilities, Georgia Council on		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to promote quality services and support for people with developmental disabilities and their families.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$826,598	$826,598	$826,598
State General Funds	$826,598	$826,598	$826,598
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,019,042	$2,019,042	$2,019,042
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,019,042	$2,019,042	$2,019,042
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,845,640	$2,845,640	$2,845,640

73.1 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($10,162)	($10,162)	($10,162)

73.1000 Developmental Disabilities, Georgia Council on			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to promote quality services and support for people with developmental disabilities and their families.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$816,436	$816,436	$816,436
State General Funds	$816,436	$816,436	$816,436
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,019,042	$2,019,042	$2,019,042
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,019,042	$2,019,042	$2,019,042
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,835,478	$2,835,478	$2,835,478

Sexual Offender Risk Review Board		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect Georgia's children by identifying convicted sexual offenders that present the greatest risk of sexually reoffending.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,527,396	$3,527,396	$3,527,396
State General Funds	$3,527,396	$3,527,396	$3,527,396
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,527,396	$3,527,396	$3,527,396

74.1 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($122,694)	($122,694)	($122,694)

74.1000 Sexual Offender Risk Review Board			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect Georgia's children by identifying convicted sexual offenders that present the greatest risk of sexually reoffending.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,404,702	$3,404,702	$3,404,702
State General Funds	$3,404,702	$3,404,702	$3,404,702
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,404,702	$3,404,702	$3,404,702

Section 16: Community Affairs, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$57,498,299	$57,498,299	$57,498,299
State General Funds	$57,498,299	$57,498,299	$57,498,299
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$222,364,117	$222,364,117	$222,364,117
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$222,364,117	$222,364,117	$222,364,117
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$27,388,826	$27,388,826	$27,388,826
Reserved Fund Balances	$1,029,680	$1,029,680	$1,029,680
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$1,029,680	$1,029,680	$1,029,680
Intergovernmental Transfers	$23,812,156	$23,812,156	$23,812,156
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$23,812,156	$23,812,156	$23,812,156
Sales and Services	$2,546,990	$2,546,990	$2,546,990
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,546,990	$2,546,990	$2,546,990
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$284,334	$284,334	$284,334
State Funds Transfers	$284,334	$284,334	$284,334
Agency to Agency Contracts	$284,334	$284,334	$284,334
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$307,535,576	$307,535,576	$307,535,576

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$57,404,107	$57,574,107	$51,130,648
State General Funds	$57,404,107	$57,574,107	$51,130,648
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$222,364,117	$222,364,117	$222,364,117
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$222,364,117	$222,364,117	$222,364,117
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$27,388,826	$27,388,826	$27,388,826
Reserved Fund Balances	$1,029,680	$1,029,680	$1,029,680
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$1,029,680	$1,029,680	$1,029,680
Intergovernmental Transfers	$23,812,156	$23,812,156	$23,812,156
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$23,812,156	$23,812,156	$23,812,156
Sales and Services	$2,546,990	$2,546,990	$2,546,990
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,546,990	$2,546,990	$2,546,990
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$284,334	$284,334	$284,334
State Funds Transfers	$284,334	$284,334	$284,334
Agency to Agency Contracts	$284,334	$284,334	$284,334
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$307,441,384	$307,611,384	$301,167,925

Accountable Housing Initiative – Special Project **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the accountable housing initiative.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,750,000	$1,750,000	$1,750,000
State General Funds	$1,750,000	$1,750,000	$1,750,000

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$192,383	$192,383	$192,383
Intergovernmental Transfers	$192,383	$192,383	$192,383
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$192,383	$192,383	$192,383
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,942,383	$1,942,383	$1,942,383

75.1 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($7,355)	($7,355)	($7,355)

75.2 *Reduce funds to reflect audit findings.*

State General Funds	($500,000)

75.1000 Accountable Housing Initiative – Special Project **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the accountable housing initiative.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,742,645	$1,742,645	$1,242,645
State General Funds	$1,742,645	$1,742,645	$1,242,645
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$192,383	$192,383	$192,383
Intergovernmental Transfers	$192,383	$192,383	$192,383
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$192,383	$192,383	$192,383
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,935,028	$1,935,028	$1,435,028

Building Construction **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain up-to-date minimum building construction standards for all new structures built in the state; to inspect factory built (modular) buildings to ensure Georgia's minimum construction codes are met; to review proposed enhancements to local government construction codes; and to provide professional training to building inspectors and builders on Georgia's construction codes.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$315,409	$315,409	$315,409
State General Funds	$315,409	$315,409	$315,409
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$481,451	$481,451	$481,451
Sales and Services	$481,451	$481,451	$481,451
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$481,451	$481,451	$481,451
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$796,860	$796,860	$796,860

76.1 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($14,590)	($14,590)	($14,590)

76.1000 Building Construction **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain up-to-date minimum building construction standards for all new structures built in the state; to inspect factory built (modular) buildings to ensure Georgia's minimum construction codes are met; to review proposed enhancements to local government construction codes; and to provide professional training to building inspectors and builders on Georgia's construction codes.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$300,819	$300,819	$300,819
State General Funds	$300,819	$300,819	$300,819
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$481,451	$481,451	$481,451
Sales and Services	$481,451	$481,451	$481,451
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$481,451	$481,451	$481,451
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$782,270	$782,270	$782,270

Community Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is promote volunteerism and community and economic development among local governments, development authorities, and private entities; to promote access to department programs through a statewide network which provides technical and financial assistance for community, economic, and housing developments; to assist Georgia cities, small towns, and neighborhoods in the development of their core commercial areas; to administer federal grant and loan programs; and to provide technical assistance and establish standards, procedures, and reviews for comprehensive plans submitted by local governments.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,592,936	$8,592,936	$8,592,936
State General Funds	$8,592,936	$8,592,936	$8,592,936
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$58,810,708	$58,810,708	$58,810,708
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$58,810,708	$58,810,708	$58,810,708
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,235,623	$2,235,623	$2,235,623
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,040,860	$1,040,860	$1,040,860
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,040,860	$1,040,860	$1,040,860
Sales and Services	$1,194,763	$1,194,763	$1,194,763
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,194,763	$1,194,763	$1,194,763
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$69,639,267	$69,639,267	$69,639,267

77.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$432	$432	$432

77.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$11,080	$11,080	$11,080

77.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$2,278	$2,278	$2,278

77.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($292,610)	($292,610)	($292,610)

77.1000 Community Services **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is promote volunteerism and community and economic development among local governments, development authorities, and private entities; to promote access to department programs through a statewide network which provides technical and financial assistance for community,

economic, and housing developments; to assist Georgia cities, small towns, and neighborhoods in the development of their core commercial areas; to administer federal grant and loan programs; and to provide technical assistance and establish standards, procedures, and reviews for comprehensive plans submitted by local governments.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,314,116	$8,314,116	$8,314,116
State General Funds	$8,314,116	$8,314,116	$8,314,116
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$58,810,708	$58,810,708	$58,810,708
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$58,810,708	$58,810,708	$58,810,708
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,235,623	$2,235,623	$2,235,623
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,040,860	$1,040,860	$1,040,860
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,040,860	$1,040,860	$1,040,860
Sales and Services	$1,194,763	$1,194,763	$1,194,763
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,194,763	$1,194,763	$1,194,763
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$69,360,447	$69,360,447	$69,360,447

Departmental Administration (DCA) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,813,085	$1,813,085	$1,813,085
State General Funds	$1,813,085	$1,813,085	$1,813,085
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,283,371	$5,283,371	$5,283,371
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,283,371	$5,283,371	$5,283,371
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,707,127	$5,707,127	$5,707,127
Reserved Fund Balances	$455,770	$455,770	$455,770
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$455,770	$455,770	$455,770
Intergovernmental Transfers	$4,913,253	$4,913,253	$4,913,253
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$4,913,253	$4,913,253	$4,913,253
Sales and Services	$338,104	$338,104	$338,104
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$338,104	$338,104	$338,104
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$84,499	$84,499	$84,499
State Funds Transfers	$84,499	$84,499	$84,499
Agency to Agency Contracts	$84,499	$84,499	$84,499
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,888,082	$12,888,082	$12,888,082

78.1 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($34,247)	($34,247)	($34,247)

78.2 *Increase funds to reduce allocated administrative costs to affordable housing and community development programs resulting from unfunded cost-of-living adjustments and reduced federal funding.*

State General Funds	$2,773,459	$2,773,459	$0

78.1000 Departmental Administration (DCA)			Appropriation (HB 974)
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,552,297	$4,552,297	$1,778,838
State General Funds	$4,552,297	$4,552,297	$1,778,838
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,283,371	$5,283,371	$5,283,371
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,283,371	$5,283,371	$5,283,371
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,707,127	$5,707,127	$5,707,127
Reserved Fund Balances	$455,770	$455,770	$455,770
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$455,770	$455,770	$455,770
Intergovernmental Transfers	$4,913,253	$4,913,253	$4,913,253
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$4,913,253	$4,913,253	$4,913,253
Sales and Services	$338,104	$338,104	$338,104
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$338,104	$338,104	$338,104
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$84,499	$84,499	$84,499
State Funds Transfers	$84,499	$84,499	$84,499
Agency to Agency Contracts	$84,499	$84,499	$84,499
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,627,294	$15,627,294	$12,853,835

Historic Preservation		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide technical assistance to communities for historic preservation efforts; to administer federal and state grants for historic preservation; and to function as Georgia's State Historic Preservation Office.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,755,694	$1,755,694	$1,755,694
State General Funds	$1,755,694	$1,755,694	$1,755,694
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,979,876	$5,979,876	$5,979,876
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,979,876	$5,979,876	$5,979,876
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$400,397	$400,397	$400,397
Sales and Services	$400,397	$400,397	$400,397
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$400,397	$400,397	$400,397
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,135,967	$8,135,967	$8,135,967

79.1000 Historic Preservation			Appropriation (HB 974)
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide technical assistance to communities for historic preservation efforts; to administer federal and state grants for historic preservation; and to function as Georgia's State Historic Preservation Office.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,755,694	$1,755,694	$1,755,694
State General Funds	$1,755,694	$1,755,694	$1,755,694
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,979,876	$5,979,876	$5,979,876
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,979,876	$5,979,876	$5,979,876
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$400,397	$400,397	$400,397
Sales and Services	$400,397	$400,397	$400,397

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$400,397	$400,397	$400,397
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,135,967	$8,135,967	$8,135,967

Housing Initiatives **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the affordable housing supply and promote home ownership for low- and moderate- income individuals through housing grants, construction financing, mortgage and down payment assistance programs, and the administration of federal and state tax credits; to administer low-interest loans and provide tenant-based assistance to low-income households allowing them to rent safe, decent, and sanitary dwelling units in the private rental market; and to fund the State Housing Trust Fund, provide grants for services to the homeless, and provide for other special housing initiatives.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,328,745	$10,328,745	$10,328,745
State General Funds	$10,328,745	$10,328,745	$10,328,745
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$152,290,162	$152,290,162	$152,290,162
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$152,290,162	$152,290,162	$152,290,162
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$17,616,412	$17,616,412	$17,616,412
Reserved Fund Balances	$573,910	$573,910	$573,910
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$573,910	$573,910	$573,910
Intergovernmental Transfers	$17,042,502	$17,042,502	$17,042,502
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$17,042,502	$17,042,502	$17,042,502
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$199,835	$199,835	$199,835
State Funds Transfers	$199,835	$199,835	$199,835
Agency to Agency Contracts	$199,835	$199,835	$199,835
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$180,435,154	$180,435,154	$180,435,154

80.1 *Reduce funds for one-time funding for the State Housing Trust Fund and recognize funds in AFY2026.*

State General Funds	($2,000,000)	($2,000,000)	($2,000,000)

80.2 *Increase funds for the Southern Georgia Area Agency on Aging.*

State General Funds		$170,000	$0

80.1000 Housing Initiatives **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the affordable housing supply and promote home ownership for low- and moderate- income individuals through housing grants, construction financing, mortgage and down payment assistance programs, and the administration of federal and state tax credits; to administer low-interest loans and provide tenant-based assistance to low-income households allowing them to rent safe, decent, and sanitary dwelling units in the private rental market; and to fund the State Housing Trust Fund, provide grants for services to the homeless, and provide for other special housing initiatives.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,328,745	$8,498,745	$8,328,745
State General Funds	$8,328,745	$8,498,745	$8,328,745
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$152,290,162	$152,290,162	$152,290,162
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$152,290,162	$152,290,162	$152,290,162
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$17,616,412	$17,616,412	$17,616,412
Reserved Fund Balances	$573,910	$573,910	$573,910

Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$573,910	$573,910	$573,910
Intergovernmental Transfers	$17,042,502	$17,042,502	$17,042,502
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$17,042,502	$17,042,502	$17,042,502
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$199,835	$199,835	$199,835
State Funds Transfers	$199,835	$199,835	$199,835
Agency to Agency Contracts	$199,835	$199,835	$199,835
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$178,435,154	$178,605,154	$178,435,154

State Economic Development Programs **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and loans to local governments and businesses and to leverage private investment in order to attract and promote economic development and job creation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,728,595	$10,728,595	$10,728,595
State General Funds	$10,728,595	$10,728,595	$10,728,595
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$609,912	$609,912	$609,912
Intergovernmental Transfers	$477,637	$477,637	$477,637
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$477,637	$477,637	$477,637
Sales and Services	$132,275	$132,275	$132,275
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$132,275	$132,275	$132,275
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,338,507	$11,338,507	$11,338,507

81.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$211	$211	$211

81.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$203	$203	$203

81.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($33,053)	($33,053)	($33,053)

81.4 *Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures and recognize $82,436,169 in available funds.*

State General Funds			($5,000,000)

81.1000 State Economic Development Programs **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and loans to local governments and businesses and to leverage private investment in order to attract and promote economic development and job creation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,695,956	$10,695,956	$5,695,956
State General Funds	$10,695,956	$10,695,956	$5,695,956
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$609,912	$609,912	$609,912
Intergovernmental Transfers	$477,637	$477,637	$477,637

Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$477,637	$477,637	$477,637
Sales and Services	$132,275	$132,275	$132,275
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$132,275	$132,275	$132,275
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,305,868	$11,305,868	$6,305,868

Payments to Georgia Environmental Finance Authority **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for water, wastewater, solid waste, energy, and land conservation projects.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,753,495	$1,753,495	$1,753,495
State General Funds	$1,753,495	$1,753,495	$1,753,495
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,753,495	$1,753,495	$1,753,495

82.1 *Eliminate funds for one-time funding.*

State General Funds	($500,000)	($500,000)	($500,000)

82.2 *Increase funds for one-time funding for the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District for matching funds for a study related to the levels and causes of Geosmin, Methylisoborneol (MIB), and algae/bacteria in Lake Lanier.*

State General Funds	$2,000,000

82.1000 Payments to Georgia Environmental Finance Authority **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for water, wastewater, solid waste, energy, and land conservation projects.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,253,495	$1,253,495	$3,253,495
State General Funds	$1,253,495	$1,253,495	$3,253,495
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,253,495	$1,253,495	$3,253,495

Payments to OneGeorgia Authority **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for the OneGeorgia Authority.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$20,460,340	$20,460,340	$20,460,340
State General Funds	$20,460,340	$20,460,340	$20,460,340
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521
Intergovernmental Transfers	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,605,861	$20,605,861	$20,605,861

83.1000 Payments to OneGeorgia Authority **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for the OneGeorgia Authority.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$20,460,340	$20,460,340	$20,460,340
State General Funds	$20,460,340	$20,460,340	$20,460,340

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521
Intergovernmental Transfers	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,605,861	$20,605,861	$20,605,861

Section 17: Community Health, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,553,191,485	$5,553,191,485	$5,553,191,485
State General Funds	$4,797,138,562	$4,797,138,562	$4,797,138,562
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$124,062,351	$124,062,351	$124,062,351
Ambulance Provider Fees	$8,812,014	$8,812,014	$8,812,014
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$158,995,531	$158,995,531	$158,995,531
Hospital Provider Fee	$464,183,027	$464,183,027	$464,183,027
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,676,947,486	$12,676,947,486	$12,676,947,486
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$15,616,473	$15,616,473	$15,616,473
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$12,119,426,416	$12,119,426,416	$12,119,426,416
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$541,904,597	$541,904,597	$541,904,597
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,026,794,513	$1,026,794,513	$1,026,794,513
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263
Hospital Authorities	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263
Sales and Services	$3,600,000	$3,600,000	$3,600,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,600,000	$3,600,000	$3,600,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178
State Funds Transfers	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,168,519	$1,168,519	$1,168,519
Health Insurance Payments	$5,142,505,397	$5,142,505,397	$5,142,505,397
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$280,857,262	$280,857,262	$280,857,262
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,681,464,662	$24,681,464,662	$24,681,464,662

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,788,545,273	$5,840,288,873	$5,857,082,468
State General Funds	$4,985,276,848	$5,037,020,448	$5,053,814,043
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$124,062,351	$124,062,351	$124,062,351
Ambulance Provider Fees	$11,458,192	$11,458,192	$11,458,192
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$128,537,304	$128,537,304	$128,537,304
Hospital Provider Fee	$539,210,578	$539,210,578	$539,210,578
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$13,292,308,658	$13,429,246,622	$13,490,154,934
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$15,616,473	$15,616,473	$15,616,473

Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$12,740,307,905	$12,879,457,629	$12,940,365,941
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$536,384,280	$534,172,520	$534,172,520
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,026,794,513	$1,026,794,513	$1,026,794,513
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263
Hospital Authorities	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263
Sales and Services	$3,600,000	$3,600,000	$3,600,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,600,000	$3,600,000	$3,600,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178
State Funds Transfers	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,168,519	$1,168,519	$1,168,519
Health Insurance Payments	$5,142,505,397	$5,142,505,397	$5,142,505,397
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$280,857,262	$280,857,262	$280,857,262
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$25,532,179,622	$25,720,861,186	$25,798,563,093

Departmental Administration (DCH) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$95,091,814	$95,091,814	$95,091,814
State General Funds	$95,091,814	$95,091,814	$95,091,814
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$361,445,486	$361,445,486	$361,445,486
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$651,094	$651,094	$651,094
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$331,339,652	$331,339,652	$331,339,652
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$29,454,740	$29,454,740	$29,454,740
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$22,480,104	$22,480,104	$22,480,104
State Funds Transfers	$22,480,104	$22,480,104	$22,480,104
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,168,519	$1,168,519	$1,168,519
Health Insurance Payments	$21,311,585	$21,311,585	$21,311,585
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$482,133,654	$482,133,654	$482,133,654

84.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$130	$130	$130

84.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($114,293)	($114,293)	($114,293)

84.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$112,116	$112,116	$112,116

84.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$66,155	$66,155	$66,155

84.5 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($1,295,115)	($1,295,115)	($1,295,115)

84.6 *Increase funds for a $3,000 salary enhancement for Katie Beckett Medicaid caseworkers for parity with Department of Human Services Medicaid caseworkers.*

State General Funds	$20,222	$20,222	$20,222
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$60,664	$60,664	$60,664
Total Public Funds:	$80,886	$80,886	$80,886

84.7 *Increase funds for eight Katie Beckett Medicaid caseworkers to address increased workload.*

State General Funds	$121,678	$121,678	$121,678
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$365,034	$365,034	$365,034
Total Public Funds:	$486,712	$486,712	$486,712

84.8 *Increase funds for one position in the Medical Assistance Plans division to continue oversight of long term care.*

State General Funds	$64,991	$64,991	$64,991
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$64,991	$64,991	$64,991
Total Public Funds:	$129,982	$129,982	$129,982

84.9 *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for the submission of a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to change any rules, regulations, or policies necessary to allow for the use of Medicaid funding for Graduate Medical Education slots.*

State General Funds	($300,000)	($300,000)	($300,000)

84.10 *The department shall submit a report to the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, the chair of the House and Senate Health Appropriations Subcommittees, the chair of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, the House Budget and Research Office, and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office on the impact to the State Health Benefit Plan (SHBP) and Georgia Medicaid arising from 340B entity purchases, contract pharmacy arrangements, and general practices related to 340B drugs, whether self-administered or provider-administered by September 1, 2026. The report shall include, but not be limited to, an analysis of forgone rebates, impact on premiums, and impact to state employees' out-of-pocket costs. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds		$0	$0

84.11 *Increase funds for personnel for 17 positions to support agency operations.*

State General Funds		$1,096,965	$1,037,970
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778		$1,096,965	$1,037,970
Total Public Funds:		$2,193,930	$2,075,940

84.12 *Reduce funds to reflect termination of the Comprehensive Health Coverage Commission.*

State General Funds	($200,000)

84.1000 Departmental Administration (DCH)			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$93,767,698	$94,864,663	$94,605,668
State General Funds	$93,767,698	$94,864,663	$94,605,668
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$361,936,175	$363,033,140	$362,974,145
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$651,094	$651,094	$651,094
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$331,830,341	$332,927,306	$332,868,311
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$29,454,740	$29,454,740	$29,454,740
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$22,480,104	$22,480,104	$22,480,104
State Funds Transfers	$22,480,104	$22,480,104	$22,480,104
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,168,519	$1,168,519	$1,168,519
Health Insurance Payments	$21,311,585	$21,311,585	$21,311,585
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$481,300,227	$483,494,157	$483,176,167

Georgia Board of Dentistry **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified applicants as dentists and dental hygienists, regulating the practice of dentistry, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary action when warranted.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,274,815	$1,274,815	$1,274,815
State General Funds	$1,274,815	$1,274,815	$1,274,815
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,274,815	$1,274,815	$1,274,815

85.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($3,349)	($3,349)	($3,349)

85.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$399	$399	$399

85.3 *Increase funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.*

State General Funds	$1,159	$1,159	$1,159

85.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($37,949)	($37,949)	($37,949)

85.5 *Increase funds for one criminal investigator. (H and S:Increase funds for two criminal investigators)*			
State General Funds	$99,621	$199,242	$199,242
85.6 *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for protective equipment.*			
State General Funds	($36,960)	($36,960)	($36,960)
85.7 *Increase funds for one-time funding for one vehicle and protective equipment.*			
State General Funds		$32,789	$32,789
85.8 *Increase funds for a 3% pay increase.*			
State General Funds		$18,295	$0

85.1000 Georgia Board of Dentistry			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified applicants as dentists and dental hygienists, regulating the practice of dentistry, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary action when warranted.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,297,736	$1,448,441	$1,430,146
State General Funds	$1,297,736	$1,448,441	$1,430,146
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,297,736	$1,448,441	$1,430,146

Georgia State Board of Pharmacy		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified pharmacists and pharmacies, regulating the practice of pharmacy, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary actions when warranted.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,128,029	$1,128,029	$1,128,029
State General Funds	$1,128,029	$1,128,029	$1,128,029
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,128,029	$1,128,029	$1,128,029

86.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*			
State General Funds	($3,068)	($3,068)	($3,068)
86.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*			
State General Funds	$399	$399	$399
86.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*			
State General Funds	($34,760)	($34,760)	($34,760)
86.4 *Increase funds for an executive administrative assistant.*			
State General Funds		$79,212	$79,212
86.5 *Increase funds for a customer service representative.*			
State General Funds		$61,785	$0

86.6 *Increase funds for a 3% pay increase.*

State General Funds	$18,504	$0

86.1000 Georgia State Board of Pharmacy			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified pharmacists and pharmacies, regulating the practice of pharmacy, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary actions when warranted.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,090,600	$1,250,101	$1,169,812
State General Funds	$1,090,600	$1,250,101	$1,169,812
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,090,600	$1,250,101	$1,169,812

Health Care Access and Improvement			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and other support services for programs that seek to improve health access and outcomes in rural and underserved areas of Georgia through the State Office of Rural Health, the various commissions of the Office of Health Improvement, and the Office of Health Information Technology and Transparency.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$20,819,637	$20,819,637	$20,819,637
State General Funds	$20,819,637	$20,819,637	$20,819,637
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$172,588	$172,588	$172,588
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$172,588	$172,588	$172,588
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,992,225	$20,992,225	$20,992,225

87.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($2,454)	($2,454)	($2,454)

87.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($27,808)	($27,808)	($27,808)

87.3 *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for telecare and maternal health programs. (S:Increase funds for telecare and maternal health programs)*

State General Funds	($250,000)	$0	$250,000

87.4 *Eliminate funds for one-time funding to establish a regional vascular center allowed by passage of HB1339 (2024 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	($407,000)	($407,000)	($407,000)

87.5 *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for behavioral and mental health services stabilization and augmentation.*

State General Funds	($3,000,000)	($3,000,000)	($3,000,000)

87.6 *Increase funds for behavioral and mental health services stabilization by supporting inpatient psychiatric services for any Level 1 trauma center that is the only general acute care hospital providing inpatient psychiatric services in its county, and where no other general acute care hospital in an adjacent county provides inpatient psychiatric care.*

State General Funds	$1,500,000	$2,400,000

87.7 *Increase funds to conduct colorectal cancer screenings.*

State General Funds	$916,000	$916,000

87.8 *Increase funds for one-time funding to create a grant opportunity for contracted PACE providers to apply for funding to support the establishment of their transportation infrastructure.*

State General Funds	$500,000	$0

87.9 *Eliminate funds for one-time start-up funding for federally qualified health centers.*

State General Funds	($500,000)	($500,000)

87.10 *Increase funds for one-time grants for emergency preparedness in rural Georgia. (S:YES; Recognize $3,000,000 in Rural Health Transformation Funding program for emergency preparedness)*

State General Funds	$3,000,000	$0

87.11 *Increase funds for rural hospital stabilization grants to include rural emergency hospitals. (S:YES; Recognize $9,540,817 in Rural Health Transformation Funding program and $2,000,000 State General Funds in the base for rural hospital stabilization grants)*

State General Funds	$3,000,000	$0

87.12 *Increase funds to develop and implement a solvency evaluation process for rural hospitals.*

State General Funds	$2,000,000	$0

87.13 *Reduce funds to reflect conclusion of state's commitment to foundation funding.*

State General Funds	($50,000)

87.14 *Transfer funds from the Health Care Access and Improvement program to the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Mercer School of Medicine Grant program for the rural health innovation center.*

State General Funds	($1,800,000)

87.1000 Health Care Access and Improvement **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and other support services for programs that seek to improve health access and outcomes in rural and underserved areas of Georgia through the State Office of Rural Health, the various commissions of the Office of Health Improvement, and the Office of Health Information Technology and Transparency.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$17,132,375	$27,798,375	$18,598,375
State General Funds	$17,132,375	$27,798,375	$18,598,375
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$172,588	$172,588	$172,588
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$172,588	$172,588	$172,588
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$17,304,963	$27,970,963	$18,770,963

Healthcare Facility Regulation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to inspect and license long term care and health care facilities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,054,557	$27,054,557	$27,054,557
State General Funds	$27,054,557	$27,054,557	$27,054,557
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,005,577	$12,005,577	$12,005,577
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,005,577	$12,005,577	$12,005,577
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,160,134	$39,160,134	$39,160,134

88.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($92,411)	($92,411)	($92,411)

88.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$2,889	$2,889	$2,889

88.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($1,047,149)	($1,047,149)	($1,047,149)

88.4 *Increase funds to sustain the nurse aide and medication aide training and credentialing program. (S:YES; Recognize availability of other nurse aid and medication aide training)*

State General Funds		$1,430,000	$0

88.5 *Reduce funds for the Office of Health Planning to strategically focus on certificate of need planning for skilled nursing facilities only and transfer funds from the Healthcare Facility Regulation program to the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Graduate Medical Education program to increase the number of physicians statewide.*

State General Funds			($500,000)

88.1000 Healthcare Facility Regulation			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to inspect and license long term care and health care facilities.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$25,917,886	$27,347,886	$25,417,886
State General Funds	$25,917,886	$27,347,886	$25,417,886
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,005,577	$12,005,577	$12,005,577
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,005,577	$12,005,577	$12,005,577
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$38,023,463	$39,453,463	$37,523,463

Indigent Care Trust Fund **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support rural and other healthcare providers, primarily hospitals that serve medically indigent Georgians.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,882,042	$52,882,042	$52,882,042
State General Funds	$52,882,042	$52,882,042	$52,882,042
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$671,388,987	$671,388,987	$671,388,987
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$671,388,987	$671,388,987	$671,388,987
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$286,585,667	$286,585,667	$286,585,667
Intergovernmental Transfers	$283,385,667	$283,385,667	$283,385,667
Hospital Authorities	$283,385,667	$283,385,667	$283,385,667
Sales and Services	$3,200,000	$3,200,000	$3,200,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,200,000	$3,200,000	$3,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,010,856,696	$1,010,856,696	$1,010,856,696

89.1000 Indigent Care Trust Fund **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support rural and other healthcare providers, primarily hospitals that serve medically indigent Georgians.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,882,042	$52,882,042	$52,882,042
State General Funds	$52,882,042	$52,882,042	$52,882,042
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$671,388,987	$671,388,987	$671,388,987
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$671,388,987	$671,388,987	$671,388,987
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$286,585,667	$286,585,667	$286,585,667
Intergovernmental Transfers	$283,385,667	$283,385,667	$283,385,667
Hospital Authorities	$283,385,667	$283,385,667	$283,385,667
Sales and Services	$3,200,000	$3,200,000	$3,200,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,200,000	$3,200,000	$3,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,010,856,696	$1,010,856,696	$1,010,856,696

Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health care access primarily to elderly and disabled individuals. There is also hereby appropriated to the Department of Community Health a specific sum of money equal to all the provider fees paid to the Indigent Care Trust Fund created pursuant to Article 6A of chapter 8 of Title 31. The sum of money is appropriated for payments for nursing homes pursuant to Article 6A.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,844,180,261	$2,844,180,261	$2,844,180,261
State General Funds	$2,622,925,268	$2,622,925,268	$2,622,925,268
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,191,806	$6,191,806	$6,191,806
Ambulance Provider Fees	$8,812,014	$8,812,014	$8,812,014
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$158,995,531	$158,995,531	$158,995,531
Hospital Provider Fee	$47,255,642	$47,255,642	$47,255,642
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,488,511,854	$5,488,511,854	$5,488,511,854
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,787,214	$2,787,214	$2,787,214
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$5,485,724,640	$5,485,724,640	$5,485,724,640
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$97,574,403	$97,574,403	$97,574,403
Intergovernmental Transfers	$97,574,403	$97,574,403	$97,574,403

Hospital Authorities	$97,574,403	$97,574,403	$97,574,403
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632
State Funds Transfers	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,697,555,150	$8,697,555,150	$8,697,555,150

90.1 *Increase funds for growth in Medicaid based on projected utilization.*

State General Funds	$307,853,025	$308,177,918	$319,446,239
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$613,104,345	$613,682,441	$636,192,798
Total Public Funds:	$920,957,370	$921,860,359	$955,639,037

90.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.40% to 66.63%.*

State General Funds	($51,687,538)	($51,741,896)	($51,741,896)
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778		$51,741,896	$51,741,896
Total Public Funds:	($51,687,538)	$0	$0

90.3 *Increase funds for skilled nursing centers to reflect 2024 cost reports.*

State General Funds	$5,143,638	$5,143,638	$5,143,638
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$10,243,807	$10,243,807	$10,243,807
Total Public Funds:	$15,387,445	$15,387,445	$15,387,445

90.4 *Increase funds for the hold harmless provision in Medicare Part B premiums.*

State General Funds	$33,045,343	$33,780,887	$33,780,887
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$65,811,416	$67,268,730	$67,268,730
Total Public Funds:	$98,856,759	$101,049,617	$101,049,617

90.5 *Increase funds for the Medicare Part D Clawback payment.*

State General Funds	$11,185,493	$11,237,928	$11,237,928

90.6 *Reduce funds for high-cost drugs based on projected utilization.*

State General Funds	($11,818,678)	($11,818,678)	($11,818,678)
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	($23,537,475)	($23,537,475)	($23,537,475)
Total Public Funds:	($35,356,153)	($35,356,153)	($35,356,153)

90.7 *Reduce funds for Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) savings from FY2026 provider rate enhancements.*

State General Funds	($26,467)	($26,467)	($26,467)
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	($48,696)	($48,696)	($48,696)
Total Public Funds:	($75,163)	($75,163)	($75,163)

90.8 *Replace funds.*

State General Funds	($7,638,097)	($7,638,097)	($7,638,097)
Hospital Provider Fee	$7,638,097	$7,638,097	$7,638,097
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0

90.9 *Replace funds.*

State General Funds	$30,458,227	$30,458,227	$30,458,227
Nursing Home Provider Fees	($30,458,227)	($30,458,227)	($30,458,227)
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0

90.10 *Increase funds for ambulance provider fees based on projected revenue.*

Ambulance Provider Fees	$2,646,178	$2,646,178	$2,646,178

90.11 *Increase funds to increase dental code reimbursement rates.*

State General Funds		$1,030,020	$1,030,020
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778		$2,051,336	$2,051,336
Total Public Funds:		$3,081,356	$3,081,356

90.12 *Increase funds to increase the psychiatric residential treatment facilities rate to $800 per day.*

State General Funds		$229,228	$0
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778		$456,519	$0
Total Public Funds:		$685,747	$0

90.13 *Increase funds to increase two primary care codes.*

State General Funds		$2,891,398	$5,782,362
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778		$5,757,711	$11,515,857
Total Public Funds:		$8,649,109	$17,298,219

90.14 *Increase funds to increase reimbursement for the training of parents with autistic children. (S:NO; See increase in autism services rate)*

State General Funds		$350,796	$0
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778		$698,628	$0
Total Public Funds:		$1,049,424	$0

90.15 *Increase funds to create parity between in-home and in-office reimbursement rates for autism services.*

State General Funds		$4,368,395	$8,736,136
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778		$8,698,894	$17,398,441
Total Public Funds:		$13,067,289	$26,134,577

90.16 *Increase funds to increase the prospective payment rate for federally qualified health centers.*

State General Funds		$362,982	$362,982
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778		$722,876	$722,876
Total Public Funds:		$1,085,858	$1,085,858

90.17 *Increase funds to increase reimbursement rates for air ambulance.*

State General Funds	$299,092	$299,092
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$595,656	$595,656
Total Public Funds:	$894,748	$894,748

90.18 *Increase funds to provide that the department shall submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to change any rules, regulations, or policies necessary to allow for reimbursement of adult heart and lung transplants.*

State General Funds	$837,530	$837,530
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$1,667,795	$1,667,795
Total Public Funds:	$2,505,325	$2,505,325

90.19 *Increase funds to increase the Elderly and Disabled Waiver (EDWP) Enhanced Case Management rates.*

State General Funds	$600,000	$0
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$1,194,795	$0
Total Public Funds:	$1,794,795	$0

90.20 *Increase funds to provide that the department shall submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to change any rules, regulations, or policies necessary to allow for reimbursement of registered dietitians (RDs) providing services for Medicaid members receiving diagnostic, screening, and preventive services.*

State General Funds	$136,472	$136,472
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$271,791	$271,791
Total Public Funds:	$408,263	$408,263

90.21 *Increase funds to adjust fair rental value (FRV) formula to incentivize improvements to nursing centers by increasing the equipment allowance to $8,000 per bed, bringing the RS Means Index up one year, and adjusting maximum age of facility to 40 years and depreciation rate to 1.25%. (S:Increase funds for one-time funding to adjust fair rental value (FRV) formula to incentivize improvements to nursing centers by increasing the equipment allowance to $8,000 per bed, bringing the RS Means Index up one year, and adjusting maximum age of facility to 40 years and depreciation rate to 1.25% for FY2027 only so as to stay on audited cost reports)*

State General Funds	$6,800,000	$6,800,000
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$13,541,011	$13,541,011
Total Public Funds:	$20,341,011	$20,341,011

90.22 *Increase funds for a Medicaid rate enhancement for privately-owned intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities.*

State General Funds	$352,859	$352,859
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$702,657	$702,657
Total Public Funds:	$1,055,516	$1,055,516

90.23 *Increase funds for an increase in the nursing home ventilator reimbursement rate.*

State General Funds	$512,622	$512,622
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$1,020,797	$1,020,797
Total Public Funds:	$1,533,419	$1,533,419

90.24 *Repairs to any patient-owned complex/custom wheeled mobility devices, including all power wheelchairs and complex manual wheelchairs, do not require documentation such as detailed written orders, certificates of medical necessity (CMNs), prescriptions, or prior authorization when the combined parts and labor for the repair is less than $2,000. (S:YES)*

State General Funds $0

90.1000 Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health care access primarily to elderly and disabled individuals. There is also hereby appropriated to the Department of Community Health a specific sum of money equal to all the provider fees paid to the Indigent Care Trust Fund created pursuant to Article 6A of chapter 8 of Title 31. The sum of money is appropriated for payments for nursing homes pursuant to Article 6A.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,140,521,255	$3,160,351,163	$3,177,698,165
State General Funds	$2,939,440,214	$2,959,270,122	$2,976,617,124
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,191,806	$6,191,806	$6,191,806
Ambulance Provider Fees	$11,458,192	$11,458,192	$11,458,192
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$128,537,304	$128,537,304	$128,537,304
Hospital Provider Fee	$54,893,739	$54,893,739	$54,893,739
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$6,154,085,251	$6,245,243,023	$6,279,861,131
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,787,214	$2,787,214	$2,787,214
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$6,151,298,037	$6,242,455,809	$6,277,073,917
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$97,574,403	$97,574,403	$97,574,403
Intergovernmental Transfers	$97,574,403	$97,574,403	$97,574,403
Hospital Authorities	$97,574,403	$97,574,403	$97,574,403
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632
State Funds Transfers	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,659,469,541	$9,770,457,221	$9,822,422,331

Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide healthcare access primarily to low-income individuals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,246,744,451	$2,246,744,451	$2,246,744,451
State General Funds	$1,711,946,521	$1,711,946,521	$1,711,946,521
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$117,870,545	$117,870,545	$117,870,545
Hospital Provider Fee	$416,927,385	$416,927,385	$416,927,385
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,756,199,698	$5,756,199,698	$5,756,199,698
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$5,623,100,178	$5,623,100,178	$5,623,100,178
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$133,099,520	$133,099,520	$133,099,520
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$639,118,193	$639,118,193	$639,118,193
Intergovernmental Transfers	$639,118,193	$639,118,193	$639,118,193
Hospital Authorities	$639,118,193	$639,118,193	$639,118,193
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847

State Funds Transfers	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,655,479,189	$8,655,479,189	$8,655,479,189

91.1 *Reduce funds for Medicaid based on projected utilization.*

State General Funds	($22,659,227)	($41,316,199)	($30,167,680)
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	($45,126,958)	($82,273,986)	($60,080,409)
Total Public Funds:	($67,786,185)	($123,590,185)	($90,248,089)

91.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.40% to 66.63%.*

State General Funds	($31,082,108)	($30,937,864)	($30,937,864)
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778		$30,937,864	$30,937,864
Total Public Funds:	($31,082,108)	$0	$0

91.3 *Reduce funds for Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) savings from FY2026 provider rate enhancements.*

State General Funds	($29,825)	($29,825)	($29,825)
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	($55,639)	($55,639)	($55,639)
Total Public Funds:	($85,464)	($85,464)	($85,464)

91.4 *Replace funds.*

State General Funds	($67,389,454)	($67,389,454)	($67,389,454)
Hospital Provider Fee	$67,389,454	$67,389,454	$67,389,454
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0

91.5 *Increase funds to increase dental code reimbursement rates.*

State General Funds		$10,572,405	$10,572,405
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778		$21,055,460	$21,055,460
Total Public Funds:		$31,627,865	$31,627,865

91.6 *Increase funds to provide that the Division for Medicaid Services shall establish a rate floor to reimburse at no less than 100% of the state Medicaid program for durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies. The provider network and appropriate access to care will be consistent across the Medicaid program with a standardized fee schedule in place.*

State General Funds		$1,379,160	$1,379,160
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778		$2,746,665	$2,746,665
Total Public Funds:		$4,125,825	$4,125,825

91.7 *Increase funds to increase the psychiatric residential treatment facilities rate to $800 per day.*

State General Funds		$3,719,263	$0
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778		$7,407,094	$0
Total Public Funds:		$11,126,357	$0

91.8 *Increase funds to increase two primary care codes.*

State General Funds	$4,767,855	$9,534,996
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$9,494,348	$18,989,411
Total Public Funds:	$14,262,203	$28,524,407

91.9 *Increase funds to increase reimbursement for the training of parents with autistic children. (S:NO; See increase in autism services rate)*

State General Funds	$359,190	$0
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$715,345	$0
Total Public Funds:	$1,074,535	$0

91.10 *Increase funds to create parity between in-home and in-office reimbursement rates for autism services.*

State General Funds	$3,562,962	$7,125,390
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$7,095,015	$14,190,563
Total Public Funds:	$10,657,977	$21,315,953

91.11 *Increase funds to increase the prospective payment rate for federally qualified health centers.*

State General Funds	$1,081,287	$1,081,287
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$2,153,436	$2,153,436
Total Public Funds:	$3,234,723	$3,234,723

91.12 *Increase funds to increase reimbursement rates for air ambulance.*

State General Funds	$246,311	$246,311
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$490,540	$490,540
Total Public Funds:	$736,851	$736,851

91.13 *Increase funds to provide that the department shall submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to change any rules, regulations, or policies necessary to allow for reimbursement of adult heart and lung transplants.*

State General Funds	$837,530	$837,530
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$1,667,795	$1,667,795
Total Public Funds:	$2,505,325	$2,505,325

91.14 *Increase funds to provide that the department shall submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to change any rules, regulations, or policies necessary to allow for reimbursement of registered dietitians (RDs) providing services for Medicaid members receiving diagnostic, screening, and preventive services.*

State General Funds	$139,817	$139,817
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$278,453	$278,453
Total Public Funds:	$418,270	$418,270

91.15 *Reduce funds to reflect newly approved Rural OB Directed Payment Programs and continue $2,000 add-on payment for newborn deliveries in rural counties with a population 35,000 or less.*

State General Funds	($2,165,425)
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	($4,312,550)
Total Public Funds:	($6,477,975)

91.1000 Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide healthcare access primarily to low-income individuals.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,192,973,291	$2,201,126,343	$2,214,360,553
State General Funds	$1,590,785,907	$1,598,938,959	$1,612,173,169
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$117,870,545	$117,870,545	$117,870,545
Hospital Provider Fee	$484,316,839	$484,316,839	$484,316,839
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,711,017,101	$5,757,912,088	$5,784,261,287
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$5,577,917,581	$5,624,812,568	$5,651,161,767
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$133,099,520	$133,099,520	$133,099,520
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$639,118,193	$639,118,193	$639,118,193
Intergovernmental Transfers	$639,118,193	$639,118,193	$639,118,193
Hospital Authorities	$639,118,193	$639,118,193	$639,118,193
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847
State Funds Transfers	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,556,525,432	$8,611,573,471	$8,651,156,880

PeachCare			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health insurance coverage for qualified low-income Georgia children.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$122,733,823	$122,733,823	$122,733,823
State General Funds	$122,733,823	$122,733,823	$122,733,823
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$379,350,337	$379,350,337	$379,350,337
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$379,350,337	$379,350,337	$379,350,337
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783
State Funds Transfers	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$502,235,943	$502,235,943	$502,235,943

92.1 *Reduce funds for Medicaid based on projected utilization.*

State General Funds	($1,688,016)	($3,000,735)	($3,000,735)
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	($5,525,943)	($9,822,919)	($9,822,919)
Total Public Funds:	($7,213,959)	($12,823,654)	($12,823,654)

92.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (eFMAP) from 76.48% to 76.64%.*

State General Funds	($1,022,067)	($1,022,067)	($1,022,067)
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767		$1,022,067	$1,022,067
Total Public Funds:	($1,022,067)	$0	$0

92.3 *Reduce funds for Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) savings from FY2026 provider rate enhancements.*

State General Funds	($5,626)	($5,626)	($5,626)
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$5,626	$5,626	$5,626
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0

92.4 *Increase funds to increase dental code reimbursement rates.*

State General Funds		$296,037	$296,037
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767		$969,078	$969,078
Total Public Funds:		$1,265,115	$1,265,115

92.5 *Increase funds to increase reimbursement rates for air ambulance.*

State General Funds		$28,737	$28,737
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767		$94,071	$94,071
Total Public Funds:		$122,808	$122,808

92.1000 PeachCare			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health insurance coverage for qualified low-income Georgia children.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$120,018,114	$119,030,169	$119,030,169
State General Funds	$120,018,114	$119,030,169	$119,030,169
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$373,830,020	$371,618,260	$371,618,260
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$373,830,020	$371,618,260	$371,618,260
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783
State Funds Transfers	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$493,999,917	$490,800,212	$490,800,212

State Health Benefit Plan			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a healthcare benefit for teachers and state employees that is competitive with other commercial benefit plans in quality of care and access to providers; and to provide for the efficient management of provider fees and utilization rates.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,011,921	$6,011,921	$6,011,921
State General Funds	$6,011,921	$6,011,921	$6,011,921
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812
State Funds Transfers	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812

Health Insurance Payments	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,127,205,733	$5,127,205,733	$5,127,205,733

93.1 *Increase funds to implement HB196 (2025 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	$1,261,920	$1,261,920	$1,261,920

93.2 *Eliminate funds for interim one-time funding for a $3 per prescription dispensing fee for independent pharmacists awaiting the outcome of an SHBP Prescription Benefit Manager (PBM) study.*

State General Funds	($3,100,000)	($3,100,000)	($3,100,000)

93.3 *Recognize an increase in formula funds ($207,516,476) in the Department of Education, Department of Early Care and Learning, and Georgia Military College, to reflect an increase in the employer healthcare contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) for certified school employees and lead and assistant teachers to $2,028, effective July 1, 2026. (G:YES)(H:YES; Recognize an increase in funds ($75,169,997) in the Department of Education, Department of Early Care and Learning, Georgia Public Libraries, and Georgia Military College to reflect an increase in the employer healthcare contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) for certified school employees and lead and assistant teachers to $1,935, effective July 1, 2026)(S:YES; Recognize an increase in funds ($71,414,649) in the Department of Education, Department of Early Care and Learning, Georgia Public Libraries, and Georgia Military College to reflect an increase in the employer healthcare contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) for certified school employees and lead and assistant teachers to $1,935, effective July 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

93.4 *Increase the employer health care contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) for non-certified school employees to match the PMPM for certified school employees, effective July 1, 2026, to maintain the financial stability of the plan. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

93.1000 State Health Benefit Plan **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a healthcare benefit for teachers and state employees that is competitive with other commercial benefit plans in quality of care and access to providers; and to provide for the efficient management of provider fees and utilization rates.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,173,841	$4,173,841	$4,173,841
State General Funds	$4,173,841	$4,173,841	$4,173,841
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812
State Funds Transfers	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812
Health Insurance Payments	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,125,367,653	$5,125,367,653	$5,125,367,653

Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Board Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all agency programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,986,170	$1,986,170	$1,986,170
State General Funds	$1,986,170	$1,986,170	$1,986,170
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,986,170	$1,986,170	$1,986,170

94.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($5,296)	($5,296)	($5,296)

94.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$109	$109	$109

94.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($62,014)	($62,014)	($62,014)

94.1000 Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Board Administration			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all agency programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,918,969	$1,918,969	$1,918,969
State General Funds	$1,918,969	$1,918,969	$1,918,969
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,918,969	$1,918,969	$1,918,969

Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Graduate Medical Education **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to address the physician workforce needs of Georgia communities through the support and development of medical education programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$43,283,730	$43,283,730	$43,283,730
State General Funds	$43,283,730	$43,283,730	$43,283,730
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,872,959	$7,872,959	$7,872,959
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$7,872,959	$7,872,959	$7,872,959
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$51,156,689	$51,156,689	$51,156,689

95.1 *Increase funds for 105 new residency slots in primary care medicine. (H and S:Increase funds for 147 new residency slots)*

State General Funds	$2,096,412	$4,793,685	$2,843,558

95.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.40% to 66.63%.*

State General Funds	($234,123)	($234,123)	($234,123)

95.3 *Utilize existing funds ($734,438) for grants for Graduate Medical Education (GME) programs based on the use of Medicaid Reimbursements for new residency slots pending approval of a State Plan Amendment to fund the Rural Surgery Initiative and child and adolescent psychiatry slots at Augusta University. (G:YES)(H:NO)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

95.4 *Reduce funds due to delayed approval of a State Plan Amendment.*

State General Funds	($6,844,122)	$0

95.5 *Increase funds and utilize existing funds ($432,338) for the Rural Surgery Initiative and child and adolescent psychiatry slots at Augusta University.*

State General Funds	$734,438	$0

95.6 *Increase funds for 13 new fellowship slots.*

State General Funds	$1,920,000	$1,920,000

95.7 *Increase funds for one-time funding for resident education spaces.*

State General Funds	$3,671,170	$0

95.8 *The Department of Community Health and the Georgia Board for Health Care Workforce shall annually, no later than December 1, submit to the chairs of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, Senate Appropriations Committee, House Health Committee, and House Appropriations Committee, the House Budget and Research Office, and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office a joint report detailing all state funds expended for graduate medical education by site and, to the extent they can be determined, associated federal matching funds, the number of residency and fellowship positions supported by state funds at each site, and the number of new residency and fellowship positions established or expanded during the preceding fiscal year at each site. (S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0

95.9 *Utilize existing funds ($432,338) for grants for Graduate Medical Education (GME) programs based on the use of Medicaid Reimbursements for new residency slots pending approval of a State Plan Amendment to fund the child and adolescent psychiatry fellowship program at Gateway Behavioral Health. (S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0

95.10 *Transfer funds from the Healthcare Facility Regulation program to the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Graduate Medical Education program for grants for Graduate Medical Education (GME) programs based on the use of Medicaid Reimbursements for new residency slots pending approval of a State Plan Amendment.*

State General Funds	$500,000

95.11 *Increase funds for start-up funding for a family medicine residency program.*

State General Funds	$1,053,000

95.1000 Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Graduate Medical Education			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to address the physician workforce needs of Georgia communities through the support and development of medical education programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$45,146,019	$47,324,778	$49,366,165
State General Funds	$45,146,019	$47,324,778	$49,366,165
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,872,959	$7,872,959	$7,872,959
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$7,872,959	$7,872,959	$7,872,959
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$53,018,978	$55,197,737	$57,239,124

Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Healthcare Education Programs		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of primary care and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with medical schools in Georgia.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,195,783	$7,195,783	$7,195,783
State General Funds	$7,195,783	$7,195,783	$7,195,783
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,195,783	$7,195,783	$7,195,783
96.1 *Increase funds for medical student capitation for 380 certified Georgia residents at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM).*			
State General Funds	$2,417,940	$2,417,940	$2,417,940
96.2 *Increase funds to support the nursing program at Andrew College.*			
State General Funds		$150,000	$138,000
96.998 *Change the name of the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Undergraduate Medical Education program to the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Healthcare Education Programs program to include nursing education. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*			
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
96.999 ***SAC**: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of health practitioners through a public/private partnership with medical and nursing schools in Georgia.* ***House**: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of health practitioners through a public/private partnership with medical and nursing schools in Georgia.* ***Governor**: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of health practitioners through a public/private partnership with medical and nursing schools in Georgia.*			
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

96.1000 Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Healthcare Education Programs			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of health practitioners through a public/private partnership with medical and nursing schools in Georgia.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,613,723	$9,763,723	$9,751,723
State General Funds	$9,613,723	$9,763,723	$9,751,723
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,613,723	$9,763,723	$9,751,723

Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Healthcare Practitioner Loan Repayment		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of physicians in rural areas of the state, and to provide a program of aid to promising medical students.			

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,215,000	$6,215,000	$6,215,000
State General Funds	$6,215,000	$6,215,000	$6,215,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,215,000	$6,215,000	$6,215,000

97.1000 Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Healthcare Practitioner Loan Repayment **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of physicians in rural areas of the state, and to provide a program of aid to promising medical students.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,215,000	$6,215,000	$6,215,000
State General Funds	$6,215,000	$6,215,000	$6,215,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,215,000	$6,215,000	$6,215,000

Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Mercer School of Medicine Grant **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Mercer University School of Medicine to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,576,801	$34,576,801	$34,576,801
State General Funds	$34,576,801	$34,576,801	$34,576,801
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$34,576,801	$34,576,801	$34,576,801

98.1 *Increase funds for the seventh year of the seven-year plan for Mercer School of Medicine's medical school campus in Columbus.*

State General Funds	$12,567	$12,567	$12,567

98.2 *Increase funds to pilot a pediatric residency with a rural training track. (S:Transfer funds from the Health Care Access and Improvement program to the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Mercer School of Medicine Grant program ($1,800,000) and increase funds to pilot a pediatric residency with a rural training track)*

State General Funds		$4,000,000	$2,000,000

98.1000 Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Mercer School of Medicine Grant **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Mercer University School of Medicine to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,589,368	$38,589,368	$36,589,368
State General Funds	$34,589,368	$38,589,368	$36,589,368
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$34,589,368	$38,589,368	$36,589,368

Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Morehouse School of Medicine Grant **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Morehouse School of Medicine and affiliated hospitals to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$33,429,696	$33,429,696	$33,429,696
State General Funds	$33,429,696	$33,429,696	$33,429,696
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$33,429,696	$33,429,696	$33,429,696

99.1 *Increase funds for the Phoebe Health-Morehouse Consortium for the creation of a regional campus and graduate medical education program.*

State General Funds	$4,000,000	$2,000,000

99.1000 Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Morehouse School of Medicine Grant **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Morehouse School of Medicine and affiliated hospitals to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$33,429,696	$37,429,696	$35,429,696
State General Funds	$33,429,696	$37,429,696	$35,429,696
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$33,429,696	$37,429,696	$35,429,696

Georgia Composite Medical Board **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to license qualified applicants as physicians, physician's assistants, respiratory care professionals, perfusionists, acupuncturists, orthotists, prosthetists, and auricular (ear) detoxification specialists. Also, investigate complaints and discipline those who violate the Medical Practice Act or other laws governing the professional behavior of the Board licensees.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,278,810	$5,278,810	$5,278,810
State General Funds	$5,278,810	$5,278,810	$5,278,810
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,578,810	$5,578,810	$5,578,810

100.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($17,388)	($17,388)	($17,388)

100.2 *Increase funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.*

State General Funds	$4,499	$4,499	$4,499

100.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($214,382)	($214,382)	($214,382)

100.4 *Eliminate funds for one-time funding to seed program to address career fatigue and wellness of healthcare professionals pursuant to HB455 (2024 Legislative Session). (H and S:NO; Maintain funding to address career fatigue and wellness of healthcare professionals pursuant to HB455 (2024 Legislative Session))*

State General Funds	($500,000)	$0	$0

100.5 *Utilize funds appropriated in HB68 (2025 Legislative Session) for a paralegal position. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds		$0	$0

100.6 *Increase funds for a medical director and a compliance inspector. (S:Increase funds for a compliance inspector pursuant to passage of HB717 (2026 Legislative Session))*

State General Funds		$416,655	$87,230

100.7 *Utilize existing retained revenue ($200,000) pursuant to the passage of SB162 (2026 Legislative Session) for ThoughtSpan implementation. (S:YES)*

State General Funds			$0

100.1000 Georgia Composite Medical Board **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to license qualified applicants as physicians, physician's assistants, respiratory care professionals, perfusionists, acupuncturists, orthotists, prosthetists, and auricular (ear) detoxification specialists. Also, investigate complaints and discipline those who violate the Medical Practice Act or other laws governing the professional behavior of the Board licensees.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,551,539	$5,468,194	$5,138,769
State General Funds	$4,551,539	$5,468,194	$5,138,769
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,851,539	$5,768,194	$5,438,769

Drugs and Narcotics Agency, Georgia **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the general public by providing an enforcement presence to oversee all laws and regulations pertaining to controlled substances and dangerous drugs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,304,145	$3,304,145	$3,304,145
State General Funds	$3,304,145	$3,304,145	$3,304,145
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,304,145	$3,304,145	$3,304,145

101.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($14,269)	($14,269)	($14,269)

101.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$3,609	$3,609	$3,609

101.3 *Increase funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.*

State General Funds	$18,745	$18,745	$18,745

101.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($157,159)	($157,159)	($157,159)

101.5 *Increase funds for one special agent.*

State General Funds	$151,050	$151,050	$151,050

101.1000 Drugs and Narcotics Agency, Georgia			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the general public by providing an enforcement presence to oversee all laws and regulations pertaining to controlled substances and dangerous drugs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,306,121	$3,306,121	$3,306,121
State General Funds	$3,306,121	$3,306,121	$3,306,121
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,306,121	$3,306,121	$3,306,121

Section 18: Community Supervision, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$232,862,212	$232,862,212	$232,862,212
State General Funds	$232,862,212	$232,862,212	$232,862,212
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$636,008	$636,008	$636,008
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$636,008	$636,008	$636,008
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$283,707	$283,707	$283,707
Intergovernmental Transfers	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773
Sales and Services	$171,934	$171,934	$171,934
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$171,934	$171,934	$171,934
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$845,000	$845,000	$845,000
State Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$234,626,927	$234,626,927	$234,626,927

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$223,370,568	$223,857,862	$223,131,668
State General Funds	$223,370,568	$223,857,862	$223,131,668
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$636,008	$636,008	$636,008
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$636,008	$636,008	$636,008

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$283,707	$283,707	$283,707
Intergovernmental Transfers	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773
Sales and Services	$171,934	$171,934	$171,934
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$171,934	$171,934	$171,934
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$845,000	$845,000	$845,000
State Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$225,135,283	$225,622,577	$224,896,383

Departmental Administration (DCS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,138,823	$11,138,823	$11,138,823
State General Funds	$11,138,823	$11,138,823	$11,138,823
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
Sales and Services	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,140,023	$11,140,023	$11,140,023

102.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$951	$951	$951

102.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($3,660)	($3,660)	($3,660)

102.3 *Increase funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.*

State General Funds	$1,003	$1,003	$1,003

102.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$964	$964	$964

102.5 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($501,441)	($501,441)	($501,441)

102.1000 Departmental Administration (DCS) **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,636,640	$10,636,640	$10,636,640
State General Funds	$10,636,640	$10,636,640	$10,636,640
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
Sales and Services	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,637,840	$10,637,840	$10,637,840

Field Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve Georgia citizens through effective and efficient offender supervision in communities, while providing opportunities for successful outcomes.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$215,373,753	$215,373,753	$215,373,753
State General Funds	$215,373,753	$215,373,753	$215,373,753
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$447,884	$447,884	$447,884
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$447,884	$447,884	$447,884
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$121,278	$121,278	$121,278
Intergovernmental Transfers	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773
Sales and Services	$9,505	$9,505	$9,505
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$9,505	$9,505	$9,505
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$845,000	$845,000	$845,000
State Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$216,787,915	$216,787,915	$216,787,915

103.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$18,765	$18,765	$18,765

103.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($61,651)	($61,651)	($61,651)

103.3 *Increase funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.*

State General Funds	$876,193	$876,193	$876,193

103.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$24,626	$24,626	$24,626

103.5 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($9,846,470)	($9,846,470)	($9,846,470)

103.6 *Increase funds for rent at the West Georgia Circuit, Ogeechee Circuit, and the Mountain Circuit. (S:NO; Pursue other options in line with market rates)*

State General Funds	$238,900	$726,194	$0

103.1000 Field Services			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve Georgia citizens through effective and efficient offender supervision in communities, while providing opportunities for successful outcomes.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$206,624,116	$207,111,410	$206,385,216
State General Funds	$206,624,116	$207,111,410	$206,385,216
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$447,884	$447,884	$447,884
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$447,884	$447,884	$447,884
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$121,278	$121,278	$121,278
Intergovernmental Transfers	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773
Sales and Services	$9,505	$9,505	$9,505
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$9,505	$9,505	$9,505
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$845,000	$845,000	$845,000
State Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$208,038,278	$208,525,572	$207,799,378

Governor's Office of Transition, Support and Reentry			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a collaboration of governmental and non-governmental stakeholders to develop and execute a systematic reentry plan for Georgia offenders and ensure the delivery of services to reduce recidivism and support the success of returning citizens.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,592,794	$4,592,794	$4,592,794
State General Funds	$4,592,794	$4,592,794	$4,592,794
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,592,794	$4,592,794	$4,592,794

104.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($3,345)	($3,345)	($3,345)

104.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$300	$300	$300

104.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($166,476)	($166,476)	($166,476)

104.1000 Governor's Office of Transition, Support and Reentry **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a collaboration of governmental and non-governmental stakeholders to develop and execute a systematic reentry plan for Georgia offenders and ensure the delivery of services to reduce recidivism and support the success of returning citizens.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,423,273	$4,423,273	$4,423,273
State General Funds	$4,423,273	$4,423,273	$4,423,273
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,423,273	$4,423,273	$4,423,273

Misdemeanor Probation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of all governmental and private misdemeanor probation providers through inspection and investigation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,017,668	$1,017,668	$1,017,668
State General Funds	$1,017,668	$1,017,668	$1,017,668
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,017,668	$1,017,668	$1,017,668

105.1 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($52,068)	($52,068)	($52,068)

105.1000 Misdemeanor Probation **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of all governmental and private misdemeanor probation providers through inspection and investigation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$965,600	$965,600	$965,600
State General Funds	$965,600	$965,600	$965,600
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$965,600	$965,600	$965,600

Family Violence, Georgia Commission on **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the study and evaluation of needs and services relating to family violence in Georgia, develop models for community task forces on family violence, provide training and continuing education on the dynamics of family violence, and develop standards to be used in the certification and regulation of Family Violence Intervention Programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$739,174	$739,174	$739,174
State General Funds	$739,174	$739,174	$739,174
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$188,124	$188,124	$188,124
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$188,124	$188,124	$188,124
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229
Sales and Services	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,088,527	$1,088,527	$1,088,527

106.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$4,230	$4,230	$4,230

106.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($22,465)	($22,465)	($22,465)

106.1000 Family Violence, Georgia Commission on **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the study and evaluation of needs and services relating to family violence in Georgia, develop models for community task forces on family violence, provide training and continuing education on the dynamics of family violence, and develop standards to be used in the certification and regulation of Family Violence Intervention Programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$720,939	$720,939	$720,939
State General Funds	$720,939	$720,939	$720,939
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$188,124	$188,124	$188,124
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$188,124	$188,124	$188,124
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229
Sales and Services	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,070,292	$1,070,292	$1,070,292

Section 19: Corrections, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,695,298,277	$1,695,298,277	$1,695,298,277
State General Funds	$1,695,298,277	$1,695,298,277	$1,695,298,277
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$809,589	$809,589	$809,589
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$809,589	$809,589	$809,589
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$14,855,486	$14,855,486	$14,855,486
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936
Sales and Services	$14,516,550	$14,516,550	$14,516,550
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$14,516,550	$14,516,550	$14,516,550
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,104,596	$1,104,596	$1,104,596
State Funds Transfers	$1,104,596	$1,104,596	$1,104,596
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$565,127	$565,127	$565,127
Agency to Agency Contracts	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,712,067,948	$1,712,067,948	$1,712,067,948

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,762,069,964	$1,796,415,043	$1,770,903,120
State General Funds	$1,762,069,964	$1,796,415,043	$1,762,261,281
Opioid Settlement Trust Fund			$8,641,839
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$809,589	$809,589	$809,589
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$809,589	$809,589	$809,589
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$14,855,486	$14,855,486	$14,855,486
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936
Sales and Services	$14,516,550	$14,516,550	$14,516,550
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$14,516,550	$14,516,550	$14,516,550
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,104,596	$1,104,596	$1,104,596
State Funds Transfers	$1,104,596	$1,104,596	$1,104,596
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$565,127	$565,127	$565,127
Agency to Agency Contracts	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,778,839,635	$1,813,184,714	$1,787,672,791

Departmental Administration (DOC) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by providing an effective and efficient department that administers a balanced correctional system.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$41,565,500	$41,565,500	$41,565,500
State General Funds	$41,565,500	$41,565,500	$41,565,500
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$372,424	$372,424	$372,424
Sales and Services	$372,424	$372,424	$372,424
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$372,424	$372,424	$372,424
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$41,937,924	$41,937,924	$41,937,924

107.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($37,154)	($37,154)	($37,154)

107.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($20,748)	($20,748)	($20,748)

107.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$5,304	$5,304	$5,304

107.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($1,584,390)	($1,584,390)	($1,584,390)

107.5 *Increase funds for the Fleet Services Department to add one mechanic position to continue saving on inhouse vehicle repairs and maintenance.*

State General Funds	$69,837	$69,837

107.6 *The department is directed to explore all options for additional closed-security, single-cell inmate capacity and report to the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget and the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees by Friday, March 13, 2026. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0

107.7 *Increase funds for a $2,000 salary adjustment for correctional officers to improve recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$15,738

107.1000 Departmental Administration (DOC) **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by providing an effective and efficient department that administers a balanced correctional system.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,928,512	$39,998,349	$40,014,087
State General Funds	$39,928,512	$39,998,349	$40,014,087
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$372,424	$372,424	$372,424
Sales and Services	$372,424	$372,424	$372,424
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$372,424	$372,424	$372,424
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,300,936	$40,370,773	$40,386,511

Detention Centers **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, vocational training, work details, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for probationers who require more security or supervision than provided by regular community supervision.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$76,423,479	$76,423,479	$76,423,479
State General Funds	$76,423,479	$76,423,479	$76,423,479
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,374,456	$1,374,456	$1,374,456
Sales and Services	$1,374,456	$1,374,456	$1,374,456
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,374,456	$1,374,456	$1,374,456
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$77,797,935	$77,797,935	$77,797,935

108.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($78,495)	($78,495)	($78,495)

108.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($15,746)	($15,746)	($15,746)

108.3 *Increase funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.*

State General Funds	$275,818	$275,818	$275,818

108.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$14,117	$14,117	$14,117

108.5 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($3,347,325)	($3,347,325)	($3,347,325)

108.6 *Reduce funds and utilize Opioid Settlement Trust Funds to provide a continuum of programs, services, and supports for adults who abuse opioids.*

State General Funds	($2,178,619)
Opioid Settlement Trust Fund	$2,547,035
Total Public Funds:	$368,416

108.7 *Increase funds for a $2,000 salary adjustment for correctional officers to improve recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$1,680,773

108.1000 Detention Centers			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, vocational training, work details, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for probationers who require more security or supervision than provided by regular community supervision.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$73,271,848	$73,271,848	$75,321,037
State General Funds	$73,271,848	$73,271,848	$72,774,002
Opioid Settlement Trust Fund			$2,547,035
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,374,456	$1,374,456	$1,374,456
Sales and Services	$1,374,456	$1,374,456	$1,374,456
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,374,456	$1,374,456	$1,374,456
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$74,646,304	$74,646,304	$76,695,493

Food and Farm Operations			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to manage timber, raise crops and livestock, and produce dairy items used in preparing meals for offenders.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$30,349,192	$30,349,192	$30,349,192
State General Funds	$30,349,192	$30,349,192	$30,349,192
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$568,986	$568,986	$568,986
Sales and Services	$568,986	$568,986	$568,986
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$568,986	$568,986	$568,986
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$30,918,178	$30,918,178	$30,918,178

109.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($1,855)	($1,855)	($1,855)

109.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($282)	($282)	($282)

109.3 *Increase funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.*

State General Funds	$5,851	$5,851	$5,851

109.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$479	$479	$479

109.5 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($79,091)	($79,091)	($79,091)

109.6 *Increase funds for food services at four modular correctional units.*

State General Funds	$364,749	$364,749	$364,749

109.7 *Increase funds for food services across state facilities contracted with Georgia Correctional Industries due to rising food costs. (S:YES; Reflect Governor's spending level)*

State General Funds		$4,890,500	$0

109.8 *Increase funds for farm equipment upgrades.*

State General Funds		$850,000	$0

109.9 *Increase funds for a $2,000 salary adjustment for correctional officers to improve recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds			$53,707

109.1000 Food and Farm Operations			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to manage timber, raise crops and livestock, and produce dairy items used in preparing meals for offenders.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$30,639,043	$36,379,543	$30,692,750
State General Funds	$30,639,043	$36,379,543	$30,692,750
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$568,986	$568,986	$568,986
Sales and Services	$568,986	$568,986	$568,986
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$568,986	$568,986	$568,986
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$31,208,029	$36,948,529	$31,261,736

Health		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the required constitutional level of physical, dental, and mental health care to all inmates of the state correctional system.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$376,598,234	$376,598,234	$376,598,234
State General Funds	$376,598,234	$376,598,234	$376,598,234
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$573,812	$573,812	$573,812
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$573,812	$573,812	$573,812
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$305,972	$305,972	$305,972

Sales and Services	$305,972	$305,972	$305,972
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$305,972	$305,972	$305,972
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$377,478,018	$377,478,018	$377,478,018

110.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$149	$149	$149

110.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($4,700)	($4,700)	($4,700)

110.3 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($4,670)	($4,670)	($4,670)

110.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$1,137	$1,137	$1,137

110.5 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($200,420)	($200,420)	($200,420)

110.6 *Increase funds for the physical health contract for a per diem increase ($23,627,395) and to reflect the opening of additional beds ($24,253,500). (H and S:Increase funds for the physical health contract for a per diem increase and to reflect the opening of additional beds)*

State General Funds	$47,880,895	$48,693,993	$32,637,565

110.7 *Increase funds for the mental health contract to increase staffing ratios.*

State General Funds	$1,917,644	$12,127,034	$12,127,034

110.8 *Increase funds for the dental health contract to increase staffing ratios.*

State General Funds	$1,498,347	$2,483,850	$1,498,347

110.9 *Increase funds for the pharmacy contract for a per diem increase.*

State General Funds	$3,681,328	$3,681,328	$3,681,328

110.10 *Increase funds for a $2,000 salary adjustment for correctional officers to improve recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds			$3,142

110.1000 Health			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the required constitutional level of physical, dental, and mental health care to all inmates of the state correctional system.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$431,367,944	$443,375,935	$426,337,146
State General Funds	$431,367,944	$443,375,935	$426,337,146
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$573,812	$573,812	$573,812

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$573,812	$573,812	$573,812
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$305,972	$305,972	$305,972
Sales and Services	$305,972	$305,972	$305,972
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$305,972	$305,972	$305,972
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$432,247,728	$444,255,719	$427,216,930

Offender Management **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and operate the following agency-wide support services to ensure public safety: canine units, the County Correctional Institutions program, Correctional Emergency Response Teams, inmate classification, inmate diagnostics, the jail coordination unit, the release and agreements unit, and tactical squads.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$58,596,973	$58,596,973	$58,596,973
State General Funds	$58,596,973	$58,596,973	$58,596,973
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$58,596,973	$58,596,973	$58,596,973

111.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($5,459)	($5,459)	($5,459)

111.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($3,125)	($3,125)	($3,125)

111.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$1,157	$1,157	$1,157

111.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($232,782)	($232,782)	($232,782)

111.5 *Increase funds for maintenance and support of the inmate assignment decision support system.*

State General Funds	$257,800	$257,800	$257,800

111.6 *Increase funds for residential substance abuse treatment programs.*

State General Funds		$368,416	$0

111.7 *Increase funds for rural local county jail reimbursement where more than 20% of jail capacity utilization is occupied by detainees unable to make bail on contraband or drone-related charges. (S:NO; Recognize additional funding in Judicial Council for expedited adjudication)*

State General Funds		$1,500,000	$0

111.1000 Offender Management **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and operate the following agency-wide support services to ensure public safety: canine units, the County Correctional Institutions program, Correctional Emergency Response Teams, inmate classification, inmate diagnostics, the jail coordination unit, the release and agreements unit, and tactical squads.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$58,614,564	$60,482,980	$58,614,564
State General Funds	$58,614,564	$60,482,980	$58,614,564
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$58,614,564	$60,482,980	$58,614,564

Private Prisons **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to contract with private companies to provide cost effective prison facilities that ensure public safety.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$172,485,527	$172,485,527	$172,485,527
State General Funds	$172,485,527	$172,485,527	$172,485,527
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$172,485,527	$172,485,527	$172,485,527

112.1 *Increase funds for Jenkins Correctional Institution and Riverbend Correctional Institution to fully utilize available beds at correct tier rate added in HB68 (2025 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	$1,054,637	$1,055,658	$1,055,658

112.2 *Increase funds to add 160 private prison beds at Coffee Correctional Institution and 103 private prison beds at Wheeler Correctional Institution. (S:NO; Space is not compatible with single cell needs of prison population)*

State General Funds	$4,227,620	$4,227,620	$0

112.1000 Private Prisons **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to contract with private companies to provide cost effective prison facilities that ensure public safety.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$177,767,784	$177,768,805	$173,541,185
State General Funds	$177,767,784	$177,768,805	$173,541,185
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$177,767,784	$177,768,805	$173,541,185

State Prisons **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, religious support, vocational training, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for violent and/or repeat offenders, or nonviolent offenders who have exhausted all other forms of punishment in a secure, well-supervised setting; to assist in the reentry of these offenders back into society; and to provide fire services and work details to the Department, state agencies, and local communities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$888,604,327	$888,604,327	$888,604,327
State General Funds	$888,604,327	$888,604,327	$888,604,327
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$235,777	$235,777	$235,777
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$235,777	$235,777	$235,777
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$12,013,995	$12,013,995	$12,013,995
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936
Sales and Services	$11,675,059	$11,675,059	$11,675,059
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$11,675,059	$11,675,059	$11,675,059
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,104,596	$1,104,596	$1,104,596

State Funds Transfers	$1,104,596	$1,104,596	$1,104,596
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$565,127	$565,127	$565,127
Agency to Agency Contracts	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$901,958,695	$901,958,695	$901,958,695

113.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$776	$776	$776

113.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($665,416)	($665,416)	($665,416)

113.3 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($151,445)	($151,445)	($151,445)

113.4 *Increase funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.*

State General Funds	$2,095,612	$2,095,612	$2,095,612

113.5 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$170,066	$170,066	$170,066

113.6 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($28,375,825)	($28,375,825)	($28,375,825)

113.7 *Increase funds for additional correctional officer positions to improve staff to offender ratios based on improved retention.*

State General Funds	$26,824,134	$34,914,395	$28,527,189

113.8 *Increase funds for three security threat group regional coordinators.*

State General Funds	$377,168	$377,168	$377,168

113.9 *Increase funds for six canine handlers.*

State General Funds	$624,652	$695,018	$695,018

113.10 *Increase funds for five managed access analysts.*

State General Funds	$409,040	$409,040	$409,040

113.11 *Increase funds to annualize personnel for the Over Watch and Logistics (OWL) Unit.*

State General Funds	$1,238,495	$1,443,038	$1,443,038

113.12 *Increase funds for additional technology costs for the Over Watch and Logistics (OWL) Unit to enhance safety, security, and technology.*

State General Funds	$5,521,230	$5,521,230	$5,521,230

113.13 *Increase funds for additional programming at Metro Reentry Facility.*

State General Funds	$39,786	$39,786	$0

113.14 *Increase funds for required staff needed to meet accreditation requirements to operate a high school diploma program. (S:Reduce funds for the high school diploma program and explore virtual high school options)*

State General Funds	$953,033	$953,033	($104,000)

113.15 *Increase funds for operations at five modular correctional units.*

State General Funds	$1,760,207	$1,760,207	$1,760,207

113.16 *Increase funds for operations at Lee Arrendale State Prison.*

State General Funds	$1,542,179	$3,879,259	$1,542,179

113.17 *Increase funds for rent at the Arnall North Basic Correctional Officer Training Building. (H:Increase funds for rent at the Arnall North Basic Correctional Officer Training Building ($168,000), the Book Repository ($17,136), and a warden residency in Metro Atlanta ($34,100))(S:Increase funds for rent at the Arnall North Basic Correctional Officer Training Building)*

State General Funds	$14,000	$219,236	$14,000

113.18 *Increase funds for food contracts.*

State General Funds	$528,167	$528,167	$528,167

113.19 *Utilize existing funds ($10,793,600) for managed access and drone detection systems to prevent contraband in facilities. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

113.20 *Increase funds for residential substance abuse treatment programs. (S:Reduce funds and utilize Opioid Settlement Trust Funds to provide a continuum of programs, services, and supports for adults who abuse opioids)*

State General Funds		$881,584	($6,094,804)
Opioid Settlement Trust Fund			$6,094,804
Total Public Funds:		$881,584	$0

113.21 *Increase funds for offender call monitoring contract due to an increase in usage.*

State General Funds		$1,118,244	$1,118,244

113.22 *Increase funds for data intelligence annual maintenance.*

State General Funds		$1,750,000	$1,750,000

113.23 *Increase funds for a $2,000 salary adjustment for correctional officers to improve recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds			$12,918,078

113.24 *Reduce funds for one-time funding of tablets for HB68 (2025 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds ($1,538,700)

113.25 *Reduce funds to reflect end of contract.*

State General Funds ($104,000)

113.1000 State Prisons			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, religious support, vocational training, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for violent and/or repeat offenders, or nonviolent offenders who have exhausted all other forms of punishment in a secure, well-supervised setting; to assist in the reentry of these offenders back into society; and to provide fire services and work details to the Department, state agencies, and local communities.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$901,510,186	$916,167,500	$916,534,953
State General Funds	$901,510,186	$916,167,500	$910,440,149
Opioid Settlement Trust Fund			$6,094,804
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$235,777	$235,777	$235,777
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$235,777	$235,777	$235,777
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$12,013,995	$12,013,995	$12,013,995
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936
Sales and Services	$11,675,059	$11,675,059	$11,675,059
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$11,675,059	$11,675,059	$11,675,059
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,104,596	$1,104,596	$1,104,596
State Funds Transfers	$1,104,596	$1,104,596	$1,104,596
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$565,127	$565,127	$565,127
Agency to Agency Contracts	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$914,864,554	$929,521,868	$929,889,321

Transition Centers		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide "work release," allowing inmates to obtain and maintain a paying job in the community, while still receiving housing, academic education, counseling, and substance abuse treatment in a structured center.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$50,675,045	$50,675,045	$50,675,045
State General Funds	$50,675,045	$50,675,045	$50,675,045
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$219,653	$219,653	$219,653
Sales and Services	$219,653	$219,653	$219,653
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$219,653	$219,653	$219,653
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$50,894,698	$50,894,698	$50,894,698

114.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds ($43,567) ($43,567) ($43,567)

114.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($9,604)	($9,604)	($9,604)

114.3 *Increase funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.*

State General Funds	$151,718	$151,718	$151,718

114.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$7,138	$7,138	$7,138

114.5 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($1,857,844)	($1,857,844)	($1,857,844)

114.6 *Increase funds for rent at the LaGrange and Clayton Transition Centers.*

State General Funds	$47,197	$47,197	$23,599

114.7 *The department is directed to work with the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission (GSFIC) to design and provide a progress report quarterly to the Office of Planning and Budget, the House Appropriations Committee, and the Senate Appropriations Committee. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds		$0	$0

114.8 *Increase funds for a $2,000 salary adjustment for correctional officers to improve recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds			$900,913

114.1000 Transition Centers			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide "work release," allowing inmates to obtain and maintain a paying job in the community, while still receiving housing, academic education, counseling, and substance abuse treatment in a structured center.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$48,970,083	$48,970,083	$49,847,398
State General Funds	$48,970,083	$48,970,083	$49,847,398
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$219,653	$219,653	$219,653
Sales and Services	$219,653	$219,653	$219,653
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$219,653	$219,653	$219,653
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$49,189,736	$49,189,736	$50,067,051

Section 20: Defense, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,466,401	$12,466,401	$12,466,401
State General Funds	$12,466,401	$12,466,401	$12,466,401
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$77,025,266	$77,025,266	$77,025,266
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$77,025,266	$77,025,266	$77,025,266
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,339,739	$22,339,739	$22,339,739
Intergovernmental Transfers	$19,945,292	$19,945,292	$19,945,292

Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$19,945,292	$19,945,292	$19,945,292
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Royalties and Rents	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Sales and Services	$2,259,344	$2,259,344	$2,259,344
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,259,344	$2,259,344	$2,259,344
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$111,831,406	$111,831,406	$111,831,406

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,839,854	$11,839,854	$11,839,854
State General Funds	$11,839,854	$11,839,854	$11,839,854
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$77,025,266	$77,025,266	$77,025,266
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$77,025,266	$77,025,266	$77,025,266
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,339,739	$22,339,739	$22,339,739
Intergovernmental Transfers	$19,945,292	$19,945,292	$19,945,292
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$19,945,292	$19,945,292	$19,945,292
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Royalties and Rents	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Sales and Services	$2,259,344	$2,259,344	$2,259,344
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,259,344	$2,259,344	$2,259,344
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$111,204,859	$111,204,859	$111,204,859

Departmental Administration (DOD) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration to the organized militia in the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,438,364	$1,438,364	$1,438,364
State General Funds	$1,438,364	$1,438,364	$1,438,364
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$982,494	$982,494	$982,494
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$982,494	$982,494	$982,494
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,420,858	$2,420,858	$2,420,858

115.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,377	$1,377	$1,377

115.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$126	$126	$126

115.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$4,052	$4,052	$4,052

115.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($61,157)	($61,157)	($61,157)

115.1000 Departmental Administration (DOD)			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration to the organized militia in the State of Georgia.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,382,762	$1,382,762	$1,382,762
State General Funds	$1,382,762	$1,382,762	$1,382,762
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$982,494	$982,494	$982,494
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$982,494	$982,494	$982,494
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,365,256	$2,365,256	$2,365,256

Military Readiness **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and maintain facilities for the training of Army National Guard, Air National Guard, and State Defense Force personnel, and to provide an organized militia that can be activated and deployed at the direction of the President or Governor for a man-made crisis or natural disaster.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,146,980	$6,146,980	$6,146,980
State General Funds	$6,146,980	$6,146,980	$6,146,980
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$63,495,500	$63,495,500	$63,495,500
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$63,495,500	$63,495,500	$63,495,500
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,335,861	$22,335,861	$22,335,861
Intergovernmental Transfers	$19,945,292	$19,945,292	$19,945,292
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$19,945,292	$19,945,292	$19,945,292
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Royalties and Rents	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Sales and Services	$2,255,466	$2,255,466	$2,255,466
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,255,466	$2,255,466	$2,255,466
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$91,978,341	$91,978,341	$91,978,341

116.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$3,183	$3,183	$3,183

116.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$80,899	$80,899	$80,899

116.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($141,384)	($141,384)	($141,384)

116.4 *Increase funds for increased operations costs.*

State General Funds	$613,812	$613,812	$613,812

116.1000 Military Readiness			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and maintain facilities for the training of Army National Guard, Air National Guard, and State Defense Force personnel, and to provide an organized militia that can be activated and deployed at the direction of the President or Governor for a man-made crisis or natural disaster.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,703,490	$6,703,490	$6,703,490
State General Funds	$6,703,490	$6,703,490	$6,703,490
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$63,495,500	$63,495,500	$63,495,500
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$63,495,500	$63,495,500	$63,495,500
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,335,861	$22,335,861	$22,335,861
Intergovernmental Transfers	$19,945,292	$19,945,292	$19,945,292
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$19,945,292	$19,945,292	$19,945,292
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Royalties and Rents	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Sales and Services	$2,255,466	$2,255,466	$2,255,466
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,255,466	$2,255,466	$2,255,466
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$92,534,851	$92,534,851	$92,534,851

Youth Educational Services			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational and vocational opportunities to at-risk youth through Youth Challenge Academies and Starbase programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,881,057	$4,881,057	$4,881,057
State General Funds	$4,881,057	$4,881,057	$4,881,057
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,547,272	$12,547,272	$12,547,272
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,547,272	$12,547,272	$12,547,272
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878
Sales and Services	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$17,432,207	$17,432,207	$17,432,207

117.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*			
State General Funds	$3,232	$3,232	$3,232
117.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*			
State General Funds	$2,006	$2,006	$2,006
117.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*			
State General Funds	$25,858	$25,858	$25,858
117.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*			
State General Funds	($143,617)	($143,617)	($143,617)
117.5 *Reduce funds for the state funds match to reflect a loss of federal funding from lower graduation targets.*			
State General Funds	($1,014,934)	($1,014,934)	($1,014,934)

117.1000 Youth Educational Services			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational and vocational opportunities to at-risk youth through Youth Challenge Academies and Starbase programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,753,602	$3,753,602	$3,753,602
State General Funds	$3,753,602	$3,753,602	$3,753,602
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,547,272	$12,547,272	$12,547,272
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,547,272	$12,547,272	$12,547,272
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878
Sales and Services	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$16,304,752	$16,304,752	$16,304,752

Section 21: Driver Services, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$86,415,442	$86,415,442	$86,415,442
State General Funds	$86,415,442	$86,415,442	$86,415,442
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121
Sales and Services	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$89,259,563	$89,259,563	$89,259,563

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$85,358,637	$85,358,637	$84,959,677
State General Funds	$85,358,637	$85,358,637	$84,959,677
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121

Sales and Services	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$88,202,758	$88,202,758	$87,803,798

Departmental Administration (DDS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is for administration of license issuance, motor vehicle registration, and commercial truck compliance.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,851,981	$10,851,981	$10,851,981
State General Funds	$10,851,981	$10,851,981	$10,851,981
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857
Sales and Services	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,352,838	$11,352,838	$11,352,838

118.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($10,204)	($10,204)	($10,204)

118.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($209,255)	($209,255)	($209,255)

118.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$38,119	$38,119	$38,119

118.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($353,697)	($353,697)	($353,697)

118.5 *Increase funds to comply with federal Commercial Driver's License (CDL) mandates regarding national registry notifications.*

State General Funds	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000

118.1000 Departmental Administration (DDS) **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is for administration of license issuance, motor vehicle registration, and commercial truck compliance.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,466,944	$10,466,944	$10,466,944
State General Funds	$10,466,944	$10,466,944	$10,466,944
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857
Sales and Services	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,967,801	$10,967,801	$10,967,801

License Issuance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to issue and renew drivers' licenses, maintain driver records, operate Customer Service Centers, provide online access to services, provide motorcycle safety instruction, produce driver manuals, and investigate driver's license fraud.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$74,559,504	$74,559,504	$74,559,504
State General Funds	$74,559,504	$74,559,504	$74,559,504
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835
Sales and Services	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$76,387,339	$76,387,339	$76,387,339

119.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($84,150)	($84,150)	($84,150)

119.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($447,446)	($447,446)	($447,446)

119.3 *Increase funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.*

State General Funds	$4,326	$4,326	$4,326

119.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($2,916,956)	($2,916,956)	($2,916,956)

119.5 *Increase funds for armed guard services for new and higher-traffic locations.*

State General Funds	$150,426	$150,426	$150,426

119.6 *Increase funds for rent at the Conyers, Fayetteville, Marietta, Kennesaw, Lawrenceville, Macon, Decatur, Locust Grove, and Toccoa Customer Service Centers. (S:NO; Pursue other options in line with market rates)*

State General Funds	$159,865	$159,865	$0

119.7 *Increase funds for Georgia Technology Authority (GTA) security services and additional staffing infrastructure.*

State General Funds	$185,437	$185,437	$185,437

119.8 *Increase funds for personnel due to decreased turnover.*

State General Funds	$2,326,576	$2,326,576	$2,087,481

119.9 *Utilize existing funds ($635,437) previously appropriated for Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) fees to meet an increase in card production volume. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

119.1000 License Issuance			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to issue and renew drivers' licenses, maintain driver records, operate Customer Service Centers, provide online access to services, provide motorcycle safety instruction, produce driver manuals, and investigate driver's license fraud.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$73,937,582	$73,937,582	$73,538,622
State General Funds	$73,937,582	$73,937,582	$73,538,622
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835
Sales and Services	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$75,765,417	$75,765,417	$75,366,457

Regulatory Compliance			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate driver safety and education programs for both novice, problem drivers, and commercial drivers by approving driver education curricula and auditing third-party driver education providers for compliance with state laws and regulations; to certify ignition interlock device providers; and to monitor the status of all commercial driver license convictions.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,003,957	$1,003,957	$1,003,957
State General Funds	$1,003,957	$1,003,957	$1,003,957
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429
Sales and Services	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,519,386	$1,519,386	$1,519,386

120.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($1,350)	($1,350)	($1,350)

120.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($1,696)	($1,696)	($1,696)

120.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($46,800)	($46,800)	($46,800)

120.1000 Regulatory Compliance			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate driver safety and education programs for both novice, problem drivers, and commercial drivers by approving driver education curricula and auditing third-party driver education providers for compliance with state laws and regulations; to certify ignition interlock device providers; and to monitor the status of all commercial driver license convictions.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$954,111	$954,111	$954,111
State General Funds	$954,111	$954,111	$954,111
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429
Sales and Services	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,469,540	$1,469,540	$1,469,540

Section 22: Early Care and Learning, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$640,395,675	$640,395,675	$640,395,675
State General Funds	$77,355,059	$77,355,059	$77,355,059
Lottery Proceeds	$563,040,616	$563,040,616	$563,040,616
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$607,659,885	$607,659,885	$607,659,885
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$170,175,000	$170,175,000	$170,175,000
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$344,735,865	$344,735,865	$344,735,865
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,248,105,560	$1,248,105,560	$1,248,105,560

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$658,077,903	$671,165,043	$666,131,483
State General Funds	$77,288,047	$77,288,047	$77,288,047
Lottery Proceeds	$580,789,856	$593,876,996	$588,843,436
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$607,659,885	$607,659,885	$607,659,885
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$170,175,000	$170,175,000	$170,175,000
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$344,735,865	$344,735,865	$344,735,865
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,265,787,788	$1,278,874,928	$1,273,841,368

Child Care Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate, license, and train child care providers; to support the infant and toddler and afterschool networks; and to provide inclusion services for children with disabilities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$77,355,059	$77,355,059	$77,355,059
State General Funds	$77,355,059	$77,355,059	$77,355,059
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$380,291,147	$380,291,147	$380,291,147
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$287,542,127	$287,542,127	$287,542,127
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$457,646,206	$457,646,206	$457,646,206

121.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($474)	($474)	($474)

121.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$1,171	$1,171	$1,171

121.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$1,438	$1,438	$1,438

121.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($69,147)	($69,147)	($69,147)

121.5 *Utilize existing funds to expand CAPS slots to an additional 1,288 children. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds		$0	$0

121.1000 Child Care Services **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate, license, and train child care providers; to support the infant and toddler and afterschool networks; and to provide inclusion services for children with disabilities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$77,288,047	$77,288,047	$77,288,047
State General Funds	$77,288,047	$77,288,047	$77,288,047
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$380,291,147	$380,291,147	$380,291,147
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$287,542,127	$287,542,127	$287,542,127
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$457,579,194	$457,579,194	$457,579,194

Nutrition Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that USDA-compliant meals are served to eligible children and adults in day care settings and to eligible youth during the summer.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000

122.1000 Nutrition Services **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that USDA-compliant meals are served to eligible children and adults in day care settings and to eligible youth during the summer.

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000

Pre-Kindergarten Program **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding, training, technical assistance, and oversight of Pre-Kindergarten programs operated by public and private providers throughout the state and to improve the quality of early learning and increase school readiness for Georgia's four-year-olds.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$563,040,616	$563,040,616	$563,040,616
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$563,040,616	$563,040,616	$563,040,616
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$563,215,616	$563,215,616	$563,215,616

123.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

Lottery Proceeds	$420,525	$420,525	$420,525

123.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

Lottery Proceeds	($2,910)	($2,910)	($2,910)

123.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

Lottery Proceeds	$1,237	$1,237	$1,237

123.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

Lottery Proceeds	$1,801	$1,801	$1,801

123.5 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

Lottery Proceeds	($424,175)	($424,175)	($424,175)

123.6 *Reduce formula funds for annual update of teacher training and experience.*

Lottery Proceeds	($125,304)	($125,304)	($125,304)

123.7 *Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for eligible employees from $1,885 to $2,028 effective July 1, 2026. (H and S:Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member-per-month (PMPM) rate for eligible employees from $1,885 to $1,935 effective July 1, 2026)*

Lottery Proceeds	$5,876,832	$4,217,340	$892,200

123.8 *Increase funds for year three of a four-year phase in to reduce classroom size from 22 to 20 students to improve instructional quality.*

Lottery Proceeds	$12,001,234	$12,001,234	$12,001,234

123.9 *Increase funds to expand the extended day program to the Pre-K priority group.*

Lottery Proceeds	$9,713,072	$9,713,072

123.10 *Increase funds to expand Rising Pre-K program and add 25 new classes in the 2026-2027 school year. (S:YES; Utilize existing funds ($708,500) to expand Rising Pre-K program and add 25 new classes in the 2026-2027 school year)*

Lottery Proceeds	$708,500	$0

123.11 *Increase funds to provide five days of leave for Pre-K lead and assistant teachers. (S:YES; Utilize existing funds ($2,385,036) for year one of a three-year phase in from three to five days of leave for Pre-K lead and assistant teachers)*

Lottery Proceeds	$3,975,060	$0

123.12 *Increase funds for the Summer Transition Program partnership expansion. (S:YES; Utilize existing funds ($350,000) for the Summer Transition Program partnership expansion)*

Lottery Proceeds	$350,000	$0

123.13 *Increase funds to reflect enrollment growth in the State Health Benefit Plan.*

Lottery Proceeds	$3,325,140

123.1000 Pre-Kindergarten Program **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding, training, technical assistance, and oversight of Pre-Kindergarten programs operated by public and private providers throughout the state and to improve the quality of early learning and increase school readiness for Georgia's four-year-olds.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$580,789,856	$593,876,996	$588,843,436
Lottery Proceeds	$580,789,856	$593,876,996	$588,843,436
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$580,964,856	$594,051,996	$589,018,436

Quality Initiatives **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to implement innovative strategies and programs that focus on improving the quality of and access to early education, child care, and nutrition for Georgia's children and families.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$57,193,738	$57,193,738	$57,193,738
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$57,193,738	$57,193,738	$57,193,738
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$57,243,738	$57,243,738	$57,243,738

124.1000 Quality Initiatives			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to implement innovative strategies and programs that focus on improving the quality of and access to early education, child care, and nutrition for Georgia's children and families.			
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$57,193,738	$57,193,738	$57,193,738
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$57,193,738	$57,193,738	$57,193,738
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$57,243,738	$57,243,738	$57,243,738

Section 23: Economic Development, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$38,416,004	$38,416,004	$38,416,004
State General Funds	$38,416,004	$38,416,004	$38,416,004
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$926,190	$926,190	$926,190
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$926,190	$926,190	$926,190
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,342,194	$39,342,194	$39,342,194
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$37,188,968	$37,885,087	$37,341,208
State General Funds	$37,188,968	$37,885,087	$37,341,208
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$926,190	$926,190	$926,190
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$926,190	$926,190	$926,190
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$38,115,158	$38,811,277	$38,267,398

Departmental Administration (DEcD)			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to influence, affect, and enhance economic development in Georgia and provide information to people and companies to promote the state.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,883,113	$5,883,113	$5,883,113
State General Funds	$5,883,113	$5,883,113	$5,883,113
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,883,113	$5,883,113	$5,883,113

125.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($4,314)	($4,314)	($4,314)

125.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$1,891	$1,891	$1,891

125.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$12,705	$12,705	$12,705

125.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($210,338)	($210,338)	($210,338)

125.5 *Increase funds to support economic development on navigable rivers.*

State General Funds		$100,000	$2

125.1000 Departmental Administration (DEcD) **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to influence, affect, and enhance economic development in Georgia and provide information to people and companies to promote the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,683,057	$5,783,057	$5,683,059
State General Funds	$5,683,057	$5,783,057	$5,683,059
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,683,057	$5,783,057	$5,683,059

Film, Video, and Music **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to increase industry awareness of Georgia business opportunities, financial incentives, infrastructure resources, and natural resources in order to attract film, video, music, and electronic gaming industry projects and businesses to the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,168,059	$1,168,059	$1,168,059
State General Funds	$1,168,059	$1,168,059	$1,168,059
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,168,059	$1,168,059	$1,168,059

126.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($1,000)	($1,000)	($1,000)

126.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$206	$206	$206

126.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($48,771)	($48,771)	($48,771)

126.1000 Film, Video, and Music **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to increase industry awareness of Georgia business opportunities, financial incentives, infrastructure resources, and natural resources in order to attract film, video, music, and electronic gaming industry projects and businesses to the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,118,494	$1,118,494	$1,118,494
State General Funds	$1,118,494	$1,118,494	$1,118,494
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,118,494	$1,118,494	$1,118,494

Arts, Georgia Council for the		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for Council operations and maintain the Georgia State Art Collection and Capitol Galleries.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$610,794	$610,794	$610,794
State General Funds	$610,794	$610,794	$610,794
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$610,794	$610,794	$610,794
127.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*			
State General Funds	($592)	($592)	($592)
127.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*			
State General Funds	($28,866)	($28,866)	($28,866)

127.1000 Arts, Georgia Council for the			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for Council operations and maintain the Georgia State Art Collection and Capitol Galleries.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$581,336	$581,336	$581,336
State General Funds	$581,336	$581,336	$581,336
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$581,336	$581,336	$581,336

Georgia Council for the Arts - Special Project		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to increase arts participation and support throughout the state with grants for non-profit arts and cultural organizations through Partner Grants, Project Grants, Education Grants and the 'Grassroots' arts program.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$976,356	$976,356	$976,356
State General Funds	$976,356	$976,356	$976,356
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$659,400	$659,400	$659,400
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$659,400	$659,400	$659,400
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,635,756	$1,635,756	$1,635,756
128.1 *Increase funds for one-time funds to increase community art grants.*			
State General Funds		$200,000	$0

128.1000 Georgia Council for the Arts - Special Project			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to increase arts participation and support throughout the state with grants for non-profit arts and cultural organizations through Partner Grants, Project Grants, Education Grants and the 'Grassroots' arts program.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$976,356	$1,176,356	$976,356
State General Funds	$976,356	$1,176,356	$976,356
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$659,400	$659,400	$659,400

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$659,400	$659,400	$659,400
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,635,756	$1,835,756	$1,635,756

Global Commerce **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote Georgia as a state that is appealing to businesses along with being competitive in the international trade market; recruit, retain, and expand businesses in Georgia through a network of statewide and regional project managers, foreign and domestic marketing, and participation in Georgia Allies; and help develop international markets for Georgia products and attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing international technical and educational assistance to businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,298,921	$11,298,921	$11,298,921
State General Funds	$11,298,921	$11,298,921	$11,298,921
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,298,921	$11,298,921	$11,298,921

129.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($7,167)	($7,672)	($7,672)

129.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$1,638	$1,638	$1,638

129.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($349,498)	($374,119)	($374,119)

129.1000 Global Commerce **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote Georgia as a state that is appealing to businesses along with being competitive in the international trade market; recruit, retain, and expand businesses in Georgia through a network of statewide and regional project managers, foreign and domestic marketing, and participation in Georgia Allies; and help develop international markets for Georgia products and attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing international technical and educational assistance to businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,943,894	$10,918,768	$10,918,768
State General Funds	$10,943,894	$10,918,768	$10,918,768
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,943,894	$10,918,768	$10,918,768

Innovation and Technology **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to market and promote strategic industries to existing and potential Georgia businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,758,197	$2,758,197	$2,758,197
State General Funds	$2,758,197	$2,758,197	$2,758,197
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,758,197	$2,758,197	$2,758,197

130.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($1,776)	($1,776)	($1,776)

130.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$204	$204	$204

130.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($86,610)	($86,610)	($86,610)

130.1000 Innovation and Technology			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to market and promote strategic industries to existing and potential Georgia businesses.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,670,015	$2,670,015	$2,670,015
State General Funds	$2,670,015	$2,670,015	$2,670,015
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,670,015	$2,670,015	$2,670,015

International Relations and Trade **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop international markets for Georgia products and to attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing technical and educational assistance to businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,879,577	$2,879,577	$2,879,577
State General Funds	$2,879,577	$2,879,577	$2,879,577
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$266,790	$266,790	$266,790
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$266,790	$266,790	$266,790
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,146,367	$3,146,367	$3,146,367

131.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($1,428)	($1,428)	($1,428)

131.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$236	$236	$236

131.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($69,646)	($69,646)	($69,646)

131.4 *Increase funds for international relations and trade.*

State General Funds		$132,000	$76,119

131.1000 International Relations and Trade	**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to develop international markets for Georgia products and to attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing technical and educational assistance to businesses.	

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,808,739	$2,940,739	$2,884,858
State General Funds	$2,808,739	$2,940,739	$2,884,858
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$266,790	$266,790	$266,790
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$266,790	$266,790	$266,790
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,075,529	$3,207,529	$3,151,648

Rural Development **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote rural economic development opportunities and to recruit, retain and expand businesses in rural communities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

132.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($505)	$0	$0

132.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($24,621)	$0	$0

132.1000 Rural Development **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote rural economic development opportunities and to recruit, retain and expand businesses in rural communities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	($25,126)	$0	$0
State General Funds	($25,126)	$0	$0
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	($25,126)	$0	$0

Small and Minority Business Development **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist entrepreneurs and small and minority businesses by providing technical assistance on planning, advocacy, business needs, and identifying potential markets and suppliers; and to provide assistance to local communities in growing small businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,080,487	$1,080,487	$1,080,487
State General Funds	$1,080,487	$1,080,487	$1,080,487
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,080,487	$1,080,487	$1,080,487

133.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($955)	($955)	($955)

133.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($46,585)	($46,585)	($46,585)

133.1000 Small and Minority Business Development			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist entrepreneurs and small and minority businesses by providing technical assistance on planning, advocacy, business needs, and identifying potential markets and suppliers; and to provide assistance to local communities in growing small businesses.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,032,947	$1,032,947	$1,032,947
State General Funds	$1,032,947	$1,032,947	$1,032,947
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,032,947	$1,032,947	$1,032,947

Tourism			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide information to visitors about tourism opportunities throughout the state, operate and maintain state welcome centers, fund the Georgia Historical Society and Georgia Humanities Council, and work with communities to develop and market tourism products in order to attract more tourism to the state.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,760,500	$11,760,500	$11,760,500
State General Funds	$11,760,500	$11,760,500	$11,760,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,760,500	$11,760,500	$11,760,500
134.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*			
State General Funds	($4,775)	($4,775)	($4,775)
134.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*			
State General Funds	$1,350	$1,350	$1,350
134.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*			
State General Funds	($232,819)	($232,819)	($232,819)
134.4 *Reduce funds for one-time funding for the Martin Luther King Jr. Center and maintain existing base budget ($500,000).*			
State General Funds	($125,000)	($125,000)	($125,000)
134.5 *Increase funds for Georgia Humanities.*			
State General Funds		$188,000	$0
134.6 *Increase funds for operations.*			
State General Funds		$76,119	$76,119
134.7 *Reduce funds for tourism marketing.*			
State General Funds			($6,500,000)

134.1000 Tourism	**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide information to visitors about tourism opportunities throughout the state, operate and maintain state welcome centers, fund the Georgia Historical Society and Georgia Humanities Council, and work with communities to develop and market tourism products in order to attract more tourism to the state.	

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,399,256	$11,663,375	$4,975,375
State General Funds	$11,399,256	$11,663,375	$4,975,375
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,399,256	$11,663,375	$4,975,375

134.1001 Special Project - Tourism: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund quality tourism marketing that showcases the entire state of Georgia and matching grants to local governments, chambers of commerce, and destination marketing organizations.

State General Funds $6,500,000

Section 24: Education, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,701,947,205	$13,701,947,205	$13,701,947,205
State General Funds	$13,701,947,205	$13,701,947,205	$13,701,947,205
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,457,954,507	$2,457,954,507	$2,457,954,507
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,457,842,006	$2,457,842,006	$2,457,842,006
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$112,501	$112,501	$112,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$47,783,992	$47,783,992	$47,783,992
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300
Intergovernmental Transfers	$21,489,500	$21,489,500	$21,489,500
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$21,489,500	$21,489,500	$21,489,500
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$643,082	$643,082	$643,082
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$643,082	$643,082	$643,082
Sales and Services	$25,248,110	$25,248,110	$25,248,110
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,248,110	$25,248,110	$25,248,110
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$16,207,685,704	$16,207,685,704	$16,207,685,704

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,234,510,569	$14,165,902,719	$14,186,694,512
State General Funds	$14,234,510,569	$14,165,902,719	$14,186,694,512
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,457,954,507	$2,457,954,507	$2,457,954,507
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,457,842,006	$2,457,842,006	$2,457,842,006
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$112,501	$112,501	$112,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$47,783,992	$47,783,992	$47,783,992
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300
Intergovernmental Transfers	$21,489,500	$21,489,500	$21,489,500
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$21,489,500	$21,489,500	$21,489,500
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$643,082	$643,082	$643,082
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$643,082	$643,082	$643,082

Sales and Services	$25,248,110	$25,248,110	$25,248,110
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,248,110	$25,248,110	$25,248,110
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$16,740,249,068	$16,671,641,218	$16,692,433,011

Agricultural Education **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems with developing and funding agricultural education programs, and to provide afterschool and summer educational and leadership opportunities for students.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,262,584	$16,262,584	$16,262,584
State General Funds	$16,262,584	$16,262,584	$16,262,584
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$461,806	$461,806	$461,806
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$461,806	$461,806	$461,806
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,305,500	$1,305,500	$1,305,500
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,305,500	$1,305,500	$1,305,500
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,305,500	$1,305,500	$1,305,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,029,890	$18,029,890	$18,029,890

135.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$23,712	$18,137	$18,137

135.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($2,282)	($2,282)	($2,282)

135.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$433	$433	$433

135.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($51,360)	($51,360)	($51,360)

135.5 *Eliminate funds for camp-affiliated staff. (See HB68 (2025 Legislative Session) intent language considered nonbinding by the Governor)*

State General Funds	($268,157)	($268,157)	($268,157)

135.6 *Increase one-time funds to complete storm damage repairs at FFA camps.*

State General Funds		$591,965	$591,965

135.7 *Increase funds for annual major repairs and rehabilitation at youth camps.*

State General Funds		$325,051	$0

135.8 *Increase funds for support staff to prioritize private funds for direct student services.*

State General Funds		$498,206	$0

135.9 *Increase funds to fully-fund extended year and extended day programs. (S:Increase funds for one-time funding to address data reporting errors and move to improve reporting accuracy in future years)*

State General Funds	$706,885	$706,885	

135.10 *Increase funds for a Young Farmer position.*

State General Funds			$45,000

135.1000 Agricultural Education **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems with developing and funding agricultural education programs, and to provide afterschool and summer educational and leadership opportunities for students.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,964,930	$18,081,462	$17,303,205
State General Funds	$15,964,930	$18,081,462	$17,303,205
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$461,806	$461,806	$461,806
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$461,806	$461,806	$461,806
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,305,500	$1,305,500	$1,305,500
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,305,500	$1,305,500	$1,305,500
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,305,500	$1,305,500	$1,305,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$17,732,236	$19,848,768	$19,070,511

Business and Finance Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for business, finance, facilities, and pupil transportation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,323,145	$8,323,145	$8,323,145
State General Funds	$8,323,145	$8,323,145	$8,323,145
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,100,020	$3,100,020	$3,100,020
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,100,020	$3,100,020	$3,100,020
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$21,851,693	$21,851,693	$21,851,693
Intergovernmental Transfers	$20,000,000	$20,000,000	$20,000,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$20,000,000	$20,000,000	$20,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$608,082	$608,082	$608,082
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$608,082	$608,082	$608,082
Sales and Services	$1,243,611	$1,243,611	$1,243,611
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,243,611	$1,243,611	$1,243,611
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$33,274,858	$33,274,858	$33,274,858

136.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$521	$521	$521

136.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($16,690)	($16,690)	($16,690)

136.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$310	$310	$310

136.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$24,831	$24,831	$24,831

136.5 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($375,684)	($375,684)	($375,684)

136.6 *Increase funds for two financial review positions. (S:Increase funds for one financial review position)*

State General Funds		$260,000	$128,571

136.7 *Increase funds for one pupil transportation consultant position.*

State General Funds		$120,000	$120,901

136.1000 Business and Finance Administration			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for business, finance, facilities, and pupil transportation.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,956,433	$8,336,433	$8,205,905
State General Funds	$7,956,433	$8,336,433	$8,205,905
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,100,020	$3,100,020	$3,100,020
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,100,020	$3,100,020	$3,100,020
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$21,851,693	$21,851,693	$21,851,693
Intergovernmental Transfers	$20,000,000	$20,000,000	$20,000,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$20,000,000	$20,000,000	$20,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$608,082	$608,082	$608,082
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$608,082	$608,082	$608,082
Sales and Services	$1,243,611	$1,243,611	$1,243,611
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,243,611	$1,243,611	$1,243,611
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$32,908,146	$33,288,146	$33,157,618

Central Office		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the State Board of Education, Departmental programs, and local school systems.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,243,123	$5,243,123	$5,243,123
State General Funds	$5,243,123	$5,243,123	$5,243,123
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$54,207,947	$54,207,947	$54,207,947
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$54,207,947	$54,207,947	$54,207,947
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$537,000	$537,000	$537,000
Sales and Services	$537,000	$537,000	$537,000

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$537,000	$537,000	$537,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$59,988,070	$59,988,070	$59,988,070

137.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$487	$487	$487

137.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($7,172)	($7,172)	($7,172)

137.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$637	$637	$637

137.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$9,014	$9,014	$9,014

137.5 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($161,437)	($161,437)	($161,437)

137.6 *Increase funds for one chief financial turnaround officer and one statewide attendance officer. (S:Increase funds for one statewide attendance officer)*

State General Funds		$500,000	$240,000

137.7 *Reduce funds to align priorities with agency mission.*

State General Funds			($9,000)

137.1000 Central Office			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the State Board of Education, Departmental programs, and local school systems.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,084,652	$5,584,652	$5,315,652
State General Funds	$5,084,652	$5,584,652	$5,315,652
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$54,207,947	$54,207,947	$54,207,947
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$54,207,947	$54,207,947	$54,207,947
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$537,000	$537,000	$537,000
Sales and Services	$537,000	$537,000	$537,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$537,000	$537,000	$537,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$59,829,599	$60,329,599	$60,060,599

Charter Schools **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize charter systems and completion schools, and to provide funds for competitive grants for planning, implementation, facilities, and operations of charter systems and locally authorized charter schools.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,711,471	$7,711,471	$7,711,471
State General Funds	$7,711,471	$7,711,471	$7,711,471
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,711,471	$7,711,471	$7,711,471

138.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$121	$121	$121

138.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($531)	($531)	($531)

138.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$1,799	$1,799	$1,799

138.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($11,949)	($11,949)	($11,949)

138.5 *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for completion schools planning grant for Southern Rivers Completion High School. (H:NO; Maintain funds for planning grants for State Completion Special Schools and release funding contingent upon submission of an implementation plan)(S:Eliminate funds for one-time funding for completion schools planning grant for Southern Rivers Completion High School)*

State General Funds	($2,000,000)	$0	($2,000,000)

138.6 *Increase funds for grants to school systems to encourage the authorization of locally approved charter schools pursuant to SB82 (2025 Legislative Session (Total Funds: $1,000,000)).*

State General Funds	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000

138.1000 Charter Schools **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize charter systems and completion schools, and to provide funds for competitive grants for planning, implementation, facilities, and operations of charter systems and locally authorized charter schools.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,200,911	$8,200,911	$6,200,911
State General Funds	$6,200,911	$8,200,911	$6,200,911
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,200,911	$8,200,911	$6,200,911

Communities in Schools **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support Performance Learning Centers and maintain a network of local affiliate organizations across the state, and to partner with other state and national organizations to support student success in school and beyond.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,940,100	$1,940,100	$1,940,100
State General Funds	$1,940,100	$1,940,100	$1,940,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,940,100	$1,940,100	$1,940,100

139.1000 Communities in Schools			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support Performance Learning Centers and maintain a network of local affiliate organizations across the state, and to partner with other state and national organizations to support student success in school and beyond.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,940,100	$1,940,100	$1,940,100
State General Funds	$1,940,100	$1,940,100	$1,940,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,940,100	$1,940,100	$1,940,100

Curriculum Development		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to develop a statewide, standards-based curriculum to guide instruction and assessment, and to provide training and instructional resources to teachers for implementing this curriculum.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,836,755	$11,836,755	$11,836,755
State General Funds	$11,836,755	$11,836,755	$11,836,755
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,513,979	$7,513,979	$7,513,979
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$7,513,979	$7,513,979	$7,513,979
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,400,734	$19,400,734	$19,400,734

140.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*			
State General Funds	$1,435	$1,435	$1,435
140.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*			
State General Funds	($8,573)	($8,573)	($8,573)
140.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*			
State General Funds	$14,087	$14,087	$14,087
140.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*			
State General Funds	($192,985)	($192,985)	($192,985)
140.5 *Utilize existing funds for one Cambridge International Program exam for free and reduced-paying lunch students. (H:YES)(S:NO)*			
State General Funds		$0	$0
140.6 *Increase funds for college preparatory exams.*			
State General Funds		$1,381,361	$0

140.1000 Curriculum Development			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to develop a statewide, standards-based curriculum to guide instruction and assessment, and to provide training and instructional resources to teachers for implementing this curriculum.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,650,719	$13,032,080	$11,650,719
State General Funds	$11,650,719	$13,032,080	$11,650,719
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,513,979	$7,513,979	$7,513,979
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$7,513,979	$7,513,979	$7,513,979
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,214,698	$20,596,059	$19,214,698

Federal Programs			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate federally funded programs and allocate federal funds to school systems.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,280,135,111	$1,280,135,111	$1,280,135,111
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,280,135,111	$1,280,135,111	$1,280,135,111
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,280,135,111	$1,280,135,111	$1,280,135,111

141.1000 Federal Programs			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate federally funded programs and allocate federal funds to school systems.			
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,280,135,111	$1,280,135,111	$1,280,135,111
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,280,135,111	$1,280,135,111	$1,280,135,111
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,280,135,111	$1,280,135,111	$1,280,135,111

Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS)			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS), which provides services, education, and resources for students ages three to twenty-one with autism or severe emotional behavioral problems and their families.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$47,692,687	$47,692,687	$47,692,687
State General Funds	$47,692,687	$47,692,687	$47,692,687
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,160,000	$7,160,000	$7,160,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$7,160,000	$7,160,000	$7,160,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$54,852,687	$54,852,687	$54,852,687

142.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*			
State General Funds	$125,075	$125,798	$125,801

142.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($405)	($405)	($405)

142.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$578	$578	$578

142.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($9,122)	($9,122)	($9,122)

142.5 *Reduce formula funds based on enrollment and training and experience.*

State General Funds	($2,473,282)	($2,159,054)	($2,159,183)

142.6 *Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for eligible employees from $1,885 to $2,028 effective July 1, 2026. (H and S:Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member-per-month (PMPM) rate for eligible employees from $1,885 to $1,935 effective July 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	$372,372	$132,600	$132,600

142.1000 Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS) **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS), which provides services, education, and resources for students ages three to twenty-one with autism or severe emotional behavioral problems and their families.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$45,707,903	$45,783,082	$45,782,956
State General Funds	$45,707,903	$45,783,082	$45,782,956
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,160,000	$7,160,000	$7,160,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$7,160,000	$7,160,000	$7,160,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$52,867,903	$52,943,082	$52,942,956

Georgia Virtual School **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the accessibility and breadth of course offerings so that Georgia students can recover credits, access supplementary resources, enhance their studies, or earn additional credits in a manner not involving on-site interaction with a teacher.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,079,735	$3,079,735	$3,079,735
State General Funds	$3,079,735	$3,079,735	$3,079,735
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$9,319,806	$9,319,806	$9,319,806
Sales and Services	$9,319,806	$9,319,806	$9,319,806
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$9,319,806	$9,319,806	$9,319,806
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,399,541	$12,399,541	$12,399,541

143.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$1,132	$1,132	$1,132

143.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($7,291)	($7,291)	($7,291)

143.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($164,121)	($164,121)	($164,121)

143.1000 Georgia Virtual School **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the accessibility and breadth of course offerings so that Georgia students can recover credits, access supplementary resources, enhance their studies, or earn additional credits in a manner not involving on-site interaction with a teacher.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,909,455	$2,909,455	$2,909,455
State General Funds	$2,909,455	$2,909,455	$2,909,455
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$9,319,806	$9,319,806	$9,319,806
Sales and Services	$9,319,806	$9,319,806	$9,319,806
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$9,319,806	$9,319,806	$9,319,806
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,229,261	$12,229,261	$12,229,261

Information Technology Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to manage enterprise technology for the department, provide internet access to local school systems, support data collection and reporting needs, and support technology programs that assist local school systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$22,683,485	$22,683,485	$22,683,485
State General Funds	$22,683,485	$22,683,485	$22,683,485
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,676,565	$1,676,565	$1,676,565
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,676,565	$1,676,565	$1,676,565
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,360,050	$24,360,050	$24,360,050

144.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$1,135	$1,135	$1,135

144.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($26,802)	($26,802)	($26,802)

144.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$232	$232	$232

144.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$38,827	$38,827	$38,827

144.5 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($603,309)	($603,309)	($603,309)

144.1000 Information Technology Services			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to manage enterprise technology for the department, provide internet access to local school systems, support data collection and reporting needs, and support technology programs that assist local school systems.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$22,093,568	$22,093,568	$22,093,568
State General Funds	$22,093,568	$22,093,568	$22,093,568
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,676,565	$1,676,565	$1,676,565
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,676,565	$1,676,565	$1,676,565
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$23,770,133	$23,770,133	$23,770,133

Literacy Coach Initiative			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for RESA-based literacy coaches to support the Georgia Council on Literacy's literacy coaching initiative.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,480,000	$18,480,000	$18,480,000
State General Funds	$18,480,000	$18,480,000	$18,480,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,480,000	$18,480,000	$18,480,000

145.1 *Recognize existing funds for RESA-based literacy coaches to align with the purpose set forth in HB1193 (2026 Legislative Session). (H:YES)(S:YES; Utilize $18,480,000 in existing funds for regional and Growing Readers coaches)*

State General Funds	$0	$0

145.2 *Increase funds to support a legislative priority for school-based literacy coaches in every school with grades K-3.*

State General Funds	$70,416,120

145.999 ***SAC****: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for RESA-based literacy coaches to support the literacy coaching initiative and for school based literacy coaches.*

State General Funds	$0

145.1000 Literacy Coach Initiative			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for RESA-based literacy coaches to support the literacy coaching initiative and for school based literacy coaches.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,480,000	$18,480,000	$88,896,120
State General Funds	$18,480,000	$18,480,000	$88,896,120
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,480,000	$18,480,000	$88,896,120

Non Quality Basic Education Formula Grants			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund specific initiatives including: children in residential education facilities and sparsity grants.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$35,385,807	$35,385,807	$35,385,807
State General Funds	$35,385,807	$35,385,807	$35,385,807
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$35,385,807	$35,385,807	$35,385,807

146.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*			
State General Funds	$78,969	$79,118	$78,882
146.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*			
State General Funds	($281)	($281)	($281)
146.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*			
State General Funds	$578	$578	$578
146.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*			
State General Funds	($6,330)	($6,330)	($6,330)
146.5 *Increase formula funds for Sparsity Grants based on enrollment data.*			
State General Funds	$1,235,317	$1,435,311	$1,435,311
146.6 *Increase formula funds for Residential Treatment Facilities based on attendance.*			
State General Funds	$399,652	$459,010	$339,082
146.7 *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for character education programming. (H and S:Increase funds for character education programming)*			
State General Funds	($2,000,000)	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
146.8 *Increase funds for custodian supplement grants.*			
State General Funds	$64,000	$64,000	$64,000
146.9 *Increase funds to provide one-time grants to school systems to purchase vision and auditory screening equipment. (S:NO; Utilize existing equipment and community resources already required to satisfy Department of Public Health form 3300 for students entering Pre-K or Kindergarten to screen students from Pre-K to third grade)*			
State General Funds		$2,700,000	$0

146.1000 Non Quality Basic Education Formula Grants			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund specific initiatives including: children in residential education facilities and sparsity grants.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$35,157,712	$41,117,213	$38,297,049
State General Funds	$35,157,712	$41,117,213	$38,297,049
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$35,157,712	$41,117,213	$38,297,049

Nutrition			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide leadership, training, technical assistance, and resources, so local program personnel can deliver meals that support nutritional well-being and performance at school and comply with federal standards.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,680,252	$39,680,252	$39,680,252
State General Funds	$39,680,252	$39,680,252	$39,680,252

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,028,297,007	$1,028,297,007	$1,028,297,007
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,028,297,007	$1,028,297,007	$1,028,297,007
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,068,161,259	$1,068,161,259	$1,068,161,259

147.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$134	$134	$134

147.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($977)	($977)	($977)

147.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($21,998)	($21,998)	($21,998)

147.4 *Increase formula funds for school nutrition.*

State General Funds	$84,408	$70,636	$70,636

147.5 *Increase funds to administer a summer nutrition program for eligible students in coordination with the Department of Human Services.*

State General Funds		$1,000,000	$1,000,000

147.1000 Nutrition **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide leadership, training, technical assistance, and resources, so local program personnel can deliver meals that support nutritional well-being and performance at school and comply with federal standards.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,741,819	$40,728,047	$40,728,047
State General Funds	$39,741,819	$40,728,047	$40,728,047
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,028,297,007	$1,028,297,007	$1,028,297,007
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,028,297,007	$1,028,297,007	$1,028,297,007
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,068,222,826	$1,069,209,054	$1,069,209,054

Preschool Disabilities Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide early educational services to three- and four-year-old students with disabilities so that they enter school better prepared to succeed.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$61,471,592	$61,471,592	$61,471,592
State General Funds	$61,471,592	$61,471,592	$61,471,592
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$61,471,592	$61,471,592	$61,471,592

148.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$149,541	$152,660	$152,659

148.2 *Reduce funds based on formula earnings. (H and S:Increase funds based on formula earnings)*

State General Funds	($126,416)	$1,125,866	$1,125,863

148.3 *Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for eligible employees from $1,885 to $2,028 effective July 1, 2026. (H and S:Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member-per-month (PMPM) rate for eligible employees from $1,885 to $1,935 effective July 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	$946,414	$337,818	$377,810

148.1000 Preschool Disabilities Services **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide early educational services to three- and four-year-old students with disabilities so that they enter school better prepared to succeed.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$62,441,131	$63,087,936	$63,127,924
State General Funds	$62,441,131	$63,087,936	$63,127,924
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$62,441,131	$63,087,936	$63,127,924

Pupil Transportation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems in their efforts to provide safe and efficient transportation for students to and from school and school related activities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$364,145,902	$364,145,902	$364,145,902
State General Funds	$364,145,902	$364,145,902	$364,145,902
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$364,145,902	$364,145,902	$364,145,902

149.1 *Increase funds for pupil transportation formula grants to reflect updated bus counts and operations.*

State General Funds	$38,565,233	$41,160,713	$38,169,401

149.2 *Reduce funds to reflect ongoing operations for required bus driver safety training.*

State General Funds	($79,200)	($79,200)	($79,200)

149.3 *Utilize $15,155,852 in existing funds from an AFY2022 appropriation for bus replacement and safety equipment to provide funds to local education agencies to replace 172 out-of-cycle buses. (G:YES)(H and S:YES; Utilize $9,453,083 in existing funds from an Amended FY2022 appropriation for bus replacement and safety equipment to provide funds to local education agencies to replace 107 out-of-cycle buses)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

149.4 *Recognize the use of $9,844,148 in Volkswagen Settlement funds to replace 98 out-of-cycle buses pursuant to the State's 2024 Mitigation Plan Update. (G:YES)(H and S:YES; Recognize the use of $15,546,917 in Volkswagen Settlement funds to replace 155 out-of-cycle buses pursuant to the State's 2024 Mitigation Plan Update)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

149.5 *Utilize $1,698,264 in existing funds from an Amended FY2022 appropriation for bus replacement and safety equipment to provide funds to local education agencies to retrofit 943 out-of-cycle diesel buses with filtration systems to promote interior air-quality mitigation. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds		$0	$0

149.6 *Redirect $20,000,000 in existing funds from an Amended FY2022 appropriation for bus replacement and safety equipment to the K-12 Capital Outlay Program - Regular to provide funds for local school construction. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds		$0	$0

149.1000 Pupil Transportation **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems in their efforts to provide safe and efficient transportation for students to and from school and school related activities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$402,631,935	$405,227,415	$402,236,103
State General Funds	$402,631,935	$405,227,415	$402,236,103
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$402,631,935	$405,227,415	$402,236,103

Quality Basic Education Equalization **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide additional financial assistance to local school systems ranking below the statewide average of per pupil tax wealth as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-165.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$909,708,064	$909,708,064	$909,708,064
State General Funds	$909,708,064	$909,708,064	$909,708,064
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$909,708,064	$909,708,064	$909,708,064

150.1 *Increase formula funds for Equalization grants.*

State General Funds	$258,904,718	$258,866,082	$258,823,032

150.2 *Reduce funds based on compliance with HB1259 (2026 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds		($2,472,030)	($5,986,921)

150.1000 Quality Basic Education Equalization **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide additional financial assistance to local school systems ranking below the statewide average of per pupil tax wealth as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-165.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,168,612,782	$1,166,102,116	$1,162,544,175
State General Funds	$1,168,612,782	$1,166,102,116	$1,162,544,175
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,168,612,782	$1,166,102,116	$1,162,544,175

Quality Basic Education Local Five Mill Share **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this program is to recognize the required local portion of the Quality Basic Education program as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-164.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	($2,868,165,769)	($2,868,165,769)	($2,868,165,769)
State General Funds	($2,868,165,769)	($2,868,165,769)	($2,868,165,769)
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	($2,868,165,769)	($2,868,165,769)	($2,868,165,769)

151.1 *Adjust funds for the Local Five Mill Share.*

State General Funds	($50,151,156)	($30,159,341)	($21,901,437)

151.1000 Quality Basic Education Local Five Mill Share **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this program is to recognize the required local portion of the Quality Basic Education program as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-164.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	($2,918,316,925)	($2,898,325,110)	($2,890,067,206)
State General Funds	($2,918,316,925)	($2,898,325,110)	($2,890,067,206)
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	($2,918,316,925)	($2,898,325,110)	($2,890,067,206)

Quality Basic Education Program **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide formula funds to school systems based on full time equivalent students for the instruction of students in grades K-12 as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-161.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,693,944,090	$14,693,944,090	$14,693,944,090
State General Funds	$14,693,944,090	$14,693,944,090	$14,693,944,090
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,693,944,090	$14,693,944,090	$14,693,944,090

152.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$36,400,437	$36,415,287	$36,345,984

152.2 *Increase funds for enrollment growth and training and experience.*

State General Funds	$9,295,649	$14,492,646	$11,671,391

152.3 *Increase formula funds for the State Commission Charter School supplement for a total supplement of $309,966,618. (H and S:Increase formula funds for the State Commission Charter School supplement for a total supplement of $305,545,988)*

State General Funds	$44,686,270	$40,265,641	$40,265,641

152.4 *Reduce formula funds for differentiated pay for newly certified math and science teachers.*

State General Funds	($456,997)	($250,199)	($261,018)

152.5 *Increase formula funds for the Completion Special Schools supplement.*

State General Funds	$1,627,924	$1,627,924	$1,627,908

152.6 *Reduce formula funds for the charter system grant.*

State General Funds	($630,085)	($633,398)	($615,550)

152.7 *Reduce formula funds for the local charter school grant.*

State General Funds	($32,045)	($218,552)	($143,575)

152.8 *Increase funds for the employer share of TRS for non-certified school management positions pursuant to O.C.G.A. 47-3-63.*

State General Funds	$1,400,000	$1,400,000	$1,400,000

152.9 *Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for eligible employees from $1,885 to $2,028 effective July 1, 2026. (H and S:Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member-per-month (PMPM) rate for eligible employees from $1,885 to $1,935 effective July 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	$199,653,168	$70,234,200	$69,804,000

152.10 *Increase funds for the Special Needs Scholarship based on enrollment growth.*

State General Funds	$14,479,551	$5,526,296	$5,526,296

152.11 *Increase funds to begin implementation of literacy coaches in schools with students grades K-3 per HB1193 (2026 Legislative Session). (S:YES; Recognize funds in the Literacy Coach Initiative program)*

State General Funds		$31,235,112	$0

152.12 *Reduce funds based on compliance with HB1259 (2026 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds		($5,441,245)	($8,179,568)

152.1000 Quality Basic Education Program **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide formula funds to school systems based on full time equivalent students for the instruction of students in grades K-12 as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-161.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,000,367,962	$14,888,597,802	$14,851,385,599
State General Funds	$15,000,367,962	$14,888,597,802	$14,851,385,599
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,000,367,962	$14,888,597,802	$14,851,385,599

Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia's sixteen Regional Education Service Agencies with funds to assist local school systems with improving the effectiveness of their educational programs by providing curriculum consultation, skill enhancement, professional development, technology training, and other shared services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,497,495	$16,497,495	$16,497,495
State General Funds	$16,497,495	$16,497,495	$16,497,495
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$16,497,495	$16,497,495	$16,497,495

153.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$16,863	$16,866	$16,841

153.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($414)	($414)	($414)

153.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($9,308)	($9,308)	($9,308)

153.4 *Increase formula funds for Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs) based on enrollment.*

State General Funds	$219,679	$259,347	$259,347

153.5 *Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for eligible employees from $1,885 to $2,028 effective July 1, 2026. (H and S:Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member-per-month (PMPM) rate for eligible employees from $1,885 to $1,935 effective July 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	$82,534	$28,858	$28,858

153.1000 Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs) **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia's sixteen Regional Education Service Agencies with funds to assist local school systems with improving the effectiveness of their educational programs by providing curriculum consultation, skill enhancement, professional development, technology training, and other shared services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,806,849	$16,792,844	$16,792,819
State General Funds	$16,806,849	$16,792,844	$16,792,819
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$16,806,849	$16,792,844	$16,792,819

School Improvement **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide research, technical assistance, resources, teacher professional learning, and leadership training for low-performing schools and local educational agencies to help them design and implement school improvement strategies to improve graduation rates and overall student achievement.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,894,216	$10,894,216	$10,894,216
State General Funds	$10,894,216	$10,894,216	$10,894,216
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,025,627	$5,025,627	$5,025,627
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,025,627	$5,025,627	$5,025,627
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,919,843	$15,919,843	$15,919,843

154.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$1,467	$1,467	$1,467

154.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($18,451)	($18,451)	($18,451)

154.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$9,239	$9,239	$9,239

154.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($415,329)	($415,329)	($415,329)

154.1000 School Improvement **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide research, technical assistance, resources, teacher professional learning, and leadership training for low-performing schools and local educational agencies to help them design and implement school improvement strategies to improve graduation rates and overall student achievement.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,471,142	$10,471,142	$10,471,142
State General Funds	$10,471,142	$10,471,142	$10,471,142
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,025,627	$5,025,627	$5,025,627
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,025,627	$5,025,627	$5,025,627
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,496,769	$15,496,769	$15,496,769

School Nurse **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for school nurses who provide health procedures for students at school.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$42,993,857	$42,993,857	$42,993,857
State General Funds	$42,993,857	$42,993,857	$42,993,857
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$42,993,857	$42,993,857	$42,993,857

155.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$128,239	$128,239	$128,018

155.2 *Reduce formula funds for school nurses. (H:Increase formula funds for school nurses)(S:Reduce formula funds for school nurses)*

State General Funds	($867,401)	$447,203	($887,334)

155.3 *Reduce funds to reflect services not rendered to virtual education students.*

State General Funds	($21,591)

155.1000 School Nurse **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for school nurses who provide health procedures for students at school.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$42,254,695	$43,569,299	$42,212,950
State General Funds	$42,254,695	$43,569,299	$42,212,950
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$42,254,695	$43,569,299	$42,212,950

School Security Grants **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to local school systems to support school security needs and to provide for student mental health support.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$116,018,875	$116,018,875	$116,018,875
State General Funds	$116,018,875	$116,018,875	$116,018,875
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$116,018,875	$116,018,875	$116,018,875

156.1 *Utilize existing funds ($6,963,875) to allow schools to engage part-time or full-time student advocacy specialists pursuant to HB268 (2026 Legislative Session). (S:YES)*

State General Funds $0

156.1000 School Security Grants **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to local school systems to support school security needs and to provide for student mental health support.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$116,018,875	$116,018,875	$116,018,875
State General Funds	$116,018,875	$116,018,875	$116,018,875
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$116,018,875	$116,018,875	$116,018,875

State Charter School Commission Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to focus on the development and support of charter schools in order to better meet the growing and diverse needs of students in this state and to further ensure that state and local charter schools of the highest academic quality are approved and supported throughout the state in an efficient manner.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$618,351	$618,351	$618,351
State General Funds	$618,351	$618,351	$618,351
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,952,839	$8,952,839	$8,952,839
Sales and Services	$8,952,839	$8,952,839	$8,952,839
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,952,839	$8,952,839	$8,952,839
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,571,190	$9,571,190	$9,571,190

157.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds ($499) ($499) ($499)

157.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds ($11,243) ($11,243) ($11,243)

157.1000 State Charter School Commission Administration			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to focus on the development and support of charter schools in order to better meet the growing and diverse needs of students in this state and to further ensure that state and local charter schools of the highest academic quality are approved and supported throughout the state in an efficient manner.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$606,609	$606,609	$606,609
State General Funds	$606,609	$606,609	$606,609
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,952,839	$8,952,839	$8,952,839
Sales and Services	$8,952,839	$8,952,839	$8,952,839
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,952,839	$8,952,839	$8,952,839
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,559,448	$9,559,448	$9,559,448

State Schools			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare sensory-impaired and multi-disabled students to become productive citizens by providing a learning environment addressing their academic, vocational, and social development.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,091,861	$39,091,861	$39,091,861
State General Funds	$39,091,861	$39,091,861	$39,091,861
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,146,556	$1,146,556	$1,146,556
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,034,055	$1,034,055	$1,034,055
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$112,501	$112,501	$112,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,111,904	$1,111,904	$1,111,904
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
Sales and Services	$673,604	$673,604	$673,604
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$673,604	$673,604	$673,604
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$41,350,321	$41,350,321	$41,350,321

158.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*			
State General Funds	$5,904	$5,904	$5,904
158.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*			
State General Funds	($64,350)	($64,350)	($64,350)
158.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*			
State General Funds	$3,048	$3,048	$3,048
158.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*			
State General Funds	$1,180	$1,180	$1,180

158.5 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($1,448,541)	($1,448,541)	($1,448,541)

158.6 *Reduce funds for training and experience.*

State General Funds	($2,374,897)	$0	($2,374,897)

158.1000 State Schools **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare sensory-impaired and multi-disabled students to become productive citizens by providing a learning environment addressing their academic, vocational, and social development.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$35,214,205	$37,589,102	$35,214,205
State General Funds	$35,214,205	$37,589,102	$35,214,205
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,146,556	$1,146,556	$1,146,556
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,034,055	$1,034,055	$1,034,055
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$112,501	$112,501	$112,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,111,904	$1,111,904	$1,111,904
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
Sales and Services	$673,604	$673,604	$673,604
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$673,604	$673,604	$673,604
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$37,472,665	$39,847,562	$37,472,665

Student Support Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for additional school-based social workers above what is earned in the Quality Basic Education formula and for grants to providers of out-of-school care.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$49,741,982	$49,741,982	$49,741,982
State General Funds	$49,741,982	$49,741,982	$49,741,982
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$49,741,982	$49,741,982	$49,741,982

159.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$13,085	$13,085	$13,085

159.2 *Eliminate funds for one-time pilot funding to districts for targeted support to economically disadvantaged students.*

State General Funds	($15,275,991)	($15,275,991)	($15,275,991)

159.3 *Increase formula funds for grants for social work services.*

State General Funds	$1,550,868	$2,600,924	$1,550,868

159.4 *Increase funds for mental health support grants to reflect accurate count of middle and high schools.*

State General Funds	$1,300,000	$1,300,000	$1,300,000

159.5 *Recognize existing funds ($800,000) for administering grants and increase funds for additional out-of-school care for statewide and community grantees.*

State General Funds		$2,500,000	$2,500,000

159.1000 Student Support Services **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for additional school-based social workers above what is earned in the Quality Basic Education formula and for grants to providers of out-of-school care.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$37,329,944	$40,880,000	$39,829,944
State General Funds	$37,329,944	$40,880,000	$39,829,944
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$37,329,944	$40,880,000	$39,829,944

Technology/Career Education **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to equip students with academic, vocational, technical, and leadership skills and to extend learning opportunities beyond the traditional school day and year.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,167,196	$26,167,196	$26,167,196
State General Funds	$26,167,196	$26,167,196	$26,167,196
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$51,180,613	$51,180,613	$51,180,613
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$51,180,613	$51,180,613	$51,180,613
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,471,250	$4,471,250	$4,471,250
Sales and Services	$4,471,250	$4,471,250	$4,471,250
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,471,250	$4,471,250	$4,471,250
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$81,819,059	$81,819,059	$81,819,059

160.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$40,340	$54,863	$54,863

160.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($4,307)	($4,307)	($4,307)

160.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$5,214	$5,214	$5,214

160.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($96,962)	($96,962)	($96,962)

160.5 *Increase funds for high-demand equipment grants.*

State General Funds	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000

160.6 *Increase funds for high-demand heavy equipment simulator grants.*

State General Funds		$800,000	$800,000

160.7 *Increase funds for an artificial intelligence and coding literacy program.*

State General Funds		$1,000,000	$0

160.8 *Reduce funds for one-time funding and completion of construction industry certification program.*

State General Funds			($1,000,000)

160.1000 Technology/Career Education			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to equip students with academic, vocational, technical, and leadership skills and to extend learning opportunities beyond the traditional school day and year.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,861,481	$28,676,004	$26,676,004
State General Funds	$26,861,481	$28,676,004	$26,676,004
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$51,180,613	$51,180,613	$51,180,613
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$51,180,613	$51,180,613	$51,180,613
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,471,250	$4,471,250	$4,471,250
Sales and Services	$4,471,250	$4,471,250	$4,471,250
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,471,250	$4,471,250	$4,471,250
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$82,513,344	$84,327,867	$82,327,867

Testing		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the statewide student assessment program and provide related testing instruments and training to local schools.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$19,048,403	$19,048,403	$19,048,403
State General Funds	$19,048,403	$19,048,403	$19,048,403
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$18,049,276	$18,049,276	$18,049,276
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$18,049,276	$18,049,276	$18,049,276
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$37,097,679	$37,097,679	$37,097,679

161.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$1,211	$1,211	$1,211

161.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($8,128)	($8,128)	($8,128)

161.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$11,209	$11,209	$11,209

161.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($182,959)	($182,959)	($182,959)

161.1000 Testing			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the statewide student assessment program and provide related testing instruments and training to local schools.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,869,736	$18,869,736	$18,869,736
State General Funds	$18,869,736	$18,869,736	$18,869,736
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$18,049,276	$18,049,276	$18,049,276
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$18,049,276	$18,049,276	$18,049,276
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,919,012	$36,919,012	$36,919,012

Tuition for Multiple Disability Students			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to partially reimburse school systems for private residential placements when the school system is unable to provide an appropriate program for a multi-disabled student.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,451,946	$1,451,946	$1,451,946
State General Funds	$1,451,946	$1,451,946	$1,451,946
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,451,946	$1,451,946	$1,451,946

162.1000 Tuition for Multiple Disability Students			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to partially reimburse school systems for private residential placements when the school system is unable to provide an appropriate program for a multi-disabled student.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,451,946	$1,451,946	$1,451,946
State General Funds	$1,451,946	$1,451,946	$1,451,946
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,451,946	$1,451,946	$1,451,946

The formula calculation for Quality Basic Education funding assumes a base unit cost of $3,253.19. In addition, all local school system allotments for Quality Basic Education shall be made in accordance with funds appropriated by this Act.

Section 25: Employees' Retirement System of Georgia

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$80,436,844	$80,436,844	$80,436,844
State General Funds	$80,436,844	$80,436,844	$80,436,844
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536
Sales and Services	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$32,128,206	$32,128,206	$32,128,206
State Funds Transfers	$32,128,206	$32,128,206	$32,128,206
Retirement Payments	$32,128,206	$32,128,206	$32,128,206
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$117,855,586	$117,855,586	$117,855,586

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$64,997,668	$64,997,668	$164,997,668
State General Funds	$64,997,668	$64,997,668	$164,997,668
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536
Sales and Services	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$32,128,206	$32,128,206	$32,128,206
State Funds Transfers	$32,128,206	$32,128,206	$32,128,206
Retirement Payments	$32,128,206	$32,128,206	$32,128,206
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$102,416,410	$102,416,410	$202,416,410

Deferred Compensation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide excellent service to participants in the deferred compensation program for all employees of the state, giving them an effective supplement for their retirement planning.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536
Sales and Services	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536

163.1000 Deferred Compensation **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide excellent service to participants in the deferred compensation program for all employees of the state, giving them an effective supplement for their retirement planning.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536
Sales and Services	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536

Georgia Military Pension Fund **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirement allowances and other benefits for members of the Georgia National Guard.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,781,444	$2,781,444	$2,781,444
State General Funds	$2,781,444	$2,781,444	$2,781,444
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,781,444	$2,781,444	$2,781,444

164.1 *Reduce funds for the actuarially determined employer contribution in accordance with the most recent actuarial report.*

State General Funds	($76,176)	($76,176)	($76,176)

164.1000 Georgia Military Pension Fund **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirement allowances and other benefits for members of the Georgia National Guard.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,705,268	$2,705,268	$2,705,268
State General Funds	$2,705,268	$2,705,268	$2,705,268
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,705,268	$2,705,268	$2,705,268

Public School Employees Retirement System **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to account for the receipt of retirement contributions, ensure sound investing of system funds, and provide timely and accurate payment of retirement benefits.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$40,895,000	$40,895,000	$40,895,000
State General Funds	$40,895,000	$40,895,000	$40,895,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,895,000	$40,895,000	$40,895,000

165.1 *Reduce funds for the actuarially determined employer contribution in accordance with the most recent actuarial report.*

State General Funds	($5,363,000)	($5,363,000)	($5,363,000)

165.1000 Public School Employees Retirement System **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to account for the receipt of retirement contributions, ensure sound investing of system funds, and provide timely and accurate payment of retirement benefits.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$35,532,000	$35,532,000	$35,532,000
State General Funds	$35,532,000	$35,532,000	$35,532,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$35,532,000	$35,532,000	$35,532,000

System Administration (ERS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to collect employee and employer contributions, invest the accumulated funds, and disburse retirement benefits to members and beneficiaries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$36,760,400	$36,760,400	$36,760,400
State General Funds	$36,760,400	$36,760,400	$36,760,400
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$32,128,206	$32,128,206	$32,128,206

State Funds Transfers	$32,128,206	$32,128,206	$32,128,206
Retirement Payments	$32,128,206	$32,128,206	$32,128,206
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$68,888,606	$68,888,606	$68,888,606

166.1 *Reduce funds for one-time funding and recognize existing funds ($26,750,000) for an annual supplemental payment to eligible retired members. (S:Reduce funds for one-time funding)*

State General Funds	($10,000,000)	($10,000,000)	($10,000,000)

166.2 *Recognize $26,750,000 in existing funds for an annual supplemental payment to eligible retired members. (S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0

166.3 *Increase funds to additionally fund Employees' Retirement System to trigger regular and annual cost of living adjustments.*

State General Funds	$100,000,000

166.1000 System Administration (ERS)			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to collect employee and employer contributions, invest the accumulated funds, and disburse retirement benefits to members and beneficiaries.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,760,400	$26,760,400	$126,760,400
State General Funds	$26,760,400	$26,760,400	$126,760,400
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$32,128,206	$32,128,206	$32,128,206
State Funds Transfers	$32,128,206	$32,128,206	$32,128,206
Retirement Payments	$32,128,206	$32,128,206	$32,128,206
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$58,888,606	$58,888,606	$158,888,606

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution rate for the Employees' Retirement System shall not exceed 29.28% for New Plan employees and 24.53% for Old Plan employees. For the GSEPS employees, the employer contribution rate shall not exceed 25.51% for the pension portion of the benefit and 9.0% in employer match contributions for the 401(k) portion of the benefit. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution for Public School Employees' Retirement System shall not exceed $1,076.05 per member for State Fiscal Year 2027.

Section 26: Forestry Commission, State

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$54,010,299	$54,010,299	$54,010,299
State General Funds	$54,010,299	$54,010,299	$54,010,299
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$6,986,349	$6,986,349	$6,986,349
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,986,349	$6,986,349	$6,986,349
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,914,100	$8,914,100	$8,914,100
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,572,500	$2,572,500	$2,572,500
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,572,500	$2,572,500	$2,572,500
Royalties and Rents	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000

Sales and Services	$6,241,600	$6,241,600	$6,241,600
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,241,600	$6,241,600	$6,241,600
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087
State Funds Transfers	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087
Agency to Agency Contracts	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$70,473,835	$70,473,835	$70,473,835

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,538,983	$54,705,722	$54,675,722
State General Funds	$52,538,983	$54,705,722	$54,675,722
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$6,988,753	$6,988,753	$6,988,753
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,988,753	$6,988,753	$6,988,753
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,914,100	$8,914,100	$8,914,100
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,572,500	$2,572,500	$2,572,500
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,572,500	$2,572,500	$2,572,500
Royalties and Rents	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Sales and Services	$6,241,600	$6,241,600	$6,241,600
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,241,600	$6,241,600	$6,241,600
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087
State Funds Transfers	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087
Agency to Agency Contracts	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$69,004,923	$71,171,662	$71,141,662

Commission Administration (SFC) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer workforce needs, handle purchasing, accounts receivable and payable, meet information technology needs, and provide oversight that emphasizes customer values and process innovation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,171,601	$7,171,601	$7,171,601
State General Funds	$7,171,601	$7,171,601	$7,171,601
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$123,800	$123,800	$123,800
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$123,800	$123,800	$123,800
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780
Sales and Services	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,803,181	$7,803,181	$7,803,181

167.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*			
State General Funds	$17,981	$17,981	$17,981
167.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*			
State General Funds	$980	$980	$980
167.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*			
State General Funds	$18,612	$18,612	$18,612
167.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*			
State General Funds	($225,526)	($225,526)	($225,526)
167.5 *Increase funds for grants to counties with more than 20,000 acres of state-owned land pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-14-1.*			
State General Funds	$148,545	$148,545	$148,545
167.6 *Increase funds to promote forestry. (S:NO; Museums' funding would normally be reflected in the Department of Economic Development)*			
State General Funds		$30,000	$0

167.1000 Commission Administration (SFC)			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to administer workforce needs, handle purchasing, accounts receivable and payable, meet information technology needs, and provide oversight that emphasizes customer values and process innovation.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,132,193	$7,162,193	$7,132,193
State General Funds	$7,132,193	$7,162,193	$7,132,193
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$123,800	$123,800	$123,800
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$123,800	$123,800	$123,800
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780
Sales and Services	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,763,773	$7,793,773	$7,763,773

Forest Management			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure the stewardship of forest lands; to collect and analyze state forestry inventory data; to administer federal forestry cost share assistance programs; to study forest health and invasive species control issues; to manage state-owned forests; to educate private forest landowners and timber harvesters about best management practices; to assist communities with management of forested greenspace; to promote and obtain conservation easements; to manage Georgia's Carbon Registry; to promote retention, investment, and/or expansion of new emerging and existing forest and forest biomass industries, and, during extreme fire danger, to provide logistical, overhead, and direct fire suppression assistance to the Forest Protection program.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,682,080	$4,682,080	$4,682,080
State General Funds	$4,682,080	$4,682,080	$4,682,080
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,682,151	$3,682,151	$3,682,151
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,682,151	$3,682,151	$3,682,151

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$798,145	$798,145	$798,145
Intergovernmental Transfers	$187,000	$187,000	$187,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$187,000	$187,000	$187,000
Sales and Services	$611,145	$611,145	$611,145
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$611,145	$611,145	$611,145
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587
State Funds Transfers	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587
Agency to Agency Contracts	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,503,963	$9,503,963	$9,503,963

168.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$18,477	$18,477	$18,477

168.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$1,149	$1,149	$1,149

168.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($231,746)	($231,746)	($231,746)

168.4 *Transfer funds for a duplicative county grant from the Forest Management program to the Forest Protection program to offset increased fire suppression costs.*

State General Funds	($60,000)	($60,000)	($60,000)

168.1000 Forest Management **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure the stewardship of forest lands; to collect and analyze state forestry inventory data; to administer federal forestry cost share assistance programs; to study forest health and invasive species control issues; to manage state-owned forests; to educate private forest landowners and timber harvesters about best management practices; to assist communities with management of forested greenspace; to promote and obtain conservation easements; to manage Georgia's Carbon Registry; to promote retention, investment, and/or expansion of new emerging and existing forest and forest biomass industries, and, during extreme fire danger, to provide logistical, overhead, and direct fire suppression assistance to the Forest Protection program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,409,960	$4,409,960	$4,409,960
State General Funds	$4,409,960	$4,409,960	$4,409,960
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,682,151	$3,682,151	$3,682,151
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,682,151	$3,682,151	$3,682,151
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$798,145	$798,145	$798,145
Intergovernmental Transfers	$187,000	$187,000	$187,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$187,000	$187,000	$187,000
Sales and Services	$611,145	$611,145	$611,145
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$611,145	$611,145	$611,145
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587
State Funds Transfers	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587

Agency to Agency Contracts	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,231,843	$9,231,843	$9,231,843

Forest Protection **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an aggressive and efficient response and suppression of forest fires in the unincorporated areas of the State; to mitigate hazardous forest fuels; to issue burn permits, to provide statewide education in the prevention of wildfires; to perform wildfire arson investigations; to promote community wildland fire planning and protection through cooperative agreements with fire departments; to train and certify firefighters in wildland firefighting; to provide assistance and support to rural fire departments including selling wildland fire engines and tankers; and to support the Forest Management program during periods of low fire danger.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$41,181,198	$41,181,198	$41,181,198
State General Funds	$41,181,198	$41,181,198	$41,181,198
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,046,681	$3,046,681	$3,046,681
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,046,681	$3,046,681	$3,046,681
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,541,312	$6,541,312	$6,541,312
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,385,500	$2,385,500	$2,385,500
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,385,500	$2,385,500	$2,385,500
Royalties and Rents	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Sales and Services	$4,055,812	$4,055,812	$4,055,812
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,055,812	$4,055,812	$4,055,812
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000
State Funds Transfers	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$50,984,191	$50,984,191	$50,984,191

169.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$142,759	$142,759	$142,759

169.2 *Increase funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.*

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,404	$2,404	$2,404

169.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($1,790,547)	($1,790,547)	($1,790,547)

169.4 *Transfer funds from the Forest Management program to the Forest Protection program and utilize existing funds ($1,010,738) to offset increased fire suppression costs resulting from increased maintenance costs and workload (Total Funds: $1,070,738).*

State General Funds	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000

169.5 *Increase funds for the operation of a new helicopter purchased in FY2025.*

State General Funds	$428,000	$428,000	$428,000

169.6 *Increase funds for personnel to promote retention.*

State General Funds		$2,136,739	$2,136,739

169.1000 Forest Protection **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an aggressive and efficient response and suppression of forest fires in the unincorporated areas of the State; to mitigate hazardous forest fuels; to issue burn permits, to provide statewide education in the prevention of wildfires; to perform wildfire arson investigations; to promote community wildland fire planning and protection through cooperative agreements with fire departments; to train and certify firefighters in wildland firefighting; to provide assistance and support to rural fire departments including selling wildland fire engines and tankers; and to support the Forest Management program during periods of low fire danger.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$40,021,410	$42,158,149	$42,158,149
State General Funds	$40,021,410	$42,158,149	$42,158,149
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,049,085	$3,049,085	$3,049,085
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,049,085	$3,049,085	$3,049,085
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,541,312	$6,541,312	$6,541,312
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,385,500	$2,385,500	$2,385,500
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,385,500	$2,385,500	$2,385,500
Royalties and Rents	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Sales and Services	$4,055,812	$4,055,812	$4,055,812
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,055,812	$4,055,812	$4,055,812
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000
State Funds Transfers	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$49,826,807	$51,963,546	$51,963,546

Special Project - Forest Protection **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for overtime pay earned by firefighters while awaiting reimbursements from the federal government or other states.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$975,420	$975,420	$975,420
State General Funds	$975,420	$975,420	$975,420
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$975,420	$975,420	$975,420

170.1000 Special Project - Forest Protection **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for overtime pay earned by firefighters while awaiting reimbursements from the federal government or other states.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$975,420	$975,420	$975,420
State General Funds	$975,420	$975,420	$975,420
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$975,420	$975,420	$975,420

Tree Seedling Nursery **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to produce an adequate quantity of high quality forest tree seedlings for sale at reasonable cost to Georgia landowners.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$133,717	$133,717	$133,717
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$133,717	$133,717	$133,717
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863
Sales and Services	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500
State Funds Transfers	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500
Agency to Agency Contracts	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,207,080	$1,207,080	$1,207,080

171.1000 Tree Seedling Nursery **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to produce an adequate quantity of high quality forest tree seedlings for sale at reasonable cost to Georgia landowners.

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$133,717	$133,717	$133,717
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$133,717	$133,717	$133,717
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863
Sales and Services	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500
State Funds Transfers	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500
Agency to Agency Contracts	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,207,080	$1,207,080	$1,207,080

Section 27: Governor, Office of the

Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$63,573,254	$63,573,254	$63,573,254
State General Funds	$63,573,254	$63,573,254	$63,573,254
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$31,454,912	$31,454,912	$31,454,912
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$30,294,182	$30,294,182	$30,294,182
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$1,160,730	$1,160,730	$1,160,730
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$817,856	$817,856	$817,856
Sales and Services	$817,856	$817,856	$817,856
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$817,856	$817,856	$817,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$95,846,022	$95,846,022	$95,846,022
Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$67,121,282	$72,964,762	$61,292,317
State General Funds	$67,121,282	$72,964,762	$61,292,317
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$31,454,912	$31,454,912	$31,454,912
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$30,294,182	$30,294,182	$30,294,182
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$1,160,730	$1,160,730	$1,160,730
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$817,856	$817,856	$817,856
Sales and Services	$817,856	$817,856	$817,856
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$817,856	$817,856	$817,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$99,394,050	$105,237,530	$93,565,085

Governor's Emergency Fund **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide emergency funds to draw on when disasters create extraordinary demands on government.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,062,041	$11,062,041	$11,062,041
State General Funds	$11,062,041	$11,062,041	$11,062,041
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,062,041	$11,062,041	$11,062,041

172.1000 Governor's Emergency Fund			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide emergency funds to draw on when disasters create extraordinary demands on government.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,062,041	$11,062,041	$11,062,041
State General Funds	$11,062,041	$11,062,041	$11,062,041
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,062,041	$11,062,041	$11,062,041

Governor's Office **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide numerous duties including, but not limited to: granting commissions, appointments and vacancies, maintaining order, and temporary transfer of institutions between departments or agencies. The Mansion allowance per O.C.G.A. 45-7-4 shall be $60,000.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,901,111	$6,901,111	$6,901,111
State General Funds	$6,901,111	$6,901,111	$6,901,111
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,901,111	$6,901,111	$6,901,111

173.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$148	$148	$148

173.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$58,864	$58,864	$58,864

173.3 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($9,952)	($9,952)	($9,952)

173.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($697,754)	($697,754)	($697,754)

173.1000 Governor's Office **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide numerous duties including, but not limited to: granting commissions, appointments and vacancies, maintaining order, and temporary transfer of institutions between departments or agencies. The Mansion allowance per O.C.G.A. 45-7-4 shall be $60,000.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,252,417	$6,252,417	$6,252,417
State General Funds	$6,252,417	$6,252,417	$6,252,417
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,252,417	$6,252,417	$6,252,417

Planning and Budget, Governor's Office of **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve state government operations and services by leading and assisting in the evaluation, development, and implementation of budgets, plans, programs, and policies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,053,931	$9,053,931	$9,053,931
State General Funds	$9,053,931	$9,053,931	$9,053,931
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,053,931	$9,053,931	$9,053,931

174.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$12,443	$12,443	$12,443

174.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($405)	($405)	($405)

174.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$38,343	$38,343	$38,343

174.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($307,889)	($307,889)	($307,889)

174.5 *Eliminate funds for one position and operations to support State Workforce Board responsibilities.*

State General Funds	($194,756)	($194,756)	($194,756)

174.1000 Planning and Budget, Governor's Office of **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve state government operations and services by leading and assisting in the evaluation, development, and implementation of budgets, plans, programs, and policies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,601,667	$8,601,667	$8,601,667
State General Funds	$8,601,667	$8,601,667	$8,601,667
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,601,667	$8,601,667	$8,601,667

Georgia Data Analytic Center **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to consolidate data and analytics from across state government to provide transparency and accountability to lawmakers, agencies, researchers, and the public.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,999,667	$1,999,667	$1,999,667
State General Funds	$1,999,667	$1,999,667	$1,999,667
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,999,667	$1,999,667	$1,999,667

175.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$187	$187	$187

175.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,810	$1,810	$1,810

175.3 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($806)	($806)	($806)

175.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($44,783)	($44,783)	($44,783)

175.1000 Georgia Data Analytic Center **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to consolidate data and analytics from across state government to provide transparency and accountability to lawmakers, agencies, researchers, and the public.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,956,075	$1,956,075	$1,956,075
State General Funds	$1,956,075	$1,956,075	$1,956,075
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,956,075	$1,956,075	$1,956,075

Office of Health Strategy and Coordination **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to share healthcare information and coordinate policy between state agencies, healthcare providers, and the public; coordinate the state's healthcare system; and develop innovative approaches for lowering costs while improving access to quality healthcare.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,991,567	$1,991,567	$1,991,567
State General Funds	$1,991,567	$1,991,567	$1,991,567
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,991,567	$1,991,567	$1,991,567

176.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$919	$919	$919

176.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($1,781)	($1,781)	($1,781)

176.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($22,744)	($22,744)	($22,744)

176.4 *Reduce funds based on projected expenditures.*

State General Funds		($500,250)	($967,961)

176.5 *Transfer funds from the Office of Health Strategy and Coordination program to the University System of Georgia for the All Payer Claims Database and associated operations.*

State General Funds			($1,000,000)

176.1000 Office of Health Strategy and Coordination **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to share healthcare information and coordinate policy between state agencies, healthcare providers, and the public; coordinate the state's healthcare system; and develop innovative approaches for lowering costs while improving access to quality healthcare.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,967,961	$1,467,711	$0
State General Funds	$1,967,961	$1,467,711	$0
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,967,961	$1,467,711	$0

Child Advocate, Office of the **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide independent oversight of persons, organizations, and agencies responsible for the protection and well-being of children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,475,882	$1,475,882	$1,475,882
State General Funds	$1,475,882	$1,475,882	$1,475,882
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,475,882	$1,475,882	$1,475,882

177.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$2,687	$2,687	$2,687

177.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($1,346)	($1,346)	($1,346)

177.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($67,727)	($67,727)	($67,727)

177.1000 Child Advocate, Office of the **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide independent oversight of persons, organizations, and agencies responsible for the protection and well-being of children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,409,496	$1,409,496	$1,409,496
State General Funds	$1,409,496	$1,409,496	$1,409,496
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,409,496	$1,409,496	$1,409,496

Equal Opportunity, Georgia Commission on **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the Georgia Fair Employment Practices Act of 1978, as amended, and the Fair Housing Act, which makes it unlawful to discriminate against any individual.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,400,557	$1,400,557	$1,400,557
State General Funds	$1,400,557	$1,400,557	$1,400,557
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$441,000	$441,000	$441,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$441,000	$441,000	$441,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,841,557	$1,841,557	$1,841,557

178.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$3,416	$3,416	$3,416

178.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($150)	($150)	($150)

178.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($64,553)	($64,553)	($64,553)

178.1000 Equal Opportunity, Georgia Commission on **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the Georgia Fair Employment Practices Act of 1978, as amended, and the Fair Housing Act, which makes it unlawful to discriminate against any individual.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,339,270	$1,339,270	$1,339,270
State General Funds	$1,339,270	$1,339,270	$1,339,270

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$441,000	$441,000	$441,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$441,000	$441,000	$441,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,780,270	$1,780,270	$1,780,270

Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, Georgia **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a disaster, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery program by coordinating federal, state, and other resources and supporting local governments to respond to major disasters and emergency events, and to coordinate state resources for the preparation and prevention of threats and acts of terrorism and to serve as the State's point of contact for the federal Department of Homeland Security.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,004,456	$5,004,456	$5,004,456
State General Funds	$5,004,456	$5,004,456	$5,004,456
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$29,703,182	$29,703,182	$29,703,182
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,703,182	$29,703,182	$29,703,182
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
Sales and Services	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$35,515,494	$35,515,494	$35,515,494

179.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($1,260)	($1,260)	($1,260)

179.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($1,037)	($1,037)	($1,037)

179.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($227,642)	($227,642)	($227,642)

179.4 *Increase funds to meet federal matching requirements for emergency preparedness.*

State General Funds	$1,429,051	$0	$0

179.5 *Transfer funds from the Georgia Bureau of Investigations to the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency for gang case management system support.*

State General Funds	$1,000,000	$0	$0

179.6 *Transfer funds from the Department of Public Safety to the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency for the protection of communities through the Nonprofit Security Grant Program. (S:Transfer funds from the Department of Public Safety to the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency and increase funds for the protection of communities through the Nonprofit Security Grant Program)*

State General Funds	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$3,000,000

179.7 *Increase funds for operations.*

State General Funds		$928,815	$0

179.8 *Increase funds for emergency services.*

State General Funds	$2,000,000	$0

179.1000 Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, Georgia			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a disaster, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery program by coordinating federal, state, and other resources and supporting local governments to respond to major disasters and emergency events, and to coordinate state resources for the preparation and prevention of threats and acts of terrorism and to serve as the State's point of contact for the federal Department of Homeland Security.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,203,568	$8,703,332	$7,774,517
State General Funds	$8,203,568	$8,703,332	$7,774,517
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$29,703,182	$29,703,182	$29,703,182
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,703,182	$29,703,182	$29,703,182
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
Sales and Services	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$38,714,606	$39,214,370	$38,285,555

Office of the State Inspector General			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to foster and promote accountability and integrity in state government by investigating and preventing fraud, waste, and abuse.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,829,910	$1,829,910	$1,829,910
State General Funds	$1,829,910	$1,829,910	$1,829,910
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,829,910	$1,829,910	$1,829,910

180.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($4,813)	($4,813)	($4,813)

180.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($119)	($119)	($119)

180.3 *Increase funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.*

State General Funds	$5,778	$5,778	$5,778

180.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($84,625)	($84,625)	($84,625)

180.1000 Office of the State Inspector General			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to foster and promote accountability and integrity in state government by investigating and preventing fraud, waste, and abuse.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,746,131	$1,746,131	$1,746,131
State General Funds	$1,746,131	$1,746,131	$1,746,131
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,746,131	$1,746,131	$1,746,131

Professional Standards Commission, Georgia			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to direct the preparation of, certify, recognize, and recruit Georgia educators, and to enforce standards regarding educator professional preparation, performance, and ethics.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,952,136	$8,952,136	$8,952,136
State General Funds	$8,952,136	$8,952,136	$8,952,136
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,310,730	$1,310,730	$1,310,730
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$1,160,730	$1,160,730	$1,160,730
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
Sales and Services	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,272,866	$10,272,866	$10,272,866

181.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*			
State General Funds	$150	$150	$150
181.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*			
State General Funds	$1,580	$1,580	$1,580
181.3 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*			
State General Funds	($3,202)	($3,202)	($3,202)
181.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*			
State General Funds	($395,157)	($395,157)	($395,157)
181.5 *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for computer and startup costs for two ethics investigator positions.*			
State General Funds	($4,722)	($4,722)	($4,722)
181.6 *Increase funds to provide four additional program approval specialists to support early literacy efforts. (S:YES; Utilize existing funds and artificial intelligence to review educator prep programs at intervals specified by law)*			
State General Funds		$527,966	$0

181.1000 Professional Standards Commission, Georgia			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to direct the preparation of, certify, recognize, and recruit Georgia educators, and to enforce standards regarding educator professional preparation, performance, and ethics.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,550,785	$9,078,751	$8,550,785
State General Funds	$8,550,785	$9,078,751	$8,550,785
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,310,730	$1,310,730	$1,310,730
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$1,160,730	$1,160,730	$1,160,730
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
Sales and Services	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,871,515	$10,399,481	$9,871,515

Student Achievement, Governor's Office of			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support educational accountability, evaluation, and reporting efforts, establishment of standards on state assessments, the preparation and release of the state's education report card and scoreboard, and education research to inform policy and budget efforts.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,352,825	$4,352,825	$4,352,825
State General Funds	$4,352,825	$4,352,825	$4,352,825
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,352,825	$4,352,825	$4,352,825

182.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*			
State General Funds	$457	$457	$457
182.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*			
State General Funds	($15,693)	($15,693)	($15,693)
182.3 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*			
State General Funds	($10,613)	($10,613)	($10,613)
182.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*			
State General Funds	($211,314)	($211,314)	($211,314)
182.5 *Increase funds for ongoing operations associated with new responsibilities to support Top State for Talent initiatives including a Career Navigator system.*			
State General Funds	$5,010,086	$4,010,086	$3,978,450
182.6 *Increase funds for personnel and operations for three new policy and reporting positions. (S:Increase funds for personnel and operations for two new policy reporting positions)*			
State General Funds	$445,200	$445,200	$301,720

182.7 *Increase funds for professional learning and development for current teachers, literacy coaches, and administrators. (S:NO; Utilize existing professional learning provided by the Rollins Center in FY2024)*

State General Funds	$150,000	$0

182.8 *Increase funds to support the review and recommendations of high quality instructional literacy materials in Pre-K through third grade. (S:NO; Recognize high quality instructional materials purchased by local school systems pursuant to HB538 (2023 Legislative Session))*

State General Funds	$330,000	$0

182.9 *Increase funds for the review and recommendations of universal reading screeners. (S:NO; Utilize screeners as recommended in FY2025)*

State General Funds	$96,000	$0

182.10 *Transfer funds from the Governor's Office of Student Achievement to the University System of Georgia Board of Regents for state participation in regional crisis recovery network at the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) to support student mental health, to be included with SREB payments.*

State General Funds	($10,000)	($10,000)

182.11 *The office shall submit quarterly reports on all initiatives, activities, and results related to funded programs including, but not limited to, literacy activities and Career Navigator to the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committee, the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Education Subcommittees, the House Budget and Research Office, and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office beginning July 1, 2026. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0

182.12 *Transfer funds from the Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Literacy Initiative Coordination program to the Governor's Office of Student Achievement program for two positions to coordinate with the Department of Education on regional and school based literacy coach initiatives and for the free universal screener.*

State General Funds	$2,409,000

182.1000 Student Achievement, Governor's Office of **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support educational accountability, evaluation, and reporting efforts, establishment of standards on state assessments, the preparation and release of the state's education report card and scoreboard, and education research to inform policy and budget efforts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,570,948	$9,136,948	$10,794,832
State General Funds	$9,570,948	$9,136,948	$10,794,832
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,570,948	$9,136,948	$10,794,832

Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's Honors Program **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide gifted high school students a summer program of challenging and enriching educational opportunities not usually available during the regular school year.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,658,765	$1,658,765	$1,658,765
State General Funds	$1,658,765	$1,658,765	$1,658,765
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,658,765	$1,658,765	$1,658,765

183.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($1,211)	($1,211)	($1,211)

183.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($16,305)	($16,305)	($16,305)

183.1000 Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's Honors Program **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide gifted high school students a summer program of challenging and enriching educational opportunities not usually available during the regular school year.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,641,249	$1,641,249	$1,641,249
State General Funds	$1,641,249	$1,641,249	$1,641,249
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,641,249	$1,641,249	$1,641,249

Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's School Leadership Academy **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide high-quality, selective, statewide leadership preparation and support designed to develop high-capacity school leaders across Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,615,233	$2,615,233	$2,615,233
State General Funds	$2,615,233	$2,615,233	$2,615,233
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,615,233	$2,615,233	$2,615,233

184.998 *Eliminate funds for the Governor's School Leadership Academy.*

State General Funds	($2,615,233)	($2,615,233)	($2,615,233)

Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Literacy Initiative Coordination **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for personnel and operations for the Georgia Council on Literacy and support the implementation of effective literacy methods, including competency-based research and training, literacy coach coordination, universal reading screeners for K through 3, and digital curriculum for Pre-K through 5.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,275,173	$5,275,173	$5,275,173
State General Funds	$5,275,173	$5,275,173	$5,275,173
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,275,173	$5,275,173	$5,275,173

185.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($659)	($659)	($659)

185.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($8,870)	($8,870)	($8,870)

185.3 *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for research contract.*

State General Funds	($2,028,970)	($2,028,970)	($2,028,970)

185.4 *Increase funds for one-time funding to conduct phase two research and landscape analysis, conduct a leadership pilot with selected RESAs, and establish a framework for the Georgia READS community collaborative. (H:Increase funds for one-time funding to conduct phase two research and landscape analysis, conduct a leadership pilot with selected RESAs, establish a framework for the Georgia READS community collaborative, and provide ongoing data monitoring and quarterly reports to the Georgia Literacy Coordinating Committee, the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, the chairs of the House and Senate Education Appropriations Subcommittees, the chair of the House Education Committee, the chair of the Senate Education and Youth Committee, the House Budget and Research Office, and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office beginning July 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	$1,583,000	$1,583,000	$0

185.5 *Increase funds to establish an applied reading center that will design professional development programming for teachers and literacy coaches, to include assessment of competencies prior to professional learning and model teacher preparation programs. (S:YES; Reflect funds in the University System of Georgia Regents)*

State General Funds		$5,500,000	$0

185.6 *Increase funds for a director of literacy. (S:Transfer funds from the Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Literacy Initiative Coordination program to the Governor's Office of Student Achievement program for two positions to coordinate with the Department of Education on regional and school based literacy coach initiatives and for the free universal screener)*

State General Funds		$250,000	($2,409,000)

185.7 *Reduce funds pursuant to HB1193 (2026 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds			($663,837)

185.1000 Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Literacy Initiative Coordination **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for personnel and operations for the Georgia Council on Literacy and support the implementation of effective literacy methods, including competency-based research and training, literacy coach coordination, universal reading screeners for K through 3, and digital curriculum for Pre-K through 5.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,819,674	$10,569,674	$163,837
State General Funds	$4,819,674	$10,569,674	$163,837
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,819,674	$10,569,674	$163,837

The Mansion allowance shall be $60,000.

Section 28: Human Services, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,059,937,900	$1,059,937,900	$1,059,937,900
State General Funds	$1,058,580,854	$1,058,580,854	$1,058,580,854
State Children's Trust Funds	$1,222,837	$1,222,837	$1,222,837

Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$134,209	$134,209	$134,209
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,416,971,767	$1,416,971,767	$1,416,971,767
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$595,002,086	$595,002,086	$595,002,086
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$11,785,851	$11,785,851	$11,785,851
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$92,059,094	$92,059,094	$92,059,094
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$75,051,873	$75,051,873	$75,051,873
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$216,761,365	$216,761,365	$216,761,365
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$20,801,231	$20,801,231	$20,801,231
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$405,510,267	$405,510,267	$405,510,267
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$402,866,078	$402,866,078	$402,866,078
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	$2,644,189	$2,644,189	$2,644,189
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$26,579,193	$26,579,193	$26,579,193
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services	$25,079,193	$25,079,193	$25,079,193
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,079,193	$25,079,193	$25,079,193
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,531,932	$1,531,932	$1,531,932
State Funds Transfers	$804,906	$804,906	$804,906
Agency to Agency Contracts	$804,906	$804,906	$804,906
Agency Funds Transfers	$727,026	$727,026	$727,026
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$727,026	$727,026	$727,026
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,505,020,792	$2,505,020,792	$2,505,020,792
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,117,032,678	$1,163,419,362	$1,155,373,630
State General Funds	$1,115,708,875	$1,162,095,559	$1,154,049,827
State Children's Trust Funds	$1,187,489	$1,187,489	$1,187,489
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$136,314	$136,314	$136,314
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,381,656,360	$1,381,776,642	$1,382,251,949
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$556,348,437	$556,348,437	$556,348,437
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$11,785,851	$11,785,851	$11,785,851
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$95,397,336	$95,340,543	$95,815,850
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$75,051,873	$75,051,873	$75,051,873
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$216,761,365	$216,761,365	$216,761,365
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$20,801,231	$20,978,306	$20,978,306
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$405,510,267	$405,510,267	$405,510,267
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$402,866,078	$402,866,078	$402,866,078
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	$2,644,189	$2,644,189	$2,644,189
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$26,579,193	$26,579,193	$26,579,193
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000

Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services	$25,079,193	$25,079,193	$25,079,193
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,079,193	$25,079,193	$25,079,193
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,531,932	$1,531,932	$1,531,932
State Funds Transfers	$804,906	$804,906	$804,906
Agency to Agency Contracts	$804,906	$804,906	$804,906
Agency Funds Transfers	$727,026	$727,026	$727,026
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$727,026	$727,026	$727,026
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,526,800,163	$2,573,307,129	$2,565,736,704

Adoptions Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support and facilitate the safe permanent placement of children by prescreening families and providing support and financial services after adoption.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$45,396,313	$45,396,313	$45,396,313
State General Funds	$45,396,313	$45,396,313	$45,396,313
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$81,791,478	$81,791,478	$81,791,478
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$72,670,077	$72,670,077	$72,670,077
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$9,121,401	$9,121,401	$9,121,401
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$9,121,401	$9,121,401	$9,121,401
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$127,187,791	$127,187,791	$127,187,791

186.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($36,531)	($36,531)	($36,531)

186.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($1,162,819)	($1,162,819)	($1,162,819)

186.3 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.40% to 66.63%.*

State General Funds	($273,782)	($273,782)	($273,782)

186.1000 Adoptions Services **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support and facilitate the safe permanent placement of children by prescreening families and providing support and financial services after adoption.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$43,923,181	$43,923,181	$43,923,181
State General Funds	$43,923,181	$43,923,181	$43,923,181
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$81,791,478	$81,791,478	$81,791,478
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$72,670,077	$72,670,077	$72,670,077
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$9,121,401	$9,121,401	$9,121,401

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$9,121,401	$9,121,401	$9,121,401
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$125,714,659	$125,714,659	$125,714,659

Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote child abuse and neglect prevention programs and support child victims of abuse.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,277,622	$4,277,622	$4,277,622
State General Funds	$3,054,785	$3,054,785	$3,054,785
State Children's Trust Funds	$1,222,837	$1,222,837	$1,222,837
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,556,577	$7,556,577	$7,556,577
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$4,590,487	$4,590,487	$4,590,487
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$2,966,090	$2,966,090	$2,966,090
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$2,966,090	$2,966,090	$2,966,090
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,834,199	$11,834,199	$11,834,199

187.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($15,915)	($15,915)	($15,915)

187.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($506,583)	($506,583)	($506,583)

187.3 *Reduce funds to reflect FY2025 collections of marriage and divorce filing fees pursuant to HB511 (2021 Legislative Session).*

State Children's Trust Funds	($35,348)	($35,348)	($35,348)

187.4 *Increase funds to expand services for at-risk girls. (S:NO; Recognize $725,000 in base funding for services for at-risk girls)*

State General Funds		$125,000	$0

187.1000 Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote child abuse and neglect prevention programs and support child victims of abuse.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,719,776	$3,844,776	$3,719,776
State General Funds	$2,532,287	$2,657,287	$2,532,287
State Children's Trust Funds	$1,187,489	$1,187,489	$1,187,489
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,556,577	$7,556,577	$7,556,577
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$4,590,487	$4,590,487	$4,590,487
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$2,966,090	$2,966,090	$2,966,090
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$2,966,090	$2,966,090	$2,966,090
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,276,353	$11,401,353	$11,276,353

Child Support Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to encourage and enforce the parental responsibility of paying financial support.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,390,191	$34,390,191	$34,390,191
State General Funds	$34,390,191	$34,390,191	$34,390,191
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$112,766,952	$112,766,952	$112,766,952
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$112,766,952	$112,766,952	$112,766,952
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000
Sales and Services	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760
State Funds Transfers	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760
Agency to Agency Contracts	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$150,952,903	$150,952,903	$150,952,903

188.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($17,433)	($17,433)	($17,433)

188.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($39,581)	($39,581)	($39,581)

188.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($1,132,942)	($1,132,942)	($1,132,942)

188.4 *Increase funds to maintain software applications on the Georgia Technology Authority mainframe.*

State General Funds	$3,637,354	$3,637,354	$3,637,354
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,820,792	$6,820,792	$6,820,792
Total Public Funds:	$10,458,146	$10,458,146	$10,458,146

188.5 *Increase funds for judicial circuit contracts to restore FY2021 budget reductions.*

State General Funds	$456,374	$456,374	$456,374
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$879,964	$879,964	$879,964
Total Public Funds:	$1,336,338	$1,336,338	$1,336,338

188.6 *Increase funds to support the attainment of child support for out of state non-custodial parents.*

State General Funds		$440,732	$0

188.7 *Increase hourly rates for special assistant attorneys general (SAAGs) and paralegals.*

State General Funds		$418,560	$418,560

188.1000 Child Support Services			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to encourage and enforce the parental responsibility of paying financial support.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$37,293,963	$38,153,255	$37,712,523
State General Funds	$37,293,963	$38,153,255	$37,712,523

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$120,467,708	$120,467,708	$120,467,708
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$120,467,708	$120,467,708	$120,467,708
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000
Sales and Services	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760
State Funds Transfers	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760
Agency to Agency Contracts	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$161,557,431	$162,416,723	$161,975,991

Child Welfare Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate allegations of child abuse, abandonment, and neglect, and to provide services to protect the child and strengthen the family.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$246,970,227	$246,970,227	$246,970,227
State General Funds	$246,970,227	$246,970,227	$246,970,227
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$296,862,325	$296,862,325	$296,862,325
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$34,011,865	$34,011,865	$34,011,865
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$46,855,776	$46,855,776	$46,855,776
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$580,858	$580,858	$580,858
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$3,665,164	$3,665,164	$3,665,164
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$211,748,662	$211,748,662	$211,748,662
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$209,104,473	$209,104,473	$209,104,473
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	$2,644,189	$2,644,189	$2,644,189
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$159,146	$159,146	$159,146
State Funds Transfers	$159,146	$159,146	$159,146
Agency to Agency Contracts	$159,146	$159,146	$159,146
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$543,991,698	$543,991,698	$543,991,698

189.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($304,062)	($304,062)	($304,062)

189.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($9,678,553)	($9,678,553)	($9,678,553)

189.3 *Transfer funds for community action teams to deter child welfare involvement from the Out-of-Home Care program to the Child Welfare Services program to align budgets with expenditures.*

State General Funds	$371,500	$371,500	$371,500

189.4 *Reduce funds for a technology platform for community service referrals to reflect projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($50,000)	($50,000)	($50,000)

189.5 *Increase hourly rates for special assistant attorneys general (SAAGs) and paralegals.*

State General Funds		$2,302,969	$2,302,969

189.6 *Increase funds ($178,054) and utilize Children Trust Funds ($821,946) for the court appointed special advocates (CASA) to enhance statewide capacity (Total funds: $1,000,000).*

State General Funds		$178,054	$178,054

189.7 *Increase funds to support reunification, youth exiting foster care, and families at risk of child welfare involvement.*

State General Funds		$3,000,000	$1,000,000

189.8 *Transfer funds from the Department of Human Services to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Family Violence program for the administration of child advocacy centers.*

State General Funds		($1,000,000)	($1,000,000)

189.1000 Child Welfare Services **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate allegations of child abuse, abandonment, and neglect, and to provide services to protect the child and strengthen the family.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$237,309,112	$241,790,135	$239,790,135
State General Funds	$237,309,112	$241,790,135	$239,790,135
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$296,862,325	$296,862,325	$296,862,325
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$34,011,865	$34,011,865	$34,011,865
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$46,855,776	$46,855,776	$46,855,776
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$580,858	$580,858	$580,858
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$3,665,164	$3,665,164	$3,665,164
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$211,748,662	$211,748,662	$211,748,662
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$209,104,473	$209,104,473	$209,104,473
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	$2,644,189	$2,644,189	$2,644,189
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$159,146	$159,146	$159,146
State Funds Transfers	$159,146	$159,146	$159,146
Agency to Agency Contracts	$159,146	$159,146	$159,146
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$534,330,583	$538,811,606	$536,811,606

Community Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services and activities through local agencies to assist low-income Georgians with employment, education, nutrition, and housing services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,527,897	$11,527,897	$11,527,897
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$11,527,897	$11,527,897	$11,527,897
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,527,897	$11,527,897	$11,527,897

190.1000 Community Services **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services and activities through local agencies to assist low-income Georgians with employment, education, nutrition, and housing services.

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,527,897	$11,527,897	$11,527,897
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$11,527,897	$11,527,897	$11,527,897
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,527,897	$11,527,897	$11,527,897

Departmental Administration (DHS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration and support for the Divisions and Operating Office in meeting the needs of the people of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$62,135,630	$62,135,630	$62,135,630
State General Funds	$62,135,630	$62,135,630	$62,135,630
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$50,198,966	$50,198,966	$50,198,966
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$31,910,495	$31,910,495	$31,910,495
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$165,047	$165,047	$165,047
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$6,380,087	$6,380,087	$6,380,087
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$344,280	$344,280	$344,280
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$6,532,450	$6,532,450	$6,532,450
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$4,841,607	$4,841,607	$4,841,607
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$4,841,607	$4,841,607	$4,841,607
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$13,602,976	$13,602,976	$13,602,976
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services	$12,102,976	$12,102,976	$12,102,976
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$12,102,976	$12,102,976	$12,102,976
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$125,937,572	$125,937,572	$125,937,572

191.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($47,077)	($47,077)	($47,077)

191.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($33,417)	($33,417)	($33,417)

191.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$80,124	$80,124	$80,124

191.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($3,059,417)	($3,059,417)	($3,059,417)

191.5 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (eFMAP) from 76.48% to 76.64%.*

State General Funds	($3,195)	($3,195)	($3,195)

191.6 *Increase funds to reflect a reduction in the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) administrative reimbursement from 50% to 25%.*

State General Funds	$5,925,437	$5,925,437	$5,925,437
Federal Funds Not Itemized	($5,925,437)	($5,925,437)	($5,925,437)
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0

191.1000 Departmental Administration (DHS)			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration and support for the Divisions and Operating Office in meeting the needs of the people of Georgia.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$64,998,085	$64,998,085	$64,998,085
State General Funds	$64,998,085	$64,998,085	$64,998,085
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$44,273,529	$44,273,529	$44,273,529
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$25,985,058	$25,985,058	$25,985,058
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$165,047	$165,047	$165,047
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$6,380,087	$6,380,087	$6,380,087
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$344,280	$344,280	$344,280
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$6,532,450	$6,532,450	$6,532,450
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$4,841,607	$4,841,607	$4,841,607
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$4,841,607	$4,841,607	$4,841,607
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$13,602,976	$13,602,976	$13,602,976
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services	$12,102,976	$12,102,976	$12,102,976
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$12,102,976	$12,102,976	$12,102,976
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$122,874,590	$122,874,590	$122,874,590

Elder Abuse Investigations and Prevention **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to prevent disabled adults and elder persons from abuse, exploitation and neglect, and investigate situations where it might have occurred.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$30,886,034	$30,886,034	$30,886,034
State General Funds	$30,886,034	$30,886,034	$30,886,034
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,689,877	$7,689,877	$7,689,877
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,719,817	$2,719,817	$2,719,817
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$4,970,060	$4,970,060	$4,970,060
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$38,575,911	$38,575,911	$38,575,911

192.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($26,372)	($26,372)	($26,372)

192.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($9,164)	($9,164)	($9,164)

192.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($1,713,820)	($1,713,820)	($1,713,820)

192.4 *Increase hourly rates for special assistant attorneys general (SAAGs) and paralegals.*

State General Funds		$8,288	$8,288

192.1000 Elder Abuse Investigations and Prevention **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to prevent disabled adults and elder persons from abuse, exploitation and neglect, and investigate situations where it might have occurred.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$29,136,678	$29,144,966	$29,144,966
State General Funds	$29,136,678	$29,144,966	$29,144,966
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,689,877	$7,689,877	$7,689,877
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,719,817	$2,719,817	$2,719,817
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$4,970,060	$4,970,060	$4,970,060
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,826,555	$36,834,843	$36,834,843

Elder Community Living Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgians who need nursing home level of care the option of remaining in their own communities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$53,817,460	$53,817,460	$53,817,460
State General Funds	$53,817,460	$53,817,460	$53,817,460
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$58,947,806	$58,947,806	$58,947,806
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$46,556,799	$46,556,799	$46,556,799
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$12,141,007	$12,141,007	$12,141,007
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
State Funds Transfers	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000

Agency to Agency Contracts	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$113,015,266	$113,015,266	$113,015,266

193.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($1,604)	($1,604)	($1,604)

193.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($104,225)	($104,225)	($104,225)

193.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Memory Net for service and treatment expansion.*

State General Funds		$3,320,000	$3,320,000

193.4 *Increase funds for non-Medicaid home and community-based services (HCBS).*

State General Funds		$1,365,000	$1,365,000

193.5 *Increase funds for caregiver support services.*

State General Funds		$2,000,000	$1,000,000

193.1000 Elder Community Living Services			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgians who need nursing home level of care the option of remaining in their own communities.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$53,711,631	$60,396,631	$59,396,631
State General Funds	$53,711,631	$60,396,631	$59,396,631
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$58,947,806	$58,947,806	$58,947,806
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$46,556,799	$46,556,799	$46,556,799
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$12,141,007	$12,141,007	$12,141,007
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
State Funds Transfers	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$112,909,437	$119,594,437	$118,594,437

Energy Assistance		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist low-income households in meeting their immediate home energy needs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$72,852,525	$72,852,525	$72,852,525
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$72,852,525	$72,852,525	$72,852,525
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$72,852,525	$72,852,525	$72,852,525

194.1000 Energy Assistance			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist low-income households in meeting their immediate home energy needs.			
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$72,852,525	$72,852,525	$72,852,525
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$72,852,525	$72,852,525	$72,852,525
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$72,852,525	$72,852,525	$72,852,525

Federal Eligibility Benefit Services			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to verify eligibility and provide support services for Medicaid, Food Stamp, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$162,674,638	$162,674,638	$162,674,638
State General Funds	$162,674,638	$162,674,638	$162,674,638
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$323,240,242	$323,240,242	$323,240,242
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$90,147,771	$90,147,771	$90,147,771
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$92,907	$92,907	$92,907
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$7,222,080	$7,222,080	$7,222,080
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$1,855,068	$1,855,068	$1,855,068
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$208,061,092	$208,061,092	$208,061,092
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$15,861,324	$15,861,324	$15,861,324
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$15,861,324	$15,861,324	$15,861,324
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$485,914,880	$485,914,880	$485,914,880

195.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($116,895)	($116,895)	($116,895)

195.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$2,544	$2,544	$2,544

195.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$28,316	$28,316	$28,316

195.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($3,720,881)	($3,720,881)	($3,720,881)

195.5 *Increase funds to reflect a reduction in the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) administrative reimbursement from 50% to 25%.*

State General Funds	$40,428,968	$40,428,968	$40,428,968
Federal Funds Not Itemized	($40,428,968)	($40,428,968)	($40,428,968)
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0

195.6 *Increase funds for a SNAP payment accuracy innovation effort to reduce the SNAP payment error rate. (H:Increase funds for eligibility staff to reduce the SNAP payment error rate)(S:NO; The Department of Human Services is directed to initiate a pilot program with Equifax to reduce the SNAP error rate and compare pilot program results to internal department SNAP payment error rate program)*

State General Funds	$12,000,000	$10,980,000	$0

195.7 *Utilize existing funds available due to completion of redetermination ($11,148,272) to recognize the increase in staff costs due to the change in CMS policy on the enhanced federal matching rate. (S:YES)*

State General Funds			$0

195.1000 Federal Eligibility Benefit Services			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to verify eligibility and provide support services for Medicaid, Food Stamp, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$211,296,690	$210,276,690	$199,296,690
State General Funds	$211,296,690	$210,276,690	$199,296,690
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$282,811,274	$282,811,274	$282,811,274
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$49,718,803	$49,718,803	$49,718,803
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$92,907	$92,907	$92,907
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$7,222,080	$7,222,080	$7,222,080
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$1,855,068	$1,855,068	$1,855,068
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$208,061,092	$208,061,092	$208,061,092
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$15,861,324	$15,861,324	$15,861,324
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$15,861,324	$15,861,324	$15,861,324
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$494,107,964	$493,087,964	$482,107,964

Out-of-Home Care		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide safe and appropriate temporary homes for children removed from their families due to neglect, abuse, or abandonment.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$368,397,670	$368,397,670	$368,397,670
State General Funds	$368,397,670	$368,397,670	$368,397,670
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$126,610,511	$126,610,511	$126,610,511
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$147,131	$147,131	$147,131
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$31,087,327	$31,087,327	$31,087,327
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$95,376,053	$95,376,053	$95,376,053
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$95,376,053	$95,376,053	$95,376,053
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$495,008,181	$495,008,181	$495,008,181

196.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.40% to 66.63%.*

State General Funds	($122,759)	($122,759)	($122,759)

196.2 *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for essential clothing and supplies for foster youth. (H and S:Increase funds for essential clothing and supplies for foster youth)*

State General Funds	($300,000)	$300,000	$300,000

196.3 *Eliminate funds for one-time funding to place foster youth closer to their biological families. (H and S:Increase funds to place foster youth closer to their biological families)*

State General Funds	($250,000)	$250,000	$250,000

196.4 *Transfer funds for community action teams to deter child welfare involvement from the Out-of-Home Care program to the Child Welfare Services program to align budgets with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($371,500)	($371,500)	($371,500)

196.997 *Transfer funds for a Commercial Sexual Exploitation Recovery Center (CSERC) from the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission to the Out-of-Home Care program to align expenditures with program purpose and allow for maximization of federal matching funds (Total Funds: $8,121,840).*

State General Funds	$6,229,492	$8,121,840	$8,121,840
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$1,892,348	$0	$0
Total Public Funds:	$8,121,840	$8,121,840	$8,121,840

196.998 *Increase funds ($19,401,801) for utilization growth and increased costs of care and transfer funds from the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission ($1,892,348) to recognize savings from federal match for the above referenced CSERC and increase funds ($19,401,801) for utilization growth and increased costs of care. (H and S:Increase funds for utilization growth and increased costs of care)*

State General Funds	$21,294,149	$48,326,957	$55,326,957
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$1,445,894	$3,281,449	$3,756,756
Total Public Funds:	$22,740,043	$51,608,406	$59,083,713

196.1000 Out-of-Home Care **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide safe and appropriate temporary homes for children removed from their families due to neglect, abuse, or abandonment.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$394,877,052	$424,902,208	$431,902,208
State General Funds	$394,877,052	$424,902,208	$431,902,208
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$129,948,753	$129,891,960	$130,367,267
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$147,131	$147,131	$147,131
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$34,425,569	$34,368,776	$34,844,083
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$95,376,053	$95,376,053	$95,376,053
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$95,376,053	$95,376,053	$95,376,053
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$524,825,805	$554,794,168	$562,269,475

Out-of-School Care Services		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the provision of out-of-school services and draw down TANF maintenance of effort funds.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000

197.1 *Increase funds for community youth wellness.*

State General Funds	$100,000	$0

197.2 *Increase funds to administer a summer nutrition program for eligible students in coordination with the Department of Education.*

State General Funds	$1,000,000	$1,000,000

197.1000 Out-of-School Care Services			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the provision of out-of-school services and draw down TANF maintenance of effort funds.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$1,100,000	$1,000,000
State General Funds	$0	$1,100,000	$1,000,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,500,000	$16,600,000	$16,500,000

Refugee Assistance		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide employment, health screening, medical, cash, and social services assistance to refugees.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$20,174,463	$20,174,463	$20,174,463
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$20,174,463	$20,174,463	$20,174,463
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,174,463	$20,174,463	$20,174,463

198.1000 Refugee Assistance			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide employment, health screening, medical, cash, and social services assistance to refugees.			
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$20,174,463	$20,174,463	$20,174,463

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$20,174,463	$20,174,463	$20,174,463
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,174,463	$20,174,463	$20,174,463

Residential Child Care Licensing **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health and safety of children who receive full-time care outside of their homes by licensing, monitoring, and inspecting residential care providers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,569,435	$2,569,435	$2,569,435
State General Funds	$2,569,435	$2,569,435	$2,569,435
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$513,824	$513,824	$513,824
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$513,824	$513,824	$513,824
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,083,259	$3,083,259	$3,083,259

199.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($2,982)	($2,982)	($2,982)

199.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($233)	($233)	($233)

199.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($193,787)	($193,787)	($193,787)

199.1000 Residential Child Care Licensing **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health and safety of children who receive full-time care outside of their homes by licensing, monitoring, and inspecting residential care providers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,372,433	$2,372,433	$2,372,433
State General Funds	$2,372,433	$2,372,433	$2,372,433
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$513,824	$513,824	$513,824
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$513,824	$513,824	$513,824
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,886,257	$2,886,257	$2,886,257

Support for Needy Families - Basic Assistance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide cash assistance to needy families in compliance with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000
State General Funds	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,523,008	$36,523,008	$36,523,008

200.1000 Support for Needy Families - Basic Assistance **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide cash assistance to needy families in compliance with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000
State General Funds	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,523,008	$36,523,008	$36,523,008

Support for Needy Families - Work Assistance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist needy Georgian families in achieving self-sufficiency by obtaining and keeping employment as well as complying with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
State General Funds	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$20,377,236	$20,377,236	$20,377,236
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,735,114	$6,735,114	$6,735,114
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$13,642,122	$13,642,122	$13,642,122
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$13,642,122	$13,642,122	$13,642,122
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,477,236	$20,477,236	$20,477,236

201.1000 Support for Needy Families - Work Assistance **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist needy Georgian families in achieving self-sufficiency by obtaining and keeping employment as well as complying with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
State General Funds	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$20,377,236	$20,377,236	$20,377,236
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,735,114	$6,735,114	$6,735,114
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$13,642,122	$13,642,122	$13,642,122
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$13,642,122	$13,642,122	$13,642,122
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,477,236	$20,477,236	$20,477,236

Council On Aging **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist older individuals, at-risk adults, persons with disabilities, their families and caregivers in achieving safe, healthy, independent and self-reliant lives.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$466,562	$466,562	$466,562
State General Funds	$466,562	$466,562	$466,562
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$466,562	$466,562	$466,562

202.1 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($20,815)	($20,815)	($20,815)

202.2 *Reduce funds for personnel. (See HB68 (2025 Legislative Session) intent language considered non-binding by the Governor)*

State General Funds	($56,379)	($56,379)	($56,379)

202.1000 Council On Aging **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist older individuals, at-risk adults, persons with disabilities, their families and caregivers in achieving safe, healthy, independent and self-reliant lives.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$389,368	$389,368	$389,368
State General Funds	$389,368	$389,368	$389,368
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$389,368	$389,368	$389,368

Family Connection **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a statewide network of county collaboratives that work to improve conditions for children and families.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,359,889	$10,359,889	$10,359,889
State General Funds	$10,359,889	$10,359,889	$10,359,889
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,336,965	$1,336,965	$1,336,965
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$1,336,965	$1,336,965	$1,336,965
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,696,854	$11,696,854	$11,696,854

203.1000 Family Connection **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a statewide network of county collaboratives that work to improve conditions for children and families.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,359,889	$10,359,889	$10,359,889
State General Funds	$10,359,889	$10,359,889	$10,359,889
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,336,965	$1,336,965	$1,336,965
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$1,336,965	$1,336,965	$1,336,965
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,696,854	$11,696,854	$11,696,854

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Business Enterprise Program **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people who are blind in becoming successful contributors to the state's economy.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$335,520	$335,520	$335,520
State General Funds	$335,520	$335,520	$335,520

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,779,295	$2,779,295	$2,779,295
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,779,295	$2,779,295	$2,779,295
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,114,815	$3,114,815	$3,114,815

204.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$191	$191	$191

204.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($18,718)	($18,718)	($18,718)

204.1000 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Business Enterprise Program **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people who are blind in becoming successful contributors to the state's economy.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$316,993	$316,993	$316,993
State General Funds	$316,993	$316,993	$316,993
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,779,295	$2,779,295	$2,779,295
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,779,295	$2,779,295	$2,779,295
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,096,288	$3,096,288	$3,096,288

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Departmental Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to help people with disabilities to become fully productive members of society by achieving independence and meaningful employment.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,587,333	$3,587,333	$3,587,333
State General Funds	$3,587,333	$3,587,333	$3,587,333
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$8,866,476	$8,866,476	$8,866,476
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$8,866,476	$8,866,476	$8,866,476
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597
Sales and Services	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,738,406	$12,738,406	$12,738,406

205.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$191	$191	$191

205.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$4,979	$4,979	$4,979

205.3 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($6,167)	($6,167)	($6,167)

205.4 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($8,273)	($8,273)	($8,273)

205.5 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($488,277)	($488,277)	($488,277)

205.1000 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Departmental Administration			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to help people with disabilities to become fully productive members of society by achieving independence and meaningful employment.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,089,786	$3,089,786	$3,089,786
State General Funds	$3,089,786	$3,089,786	$3,089,786
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$8,866,476	$8,866,476	$8,866,476
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$8,866,476	$8,866,476	$8,866,476
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597
Sales and Services	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,240,859	$12,240,859	$12,240,859

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Disability Adjudication Services			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to efficiently process applications for federal disability programs so that eligible Georgia citizens can obtain support.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$64,972,843	$64,972,843	$64,972,843
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$64,972,843	$64,972,843	$64,972,843
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$64,972,843	$64,972,843	$64,972,843

206.1000 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Disability Adjudication Services			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to efficiently process applications for federal disability programs so that eligible Georgia citizens can obtain support.			
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$64,972,843	$64,972,843	$64,972,843
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$64,972,843	$64,972,843	$64,972,843
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$64,972,843	$64,972,843	$64,972,843

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Georgia Industries for the Blind			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to employ people who are blind in manufacturing and packaging facilities in Bainbridge and Griffin.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,810,758	$4,810,758	$4,810,758

Sales and Services	$4,810,758	$4,810,758	$4,810,758
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,810,758	$4,810,758	$4,810,758
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,810,758	$4,810,758	$4,810,758

207.1000 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Georgia Industries for the Blind **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to employ people who are blind in manufacturing and packaging facilities in Bainbridge and Griffin.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,810,758	$4,810,758	$4,810,758
Sales and Services	$4,810,758	$4,810,758	$4,810,758
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,810,758	$4,810,758	$4,810,758
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,810,758	$4,810,758	$4,810,758

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Vocational Rehabilitation Program **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people with disabilities so that they may go to work.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$25,147,327	$25,147,327	$25,147,327
State General Funds	$25,147,327	$25,147,327	$25,147,327
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$95,952,501	$95,952,501	$95,952,501
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$95,952,501	$95,952,501	$95,952,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,480,862	$4,480,862	$4,480,862
Sales and Services	$4,480,862	$4,480,862	$4,480,862
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,480,862	$4,480,862	$4,480,862
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$727,026	$727,026	$727,026
Agency Funds Transfers	$727,026	$727,026	$727,026
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$727,026	$727,026	$727,026
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$126,307,716	$126,307,716	$126,307,716

208.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$13,522	$13,522	$13,522

208.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($2,908)	($2,908)	($2,908)

208.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($1,326,214)	($1,326,214)	($1,326,214)

208.4 *Increase funds to supply new and used durable medical equipment and assistive technology.*

State General Funds		$47,925	$47,925
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667		$177,075	$177,075
Total Public Funds:		$225,000	$225,000

208.5 *Increase funds for family support services. (S:YES; Reflect funds in the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Adult Developmental Disabilities Services program)*

State General Funds	$400,000	$0

208.6 *Increase funds for independent living services.*

State General Funds	$675,000	$675,000

208.1000 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Vocational Rehabilitation Program			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people with disabilities so that they may go to work.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,831,727	$24,954,652	$24,554,652
State General Funds	$23,831,727	$24,954,652	$24,554,652
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$95,952,501	$96,129,576	$96,129,576
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$95,952,501	$95,952,501	$95,952,501
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667		$177,075	$177,075
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,480,862	$4,480,862	$4,480,862
Sales and Services	$4,480,862	$4,480,862	$4,480,862
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,480,862	$4,480,862	$4,480,862
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$727,026	$727,026	$727,026
Agency Funds Transfers	$727,026	$727,026	$727,026
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$727,026	$727,026	$727,026
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$124,992,116	$126,292,116	$125,892,116

Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds to the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission for the purposes of providing care, rehabilitative services, residential housing, health services, and social services to sexually exploited children.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,356,049	$8,356,049	$8,356,049
State General Funds	$8,221,840	$8,221,840	$8,221,840
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$134,209	$134,209	$134,209
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,356,049	$8,356,049	$8,356,049

209.1 *Increase funds to reflect FY2025 collections of financial penalties for sex trafficking and sexual offenses pursuant to O.C.G.A. 15-21-208 and adult entertainment establishment assessments pursuant to O.C.G.A. 15-21-209.*

Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$2,105	$2,105	$2,105

209.998 *Transfer funds for a Commercial Sexual Exploitation Recovery Center (CSERC) from the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission to the Out-of-Home Care program to align expenditures with program purpose and allow for maximization of federal matching funds.*

State General Funds	($8,121,840)	($8,121,840)	($8,121,840)

209.1000 Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds to the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission for the purposes of providing care, rehabilitative services, residential housing, health services, and social services to sexually exploited children.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$236,314	$236,314	$236,314
State General Funds	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$136,314	$136,314	$136,314
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$236,314	$236,314	$236,314

Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention - Special Project		**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for an integrated child welfare reporting system.		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0

501.1 *Increase funds for an integrated child welfare reporting system.*

State General Funds	$3,000,000	$3,000,000

501.1000 Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention - Special Project		**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for an integrated child welfare reporting system.		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,000,000	$3,000,000
State General Funds	$3,000,000	$3,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,000,000	$3,000,000

All Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefit payments are calculated utilizing a factor of 66.0% of the standards of need; such payments shall be made from the date of certification and not from the date of application; and the following maximum benefits and maximum standards of need shall apply:
For an assistance group of one, the standard of need is $235, and the maximum monthly amount is $155.
For an assistance group of two, the standard of need is $356, and the maximum monthly amount is $235.
For an assistance group of three, the standard of need is $424, and the maximum monthly amount is $280.
For an assistance group of four, the standard of need is $500, and the maximum monthly amount is $330.
For an assistance group of five, the standard of need is $573, and the maximum monthly amount is $378.
For an assistance group of six, the standard of need is $621, and the maximum monthly amount is $410.
For an assistance group of seven, the standard of need is $672, and the maximum monthly amount is $444.
For an assistance group of eight, the standard of need is $713, and the maximum monthly amount is $470.
For an assistance group of nine, the standard of need is $751, and the maximum monthly amount is $496.
For an assistance group of ten, the standard of need is $804, and the maximum monthly amount is $530.
For an assistance group of eleven, the standard of need is $860, and the maximum monthly amount is $568.
Provided, the Department of Human Services is authorized to make supplemental payments on these maximum monthly amounts up to the amount that is equal to the minimum hourly wage for clients who are enrolled in subsidized work experience and subsidized employment.

Section 29: Insurance, Office of the Commissioner of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$172,606,128	$172,606,128	$172,606,128
State General Funds	$172,606,128	$172,606,128	$172,606,128
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,016,575,819	$1,016,575,819	$1,016,575,819
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,016,575,819	$1,016,575,819	$1,016,575,819
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$242,619,928	$242,619,928	$242,619,928
Intergovernmental Transfers	$617,205	$617,205	$617,205
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$617,205	$617,205	$617,205
Sales and Services	$242,002,723	$242,002,723	$242,002,723
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$242,002,723	$242,002,723	$242,002,723
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,293,817	$1,293,817	$1,293,817
State Funds Transfers	$1,293,817	$1,293,817	$1,293,817
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,293,817	$1,293,817	$1,293,817
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,433,095,692	$1,433,095,692	$1,433,095,692

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$168,499,486	$143,499,486	$143,499,486
State General Funds	$168,499,486	$143,499,486	$143,499,486
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,016,575,819	$1,016,575,819	$1,016,575,819
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,016,575,819	$1,016,575,819	$1,016,575,819
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$245,497,503	$245,497,503	$245,497,503
Intergovernmental Transfers	$617,205	$617,205	$617,205
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$617,205	$617,205	$617,205
Sales and Services	$244,880,298	$244,880,298	$244,880,298
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$244,880,298	$244,880,298	$244,880,298
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,293,817	$1,293,817	$1,293,817
State Funds Transfers	$1,293,817	$1,293,817	$1,293,817
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,293,817	$1,293,817	$1,293,817
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,431,866,625	$1,406,866,625	$1,406,866,625

Departmental Administration (COI) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to be responsible for protecting the rights of Georgia citizens in insurance and maintain a fire-safe environment.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,594,229	$2,594,229	$2,594,229
State General Funds	$2,594,229	$2,594,229	$2,594,229
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$49,600	$49,600	$49,600
Intergovernmental Transfers	$49,600	$49,600	$49,600
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$49,600	$49,600	$49,600
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,643,829	$2,643,829	$2,643,829

210.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*			
State General Funds	($38,891)	($38,891)	($38,891)
210.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*			
State General Funds	($2,568)	($2,568)	($2,568)
210.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*			
State General Funds	$5,106	$5,106	$5,106
210.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*			
State General Funds	($180,222)	($180,222)	($180,222)
210.5 *Replace funds in recognition of increased appointment fees generated by the Insurance Regulation program.*			
State General Funds	($2,377,654)	($2,377,654)	($2,377,654)
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,377,654	$2,377,654	$2,377,654
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0

210.1000 Departmental Administration (COI)			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to be responsible for protecting the rights of Georgia citizens in insurance and maintain a fire-safe environment.			
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,427,254	$2,427,254	$2,427,254
Intergovernmental Transfers	$49,600	$49,600	$49,600
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$49,600	$49,600	$49,600
Sales and Services	$2,377,654	$2,377,654	$2,377,654
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,377,654	$2,377,654	$2,377,654
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,427,254	$2,427,254	$2,427,254

Enforcement			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide legal advice and to initiate legal proceedings with regard to enforcement of specific provisions of state law relating to insurance, fire safety, and fraud.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$582,923	$582,923	$582,923
State General Funds	$582,923	$582,923	$582,923
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$582,923	$582,923	$582,923
211.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*			
State General Funds	($15,007)	($15,007)	($15,007)
211.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*			
State General Funds	($1,155)	($1,155)	($1,155)

211.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$2,704	$2,704	$2,704

211.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($69,544)	($69,544)	($69,544)

211.5 *Replace funds in recognition of increased appointment fees generated by the Insurance Regulation program.*

State General Funds	($499,921)	($499,921)	($499,921)
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$499,921	$499,921	$499,921
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0

211.1000 Enforcement **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide legal advice and to initiate legal proceedings with regard to enforcement of specific provisions of state law relating to insurance, fire safety, and fraud.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$499,921	$499,921	$499,921
Sales and Services	$499,921	$499,921	$499,921
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$499,921	$499,921	$499,921
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$499,921	$499,921	$499,921

Fire Safety **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote fire safety awareness through education and training, and to protect the public from fire and limit the loss of life and property by setting the minimum fire safety standards in the state, enforcing and regulating fire safety rules for public buildings and manufactured housing, and regulating the storage, transportation, and handling of hazardous materials, and elevators, boilers and carnivals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,129,615	$16,129,615	$16,129,615
State General Funds	$16,129,615	$16,129,615	$16,129,615
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$742,458	$742,458	$742,458
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$742,458	$742,458	$742,458
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,096,572	$3,096,572	$3,096,572
Sales and Services	$3,096,572	$3,096,572	$3,096,572
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,096,572	$3,096,572	$3,096,572
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,293,817	$1,293,817	$1,293,817
State Funds Transfers	$1,293,817	$1,293,817	$1,293,817
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,293,817	$1,293,817	$1,293,817
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,262,462	$21,262,462	$21,262,462

212.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($119,591)	($119,591)	($119,591)

212.2 *Increase funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.*

State General Funds	$10,226	$10,226	$10,226

212.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($554,181)	($554,181)	($554,181)

212.1000 Fire Safety			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to promote fire safety awareness through education and training, and to protect the public from fire and limit the loss of life and property by setting the minimum fire safety standards in the state, enforcing and regulating fire safety rules for public buildings and manufactured housing, and regulating the storage, transportation, and handling of hazardous materials, and elevators, boilers and carnivals.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,466,069	$15,466,069	$15,466,069
State General Funds	$15,466,069	$15,466,069	$15,466,069
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$742,458	$742,458	$742,458
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$742,458	$742,458	$742,458
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,096,572	$3,096,572	$3,096,572
Sales and Services	$3,096,572	$3,096,572	$3,096,572
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,096,572	$3,096,572	$3,096,572
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,293,817	$1,293,817	$1,293,817
State Funds Transfers	$1,293,817	$1,293,817	$1,293,817
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,293,817	$1,293,817	$1,293,817
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,598,916	$20,598,916	$20,598,916

Insurance Regulation			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that licensed insurance entities maintain solvency and conform to state law by conducting financial and market examinations, investigating policyholder complaints, monitoring for compliance with state laws and regulations, reviewing and approving premium rates, and disseminating information to the public and the insurance industry about the state's insurance laws and regulations.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$14,956,883	$14,956,883	$14,956,883
Sales and Services	$14,956,883	$14,956,883	$14,956,883
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$14,956,883	$14,956,883	$14,956,883
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,956,883	$14,956,883	$14,956,883

213.1000 Insurance Regulation			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that licensed insurance entities maintain solvency and conform to state law by conducting financial and market examinations, investigating policyholder complaints, monitoring for compliance with state laws and regulations, reviewing and approving premium rates, and disseminating information to the public and the insurance industry about the state's insurance laws and regulations.			

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$14,956,883	$14,956,883	$14,956,883
Sales and Services	$14,956,883	$14,956,883	$14,956,883
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$14,956,883	$14,956,883	$14,956,883
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,956,883	$14,956,883	$14,956,883

Reinsurance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide affordable healthcare insurance premiums and to operate a healthcare exchange for individuals to review and enroll in healthcare insurance.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$145,875,196	$145,875,196	$145,875,196
State General Funds	$145,875,196	$145,875,196	$145,875,196
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,015,833,361	$1,015,833,361	$1,015,833,361
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,015,833,361	$1,015,833,361	$1,015,833,361
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$223,949,268	$223,949,268	$223,949,268
Sales and Services	$223,949,268	$223,949,268	$223,949,268
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$223,949,268	$223,949,268	$223,949,268
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,385,657,825	$1,385,657,825	$1,385,657,825

214.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($1,027)	($1,027)	($1,027)

214.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($4,761)	($4,761)	($4,761)

214.3 *Reduce funds to annualize a reduction of funds based on projected expenditures.*

State General Funds		($25,000,000)	($25,000,000)

214.1000 Reinsurance **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide affordable healthcare insurance premiums and to operate a healthcare exchange for individuals to review and enroll in healthcare insurance.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$145,869,408	$120,869,408	$120,869,408
State General Funds	$145,869,408	$120,869,408	$120,869,408
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,015,833,361	$1,015,833,361	$1,015,833,361
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,015,833,361	$1,015,833,361	$1,015,833,361
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$223,949,268	$223,949,268	$223,949,268
Sales and Services	$223,949,268	$223,949,268	$223,949,268
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$223,949,268	$223,949,268	$223,949,268
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,385,652,037	$1,360,652,037	$1,360,652,037

Special Fraud		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to identify and take appropriate action to deter insurance fraud.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,424,165	$7,424,165	$7,424,165
State General Funds	$7,424,165	$7,424,165	$7,424,165
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$567,605	$567,605	$567,605
Intergovernmental Transfers	$567,605	$567,605	$567,605
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$567,605	$567,605	$567,605
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,991,770	$7,991,770	$7,991,770
215.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*			
State General Funds	($50,838)	($50,838)	($50,838)
215.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*			
State General Funds	($1,258)	($1,258)	($1,258)
215.3 *Increase funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.*			
State General Funds	$22,714	$22,714	$22,714
215.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*			
State General Funds	$4,807	$4,807	$4,807
215.5 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*			
State General Funds	($235,581)	($235,581)	($235,581)

215.1000 Special Fraud			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to identify and take appropriate action to deter insurance fraud.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,164,009	$7,164,009	$7,164,009
State General Funds	$7,164,009	$7,164,009	$7,164,009
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$567,605	$567,605	$567,605
Intergovernmental Transfers	$567,605	$567,605	$567,605
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$567,605	$567,605	$567,605
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,731,614	$7,731,614	$7,731,614

Section 30: Investigation, Georgia Bureau of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$260,647,384	$260,647,384	$260,647,384
State General Funds	$260,647,384	$260,647,384	$260,647,384
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$57,272,157	$57,272,157	$57,272,157

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$56,573,194	$56,573,194	$56,573,194
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$369,946	$369,946	$369,946
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$329,017	$329,017	$329,017
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$329,017	$329,017	$329,017
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$32,766,903	$32,766,903	$32,766,903
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,210,738	$2,210,738	$2,210,738
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,210,738	$2,210,738	$2,210,738
Sales and Services	$30,556,165	$30,556,165	$30,556,165
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$30,556,165	$30,556,165	$30,556,165
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
State Funds Transfers	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
Agency to Agency Contracts	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$350,949,747	$350,949,747	$350,949,747

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$251,075,707	$280,674,036	$279,211,480
State General Funds	$225,770,162	$268,021,263	$266,558,707
Opioid Settlement Trust Fund	$25,305,545	$12,652,773	$12,652,773
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$57,272,157	$57,272,157	$57,272,157
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$56,573,194	$56,573,194	$56,573,194
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$369,946	$369,946	$369,946
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$329,017	$329,017	$329,017
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$329,017	$329,017	$329,017
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$32,766,903	$32,766,903	$32,766,903
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,210,738	$2,210,738	$2,210,738
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,210,738	$2,210,738	$2,210,738
Sales and Services	$30,556,165	$30,556,165	$30,556,165
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$30,556,165	$30,556,165	$30,556,165
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
State Funds Transfers	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
Agency to Agency Contracts	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$341,378,070	$370,976,399	$369,513,843

Bureau Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the highest quality investigative, scientific, information services, and resources for the purpose of maintaining law and order and protecting life and property.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,541,503	$10,541,503	$10,541,503
State General Funds	$10,541,503	$10,541,503	$10,541,503
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,600	$12,600	$12,600

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,600	$12,600	$12,600
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
State Funds Transfers	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
Agency to Agency Contracts	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,907,406	$10,907,406	$10,907,406

216.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$15,592	$15,592	$15,592

216.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$80,952	$80,952	$80,952

216.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$17,300	$17,300	$17,300

216.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($314,809)	($314,809)	($314,809)

216.5 *Increase funds for security contracts at the Coastal Crime Lab and Headquarters.*

State General Funds	$144,168	$144,168	$144,168

216.1000 Bureau Administration **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the highest quality investigative, scientific, information services, and resources for the purpose of maintaining law and order and protecting life and property.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,484,706	$10,484,706	$10,484,706
State General Funds	$10,484,706	$10,484,706	$10,484,706
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,600	$12,600	$12,600
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,600	$12,600	$12,600
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
State Funds Transfers	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
Agency to Agency Contracts	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,850,609	$10,850,609	$10,850,609

Criminal Justice Information Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the State of Georgia with essential information and identification services through the operation of the Automated Fingerprint Identification System, Criminal History System, Criminal Justice Information Services network, Protective Order Registry, Sexual Violent Offender Registry, and the Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,596,576	$7,596,576	$7,596,576
State General Funds	$7,596,576	$7,596,576	$7,596,576
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
Sales and Services	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,096,576	$19,096,576	$19,096,576

217.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$18,977	$18,977	$18,977

217.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$43,627	$43,627	$43,627

217.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$565	$565	$565

217.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($383,163)	($383,163)	($383,163)

217.5 *Increase funds for technology disaster recovery services to comply with Georgia Technology Authority policy.*

State General Funds	$266,556	$266,556	$266,556

217.1000 Criminal Justice Information Services **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the State of Georgia with essential information and identification services through the operation of the Automated Fingerprint Identification System, Criminal History System, Criminal Justice Information Services network, Protective Order Registry, Sexual Violent Offender Registry, and the Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,543,138	$7,543,138	$7,543,138
State General Funds	$7,543,138	$7,543,138	$7,543,138
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
Sales and Services	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,043,138	$19,043,138	$19,043,138

Forensic Scientific Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forensic analysis and testimony in the areas of chemistry (drug identification), firearms, digital imaging, forensic biology (serology/DNA), latent prints, pathology, questioned documents, photography, toxicology, implied consent, and trace evidence in support of the criminal justice system; to provide medical examiner (autopsy) services; and to analyze and enter samples into national databases such as AFIS, CODIS, and NIBIN.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$68,288,507	$68,288,507	$68,288,507
State General Funds	$68,288,507	$68,288,507	$68,288,507
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,229,366	$2,229,366	$2,229,366
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,229,366	$2,229,366	$2,229,366
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856
Sales and Services	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$70,523,729	$70,523,729	$70,523,729

218.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$134,837	$134,837	$134,837

218.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$418,723	$418,723	$418,723

218.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$29,088	$29,088	$29,088

218.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($2,722,411)	($2,722,411)	($2,722,411)

218.5 *Increase funds for ongoing maintenance of upgraded DNA software.*

State General Funds	$74,920	$74,920	$74,920

218.6 *Eliminate funds for one-time purchase of three handheld portable mass spectrometer chemical detection systems, accessories, and warranties.*

State General Funds	($327,546)	($327,546)	($327,546)

218.7 *Increase funds for the recruitment and retention of medical examiners.*

State General Funds		$1,045,598	$1,045,598

218.8 *Increase funds to address recruitment and retention for evidence receiving technicians and forensic technicians.*

State General Funds		$491,178	$491,178

218.9 *Increase funds for a $2,000 salary adjustment for recruitment and retention for crime lab scientists, supervisors, and managers.*

State General Funds		$750,930	$750,930

218.10 *Provide discretion to hire new medical examiners on the appropriate pay scale level based on years of experience without base funding to support the hire. (H:YES)(S:NO)*

State General Funds	$0	$0

218.11 *Utilize existing funds to provide a salary increase to the fellows program and authorize one additional fellow. (H:YES)(S:YES; Utilize existing funds ($156,622) for one program coordinator position for the Medical Examiner fellowship)*

State General Funds	$0	$0

218.12 *Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($84,907)

218.1000 Forensic Scientific Services **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forensic analysis and testimony in the areas of chemistry (drug identification), firearms, digital imaging, forensic biology (serology/DNA), latent prints, pathology, questioned documents, photography, toxicology, implied consent, and trace evidence in support of the criminal justice system; to provide medical examiner (autopsy) services; and to analyze and enter samples into national databases such as AFIS, CODIS, and NIBIN.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$65,896,118	$68,183,824	$68,098,917
State General Funds	$65,896,118	$68,183,824	$68,098,917
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,229,366	$2,229,366	$2,229,366
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,229,366	$2,229,366	$2,229,366
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856
Sales and Services	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$68,131,340	$70,419,046	$70,334,139

Regional Investigative Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to identify, collect, preserve, and process evidence located during crime scene investigations, and to assist in the investigation, identification, arrest and prosecution of individuals. The purpose of this appropriation is also to coordinate and operate the following specialized units: bingo unit, anti-terrorist team, forensic art, bomb disposal unit, high technology investigations unit, communications center, regional drug enforcement, and polygraph examinations.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$80,706,986	$80,706,986	$80,706,986
State General Funds	$80,706,986	$80,706,986	$80,706,986
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,812,153	$1,812,153	$1,812,153
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,812,153	$1,812,153	$1,812,153
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,885,738	$1,885,738	$1,885,738
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,820,738	$1,820,738	$1,820,738
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,820,738	$1,820,738	$1,820,738
Sales and Services	$65,000	$65,000	$65,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$65,000	$65,000	$65,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$84,404,877	$84,404,877	$84,404,877

219.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$179	$179	$179

219.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$161,780	$161,780	$161,780

219.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$480,631	$480,631	$480,631

219.4 *Increase funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.*

State General Funds	$239,630	$239,630	$239,630

219.5 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$32,284	$32,284	$32,284

219.6 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($3,266,389)	($3,266,389)	($3,266,389)

219.7 *Increase funds for personnel to annualize costs for three human trafficking positions.*

State General Funds	$287,300	$287,300	$287,300

219.8 *Increase funds for personnel to annualize costs for four Criminal Intelligence analysts for Georgia Information Sharing Analysis Center (GISAC).*

State General Funds	$171,841	$171,841	$171,841

219.9 *Increase funds for three special agent positions. (S:Increase funds for personnel, operations, and one-time costs ($294,456) for three special agent positions)*

State General Funds	$543,750	$838,206	$838,206

219.10 *Eliminate funds for one-time purchase of technology funded in HB68 (2025 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	($877,320)	($877,320)	($877,320)

219.11 *Transfer funds from the Georgia Bureau of Investigations to the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency for gang case management system support. (H and S:Increase funds for gang case management system support (Total: $3,100,000))*

State General Funds	($1,000,000)	$2,100,000	$2,100,000

219.999 ***SAC****: The purpose of this appropriation is to identify, collect, preserve, and process evidence located during crime scene investigations, and to assist in the investigation, identification, arrest and prosecution of individuals. The purpose of this appropriation is also to coordinate and operate the following specialized units: anti-terrorist team, forensic art, bomb disposal unit, high technology investigations unit, human exploitation and trafficking unit, communications center, regional drug enforcement, and polygraph examinations.*

State General Funds	$0

219.1000 Regional Investigative Services			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to identify, collect, preserve, and process evidence located during crime scene investigations, and to assist in the investigation, identification, arrest and prosecution of individuals. The purpose of this appropriation is also to coordinate and operate the following specialized units: anti-terrorist team, forensic art, bomb disposal unit, high technology investigations unit, human exploitation and trafficking unit, communications center, regional drug enforcement, and polygraph examinations.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$77,480,672	$80,875,128	$80,875,128
State General Funds	$77,480,672	$80,875,128	$80,875,128
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,812,153	$1,812,153	$1,812,153
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,812,153	$1,812,153	$1,812,153
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,885,738	$1,885,738	$1,885,738
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,820,738	$1,820,738	$1,820,738
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,820,738	$1,820,738	$1,820,738
Sales and Services	$65,000	$65,000	$65,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$65,000	$65,000	$65,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$81,178,563	$84,573,019	$84,573,019

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and coordinate criminal justice efforts throughout Georgia, help create safe and secure communities, and award grants.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$19,866,465	$19,866,465	$19,866,465
State General Funds	$19,866,465	$19,866,465	$19,866,465
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$53,218,038	$53,218,038	$53,218,038
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$52,519,075	$52,519,075	$52,519,075
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$369,946	$369,946	$369,946
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$329,017	$329,017	$329,017
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$329,017	$329,017	$329,017
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$19,285,309	$19,285,309	$19,285,309
Intergovernmental Transfers	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$18,985,309	$18,985,309	$18,985,309
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$18,985,309	$18,985,309	$18,985,309
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$92,369,812	$92,369,812	$92,369,812

220.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($1,512)	($1,512)	($1,512)

220.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$3,129	$3,129	$3,129

220.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($354,572)	($354,572)	($354,572)

220.4 *Reduce funds for operations. (HB68 (2025 Legislative Session) intent language considered non-binding by the Governor)*

State General Funds	($33,558)	($33,558)	($33,558)

220.5 *Reduce funds for the offset of the loss of Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds for Federal Fiscal Year 2025. (H and S:Transfer funds from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council program to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Family Violence program ($3,125,000) for Child Advocacy Centers)*

State General Funds	($3,125,000)	($3,125,000)	($3,125,000)

220.6 *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for gang prevention activities in Chatham County.*

State General Funds	($250,000)	($250,000)	($250,000)

220.7 *Utilize existing funds ($133,867) from rent savings for grant opportunities. (G:YES)(H and S:YES; Utilize existing funds ($133,867) from rental savings for operations)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

220.1000 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and coordinate criminal justice efforts throughout Georgia, help create safe and secure communities, and award grants.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,104,952	$16,104,952	$16,104,952
State General Funds	$16,104,952	$16,104,952	$16,104,952
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$53,218,038	$53,218,038	$53,218,038
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$52,519,075	$52,519,075	$52,519,075
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$369,946	$369,946	$369,946
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$329,017	$329,017	$329,017
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$329,017	$329,017	$329,017
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$19,285,309	$19,285,309	$19,285,309
Intergovernmental Transfers	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$18,985,309	$18,985,309	$18,985,309
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$18,985,309	$18,985,309	$18,985,309
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$88,608,299	$88,608,299	$88,608,299

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Council of Accountability Court Judges **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$38,674,273	$38,674,273	$38,674,273
State General Funds	$38,674,273	$38,674,273	$38,674,273
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$38,674,273	$38,674,273	$38,674,273

221.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($314)	($314)	($314)

221.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($74,931)	($74,931)	($74,931)

221.3 *Reduce funds and utilize Opioid Trust Funds for court grants to locals and Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT).*

State General Funds	($25,305,545)	($12,652,773)	($12,652,773)
Opioid Settlement Trust Fund	$25,305,545	$12,652,773	$12,652,773
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0

221.4 *Increase funds for new and existing accountability courts to support population growth. (S:Increase funds and recognize existing funds ($1,377,649) for new and existing accountability courts to support population growth)*

State General Funds		$3,114,034	$1,736,385

221.5 *Increase funds for a veterans treatment court in Rockdale county.*

State General Funds		$93,602	$93,602

221.1000 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Council of Accountability Court Judges **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$38,599,028	$41,806,664	$40,429,015
State General Funds	$13,293,483	$29,153,891	$27,776,242
Opioid Settlement Trust Fund	$25,305,545	$12,652,773	$12,652,773
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$38,599,028	$41,806,664	$40,429,015

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Family Violence **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide certified domestic violence shelters and sexual assault centers with funds so as to provide the necessary services to primary and secondary victims of domestic violence and sexual assault statewide.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,973,074	$34,973,074	$34,973,074
State General Funds	$34,973,074	$34,973,074	$34,973,074
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$34,973,074	$34,973,074	$34,973,074

222.1 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*			
State General Funds	($5,981)	($5,981)	($5,981)
222.2 *Increase funds for domestic violence shelters to support vulnerable men, women, and children seeking refuge from violence.*			
State General Funds		$9,400,000	$9,400,000
222.3 *Increase funds for sexual assault centers to support vulnerable men, women, and children.*			
State General Funds		$3,300,166	$3,300,166
222.4 *Transfer funds from the Department of Human Services to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Family Violence program ($1,000,000) and increase funds ($821,946) for child advocacy centers.*			
State General Funds		$1,821,946	$1,821,946
222.5 *Transfer funds from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council program to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Family Violence program ($3,125,000) and increase funds for child advocacy centers to support vulnerable children.*			
State General Funds		$5,273,778	$5,273,778
222.6 *Increase funds for eight child advocacy centers and 20 satellite child advocacy centers not receiving state funding.*			
State General Funds		$912,641	$912,641

222.1000 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Family Violence			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide certified domestic violence shelters and sexual assault centers with funds so as to provide the necessary services to primary and secondary victims of domestic violence and sexual assault statewide.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,967,093	$55,675,624	$55,675,624
State General Funds	$34,967,093	$55,675,624	$55,675,624
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$34,967,093	$55,675,624	$55,675,624

Section 31: Juvenile Justice, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$395,229,317	$395,229,317	$395,229,317
State General Funds	$395,229,317	$395,229,317	$395,229,317
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,090,662	$7,090,662	$7,090,662
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,571,547	$6,571,547	$6,571,547
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$519,115	$519,115	$519,115
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$468,891	$468,891	$468,891
State Funds Transfers	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
Agency to Agency Contracts	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
Federal Funds Transfers	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298

FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$402,848,870	$402,848,870	$402,848,870

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$379,828,005	$382,372,811	$380,100,408
State General Funds	$379,828,005	$382,372,811	$379,400,408
Opioid Settlement Trust Fund			$700,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,090,662	$7,090,662	$7,090,662
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,571,547	$6,571,547	$6,571,547
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$519,115	$519,115	$519,115
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$468,891	$468,891	$468,891
State Funds Transfers	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
Agency to Agency Contracts	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
Federal Funds Transfers	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$387,447,558	$389,992,364	$387,719,961

Community Service **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public, hold youth accountable for their actions, assist youth in becoming law-abiding citizens and transition youth from secure detention, and provide the following alternative detention options: non-secure detention shelters, housebound detention, emergency shelters, a short-term stay in a residential placement, tracking services, wraparound services, electronic monitoring, or detention in an alternative program. Additionally, Community Supervision supervises youth directly in the community according to their risk and need levels, provides transitional and treatment services to those youth either directly or by brokering or making appropriate referrals for services, and provides agency-wide services, including intake, court services, and case management.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$105,394,014	$105,394,014	$105,394,014
State General Funds	$105,394,014	$105,394,014	$105,394,014
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$663,141	$663,141	$663,141
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$144,026	$144,026	$144,026
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$519,115	$519,115	$519,115
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
Federal Funds Transfers	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$106,338,453	$106,338,453	$106,338,453

223.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$119	$119	$119

223.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($757,050)	($757,050)	($757,050)

223.3 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($53,373)	($53,373)	($53,373)

223.4 *Increase funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.*

State General Funds	$49,481	$49,481	$49,481

223.5 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$29,609	$29,609	$29,609

223.6 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($3,263,521)	($3,263,521)	($3,263,521)

223.7 *Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds			($1,000,000)

223.1000 Community Service **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public, hold youth accountable for their actions, assist youth in becoming law-abiding citizens and transition youth from secure detention, and provide the following alternative detention options: non-secure detention shelters, housebound detention, emergency shelters, a short-term stay in a residential placement, tracking services, wraparound services, electronic monitoring, or detention in an alternative program. Additionally, Community Supervision supervises youth directly in the community according to their risk and need levels, provides transitional and treatment services to those youth either directly or by brokering or making appropriate referrals for services, and provides agency-wide services, including intake, court services, and case management.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$101,399,279	$101,399,279	$100,399,279
State General Funds	$101,399,279	$101,399,279	$100,399,279
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$663,141	$663,141	$663,141
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$144,026	$144,026	$144,026
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$519,115	$519,115	$519,115
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
Federal Funds Transfers	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$102,343,718	$102,343,718	$101,343,718

Departmental Administration (DJJ) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by holding youthful offenders accountable for their actions through the delivery of effective services in appropriate settings.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$28,597,656	$28,597,656	$28,597,656
State General Funds	$28,597,656	$28,597,656	$28,597,656
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$28,597,656	$28,597,656	$28,597,656

224.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($259,720)	($259,720)	($259,720)

224.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($5,790)	($5,790)	($5,790)

224.3 *Increase funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.*

State General Funds	$19,477	$19,477	$19,477

224.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$7,050	$7,050	$7,050

224.5 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($1,119,611)	($1,119,611)	($1,119,611)

224.1000 Departmental Administration (DJJ) **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by holding youthful offenders accountable for their actions through the delivery of effective services in appropriate settings.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,239,062	$27,239,062	$27,239,062
State General Funds	$27,239,062	$27,239,062	$27,239,062
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,239,062	$27,239,062	$27,239,062

Secure Commitment (YDCs) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions, and provide secure care and supervision of youth including academic, recreational, vocational, medical, mental health, counseling, and religious services for those youth committed to the Department's custody, or convicted of an offense under Senate Bill 440.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$101,188,032	$101,188,032	$101,188,032
State General Funds	$101,188,032	$101,188,032	$101,188,032
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,220,618	$3,220,618	$3,220,618
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,220,618	$3,220,618	$3,220,618

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
State Funds Transfers	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
Agency to Agency Contracts	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$104,656,243	$104,656,243	$104,656,243

225.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$24,928	$24,928	$24,928

225.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($775,381)	($775,381)	($775,381)

225.3 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($42,985)	($42,985)	($42,985)

225.4 *Increase funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.*

State General Funds	$176,376	$176,376	$176,376

225.5 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$39,478	$39,478	$39,478

225.6 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($3,342,541)	($3,342,541)	($3,342,541)

225.7 *Reduce funds and utilize Opioid Settlement Trust Funds for evidence-based substance use programming.*

State General Funds	($210,000)
Opioid Settlement Trust Fund	$210,000
Total Public Funds:	$0

225.1000 Secure Commitment (YDCs) **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions, and provide secure care and supervision of youth including academic, recreational, vocational, medical, mental health, counseling, and religious services for those youth committed to the Department's custody, or convicted of an offense under Senate Bill 440.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$97,267,907	$97,267,907	$97,267,907
State General Funds	$97,267,907	$97,267,907	$97,057,907
Opioid Settlement Trust Fund			$210,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,220,618	$3,220,618	$3,220,618
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,220,618	$3,220,618	$3,220,618
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
State Funds Transfers	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593

Agency to Agency Contracts	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$100,736,118	$100,736,118	$100,736,118

Secure Detention (RYDCs) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions and, provide temporary, secure care, and supervision of youth who are charged with crimes or who have been found guilty of crimes and are awaiting disposition of their cases by juvenile courts or awaiting placement in one of the Department's treatment programs or facilities, or sentenced to the Short Term Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$160,049,615	$160,049,615	$160,049,615
State General Funds	$160,049,615	$160,049,615	$160,049,615
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,206,903	$3,206,903	$3,206,903
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,206,903	$3,206,903	$3,206,903
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$163,256,518	$163,256,518	$163,256,518

226.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$18,876	$18,876	$18,876

226.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($1,220,129)	($1,220,129)	($1,220,129)

226.3 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($84,349)	($84,349)	($84,349)

226.4 *Increase funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.*

State General Funds	$352,668	$352,668	$352,668

226.5 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$64,857	$64,857	$64,857

226.6 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($5,259,781)	($5,259,781)	($5,259,781)

226.7 *Increase funds to annualize personnel due to decreased turnover.*

State General Funds		$2,544,806	$1,272,403

226.8 *Reduce funds and utilize Opioid Settlement Trust Funds for evidence-based substance use programming.*

State General Funds	($490,000)
Opioid Settlement Trust Fund	$490,000
Total Public Funds:	$0

226.1000 Secure Detention (RYDCs)			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions and, provide temporary, secure care, and supervision of youth who are charged with crimes or who have been found guilty of crimes and are awaiting disposition of their cases by juvenile courts or awaiting placement in one of the Department's treatment programs or facilities, or sentenced to the Short Term Program.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$153,921,757	$156,466,563	$155,194,160
State General Funds	$153,921,757	$156,466,563	$154,704,160
Opioid Settlement Trust Fund			$490,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,206,903	$3,206,903	$3,206,903
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,206,903	$3,206,903	$3,206,903
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$157,128,660	$159,673,466	$158,401,063

Section 32: Labor, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,930,190	$8,930,190	$8,930,190
State General Funds	$8,930,190	$8,930,190	$8,930,190
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$75,340,557	$75,340,557	$75,340,557
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$75,340,557	$75,340,557	$75,340,557
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$7,347,618	$7,347,618	$7,347,618
Royalties and Rents	$55,556	$55,556	$55,556
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$55,556	$55,556	$55,556
Sales and Services	$7,292,062	$7,292,062	$7,292,062
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$7,292,062	$7,292,062	$7,292,062
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$4,548,505	$4,548,505	$4,548,505
State Funds Transfers	$4,548,505	$4,548,505	$4,548,505
Agency to Agency Contracts	$4,548,505	$4,548,505	$4,548,505
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$96,166,870	$96,166,870	$96,166,870

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,353,995	$12,932,888	$11,595,490
State General Funds	$12,353,995	$12,932,888	$11,595,490
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$75,340,557	$75,340,557	$75,340,557
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$75,340,557	$75,340,557	$75,340,557
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$7,347,618	$7,347,618	$7,347,618
Royalties and Rents	$55,556	$55,556	$55,556
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$55,556	$55,556	$55,556
Sales and Services	$7,292,062	$7,292,062	$7,292,062
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$7,292,062	$7,292,062	$7,292,062
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$4,548,505	$4,548,505	$4,548,505
State Funds Transfers	$4,548,505	$4,548,505	$4,548,505

Agency to Agency Contracts	$4,548,505	$4,548,505	$4,548,505
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$99,590,675	$100,169,568	$98,832,170

Departmental Administration (DOL) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this program is to provide administrative support for the Labor Market Information and Unemployment Insurance programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,101,946	$2,101,946	$2,101,946
State General Funds	$2,101,946	$2,101,946	$2,101,946
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$20,539,169	$20,539,169	$20,539,169
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$20,539,169	$20,539,169	$20,539,169
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$7,347,618	$7,347,618	$7,347,618
Royalties and Rents	$55,556	$55,556	$55,556
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$55,556	$55,556	$55,556
Sales and Services	$7,292,062	$7,292,062	$7,292,062
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$7,292,062	$7,292,062	$7,292,062
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$29,988,733	$29,988,733	$29,988,733

227.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($1,852)	($1,852)	($1,852)

227.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$5,898	$5,898	$5,898

227.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($73,308)	($73,308)	($73,308)

227.4 *Reduce funds for one-time funding for staff training.*

State General Funds	($62,700)	($62,700)	($62,700)

227.5 *Increase funds to implement call center enhancements.*

State General Funds		$640,000	$640,000

227.1000 Departmental Administration (DOL) **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this program is to provide administrative support for the Labor Market Information and Unemployment Insurance programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,969,984	$2,609,984	$2,609,984
State General Funds	$1,969,984	$2,609,984	$2,609,984
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$20,539,169	$20,539,169	$20,539,169
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$20,539,169	$20,539,169	$20,539,169
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$7,347,618	$7,347,618	$7,347,618
Royalties and Rents	$55,556	$55,556	$55,556

Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$55,556	$55,556	$55,556
Sales and Services	$7,292,062	$7,292,062	$7,292,062
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$7,292,062	$7,292,062	$7,292,062
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$29,856,771	$30,496,771	$30,496,771

Labor Market Information **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to collect, analyze, and publish a wide array of information about the state's labor market.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,121,776	$2,121,776	$2,121,776
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,121,776	$2,121,776	$2,121,776
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,121,776	$2,121,776	$2,121,776

228.1000 Labor Market Information **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to collect, analyze, and publish a wide array of information about the state's labor market.

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,121,776	$2,121,776	$2,121,776
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,121,776	$2,121,776	$2,121,776
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,121,776	$2,121,776	$2,121,776

Unemployment Insurance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance Georgia's economic strength by collecting unemployment insurance taxes from Georgia's employers and distributing unemployment benefits to eligible claimants.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,828,244	$6,828,244	$6,828,244
State General Funds	$6,828,244	$6,828,244	$6,828,244
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$52,679,612	$52,679,612	$52,679,612
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$52,679,612	$52,679,612	$52,679,612
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$4,548,505	$4,548,505	$4,548,505
State Funds Transfers	$4,548,505	$4,548,505	$4,548,505
Agency to Agency Contracts	$4,548,505	$4,548,505	$4,548,505
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$64,056,361	$64,056,361	$64,056,361

229.1 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($246,551)	($246,551)	($246,551)

229.2 *Increase funds for 20 additional positions to reduce collection delinquency and replenish the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund. (S:Increase funds for 10 additional positions to reduce collection delinquency and replenish the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund)*

State General Funds	$1,642,557	$1,642,557	$821,279

229.3 *Increase funds for 15 customer service positions to reduce call abandonment and wait times. (S:Increase funds for 10 customer service positions to reduce call abandonment and wait times)*

State General Funds	$1,059,178	$998,071	$665,381

229.4 *Increase funds for 12 financial auditor positions to prevent unemployment insurance fraud. (S:Increase funds for 10 financial auditor positions to prevent unemployment insurance fraud)*

State General Funds	$1,100,583	$1,100,583	$917,153

229.1000 Unemployment Insurance			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance Georgia's economic strength by collecting unemployment insurance taxes from Georgia's employers and distributing unemployment benefits to eligible claimants.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,384,011	$10,322,904	$8,985,506
State General Funds	$10,384,011	$10,322,904	$8,985,506
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$52,679,612	$52,679,612	$52,679,612
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$52,679,612	$52,679,612	$52,679,612
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$4,548,505	$4,548,505	$4,548,505
State Funds Transfers	$4,548,505	$4,548,505	$4,548,505
Agency to Agency Contracts	$4,548,505	$4,548,505	$4,548,505
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$67,612,128	$67,551,021	$66,213,623

Section 33: Law, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$49,495,901	$49,495,901	$49,495,901
State General Funds	$49,495,901	$49,495,901	$49,495,901
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$973,040	$973,040	$973,040
Sales and Services	$973,040	$973,040	$973,040
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$973,040	$973,040	$973,040
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Funds Transfers	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$133,302,273	$133,302,273	$133,302,273

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$46,859,971	$46,822,882	$46,822,882
State General Funds	$46,859,971	$46,822,882	$46,822,882
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$973,040	$973,040	$973,040

Sales and Services	$973,040	$973,040	$973,040
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$973,040	$973,040	$973,040
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Funds Transfers	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$130,666,343	$130,629,254	$130,629,254

Law, Department of **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the attorney and legal advisor for all state agencies, departments, authorities, and the Governor; to provide binding opinions on legal questions concerning the state of Georgia and its agencies; and to prepare all contracts and agreements regarding any matter in which the state of Georgia is involved.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$47,802,872	$47,802,872	$47,802,872
State General Funds	$47,802,872	$47,802,872	$47,802,872
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$973,040	$973,040	$973,040
Sales and Services	$973,040	$973,040	$973,040
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$973,040	$973,040	$973,040
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Funds Transfers	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$127,975,912	$127,975,912	$127,975,912

230.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($114,511)	($114,511)	($114,511)

230.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$894	$894	$894

230.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$24,199	$24,199	$24,199

230.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($2,315,176)	($2,531,903)	($2,531,903)

230.1000 Law, Department of **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the attorney and legal advisor for all state agencies, departments, authorities, and the Governor; to provide binding opinions on legal questions concerning the state of Georgia and its agencies; and to prepare all contracts and agreements regarding any matter in which the state of Georgia is involved.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$45,398,278	$45,181,551	$45,181,551
State General Funds	$45,398,278	$45,181,551	$45,181,551

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$973,040	$973,040	$973,040
Sales and Services	$973,040	$973,040	$973,040
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$973,040	$973,040	$973,040
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Funds Transfers	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$125,571,318	$125,354,591	$125,354,591

Medicaid Fraud Control Unit **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the center for the identification, arrest, and prosecution of providers of health services and patients who defraud the Medicaid Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,693,029	$1,693,029	$1,693,029
State General Funds	$1,693,029	$1,693,029	$1,693,029
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,326,361	$5,326,361	$5,326,361

231.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($3,730)	($3,730)	($3,730)

231.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$20,390	$20,390	$20,390

231.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($247,996)	($68,358)	($68,358)

231.1000 Medicaid Fraud Control Unit **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the center for the identification, arrest, and prosecution of providers of health services and patients who defraud the Medicaid Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,461,693	$1,641,331	$1,641,331
State General Funds	$1,461,693	$1,641,331	$1,641,331
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,095,025	$5,274,663	$5,274,663

There is hereby appropriated to the Department of Law the sum of $625,000 of the moneys collected in accordance with O.C.G.A. Title 10, Chapter 1, Article 28. The sum of money is appropriated for use by the Department of Law for consumer protection for all the purposes for which such moneys may be appropriated pursuant to Article 28.

Section 34: Natural Resources, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$181,105,001	$181,105,001	$181,105,001
State General Funds	$157,501,746	$157,501,746	$157,501,746
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$1,993,465	$1,993,465	$1,993,465
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$9,838,299	$9,838,299	$9,838,299
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$11,771,491	$11,771,491	$11,771,491
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$70,919,242	$70,919,242	$70,919,242
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$70,919,242	$70,919,242	$70,919,242
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$101,403,632	$101,403,632	$101,403,632
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$348,542	$348,542	$348,542
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$348,542	$348,542	$348,542
Intergovernmental Transfers	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Royalties and Rents	$45,165	$45,165	$45,165
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$45,165	$45,165	$45,165
Sales and Services	$100,955,696	$100,955,696	$100,955,696
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$100,955,696	$100,955,696	$100,955,696
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
State Funds Transfers	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
Agency to Agency Contracts	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$353,839,972	$353,839,972	$353,839,972
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$183,960,901	$189,357,955	$184,712,679
State General Funds	$155,954,333	$161,351,387	$156,706,111
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$3,009,115	$3,009,115	$3,009,115
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$10,108,446	$10,108,446	$10,108,446
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$14,889,007	$14,889,007	$14,889,007
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$70,919,242	$70,919,242	$70,919,242
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$70,919,242	$70,919,242	$70,919,242
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$101,403,632	$101,403,632	$101,403,632
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$348,542	$348,542	$348,542
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$348,542	$348,542	$348,542
Intergovernmental Transfers	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Royalties and Rents	$45,165	$45,165	$45,165
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$45,165	$45,165	$45,165

Sales and Services	$100,955,696	$100,955,696	$100,955,696
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$100,955,696	$100,955,696	$100,955,696
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
State Funds Transfers	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
Agency to Agency Contracts	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$356,695,872	$362,092,926	$357,447,650

Coastal Resources **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to preserve the natural, environmental, historic, archaeological, and recreational resources of the state's coastal zone by balancing economic development with resource preservation and improvement by assessing and restoring coastal wetlands, by regulating development within the coastal zone, by promulgating and enforcing rules and regulations to protect the coastal wetlands, by monitoring the population status of commercially and recreationally fished species and developing fishery management plans, by providing fishing education, and by constructing and maintaining artificial reefs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,672,283	$4,672,283	$4,672,283
State General Funds	$4,672,283	$4,672,283	$4,672,283
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,096,144	$5,096,144	$5,096,144
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,096,144	$5,096,144	$5,096,144
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$107,925	$107,925	$107,925
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$70,760	$70,760	$70,760
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$70,760	$70,760	$70,760
Royalties and Rents	$37,165	$37,165	$37,165
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$37,165	$37,165	$37,165
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,876,352	$9,876,352	$9,876,352

232.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$7,515	$7,515	$7,515

232.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($979)	($979)	($979)

232.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($136,648)	($136,648)	($136,648)

232.4 *Eliminate funds for beach restoration.*

State General Funds	($1,000,000)	($1,000,000)	($1,000,000)

232.5 *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for equipment and vehicle costs and maintain funds ($273,017) for ongoing costs related to reef/migratory fish surveys.*

State General Funds	($75,983)	($75,983)	($75,983)

232.1000 Coastal Resources			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to preserve the natural, environmental, historic, archaeological, and recreational resources of the state's coastal zone by balancing economic development with resource preservation and improvement by assessing and restoring coastal wetlands, by regulating development within the coastal zone, by promulgating and enforcing rules and regulations to protect the coastal wetlands, by monitoring the population status of commercially and recreationally fished species and developing fishery management plans, by providing fishing education, and by constructing and maintaining artificial reefs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,466,188	$3,466,188	$3,466,188
State General Funds	$3,466,188	$3,466,188	$3,466,188
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,096,144	$5,096,144	$5,096,144
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,096,144	$5,096,144	$5,096,144
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$107,925	$107,925	$107,925
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$70,760	$70,760	$70,760
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$70,760	$70,760	$70,760
Royalties and Rents	$37,165	$37,165	$37,165
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$37,165	$37,165	$37,165
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,670,257	$8,670,257	$8,670,257

Departmental Administration (DNR)			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,515,482	$13,515,482	$13,515,482
State General Funds	$13,515,482	$13,515,482	$13,515,482
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,515,482	$13,515,482	$13,515,482
233.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*			
State General Funds	$26,964	$26,964	$26,964
233.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*			
State General Funds	($1,746)	($1,746)	($1,746)
233.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*			
State General Funds	$64,350	$64,350	$64,350
233.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*			
State General Funds	($482,082)	($482,082)	($482,082)

233.1000 Departmental Administration (DNR)			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,122,968	$13,122,968	$13,122,968
State General Funds	$13,122,968	$13,122,968	$13,122,968
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,122,968	$13,122,968	$13,122,968

Environmental Protection **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the quality of Georgia's air by controlling, monitoring and regulating pollution from large, small, mobile, and area sources (including pollution from motor vehicle emissions) by performing ambient air monitoring, and by participating in the Clean Air Campaign; to protect Georgia's land by permitting, managing, and planning for solid waste facilities, by implementing waste reduction strategies, by administering the Solid Waste Trust Fund and the Underground Storage Tank program, by cleaning up scrap tire piles, and by permitting and regulating surface mining operations; to protect Georgia and its citizens from hazardous materials by investigating and remediating hazardous sites, and by utilizing the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund to manage the state's hazardous sites inventory, to oversee site cleanup and brownfield remediation, to remediate abandoned sites, to respond to environmental emergencies, and to monitor and regulate the hazardous materials industry in Georgia. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure the quality and quantity of Georgia's water supplies by managing floodplains, by ensuring the safety of dams, by monitoring, regulating, and certifying water quality, and by regulating the amount of water used.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$35,087,578	$35,087,578	$35,087,578
State General Funds	$35,087,578	$35,087,578	$35,087,578
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$29,887,490	$29,887,490	$29,887,490
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,887,490	$29,887,490	$29,887,490
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,411,856	$60,411,856	$60,411,856
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$277,782	$277,782	$277,782
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$277,782	$277,782	$277,782
Sales and Services	$60,134,074	$60,134,074	$60,134,074
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,134,074	$60,134,074	$60,134,074
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
State Funds Transfers	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
Agency to Agency Contracts	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$125,799,021	$125,799,021	$125,799,021

234.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$76,075	$76,075	$76,075

234.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($8,620)	($8,620)	($8,620)

234.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($1,127,525)	($1,127,525)	($1,127,525)

234.4 *Increase funds to support air emissions program operations to allow preservation of existing revenue to delay a fiscal shortfall. (S:Reduce funds to align budget with expected expenditures due to reduction in demand)*

State General Funds		$1,000,000	($1,500,000)

234.1000 Environmental Protection			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the quality of Georgia's air by controlling, monitoring and regulating pollution from large, small, mobile, and area sources (including pollution from motor vehicle emissions) by performing ambient air monitoring, and by participating in the Clean Air Campaign; to protect Georgia's land by permitting, managing, and planning for solid waste facilities, by implementing waste reduction strategies, by administering the Solid Waste Trust Fund and the Underground Storage Tank program, by cleaning up scrap tire piles, and by permitting and regulating surface mining operations; to protect Georgia and its citizens from hazardous materials by investigating and remediating hazardous sites, and by utilizing the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund to manage the state's hazardous sites inventory, to oversee site cleanup and brownfield remediation, to remediate abandoned sites, to respond to environmental emergencies, and to monitor and regulate the hazardous materials industry in Georgia. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure the quality and quantity of Georgia's water supplies by managing floodplains, by ensuring the safety of dams, by monitoring, regulating, and certifying water quality, and by regulating the amount of water used.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,027,508	$35,027,508	$32,527,508
State General Funds	$34,027,508	$35,027,508	$32,527,508
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$29,887,490	$29,887,490	$29,887,490
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,887,490	$29,887,490	$29,887,490
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,411,856	$60,411,856	$60,411,856
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$277,782	$277,782	$277,782
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$277,782	$277,782	$277,782
Sales and Services	$60,134,074	$60,134,074	$60,134,074
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,134,074	$60,134,074	$60,134,074
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
State Funds Transfers	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
Agency to Agency Contracts	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$124,738,951	$125,738,951	$123,238,951
Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding through grant and loan opportunities for land conservation, parks, trails, and outdoor recreation.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,012,109	$23,012,109	$23,012,109
State General Funds	$23,012,109	$23,012,109	$23,012,109
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$23,012,109	$23,012,109	$23,012,109
235.1 *Increase funds to reflect sufficient increase in FY2025 collections of sporting goods stores sales and use tax to restore 20% prior year reduction in the appropriation pursuant to O.C.G.A. 12-6A-5.*			
State General Funds	$5,753,027	$5,753,027	$5,753,027
235.2 *Increase funds for grants and benefits to reflect an increase in FY2025 collections of sporting goods stores sales and use tax.*			
State General Funds	$4,988,906	$4,988,906	$4,988,906

235.1000 Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding through grant and loan opportunities for land conservation, parks, trails, and outdoor recreation.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$33,754,042	$33,754,042	$33,754,042
State General Funds	$33,754,042	$33,754,042	$33,754,042
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$33,754,042	$33,754,042	$33,754,042

Hazardous Waste Trust Fund **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund investigations and cleanup of abandoned landfills and other hazardous sites, to meet cost-sharing requirements for Superfund sites identified by the US Environmental Protection Agency, to fund related operations and oversight positions within the Environmental Protection Division, and to reimburse local governments for landfill remediation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,771,491	$11,771,491	$11,771,491
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$11,771,491	$11,771,491	$11,771,491
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,771,491	$11,771,491	$11,771,491

236.1 *Increase funds for the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund to reflect FY2025 collections of Solid Waste Tipping Fees, Hazardous Waste Fees, and Hazardous Substance Reporting Fees.*

Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$3,117,516	$3,117,516	$3,117,516

236.1000 Hazardous Waste Trust Fund			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund investigations and cleanup of abandoned landfills and other hazardous sites, to meet cost-sharing requirements for Superfund sites identified by the US Environmental Protection Agency, to fund related operations and oversight positions within the Environmental Protection Division, and to reimburse local governments for landfill remediation.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,889,007	$14,889,007	$14,889,007
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$14,889,007	$14,889,007	$14,889,007
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,889,007	$14,889,007	$14,889,007

Law Enforcement **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce all state and federal laws and departmental regulations relative to protecting Georgia's wildlife, natural, archeological, and cultural resources, DNR properties, boating safety, and litter and waste laws; to teach hunter and boater education classes; and to assist other law enforcement agencies upon request in providing public safety for the citizens and visitors of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,310,618	$34,310,618	$34,310,618
State General Funds	$34,310,618	$34,310,618	$34,310,618
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,751,293	$2,751,293	$2,751,293
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,751,293	$2,751,293	$2,751,293
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657

Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$37,065,568	$37,065,568	$37,065,568

237.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$81,929	$81,929	$81,929

237.2 *Increase funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.*

State General Funds	$104,809	$104,809	$104,809

237.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($1,489,707)	($1,489,707)	($1,489,707)

237.1000 Law Enforcement **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce all state and federal laws and departmental regulations relative to protecting Georgia's wildlife, natural, archeological, and cultural resources, DNR properties, boating safety, and litter and waste laws; to teach hunter and boater education classes; and to assist other law enforcement agencies upon request in providing public safety for the citizens and visitors of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$33,007,649	$33,007,649	$33,007,649
State General Funds	$33,007,649	$33,007,649	$33,007,649
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,751,293	$2,751,293	$2,751,293
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,751,293	$2,751,293	$2,751,293
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$35,762,599	$35,762,599	$35,762,599

Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to manage, operate, market, and maintain the state's golf courses, parks, lodges, conference centers, and historic sites.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,457,853	$23,457,853	$23,457,853
State General Funds	$23,457,853	$23,457,853	$23,457,853
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,204,029	$3,204,029	$3,204,029
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,204,029	$3,204,029	$3,204,029
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791
Sales and Services	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$59,053,673	$59,053,673	$59,053,673

238.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$20,760	$20,760	$20,760

238.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($377,479)	($377,479)	($377,479)

238.3 *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for outdoor recreation.*

State General Funds	($7,000,000)	($7,000,000)	($7,000,000)

238.4 *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for the SAM Shortline Railroad. (H:NO; Maintain ongoing funds for the SAM Shortline Railroad)(S:Eliminate funds for one-time funding for the SAM Shortline Railroad)*

State General Funds	($300,000)	$0	($300,000)

238.5 *Increase funds for outdoor recreation.*

State General Funds		$2,659,393	$2,909,393

238.6 *Increase funds for historic preservation.*

State General Funds		$650,000	$0

238.7 *Reduce funds to reflect enhanced agency collections.*

State General Funds			($2,000,000)

238.8 *Increase funds for the Vince Dooley Battlefield Fund pursuant to HB454 (2025 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds			$50,000

238.1000 Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to manage, operate, market, and maintain the state's golf courses, parks, lodges, conference centers, and historic sites.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,801,134	$19,410,527	$16,760,527
State General Funds	$15,801,134	$19,410,527	$16,760,527
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,204,029	$3,204,029	$3,204,029
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,204,029	$3,204,029	$3,204,029
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791
Sales and Services	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$51,396,954	$55,006,347	$52,356,347

Solid Waste Trust Fund **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the administration of the scrap tire management activity; to enable emergency, preventative, and corrective actions at solid waste disposal facilities; to assist local governments with the development of solid waste management plans; and to promote statewide recycling and waste reduction programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,838,299	$9,838,299	$9,838,299
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$9,838,299	$9,838,299	$9,838,299
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,838,299	$9,838,299	$9,838,299

239.1 *Increase funds for the Solid Waste Trust Fund to reflect FY2025 collections of Scrap Tire Fees.*

Solid Waste Trust Funds	$270,147	$270,147	$270,147

239.1000 Solid Waste Trust Fund **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the administration of the scrap tire management activity; to enable emergency, preventative, and corrective actions at solid waste disposal facilities; to assist local governments with the development of solid waste management plans; and to promote statewide recycling and waste reduction programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,108,446	$10,108,446	$10,108,446
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$10,108,446	$10,108,446	$10,108,446
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,108,446	$10,108,446	$10,108,446

Wildlife Resources **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate hunting, fishing, and the operation of watercraft in Georgia; to provide hunter and boating education; to protect non-game and endangered wildlife; to promulgate statewide hunting, fishing, trapping, and coastal commercial fishing regulations; to operate the state's archery and shooting ranges; to license hunters and anglers; and to register boats.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$25,439,288	$25,439,288	$25,439,288
State General Funds	$23,445,823	$23,445,823	$23,445,823
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$1,993,465	$1,993,465	$1,993,465
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$29,980,286	$29,980,286	$29,980,286
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,980,286	$29,980,286	$29,980,286
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,488,403	$8,488,403	$8,488,403
Intergovernmental Transfers	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Royalties and Rents	$8,000	$8,000	$8,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$8,000	$8,000	$8,000
Sales and Services	$8,429,831	$8,429,831	$8,429,831
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,429,831	$8,429,831	$8,429,831
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$63,907,977	$63,907,977	$63,907,977

240.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$50,340	$50,340	$50,340

240.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($6,003)	($6,003)	($6,003)

240.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($915,316)	($915,316)	($915,316)

240.4 *Increase funds for the Wildlife Endowment Trust Fund to reflect FY2025 collections of Lifetime Sportsman's License revenues.*

Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$1,015,650	$1,015,650	$1,015,650

240.5 *Increase funds for operations at fish hatcheries due to rising input costs of spawning.*

State General Funds	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000

240.6 *Increase funds for contractual services, positions, and a vehicle due to an increase in applications for the Georgia Conservation Tax Credit Program. (S:Increase funds for one biologist and operations pursuant to HB1148 (2026 Legislative Session))*

State General Funds		$287,661	$142,385

240.7 *Increase funds for a public-private feral hog management pilot program.*

State General Funds		$500,000	$1,000,000

240.8 *Transfer funds from the Department of Agriculture to the Department of Natural Resources to consolidate Feral Hog Task Force.*

State General Funds			$150,000

240.1000 Wildlife Resources **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate hunting, fishing, and the operation of watercraft in Georgia; to provide hunter and boating education; to protect non-game and endangered wildlife; to promulgate statewide hunting, fishing, trapping, and coastal commercial fishing regulations; to operate the state's archery and shooting ranges; to license hunters and anglers; and to register boats.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$25,783,959	$26,571,620	$27,076,344
State General Funds	$22,774,844	$23,562,505	$24,067,229
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$3,009,115	$3,009,115	$3,009,115
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$29,980,286	$29,980,286	$29,980,286
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,980,286	$29,980,286	$29,980,286
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,488,403	$8,488,403	$8,488,403
Intergovernmental Transfers	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Royalties and Rents	$8,000	$8,000	$8,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$8,000	$8,000	$8,000
Sales and Services	$8,429,831	$8,429,831	$8,429,831
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,429,831	$8,429,831	$8,429,831
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$64,252,648	$65,040,309	$65,545,033

Provided, that to the extent State Parks and Historic Sites receipts are realized in excess of the amount of such funds contemplated in this Act, the Office of Planning and Budget is authorized to use up to 50 percent of the excess receipts to supplant State funds and the balance may be amended into the budget of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites Division for the most critical needs of the Division. This provision shall not apply to revenues collected from a state park's parking pass implemented by the Department.

Section 35: Pardons and Paroles, State Board of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,407,799	$21,407,799	$21,407,799
State General Funds	$21,407,799	$21,407,799	$21,407,799
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,407,799	$21,407,799	$21,407,799
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$20,449,234	$20,449,234	$20,449,234
State General Funds	$20,449,234	$20,449,234	$20,449,234
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,449,234	$20,449,234	$20,449,234

Board Administration (SBPP) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,405,193	$2,405,193	$2,405,193
State General Funds	$2,405,193	$2,405,193	$2,405,193
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,405,193	$2,405,193	$2,405,193

241.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$487	$487	$487

241.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$145	$145	$145

241.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$7,856	$7,856	$7,856

241.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($97,181)	($97,181)	($97,181)

241.1000 Board Administration (SBPP)			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,316,500	$2,316,500	$2,316,500
State General Funds	$2,316,500	$2,316,500	$2,316,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,316,500	$2,316,500	$2,316,500

Clemency Decisions **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Board in exercising its constitutional authority over executive clemency. This includes setting tentative parole dates for offenders in the correctional system and all aspects of parole status of offenders in the community including warrants, violations, commutations, and revocations. The Board coordinates all interstate compact release matters regarding the acceptance and placement of parolees into and from the State of Georgia and administers the pardon process by reviewing all applications and granting or denying these applications based on specific criteria.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,272,571	$18,272,571	$18,272,571
State General Funds	$18,272,571	$18,272,571	$18,272,571
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,272,571	$18,272,571	$18,272,571

242.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$4,370	$4,370	$4,370

242.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$2,538	$2,538	$2,538

242.3 *Increase funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.*

State General Funds	$22,080	$22,080	$22,080

242.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($872,471)	($872,471)	($872,471)

242.1000 Clemency Decisions **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Board in exercising its constitutional authority over executive clemency. This includes setting tentative parole dates for offenders in the correctional system and all aspects of parole status of offenders in the community including warrants, violations, commutations, and revocations. The Board coordinates all interstate compact release matters regarding the acceptance and placement of parolees into and from the State of Georgia and administers the pardon process by reviewing all applications and granting or denying these applications based on specific criteria.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$17,429,088	$17,429,088	$17,429,088
State General Funds	$17,429,088	$17,429,088	$17,429,088
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$17,429,088	$17,429,088	$17,429,088

Victim Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide notification to victims of changes in offender status or placement, conduct outreach and information gathering from victims during clemency proceedings, host victims visitors' days, and act as a liaison for victims to the state corrections, community supervision, and pardons and paroles systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$730,035	$730,035	$730,035
State General Funds	$730,035	$730,035	$730,035
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$730,035	$730,035	$730,035

243.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$133	$133	$133

243.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($26,522)	($26,522)	($26,522)

243.1000 Victim Services **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide notification to victims of changes in offender status or placement, conduct outreach and information gathering from victims during clemency proceedings, host victims visitors' days, and act as a liaison for victims to the state corrections, community supervision, and pardons and paroles systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$703,646	$703,646	$703,646
State General Funds	$703,646	$703,646	$703,646
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$703,646	$703,646	$703,646

Section 36: Properties Commission, State

Section Total - Continuation

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
State Funds Transfers	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000

Section Total - Final

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
State Funds Transfers	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000

Properties Commission, State **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain long-term plans for state buildings and land; to compile an accessible database of state-owned and leased real property with information about utilization, demand management, and space standards; and to negotiate better rates in the leasing market and property acquisitions and dispositions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
State Funds Transfers	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000

244.1000 Properties Commission, State			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain long-term plans for state buildings and land; to compile an accessible database of state-owned and leased real property with information about utilization, demand management, and space standards; and to negotiate better rates in the leasing market and property acquisitions and dispositions.			
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
State Funds Transfers	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000

Section 37: Public Defender Council, Georgia

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$82,937,857	$82,937,857	$82,937,857
State General Funds	$82,937,857	$82,937,857	$82,937,857
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$44,840,000	$44,840,000	$44,840,000
Interest and Investment Income	$1,340,000	$1,340,000	$1,340,000
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$1,340,000	$1,340,000	$1,340,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$41,500,000	$41,500,000	$41,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$41,500,000	$41,500,000	$41,500,000
Sales and Services	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$127,777,857	$127,777,857	$127,777,857

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$93,121,532	$87,997,205	$87,726,458
State General Funds	$93,121,532	$87,997,205	$87,726,458
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$44,840,000	$44,840,000	$44,840,000
Interest and Investment Income	$1,340,000	$1,340,000	$1,340,000
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$1,340,000	$1,340,000	$1,340,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$41,500,000	$41,500,000	$41,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$41,500,000	$41,500,000	$41,500,000
Sales and Services	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$137,961,532	$132,837,205	$132,566,458

Public Defender Council **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Office of the Georgia Capital Defender, Office of the Mental Health Advocate, Central Office, and the administration of the Conflict Division.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,424,496	$9,424,496	$9,424,496
State General Funds	$9,424,496	$9,424,496	$9,424,496
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,840,000	$1,840,000	$1,840,000
Interest and Investment Income	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Sales and Services	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,264,496	$11,264,496	$11,264,496

245.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($11,721)	($11,721)	($11,721)

245.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$1,878	$1,878	$1,878

245.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$485	$485	$485

245.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($442,206)	($442,206)	($442,206)

245.5 *Reduce funds for redundant case management system.*

State General Funds			($167,000)

245.1000 Public Defender Council **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Office of the Georgia Capital Defender, Office of the Mental Health Advocate, Central Office, and the administration of the Conflict Division.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,972,932	$8,972,932	$8,805,932
State General Funds	$8,972,932	$8,972,932	$8,805,932
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,840,000	$1,840,000	$1,840,000
Interest and Investment Income	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Sales and Services	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,812,932	$10,812,932	$10,645,932

Public Defenders **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assure that adequate and effective legal representation is provided, independently of political considerations or private interests, to indigent persons who are entitled to representation under this chapter; provided that staffing for circuits are based on O.C.G.A. 17-12; including providing representation to clients in cases where the Capital Defender or a circuit public defender has a conflict of interest.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$73,513,361	$73,513,361	$73,513,361
State General Funds	$73,513,361	$73,513,361	$73,513,361
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$43,000,000	$43,000,000	$43,000,000
Interest and Investment Income	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$41,500,000	$41,500,000	$41,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$41,500,000	$41,500,000	$41,500,000
Sales and Services	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$116,513,361	$116,513,361	$116,513,361

246.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($88,765)	($88,765)	($88,765)

246.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$1,377	$1,377	$1,377

246.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$12,091	$12,091	$12,091

246.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($3,348,992)	($3,348,992)	($3,348,992)

246.5 *Increase funds to offset the loss of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to continue representation in large multi-defendant cases.*

State General Funds	$6,211,926	$0	$0

246.6 *Increase funds to align Assistant Public Defender salaries to Assistant District Attorney salaries at the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council. (H and S:Increase funds to align Assistant Public Defender salaries to Assistant District Attorney salaries at the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council, effective January 1, 2027)*

State General Funds	$7,847,602	$7,000,820	$7,000,820

246.7 *Increase funds for four Assistant Public Defender positions for new judgeships in the Atlanta, Gwinnett, Middle, and Northeastern Judicial Circuits effective January 1, 2027. (S:Increase funds for three Assistant Public Defender positions for new judgeships in the Gwinnett, Middle, and Northeastern Judicial Circuits effective January 1, 2027)*

State General Funds		$414,987	$311,240

246.8 *Increase funds to set Circuit Public Defender salary to $175,000 effective January 1, 2027. (S:Increase funds to set Circuit Public Defender salary to $175,000 effective January 1, 2027 contingent upon Circuit Public Defender not receiving local supplemental pay)*

State General Funds		$1,519,394	$1,519,394

246.1000 Public Defenders			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assure that adequate and effective legal representation is provided, independently of political considerations or private interests, to indigent persons who are entitled to representation under this chapter; provided that staffing for circuits are based on O.C.G.A. 17-12; including providing representation to clients in cases where the Capital Defender or a circuit public defender has a conflict of interest.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$84,148,600	$79,024,273	$78,920,526
State General Funds	$84,148,600	$79,024,273	$78,920,526
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$43,000,000	$43,000,000	$43,000,000
Interest and Investment Income	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$41,500,000	$41,500,000	$41,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$41,500,000	$41,500,000	$41,500,000
Sales and Services	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$127,148,600	$122,024,273	$121,920,526

Section 38: Public Health, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$435,017,588	$435,017,588	$435,017,588
State General Funds	$402,752,216	$402,752,216	$402,752,216
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$13,864,628	$13,864,628	$13,864,628
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$2,010,871	$2,010,871	$2,010,871
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$16,389,873	$16,389,873	$16,389,873
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$482,967,325	$482,967,325	$482,967,325
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$440,878,507	$440,878,507	$440,878,507
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$17,179,690	$17,179,690	$17,179,690
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$4,567,734	$4,567,734	$4,567,734
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$19,231,702	$19,231,702	$19,231,702
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$502,000	$502,000	$502,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$502,000	$502,000	$502,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$14,679,702	$14,679,702	$14,679,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$14,679,702	$14,679,702	$14,679,702
Sales and Services	$4,050,000	$4,050,000	$4,050,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,050,000	$4,050,000	$4,050,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,341,375	$2,341,375	$2,341,375
State Funds Transfers	$870,141	$870,141	$870,141
Agency to Agency Contracts	$870,141	$870,141	$870,141
Agency Funds Transfers	$1,471,234	$1,471,234	$1,471,234

Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,471,234	$1,471,234	$1,471,234
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$939,557,990	$939,557,990	$939,557,990

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$422,994,650	$433,516,850	$425,934,650
State General Funds	$390,603,631	$401,125,831	$393,543,631
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$13,826,890	$13,826,890	$13,826,890
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$1,945,286	$1,945,286	$1,945,286
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$16,618,843	$16,618,843	$16,618,843
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$482,967,325	$482,967,325	$482,967,325
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$440,878,507	$440,878,507	$440,878,507
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$17,179,690	$17,179,690	$17,179,690
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$4,567,734	$4,567,734	$4,567,734
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$19,231,702	$19,231,702	$19,231,702
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$502,000	$502,000	$502,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$502,000	$502,000	$502,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$14,679,702	$14,679,702	$14,679,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$14,679,702	$14,679,702	$14,679,702
Sales and Services	$4,050,000	$4,050,000	$4,050,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,050,000	$4,050,000	$4,050,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,341,375	$2,341,375	$2,341,375
State Funds Transfers	$870,141	$870,141	$870,141
Agency to Agency Contracts	$870,141	$870,141	$870,141
Agency Funds Transfers	$1,471,234	$1,471,234	$1,471,234
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,471,234	$1,471,234	$1,471,234
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$927,535,052	$938,057,252	$930,475,052

Adolescent and Adult Health Promotion **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote the health and well-being of Georgians. Activities include preventing teenage pregnancies, tobacco use prevention, cancer screening and prevention, and family planning services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$25,194,276	$25,194,276	$25,194,276
State General Funds	$18,297,702	$18,297,702	$18,297,702
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,896,574	$6,896,574	$6,896,574
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$30,989,391	$30,989,391	$30,989,391
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$10,569,922	$10,569,922	$10,569,922
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$78,075	$78,075	$78,075
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000
State Funds Transfers	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$56,878,667	$56,878,667	$56,878,667

247.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($6,604)	($6,604)	($6,604)

247.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($5,008)	($5,008)	($5,008)

247.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($133,646)	($133,646)	($133,646)

247.4 *Increase funds to support critical personnel to stabilize services and maintain essential infusion and emergency care.*

State General Funds		$700,000	$700,000

247.5 *Increase funds and recognize existing funds ($1,752,413) for the Sickle Cell Foundation of Georgia.*

State General Funds		$561,000	$0

247.6 *Transfer funds from the Adolescent and Adult Health Promotion program to the Emergency Preparedness / Trauma System Improvement program for the Office of Cardiac Care.*

State General Funds		($508,590)	($508,590)

247.1000 Adolescent and Adult Health Promotion **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote the health and well-being of Georgians. Activities include preventing teenage pregnancies, tobacco use prevention, cancer screening and prevention, and family planning services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$25,049,018	$25,801,428	$25,240,428
State General Funds	$18,152,444	$18,904,854	$18,343,854
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,896,574	$6,896,574	$6,896,574
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$30,989,391	$30,989,391	$30,989,391
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$10,569,922	$10,569,922	$10,569,922
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$78,075	$78,075	$78,075
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000

Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000
State Funds Transfers	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$56,733,409	$57,485,819	$56,924,819

Adult Essential Health Treatment Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide treatment and services to low-income Georgians with cancer, and Georgians at risk of stroke or heart attacks.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,716,158	$6,716,158	$6,716,158
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,716,158	$6,716,158	$6,716,158
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$957,168	$957,168	$957,168
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$957,168	$957,168	$957,168
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,673,326	$7,673,326	$7,673,326

248.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

Tobacco Settlement Funds	($1,716)	($1,716)	($1,716)

248.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

Tobacco Settlement Funds	($1,286)	($1,286)	($1,286)

248.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

Tobacco Settlement Funds	($34,736)	($34,736)	($34,736)

248.1000 Adult Essential Health Treatment Services **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide treatment and services to low-income Georgians with cancer, and Georgians at risk of stroke or heart attacks.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,678,420	$6,678,420	$6,678,420
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,678,420	$6,678,420	$6,678,420
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$957,168	$957,168	$957,168
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$957,168	$957,168	$957,168
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,635,588	$7,635,588	$7,635,588

Departmental Administration (DPH) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$32,249,062	$32,249,062	$32,249,062
State General Funds	$32,117,267	$32,117,267	$32,117,267
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$131,795	$131,795	$131,795

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,814,613	$5,814,613	$5,814,613
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$4,606,000	$4,606,000	$4,606,000
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$1,208,613	$1,208,613	$1,208,613
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$230,000	$230,000	$230,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$230,000	$230,000	$230,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$230,000	$230,000	$230,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$38,293,675	$38,293,675	$38,293,675

249.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$4,134	$4,134	$4,134

249.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($84,116)	($84,116)	($84,116)

249.3 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($56,344)	($56,344)	($56,344)

249.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$24,933	$24,933	$24,933

249.5 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($1,702,245)	($1,702,245)	($1,702,245)

249.1000 Departmental Administration (DPH)			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$30,435,424	$30,435,424	$30,435,424
State General Funds	$30,303,629	$30,303,629	$30,303,629
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$131,795	$131,795	$131,795
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,814,613	$5,814,613	$5,814,613
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$4,606,000	$4,606,000	$4,606,000
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$1,208,613	$1,208,613	$1,208,613
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$230,000	$230,000	$230,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$230,000	$230,000	$230,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$230,000	$230,000	$230,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,480,037	$36,480,037	$36,480,037

Emergency Preparedness / Trauma System Improvement **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare for natural disasters, bioterrorism, and other emergencies, as well as improving the capacity of the state's trauma system.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,548,028	$6,548,028	$6,548,028
State General Funds	$6,548,028	$6,548,028	$6,548,028
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$35,111,108	$35,111,108	$35,111,108
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$34,386,808	$34,386,808	$34,386,808
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$724,300	$724,300	$724,300
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$460,141	$460,141	$460,141
State Funds Transfers	$460,141	$460,141	$460,141
Agency to Agency Contracts	$460,141	$460,141	$460,141
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$42,119,277	$42,119,277	$42,119,277

250.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($8,993)	($8,993)	($8,993)

250.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($8,449)	($8,449)	($8,449)

250.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($181,991)	($181,991)	($181,991)

250.4 *Transfer funds from the Adolescent and Adult Health Promotion program to the Emergency Preparedness / Trauma System Improvement program for the Office of Cardiac Care.*

State General Funds		$508,590	$508,590

250.5 *Increase funds for the Office of Cardiac Care for grants to hospitals.*

State General Funds		$2,000,000	$500,000

250.6 *Increase funds to sustain core clinical staff who operate the Trauma Recovery Center.*

State General Funds		$1,500,000	$0

250.998 *Transfer funds and positions from the Emergency Preparedness/Trauma System Improvement program to the Georgia Public Health Laboratory program.*

Federal Funds Not Itemized	($2,443,813)	($2,443,813)	($2,443,813)

250.1000 Emergency Preparedness / Trauma System Improvement **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare for natural disasters, bioterrorism, and other emergencies, as well as improving the capacity of the state's trauma system.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,348,595	$10,357,185	$7,357,185
State General Funds	$6,348,595	$10,357,185	$7,357,185
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$32,667,295	$32,667,295	$32,667,295
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$31,942,995	$31,942,995	$31,942,995
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$724,300	$724,300	$724,300

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$460,141	$460,141	$460,141
State Funds Transfers	$460,141	$460,141	$460,141
Agency to Agency Contracts	$460,141	$460,141	$460,141
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,476,031	$43,484,621	$40,484,621

Epidemiology **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor, investigate, and respond to disease, injury, and other events of public health concern.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,364,236	$8,364,236	$8,364,236
State General Funds	$8,244,135	$8,244,135	$8,244,135
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$120,101	$120,101	$120,101
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$15,459,874	$15,459,874	$15,459,874
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$15,459,874	$15,459,874	$15,459,874
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$23,824,110	$23,824,110	$23,824,110

251.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($7,185)	($7,185)	($7,185)

251.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($21,186)	($21,186)	($21,186)

251.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($145,392)	($145,392)	($145,392)

251.4 *Increase funds for the Coverdell Stroke Registry.*

State General Funds		$500,000	$100,000

251.5 *Increase funds for the Georgia Poison Center.*

State General Funds		$280,000	$140,000

251.998 *Transfer funds and positions from the Epidemiology program to the Georgia Public Health Laboratory program.*

State General Funds	($334,186)	($334,186)	($334,186)
Federal Funds Not Itemized	($1,676,329)	($1,676,329)	($1,676,329)
Total Public Funds:	($2,010,515)	($2,010,515)	($2,010,515)

251.1000 Epidemiology **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor, investigate, and respond to disease, injury, and other events of public health concern.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,856,287	$8,636,287	$8,096,287
State General Funds	$7,736,186	$8,516,186	$7,976,186
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$120,101	$120,101	$120,101

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$13,783,545	$13,783,545	$13,783,545
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$13,783,545	$13,783,545	$13,783,545
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,639,832	$22,419,832	$21,879,832

Georgia Public Health Laboratory **Continuation Budget**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

252.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($11,932)	($11,932)	($11,932)

252.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($30,165)	($30,165)	($30,165)

252.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($540,822)	($540,822)	($540,822)

252.998 *Transfer laboratory funds and positions from the Epidemiology program ($334,186), Infant and Child Essential Health Treatment Services program ($456,117), Infant and Child Health Promotion program ($10,239,731), Infectious Disease Control program ($10,997,494), Inspections and Environmental Hazard Control program ($831,259), and the Public Health Formula Grants to Counties program ($2,007,773) to establish the Georgia Public Health Laboratory program to consolidate statewide laboratory services, align program structure with agency responsibilities, and reduce administrative burden.*

State General Funds	$24,866,560	$24,866,560	$24,866,560
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,213,117	$6,213,117	$6,213,117
Total Public Funds:	$31,079,677	$31,079,677	$31,079,677

252.999 ***SAC****: The purpose of this appropriation is to support the state's public health laboratory program that conducts clinical and environmental testing, advances disease surveillance and emergency response capability, and provides reliable laboratory services to state and local public health partners.*
House*: The purpose of this appropriation is to support the state's public health laboratory program that conducts clinical and environmental testing, advances disease surveillance and emergency response capability, and provides reliable laboratory services to state and local public health partners.*
Governor*: The purpose of this appropriation is to support the state's public health laboratory program that conducts clinical and environmental testing, advances disease surveillance and emergency response capability, and provides reliable laboratory services to state and local public health partners.*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

252.1000 Georgia Public Health Laboratory **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the state's public health laboratory program that conducts clinical and environmental testing, advances disease surveillance and emergency response capability, and provides reliable laboratory services to state and local public health partners.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$24,283,641	$24,283,641	$24,283,641
State General Funds	$24,283,641	$24,283,641	$24,283,641
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$6,213,117	$6,213,117	$6,213,117
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,213,117	$6,213,117	$6,213,117
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$30,496,758	$30,496,758	$30,496,758

Immunization **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide immunization, consultation, training, assessment, vaccines, and technical assistance.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,499,795	$2,499,795	$2,499,795
State General Funds	$2,499,795	$2,499,795	$2,499,795
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,000,391	$11,000,391	$11,000,391
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,000,391	$11,000,391	$11,000,391
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$12,649,702	$12,649,702	$12,649,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$12,649,702	$12,649,702	$12,649,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$12,649,702	$12,649,702	$12,649,702
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$26,149,888	$26,149,888	$26,149,888

253.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($2,065)	($2,065)	($2,065)

253.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($1,133)	($1,133)	($1,133)

253.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($41,798)	($41,798)	($41,798)

253.1000 Immunization **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide immunization, consultation, training, assessment, vaccines, and technical assistance.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,454,799	$2,454,799	$2,454,799
State General Funds	$2,454,799	$2,454,799	$2,454,799
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,000,391	$11,000,391	$11,000,391
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,000,391	$11,000,391	$11,000,391
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$12,649,702	$12,649,702	$12,649,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$12,649,702	$12,649,702	$12,649,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$12,649,702	$12,649,702	$12,649,702
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$26,104,892	$26,104,892	$26,104,892

Infant and Child Essential Health Treatment Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to avoid unnecessary health problems in later life by providing comprehensive health services to infants and children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$35,235,681	$35,235,681	$35,235,681
State General Funds	$35,235,681	$35,235,681	$35,235,681
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$38,374,024	$38,374,024	$38,374,024
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$26,879,427	$26,879,427	$26,879,427
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$10,818,769	$10,818,769	$10,818,769
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$675,828	$675,828	$675,828
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,217,000	$1,217,000	$1,217,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$217,000	$217,000	$217,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$217,000	$217,000	$217,000
Sales and Services	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$74,826,705	$74,826,705	$74,826,705

254.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($5,018)	($5,018)	($5,018)

254.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($4,251)	($4,251)	($4,251)

254.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($93,429)	($93,429)	($93,429)

254.4 *Increase funds to expand the maternal home visiting program to an additional 21 counties to increase access to maternal fetal medicine in rural communities. (H:Increase funds to expand the maternal home visiting program to an additional 62 counties to increase access to maternal fetal medicine in rural communities)(S:Increase funds to expand the maternal home visiting program to an additional 31 counties to increase access to maternal fetal medicine in rural communities)*

State General Funds	$2,000,000	$6,981,200	$3,500,000

254.5 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage from 66.40% to 66.63%.*

State General Funds	($40,138)	($40,138)	($40,138)

254.998 *Transfer funds and positions from the Infant and Child Essential Health Treatment Services program to the Georgia Public Health Laboratory program.*

State General Funds	($456,117)	($456,117)	($456,117)

254.1000 Infant and Child Essential Health Treatment Services			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to avoid unnecessary health problems in later life by providing comprehensive health services to infants and children.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$36,636,728	$41,617,928	$38,136,728
State General Funds	$36,636,728	$41,617,928	$38,136,728
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$38,374,024	$38,374,024	$38,374,024

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$26,879,427	$26,879,427	$26,879,427
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$10,818,769	$10,818,769	$10,818,769
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$675,828	$675,828	$675,828
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,217,000	$1,217,000	$1,217,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$217,000	$217,000	$217,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$217,000	$217,000	$217,000
Sales and Services	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$76,227,752	$81,208,952	$77,727,752

Infant and Child Health Promotion **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote health and nutrition for infants and children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,630,765	$16,630,765	$16,630,765
State General Funds	$16,630,765	$16,630,765	$16,630,765
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$214,597,390	$214,597,390	$214,597,390
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$208,492,719	$208,492,719	$208,492,719
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$5,558,546	$5,558,546	$5,558,546
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$546,125	$546,125	$546,125
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$231,228,155	$231,228,155	$231,228,155

255.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($6,720)	($6,720)	($6,720)

255.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($9,903)	($9,903)	($9,903)

255.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($42,079)	($42,079)	($42,079)

255.998 *Transfer funds and positions from the Infant and Child Health Promotion program to the Georgia Public Health Laboratory program.*

State General Funds	($10,239,731)	($10,239,731)	($10,239,731)
Federal Funds Not Itemized	($321,975)	($321,975)	($321,975)
Total Public Funds:	($10,561,706)	($10,561,706)	($10,561,706)

255.1000 Infant and Child Health Promotion **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote health and nutrition for infants and children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,332,332	$6,332,332	$6,332,332
State General Funds	$6,332,332	$6,332,332	$6,332,332
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$214,275,415	$214,275,415	$214,275,415

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$208,170,744	$208,170,744	$208,170,744
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$5,558,546	$5,558,546	$5,558,546
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$546,125	$546,125	$546,125
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$220,607,747	$220,607,747	$220,607,747

Infectious Disease Control **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure quality prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, and other infectious diseases.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$46,149,968	$46,149,968	$46,149,968
State General Funds	$46,149,968	$46,149,968	$46,149,968
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$100,912,495	$100,912,495	$100,912,495
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$100,912,495	$100,912,495	$100,912,495
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$147,062,463	$147,062,463	$147,062,463

256.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($22,190)	($22,190)	($22,190)

256.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($32,003)	($32,003)	($32,003)

256.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($251,711)	($251,711)	($251,711)

256.998 *Transfer funds and positions from the Infectious Disease Control program to the Georgia Public Health Laboratory program.*

State General Funds	($10,997,494)	($10,997,494)	($10,997,494)
Federal Funds Not Itemized	($1,771,000)	($1,771,000)	($1,771,000)
Total Public Funds:	($12,768,494)	($12,768,494)	($12,768,494)

256.1000 Infectious Disease Control **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure quality prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, and other infectious diseases.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,846,570	$34,846,570	$34,846,570
State General Funds	$34,846,570	$34,846,570	$34,846,570
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$99,141,495	$99,141,495	$99,141,495
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$99,141,495	$99,141,495	$99,141,495
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$133,988,065	$133,988,065	$133,988,065

Inspections and Environmental Hazard Control		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to detect and prevent environmental hazards, as well as providing inspection and enforcement of health regulations for food service establishments, sewage management facilities, and swimming pools.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,088,599	$9,088,599	$9,088,599
State General Funds	$9,088,599	$9,088,599	$9,088,599
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,606,558	$4,606,558	$4,606,558
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,426,558	$3,426,558	$3,426,558
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$1,180,000	$1,180,000	$1,180,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000
Sales and Services	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,445,157	$14,445,157	$14,445,157
257.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*			
State General Funds	($13,234)	($13,234)	($13,234)
257.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*			
State General Funds	($13,198)	($13,198)	($13,198)
257.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*			
State General Funds	($267,805)	($267,805)	($267,805)
257.998 *Transfer funds from the Inspections and Environmental Hazard Control program to the Georgia Public Health Laboratory program.*			
State General Funds	($831,259)	($831,259)	($831,259)
257.1000 Inspections and Environmental Hazard Control			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to detect and prevent environmental hazards, as well as providing inspection and enforcement of health regulations for food service establishments, sewage management facilities, and swimming pools.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,963,103	$7,963,103	$7,963,103
State General Funds	$7,963,103	$7,963,103	$7,963,103
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,606,558	$4,606,558	$4,606,558
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,426,558	$3,426,558	$3,426,558
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$1,180,000	$1,180,000	$1,180,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000
Sales and Services	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,319,661	$13,319,661	$13,319,661

Public Health Formula Grants to Counties		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide general grant-in-aid to county boards of health delivering local public health services.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$210,308,336	$210,308,336	$210,308,336
State General Funds	$210,308,336	$210,308,336	$210,308,336
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$25,000,000	$25,000,000	$25,000,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$25,000,000	$25,000,000	$25,000,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$237,108,336	$237,108,336	$237,108,336
258.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*			
State General Funds	($497)	($497)	($497)
258.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*			
State General Funds	($208,323)	($208,323)	($208,323)
258.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*			
State General Funds	$45,679	$45,679	$45,679
258.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*			
State General Funds	($10,790,805)	($10,790,805)	($10,790,805)
258.998 *Transfer funds from the Public Health Formula Grants to Counties program to the Georgia Public Health Laboratory program.*			
State General Funds	($2,007,773)	($2,007,773)	($2,007,773)

258.1000 Public Health Formula Grants to Counties		**Appropriation (HB 974)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide general grant-in-aid to county boards of health delivering local public health services.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$197,346,617	$197,346,617	$197,346,617
State General Funds	$197,346,617	$197,346,617	$197,346,617
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$25,000,000	$25,000,000	$25,000,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$25,000,000	$25,000,000	$25,000,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$224,146,617	$224,146,617	$224,146,617

Vital Records		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to register, enter, archive and provide to the public in a timely manner vital records and associated documents.			

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,080,867	$5,080,867	$5,080,867
State General Funds	$5,080,867	$5,080,867	$5,080,867
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,300,000	$2,300,000	$2,300,000
Sales and Services	$2,300,000	$2,300,000	$2,300,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,300,000	$2,300,000	$2,300,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,380,867	$7,380,867	$7,380,867

259.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$130	$130	$130

259.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($10,110)	($10,110)	($10,110)

259.3 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($30,049)	($30,049)	($30,049)

259.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($204,595)	($204,595)	($204,595)

259.1000 Vital Records **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to register, enter, archive and provide to the public in a timely manner vital records and associated documents.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,836,243	$4,836,243	$4,836,243
State General Funds	$4,836,243	$4,836,243	$4,836,243
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,300,000	$2,300,000	$2,300,000
Sales and Services	$2,300,000	$2,300,000	$2,300,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,300,000	$2,300,000	$2,300,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,136,243	$7,136,243	$7,136,243

Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide disbursements from the Trust Fund to offset the costs of care and rehabilitative services to citizens of the state who have survived brain or spinal cord injuries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,010,871	$2,010,871	$2,010,871
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$2,010,871	$2,010,871	$2,010,871
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$144,313	$144,313	$144,313
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$144,313	$144,313	$144,313
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,155,184	$2,155,184	$2,155,184

260.1 *Reduce funds to reflect FY2025 collections of fines relating to driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs pursuant to O.C.G.A. 15-21-150.*

Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	($65,585)	($65,585)	($65,585)

260.1000 Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide disbursements from the Trust Fund to offset the costs of care and rehabilitative services to citizens of the state who have survived brain or spinal cord injuries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,945,286	$1,945,286	$1,945,286
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$1,945,286	$1,945,286	$1,945,286
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$144,313	$144,313	$144,313
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$144,313	$144,313	$144,313
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,089,599	$2,089,599	$2,089,599

Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to establish, maintain, and administer a trauma center network, to coordinate the best use of existing trauma facilities and to direct patients to the best available facility for treatment of traumatic injury and participate in the accountability mechanism for the entire Georgia trauma system, primarily overseeing the flow of funds for system improvement.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$28,940,946	$28,940,946	$28,940,946
State General Funds	$12,551,073	$12,551,073	$12,551,073
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$16,389,873	$16,389,873	$16,389,873
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,471,234	$1,471,234	$1,471,234
Agency Funds Transfers	$1,471,234	$1,471,234	$1,471,234
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,471,234	$1,471,234	$1,471,234
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$30,412,180	$30,412,180	$30,412,180

261.1 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($55,359)	($55,359)	($55,359)

261.2 *Increase funds for Trauma Care Network Trust Funds to reflect FY2025 Super Speeder Collections pursuant to HB511 (2021 Legislative Session).*

Trauma Care Trust Funds	$228,970	$228,970	$228,970

261.3 *Increase funds to reflect FY2025 drivers license reinstatement fees collection.*

State General Funds	$867,030	$867,030	$867,030

261.1000 Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to establish, maintain, and administer a trauma center network, to coordinate the best use of existing trauma facilities and to direct patients to the best available facility for treatment of traumatic injury and participate in the accountability mechanism for the entire Georgia trauma system, primarily overseeing the flow of funds for system improvement.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$29,981,587	$29,981,587	$29,981,587
State General Funds	$13,362,744	$13,362,744	$13,362,744
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$16,618,843	$16,618,843	$16,618,843
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,471,234	$1,471,234	$1,471,234
Agency Funds Transfers	$1,471,234	$1,471,234	$1,471,234
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,471,234	$1,471,234	$1,471,234
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$31,452,821	$31,452,821	$31,452,821

Section 39: Public Safety, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$256,072,312	$256,072,312	$256,072,312
State General Funds	$256,072,312	$256,072,312	$256,072,312
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$34,695,566	$34,695,566	$34,695,566
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$34,695,566	$34,695,566	$34,695,566
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$24,143,879	$24,143,879	$24,143,879
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,299,590	$2,299,590	$2,299,590
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,299,590	$2,299,590	$2,299,590
Sales and Services	$21,224,289	$21,224,289	$21,224,289
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$21,224,289	$21,224,289	$21,224,289
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,728,369	$1,728,369	$1,728,369
State Funds Transfers	$1,728,369	$1,728,369	$1,728,369
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
Agency to Agency Contracts	$520,786	$520,786	$520,786
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$316,640,126	$316,640,126	$316,640,126

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$248,671,211	$250,135,297	$250,480,081
State General Funds	$248,671,211	$250,135,297	$250,480,081
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$34,695,566	$34,695,566	$34,695,566
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$34,695,566	$34,695,566	$34,695,566
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$24,143,879	$24,143,879	$24,143,879
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,299,590	$2,299,590	$2,299,590
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,299,590	$2,299,590	$2,299,590
Sales and Services	$21,224,289	$21,224,289	$21,224,289
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$21,224,289	$21,224,289	$21,224,289
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,728,369	$1,728,369	$1,728,369

State Funds Transfers	$1,728,369	$1,728,369	$1,728,369
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
Agency to Agency Contracts	$520,786	$520,786	$520,786
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$309,239,025	$310,703,111	$311,047,895

Aviation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide aerial support for search and rescue missions and search and apprehension missions in criminal pursuits within the State of Georgia; to provide transport flights to conduct state business, for emergency medical transport, and to support local and federal agencies in public safety efforts with aerial surveillance and observation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,200,659	$5,200,659	$5,200,659
State General Funds	$5,200,659	$5,200,659	$5,200,659
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,200,659	$5,200,659	$5,200,659

262.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($550)	($550)	($550)

262.2 *Increase funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.*

State General Funds	$5,371	$5,371	$5,371

262.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$664	$664	$664

262.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($162,219)	($162,219)	($162,219)

262.1000 Aviation **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide aerial support for search and rescue missions and search and apprehension missions in criminal pursuits within the State of Georgia; to provide transport flights to conduct state business, for emergency medical transport, and to support local and federal agencies in public safety efforts with aerial surveillance and observation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,043,925	$5,043,925	$5,043,925
State General Funds	$5,043,925	$5,043,925	$5,043,925
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,043,925	$5,043,925	$5,043,925

Capitol Police Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect life and property in the Capitol Square area, enforce traffic regulations around the Capitol, monitor entrances of state buildings, screen packages and personal items of individuals entering state facilities, and provide general security for elected officials, government employees, and visitors to the Capitol.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077
Sales and Services	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
State Funds Transfers	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,612,660	$9,612,660	$9,612,660

263.1000 Capitol Police Services **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect life and property in the Capitol Square area, enforce traffic regulations around the Capitol, monitor entrances of state buildings, screen packages and personal items of individuals entering state facilities, and provide general security for elected officials, government employees, and visitors to the Capitol.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077
Sales and Services	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
State Funds Transfers	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,612,660	$9,612,660	$9,612,660

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide inspection, regulation, and enforcement for size, weight, and safety standards as well as traffic and criminal laws for commercial motor carriers, limousines, non-consensual tow trucks, household goods movers, all buses, and large passenger vehicles as well as providing High Occupancy Vehicle and High Occupancy Toll lane use restriction enforcement.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,175,493	$23,175,493	$23,175,493
State General Funds	$23,175,493	$23,175,493	$23,175,493
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,348,744	$11,348,744	$11,348,744
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,348,744	$11,348,744	$11,348,744
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$11,132,727	$11,132,727	$11,132,727
Intergovernmental Transfers	$370,923	$370,923	$370,923
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$370,923	$370,923	$370,923
Sales and Services	$10,761,804	$10,761,804	$10,761,804
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$10,761,804	$10,761,804	$10,761,804
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$45,656,964	$45,656,964	$45,656,964

264.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($2,137)	($2,137)	($2,137)

264.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($45,636)	($45,636)	($45,636)

264.3 *Increase funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.*

State General Funds	$56,422	$56,422	$56,422

264.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$8,139	$8,139	$8,139

264.5 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($630,336)	($630,336)	($630,336)

264.998 *Change the name of the Motor Carrier Compliance program to the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement program pursuant to HB116 (2025 Legislative Session). (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

264.1000 Commercial Vehicle Enforcement **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide inspection, regulation, and enforcement for size, weight, and safety standards as well as traffic and criminal laws for commercial motor carriers, limousines, non-consensual tow trucks, household goods movers, all buses, and large passenger vehicles as well as providing High Occupancy Vehicle and High Occupancy Toll lane use restriction enforcement.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$22,561,945	$22,561,945	$22,561,945
State General Funds	$22,561,945	$22,561,945	$22,561,945
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,348,744	$11,348,744	$11,348,744
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,348,744	$11,348,744	$11,348,744
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$11,132,727	$11,132,727	$11,132,727
Intergovernmental Transfers	$370,923	$370,923	$370,923
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$370,923	$370,923	$370,923
Sales and Services	$10,761,804	$10,761,804	$10,761,804
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$10,761,804	$10,761,804	$10,761,804
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$45,043,416	$45,043,416	$45,043,416

Departmental Administration (DPS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department and administratively attached agencies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,560,862	$10,560,862	$10,560,862
State General Funds	$10,560,862	$10,560,862	$10,560,862
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510

Sales and Services	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,564,372	$10,564,372	$10,564,372

265.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($1,477)	($1,477)	($1,477)

265.2 *Increase funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.*

State General Funds	$1,163	$1,163	$1,163

265.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$3,322	$3,322	$3,322

265.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($435,835)	($435,835)	($435,835)

265.1000 Departmental Administration (DPS)			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department and administratively attached agencies.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,128,035	$10,128,035	$10,128,035
State General Funds	$10,128,035	$10,128,035	$10,128,035
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510
Sales and Services	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,131,545	$10,131,545	$10,131,545

Field Offices and Services			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide enforcement for traffic and criminal laws through the Department of Public Safety's Uniform Division, and support a variety of specialized teams and offices, which include the Motorcycle Unit, Criminal Interdiction Unit, the Crisis Negotiations Team, the Special Projects Adjutant Office, Headquarters Adjutant Office, Special Investigations Office, the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Unit, and the Training Unit.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$161,998,462	$161,998,462	$161,998,462
State General Funds	$161,998,462	$161,998,462	$161,998,462
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,494,501	$2,494,501	$2,494,501
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,494,501	$2,494,501	$2,494,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$673,900	$673,900	$673,900
Sales and Services	$53,900	$53,900	$53,900
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$53,900	$53,900	$53,900
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786
State Funds Transfers	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786
Agency to Agency Contracts	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$165,542,649	$165,542,649	$165,542,649

266.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($23,175)	($23,175)	($23,175)

266.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($101,334)	($101,334)	($101,334)

266.3 *Increase funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.*

State General Funds	$634,385	$634,385	$634,385

266.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$43,189	$43,189	$43,189

266.5 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($6,836,391)	($6,836,391)	($6,836,391)

266.6 *Transfer funds from the Department of Public Safety to the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency for the protection of communities through the Nonprofit Security Grant program.*

State General Funds	($1,000,000)	($1,000,000)	($1,000,000)

266.7 *Increase funds for hardening and protection of patrol vehicles.*

State General Funds		$300,000	$300,000

266.8 *Transfer funds from the Field Offices and Services program to the Auxiliary Troopers program to recognize funding associated with auxiliary troopers.*

State General Funds			($770,258)

266.9 *Transfer funds from the Field Offices and Services program to the Law Enforcement Training program for Trainers for the Cadet School.*

State General Funds			($1,347,989)

266.1000 Field Offices and Services **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide enforcement for traffic and criminal laws through the Department of Public Safety's Uniform Division, and support a variety of specialized teams and offices, which include the Motorcycle Unit, Criminal Interdiction Unit, the Crisis Negotiations Team, the Special Projects Adjutant Office, Headquarters Adjutant Office, Special Investigations Office, the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Unit, and the Training Unit.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$154,715,136	$155,015,136	$152,896,889
State General Funds	$154,715,136	$155,015,136	$152,896,889
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,494,501	$2,494,501	$2,494,501

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,494,501	$2,494,501	$2,494,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$673,900	$673,900	$673,900
Sales and Services	$53,900	$53,900	$53,900
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$53,900	$53,900	$53,900
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786
State Funds Transfers	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786
Agency to Agency Contracts	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$158,259,323	$158,559,323	$156,441,076

Law Enforcement Training **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the training of State Troopers through Georgia State Patrol trooper schools.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,772,892	$9,772,892	$9,772,892
State General Funds	$9,772,892	$9,772,892	$9,772,892
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,772,892	$9,772,892	$9,772,892

267.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($1,245)	($1,245)	($1,245)

267.2 *Increase funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.*

State General Funds	$25,804	$25,804	$25,804

267.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$3,322	$3,322	$3,322

267.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($367,418)	($367,418)	($367,418)

267.5 *Transfer funds from the Field Offices and Services program to the Law Enforcement Training program for Trainers for the Cadet School.*

State General Funds			$1,347,989

267.1000 Law Enforcement Training **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the training of State Troopers through Georgia State Patrol trooper schools.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,433,355	$9,433,355	$10,781,344
State General Funds	$9,433,355	$9,433,355	$10,781,344
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,433,355	$9,433,355	$10,781,344

Office of Public Safety Officer Support **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide peer counselors and critical incident support services to requesting local and state public entities that employ public safety officers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,101,414	$2,101,414	$2,101,414
State General Funds	$2,101,414	$2,101,414	$2,101,414
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,101,414	$2,101,414	$2,101,414

268.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($348)	($348)	($348)

268.2 *Increase funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.*

State General Funds	$8,212	$8,212	$8,212

268.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$664	$664	$664

268.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($102,764)	($102,764)	($102,764)

268.1000 Office of Public Safety Officer Support **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide peer counselors and critical incident support services to requesting local and state public entities that employ public safety officers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,007,178	$2,007,178	$2,007,178
State General Funds	$2,007,178	$2,007,178	$2,007,178
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,007,178	$2,007,178	$2,007,178

Firefighter Standards and Training Council, Georgia **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide professionally trained, competent, and ethical firefighters with the proper equipment and facilities to ensure a fire-safe environment for Georgia citizens, and establish professional standards for fire service training including consulting, testing, and certification of Georgia firefighters.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,854,276	$1,854,276	$1,854,276
State General Funds	$1,854,276	$1,854,276	$1,854,276
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,854,276	$1,854,276	$1,854,276

269.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$4,395	$4,395	$4,395

269.2 *Increase funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.*

State General Funds	$1,536	$1,536	$1,536

269.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($81,628)	($81,628)	($81,628)

269.4 *Increase funds for a safety and compliance specialist in the metro area.*

State General Funds		$167,520	$167,520

269.1000 Firefighter Standards and Training Council, Georgia **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide professionally trained, competent, and ethical firefighters with the proper equipment and facilities to ensure a fire-safe environment for Georgia citizens, and establish professional standards for fire service training including consulting, testing, and certification of Georgia firefighters.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,778,579	$1,946,099	$1,946,099
State General Funds	$1,778,579	$1,946,099	$1,946,099
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,778,579	$1,946,099	$1,946,099

Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, Georgia **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to set standards for the law enforcement community; ensure adequate training at the highest level for all of Georgia's law enforcement officers and public safety professionals; and, certify individuals when all requirements are met. Investigate officers and public safety professionals when an allegation of unethical and/or illegal conduct is made, and sanction these individuals by disciplining officers and public safety professionals when necessary.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,322,125	$6,322,125	$6,322,125
State General Funds	$6,322,125	$6,322,125	$6,322,125
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,322,125	$6,322,125	$6,322,125

270.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$6,208	$6,208	$6,208

270.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($1,443)	($1,443)	($1,443)

270.3 *Increase funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.*

State General Funds	$13,152	$13,152	$13,152

270.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($266,616)	($266,616)	($266,616)

270.5 *Increase funds for rent at the Peace Officer Standards and Training Council Headquarters.*

State General Funds	$20,331	$20,331	$20,331

270.6 *Increase funds for security upgrades.*

State General Funds	$22,960	$22,960	$22,960

270.7 *Increase funds for a content management service.*

State General Funds	$15,587	$15,587	$15,587

270.8 *Eliminate funds for the one-time purchase of a cloud storage solution.*

State General Funds	($9,823)	($9,823)	($9,823)

270.9 *Increase funds for statutory training for the Chiefs of Police ($309,979) and Georgia Sheriffs Association ($325,000). (S:NO; Recognize funding for statutory training for the Chiefs of Police and Georgia Sheriffs Association in amended budgets)*

State General Funds		$634,989	$0

270.1000 Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, Georgia **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to set standards for the law enforcement community; ensure adequate training at the highest level for all of Georgia's law enforcement officers and public safety professionals; and, certify individuals when all requirements are met. Investigate officers and public safety professionals when an allegation of unethical and/or illegal conduct is made, and sanction these individuals by disciplining officers and public safety professionals when necessary.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,122,481	$6,757,470	$6,122,481
State General Funds	$6,122,481	$6,757,470	$6,122,481
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,122,481	$6,757,470	$6,122,481

Public Safety Training Center, Georgia **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop, deliver, and facilitate training that results in professional and competent public safety services for the people of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$30,741,590	$30,741,590	$30,741,590
State General Funds	$30,741,590	$30,741,590	$30,741,590
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,061,179	$1,061,179	$1,061,179
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,061,179	$1,061,179	$1,061,179
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,420,753	$3,420,753	$3,420,753
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,928,667	$1,928,667	$1,928,667
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,928,667	$1,928,667	$1,928,667
Sales and Services	$1,492,086	$1,492,086	$1,492,086
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,492,086	$1,492,086	$1,492,086
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$35,223,522	$35,223,522	$35,223,522

271.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$124,055	$124,055	$124,055

271.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$1,152	$1,152	$1,152

271.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($1,211,587)	($1,211,587)	($1,211,587)

271.4 *Increase funds for the new Metro Academy in Austell.*

State General Funds	$831,134	$831,134	$831,134

271.5 *Increase funds for rent at the Columbus Academy. (S:NO; Pursue other options in line with market rates)*

State General Funds	$14,025	$14,025	$0

271.6 *Increase funds for rent at the Tifton Academy.*

State General Funds	$41,072	$41,072	$41,072

271.7 *Increase funds for rent at the Rome Academy.*

State General Funds	$22,445	$22,445	$16,243

271.8 *Increase funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.*

State General Funds		$92,960	$92,960

271.9 *Increase funds for ongoing costs related to the statewide radio system.*

State General Funds		$97,500	$97,500

271.10 *Increase funds for officer training for at-risk adults following the passage of HB238 (2025 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds		$171,117	$171,117

271.1000 Public Safety Training Center, Georgia **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop, deliver, and facilitate training that results in professional and competent public safety services for the people of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$30,563,886	$30,925,463	$30,905,236
State General Funds	$30,563,886	$30,925,463	$30,905,236
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,061,179	$1,061,179	$1,061,179
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,061,179	$1,061,179	$1,061,179
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,420,753	$3,420,753	$3,420,753
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,928,667	$1,928,667	$1,928,667
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,928,667	$1,928,667	$1,928,667
Sales and Services	$1,492,086	$1,492,086	$1,492,086

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,492,086	$1,492,086	$1,492,086
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$35,045,818	$35,407,395	$35,387,168

Highway Safety, Office of **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to educate the public on highway safety issues, and facilitate the implementation of programs to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities on Georgia roadways.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$892,229	$892,229	$892,229
State General Funds	$892,229	$892,229	$892,229
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$19,791,142	$19,791,142	$19,791,142
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$19,791,142	$19,791,142	$19,791,142
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912
Sales and Services	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
State Funds Transfers	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,336,283	$21,336,283	$21,336,283

272.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$2,607	$2,607	$2,607

272.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($696)	($696)	($696)

272.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($33,436)	($33,436)	($33,436)

272.1000 Highway Safety, Office of **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to educate the public on highway safety issues, and facilitate the implementation of programs to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities on Georgia roadways.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$860,704	$860,704	$860,704
State General Funds	$860,704	$860,704	$860,704
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$19,791,142	$19,791,142	$19,791,142
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$19,791,142	$19,791,142	$19,791,142
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912
Sales and Services	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
State Funds Transfers	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000

Agency to Agency Contracts	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,304,758	$21,304,758	$21,304,758

Highway Safety, Office of: Georgia Driver's Education Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide driver's education grant scholarships for Georgia drivers ages 15-17 to help satisfy driver's education requirements and reduce motor vehicle crashes in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,452,310	$3,452,310	$3,452,310
State General Funds	$3,452,310	$3,452,310	$3,452,310
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,452,310	$3,452,310	$3,452,310

273.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,214	$1,214	$1,214

273.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($909)	($909)	($909)

273.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($15,571)	($15,571)	($15,571)

273.4 *Increase funds for driver's education and training in accordance with FY2025 Joshua's Law Collections.*

State General Funds	$2,018,943	$2,018,943	$2,018,943

273.1000 Highway Safety, Office of: Georgia Driver's Education Commission **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide driver's education grant scholarships for Georgia drivers ages 15-17 to help satisfy driver's education requirements and reduce motor vehicle crashes in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,455,987	$5,455,987	$5,455,987
State General Funds	$5,455,987	$5,455,987	$5,455,987
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,455,987	$5,455,987	$5,455,987

Auxiliary Troopers **Continuation Budget**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0
State General Funds	$0

502.1 *Transfer funds from the Field Offices and Services program to the Auxiliary Troopers program and increase funds to recognize funding associated with auxiliary troopers.*

State General Funds	$1,770,258

502.999 ***SAC****: The purpose of this appropriation is to utilize retired Georgia State Patrol Troopers to assist with departmental activities.*

State General Funds	$0

502.1000 Auxiliary Troopers	**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to utilize retired Georgia State Patrol Troopers to assist with departmental activities.	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,770,258
State General Funds	$1,770,258
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,770,258

Section 40: Public Service Commission

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,180,213	$13,180,213	$13,180,213
State General Funds	$13,180,213	$13,180,213	$13,180,213
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,411,313	$14,411,313	$14,411,313
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,577,274	$12,961,907	$12,845,021
State General Funds	$12,577,274	$12,961,907	$12,845,021
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,808,374	$14,193,007	$14,076,121

Commission Administration (PSC)		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist the Commissioners and staff in achieving the agency's goals.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,020,221	$2,020,221	$2,020,221
State General Funds	$2,020,221	$2,020,221	$2,020,221
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,020,221	$2,020,221	$2,020,221

274.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($2,383)	($2,383)	($2,383)

274.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$210	$210	$210

274.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$306	$306	$306

274.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($95,859)	($95,859)	($95,859)

274.5 *Increase funds for dedicated security at Commission meetings.*

State General Funds	$34,560	$34,560	$34,560

274.6 *Increase funds for one administrative assistant. (S:NO; Assign administrative assistants based on seniority)*

State General Funds		$91,886	$0

274.7 *Increase funds for rent and Department of Administrative Services (DOAS) premiums shortfall.*

State General Funds		$14,268	$14,268

274.1000 Commission Administration (PSC) **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist the Commissioners and staff in achieving the agency's goals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,957,055	$2,063,209	$1,971,323
State General Funds	$1,957,055	$2,063,209	$1,971,323
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,957,055	$2,063,209	$1,971,323

Facility Protection **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce state and federal regulations pertaining to buried utility facility infrastructure and to promote safety through training and inspections.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,914,149	$1,914,149	$1,914,149
State General Funds	$1,914,149	$1,914,149	$1,914,149
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,145,249	$3,145,249	$3,145,249

275.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($2,407)	($2,407)	($2,407)

275.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$446	$446	$446

275.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($96,831)	($96,831)	($96,831)

275.1000 Facility Protection **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce state and federal regulations pertaining to buried utility facility infrastructure and to promote safety through training and inspections.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,815,357	$1,815,357	$1,815,357
State General Funds	$1,815,357	$1,815,357	$1,815,357
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,046,457	$3,046,457	$3,046,457

Utilities Regulation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor the rates and service standards of electric, natural gas, and telecommunications companies, approve supply plans for electric and natural gas companies, monitor utility system and telecommunications network planning, arbitrate complaints among competitors, provide consumer protection and education, and certify competitive natural gas and telecommunications providers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,245,843	$9,245,843	$9,245,843
State General Funds	$9,245,843	$9,245,843	$9,245,843
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,245,843	$9,245,843	$9,245,843

276.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($10,753)	($10,753)	($10,753)

276.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$1,082	$1,082	$1,082

276.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$1,350	$1,350	$1,350

276.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($432,660)	($432,660)	($432,660)

276.5 *Increase funds for one engineer.*

State General Funds		$134,661	$134,661

276.6 *Increase funds for one financial analyst.*

State General Funds		$118,818	$118,818

276.7 *Increase funds for universal access fund auditing. (S:NO; This activity is funded by audit recipients)*

State General Funds		$25,000	$0

276.1000 Utilities Regulation **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor the rates and service standards of electric, natural gas, and telecommunications companies, approve supply plans for electric and natural gas companies, monitor utility system and telecommunications network planning, arbitrate complaints among competitors, provide consumer protection and education, and certify competitive natural gas and telecommunications providers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,804,862	$9,083,341	$9,058,341
State General Funds	$8,804,862	$9,083,341	$9,058,341
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,804,862	$9,083,341	$9,058,341

Section 41: Regents, University System of Georgia

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,600,383,387	$3,600,383,387	$3,600,383,387
State General Funds	$3,600,383,387	$3,600,383,387	$3,600,383,387
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,204,301,725	$2,204,301,725	$2,204,301,725
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,204,301,725	$2,204,301,725	$2,204,301,725
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,014,832,925	$5,014,832,925	$5,014,832,925
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,333,732,293	$1,333,732,293	$1,333,732,293
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$1,104,814,673	$1,104,814,673	$1,104,814,673
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$228,917,620	$228,917,620	$228,917,620
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$542,285,570	$542,285,570	$542,285,570
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$542,285,570	$542,285,570	$542,285,570
Sales and Services	$3,138,815,062	$3,138,815,062	$3,138,815,062
Record Center Storage Fees	$912,482	$912,482	$912,482
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$440,001,366	$440,001,366	$440,001,366
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$2,697,901,214	$2,697,901,214	$2,697,901,214
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,819,518,037	$10,819,518,037	$10,819,518,037

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,870,572,056	$3,878,498,362	$3,767,844,708
State General Funds	$3,870,572,056	$3,878,498,362	$3,767,844,708
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,204,301,725	$2,204,301,725	$2,204,301,725
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,204,301,725	$2,204,301,725	$2,204,301,725
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,014,832,925	$5,014,832,925	$5,014,832,925
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,333,732,293	$1,333,732,293	$1,333,732,293
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$1,104,814,673	$1,104,814,673	$1,104,814,673
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$228,917,620	$228,917,620	$228,917,620
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$542,285,570	$542,285,570	$542,285,570
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$542,285,570	$542,285,570	$542,285,570
Sales and Services	$3,138,815,062	$3,138,815,062	$3,138,815,062
Record Center Storage Fees	$912,482	$912,482	$912,482
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$440,001,366	$440,001,366	$440,001,366
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$2,697,901,214	$2,697,901,214	$2,697,901,214
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,089,706,706	$11,097,633,012	$10,986,979,358

Agricultural Experiment Station **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve production, processing, new product development, food safety, storage, and marketing to increase profitability and global competitiveness of Georgia's agribusiness.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$55,392,661	$55,392,661	$55,392,661
State General Funds	$55,392,661	$55,392,661	$55,392,661
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$46,453,199	$46,453,199	$46,453,199
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$46,453,199	$46,453,199	$46,453,199
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$38,020,201	$38,020,201	$38,020,201
Intergovernmental Transfers	$26,135,196	$26,135,196	$26,135,196
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$26,135,196	$26,135,196	$26,135,196
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$5,500,000	$5,500,000	$5,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$5,500,000	$5,500,000	$5,500,000
Sales and Services	$6,385,005	$6,385,005	$6,385,005
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,385,005	$6,385,005	$6,385,005
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$139,866,061	$139,866,061	$139,866,061

277.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$78,152	$78,152	$78,152

277.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$10,084	$10,084	$10,084

277.3 *Increase funds for two College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences faculty members and one staff position to support sustainable bioeconomy through the University of Georgia's Synthetic Biology initiative.*

State General Funds	$450,000	$450,000	$450,000

277.4 *Increase funds for one associate director position at the Institute for Integrative Precision Agriculture to lead extension outreach efforts.*

State General Funds	$250,000	$250,000	$0

277.5 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$456,640	$456,640	$456,640

277.6 *Increase funds to support the peanut breeding program at the University of Georgia. (S:Increase funds for one-time funding to support the peanut breeding program at the University of Georgia)*

State General Funds		$160,000	$80,000

277.7 *Contract with Department of Agriculture to address emerging pepper weevil threat. (S:YES)*

State General Funds			$0

277.1000 Agricultural Experiment Station			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to improve production, processing, new product development, food safety, storage, and marketing to increase profitability and global competitiveness of Georgia's agribusiness.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$56,637,537	$56,797,537	$56,467,537
State General Funds	$56,637,537	$56,797,537	$56,467,537
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$46,453,199	$46,453,199	$46,453,199
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$46,453,199	$46,453,199	$46,453,199
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$38,020,201	$38,020,201	$38,020,201
Intergovernmental Transfers	$26,135,196	$26,135,196	$26,135,196
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$26,135,196	$26,135,196	$26,135,196
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$5,500,000	$5,500,000	$5,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$5,500,000	$5,500,000	$5,500,000
Sales and Services	$6,385,005	$6,385,005	$6,385,005
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,385,005	$6,385,005	$6,385,005
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$141,110,937	$141,270,937	$140,940,937

Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories Contract			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide diagnostic services, disease research, and educational outreach for veterinarians and animal owners to ensure the safety of Georgia's food supply and the health of Georgia's production, equine, and companion animals.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$991,572	$991,572	$991,572
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$991,572	$991,572	$991,572
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,628,831	$8,628,831	$8,628,831
Intergovernmental Transfers	$633,428	$633,428	$633,428
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$633,428	$633,428	$633,428
Sales and Services	$7,995,403	$7,995,403	$7,995,403
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$7,995,403	$7,995,403	$7,995,403
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,620,403	$9,620,403	$9,620,403

278.1000 Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories Contract			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide diagnostic services, disease research, and educational outreach for veterinarians and animal owners to ensure the safety of Georgia's food supply and the health of Georgia's production, equine, and companion animals.			
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$991,572	$991,572	$991,572
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$991,572	$991,572	$991,572
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,628,831	$8,628,831	$8,628,831
Intergovernmental Transfers	$633,428	$633,428	$633,428
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$633,428	$633,428	$633,428

Sales and Services	$7,995,403	$7,995,403	$7,995,403
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$7,995,403	$7,995,403	$7,995,403
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,620,403	$9,620,403	$9,620,403

Cooperative Extension Service **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide training, educational programs, and outreach to Georgians in agricultural, horticultural, food, and family and consumer sciences, and to manage the 4-H youth program for the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,136,614	$52,136,614	$52,136,614
State General Funds	$52,136,614	$52,136,614	$52,136,614
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,140,781	$11,140,781	$11,140,781
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,140,781	$11,140,781	$11,140,781
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$29,713,277	$29,713,277	$29,713,277
Intergovernmental Transfers	$11,533,874	$11,533,874	$11,533,874
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$11,533,874	$11,533,874	$11,533,874
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$17,879,403	$17,879,403	$17,879,403
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$17,879,403	$17,879,403	$17,879,403
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$92,990,672	$92,990,672	$92,990,672

279.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$107,700	$107,700	$107,700

279.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$7,171	$7,171	$7,171

279.3 *Increase funds for five agriculture and natural resources county extension agents.*

State General Funds	$425,115	$345,115	$345,115

279.4 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$841,921	$841,921	$841,921

279.1000 Cooperative Extension Service **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide training, educational programs, and outreach to Georgians in agricultural, horticultural, food, and family and consumer sciences, and to manage the 4-H youth program for the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$53,518,521	$53,438,521	$53,438,521
State General Funds	$53,518,521	$53,438,521	$53,438,521
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,140,781	$11,140,781	$11,140,781
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,140,781	$11,140,781	$11,140,781

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$29,713,277	$29,713,277	$29,713,277
Intergovernmental Transfers	$11,533,874	$11,533,874	$11,533,874
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$11,533,874	$11,533,874	$11,533,874
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$17,879,403	$17,879,403	$17,879,403
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$17,879,403	$17,879,403	$17,879,403
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$94,372,579	$94,292,579	$94,292,579

Enterprise Innovation Institute **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to advise Georgia manufacturers, entrepreneurs, and government officials on best business practices and technology-driven economic development, and to provide the state share to federal incentive and assistance programs for entrepreneurs and innovative businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,089,185	$13,089,185	$13,089,185
State General Funds	$13,089,185	$13,089,185	$13,089,185
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,500,000	$12,500,000	$12,500,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,500,000	$12,500,000	$12,500,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,100,000	$6,100,000	$6,100,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,600,000	$1,600,000	$1,600,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,600,000	$1,600,000	$1,600,000
Sales and Services	$4,500,000	$4,500,000	$4,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,500,000	$4,500,000	$4,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$31,689,185	$31,689,185	$31,689,185

280.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$14,772	$14,772	$14,772

280.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$106	$106	$106

280.3 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$85,863	$85,863	$85,863

280.1000 Enterprise Innovation Institute **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to advise Georgia manufacturers, entrepreneurs, and government officials on best business practices and technology-driven economic development, and to provide the state share to federal incentive and assistance programs for entrepreneurs and innovative businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,189,926	$13,189,926	$13,189,926
State General Funds	$13,189,926	$13,189,926	$13,189,926
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,500,000	$12,500,000	$12,500,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,500,000	$12,500,000	$12,500,000

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,100,000	$6,100,000	$6,100,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,600,000	$1,600,000	$1,600,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,600,000	$1,600,000	$1,600,000
Sales and Services	$4,500,000	$4,500,000	$4,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,500,000	$4,500,000	$4,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$31,789,926	$31,789,926	$31,789,926

Forestry Cooperative Extension **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for faculty to support instruction and outreach about conservation and sustainable management of forests and other natural resources.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,131,781	$1,131,781	$1,131,781
State General Funds	$1,131,781	$1,131,781	$1,131,781
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,003,095	$1,003,095	$1,003,095
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,003,095	$1,003,095	$1,003,095
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,089,486	$1,089,486	$1,089,486
Intergovernmental Transfers	$759,486	$759,486	$759,486
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$759,486	$759,486	$759,486
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services	$180,000	$180,000	$180,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$180,000	$180,000	$180,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,224,362	$3,224,362	$3,224,362

281.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$1,971	$1,971	$1,971

281.2 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$16,294	$16,294	$16,294

281.1000 Forestry Cooperative Extension **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for faculty to support instruction and outreach about conservation and sustainable management of forests and other natural resources.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,150,046	$1,150,046	$1,150,046
State General Funds	$1,150,046	$1,150,046	$1,150,046
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,003,095	$1,003,095	$1,003,095
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,003,095	$1,003,095	$1,003,095
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,089,486	$1,089,486	$1,089,486
Intergovernmental Transfers	$759,486	$759,486	$759,486
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$759,486	$759,486	$759,486

Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services	$180,000	$180,000	$180,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$180,000	$180,000	$180,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,242,627	$3,242,627	$3,242,627

Forestry Research **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct research about economically and environmentally sound forest resources management and to assist non-industrial forest landowners and natural resources professionals in complying with state and federal regulations.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,302,080	$3,302,080	$3,302,080
State General Funds	$3,302,080	$3,302,080	$3,302,080
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,328,944	$5,328,944	$5,328,944
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,328,944	$5,328,944	$5,328,944
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$11,780,836	$11,780,836	$11,780,836
Intergovernmental Transfers	$9,421,056	$9,421,056	$9,421,056
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$9,421,056	$9,421,056	$9,421,056
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$728,575	$728,575	$728,575
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$728,575	$728,575	$728,575
Sales and Services	$1,631,205	$1,631,205	$1,631,205
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,631,205	$1,631,205	$1,631,205
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,411,860	$20,411,860	$20,411,860

282.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$4,178	$4,178	$4,178

282.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$491	$491	$491

282.3 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$35,847	$35,847	$35,847

282.1000 Forestry Research **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct research about economically and environmentally sound forest resources management and to assist non-industrial forest landowners and natural resources professionals in complying with state and federal regulations.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,342,596	$3,342,596	$3,342,596
State General Funds	$3,342,596	$3,342,596	$3,342,596
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,328,944	$5,328,944	$5,328,944
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,328,944	$5,328,944	$5,328,944
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$11,780,836	$11,780,836	$11,780,836

Intergovernmental Transfers	$9,421,056	$9,421,056	$9,421,056
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$9,421,056	$9,421,056	$9,421,056
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$728,575	$728,575	$728,575
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$728,575	$728,575	$728,575
Sales and Services	$1,631,205	$1,631,205	$1,631,205
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,631,205	$1,631,205	$1,631,205
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,452,376	$20,452,376	$20,452,376

Georgia Archives **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain the state's archives; document and interpret the history of the Georgia State Capitol building; and assist State Agencies with adequately documenting their activities, administering their records management programs, scheduling their records, and transferring their non-current records to the State Records Center.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,567,521	$4,567,521	$4,567,521
State General Funds	$4,567,521	$4,567,521	$4,567,521
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,176,115	$1,176,115	$1,176,115
Intergovernmental Transfers	$140,115	$140,115	$140,115
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$140,115	$140,115	$140,115
Sales and Services	$1,036,000	$1,036,000	$1,036,000
Record Center Storage Fees	$912,482	$912,482	$912,482
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$123,518	$123,518	$123,518
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,743,636	$5,743,636	$5,743,636

283.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$3,367	$3,367	$3,367

283.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$593	$593	$593

283.3 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$15,809	$15,809	$15,809

283.1000 Georgia Archives **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain the state's archives; document and interpret the history of the Georgia State Capitol building; and assist State Agencies with adequately documenting their activities, administering their records management programs, scheduling their records, and transferring their non-current records to the State Records Center.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,587,290	$4,587,290	$4,587,290
State General Funds	$4,587,290	$4,587,290	$4,587,290
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,176,115	$1,176,115	$1,176,115
Intergovernmental Transfers	$140,115	$140,115	$140,115

University System of Georgia Research Funds	$140,115	$140,115	$140,115
Sales and Services	$1,036,000	$1,036,000	$1,036,000
Record Center Storage Fees	$912,482	$912,482	$912,482
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$123,518	$123,518	$123,518
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,763,405	$5,763,405	$5,763,405

Georgia Cyber Innovation and Training Center **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance cybersecurity technology for private and public industries through unique education, training, research, and practical applications.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,013,318	$2,013,318	$2,013,318
State General Funds	$2,013,318	$2,013,318	$2,013,318
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$199,458	$199,458	$199,458
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$199,458	$199,458	$199,458
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,999,550	$1,999,550	$1,999,550
Intergovernmental Transfers	$194,560	$194,560	$194,560
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$194,560	$194,560	$194,560
Sales and Services	$1,804,990	$1,804,990	$1,804,990
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,804,990	$1,804,990	$1,804,990
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,212,326	$4,212,326	$4,212,326

284.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$4,560	$4,560	$4,560

284.2 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$21,451	$21,451	$21,451

284.1000 Georgia Cyber Innovation and Training Center **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance cybersecurity technology for private and public industries through unique education, training, research, and practical applications.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,039,329	$2,039,329	$2,039,329
State General Funds	$2,039,329	$2,039,329	$2,039,329
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$199,458	$199,458	$199,458
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$199,458	$199,458	$199,458
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,999,550	$1,999,550	$1,999,550
Intergovernmental Transfers	$194,560	$194,560	$194,560
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$194,560	$194,560	$194,560
Sales and Services	$1,804,990	$1,804,990	$1,804,990
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,804,990	$1,804,990	$1,804,990
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,238,337	$4,238,337	$4,238,337

Georgia Research Alliance		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to expand research and commercialization capacity in public and private universities in Georgia to launch new companies and create jobs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,138,976	$5,138,976	$5,138,976
State General Funds	$5,138,976	$5,138,976	$5,138,976
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,138,976	$5,138,976	$5,138,976
285.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*			
State General Funds	$960	$960	$960
285.2 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*			
State General Funds	$6,305	$6,305	$6,305
285.3 *Increase funds to provide additional funds to Georgia Research Alliance (GRA) member institutions and expand membership to two additional institutions.*			
State General Funds		$4,871,918	$3,671,918
285.4 *Increase funds for one-time state matching funds for three Eminent Scholar endowments. (S:Increase funds for one-time state matching funds for two Eminent Scholar endowments)*			
State General Funds		$3,000,000	$2,000,000

285.1000 Georgia Research Alliance			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to expand research and commercialization capacity in public and private universities in Georgia to launch new companies and create jobs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,146,241	$13,018,159	$10,818,159
State General Funds	$5,146,241	$13,018,159	$10,818,159
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,146,241	$13,018,159	$10,818,159

Georgia Tech Research Institute		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding to laboratories and research centers affiliated with the Georgia Institute of Technology whose scientific, engineering, industrial, or policy research promotes economic development, health, and safety in Georgia.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,534,889	$7,534,889	$7,534,889
State General Funds	$7,534,889	$7,534,889	$7,534,889
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$665,160,311	$665,160,311	$665,160,311
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$665,160,311	$665,160,311	$665,160,311
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$379,613,855	$379,613,855	$379,613,855
Intergovernmental Transfers	$17,955,922	$17,955,922	$17,955,922
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$17,955,922	$17,955,922	$17,955,922

Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$353,058,598	$353,058,598	$353,058,598
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$353,058,598	$353,058,598	$353,058,598
Sales and Services	$8,599,335	$8,599,335	$8,599,335
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,599,335	$8,599,335	$8,599,335
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,052,309,055	$1,052,309,055	$1,052,309,055

286.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$4,346	$4,346	$4,346

286.2 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$32,288	$32,288	$32,288

286.3 *Increase funds for research on post-harvest technology to support the peanut industry.*

State General Funds		$500,000	$500,000

286.4 *Transfer funds from the Office of Health Strategy and Coordination program to the University System of Georgia for the All Payer Claims Database and associated operations.*

State General Funds			$1,000,000

286.1000 Georgia Tech Research Institute **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding to laboratories and research centers affiliated with the Georgia Institute of Technology whose scientific, engineering, industrial, or policy research promotes economic development, health, and safety in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,571,523	$8,071,523	$9,071,523
State General Funds	$7,571,523	$8,071,523	$9,071,523
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$665,160,311	$665,160,311	$665,160,311
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$665,160,311	$665,160,311	$665,160,311
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$379,613,855	$379,613,855	$379,613,855
Intergovernmental Transfers	$17,955,922	$17,955,922	$17,955,922
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$17,955,922	$17,955,922	$17,955,922
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$353,058,598	$353,058,598	$353,058,598
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$353,058,598	$353,058,598	$353,058,598
Sales and Services	$8,599,335	$8,599,335	$8,599,335
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,599,335	$8,599,335	$8,599,335
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,052,345,689	$1,052,845,689	$1,053,845,689

Marine Institute **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support research on coastal processes involving the unique ecosystems of the Georgia coastline and to provide access and facilities for graduate and undergraduate classes to conduct field research on the Georgia coast.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,177,550	$1,177,550	$1,177,550
State General Funds	$1,177,550	$1,177,550	$1,177,550
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$461,183	$461,183	$461,183
Intergovernmental Transfers	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$93,333	$93,333	$93,333
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$93,333	$93,333	$93,333
Sales and Services	$67,850	$67,850	$67,850
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$67,850	$67,850	$67,850
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,638,733	$1,638,733	$1,638,733

287.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$1,952	$1,952	$1,952

287.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$655	$655	$655

287.3 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$9,433	$9,433	$9,433

287.1000 Marine Institute **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support research on coastal processes involving the unique ecosystems of the Georgia coastline and to provide access and facilities for graduate and undergraduate classes to conduct field research on the Georgia coast.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,189,590	$1,189,590	$1,189,590
State General Funds	$1,189,590	$1,189,590	$1,189,590
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$461,183	$461,183	$461,183
Intergovernmental Transfers	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$93,333	$93,333	$93,333
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$93,333	$93,333	$93,333
Sales and Services	$67,850	$67,850	$67,850
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$67,850	$67,850	$67,850
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,650,773	$1,650,773	$1,650,773

Marine Resources Extension Center **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund outreach, education, and research to enhance coastal environmental and economic sustainability.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,806,088	$1,806,088	$1,806,088
State General Funds	$1,806,088	$1,806,088	$1,806,088
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,278,001	$1,278,001	$1,278,001

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,278,001	$1,278,001	$1,278,001
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,921,999	$1,921,999	$1,921,999
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,121,999	$1,121,999	$1,121,999
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$1,121,999	$1,121,999	$1,121,999
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services	$650,000	$650,000	$650,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$650,000	$650,000	$650,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,006,088	$5,006,088	$5,006,088

288.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$4,320	$4,320	$4,320

288.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$590	$590	$590

288.3 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$24,008	$24,008	$24,008

288.1000 Marine Resources Extension Center **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund outreach, education, and research to enhance coastal environmental and economic sustainability.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,835,006	$1,835,006	$1,835,006
State General Funds	$1,835,006	$1,835,006	$1,835,006
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,278,001	$1,278,001	$1,278,001
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,278,001	$1,278,001	$1,278,001
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,921,999	$1,921,999	$1,921,999
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,121,999	$1,121,999	$1,121,999
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$1,121,999	$1,121,999	$1,121,999
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services	$650,000	$650,000	$650,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$650,000	$650,000	$650,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,035,006	$5,035,006	$5,035,006

Medical College of Georgia Hospital and Clinics **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support graduate medical education at the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University and provide patient care, including ambulatory, trauma, cancer, neonatal intensive, and emergency and express care.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$37,328,820	$37,328,820	$37,328,820
State General Funds	$37,328,820	$37,328,820	$37,328,820
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$37,328,820	$37,328,820	$37,328,820

289.1000 Medical College of Georgia Hospital and Clinics **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support graduate medical education at the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University and provide patient care, including ambulatory, trauma, cancer, neonatal intensive, and emergency and express care.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$37,328,820	$37,328,820	$37,328,820
State General Funds	$37,328,820	$37,328,820	$37,328,820
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$37,328,820	$37,328,820	$37,328,820

Public Libraries **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to award grants from the Public Library Fund, promote literacy, and provide library services that facilitate access to information for all Georgians regardless of geographic location or special needs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,671,821	$52,671,821	$52,671,821
State General Funds	$52,671,821	$52,671,821	$52,671,821
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,082,311	$4,082,311	$4,082,311
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$4,082,311	$4,082,311	$4,082,311
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$56,754,132	$56,754,132	$56,754,132

290.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$96,695	$96,695	$96,695

290.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$549	$549	$549

290.3 *Increase funds for the public libraries' formula based on an increase in the state population.*

State General Funds	$458,862	$458,862	$458,862

290.4 *Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in health insurance employer contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for certified school employees from $1,885 to $2,028 effective July 1, 2026. (H and S:Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member-per-month (PMPM) rate for eligible employees from $1,885 to $1,935 effective July 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	$483,912	$169,200	$169,200

290.5 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$23,955	$23,955	$23,955

290.6 *Increase funds for the Public Information Network for Electronic Services (PINES) program in order to lower the rising cost burden of providing increased access to library resources to residents throughout the state.*

State General Funds		$584,931	$584,931

290.1000 Public Libraries			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to award grants from the Public Library Fund, promote literacy, and provide library services that facilitate access to information for all Georgians regardless of geographic location or special needs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$53,735,794	$54,006,013	$54,006,013
State General Funds	$53,735,794	$54,006,013	$54,006,013
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,082,311	$4,082,311	$4,082,311
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$4,082,311	$4,082,311	$4,082,311
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$57,818,105	$58,088,324	$58,088,324
Public Service / Special Funding Initiatives		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund leadership, service, and education initiatives that require funding beyond what is provided by formula.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$35,567,095	$35,567,095	$35,567,095
State General Funds	$35,567,095	$35,567,095	$35,567,095
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$35,567,095	$35,567,095	$35,567,095

291.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$31,647	$31,647	$31,647

291.2 *Utilize existing funds ($375,000) and increase funds to establish the Institute of Civic Thought and Leadership at the Georgia Institute of Technology. (H:Recognize existing funds ($375,000) and increase funds to establish the Institute of Civic Thought and Leadership at the Georgia Institute of Technology (Total Funds: $1,750,000))(S:Utilize existing funds ($375,000) and increase funds to establish the Institute of Civic Thought and Leadership at the Georgia Institute of Technology)*

State General Funds	$2,805,000	$1,375,000	$2,805,000

291.3 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$217,974	$217,974	$217,974

291.4 *Increase funds to research polyfluoroalkyl substance (PFAS) removal and remediation.*

State General Funds		$200,000	$200,000

291.5 *Increase funds to establish an applied reading center that will design professional development programming for teachers and literacy coaches, to include assessment of competencies prior to professional learning and model teacher preparation programs.*

State General Funds			$5,500,000

291.6 *Reduce funds for next-generation battery lab at Georgia Institute of Technology.*

State General Funds			($500,000)

291.7 *Increase funds to strengthen research infrastructure and expand clinical trial capacity at the Georgia Cancer Center at Augusta University.*

State General Funds			$8,333,333

291.1000 Public Service / Special Funding Initiatives			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund leadership, service, and education initiatives that require funding beyond what is provided by formula.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$38,621,716	$37,391,716	$52,155,049
State General Funds	$38,621,716	$37,391,716	$52,155,049
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$38,621,716	$37,391,716	$52,155,049

Regents Central Office		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to institutions of the University System of Georgia and to fund membership in the Southern Regional Education Board.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,385,591	$11,385,591	$11,385,591
State General Funds	$11,385,591	$11,385,591	$11,385,591
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
Sales and Services	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,705,591	$11,705,591	$11,705,591

292.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$8,206	$8,206	$8,206

292.2 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$35,317	$35,317	$35,317

292.3 *Increase funds to support increased costs of the Georgia Library Learning Online (GALILEO) system.*

State General Funds		$350,000	$243,035

292.4 *Transfer funds from the Governor's Office of Student Achievement to the University System of Georgia Board of Regents for state participation in regional crisis recovery network at the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) to support student mental health, to be included with SREB payments.*

State General Funds		$10,000	$10,000

292.5 *Increase funds for SREB slots in out-of-state optometry programs.*

State General Funds		$42,135	$32,135

292.1000 Regents Central Office			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to institutions of the University System of Georgia and to fund membership in the Southern Regional Education Board.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,429,114	$11,831,249	$11,714,284
State General Funds	$11,429,114	$11,831,249	$11,714,284
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000

Sales and Services	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,749,114	$12,151,249	$12,034,284

Skidaway Institute of Oceanography **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund research and educational programs regarding marine and ocean science and aquatic environments.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,423,225	$3,423,225	$3,423,225
State General Funds	$3,423,225	$3,423,225	$3,423,225
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,811,440	$3,811,440	$3,811,440
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,811,440	$3,811,440	$3,811,440
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,061,472	$3,061,472	$3,061,472
Intergovernmental Transfers	$939,180	$939,180	$939,180
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$939,180	$939,180	$939,180
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
Sales and Services	$1,572,292	$1,572,292	$1,572,292
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,572,292	$1,572,292	$1,572,292
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,296,137	$10,296,137	$10,296,137

293.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$2,823	$2,823	$2,823

293.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,043	$1,043	$1,043

293.3 *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for a dock electrical supply line replacement.*

State General Funds	($193,072)	($193,072)	($193,072)

293.4 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$14,343	$14,343	$14,343

293.1000 Skidaway Institute of Oceanography **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund research and educational programs regarding marine and ocean science and aquatic environments.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,248,362	$3,248,362	$3,248,362
State General Funds	$3,248,362	$3,248,362	$3,248,362
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,811,440	$3,811,440	$3,811,440
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,811,440	$3,811,440	$3,811,440
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,061,472	$3,061,472	$3,061,472
Intergovernmental Transfers	$939,180	$939,180	$939,180

University System of Georgia Research Funds	$939,180	$939,180	$939,180
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
Sales and Services	$1,572,292	$1,572,292	$1,572,292
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,572,292	$1,572,292	$1,572,292
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,121,274	$10,121,274	$10,121,274

Teaching **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds to the Board of Regents for annual allocations to University System of Georgia institutions for student instruction and to establish and operate other initiatives that promote, support, or extend student learning.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,282,472,916	$3,282,472,916	$3,282,472,916
State General Funds	$3,282,472,916	$3,282,472,916	$3,282,472,916
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,451,294,435	$1,451,294,435	$1,451,294,435
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,451,294,435	$1,451,294,435	$1,451,294,435
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,494,754,298	$4,494,754,298	$4,494,754,298
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,262,405,655	$1,262,405,655	$1,262,405,655
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$1,033,488,035	$1,033,488,035	$1,033,488,035
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$228,917,620	$228,917,620	$228,917,620
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$180,155,064	$180,155,064	$180,155,064
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$180,155,064	$180,155,064	$180,155,064
Sales and Services	$3,052,193,579	$3,052,193,579	$3,052,193,579
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$354,292,365	$354,292,365	$354,292,365
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$2,697,901,214	$2,697,901,214	$2,697,901,214
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,228,521,649	$9,228,521,649	$9,228,521,649

294.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$4,063,949	$4,063,949	$4,063,949

294.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$939,181	$939,181	$939,181

294.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$133,554	$133,554	$133,554

294.4 *Increase funds to reflect a 4.95% increase in enrollment ($216,513,365) and a 0.56% increase in square footage ($2,096,877).*

State General Funds	$218,610,242	$218,610,242	$218,610,242

294.5 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$34,964,011	$34,964,011	$34,964,011

294.6 *Eliminate funds for start-up funding for Augusta University and Georgia Southern University medical school expansion.*

State General Funds	($4,692,816)	($4,692,816)	($4,692,816)

294.7 *Increase funds for advance funding for the University of Georgia School of Medicine based on Group 5 credit hour earnings.*

State General Funds	$9,548,154	$9,548,154	$9,548,154

294.8 *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for Georgia Capitol history publication. (H:NO; Maintain funds for publications)(S:Eliminate funds for one-time funding for Georgia Capitol history publication)*

State General Funds	($125,000)	$0	($125,000)

294.9 *Reduce funds for campus coordinators to reflect consolidation of East Georgia State College and Georgia Southern University.*

State General Funds	($179,134)

294.10 *Reduce funds to reflect increased credit hour productivity for online courses.*

State General Funds	($123,466,317)

294.1000 Teaching			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds to the Board of Regents for annual allocations to University System of Georgia institutions for student instruction and to establish and operate other initiatives that promote, support, or extend student learning.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,545,914,191	$3,546,039,191	$3,422,268,740
State General Funds	$3,545,914,191	$3,546,039,191	$3,422,268,740
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,451,294,435	$1,451,294,435	$1,451,294,435
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,451,294,435	$1,451,294,435	$1,451,294,435
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,494,754,298	$4,494,754,298	$4,494,754,298
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,262,405,655	$1,262,405,655	$1,262,405,655
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$1,033,488,035	$1,033,488,035	$1,033,488,035
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$228,917,620	$228,917,620	$228,917,620
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$180,155,064	$180,155,064	$180,155,064
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$180,155,064	$180,155,064	$180,155,064
Sales and Services	$3,052,193,579	$3,052,193,579	$3,052,193,579
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$354,292,365	$354,292,365	$354,292,365
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$2,697,901,214	$2,697,901,214	$2,697,901,214
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,491,962,924	$9,492,087,924	$9,368,317,473

Veterinary Medicine Experiment Station			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and conduct research at the University of Georgia on animal disease problems of present and potential concern to Georgia's livestock and poultry industries and to provide training and education in disease research, surveillance, and intervention.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,346,504	$5,346,504	$5,346,504
State General Funds	$5,346,504	$5,346,504	$5,346,504

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,058,178	$1,058,178	$1,058,178
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,058,178	$1,058,178	$1,058,178
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,191,822	$2,191,822	$2,191,822
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,191,822	$2,191,822	$2,191,822
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$2,191,822	$2,191,822	$2,191,822
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,596,504	$8,596,504	$8,596,504

295.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$7,007	$7,007	$7,007

295.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$274	$274	$274

295.3 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$42,582	$42,582	$42,582

295.1000 Veterinary Medicine Experiment Station **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and conduct research at the University of Georgia on animal disease problems of present and potential concern to Georgia's livestock and poultry industries and to provide training and education in disease research, surveillance, and intervention.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,396,367	$5,396,367	$5,396,367
State General Funds	$5,396,367	$5,396,367	$5,396,367
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,058,178	$1,058,178	$1,058,178
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,058,178	$1,058,178	$1,058,178
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,191,822	$2,191,822	$2,191,822
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,191,822	$2,191,822	$2,191,822
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$2,191,822	$2,191,822	$2,191,822
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,646,367	$8,646,367	$8,646,367

Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide clinical instruction for veterinary medicine students, support research that enhances the health and welfare of production and companion animals in Georgia, and address the shortage of veterinarians in Georgia and the nation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$600,851	$600,851	$600,851
State General Funds	$600,851	$600,851	$600,851
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$34,000,000	$34,000,000	$34,000,000
Sales and Services	$34,000,000	$34,000,000	$34,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$34,000,000	$34,000,000	$34,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$34,600,851	$34,600,851	$34,600,851

296.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$1,755	$1,755	$1,755

296.2 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$5,221	$5,221	$5,221

296.1000 Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide clinical instruction for veterinary medicine students, support research that enhances the health and welfare of production and companion animals in Georgia, and address the shortage of veterinarians in Georgia and the nation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$607,827	$607,827	$607,827
State General Funds	$607,827	$607,827	$607,827
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$34,000,000	$34,000,000	$34,000,000
Sales and Services	$34,000,000	$34,000,000	$34,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$34,000,000	$34,000,000	$34,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$34,607,827	$34,607,827	$34,607,827

Payments to Georgia Commission on the Holocaust **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to teach the lessons of the Holocaust to present and future generations of Georgians in order to create an awareness of the enormity of the crimes of prejudice and inhumanity.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$627,460	$627,460	$627,460
State General Funds	$627,460	$627,460	$627,460
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$627,460	$627,460	$627,460

297.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$3,352	$3,352	$3,352

297.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$701	$701	$701

297.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($22,329)	($22,329)	($22,329)

297.1000 Payments to Georgia Commission on the Holocaust **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to teach the lessons of the Holocaust to present and future generations of Georgians in order to create an awareness of the enormity of the crimes of prejudice and inhumanity.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$609,184	$609,184	$609,184
State General Funds	$609,184	$609,184	$609,184
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$609,184	$609,184	$609,184

Payments to Georgia Military College Junior Military College		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for Georgia Military College's Junior Military College and pooled expenses.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,939,264	$3,939,264	$3,939,264
State General Funds	$3,939,264	$3,939,264	$3,939,264
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,939,264	$3,939,264	$3,939,264
298.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*			
State General Funds	$11,478	$11,478	$11,478
298.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*			
State General Funds	$123	$123	$123
298.3 *Increase funds to reflect an increase in health insurance employer contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate from $1,885 to $2,028 effective July 1, 2026. (H and S:Increase funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member-per-month (PMPM) rate for eligible employees from $1,885 to $1,935 effective July 1, 2026)*			
State General Funds	$41,703	$14,581	$14,581

298.1000 Payments to Georgia Military College Junior Military College			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for Georgia Military College's Junior Military College and pooled expenses.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,992,568	$3,965,446	$3,965,446
State General Funds	$3,992,568	$3,965,446	$3,965,446
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,992,568	$3,965,446	$3,965,446

Payments to Georgia Military College Preparatory School		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide quality basic education funding for grades kindergarten through twelve at Georgia Military College's Preparatory School.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,457,184	$6,457,184	$6,457,184
State General Funds	$6,457,184	$6,457,184	$6,457,184
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,457,184	$6,457,184	$6,457,184
299.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*			
State General Funds	$15,251	$15,251	$15,680
299.2 *Increase formula funds for enrollment, training, and experience.*			
State General Funds	$28,713	$28,713	$28,713

299.3 *Increase funds to reflect an increase in health insurance employer contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for certified school employees from $1,885 to $2,028 effective July 1, 2026. (H and S:Increase funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member-per-month (PMPM) rate for eligible employees from $1,885 to $1,935 effective July 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	$101,244	$35,400	$35,400

299.1000 Payments to Georgia Military College Preparatory School **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide quality basic education funding for grades kindergarten through twelve at Georgia Military College's Preparatory School.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,602,392	$6,536,548	$6,536,977
State General Funds	$6,602,392	$6,536,548	$6,536,977
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,602,392	$6,536,548	$6,536,977

Payments to Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to create, produce, and distribute high quality programs and services that educate, inform, and entertain audiences, and enrich the quality of their lives.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,271,993	$13,271,993	$13,271,993
State General Funds	$13,271,993	$13,271,993	$13,271,993
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,271,993	$13,271,993	$13,271,993

300.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$34,868	$34,868	$34,868

300.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$1,036	$1,036	$1,036

300.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$8,487	$8,487	$8,487

300.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($438,268)	($438,268)	($438,268)

300.1000 Payments to Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to create, produce, and distribute high quality programs and services that educate, inform, and entertain audiences, and enrich the quality of their lives.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,878,116	$12,878,116	$12,878,116
State General Funds	$12,878,116	$12,878,116	$12,878,116
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,878,116	$12,878,116	$12,878,116

Section 42: Revenue, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$243,463,186	$243,463,186	$243,463,186
State General Funds	$240,354,432	$240,354,432	$240,354,432
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$433,783	$433,783	$433,783
Fireworks Trust Funds	$2,674,971	$2,674,971	$2,674,971
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,058,059	$1,058,059	$1,058,059
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$687,912	$687,912	$687,912
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671
Sales and Services	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$246,768,916	$246,768,916	$246,768,916

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$220,587,439	$221,587,439	$221,587,439
State General Funds	$217,513,020	$218,513,020	$218,513,020
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$433,783	$433,783	$433,783
Fireworks Trust Funds	$2,640,636	$2,640,636	$2,640,636
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,058,059	$1,058,059	$1,058,059
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$687,912	$687,912	$687,912
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671
Sales and Services	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$223,893,169	$224,893,169	$224,893,169

Departmental Administration (DOR) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer and enforce the tax laws of the State of Georgia and provide general support services to the operating programs of the Department of Revenue.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,348,537	$14,348,537	$14,348,537
State General Funds	$14,348,537	$14,348,537	$14,348,537
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,348,537	$14,348,537	$14,348,537

301.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($32,416)	($32,416)	($32,416)

301.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($36,409)	($36,409)	($36,409)

301.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$2,120	$2,120	$2,120

301.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($542,501)	($542,501)	($542,501)

301.1000 Departmental Administration (DOR) **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer and enforce the tax laws of the State of Georgia and provide general support services to the operating programs of the Department of Revenue.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,739,331	$13,739,331	$13,739,331
State General Funds	$13,739,331	$13,739,331	$13,739,331
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,739,331	$13,739,331	$13,739,331

Forestland Protection Grants **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide reimbursement for forestland conservation use property and qualified timberland property to counties, municipalities, and school districts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$33,989,695	$33,989,695	$33,989,695
State General Funds	$33,989,695	$33,989,695	$33,989,695
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$33,989,695	$33,989,695	$33,989,695

302.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($2,725)	($2,725)	($2,725)

302.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($45,599)	($45,599)	($45,599)

302.3 *Increase funds based on projected expenditures to avoid a shortfall.*

State General Funds		$1,000,000	$1,000,000

302.1000 Forestland Protection Grants **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide reimbursement for forestland conservation use property and qualified timberland property to counties, municipalities, and school districts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$33,941,371	$34,941,371	$34,941,371
State General Funds	$33,941,371	$34,941,371	$34,941,371
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$33,941,371	$34,941,371	$34,941,371

Industry Regulation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of the distribution, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages and tobacco products.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,921,056	$9,921,056	$9,921,056
State General Funds	$9,487,273	$9,487,273	$9,487,273
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$433,783	$433,783	$433,783
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887
Sales and Services	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,777,090	$10,777,090	$10,777,090

303.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($22,406)	($22,406)	($22,406)

303.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($34,341)	($34,341)	($34,341)

303.3 *Increase funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.*

State General Funds	$26,197	$26,197	$26,197

303.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$1,446	$1,446	$1,446

303.5 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($374,980)	($374,980)	($374,980)

303.1000 Industry Regulation **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of the distribution, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages and tobacco products.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,516,972	$9,516,972	$9,516,972
State General Funds	$9,083,189	$9,083,189	$9,083,189
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$433,783	$433,783	$433,783
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887
Sales and Services	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,373,006	$10,373,006	$10,373,006

Local Government Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local tax officials with the administration of state tax laws and administer the unclaimed property unit.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$24,537,013	$24,537,013	$24,537,013
State General Funds	$21,862,042	$21,862,042	$21,862,042
Fireworks Trust Funds	$2,674,971	$2,674,971	$2,674,971
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000
Sales and Services	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,957,013	$24,957,013	$24,957,013

304.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($9,386)	($9,386)	($9,386)

304.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($10,995)	($10,995)	($10,995)

304.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$927	$927	$927

304.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($157,083)	($157,083)	($157,083)

304.5 *Reduce funds for the Fireworks Trust Fund to reflect FY2025 collections of Fireworks Excise Tax pursuant to HB511 (2021 Legislative Session).*

Fireworks Trust Funds	($34,335)	($34,335)	($34,335)

304.6 *Eliminate funds for local reimbursement for a one-time timber severance tax pursuant to the passage of HB223 (2025 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	($17,300,000)	($17,300,000)	($17,300,000)

304.1000 Local Government Services **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local tax officials with the administration of state tax laws and administer the unclaimed property unit.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,026,141	$7,026,141	$7,026,141
State General Funds	$4,385,505	$4,385,505	$4,385,505
Fireworks Trust Funds	$2,640,636	$2,640,636	$2,640,636
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000
Sales and Services	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,446,141	$7,446,141	$7,446,141

Local Tax Officials Retirement and FICA **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide state retirement benefits and employer share of FICA to local tax officials.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,169,007	$9,169,007	$9,169,007
State General Funds	$9,169,007	$9,169,007	$9,169,007
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,169,007	$9,169,007	$9,169,007

305.1000 Local Tax Officials Retirement and FICA **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide state retirement benefits and employer share of FICA to local tax officials.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,169,007	$9,169,007	$9,169,007
State General Funds	$9,169,007	$9,169,007	$9,169,007
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,169,007	$9,169,007	$9,169,007

Motor Vehicle Registration and Titling **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to establish motor vehicle ownership by maintaining title and registration records and validate rebuilt vehicles for road-worthiness for new title issuance.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$46,275,032	$46,275,032	$46,275,032
State General Funds	$46,275,032	$46,275,032	$46,275,032
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$46,275,032	$46,275,032	$46,275,032

306.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($34,545)	($34,545)	($34,545)

306.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($193,524)	($193,524)	($193,524)

306.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$6,113	$6,113	$6,113

306.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($578,132)	($578,132)	($578,132)

306.5 *Increase funds for the maintenance and support of the Driver Record and Integrated Vehicle Enterprise System (DRIVES).*

State General Funds	$213,815	$213,815	$213,815

306.6 *Increase funds to reflect an increase in postage for motor vehicle registration and licensing production.*

State General Funds	$102,546	$102,546	$102,546

306.1000 Motor Vehicle Registration and Titling **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to establish motor vehicle ownership by maintaining title and registration records and validate rebuilt vehicles for road-worthiness for new title issuance.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$45,791,305	$45,791,305	$45,791,305
State General Funds	$45,791,305	$45,791,305	$45,791,305
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$45,791,305	$45,791,305	$45,791,305

Office of Special Investigations **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate fraudulent taxpayer and criminal activities involving department efforts; and conduct checkpoints in areas where reports indicate the use of dyed fuels in on-road vehicles.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,984,179	$5,984,179	$5,984,179
State General Funds	$5,984,179	$5,984,179	$5,984,179
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$416,081	$416,081	$416,081
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$416,081	$416,081	$416,081
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,400,260	$6,400,260	$6,400,260

307.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($8,885)	($8,885)	($8,885)

307.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($18,697)	($18,697)	($18,697)

307.3 *Increase funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.*

State General Funds	$10,825	$10,825	$10,825

307.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$798	$798	$798

307.5 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($148,700)	($148,700)	($148,700)

307.1000 Office of Special Investigations **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate fraudulent taxpayer and criminal activities involving department efforts; and conduct checkpoints in areas where reports indicate the use of dyed fuels in on-road vehicles.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,819,520	$5,819,520	$5,819,520
State General Funds	$5,819,520	$5,819,520	$5,819,520
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$416,081	$416,081	$416,081
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$416,081	$416,081	$416,081
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,235,601	$6,235,601	$6,235,601

Tax Compliance		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to audit tax accounts, ensure compliance, and collect on delinquent accounts.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$66,839,660	$66,839,660	$66,839,660
State General Funds	$66,839,660	$66,839,660	$66,839,660
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784
Sales and Services	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$68,181,444	$68,181,444	$68,181,444
308.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*			
State General Funds	($131,221)	($131,221)	($131,221)
308.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*			
State General Funds	($250,489)	($250,489)	($250,489)
308.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*			
State General Funds	$10,072	$10,072	$10,072
308.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*			
State General Funds	($2,196,015)	($2,196,015)	($2,196,015)
308.5 *Increase funds for the maintenance and support of the Integrated Tax System (ITS).*			
State General Funds	$225,128	$225,128	$225,128

308.1000 Tax Compliance			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to audit tax accounts, ensure compliance, and collect on delinquent accounts.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$64,497,135	$64,497,135	$64,497,135
State General Funds	$64,497,135	$64,497,135	$64,497,135
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784
Sales and Services	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$65,838,919	$65,838,919	$65,838,919

Tax Policy		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct all administrative appeals of tax assessments; draft regulations for taxes collected by the department; support the State Board of Equalization; and draft letter rulings and provide research and analysis related to all tax law and policy inquiries.			

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,866,429	$4,866,429	$4,866,429
State General Funds	$4,866,429	$4,866,429	$4,866,429
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,866,429	$4,866,429	$4,866,429

309.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($11,715)	($11,715)	($11,715)

309.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($9,491)	($9,491)	($9,491)

309.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$789	$789	$789

309.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($196,047)	($196,047)	($196,047)

309.1000 Tax Policy **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct all administrative appeals of tax assessments; draft regulations for taxes collected by the department; support the State Board of Equalization; and draft letter rulings and provide research and analysis related to all tax law and policy inquiries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,649,965	$4,649,965	$4,649,965
State General Funds	$4,649,965	$4,649,965	$4,649,965
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,649,965	$4,649,965	$4,649,965

Taxpayer Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that all tax payments are processed in accordance with the law; that all returns are reviewed and taxpayer information is recorded accurately; to provide assistance to customer inquiries about the administration of individual income tax, sales and use tax, withholding tax, corporate tax, motor fuel and motor carrier taxes, and all registration functions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,532,578	$27,532,578	$27,532,578
State General Funds	$27,532,578	$27,532,578	$27,532,578
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$271,831	$271,831	$271,831
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$271,831	$271,831	$271,831
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,804,409	$27,804,409	$27,804,409

310.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($55,849)	($55,849)	($55,849)

310.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($109,856)	($109,856)	($109,856)

310.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$4,471	$4,471	$4,471

310.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($934,652)	($934,652)	($934,652)

310.1000 Taxpayer Services **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that all tax payments are processed in accordance with the law; that all returns are reviewed and taxpayer information is recorded accurately; to provide assistance to customer inquiries about the administration of individual income tax, sales and use tax, withholding tax, corporate tax, motor fuel and motor carrier taxes, and all registration functions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,436,692	$26,436,692	$26,436,692
State General Funds	$26,436,692	$26,436,692	$26,436,692
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$271,831	$271,831	$271,831
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$271,831	$271,831	$271,831
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$26,708,523	$26,708,523	$26,708,523

Section 43: Secretary of State

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$35,895,388	$35,895,388	$35,895,388
State General Funds	$35,895,388	$35,895,388	$35,895,388
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$98,227	$98,227	$98,227
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$98,227	$98,227	$98,227
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$18,655,500	$18,655,500	$18,655,500
Sales and Services	$18,655,500	$18,655,500	$18,655,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$18,655,500	$18,655,500	$18,655,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$54,649,115	$54,649,115	$54,649,115

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,060,291	$34,473,374	$34,813,374
State General Funds	$34,060,291	$34,473,374	$34,813,374
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$98,227	$98,227	$98,227
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$98,227	$98,227	$98,227
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$18,655,500	$18,655,500	$18,655,500
Sales and Services	$18,655,500	$18,655,500	$18,655,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$18,655,500	$18,655,500	$18,655,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$52,814,018	$53,227,101	$53,567,101

Corporations **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to accept and review filings made pursuant to statutes; to issue certifications of records on file; and to provide general information to the public on all filed entities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000
Sales and Services	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000

311.1000 Corporations **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to accept and review filings made pursuant to statutes; to issue certifications of records on file; and to provide general information to the public on all filed entities.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000
Sales and Services	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000

Elections **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer all duties imposed upon the Secretary of State by providing all required filing and public information services, performing all certification and commissioning duties required by law, and assisting candidates, local governments, and citizens in interpreting and complying with all election, voter registration, and financial disclosure laws.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,297,307	$8,297,307	$8,297,307
State General Funds	$8,297,307	$8,297,307	$8,297,307
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$98,227	$98,227	$98,227
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$98,227	$98,227	$98,227
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,445,534	$8,445,534	$8,445,534

312.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$200	$200	$200

312.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($15,130)	($15,130)	($15,130)

312.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$3,017	$3,017	$3,017

312.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($183,856)	($183,856)	($183,856)

312.5 *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for precinct card mailings due to passage of SB424 (2024 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	($4,640)	($4,640)	($4,640)

312.1000 Elections **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer all duties imposed upon the Secretary of State by providing all required filing and public information services, performing all certification and commissioning duties required by law, and assisting candidates, local governments, and citizens in interpreting and complying with all election, voter registration, and financial disclosure laws.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,096,898	$8,096,898	$8,096,898
State General Funds	$8,096,898	$8,096,898	$8,096,898
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$98,227	$98,227	$98,227
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$98,227	$98,227	$98,227
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,245,125	$8,245,125	$8,245,125

Investigations **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the laws and regulations related to professional licenses, elections, and securities; to investigate complaints; and to conduct inspections of applicants and existing license holders.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,373,179	$4,373,179	$4,373,179
State General Funds	$4,373,179	$4,373,179	$4,373,179
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,373,179	$4,373,179	$4,373,179

313.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($18,617)	($18,617)	($18,617)

313.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$1,832	$1,832	$1,832

313.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($226,232)	($226,232)	($226,232)

313.1000 Investigations **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the laws and regulations related to professional licenses, elections, and securities; to investigate complaints; and to conduct inspections of applicants and existing license holders.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,130,162	$4,130,162	$4,130,162
State General Funds	$4,130,162	$4,130,162	$4,130,162
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,130,162	$4,130,162	$4,130,162

Office Administration (SOS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the Office of Secretary of State and its attached agencies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,476,378	$3,476,378	$3,476,378
State General Funds	$3,476,378	$3,476,378	$3,476,378
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500
Sales and Services	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,481,878	$3,481,878	$3,481,878

314.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($10,108)	($10,108)	($10,108)

314.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$353	$353	$353

314.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$1,832	$1,832	$1,832

314.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($122,827)	($122,827)	($122,827)

314.1000 Office Administration (SOS) **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the Office of Secretary of State and its attached agencies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,345,628	$3,345,628	$3,345,628
State General Funds	$3,345,628	$3,345,628	$3,345,628
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500
Sales and Services	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,351,128	$3,351,128	$3,351,128

Professional Licensing Boards **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public health and welfare by supporting all operations of Boards which license professions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,628,027	$10,628,027	$10,628,027
State General Funds	$10,628,027	$10,628,027	$10,628,027

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
Sales and Services	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,128,027	$13,128,027	$13,128,027

315.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($33,931)	($33,931)	($33,931)

315.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$148	$148	$148

315.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$8,405	$8,405	$8,405

315.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($412,322)	($412,322)	($412,322)

315.1000 Professional Licensing Boards **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public health and welfare by supporting all operations of Boards which license professions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,190,327	$10,190,327	$10,190,327
State General Funds	$10,190,327	$10,190,327	$10,190,327
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
Sales and Services	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,690,327	$12,690,327	$12,690,327

Securities **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the administration and enforcement of the Georgia Securities Act, the Georgia Charitable Solicitations Act, and the Georgia Cemetery Act. Functions under each act include registration, examination, investigation, and administrative enforcement actions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,179,844	$1,179,844	$1,179,844
State General Funds	$1,179,844	$1,179,844	$1,179,844
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Sales and Services	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,179,844	$2,179,844	$2,179,844

316.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($3,747)	($3,747)	($3,747)

316.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$754	$754	$754

316.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($45,529)	($45,529)	($45,529)

316.1000 Securities			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the administration and enforcement of the Georgia Securities Act, the Georgia Charitable Solicitations Act, and the Georgia Cemetery Act. Functions under each act include registration, examination, investigation, and administrative enforcement actions.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,131,322	$1,131,322	$1,131,322
State General Funds	$1,131,322	$1,131,322	$1,131,322
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Sales and Services	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,131,322	$2,131,322	$2,131,322

Special Project - Office Administration (SOS)			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide start-up funds for the Victim Centered Address Confidentiality Program pursuant to SB324 (2024 Session).			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
State General Funds	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000

317.1000 Special Project - Office Administration (SOS)			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide start-up funds for the Victim Centered Address Confidentiality Program pursuant to SB324 (2024 Session).			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
State General Funds	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000

Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide access to low THC oil for registered Georgia patients by regulating the production, transport, and sale of low THC oil; to develop a network of low THC oil; and to study the use, efficacy, and best practices of low THC oil use in Georgia.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,806,873	$1,806,873	$1,806,873
State General Funds	$1,806,873	$1,806,873	$1,806,873
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,806,873	$1,806,873	$1,806,873

318.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$116	$116	$116

318.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$6,151	$6,151	$6,151

318.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($56,662)	($56,662)	($56,662)

318.1000 Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide access to low THC oil for registered Georgia patients by regulating the production, transport, and sale of low THC oil; to develop a network of low THC oil; and to study the use, efficacy, and best practices of low THC oil use in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,756,478	$1,756,478	$1,756,478
State General Funds	$1,756,478	$1,756,478	$1,756,478
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,756,478	$1,756,478	$1,756,478

Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Board **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for professional engineers and land surveyors.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,361,143	$1,361,143	$1,361,143
State General Funds	$1,361,143	$1,361,143	$1,361,143
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,361,143	$1,361,143	$1,361,143

319.1 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($57,647)	($57,647)	($57,647)

319.2 *Increase funds for one safety and compliance specialist, one attorney, and human resources and financial services fees. (S:Increase funds for one safety and compliance specialist and human resources and financial services fees)*

State General Funds		$413,083	$209,083

319.1000 Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Board **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for professional engineers and land surveyors.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,303,496	$1,716,579	$1,512,579
State General Funds	$1,303,496	$1,716,579	$1,512,579
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,303,496	$1,716,579	$1,512,579

Real Estate Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for real estate brokers and salespersons, and provide administrative support to the Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board in their administration of the Real Estate Appraisal Act.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,133,354	$3,133,354	$3,133,354
State General Funds	$3,133,354	$3,133,354	$3,133,354

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,233,354	$3,233,354	$3,233,354

320.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$6,889	$6,889	$6,889

320.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($1,501)	($1,501)	($1,501)

320.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($104,243)	($104,243)	($104,243)

320.1000 Real Estate Commission **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for real estate brokers and salespersons, and provide administrative support to the Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board in their administration of the Real Estate Appraisal Act.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,034,499	$3,034,499	$3,034,499
State General Funds	$3,034,499	$3,034,499	$3,034,499
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,134,499	$3,134,499	$3,134,499

State Elections Board **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the promulgation and enforcement of rules and regulations related to elections and the investigation of any violations thereof.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,389,283	$1,389,283	$1,389,283
State General Funds	$1,389,283	$1,389,283	$1,389,283
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,389,283	$1,389,283	$1,389,283

321.1 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($23,802)	($23,802)	($23,802)

321.2 *Reduce funds to align budget with projected expenditures. (S:NO; Restore funding reduction)*

State General Funds	($544,000)	($544,000)	$0

321.1000 State Elections Board			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is for the promulgation and enforcement of rules and regulations related to elections and the investigation of any violations thereof.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$821,481	$821,481	$1,365,481
State General Funds	$821,481	$821,481	$1,365,481
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$821,481	$821,481	$1,365,481

Section 44: Student Finance Commission and Authority, Georgia

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,394,811,214	$1,394,811,214	$1,394,811,214
State General Funds	$295,364,875	$295,364,875	$295,364,875
Lottery Proceeds	$1,099,446,339	$1,099,446,339	$1,099,446,339
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,197,899	$5,197,899	$5,197,899
Reserved Fund Balances	$4,531,699	$4,531,699	$4,531,699
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$4,531,699	$4,531,699	$4,531,699
Interest and Investment Income	$158,200	$158,200	$158,200
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$158,200	$158,200	$158,200
Sales and Services	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,400,009,113	$1,400,009,113	$1,400,009,113
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,488,811,597	$1,392,598,554	$1,428,448,820
State General Funds	$330,786,295	$247,660,392	$278,477,098
Lottery Proceeds	$1,158,025,302	$1,144,938,162	$1,149,971,722
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,154,126	$5,154,126	$5,154,126
Reserved Fund Balances	$4,531,699	$4,531,699	$4,531,699
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$4,531,699	$4,531,699	$4,531,699
Interest and Investment Income	$114,427	$114,427	$114,427
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$114,427	$114,427	$114,427
Sales and Services	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,493,965,723	$1,397,752,680	$1,433,602,946

College Completion Grants			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this program is to provide needs-based financial aid to eligible students to complete remaining credential credit requirements.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

Lottery Proceeds	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000

322.1 *Increase funds to support updated grant eligibility requirements for students at Technical College System of Georgia institutions pursuant to HB38 (2025 Legislative Session). (H and S:Increase funds to support updated eligibility requirements pursuant to HB38 (2025 Legislative Session))*

Lottery Proceeds	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000

322.1000 College Completion Grants **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this program is to provide needs-based financial aid to eligible students to complete remaining credential credit requirements.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,000,000	$11,000,000	$11,000,000
Lottery Proceeds	$11,000,000	$11,000,000	$11,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,000,000	$11,000,000	$11,000,000

Commission Administration (GSFC) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide scholarships that reward students with financial assistance in degree, diploma, and certificate programs at eligible Georgia public and private colleges and universities, and public technical colleges.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,098,270	$11,098,270	$11,098,270
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$11,098,270	$11,098,270	$11,098,270
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$158,200	$158,200	$158,200
Interest and Investment Income	$158,200	$158,200	$158,200
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$158,200	$158,200	$158,200
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,256,470	$11,256,470	$11,256,470

323.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

Lottery Proceeds	$2,585	$2,585	$2,585

323.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

Lottery Proceeds	$19,392	$19,392	$19,392
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$1,956	$1,956	$1,956
Total Public Funds:	$21,348	$21,348	$21,348

323.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

Lottery Proceeds	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$121	$121	$121
Total Public Funds:	$1,321	$1,321	$1,321

323.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

Lottery Proceeds	($454,595)	($454,595)	($454,595)
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	($45,850)	($45,850)	($45,850)
Total Public Funds:	($500,445)	($500,445)	($500,445)

323.1000 Commission Administration (GSFC) **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide scholarships that reward students with financial assistance in degree, diploma, and certificate programs at eligible Georgia public and private colleges and universities, and public technical colleges.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,666,852	$10,666,852	$10,666,852
Lottery Proceeds	$10,666,852	$10,666,852	$10,666,852
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$114,427	$114,427	$114,427
Interest and Investment Income	$114,427	$114,427	$114,427
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$114,427	$114,427	$114,427
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,781,279	$10,781,279	$10,781,279

Dual Enrollment **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to allow students to pursue postsecondary study at approved public and private postsecondary institutions, while receiving dual high school and college credit for courses successfully completed.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$108,732,275	$108,732,275	$108,732,275
State General Funds	$108,732,275	$108,732,275	$108,732,275
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$108,732,275	$108,732,275	$108,732,275

324.1 *Increase funds to meet projected need.*

State General Funds	$27,553,425	$15,446,537	$15,446,537

324.1000 Dual Enrollment **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to allow students to pursue postsecondary study at approved public and private postsecondary institutions, while receiving dual high school and college credit for courses successfully completed.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$136,285,700	$124,178,812	$124,178,812
State General Funds	$136,285,700	$124,178,812	$124,178,812
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$136,285,700	$124,178,812	$124,178,812

Engineer Scholarship **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forgivable loans to Georgia residents who are engineering students at Mercer University (Macon campus) and retain those students as engineers in the State.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000
State General Funds	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000

325.1000 Engineer Scholarship **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forgivable loans to Georgia residents who are engineering students at Mercer University (Macon campus) and retain those students as engineers in the State.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000
State General Funds	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000

Foster Care Scholarship **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide postsecondary education grants to eligible students who are current or former foster youth.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

326.1 *Add funds to establish the Georgia Foster Care Scholarship pursuant to SB85 (2025 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000

326.1000 Foster Care Scholarship **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide postsecondary education grants to eligible students who are current or former foster youth.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
State General Funds	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000

Georgia Military College Scholarship **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend Georgia Military College, thereby strengthening Georgia's National Guard with their membership.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916
State General Funds	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916

327.1 *Increase funds to meet projected need to provide three scholars per congressional district.*

State General Funds	$756,237	$756,237	$756,237

327.1000 Georgia Military College Scholarship			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend Georgia Military College, thereby strengthening Georgia's National Guard with their membership.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,839,153	$1,839,153	$1,839,153
State General Funds	$1,839,153	$1,839,153	$1,839,153
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,839,153	$1,839,153	$1,839,153

HERO Scholarship		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to members of the Georgia National Guard and U.S. Military Reservists who served in combat zones and the spouses and children of such members.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$280,000	$280,000	$280,000
State General Funds	$280,000	$280,000	$280,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$280,000	$280,000	$280,000

328.1 *Reduce funds to meet projected need.*			
State General Funds		($30,000)	$0

328.1000 HERO Scholarship			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to members of the Georgia National Guard and U.S. Military Reservists who served in combat zones and the spouses and children of such members.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$280,000	$250,000	$280,000
State General Funds	$280,000	$250,000	$280,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$280,000	$250,000	$280,000

HOPE Grant		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to students seeking a diploma or certificate at a public postsecondary institution.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$93,789,605	$93,789,605	$93,789,605
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$93,789,605	$93,789,605	$93,789,605
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$93,789,605	$93,789,605	$93,789,605

329.1000 HOPE Grant			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to students seeking a diploma or certificate at a public postsecondary institution.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$93,789,605	$93,789,605	$93,789,605
Lottery Proceeds	$93,789,605	$93,789,605	$93,789,605
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$93,789,605	$93,789,605	$93,789,605

HOPE High School Equivalency Exam **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this program is to encourage Georgia's High School Equivalency Exam recipients to pursue education beyond the high school level at an eligible postsecondary institution located in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000

330.1000 HOPE High School Equivalency Exam **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this program is to encourage Georgia's High School Equivalency Exam recipients to pursue education beyond the high school level at an eligible postsecondary institution located in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Lottery Proceeds	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000

HOPE Scholarships - Private Schools **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible private postsecondary institution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$88,239,188	$88,239,188	$88,239,188
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$88,239,188	$88,239,188	$88,239,188
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$88,239,188	$88,239,188	$88,239,188

331.1 *Increase funds to meet projected need.*

Lottery Proceeds	$3,178,440	$3,178,440	$3,178,440

331.1000 HOPE Scholarships - Private Schools **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible private postsecondary institution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$91,417,628	$91,417,628	$91,417,628
Lottery Proceeds	$91,417,628	$91,417,628	$91,417,628
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$91,417,628	$91,417,628	$91,417,628

HOPE Scholarships - Public Schools **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible public postsecondary institution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$895,819,276	$895,819,276	$895,819,276
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$895,819,276	$895,819,276	$895,819,276
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$895,819,276	$895,819,276	$895,819,276

332.1 *Increase funds to meet projected need.*

Lottery Proceeds	$54,831,941	$41,744,801	$46,778,361

332.1000 HOPE Scholarships - Public Schools **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible public postsecondary institution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$950,651,217	$937,564,077	$942,597,637
Lottery Proceeds	$950,651,217	$937,564,077	$942,597,637
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$950,651,217	$937,564,077	$942,597,637

Inclusive Postsecondary Education (IPSE) Grant **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this program is to provide financial aid to students with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are currently enrolled in the Georgia Inclusive Postsecondary Education program at a postsecondary institution in this state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
State General Funds	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000

333.1 *Reduce funds to meet projected need.*

State General Funds		($500,000)	($500,000)

333.1000 Inclusive Postsecondary Education (IPSE) Grant **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this program is to provide financial aid to students with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are currently enrolled in the Georgia Inclusive Postsecondary Education program at a postsecondary institution in this state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,600,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000
State General Funds	$2,600,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,600,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000

North Georgia Military Scholarship Grants **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend the University of North Georgia, thereby strengthening Georgia's Army National Guard with their membership.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740
State General Funds	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740

334.1 *Increase funds to meet projected need to provide three scholars per congressional district.*

State General Funds	$671,954	$671,954	$671,954

334.1000 North Georgia Military Scholarship Grants **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend the University of North Georgia, thereby strengthening Georgia's Army National Guard with their membership.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,709,694	$3,709,694	$3,709,694
State General Funds	$3,709,694	$3,709,694	$3,709,694
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,709,694	$3,709,694	$3,709,694

North Georgia ROTC Grants **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia residents with non-repayable financial assistance to attend the University of North Georgia and to participate in the Reserve Officers Training Corps program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750
State General Funds	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750

335.1000 North Georgia ROTC Grants **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia residents with non-repayable financial assistance to attend the University of North Georgia and to participate in the Reserve Officers Training Corps program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750
State General Funds	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750

Promise Scholarship **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this program is to provide scholarships to eligible students to attend private elementary and secondary schools in accordance with the Promise Scholarship Act.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$141,016,057	$141,016,057	$141,016,057
State General Funds	$141,016,057	$141,016,057	$141,016,057
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$141,016,057	$141,016,057	$141,016,057

336.1 *Reduce funds to reflect a 30% increase in utilization over FY2026. (S:Align funds to meet prior year utilization and provide funding for 80% growth)*

State General Funds	($71,799,015)	($41,016,057)

336.1000 Promise Scholarship			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this program is to provide scholarships to eligible students to attend private elementary and secondary schools in accordance with the Promise Scholarship Act.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$141,016,057	$69,217,042	$100,000,000
State General Funds	$141,016,057	$69,217,042	$100,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$141,016,057	$69,217,042	$100,000,000

Public Service Memorial Grant		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance through the Public Safety Memorial Grant and the Public School Employee Memorial Grant.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$540,000	$540,000	$540,000
State General Funds	$540,000	$540,000	$540,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$540,000	$540,000	$540,000

337.1 *Reduce funds and utilize surplus funds to meet projected need.*			
State General Funds		($290,000)	($290,000)

337.1000 Public Service Memorial Grant			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance through the Public Safety Memorial Grant and the Public School Employee Memorial Grant.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$540,000	$250,000	$250,000
State General Funds	$540,000	$250,000	$250,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$540,000	$250,000	$250,000

REACH Georgia Scholarship		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide needs-based scholarships to selected students participating in the REACH Georgia mentorship and scholarship program, which encourages and supports academically promising middle and high school students in their educational pursuits.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000
State General Funds	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000

338.1000 REACH Georgia Scholarship			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide needs-based scholarships to selected students participating in the REACH Georgia mentorship and scholarship program, which encourages and supports academically promising middle and high school students in their educational pursuits.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000
State General Funds	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000

Service Cancelable Loans **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide service cancelable loans as authorized in statute including programs for large animal veterinarians and Georgia National Guard members.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,120,000	$5,120,000	$5,120,000
State General Funds	$5,120,000	$5,120,000	$5,120,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,178,830	$3,178,830	$3,178,830
Reserved Fund Balances	$3,178,830	$3,178,830	$3,178,830
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$3,178,830	$3,178,830	$3,178,830
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,298,830	$8,298,830	$8,298,830

339.1 *Reduce funds to meet the projected need for the Peace Officers Loan Repayment Program.*

State General Funds	($2,700,000)	($2,700,000)

339.2 *Utilize existing surplus funds from the Peace Officers Loan Repayment Program ($2,000,000) and increase funds for the Behavioral Health Professions Service Cancelable Loan Program to meet the projected need for behavioral health professionals ($6,000,000 Total Funds).*

State General Funds	$4,000,000	$4,000,000

339.3 *Increase funds for veterinary student loan repayment.*

State General Funds	$300,000	$300,000

339.1000 Service Cancelable Loans **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide service cancelable loans as authorized in statute including programs for large animal veterinarians and Georgia National Guard members.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,120,000	$6,720,000	$6,720,000
State General Funds	$5,120,000	$6,720,000	$6,720,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,178,830	$3,178,830	$3,178,830
Reserved Fund Balances	$3,178,830	$3,178,830	$3,178,830
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$3,178,830	$3,178,830	$3,178,830
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,298,830	$9,898,830	$9,898,830

Tuition Equalization Grants **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the private segment of higher education in Georgia by providing non-repayable grant aid to Georgia residents who attend eligible private postsecondary institutions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,157,067	$23,157,067	$23,157,067
State General Funds	$23,157,067	$23,157,067	$23,157,067
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261
Reserved Fund Balances	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261

Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,435,328	$24,435,328	$24,435,328

340.1 *Increase funds to meet projected need.*

State General Funds	$3,992,903	$3,992,903	$3,992,903

340.1000 Tuition Equalization Grants **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the private segment of higher education in Georgia by providing non-repayable grant aid to Georgia residents who attend eligible private postsecondary institutions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,149,970	$27,149,970	$27,149,970
State General Funds	$27,149,970	$27,149,970	$27,149,970
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261
Reserved Fund Balances	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$28,428,231	$28,428,231	$28,428,231

Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize private postsecondary schools in Georgia; provide transcripts for students who attended schools that closed; and resolve complaints.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,055,070	$1,055,070	$1,055,070
State General Funds	$1,055,070	$1,055,070	$1,055,070
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$582,608	$582,608	$582,608
Reserved Fund Balances	$74,608	$74,608	$74,608
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$74,608	$74,608	$74,608
Sales and Services	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,637,678	$1,637,678	$1,637,678

341.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$734	$734	$2,756

341.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($53,833)	($53,833)	($52,107)

341.1000 Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize private postsecondary schools in Georgia; provide transcripts for students who attended schools that closed; and resolve complaints.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,001,971	$1,001,971	$1,005,719
State General Funds	$1,001,971	$1,001,971	$1,005,719
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$582,608	$582,608	$582,608
Reserved Fund Balances	$74,608	$74,608	$74,608
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$74,608	$74,608	$74,608
Sales and Services	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,584,579	$1,584,579	$1,588,327

Section 45: Teachers Retirement System

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000
State General Funds	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673
State Funds Transfers	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673
Retirement Payments	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$62,154,673	$62,154,673	$62,154,673

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,000	$26,000	$26,000
State General Funds	$26,000	$26,000	$26,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673
State Funds Transfers	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673
Retirement Payments	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$62,118,673	$62,118,673	$62,118,673

Local/Floor COLA **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirees from local retirement systems a minimum allowance upon retirement (Floor) and a post-retirement benefit adjustment (COLA) whenever such adjustment is granted to teachers who retired under TRS.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000
State General Funds	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000

342.1 *Reduce funds to reflect the declining population of teachers who qualify for benefits.*

State General Funds	($36,000)	($36,000)	($36,000)

342.1000 Local/Floor COLA			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirees from local retirement systems a minimum allowance upon retirement (Floor) and a post-retirement benefit adjustment (COLA) whenever such adjustment is granted to teachers who retired under TRS.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,000	$26,000	$26,000
State General Funds	$26,000	$26,000	$26,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$26,000	$26,000	$26,000

System Administration (TRS)			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, including paying retiree benefits, investing retirement funds, accounting for the status and contributions of active and inactive members, counseling members, and processing refunds.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673
State Funds Transfers	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673
Retirement Payments	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673

343.1000 System Administration (TRS)			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, including paying retiree benefits, investing retirement funds, accounting for the status and contributions of active and inactive members, counseling members, and processing refunds.			
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673
State Funds Transfers	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673
Retirement Payments	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$62,092,673

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution rate for the Teachers Retirement System shall not exceed 22.32% for State Fiscal Year 2027.

Section 46: Technical College System of Georgia

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$538,302,828	$538,302,828	$538,302,828
State General Funds	$538,302,828	$538,302,828	$538,302,828
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$252,624,151	$252,624,151	$252,624,151
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$252,624,151	$252,624,151	$252,624,151
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$522,490,988	$522,490,988	$522,490,988
Intergovernmental Transfers	$83,014,356	$83,014,356	$83,014,356
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$83,014,356	$83,014,356	$83,014,356
Sales and Services	$439,476,632	$439,476,632	$439,476,632

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$86,599,677	$86,599,677	$86,599,677
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$352,876,955	$352,876,955	$352,876,955
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,980,866	$5,980,866	$5,980,866
State Funds Transfers	$5,980,866	$5,980,866	$5,980,866
Agency to Agency Contracts	$5,980,866	$5,980,866	$5,980,866
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,319,398,833	$1,319,398,833	$1,319,398,833
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$546,682,395	$553,848,345	$557,925,895
State General Funds	$546,682,395	$553,848,345	$557,925,895
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$252,624,151	$252,624,151	$252,624,151
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$252,624,151	$252,624,151	$252,624,151
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$522,490,988	$522,490,988	$522,490,988
Intergovernmental Transfers	$83,014,356	$83,014,356	$83,014,356
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$83,014,356	$83,014,356	$83,014,356
Sales and Services	$439,476,632	$439,476,632	$439,476,632
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$86,599,677	$86,599,677	$86,599,677
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$352,876,955	$352,876,955	$352,876,955
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,980,866	$5,980,866	$5,980,866
State Funds Transfers	$5,980,866	$5,980,866	$5,980,866
Agency to Agency Contracts	$5,980,866	$5,980,866	$5,980,866
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,327,778,400	$1,334,944,350	$1,339,021,900

Adult Education **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop Georgia's workforce by providing adult learners in Georgia with basic reading, writing, computation, speaking, listening, and technology skills; to provide secondary instruction to adults without a high school diploma; and to provide oversight of high school equivalency preparation, testing, and the processing of diplomas and transcripts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$19,088,372	$19,088,372	$19,088,372
State General Funds	$19,088,372	$19,088,372	$19,088,372
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$33,233,713	$33,233,713	$33,233,713
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$33,233,713	$33,233,713	$33,233,713
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,295,696	$5,295,696	$5,295,696
Intergovernmental Transfers	$3,160,010	$3,160,010	$3,160,010
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$3,160,010	$3,160,010	$3,160,010
Sales and Services	$2,135,686	$2,135,686	$2,135,686
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,135,686	$2,135,686	$2,135,686
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$135,000	$135,000	$135,000
State Funds Transfers	$135,000	$135,000	$135,000

Agency to Agency Contracts	$135,000	$135,000	$135,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$57,752,781	$57,752,781	$57,752,781

344.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$3,455	$3,455	$3,455

344.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$32,475	$32,475	$32,475

344.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($517,717)	($750,794)	($750,794)

344.4 *Add funds to establish the Adult Workforce High School Diploma Program pursuant to SB193 (2025 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds		$2,500,000	$0

344.1000 Adult Education **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop Georgia's workforce by providing adult learners in Georgia with basic reading, writing, computation, speaking, listening, and technology skills; to provide secondary instruction to adults without a high school diploma; and to provide oversight of high school equivalency preparation, testing, and the processing of diplomas and transcripts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,606,585	$20,873,508	$18,373,508
State General Funds	$18,606,585	$20,873,508	$18,373,508
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$33,233,713	$33,233,713	$33,233,713
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$33,233,713	$33,233,713	$33,233,713
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,295,696	$5,295,696	$5,295,696
Intergovernmental Transfers	$3,160,010	$3,160,010	$3,160,010
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$3,160,010	$3,160,010	$3,160,010
Sales and Services	$2,135,686	$2,135,686	$2,135,686
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,135,686	$2,135,686	$2,135,686
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$135,000	$135,000	$135,000
State Funds Transfers	$135,000	$135,000	$135,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$135,000	$135,000	$135,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$57,270,994	$59,537,917	$57,037,917

Departmental Administration (TCSG) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide statewide administrative services to support the state workforce development efforts undertaken by the department through its associated programs and institutions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,623,596	$8,623,596	$8,623,596
State General Funds	$8,623,596	$8,623,596	$8,623,596
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,623,596	$8,623,596	$8,623,596

345.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$835	$835	$835

345.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$8,575	$8,575	$8,575

345.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($4,624,730)	($452,992)	($452,992)

345.1000 Departmental Administration (TCSG)			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide statewide administrative services to support the state workforce development efforts undertaken by the department through its associated programs and institutions.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,008,276	$8,180,014	$8,180,014
State General Funds	$4,008,276	$8,180,014	$8,180,014
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,008,276	$8,180,014	$8,180,014

Economic Development and Customized Services		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide customized services for existing businesses in the state.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,375,358	$3,375,358	$3,375,358
State General Funds	$3,375,358	$3,375,358	$3,375,358
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$14,416,366	$14,416,366	$14,416,366
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$14,416,366	$14,416,366	$14,416,366
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$29,599,575	$29,599,575	$29,599,575
Sales and Services	$29,599,575	$29,599,575	$29,599,575
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$29,599,575	$29,599,575	$29,599,575
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,798,989	$2,798,989	$2,798,989
State Funds Transfers	$2,798,989	$2,798,989	$2,798,989
Agency to Agency Contracts	$2,798,989	$2,798,989	$2,798,989
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$50,190,288	$50,190,288	$50,190,288

346.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$2,850	$2,850	$2,850

346.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,617	$1,617	$1,617

346.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($691,483)	($75,177)	($75,177)

346.1000 Economic Development and Customized Services			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide customized services for existing businesses in the state.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,688,342	$3,304,648	$3,304,648
State General Funds	$2,688,342	$3,304,648	$3,304,648
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$14,416,366	$14,416,366	$14,416,366
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$14,416,366	$14,416,366	$14,416,366
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$29,599,575	$29,599,575	$29,599,575
Sales and Services	$29,599,575	$29,599,575	$29,599,575
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$29,599,575	$29,599,575	$29,599,575
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,798,989	$2,798,989	$2,798,989
State Funds Transfers	$2,798,989	$2,798,989	$2,798,989
Agency to Agency Contracts	$2,798,989	$2,798,989	$2,798,989
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$49,503,272	$50,119,578	$50,119,578
Quick Start			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to promote job creation and retention by developing and delivering customized workforce training for Georgia businesses during start-up, expansion, or when they make capital investments in new technology, processes, or product lines in order to remain competitive in the global marketplace.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,552,619	$21,552,619	$21,552,619
State General Funds	$21,552,619	$21,552,619	$21,552,619
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,332,059	$3,332,059	$3,332,059
Intergovernmental Transfers	$3,328,180	$3,328,180	$3,328,180
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$3,328,180	$3,328,180	$3,328,180
Sales and Services	$3,879	$3,879	$3,879
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,879	$3,879	$3,879
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,884,678	$24,884,678	$24,884,678
347.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*			
State General Funds	$1,952	$1,952	$1,952
347.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*			
State General Funds	$12,552	$12,552	$12,552
347.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*			
State General Funds	$326	$326	$326
347.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*			
State General Funds	($6,769,608)	($663,085)	($663,085)

347.1000 Quick Start			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to promote job creation and retention by developing and delivering customized workforce training for Georgia businesses during start-up, expansion, or when they make capital investments in new technology, processes, or product lines in order to remain competitive in the global marketplace.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,797,841	$20,904,364	$20,904,364
State General Funds	$14,797,841	$20,904,364	$20,904,364
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,332,059	$3,332,059	$3,332,059
Intergovernmental Transfers	$3,328,180	$3,328,180	$3,328,180
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$3,328,180	$3,328,180	$3,328,180
Sales and Services	$3,879	$3,879	$3,879
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,879	$3,879	$3,879
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,129,900	$24,236,423	$24,236,423

Technical Education			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for workforce development through certificate, diploma, and degree programs in technical education and continuing education programs for adult learners, and to encourage both youth and adult learners to acquire postsecondary education or training to increase their competitiveness in the workplace.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$444,181,110	$444,181,110	$444,181,110
State General Funds	$444,181,110	$444,181,110	$444,181,110
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$68,938,560	$68,938,560	$68,938,560
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$68,938,560	$68,938,560	$68,938,560
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$484,169,332	$484,169,332	$484,169,332
Intergovernmental Transfers	$76,526,166	$76,526,166	$76,526,166
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$76,526,166	$76,526,166	$76,526,166
Sales and Services	$407,643,166	$407,643,166	$407,643,166
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$54,766,211	$54,766,211	$54,766,211
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$352,876,955	$352,876,955	$352,876,955
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$3,046,877	$3,046,877	$3,046,877
State Funds Transfers	$3,046,877	$3,046,877	$3,046,877
Agency to Agency Contracts	$3,046,877	$3,046,877	$3,046,877
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,000,335,879	$1,000,335,879	$1,000,335,879

348.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*			
State General Funds	$117,775	$117,775	$117,775

348.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*			
State General Funds	$837,616	$837,616	$837,616

348.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$83,445	$83,445	$83,445

348.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$1,494	$1,494	$1,494

348.5 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($6,617,882)	($18,982,715)	($18,982,715)

348.6 *Increase funds to reflect a 9.4% increase in enrollment ($33,594,041) and a 0.9% increase in square footage ($553,441).*

State General Funds	$34,147,482	$34,147,482	$34,147,482

348.7 *Eliminate funds for Dual Achievement pilot program pursuant to HB217 (2025 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	($4,793,500)	($4,793,500)	$0

348.8 *Increase funds to implement a mobile alert pilot program at 5 colleges. (S:YES; Utilize existing funds to implement a mobile alert pilot program at 5 colleges)*

State General Funds		$450,000	$0

348.9 *Increase funds for one-time funding for start-up costs associated with aviation welding programming at Southern Crescent Technical College to support the aerospace community in the region.*

State General Funds		$950,000	$950,000

348.10 *Increase funds for equipment needs at Central Georgia Technical College to support Georgia's healthcare workforce.*

State General Funds		$2,615,950	$5,000,000

348.11 *Increase funds for support services.*

State General Funds		$150,000	$0

348.1000 Technical Education **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for workforce development through certificate, diploma, and degree programs in technical education and continuing education programs for adult learners, and to encourage both youth and adult learners to acquire postsecondary education or training to increase their competitiveness in the workplace.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$467,957,540	$459,758,657	$466,336,207
State General Funds	$467,957,540	$459,758,657	$466,336,207
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$68,938,560	$68,938,560	$68,938,560
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$68,938,560	$68,938,560	$68,938,560
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$484,169,332	$484,169,332	$484,169,332
Intergovernmental Transfers	$76,526,166	$76,526,166	$76,526,166
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$76,526,166	$76,526,166	$76,526,166
Sales and Services	$407,643,166	$407,643,166	$407,643,166

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$54,766,211	$54,766,211	$54,766,211
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$352,876,955	$352,876,955	$352,876,955
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$3,046,877	$3,046,877	$3,046,877
State Funds Transfers	$3,046,877	$3,046,877	$3,046,877
Agency to Agency Contracts	$3,046,877	$3,046,877	$3,046,877
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,024,112,309	$1,015,913,426	$1,022,490,976

Technical Education: High-Cost Programs - Special Project **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to bridge the funding gap between formula earnings and instructional delivery for the high-cost program areas of Aviation, Commercial Truck Driving, and Nursing.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$31,711,098	$31,711,098	$31,711,098
State General Funds	$31,711,098	$31,711,098	$31,711,098
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$31,711,098	$31,711,098	$31,711,098

349.1 *Reduce funds to reflect a 1.8% decrease in enrollment for high-cost programs.*

State General Funds	($748,416)	($748,416)	($748,416)

349.1000 Technical Education: High-Cost Programs - Special Project **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to bridge the funding gap between formula earnings and instructional delivery for the high-cost program areas of Aviation, Commercial Truck Driving, and Nursing.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$30,962,682	$30,962,682	$30,962,682
State General Funds	$30,962,682	$30,962,682	$30,962,682
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$30,962,682	$30,962,682	$30,962,682

Workforce Development **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve the job training and marketability of Georgia's workforce and assist employers and job seekers with job matching services to promote economic growth and development.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,770,675	$9,770,675	$9,770,675
State General Funds	$9,770,675	$9,770,675	$9,770,675
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$136,035,512	$136,035,512	$136,035,512
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$136,035,512	$136,035,512	$136,035,512
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$94,326	$94,326	$94,326
Sales and Services	$94,326	$94,326	$94,326
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$94,326	$94,326	$94,326
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$145,900,513	$145,900,513	$145,900,513

350.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*			
State General Funds	$255	$255	$255
350.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*			
State General Funds	$3,501	$3,501	$3,501
350.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*			
State General Funds	($1,888,302)	($184,959)	($184,959)
350.4 *Eliminate funds for one unfilled workforce development position.*			
State General Funds	($225,000)	($225,000)	($225,000)
350.5 *Increase funds for the High Demand Apprenticeship Program (HDAP) for additional slots across the state.*			
State General Funds		$500,000	$500,000

350.1000 Workforce Development			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to improve the job training and marketability of Georgia's workforce and assist employers and job seekers with job matching services to promote economic growth and development.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,661,129	$9,864,472	$9,864,472
State General Funds	$7,661,129	$9,864,472	$9,864,472
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$136,035,512	$136,035,512	$136,035,512
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$136,035,512	$136,035,512	$136,035,512
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$94,326	$94,326	$94,326
Sales and Services	$94,326	$94,326	$94,326
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$94,326	$94,326	$94,326
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$143,790,967	$145,994,310	$145,994,310

Section 47: Transportation, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,696,305,327	$2,696,305,327	$2,696,305,327
State General Funds	$45,150,783	$45,150,783	$45,150,783
State Motor Fuel Funds	$2,374,878,046	$2,374,878,046	$2,374,878,046
Transit Trust Funds	$38,005,357	$38,005,357	$38,005,357
Transportation Trust Funds	$238,271,141	$238,271,141	$238,271,141
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,611,757,546	$1,611,757,546	$1,611,757,546
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$112,290,905	$112,290,905	$112,290,905
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$1,499,466,641	$1,499,466,641	$1,499,466,641
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$175,979,549	$175,979,549	$175,979,549
Intergovernmental Transfers	$87,053,766	$87,053,766	$87,053,766
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$87,053,766	$87,053,766	$87,053,766

Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Sales and Services	$80,925,783	$80,925,783	$80,925,783
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$80,925,783	$80,925,783	$80,925,783
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,484,042,422	$4,484,042,422	$4,484,042,422

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,849,834,924	$2,862,334,924	$2,859,834,924
State General Funds	$38,205,365	$50,705,365	$48,205,365
State Motor Fuel Funds	$2,515,958,683	$2,515,958,683	$2,515,958,683
Transit Trust Funds	$41,879,733	$41,879,733	$41,879,733
Transportation Trust Funds	$253,791,143	$253,791,143	$253,791,143
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,611,757,546	$1,611,757,546	$1,611,757,546
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$112,290,905	$112,290,905	$112,290,905
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$1,499,466,641	$1,499,466,641	$1,499,466,641
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$175,979,549	$175,979,549	$175,979,549
Intergovernmental Transfers	$87,053,766	$87,053,766	$87,053,766
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$87,053,766	$87,053,766	$87,053,766
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Sales and Services	$80,925,783	$80,925,783	$80,925,783
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$80,925,783	$80,925,783	$80,925,783
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,637,572,019	$4,650,072,019	$4,647,572,019

Airport Aid **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Airports.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$30,000,000	$30,000,000	$30,000,000
State General Funds	$30,000,000	$30,000,000	$30,000,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$46,509,284	$46,509,284	$46,509,284
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$46,509,284	$46,509,284	$46,509,284
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233
Sales and Services	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$76,515,517	$76,515,517	$76,515,517

351.1 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($18,482)	($18,482)	($18,482)

351.2 *Increase funds for airport aid.*

State General Funds	$10,000,000	$10,000,000

351.3 *No portion of the Georgia Department of Transportation's Airport Aid funding shall be available to airports that use Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS-B) for levying landing fees or other charged services. (S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0

351.1000 Airport Aid			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Airports.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$29,981,518	$39,981,518	$39,981,518
State General Funds	$29,981,518	$39,981,518	$39,981,518
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$46,509,284	$46,509,284	$46,509,284
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$46,509,284	$46,509,284	$46,509,284
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233
Sales and Services	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$76,497,035	$86,497,035	$86,497,035

Capital Construction Projects			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay road construction and enhancement projects on local and state road systems.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,128,927,865	$1,128,927,865	$1,128,927,865
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$988,192,130	$988,192,130	$988,192,130
Transportation Trust Funds	$140,735,735	$140,735,735	$140,735,735
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$930,452,699	$930,452,699	$930,452,699
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$930,452,699	$930,452,699	$930,452,699
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$122,300,430	$122,300,430	$122,300,430
Intergovernmental Transfers	$85,737,112	$85,737,112	$85,737,112
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$85,737,112	$85,737,112	$85,737,112
Sales and Services	$36,563,318	$36,563,318	$36,563,318
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$36,563,318	$36,563,318	$36,563,318
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,181,680,994	$2,181,680,994	$2,181,680,994

352.1 *Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for increased project capacity.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$80,759,240	$80,759,240	$80,759,240

352.2 *Increase funds to reflect FY2025 collections of Hotel/Motel Excise Tax, Highway Impact Fees, and Alternative Fuel Vehicle fees.*

Transportation Trust Funds	$14,039,579	$14,039,579	$14,039,579

352.3 *Increase funds to redirect motor fuel savings from the reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$18,026,125	$18,026,125	$12,026,125

352.1000 Capital Construction Projects			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay road construction and enhancement projects on local and state road systems.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,241,752,809	$1,241,752,809	$1,235,752,809
State Motor Fuel Funds	$1,086,977,495	$1,086,977,495	$1,080,977,495
Transportation Trust Funds	$154,775,314	$154,775,314	$154,775,314
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$930,452,699	$930,452,699	$930,452,699
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$930,452,699	$930,452,699	$930,452,699
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$122,300,430	$122,300,430	$122,300,430
Intergovernmental Transfers	$85,737,112	$85,737,112	$85,737,112
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$85,737,112	$85,737,112	$85,737,112
Sales and Services	$36,563,318	$36,563,318	$36,563,318
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$36,563,318	$36,563,318	$36,563,318
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,294,505,938	$2,294,505,938	$2,288,505,938

Capital Maintenance Projects		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay for maintenance projects.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$304,745,643	$304,745,643	$304,745,643
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$260,588,167	$260,588,167	$260,588,167
Transportation Trust Funds	$44,157,476	$44,157,476	$44,157,476
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$281,600,000	$281,600,000	$281,600,000
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$281,600,000	$281,600,000	$281,600,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574
Sales and Services	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$586,696,217	$586,696,217	$586,696,217

353.1000 Capital Maintenance Projects			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay for maintenance projects.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$304,745,643	$304,745,643	$304,745,643
State Motor Fuel Funds	$260,588,167	$260,588,167	$260,588,167
Transportation Trust Funds	$44,157,476	$44,157,476	$44,157,476
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$281,600,000	$281,600,000	$281,600,000
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$281,600,000	$281,600,000	$281,600,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574
Sales and Services	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$586,696,217	$586,696,217	$586,696,217

Data Collection, Compliance and Reporting **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to collect and disseminate crash, accident, road, and traffic data in accordance with state and federal law in order to provide current and accurate information for planning and public awareness needs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,180,059	$3,180,059	$3,180,059
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$3,180,059	$3,180,059	$3,180,059
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,043,897	$9,043,897	$9,043,897
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$9,043,897	$9,043,897	$9,043,897
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,223,956	$12,223,956	$12,223,956

354.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$2,248	$2,248	$2,248

354.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	($97,793)	($97,793)	($97,793)

354.1000 Data Collection, Compliance and Reporting **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to collect and disseminate crash, accident, road, and traffic data in accordance with state and federal law in order to provide current and accurate information for planning and public awareness needs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,084,514	$3,084,514	$3,084,514
State Motor Fuel Funds	$3,084,514	$3,084,514	$3,084,514
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,043,897	$9,043,897	$9,043,897
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$9,043,897	$9,043,897	$9,043,897
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,128,411	$12,128,411	$12,128,411

Departmental Administration (DOT) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to plan, construct, maintain, and improve the state's roads and bridges; provide planning and financial support for other modes of transportation such as mass transit, airports, railroads and waterways.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$93,103,898	$93,103,898	$93,103,898
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$93,103,898	$93,103,898	$93,103,898
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$10,839,823	$10,839,823	$10,839,823
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$10,839,823	$10,839,823	$10,839,823
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970
Sales and Services	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$104,342,691	$104,342,691	$104,342,691

355.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$106,205	$106,205	$106,205

355.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	($43,087)	($43,087)	($43,087)

355.3 *Increase funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$4,286	$4,286	$4,286

355.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$581,263	$581,263	$581,263

355.5 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	($4,621,017)	($4,621,017)	($4,621,017)

355.6 *Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for increased monthly telecommunication rates and IT maintenance support.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$2,819,999	$2,819,999	$2,819,999

355.1000 Departmental Administration (DOT) **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to plan, construct, maintain, and improve the state's roads and bridges; provide planning and financial support for other modes of transportation such as mass transit, airports, railroads and waterways.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$91,951,547	$91,951,547	$91,951,547
State Motor Fuel Funds	$91,951,547	$91,951,547	$91,951,547
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$10,839,823	$10,839,823	$10,839,823
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$10,839,823	$10,839,823	$10,839,823
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970
Sales and Services	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$103,190,340	$103,190,340	$103,190,340

Local Maintenance and Improvement Grants **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay grants to local governments for road and bridge resurfacing projects through the state-funded Construction-Local Road Assistance program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$247,644,281	$247,644,281	$247,644,281
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

State Motor Fuel Funds	$247,644,281	$247,644,281	$247,644,281
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$247,644,281	$247,644,281	$247,644,281

356.1 *Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for local maintenance and improvement grants to the statutorily required level of 10% of projected motor fuel excise tax revenue.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$13,575,170	$13,575,170	$13,575,170

356.1000 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grants **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay grants to local governments for road and bridge resurfacing projects through the state-funded Construction-Local Road Assistance program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$261,219,451	$261,219,451	$261,219,451
State Motor Fuel Funds	$261,219,451	$261,219,451	$261,219,451
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$261,219,451	$261,219,451	$261,219,451

Local Road Assistance Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide technical and financial assistance to local governments for construction, maintenance, and resurfacing of local roads and bridges.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,846,461	$9,846,461	$9,846,461
State General Funds	$5,500,000	$5,500,000	$5,500,000
State Motor Fuel Funds	$4,346,461	$4,346,461	$4,346,461
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$51,655,917	$51,655,917	$51,655,917
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$51,655,917	$51,655,917	$51,655,917
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
Sales and Services	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$67,502,378	$67,502,378	$67,502,378

357.1 *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for pedestrian improvements in the Cumberland Community Improvement District and roadway safety improvements.*

State General Funds	($5,500,000)	($5,500,000)	($5,500,000)

357.2 *Increase funds for one-time funding for roundabout projects to enhance safety and traffic flow.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$6,000,000

357.1000 Local Road Assistance Administration **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide technical and financial assistance to local governments for construction, maintenance, and resurfacing of local roads and bridges.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,346,461	$4,346,461	$10,346,461
State Motor Fuel Funds	$4,346,461	$4,346,461	$10,346,461
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$51,655,917	$51,655,917	$51,655,917
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$51,655,917	$51,655,917	$51,655,917
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
Sales and Services	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$62,002,378	$62,002,378	$68,002,378

Planning **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop the state transportation improvement program and the statewide strategic transportation plan, and coordinate transportation policies, planning, and programs related to design, construction, maintenance, operations, and financing of transportation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,907,406	$4,907,406	$4,907,406
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$2,907,406	$2,907,406	$2,907,406
Transportation Trust Funds	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$22,772,795	$22,772,795	$22,772,795
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$22,772,795	$22,772,795	$22,772,795
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,680,201	$27,680,201	$27,680,201

358.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$3,053	$3,053	$3,053

358.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	($132,849)	($132,849)	($132,849)

358.1000 Planning **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop the state transportation improvement program and the statewide strategic transportation plan, and coordinate transportation policies, planning, and programs related to design, construction, maintenance, operations, and financing of transportation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,777,610	$4,777,610	$4,777,610
State Motor Fuel Funds	$2,777,610	$2,777,610	$2,777,610
Transportation Trust Funds	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$22,772,795	$22,772,795	$22,772,795
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$22,772,795	$22,772,795	$22,772,795
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,550,405	$27,550,405	$27,550,405

Ports and Waterways **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Ports and Waterways.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,398,641	$1,398,641	$1,398,641
State General Funds	$1,398,641	$1,398,641	$1,398,641
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,398,641	$1,398,641	$1,398,641

359.1 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($23,949)	($23,949)	($23,949)

359.1000 Ports and Waterways **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Ports and Waterways.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,374,692	$1,374,692	$1,374,692
State General Funds	$1,374,692	$1,374,692	$1,374,692
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,374,692	$1,374,692	$1,374,692

Program Delivery Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and expand the state's transportation infrastructure by planning for and selecting road and bridge projects, acquiring rights-of-way, completing engineering and project impact analyses, procuring and monitoring construction contracts, and certifying completed projects.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$142,904,450	$142,904,450	$142,904,450
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$142,904,450	$142,904,450	$142,904,450
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$53,642,990	$53,642,990	$53,642,990
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$53,642,990	$53,642,990	$53,642,990
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,098,619	$1,098,619	$1,098,619
Intergovernmental Transfers	$526,415	$526,415	$526,415
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$526,415	$526,415	$526,415
Sales and Services	$572,204	$572,204	$572,204
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$572,204	$572,204	$572,204
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$197,646,059	$197,646,059	$197,646,059

360.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$248,967	$248,967	$248,967

360.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	($10,832,638)	($10,832,638)	($10,832,638)

360.3 *Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for multiyear upgrade for project tracking database.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$2,734,007	$2,734,007	$2,734,007

360.1000 Program Delivery Administration			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and expand the state's transportation infrastructure by planning for and selecting road and bridge projects, acquiring rights-of-way, completing engineering and project impact analyses, procuring and monitoring construction contracts, and certifying completed projects.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$135,054,786	$135,054,786	$135,054,786
State Motor Fuel Funds	$135,054,786	$135,054,786	$135,054,786
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$53,642,990	$53,642,990	$53,642,990
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$53,642,990	$53,642,990	$53,642,990
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,098,619	$1,098,619	$1,098,619
Intergovernmental Transfers	$526,415	$526,415	$526,415
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$526,415	$526,415	$526,415
Sales and Services	$572,204	$572,204	$572,204
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$572,204	$572,204	$572,204
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$189,796,395	$189,796,395	$189,796,395
Rail		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Rail.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,252,142	$8,252,142	$8,252,142
State General Funds	$8,252,142	$8,252,142	$8,252,142
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$616,315	$616,315	$616,315
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$616,315	$616,315	$616,315
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239
Intergovernmental Transfers	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,956,696	$8,956,696	$8,956,696
361.1 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*			
State General Funds	($39,608)	($39,608)	($39,608)
361.2 *Reduce funds to reflect FY2025 collections of locomotive diesel fuel sales tax pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-8-78.*			
State General Funds	($1,363,379)	($1,363,379)	($1,363,379)
361.3 *Increase funds to reflect FY2025 collections of Hotel/Motel Excise Tax, Highway Impact Fees, and Alternative Fuel Vehicle fees.*			
Transportation Trust Funds	$332,871	$332,871	$332,871
361.4 *Increase funds for targeted freight congestion relief along key intermodal corridors impacting inland ports.*			
State General Funds		$2,500,000	$0

361.1000 Rail			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Rail.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,182,026	$9,682,026	$7,182,026
State General Funds	$6,849,155	$9,349,155	$6,849,155
Transportation Trust Funds	$332,871	$332,871	$332,871
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$616,315	$616,315	$616,315
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$616,315	$616,315	$616,315
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239
Intergovernmental Transfers	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,886,580	$10,386,580	$7,886,580

Routine Maintenance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and adequately maintained state transportation system by inspecting roads and bridges, cataloguing road and bridge conditions and maintenance needs, and providing routine maintenance for state road and bridges. The purpose of this appropriation is also to maintain landscaping on road easements and rights-of-way through planting, litter control, vegetation removal, and grants to local governments, to provide for emergency operations on state routes, and to maintain state rest areas and welcome centers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$562,829,445	$562,829,445	$562,829,445
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$562,829,445	$562,829,445	$562,829,445
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,577,366	$11,577,366	$11,577,366
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$11,577,366	$11,577,366	$11,577,366
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$19,500,000	$19,500,000	$19,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Sales and Services	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$593,906,811	$593,906,811	$593,906,811

362.1 *Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for increased maintenance costs.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$33,540,924	$33,540,924	$33,540,924

362.1000 Routine Maintenance	**Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and adequately maintained state transportation system by inspecting roads and bridges, cataloguing road and bridge conditions and maintenance needs, and providing routine maintenance for state road and bridges. The purpose of this appropriation is also to maintain landscaping on road easements and rights-of-way through planting, litter control, vegetation removal, and grants to local governments, to provide for emergency operations on state routes, and to maintain state rest areas and welcome centers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$596,370,369	$596,370,369	$596,370,369
State Motor Fuel Funds	$596,370,369	$596,370,369	$596,370,369
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,577,366	$11,577,366	$11,577,366
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$11,577,366	$11,577,366	$11,577,366
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$19,500,000	$19,500,000	$19,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Sales and Services	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$627,447,735	$627,447,735	$627,447,735

Traffic Management and Control **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and efficient transportation system statewide by conducting traffic engineering studies for traffic safety planning, permitting for activity on or adjacent to state roads, providing motorist assistance and traffic information through the Highway Emergency Response Operators (HERO) program and Intelligent Transportation System, and conducting inspections, repairs, and installations of traffic signals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$69,181,749	$69,181,749	$69,181,749
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$69,181,749	$69,181,749	$69,181,749
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$79,677,354	$79,677,354	$79,677,354
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$79,527,354	$79,527,354	$79,527,354
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484
Sales and Services	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$174,393,587	$174,393,587	$174,393,587

363.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$53,822	$53,822	$53,822

363.2 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	($2,341,828)	($2,341,828)	($2,341,828)

363.3 *Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for increased contract costs.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$6,694,540	$6,694,540	$6,694,540

363.1000 Traffic Management and Control **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and efficient transportation system statewide by conducting traffic engineering studies for traffic safety planning, permitting for activity on or adjacent to state roads, providing motorist assistance and traffic information through the Highway Emergency Response Operators (HERO) program and Intelligent Transportation System, and conducting inspections, repairs, and installations of traffic signals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$73,588,283	$73,588,283	$73,588,283
State Motor Fuel Funds	$73,588,283	$73,588,283	$73,588,283
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$79,677,354	$79,677,354	$79,677,354
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$79,527,354	$79,527,354	$79,527,354
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484
Sales and Services	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$178,800,121	$178,800,121	$178,800,121

Transit **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Transit.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,318,878	$52,318,878	$52,318,878
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Transit Trust Funds	$38,005,357	$38,005,357	$38,005,357
Transportation Trust Funds	$14,313,521	$14,313,521	$14,313,521
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$65,015,306	$65,015,306	$65,015,306
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$65,015,306	$65,015,306	$65,015,306
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$118,036,184	$118,036,184	$118,036,184

364.1 *Increase funds to reflect FY2025 collections of Hired Transport Fees. (S:Increase funds to reflect FY2025 collections of Hired Transport Fees and allocate $350,000 to Columbus-Muscogee County for transit services)*

Transit Trust Funds	$3,874,376	$3,874,376	$3,874,376

364.2 *Increase funds to reflect FY2025 collections of Hotel/Motel Excise Tax, Highway Impact Fees, and Alternative Fuel Vehicle fees.*

Transportation Trust Funds	$523,252	$523,252	$523,252

364.1000 Transit **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Transit.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$56,716,506	$56,716,506	$56,716,506
Transit Trust Funds	$41,879,733	$41,879,733	$41,879,733
Transportation Trust Funds	$14,836,773	$14,836,773	$14,836,773
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$65,015,306	$65,015,306	$65,015,306
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$65,015,306	$65,015,306	$65,015,306
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000

Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$122,433,812	$122,433,812	$122,433,812

Payments to Atlanta-region Transit Link (ATL) Authority **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative funds for the Atlanta-region Transit Link (ATL) Authority.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,210,331	$9,210,331	$9,210,331
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Transportation Trust Funds	$9,210,331	$9,210,331	$9,210,331
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,210,331	$9,210,331	$9,210,331

365.1000 Payments to Atlanta-region Transit Link (ATL) Authority **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative funds for the Atlanta-region Transit Link (ATL) Authority.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,210,331	$9,210,331	$9,210,331
Transportation Trust Funds	$9,210,331	$9,210,331	$9,210,331
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,210,331	$9,210,331	$9,210,331

Payments to the State Road and Tollway Authority **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund debt service payments and other finance instruments and for operations of the State Road and Tollway Authority and the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,854,078	$27,854,078	$27,854,078
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Transportation Trust Funds	$27,854,078	$27,854,078	$27,854,078
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$48,353,800	$48,353,800	$48,353,800
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$48,353,800	$48,353,800	$48,353,800
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$76,207,878	$76,207,878	$76,207,878

366.1 *Increase funds for the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA) for two employees and contracted support to fulfill statutory requirement of reviewing Transportation Improvement Program projects.*

Transportation Trust Funds	$625,000	$625,000	$625,000

366.2 *Reduce funds to reflect Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle (GARVEE) bond debt requirements.*

Transportation Trust Funds	($700)	($700)	($700)

366.1000 Payments to the State Road and Tollway Authority **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund debt service payments and other finance instruments and for operations of the State Road and Tollway Authority and the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$28,478,378	$28,478,378	$28,478,378
Transportation Trust Funds	$28,478,378	$28,478,378	$28,478,378
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$48,353,800	$48,353,800	$48,353,800
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$48,353,800	$48,353,800	$48,353,800
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$76,832,178	$76,832,178	$76,832,178

It is the intent of this General Assembly that the following provisions apply:
a.) In order to meet the requirements for projects on the Interstate System, the Office of Planning and Budget is hereby authorized and directed to give advanced budgetary authorization for letting and execution of Interstate Highway Contracts not to exceed the amount of Motor Fuel Tax Revenues actually paid into the Office of the State Treasurer, attached agency of the Department of Administrative Services.
b.) Programs financed by Motor Fuel Tax Funds may be adjusted for additional appropriation or balances brought forward from previous years with prior approval by the Office of Planning and Budget.
c.) The Fiscal Officers of the State are hereby directed as of July 1st of each fiscal year to determine the collection of Motor Fuel Tax in the immediately preceding year less refunds, rebates and collection costs and enter this amount as being the appropriation payable in lieu of the Motor Fuel Tax Funds appropriated in this Bill, in the event such collections, less refunds, rebates and collection costs, exceed such Motor Fuel Tax Appropriation.
d.) Functions financed with General Fund appropriations shall be accounted for separately and shall be in addition to appropriations of Motor Fuel Tax revenues required under Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI, Subsection (b) of the State Constitution.
e.) Bus rental income may be retained to operate, maintain and upgrade department-owned buses.

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	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$33,144,535	$33,144,535	$33,144,535
State General Funds	$33,144,535	$33,144,535	$33,144,535
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$24,210,246	$24,210,246	$24,210,246
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$24,210,246	$24,210,246	$24,210,246
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,465,491	$3,465,491	$3,465,491
Intergovernmental Transfers	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Sales and Services	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$60,820,272	$60,820,272	$60,820,272

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$33,332,319	$35,934,319	$45,134,319
State General Funds	$33,332,319	$35,934,319	$45,134,319
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$24,210,246	$24,210,246	$24,210,246
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$24,210,246	$24,210,246	$24,210,246
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,465,491	$3,465,491	$3,465,491
Intergovernmental Transfers	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863

Sales and Services	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$61,008,056	$63,610,056	$72,810,056

Departmental Administration (DVS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate, manage, and supervise all aspects of department operations to include financial, public information, personnel, accounting, purchasing, supply, mail, records management, and information technology.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,241,773	$4,241,773	$4,241,773
State General Funds	$4,241,773	$4,241,773	$4,241,773
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,241,773	$4,241,773	$4,241,773

367.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$2,669	$2,669	$2,669

367.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($11,534)	($11,534)	($11,534)

367.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$599	$599	$599

367.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($101,676)	($101,676)	($101,676)

367.1000 Departmental Administration (DVS) **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate, manage, and supervise all aspects of department operations to include financial, public information, personnel, accounting, purchasing, supply, mail, records management, and information technology.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,131,831	$4,131,831	$4,131,831
State General Funds	$4,131,831	$4,131,831	$4,131,831
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,131,831	$4,131,831	$4,131,831

Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the interment of eligible Georgia Veterans who served faithfully and honorably in the military service of our country.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,051,037	$1,051,037	$1,051,037
State General Funds	$1,051,037	$1,051,037	$1,051,037
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$327,896	$327,896	$327,896
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$327,896	$327,896	$327,896
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,378,933	$1,378,933	$1,378,933

368.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,505	$1,505	$1,505

368.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$460	$460	$460

368.3 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($57,320)	($57,320)	($57,320)

368.4 *Increase funds for a director for the new veterans cemetery in Augusta.*

State General Funds		$102,000	$102,000

368.5 *Transfer funds from the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities to the Department of Veterans Service for one-time funding of debris cleanup.*

State General Funds			$200,000

368.1000 Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the interment of eligible Georgia Veterans who served faithfully and honorably in the military service of our country.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$995,682	$1,097,682	$1,297,682
State General Funds	$995,682	$1,097,682	$1,297,682
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$327,896	$327,896	$327,896
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$327,896	$327,896	$327,896
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,323,578	$1,425,578	$1,625,578

Georgia War Veterans Nursing Homes **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide skilled nursing care to aged and infirmed Georgia war veterans.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,114,399	$18,114,399	$18,114,399
State General Funds	$18,114,399	$18,114,399	$18,114,399
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$23,128,424	$23,128,424	$23,128,424
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$23,128,424	$23,128,424	$23,128,424
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,465,491	$3,465,491	$3,465,491
Intergovernmental Transfers	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Sales and Services	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$44,708,314	$44,708,314	$44,708,314

369.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.*

State General Funds	$25,780	$25,780	$25,780

369.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$226	$226	$226

369.3 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($5,894)	($5,894)	($5,894)

369.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$486	$486	$486

369.5 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($8,595)	($8,595)	($8,595)

369.6 *Increase funds to match increased federal funds to maintain existing bed count.*

State General Funds	$455,159	$455,159	$455,159

369.7 *Increase funds to promote excellence, for quality improvements, and additional staffing capacity to open all beds at the Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home in Milledgeville, Baldwin County.*

State General Funds			$5,000,000

369.1000 Georgia War Veterans Nursing Homes			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide skilled nursing care to aged and infirmed Georgia war veterans.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,581,561	$18,581,561	$23,581,561
State General Funds	$18,581,561	$18,581,561	$23,581,561
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$23,128,424	$23,128,424	$23,128,424
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$23,128,424	$23,128,424	$23,128,424
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,465,491	$3,465,491	$3,465,491
Intergovernmental Transfers	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Sales and Services	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$45,175,476	$45,175,476	$50,175,476

Veterans Benefits		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to serve Georgia's veterans, their dependents, and survivors in all matters pertaining to veterans' benefits by informing the veterans and their families about veterans' benefits, and directly assisting and advising them in securing the benefits to which they are entitled.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,737,326	$9,737,326	$9,737,326
State General Funds	$9,737,326	$9,737,326	$9,737,326

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$753,926	$753,926	$753,926
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$753,926	$753,926	$753,926
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,491,252	$10,491,252	$10,491,252

370.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$11,688	$11,688	$11,688

370.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($4,045)	($4,045)	($4,045)

370.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$3,692	$3,692	$3,692

370.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($445,178)	($445,178)	($445,178)

370.5 *Increase funds for Field Operations and Appeals positions to meet the Department of Administrative Services' minimum salary guidelines.*

State General Funds	$258,776	$258,776	$258,776

370.6 *Increase funds for personnel for one position for the new Savannah Tech Veterans Education Career Transition Resource (VECTR) Center.*

State General Funds	$60,986	$60,986	$60,986

370.7 *Increase funds to provide evidence-based rehabilitation services for military veterans and service members with traumatic brain injuries and mental health concerns.*

State General Funds		$1,000,000	$0

370.8 *Increase funds for a technology platform for community service referral.*

State General Funds		$1,500,000	$1,500,000

370.9 *Increase funds to annualize legislative priority of eliminating veteran homelessness.*

State General Funds			$5,000,000

370.1000 Veterans Benefits **Appropriation (HB 974)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to serve Georgia's veterans, their dependents, and survivors in all matters pertaining to veterans' benefits by informing the veterans and their families about veterans' benefits, and directly assisting and advising them in securing the benefits to which they are entitled.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,623,245	$12,123,245	$16,123,245
State General Funds	$9,623,245	$12,123,245	$16,123,245
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$753,926	$753,926	$753,926
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$753,926	$753,926	$753,926
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,377,171	$12,877,171	$16,877,171

Section 49: Workers' Compensation, State Board of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,730,780	$21,730,780	$21,730,780
State General Funds	$21,730,780	$21,730,780	$21,730,780
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832
Sales and Services	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$22,104,612	$22,104,612	$22,104,612

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$20,745,658	$20,745,658	$20,745,658
State General Funds	$20,745,658	$20,745,658	$20,745,658
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832
Sales and Services	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,119,490	$21,119,490	$21,119,490

Administer the Workers' Compensation Laws **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide exclusive remedy for resolution of disputes in the Georgia Workers' Compensation law.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,120,939	$15,120,939	$15,120,939
State General Funds	$15,120,939	$15,120,939	$15,120,939
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353
Sales and Services	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,429,292	$15,429,292	$15,429,292

371.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($71,019)	($71,019)	($71,019)

371.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($2,566)	($2,566)	($2,566)

371.3 *Increase funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.*

State General Funds	$3,254	$3,254	$3,254

371.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*

State General Funds	($706,843)	($706,843)	($706,843)

371.1000 Administer the Workers' Compensation Laws			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide exclusive remedy for resolution of disputes in the Georgia Workers' Compensation law.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,343,765	$14,343,765	$14,343,765
State General Funds	$14,343,765	$14,343,765	$14,343,765
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353
Sales and Services	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,652,118	$14,652,118	$14,652,118

Board Administration (SBWC)			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide superior access to the Georgia Workers' Compensation program for injured workers and employers in a manner that is sensitive, responsive, and effective.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,609,841	$6,609,841	$6,609,841
State General Funds	$6,609,841	$6,609,841	$6,609,841
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479
Sales and Services	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,675,320	$6,675,320	$6,675,320

372.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*			
State General Funds	($17,911)	($17,911)	($17,911)
372.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*			
State General Funds	($18,775)	($18,775)	($18,775)
372.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.*			
State General Funds	$7,005	$7,005	$7,005
372.4 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.*			
State General Funds	($178,267)	($178,267)	($178,267)

372.1000 Board Administration (SBWC)			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide superior access to the Georgia Workers' Compensation program for injured workers and employers in a manner that is sensitive, responsive, and effective.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,401,893	$6,401,893	$6,401,893
State General Funds	$6,401,893	$6,401,893	$6,401,893
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479
Sales and Services	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,467,372	$6,467,372	$6,467,372

Section 50: Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$715,736,336	$715,736,336	$715,736,336
State General Funds	$715,736,336	$715,736,336	$715,736,336
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$715,736,336	$715,736,336	$715,736,336

Section Total - Final

Capital Projects Fund **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to finance capital projects, including facilities, property, and equipment for state entities and to provide funds for the defeasance of outstanding general obligation debt.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$715,736,336	$715,736,336	$715,736,336
State General Funds	$715,736,336	$715,736,336	$715,736,336
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$715,736,336	$715,736,336	$715,736,336

373.1 *Reduce funds for one-time projects appropriated in the FY2026 budget (HB68, 2025 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	($715,736,336)	($715,736,336)	($715,736,336)

Section 51: State of Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,067,094,690	$1,067,094,690	$1,067,094,690
State General Funds	$965,529,934	$965,529,934	$965,529,934
State Motor Fuel Funds	$101,564,756	$101,564,756	$101,564,756
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,007,384	$12,007,384	$12,007,384
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,007,384	$12,007,384	$12,007,384
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,079,102,074	$1,079,102,074	$1,079,102,074

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,144,855,630	$1,130,140,218	$1,120,830,333
State General Funds	$1,048,619,813	$1,033,904,401	$1,024,594,516
State Motor Fuel Funds	$96,235,817	$96,235,817	$96,235,817
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,007,384	$12,007,384	$12,007,384
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,007,384	$12,007,384	$12,007,384
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,156,863,014	$1,142,147,602	$1,132,837,717

General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - Issued		Continuation Budget	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,067,094,690	$1,067,094,690	$1,067,094,690
State General Funds	$965,529,934	$965,529,934	$965,529,934
State Motor Fuel Funds	$101,564,756	$101,564,756	$101,564,756
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,007,384	$12,007,384	$12,007,384
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,007,384	$12,007,384	$12,007,384
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,079,102,074	$1,079,102,074	$1,079,102,074
374.1 *Reduce funds for debt service to reflect savings associated with debt retirement and defeasance.*			
State General Funds	($42,386,997)	($42,386,997)	($42,386,997)
374.2 *Transfer funds from the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission to the Department of Transportation to reflect debt service savings on road and bridge bond issuances.*			
State Motor Fuel Funds	($5,328,939)	($5,328,939)	($5,328,939)
374.3 *Increase funds for debt service.*			
State General Funds	$44,581,526	$14,173,469	$0
374.4 *Redirect $13,360,000 in 20-year unissued bonds from FY2024 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing education facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Low Wealth (HB19, Bond #376.101) to be used for the FY2027 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. (H:YES)(S:YES; Redirect $13,355,000 in 20-year unissued bonds from FY2024 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing education facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Low Wealth (HB19, Bond #376.101) to be used for the FY2027 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide)*			
State General Funds		$0	$0
374.5 *Redirect $5,010,000 in 20-year unissued bonds from FY2023 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Additional Low Wealth (HB911, Bond #2) to be used for the FY2027 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. (H:YES)(S:YES)*			
State General Funds		$0	$0
374.6 *Redirect $5,990,000 in 20-year unissued bonds from FY2022 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Regular (HB81, Bond #353.101) to be used for the FY2027 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. (H:YES)(S:YES)*			
State General Funds		$0	$0
374.7 *Redirect $2,270,000 in 20-year unissued bonds from FY2022 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Regular Advance (HB81, Bond #353.102) to be used for the FY2027 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. (H:YES)(S:YES)*			
State General Funds		$0	$0

374.8 *Redirect $1,605,000 in 20-year unissued bonds from FY2022 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Low Wealth (HB81, Bond #353.103) to be used for the FY2027 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds $0 $0

374.9 *Redirect $4,141,654 in 20-year issued bonds from FY2022 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Regular (HB81, Bond #353.101) to be used for the FY2027 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds $0 $0

374.10 *Redirect $1,465,000 in 20-year unissued bonds from FY2021 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Regular (HB793, Bond #1) to be used for the FY2027 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds $0 $0

374.11 *Redirect $1,014,148 in 20-year issued bonds from FY2021 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Regular (HB793, Bond #1) to be used for the FY2027 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. (H:YES)(S:YES; Redirect $1,014,128 in 20-year issued bonds from FY2021 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Regular (HB793, Bond #1) to be used for the FY2027 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide)*

State General Funds $0 $0

374.12 *Redirect $2,840,000 in 20-year issued bonds from FY2021 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Regular (HB793, Bond #1) to be used for the FY2025 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. (H:YES)(S:YES; Redirect $2,840,000 in 20-year unissued bonds from FY2021 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Regular (HB793, Bond #1) to be used for the FY2025 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide)*

State General Funds $0 $0

374.1000 General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - Issued			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,063,960,280	$1,033,552,223	$1,019,378,754
State General Funds	$967,724,463	$937,316,406	$923,142,937
State Motor Fuel Funds	$96,235,817	$96,235,817	$96,235,817
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,007,384	$12,007,384	$12,007,384
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,007,384	$12,007,384	$12,007,384
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,075,967,664	$1,045,559,607	$1,031,386,138

General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - New		Continuation Budget	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

Total Debt Service

5 year at 6.25%			
State General Funds	$14,665,352	$28,750,644	$28,989,844
5 year at 8%			
State General Funds	$16,460,044	$20,090,844	$20,090,844
20 year at 6.75%			
State General Funds	$41,695,002	$38,525,767	$42,448,303
20 year at 8.5%			
State General Funds	$8,074,952	$9,220,740	$9,922,588
Total Amount			
State General Funds	$80,895,350	$96,587,995	$101,451,579

Total Principal Amount

5 year at 6.25%			
State General Funds	$61,310,000	$120,195,000	$121,195,000
5 year at 8%			
State General Funds	$65,735,000	$80,235,000	$80,235,000
20 year at 6.75%			
State General Funds	$450,270,000	$416,045,000	$458,405,000
20 year at 8.5%			
State General Funds	$76,395,000	$87,235,000	$93,875,000
Total Amount			
State General Funds	$653,710,000	$703,710,000	$753,710,000

Education, Department of

375.101 *K - 12 Schools: $104,385,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.75%: Fund the Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. (G:Provide $159,240,000 in 20-year bonds for the Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide)(H and S:Provide $104,385,000 in 20-year bonds for the Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide)*

From State General Funds, $9,666,051 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than $104,385,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	$14,745,624	$9,666,051	$9,666,051

Education, Department of

375.102 *K - 12 Schools: $39,305,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.75%: Fund the Capital Outlay Program - Regular Advance for local school construction, statewide.*

From State General Funds, $3,639,643 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than $39,305,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	$3,639,643	$3,639,643	$3,639,643

Education, Department of

375.103 *K - 12 Schools: $15,455,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.75%: Fund the Capital Outlay Program - Low Wealth for school construction, statewide. (G:Provide $10,110,000 in 20-year bonds for the Capital Outlay Program - Low Wealth for school construction, statewide)(H and S:Provide $15,455,000 in 20-year bonds for the Capital Outlay Program - Low Wealth for school construction, statewide)*

From State General Funds, $1,431,133 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than $15,455,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	$936,186	$1,431,133	$1,431,133

Education, Department of

375.104 *K - 12 Schools: $46,090,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.75%: Fund the Capital Outlay Program - Additional Low Wealth for local school construction, statewide.*

From State General Funds, $4,267,934 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than $46,090,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	$4,267,934	$4,267,934	$4,267,934

Education, Department of

375.105 *K - 12 Schools: $8,035,000 in principal for 5 years at 6.25%: Purchase vocational and agriculture education equipment, statewide.*

From State General Funds, $1,921,972 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than $8,035,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

State General Funds	$1,921,972	$1,921,972	$1,921,972

Education, Department of

375.106 *State Schools: $1,275,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.75%: Fund major repairs and renovations for state schools, statewide.*

From State General Funds, $118,065 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Education by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,275,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	$118,065	$118,065	$118,065

Education, Department of

375.107 *K - 12 Equipment: $50,000,000 in principal for 5 years at 6.25%: Fund school safety equipment grants, statewide.*

From State General Funds, $11,960,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Education by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $50,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

State General Funds		$11,960,000	$11,960,000

University System of Georgia, Board of Regents

375.201 *University of North Georgia: $4,900,000 in principal for 5 years at 6.25%: Fund equipment for the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Building, University of North Georgia, Dahlonega, Lumpkin County.*

From State General Funds, $1,172,080 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $4,900,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

State General Funds	$1,172,080	$1,172,080	$1,172,080

University System of Georgia, Board of Regents

375.202 *University of Georgia: $3,000,000 in principal for 5 years at 8%: Fund equipment for the Science and Ag Hill Modernization Phase III - Poultry Science Building Renovation, University of Georgia, Athens, Clarke County. [Taxable Bond]*

From State General Funds, $751,200 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $3,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

State General Funds	$751,200	$751,200	$751,200

University System of Georgia, Board of Regents

375.203 *Georgia Southwestern State University: $2,600,000 in principal for 5 years at 6.25%: Fund equipment and demolition for the replacement of Natural Sciences Laboratory Facilities, Georgia Southwestern State University, Americus, Sumter County.*

From State General Funds, $621,920 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $2,600,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

State General Funds	$621,920	$621,920	$621,920

University System of Georgia, Board of Regents

375.204 *Clayton State University: $1,500,000 in principal for 5 years at 6.25%: Fund equipment for the renovation of the Harry Downs Building for Nursing and Dental Hygiene, Clayton State University, Morrow, Clayton County.*

From State General Funds, $358,800 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

State General Funds	$358,800	$358,800	$358,800

University System of Georgia, Board of Regents

375.205 *Georgia Highlands College: $1,300,000 in principal for 5 years at 6.25%: Fund equipment for the renovation of the Lakeview Nursing and Dental Hygiene building, Georgia Highlands College, Rome, Floyd County.*

From State General Funds, $310,960 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,300,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

State General Funds	$310,960	$310,960	$310,960

University System of Georgia, Board of Regents

375.206 *University of Georgia: $34,500,000 in principal for 5 years at 8%: Fund construction for the Science & Ag Hill Modernization, Phase IV (Biological Sciences - North Wing), University of Georgia, Athens, Clarke County. [Taxable Bond]*

From State General Funds, $8,638,800 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $34,500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

State General Funds	$8,638,800	$8,638,800	$8,638,800

University System of Georgia, Board of Regents

375.207 *Columbus State University: $1,600,000 in principal for 5 years at 8%: Fund design for the One Arsenal Place renovation, Columbus State University, Columbus, Muscogee County. [Taxable Bond]*

From State General Funds, $400,640 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of

the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,600,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

State General Funds	$400,640	$400,640	$400,640

University System of Georgia, Board of Regents

375.208 *University of North Georgia: $1,000,000 in principal for 5 years at 6.25%: Fund design for the Strickland Hall renovation - Gainesville, University of North Georgia, Gainesville, Hall County.*

From State General Funds, $239,200 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

State General Funds	$239,200	$239,200	$239,200

University System of Georgia, Board of Regents

375.209 *Kennesaw State University: $10,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 8.5%: Fund design, construction, and equipment for the renovations for Student Success and Construction Management program facilities, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, Cobb County. (S:Provide $10,000,000 in 20-year bonds for design, construction, and equipment for the renovations for Student Success and Construction Management program facilities, Kennesaw State University, Marietta, Cobb County)[Taxable Bond]*

From State General Funds, $1,057,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $10,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	$1,057,000	$1,057,000	$1,057,000

University System of Georgia, Board of Regents

375.210 *Fort Valley State University: $8,800,000 in principal for 20 years at 8.5%: Fund construction and equipment for the Davison Hall - Complete Interior Buildout, Fort Valley State University, Fort Valley, Peach County. [Taxable Bond]*

From State General Funds, $930,160 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $8,800,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	$930,160	$930,160	$930,160

University System of Georgia, Board of Regents

375.211 *Georgia Institute of Technology: $5,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 8.5%: Fund design and construction for the Groseclose Building deferred renewal, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Fulton County. [Taxable Bond]*

From State General Funds, $528,500 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	$528,500	$528,500	$528,500

University System of Georgia, Board of Regents

375.212 *Middle Georgia State University: $5,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.75%: Fund design and construction for the Cochran Campus domestic water system replacement, Middle Georgia State University, Cochran, Bleckley County.*

From State General Funds, $463,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	$463,000	$463,000	$463,000

University System of Georgia, Board of Regents

375.213 *University of Georgia: $5,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 8.5%: Fund design, construction, and equipment for the Building #1050 renovation, University of Georgia, Athens, Clarke County. [Taxable Bond]*

From State General Funds, $528,500 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	$528,500	$528,500	$528,500

University System of Georgia, Board of Regents

375.214 *Valdosta State University: $5,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.75%: Fund design, construction, and equipment for the renovation of University Center Building 1, Valdosta State University, Valdosta, Lowndes County.*

From State General Funds, $463,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	$463,000	$463,000	$463,000

University System of Georgia, Board of Regents

375.215 *Dalton State College: $4,900,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.75%: Fund design and construction for the Infrastructure Utilities Upgrades Phase 1, Dalton State College, Dalton, Whitfield County.*

From State General Funds, $453,740 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of

the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $4,900,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	$453,740	$453,740	$453,740

University System of Georgia, Board of Regents

375.216 *Augusta University: $4,400,000 in principal for 20 years at 8.5%: Fund design and construction for the replacement of the fire alarm system - Interdisciplinary Research Building - Augusta University, Augusta, Richmond County. [Taxable Bond]*

From State General Funds, $465,080 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $4,400,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	$465,080	$465,080	$465,080

University System of Georgia, Board of Regents

375.217 *Georgia Southern University East Georgia Campus: $4,200,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.75%: Fund design and construction for the Campuswide HVAC Renewal, East Georgia State College, Swainsboro, Emanuel County. (S:Provide $4,200,000 in 20-year bonds for design and construction for the Campuswide HVAC Renewal, Georgia Southern University East Georgia Campus, Swainsboro, Emanuel County)*

From State General Funds, $388,920 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $4,200,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	$388,920	$388,920	$388,920

University System of Georgia, Board of Regents

375.218 *Albany State University: $0 in principal for 20 years at 6.75%: Fund design, construction, and equipment for the renovation for Criminal Justice Learning Lab and Public Safety Facility, Albany State University, Albany, Dougherty County. (G:Provide $3,900,000 in 20-year bonds to fund design, construction, and equipment for the renovation for Criminal Justice Learning Lab and Public Safety Facility, Albany State University, Albany, Dougherty County)(H:Provide $1,950,000 in 20-year bonds to fund design, construction, and equipment for the renovation for Criminal Justice Learning Lab and Public Safety Facility, Albany State University, Albany, Dougherty County and reflect full project funding on Amended FY2026 budget (HB973))(S:NO; Recognize funds appropriated in Amended FY2026 Budget to accomplish project)*

State General Funds	$361,140	$180,570	$0

University System of Georgia, Board of Regents

375.219 *Clayton State University: $3,500,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.75%: Fund construction for the Campus Infrastructure Phase III, Clayton State University, Morrow, Clayton County.*

From State General Funds, $324,100 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land,

waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $3,500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	$324,100	$324,100	$324,100

University System of Georgia, Board of Regents

375.220 *South Georgia State College: $3,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.75%: Fund design, construction, and equipment for the Smith Library renovation, South Georgia State College, Douglas, Coffee County.*

From State General Funds, $277,800 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $3,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	$277,800	$277,800	$277,800

University System of Georgia, Board of Regents

375.221 *Georgia Research Alliance: $15,700,000 in principal for 5 years at 8%: Fund R&D Talent, Equipment and Innovation & Entrepreneurship, Georgia Research Alliance, statewide. (G:Provide $5,000,000 in 5-year bonds to fund R&D Talent, Equipment and Innovation & Entrepreneurship, Georgia Research Alliance, statewide)(H and S:Provide $15,700,000 in 5-year bonds to fund R&D Talent, Equipment and Innovation & Entrepreneurship, Georgia Research Alliance, statewide)[Taxable Bond]*

From State General Funds, $3,931,280 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $15,700,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

State General Funds	$1,252,000	$3,931,280	$3,931,280

University System of Georgia, Board of Regents

375.222 *Georgia Military College: $550,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.75%: Fund renovations for Junior College James E. Baugh Barracks, Georgia Military College, Milledgeville, Baldwin County.*

From State General Funds, $50,930 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Trustees of the Georgia Military College by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $550,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	$50,930	$50,930	$50,930

University System of Georgia, Board of Regents

375.223 *Georgia Military College: $110,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.75%: Fund replacement for Sibley-Cone Library fire alarm system, Georgia Military College, Milledgeville, Baldwin County.*

From State General Funds, $10,186 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of

financing projects and facilities for the Board of Trustees of the Georgia Military College by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $110,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	$10,186	$10,186	$10,186

University System of Georgia, Board of Regents

375.224 *Georgia Military College: $285,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.75%: Fund repair for Jenkins Hall stucco, Georgia Military College, Milledgeville, Baldwin County.*

From State General Funds, $26,391 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Trustees of the Georgia Military College by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $285,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	$26,391	$26,391	$26,391

University System of Georgia, Board of Regents

375.225 *Georgia Military College: $165,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.75%: Fund replacement and repair for College Academic Building roof, Georgia Military College, Milledgeville, Baldwin County.*

From State General Funds, $15,279 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Trustees of the Georgia Military College by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $165,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	$15,279	$15,279	$15,279

University System of Georgia, Board of Regents

375.226 *Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission: $560,000 in principal for 20 years at 8.5%: Fund upgrade for cybersecurity infrastructure, Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission, statewide. [Taxable Bond]*

From State General Funds, $59,192 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $560,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	$59,192	$59,192	$59,192

University System of Georgia, Board of Regents

375.227 *Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission: $790,000 in principal for 20 years at 8.5%: Fund transmission and RF systems (Phase II), Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission, statewide. [Taxable Bond]*

From State General Funds, $83,503 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission by means of the acquisition, construction,

development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $790,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	$83,503	$83,503	$83,503

University System of Georgia, Board of Regents

375.228 *Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission: $740,000 in principal for 20 years at 8.5%: Fund repainting of tall broadcast towers, Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission, statewide. [Taxable Bond]*

From State General Funds, $78,218 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $740,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	$78,218	$78,218	$78,218

University System of Georgia, Board of Regents

375.229 *Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission: $660,000 in principal for 20 years at 8.5%: Fund establishment of disaster recovery and off-site data archive storage facility, Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission, Warm Springs, Meriwether County. [Taxable Bond]*

From State General Funds, $69,762 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $660,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	$69,762	$69,762	$69,762

University System of Georgia, Board of Regents

375.230 *Georgia Public Library System: $900,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.75%: Fund construction of the renovation of the Westtown Library, Dougherty County Public Library System, Albany, Dougherty County.*

From State General Funds, $83,340 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than $900,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds		$83,340	$83,340

University System of Georgia, Board of Regents

375.231 *Georgia Public Library System: $3,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.75%: Fund construction of the Pooler Replacement Library, Live Oak Public Libraries, Pooler, Chatham County.*

From State General Funds, $277,800 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library

systems, through the issuance of not more than $3,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	$277,800	$277,800

University System of Georgia, Board of Regents

375.232 *Georgia Public Library System: $900,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.75%: Fund construction of the Shurling Library, Middle Georgia Regional Library System, Macon, Bibb County.*

From State General Funds, $83,340 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than $900,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	$83,340	$83,340

University System of Georgia, Board of Regents

375.233 *Georgia Public Library System: $500,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.75%: Fund construction of the O'Kelly Memorial Library, Azalea Regional Library System, Loganville, Walton County.*

From State General Funds, $46,300 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than $500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	$46,300	$46,300

University System of Georgia, Board of Regents

375.234 *Georgia Public Library System: $3,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.75%: Fund construction of the Dallas Public Library, West Georgia Regional Library, Dallas, Paulding County. (H:Provide $1,500,000 in 20-year bonds to fund construction of the Dallas Public Library, West Georgia Regional Library, Dallas, Paulding County)(S:Provide $3,000,000 in 20-year bonds to fund construction of the Dallas Public Library, West Georgia Regional Library, Dallas, Paulding County)*

From State General Funds, $277,800 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than $3,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	$138,900	$277,800

University System of Georgia, Board of Regents

375.235 *Georgia Public Library System: $575,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.75%: Fund construction of the Willis L. Miller Library, South Georgia Regional Library, Valdosta, Lowndes County.*

From State General Funds, $53,245 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than $575,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	$53,245	$53,245

University System of Georgia, Board of Regents

375.236 *Georgia Public Library System: $3,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.75%: Fund design and construction of major repairs and renovations, Georgia Public Library System, statewide. (H:Provide $1,500,000 in 20-year bonds to fund design and construction of major repairs and renovations, Georgia Public Library System, statewide)(S:Provide $3,000,000 in 20-year bonds to fund design and construction of major repairs and renovations, Georgia Public Library System, statewide)*

From State General Funds, $277,800 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than $3,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	$138,900	$277,800

University System of Georgia, Board of Regents

375.237 *Georgia Public Library System: $2,000,000 in principal for 5 years at 6.25%: Fund technology improvements and upgrades, Georgia Public Library Service, statewide. (H:Provide $1,000,000 in 5-year bonds to fund technology improvements and upgrades, Georgia Public Library Service, statewide)(S:Provide $2,000,000 in 5-year bonds to fund technology improvements and upgrades, Georgia Public Library Service, statewide)*

From State General Funds, $478,400 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than $2,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

State General Funds	$239,200	$478,400

University System of Georgia, Board of Regents

375.238 *Georgia Public Library System: $450,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.75%: Fund construction of the Parks Memorial Library, Chattahoochee Valley Libraries, Richland, Stewart County.*

From State General Funds, $41,670 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than $450,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	$41,670	$41,670

University System of Georgia, Board of Regents

375.239 *Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College: $900,000 in principal for 5 years at 6.25%: Fund design for the renovation of the Student Success and Career Services building, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, Tifton, Tift County.*

From State General Funds, $215,280 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $900,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

State General Funds	$215,280	$215,280

University System of Georgia, Board of Regents

375.240 *Georgia Military College: $1,295,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.75%: Fund major repairs and renovations, Georgia Military College, Milledgeville, Baldwin County.*

From State General Funds, $119,917 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Trustees of the Georgia Military College by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,295,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds		$119,917	$119,917

University System of Georgia, Board of Regents

375.241 *Savannah State University: $42,810,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.75%: Fund construction of student support, engagement and wellness facility, Savannah State University, Savannah, Chatham County.*

From State General Funds, $3,964,206 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $42,810,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds		$3,964,206

Technical College System of Georgia

375.261 *Equipment: $9,000,000 in principal for 5 years at 8%: Purchase equipment for refresh, statewide. [Taxable Bond]*

From State General Funds, $2,253,600 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $9,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

State General Funds	$2,253,600	$2,253,600	$2,253,600

Technical College System of Georgia

375.262 *Atlanta Technical College: $4,455,000 in principal for 5 years at 8%: Purchase equipment for renovation and expansion of Henry Louis "Hank" Aaron Academic Complex, Atlanta Technical College, Atlanta, Fulton County. [Taxable Bond]*

From State General Funds, $1,115,532 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $4,455,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

State General Funds	$1,115,532	$1,115,532	$1,115,532

Technical College System of Georgia

375.263 *Georgia Piedmont Technical College: $1,570,000 in principal for 5 years at 8%: Purchase equipment for Building B Simulated Training Hospital, Georgia Piedmont Technical College, Covington, Newton County. [Taxable Bond]*

From State General Funds, $393,128 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,570,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

State General Funds	$393,128	$393,128	$393,128

Technical College System of Georgia

375.264 *Gwinnett Technical College: $1,435,000 in principal for 5 years at 8%: Purchase equipment for Automotive Building Expansion, Gwinnett Technical College, Lawrenceville, Gwinnett County. [Taxable Bond]*

From State General Funds, $359,324 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,435,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

State General Funds	$359,324	$359,324	$359,324

Technical College System of Georgia

375.265 *West Georgia Technical College: $565,000 in principal for 5 years at 8%: Purchase equipment for Building A Renovation Phase II, West Georgia Technical College, Lagrange, Troup County. [Taxable Bond]*

From State General Funds, $141,476 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $565,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

State General Funds	$141,476	$141,476	$141,476

Technical College System of Georgia

375.266 *Augusta Technical College: $26,560,000 in principal for 20 years at 8.5%: Fund construction for Advanced Manufacturing & Engineering Technology Building, Augusta Technical College, Grovetown, Columbia County. (G:Provide $13,280,000 in 20-year bonds to fund construction for Advanced Manufacturing & Engineering Technology Building, Augusta Technical College, Grovetown, Columbia County)(H:Provide $19,920,000 in 20-year bonds to fund construction for Advanced Manufacturing & Engineering Technology Building, Augusta Technical College, Grovetown, Columbia County)(S:Provide $26,560,000 in 20-year bonds to fund construction for Advanced Manufacturing & Engineering Technology Building, Augusta Technical College, Grovetown, Columbia County)[Taxable Bond]*

From State General Funds, $2,807,392 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the

issuance of not more than $26,560,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	$1,403,696	$2,105,544	$2,807,392

Technical College System of Georgia

375.267 *Savannah Technical College: $1,325,000 in principal for 5 years at 8%: Fund design for Aviation Campus Building Expansion, Savannah Technical College, Savannah, Chatham County. [Taxable Bond]*

From State General Funds, $331,780 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,325,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

State General Funds	$331,780	$331,780	$331,780

Technical College System of Georgia

375.268 *Gwinnett Technical College: $2,260,000 in principal for 5 years at 8%: Fund design for North Fulton Campus Building 2, Gwinnett Technical College, Alpharetta, Fulton County. [Taxable Bond]*

From State General Funds, $565,904 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $2,260,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

State General Funds	$565,904	$565,904	$565,904

Technical College System of Georgia

375.269 *Georgia Northwestern Technical College: $13,345,000 in principal for 20 years at 8.5%: Fund design and construction for Industrial Technologies Renovation/Replacement - Phase 2, Georgia Northwestern Technical College, Rome, Floyd County. [Taxable Bond]*

From State General Funds, $1,410,567 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $13,345,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	$1,410,567	$1,410,567	$1,410,567

Technical College System of Georgia

375.270 *Chattahoochee Technical College: $8,820,000 in principal for 20 years at 8.5%: Fund design and construction for Manufacturing & Diesel Lab Renovation, Chattahoochee Technical College, Acworth, Bartow County. [Taxable Bond]*

From State General Funds, $932,274 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the

issuance of not more than $8,820,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	$932,274	$932,274	$932,274

Technical College System of Georgia

375.271 *Ogeechee Technical College: $1,025,000 in principal for 5 years at 8%: Fund design for Automotive/EV Renovation and Expansion, Ogeechee Technical College, Statesboro, Bulloch County. [Taxable Bond]*

From State General Funds, $256,660 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,025,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

State General Funds	$256,660	$256,660	$256,660

Technical College System of Georgia

375.272 *Oconee Fall Line Technical College: $5,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 8.5%: Fund design, construction and equipment for Diesel Lab Addition, Oconee Fall Line Technical College, Sandersville, Washington County. [Taxable Bond]*

From State General Funds, $528,500 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	$528,500	$528,500	$528,500

Technical College System of Georgia

375.273 *Technical College Multi-Projects: $3,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.75%: Fund design and construction for one college and career academy, statewide.*

From State General Funds, $277,800 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $3,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	$277,800	$277,800	$277,800

Technical College System of Georgia

375.274 *Savannah Technical College: $3,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 8.5%: Fund design, construction, and equipment for the Jack Hill Conference Center, Savannah Technical College, Rincon, Effingham County. [Taxable Bond]*

From State General Funds, $317,100 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the

issuance of not more than $3,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	$317,100	$317,100

Technical College System of Georgia

375.275 *Athens Technical College: $1,200,000 in principal for 20 years at 8.5%: Fund design, construction, and equipment for the commercial driver's license training center, Athens Technical College, Elberton, Elbert County. [Taxable Bond]*

From State General Funds, $126,840 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,200,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	$126,840	$126,840

Technical College System of Georgia

375.276 *North Georgia Technical College: $1,600,000 in principal for 5 years at 8%: Fund design for the Centralized Medical Services Center, North Georgia Technical College, Clarkesville, Habersham County. [Taxable Bond]*

From State General Funds, $400,640 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,600,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

State General Funds	$400,640	$400,640

Technical College System of Georgia

375.277 *Columbus Technical College: $2,200,000 in principal for 5 years at 8%: Fund design for the Aviation Maintenance Technician Facility, Columbus Technical College, Columbus, Muscogee County. [Taxable Bond]*

From State General Funds, $550,880 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $2,200,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

State General Funds	$550,880	$550,880

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

375.331 *Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency Multi-Projects: $2,400,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.75%: Fund replacement of HVAC system at Roosevelt Hall, Roosevelt Warm Springs, Meriwether County.*

From State General Funds, $222,240 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through

the issuance of not more than $2,400,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	$222,240	$222,240	$222,240

Public Health, Department of

375.341 *Public Health Multi-Projects: $1,155,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.75%: Fund improvements and renovations to district offices and public health laboratories, statewide.*

From State General Funds, $106,953 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Public Health by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,155,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	$106,953	$106,953	$106,953

Veterans Service, Department of

375.351 *Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery: $1,835,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.75%: Fund improvements and renovations at the Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Milledgeville, Baldwin County.*

From State General Funds, $169,921 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Veterans Service by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,835,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	$169,921	$169,921	$169,921

Veterans Service, Department of

375.352 *Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home, Milledgeville: $220,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.75%: Fund elevator repairs at the Georgia War Veterans Home, Milledgeville, Baldwin County.*

From State General Funds, $20,372 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Veterans Service by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $220,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds		$20,372	$20,372

Corrections, Department of

375.371 *Pulaski State Prison: $42,520,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.75%: Fund mechanical, electrical, and plumbing repairs at Pulaski State Prison, Hawkinsville, Pulaski County.*

From State General Funds, $3,937,352 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Corrections by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the

issuance of not more than $42,520,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	$3,937,352	$3,937,352	$3,937,352

Defense, Department of

375.391 *National Guard Armories: $4,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.75%: Fund facility maintenance and repairs, statewide.*

From State General Funds, $370,400 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Defense by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $4,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	$370,400	$370,400	$370,400

Defense, Department of

375.392 *Defense Multi-projects: $12,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.75%: Fund site improvements and renovations for six readiness centers, statewide.*

From State General Funds, $1,111,200 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Defense by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $12,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	$1,111,200	$1,111,200	$1,111,200

Investigation, Georgia Bureau of

375.401 *GBI Headquarters and Morgue: $5,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.75%: Fund construction of new security improvements at Headquarters, Decatur, DeKalb County.*

From State General Funds, $463,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	$463,000	$463,000	$463,000

Investigation, Georgia Bureau of

375.402 *GBI Multi-Projects: $5,000,000 in principal for 5 years at 6.25%: Fund furniture, fixtures, and equipment for the Central Medical Examiner Building, Dry Branch, Bibb County.*

From State General Funds, $1,196,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

State General Funds	$1,196,000	$1,196,000	$1,196,000

Investigation, Georgia Bureau of

375.403 *GBI Multi-Projects: $2,730,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.75%: Fund major repairs and renovations, statewide.*

From State General Funds, $252,798 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $2,730,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	$252,798	$252,798	$252,798

Investigation, Georgia Bureau of

375.404 *GBI Multi-Projects: $1,100,000 in principal for 5 years at 6.25%: Fund minor repairs and renovations, statewide.*

From State General Funds, $263,120 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,100,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

State General Funds	$263,120	$263,120	$263,120

Investigation, Georgia Bureau of

375.405 *GBI Multi-Projects: $2,000,000 in principal for 5 years at 6.25%: Purchase replacement crime lab equipment, statewide.*

From State General Funds, $478,400 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $2,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

State General Funds	$478,400	$478,400	$478,400

Juvenile Justice, Department of

375.411 *DJJ Multi-Projects: $14,625,000 in principal for 5 years at 6.25%: Fund facility repairs and sustainment, statewide. (G:Provide $10,615,000 in 5-year bonds to fund facility repairs and sustainment, statewide)(H and S:Provide $14,625,000 in 5-year bonds to fund facility repairs and sustainment, statewide)*

From State General Funds, $3,498,300 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Juvenile Justice by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $14,625,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

State General Funds	$2,539,108	$3,498,300	$3,498,300

Juvenile Justice, Department of

375.412 *DJJ Multi-Projects: $5,970,000 in principal for 5 years at 6.25%: Fund major repairs and renovations, statewide.*

From State General Funds, $1,428,024 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of

Juvenile Justice by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $5,970,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

State General Funds	$1,428,024	$1,428,024	$1,428,024

Juvenile Justice, Department of

375.413 *DJJ Multi-Projects: $2,055,000 in principal for 5 years at 6.25%: Fund secure facility Wi-Fi expansion.*

From State General Funds, $491,556 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Juvenile Justice by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $2,055,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

State General Funds		$491,556	$491,556

Public Safety, Department of

375.431 *DPS Multi-Projects: $1,405,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.75%: Fund major maintenance, renovations, and repairs, statewide.*

From State General Funds, $130,103 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Public Safety by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,405,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	$130,103	$130,103	$130,103

Public Safety, Department of

375.432 *DPS Multi-Projects: $600,000 in principal for 5 years at 6.25%: Fund aviation major maintenance, renovations, and repairs, statewide.*

From State General Funds, $143,520 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Public Safety by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $600,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

State General Funds	$143,520	$143,520	$143,520

Public Safety, Department of

375.433 *DPS Multi-Projects: $2,335,000 in principal for 5 years at 6.25%: Purchase replacement 400 tasers, statewide.*

From State General Funds, $558,532 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Public Safety by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $2,335,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

State General Funds	$558,532	$558,532	$558,532

Public Safety, Department of

375.434 *Patrol Posts Various: $1,500,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.75%: Fund design and construction of new state patrol facility for LaFayette Post 41, LaFayette, Walker County. (G and H:Provide $3,000,000 in 20-year bonds for design and construction of new state patrol facility for LaFayette Post 41, LaFayette, Walker County)(S:Provide $1,500,000 in 20-year bonds for design and construction of new state patrol facility for LaFayette Post 41, LaFayette, Walker County)*

From State General Funds, $138,900 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Public Safety by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	$277,800	$277,800	$138,900

Public Safety, Department of

375.435 *Patrol Posts Various: $115,000 in principal for 5 years at 6.25%: Fund furniture, fixtures, and equipment for the Swainsboro Post, Emanuel County.*

From State General Funds, $27,508 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Public Safety by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $115,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

State General Funds	$27,508	$27,508	$27,508

Public Safety, Department of

375.436 *Patrol Posts Various: $115,000 in principal for 5 years at 6.25%: Fund furniture, fixtures, and equipment for the Sylvania Post, Screven County.*

From State General Funds, $27,508 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Public Safety by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $115,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

State General Funds	$27,508	$27,508	$27,508

Public Safety, Department of

375.437 *Georgia Public Safety Training Center: $260,000 in principal for 5 years at 6.25%: Fund repair of dormitory building, Forsyth, Monroe County.*

From State General Funds, $62,192 is specifically appropriated for the Department of Public Safety for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Public Safety Training Center by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $260,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

State General Funds	$62,192	$62,192	$62,192

Public Safety, Department of

375.438 *Georgia Public Safety Training Center: $3,490,000 in principal for 5 years at 6.25%: Fund construction of new Urban Driving Track, Forsyth, Monroe County.*

From State General Funds, $834,808 is specifically appropriated for the Department of Public Safety for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Public Safety Training Center by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $3,490,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

State General Funds	$834,808	$834,808	$834,808

Public Safety, Department of

375.439 *Georgia Public Safety Training Center: $420,000 in principal for 5 years at 6.25%: Purchase replacement four fire investigation training structures, Forsyth, Monroe County.*

From State General Funds, $100,464 is specifically appropriated for the Department of Public Safety for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Public Safety Training Center by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $420,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

State General Funds	$100,464	$100,464	$100,464

Public Safety, Department of

375.440 *Georgia Public Safety Training Center: $920,000 in principal for 5 years at 6.25%: Fund core network upgrades and HVAC repairs and replacement, Georgia Public Safety Training Center, Forsyth, Monroe County.*

From State General Funds, $220,064 is specifically appropriated for the Department of Public Safety for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Public Safety Training Center by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $920,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

State General Funds		$220,064	$220,064

Labor, Department of

375.491 *Department of Labor - Central Office: $6,730,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.75%: Fund demolition, design, and construction of the Central Complex parking lot and warehouse building, Atlanta, Fulton County.*

From State General Funds, $623,198 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Labor by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $6,730,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	$623,198	$623,198	$623,198

Labor, Department of

375.492 *Department of Labor - Central Office: $940,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.75%: Fund major repairs and renovations, Atlanta, Fulton County.*

From State General Funds, $87,044 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Labor by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $940,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds		$87,044	$87,044

Agriculture, Department of

375.571 *State Farmers' Markets: $30,455,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.75%: Fund construction of the new regulatory laboratory at Atlanta Farmers Market, Forest Park, Clayton County. (G:Provide $25,000,000 in 20-year bonds to construct the new regulatory laboratory at Atlanta Farmers Market, Forest Park, Clayton County)(H and S:Provide $30,455,000 in 20-year bonds to construct the new regulatory laboratory at Atlanta Farmers Market, Forest Park, Clayton County)*

From State General Funds, $2,820,133 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Agriculture by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $30,455,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	$2,315,000	$2,820,133	$2,820,133

Agriculture, Department of

375.572 *Agricultural Testing Laboratories: $985,000 in principal for 5 years at 6.25%: Fund renovations and equipment at Tifton Laboratory for recommissioning, Tifton, Tift County.*

From State General Funds, $235,612 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Agriculture by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $985,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

State General Funds	$235,612	$235,612	$235,612

Agriculture, Department of

375.573 *Agriculture - Multi-Projects: $2,280,000 in principal for 5 years at 6.25%: Purchase replacement of 48 vehicles, statewide.*

From State General Funds, $545,376 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Agriculture by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $2,280,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

State General Funds	$545,376	$545,376	$545,376

Environmental Finance Authority, Georgia

375.581 *Local Government Infrastructure: $33,200,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.75%: Fund state match for the federal Clean Water and Drinking Water Revolving Loan Programs, statewide.*

From State General Funds, $3,074,320 is specifically appropriated for the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority for the purpose of financing loans to counties, municipal corporations, political subdivisions, local authorities, and other local government entities for water or sewerage facilities or systems or for regional or multijurisdictional solid waste recycling or solid waste facilities or systems, through the issuance of not more than $33,200,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	$3,074,320	$3,074,320	$3,074,320

Forestry Commission, State

375.601 *Forestry Equipment: $1,750,000 in principal for 5 years at 6.25%: Fund replacement of vehicles and trailers, statewide.*

From State General Funds, $418,600 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the State Forestry Commission by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,750,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

State General Funds	$418,600	$418,600	$418,600

Forestry Commission, State

375.602 *Forestry Buildings: $1,680,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.75%: Fund major repairs and renovations for offices, truck sheds, and crew rooms, statewide.*

From State General Funds, $155,568 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the State Forestry Commission by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,680,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	$155,568	$155,568	$155,568

Forestry Commission, State

375.603 *Forestry Buildings: $1,075,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.75%: Fund construction of truck shed and crew room, Douglas, Coffee County.*

From State General Funds, $99,545 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the State Forestry Commission by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,075,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	$99,545	$99,545	$99,545

Natural Resources, Department of

375.611 *DNR multi-projects: $4,940,000 in principal for 5 years at 6.25%: Fund replacement of vehicles and emergency equipment, statewide.*

From State General Funds, $1,181,648 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of

Natural Resources by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $4,940,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

State General Funds	$1,181,648	$1,181,648	$1,181,648

Natural Resources, Department of

375.612 *DNR multi-projects: $16,910,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.75%: Fund facility major improvements and renovations, statewide.*

From State General Funds, $1,565,866 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Natural Resources by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $16,910,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	$1,565,866	$1,565,866	$1,565,866

375.1000 General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - New			**Appropriation (HB 974)**
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$80,895,350	$96,587,995	$101,451,579
State General Funds	$80,895,350	$96,587,995	$101,451,579
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$80,895,350	$96,587,995	$101,451,579

Section 52: General Obligation Bonds Repealed, Revised, or Reinstated

Reserved.

Section 53: Salary Adjustments

The appropriations to budget units made above include funds for, and have the added purpose of, the following salary increases and adjustments, administered in conformity with the applicable compensation and performance management plans as provided by law:

1.) To provide for a targeted salary adjustment for Katie Beckett Medicaid caseworkers in the Georgia Department of Community Health and for certain employees in specified classes of jobs in the Department of Audits and Accounts, Superior Courts, Department of Agriculture, Department of Corrections, State Forestry Commission, and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. The amount for this Item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2026.

2.) To provide for a targeted salary adjustment for certain employees in specified classes of jobs in the Prosecuting Attorneys' and the Georgia Public Defender Council. The amount for this Item is calculated according to an effective date of January 1, 2027.

3.) Effective July 1, 2026, the salary for each justice of the Supreme Court shall be $230,000.

4.) Effective July 1, 2026, the salary for each judge of the Court of Appeals shall be $227,700.

5.) Effective July 1, 2026, the salary for each judge of the State-wide Business Court shall be $218,500.

6.) Effective July 1, 2026, the salary for each judge of the Georgia Tax Court shall be $218,500.

7.) Effective July 1, 2026, the state-paid salary for each superior court judge shall be $201,060.

8.) Effective January 1, 2027, the salary for each district attorney shall be $175,000.

9.) Effective January 1, 2027, the salary for each circuit public defender shall be $175,000.

Section 54: Refunds
In addition to all other appropriations, there is hereby appropriated, as needed, a specific sum of money equal to each refund authorized by law, which is required to make refunds of taxes and other monies collected in error, farmer gasoline tax refunds, and any other refunds specifically authorized by law.

Section 55: Leases
In accordance with the requirements of Article IX, Section III, Paragraph I(a) of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, as amended, there is hereby appropriated payable to each department, agency, or institution of the State sums sufficient to satisfy the payments required to be made in each year under existing lease contracts between any department, agency, or institution of the State and any authority created and activated at the time of the effective date of the aforesaid constitutional provision, as amended, or appropriated for the State Fiscal Year addressed within this Act. If for any reason any of the sums herein provided under any other provision of this Act are insufficient to make the required payments in full, then there shall be taken from other funds appropriated to the department, agency, or institution involved an amount sufficient to satisfy such deficiency in full, and the lease payment shall constitute a first charge on all such appropriations.

Section 56: Budgetary Control and Interpretation
The appropriations in this Act consist of the amount stated in the right-most column, for each line at the lowest level of detail for the fund source categories, "Total State Funds" and "Total Federal Funds," under a caption beginning with a program or special project number (regardless of whether program or special project number has a number higher or lower than 1000 after the decimal) and a program or special project name. In each case, such appropriation is associated with the immediately preceding program or special project name, number, and statement of program or special project purpose. The program or special project purpose is stated immediately below the program or special project name. For authorizations for general obligation debt in Section 51, the indented, bold-faced paragraphs following each Bond number are the lowest level of detail and constitute appropriations in accordance with Article VII, Section IV, Paragraph III(a)(1) of the Georgia Constitution. The caption above the Bond number, the light-faced text immediately following the Bond number before the bold-faced text, and the light-faced after the boldfaced text are information only.

Amounts in the columns other than the right-most column are for informational purposes only. The summary and lowest level of detail for the fund source categories "Total Agency Funds" and "Total IntraState Governmental Transfers," are for informational purposes only. Sections 52, 53, 54 and 55 contain, constitute, or amend appropriations.

Section 57: Flex
Notwithstanding any other statement of purpose, the purpose of each appropriation of federal funds or other funds shall be the stated purpose or any other lawful purpose consistent with the fund source and the general law powers of the budget unit.

In the preceding sentence, "Federal Funds" means any federal funding source, whether specifically identified or not specifically identified; "Other Funds" means all other fund sources except State Funds or Federal Funds, including without limitation Intra-State Government Transfers. This paragraph shall not permit an agency to include within its flex the appropriations for an agency attached to it for administrative purposes.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid," "Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled," and "PeachCare" programs of the Department of Community Health, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 10 percent (10%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the three programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "Capital Construction Projects," "Capital Maintenance Projects," and "Local Road Assistance Administration" programs of the Department of Transportation, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 10 percent (10%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the three programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "Airport Aid," "Ports and Waterways," and "Rail" programs of the Department of Transportation, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 20 percent (20%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the three programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "HOPE Grant," "HOPE High School Equivalency Exam," "HOPE Scholarships – Private Schools," and "HOPE Scholarships – Public Schools" programs of the Georgia Student Finance Commission, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 10 percent (10%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the four programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

Part II: Effective Date
This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

Part III: Repeal Conflicting Laws
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Hatchett of the 155th moved that the House disagree to the Senate substitute to HB 974.

The motion prevailed.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 569. By Senators Strickland of the 42nd, Robertson of the 29th, Jones of the 10th, Summers of the 13th, Mallow of the 2nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to provide for the issuance of emergency vehicle light permits for towing service companies in certain instances; to revise a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to provide for the issuance of emergency vehicle light permits for towing service companies in certain instances; to provide for the establishment of a towed motor vehicle database by the Department of Revenue or an authorized third party; to provide for the use of such database to satisfy notice requirements for liens upon motor vehicles in certain instances; to allow for re-impoundment of motor vehicles upon failing to comply with notice requirements; to provide for certain fees; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, is amended in Code Section 40-1-1, relating to definitions, by revising paragraph (5) as follows:

"(5) 'Authorized emergency vehicle' means a motor vehicle belonging to a public utility corporation, belonging to a towing service company, or operated by the Department of Transportation and designated as an emergency vehicle by the Department of Public

Safety; a motor vehicle belonging to a fire department or a certified private vehicle belonging to a volunteer firefighter or a fire-fighting association, partnership, or corporation; an emergency organ transplant vehicle as such term is defined in Code Section 31-11-2; an ambulance; or a motor vehicle belonging to a federal, state, or local law enforcement agency, provided such vehicle is in use as an emergency vehicle by one authorized to use it for that purpose."

SECTION 1-2.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-8-92, relating to designation of emergency vehicles, flashing or revolving lights, permits, fee, and use of flashing or revolving green lights on public property, as follows:

"40-8-92.

(a) The commissioner of public safety shall be authorized to designate certain motor vehicles as emergency vehicles. The commissioner of public safety shall so designate each vehicle by issuing to such vehicle a permit to operate flashing or revolving emergency lights of the appropriate color. Such permit shall be valid for five years from the date of issuance. Any and all officially marked law enforcement vehicles as specified in Code Section 40-8-91 shall not be required to have a permit for the use of a blue light. Any and all fire department vehicles which are distinctly marked on each side shall not be required to have a permit for the use of a red light. Any and all motor vehicles which are operated for ambulance services, as defined in Code Section 31-11-2, under a valid license from the Emergency Health Section of the Department of Public Health shall not be required to have a permit for the use of a red light.

(b)(1) The commissioner shall authorize the use of red flashing or revolving lights only when the person or governmental agency shall demonstrate to the commissioner a proven need for equipping a vehicle with emergency lights.

(2) When an application for emergency lights has been submitted by a towing service company, such need shall be deemed proven when the towing service company:

(A) Is a participant in a towing and recovery program with the Department of Transportation pursuant to Code Section 32-6-2 or is otherwise authorized by contract with a local government to perform towing services or clear roadways; and

(B) Has completed the minimum safety course requirements adopted by the commissioner of public safety for such purpose through adoption of rules and regulations.

(3) The fee for ~~such lights~~ a permit issued pursuant to this Code section shall be $2.00, provided that no federal, state, county, or municipal governmental agency or an ambulance provider, as defined in Code Section 31-11-2, shall be required to pay such fee.

(c) Nothing contained in this Code section shall prohibit the commissioner of public safety from issuing a single special use permit to cover more than one vehicle, provided each vehicle covered under such special use permit shall pay the fee specified in subsection (b) of this Code section.

(d) Except as provided in this subsection, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to operate any motor vehicle or to park any motor vehicle on public property with flashing or revolving green lights. This subsection shall not apply to any motor vehicle being used by any law enforcement agency, fire department, emergency management agency, or other governmental entity to designate the location of the command post for such agency, department, or entity at the site of an emergency."

SECTION 1-3

Said title is further is amended in Code Section 40-11-13, relating to definitions relative to abandoned motor vehicles, by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(8.1) 'Towed motor vehicle database' means the database established pursuant to Code Section 40-11-13.1."

SECTION 1-4.

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"40-11-13.1.

No later than October 1, 2026, the department shall provide by rule or regulation for the establishment of a towed motor vehicle database for purposes of this article. Such database shall be developed and functional no later than January 1, 2027, and shall provide for the submission of information upon the removal of a motor vehicle and include a feature that allows a motor vehicle owner to search for the location of a towed vehicle by vehicle identification number and license plate number. Such database may be operated and maintained by a third party that is a nonprofit corporation organized under Section 501(c)(6) of Title 26 of the Internal Revenue Code and recognized as a membership organization for the towing and storage industry. Such third party shall be required to possess and maintain a surety bond in an amount of no less than $1 million, demonstrate internal controls and provide data security audits by a licensed certified public accountant, and maintain all records relating to such database for at least five years."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-11-15, relating to removal of vehicle, liability, and duty of towing and storage firm when removal at request of law enforcement, by revising subsection (d) as follows:

"(d) A towing and storage firm that has removed an unattended motor vehicle from public property at the request of a peace officer shall, within three days of the removal, submit the vehicle identification number and license plate number of the motor vehicle to the towed motor vehicle database and request from the department the identification and addresses of all owners of such vehicle contained in the records of the department; provided, however, that, if such vehicle has an out-of-state license plate, such request shall be made to the state where the vehicle is registered or to an entity with access to

such state's vehicle registration information. The department shall furnish the requested owner information no later than five days from the date the request was received. The department may charge a fee of no more than $2.00 for such owner information. For purposes of this subsection, an unattended motor vehicle shall include a motor vehicle required to be moved due to arrest of the vehicle's operator or any direction of a peace officer."

SECTION 2-2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-11-16, relating to duty of towing and storage firm when removal at request of property owners and obligations of repair facility or salvage dealer in possession of vehicle, by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(a)(1) Any towing and storage firm which has removed an unattended motor vehicle from private property at the request of the property owner shall, within three days of the removal, submit the vehicle identification number and license plate number of the motor vehicle to the towed motor vehicle database and request from the department the identification and addresses of all owners of such vehicle contained in the records of the department; provided, however, that, if such vehicle has an out-of-state license plate, such request shall be made to the state where the vehicle is registered or to an entity with access to such state's vehicle registration information. The department shall furnish the requested owner information no later than five days from the date the request was received. The department may charge a fee of no more than $2.00 for such owner information."

SECTION 2-3.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-11-19, relating to notification letter to owners, advertisement, lien upon vehicle, recoverable fees, form disclaiming ownership, and demand letter, by revising subsection (a) and adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(a)(1) Within ~~15 calendar~~ seven days of removal or initial storage of a motor vehicle, a towing and storage firm shall send all owners the notification letter form developed by the Council of Magistrate Court Judges for such purpose. Such notification shall be by certified mail or by hand delivery with acknowledgment of such receipt by signature of the owner and a copy of such owner's driver's license. Such notification letter shall include, at a minimum:

(A) The location of the vehicle;

(B) The fees connected with the removal of the vehicle, which shall be the maximum allowable charge for the removal of the motor vehicle as set forth by rule and regulation of the Department of Public Safety for maximum state-wide rate tariffs or the rate specified pursuant to an agreement with a local governing authority, except when otherwise exempted or provided for by federal law, rule, or regulation;

(C) The daily fees for storage of the vehicle, which shall be the maximum allowable daily rate for the storage of the motor vehicle as set forth by rule and regulation of the

Department of Public Safety for maximum state-wide rate tariffs or the rate specified pursuant to an agreement with a local governing authority;

(D) A statement informing the recipient that daily fees will accrue until full payment has been made;

(E) A statement informing the recipient that the fees which are recoverable by a towing and storage firm include costs for obtaining the owner's information and notifying the owner, court filing costs, attorney's fees, and interest;

(F) A statement informing the recipient that the towing and storage firm has the right to petition a court to foreclose a lien for all amounts owed after ten calendar days from the date such notice is sent;

(G) A statement informing the recipient that a court may order the sale of the vehicle to satisfy the debt; and

(H) A form to disclaim ownership interest in the motor vehicle by oath or affirmation as set forth in Code Section 40-11-19.5.

(2) If the identity of the owner cannot be ascertained by the department or the department fails to timely furnish the owner information requested pursuant to Code Section 40-11-15 or 40-11-16, ~~the towing and storage firm shall, within 60 days of such removal, place an advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation or the legal organ in the county where such vehicle was obtained. Any advertisement required by this paragraph shall run in the newspaper once a week for two consecutive weeks. The advertisement shall be in the form provided by the Council of Magistrate Court Judges for such purpose. Such advertisement form shall include a space for describing the motor vehicle's year, make, model, and manufacturer's vehicle identification number, the present location of such vehicle, the fact that such vehicle is subject to a lien which can be foreclosed upon, and the fact that such vehicle may be ordered sold to satisfy such lien~~ evidence that the towing and storage firm timely entered the vehicle identification number and license plate number in the towed motor vehicle database shall be deemed sufficient notice for purposes of this article.

(3) If the identity of an owner which was previously not ascertained becomes known ~~while an advertisement is run pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection~~, the towing and storage firm shall send a notification letter pursuant to the same requirements set forth in paragraph (1) of this subsection within ten days of obtaining such information."

"(g) If a towing and storage firm, repair facility, or salvage dealer fails to comply with the notice requirements in this Code section, the motor vehicle may be re-impounded to permit compliance. Any daily storage fees incurred prior to the date of such re-impoundment shall be waived and not recoverable."

SECTION 2-4.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-11-19.1, relating to petition to foreclose a lien on motor vehicle, answer, motion for judgment, timing, and fees, as follows:

"40-11-19.1.

(a) Not sooner than ten calendar days and not later than six months after compliance with the notice requirements set forth in Code Section 40-11-19, a towing and storage firm, repair facility, or salvage dealer may file an action for a petition to foreclose a lien against the motor vehicle in any magistrate court in the county where the motor vehicle is located. An action filed pursuant to this Code section shall be on a form provided by the Council of Magistrate Court Judges for such purpose and shall be accompanied by a filing fee of no more than $11.00. Any person bringing such action shall include with such form a copy of the owner information obtained pursuant to the request required by Code Section 40-11-15 or 40-11-16 and proof of compliance with the notice requirements set forth in Code Section 40-11-19. The petition to foreclose a lien shall be verified by oath or affirmation by the towing and storage firm, repair facility, or salvage dealer in a manner consistent with Article 5 of Chapter 10 of Title 9.

(b)(1) The party bringing such action shall send a copy of the oath or affirmation page of the filed petition to any person known to be an owner of the motor vehicle by certified mail ~~or statutory overnight delivery, return receipt requested~~. The court shall accept electronic documentation as proof that such copy of the filed petition was sent ~~and delivered~~ in accordance with the requirements of this subsection. Included in such mailing shall be a copy of a standardized answer form provided by the Council of Magistrate Court Judges for such purpose. Such form shall require oath or affirmation of the respondent and shall include space to set forth:

(A) The name of the owner;

(B) The address at which the owner resides;

(C) A description of the motor vehicle, including the license plate number and the model, make, and year of the vehicle;

(D) A description of the date the owner obtained an interest in the motor vehicle;

(E) A brief statement as to why removal of the vehicle was unauthorized, if applicable;

(F) Any other brief statement as to why the lien claimed by the towing and storage firm, repair facility, or salvage dealer is invalid;

(G) A copy of any documentation in the owner's possession supporting his or her answer; and

(H) Any additional facts supporting the owner's answer or as to why the lien should not be foreclosed upon.

~~(2) If notice required under Code Section 40-11-19 was satisfied by advertisement, or the signed proof of receipt of a copy of the petition required to be sent under paragraph (1) of this subsection has not been returned after ten days of such mailing or has been returned as unclaimed, the party filing the petition shall, within 60 days, place an advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation or the legal organ where such action has been filed. No such advertisement shall be required if the return receipt required as proof of delivery has been returned with a notation that the notice of the filing of the petition has been refused. Such notice shall run in the newspaper once a week for two consecutive weeks. Such notice shall include instructions for how an~~

~~owner may obtain the standardized answer form described in this subsection and shall be deemed as notice to any and all persons having an interest in or right affected by such petition and from any sale of the motor vehicle resulting therefrom.~~

~~(3)~~(2) If the identity of an owner which was previously not ascertained becomes known ~~while an advertisement is run pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection~~, the party filing a petition to foreclose shall send a copy of the filed petition pursuant to the same requirements set forth in paragraph (1) of this subsection within ten days of obtaining such information.

(c) An owner may file an answer to the petition no later than ~~ten~~ 30 calendar days after ~~receipt~~ notice was sent pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section by using the standardized answer form provided. ~~If service is made by advertisement pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of this Code section, an owner may file an answer no later than ten days after the expiration of the required two-week advertisement.~~

(d) If no answer has been filed at the expiration of the period set forth in subsection (c) of this Code section, the towing and storage firm, repair facility, or salvage dealer may seek to foreclose the lien through a judgment as provided in Code Section 15-10-43 by making such request in writing and submitting to the court proof of ~~service as set forth in~~ compliance with subsection (b) of this Code section. Unless providentially hindered, it shall be the duty of the judge to decide all motions for judgment submitted pursuant to this subsection no later than 15 days from when such motion has been made. When a judgment is granted, the motor vehicle shall be considered abandoned and within five days the court shall issue an order for the disposition of the motor vehicle as provided for in Code Section 40-11-19.2. A certified copy of such order shall be issued by the clerk of court. A fee of no more than $14.00 may be charged for a certified copy of such order, which shall be issued by the clerk of court. If no answer has been filed but the court finds that a petition fails to comply with the requirements of this article, ~~a petition may be refiled for such action once within six months of the issuance of denial of a judgment~~ the motor vehicle may be re-impounded by a towing and storage firm, repair facility, or salvage dealer to permit compliance. Any daily storage fees incurred prior to the date of such re-impoundment shall be waived and not recoverable.

(e)(1) If an answer is returned to the court, a trial shall be held within ten days after receipt of such answer; provided, however, that such trial may be continued by the court for good cause shown by either party.

(2) At the trial, the court shall hear evidence of and determine whether the removal of the vehicle was lawful, whether the lien amount is based upon recoverable fees as set forth in subsection (d) of Code Section 40-11-19, and whether notice to all owners was proper, and shall hear any other facts pertinent to the case to reach a decision on foreclosure of the lien. The court may hear evidence of and make a determination on whether storage fees should accrue after the filing date of the petition. Upon conclusion of the trial, the court shall issue a decision on whether to foreclose the lien for the recoverable fees set forth in subsection (d) of Code Section 40-11-19 and, if foreclosure is granted, the court shall order the disposition of the motor vehicle as provided for in

Code Section 40-11-19.2. A fee of no more than $14.00 may be charged for a certified copy of such order which shall be issued by the clerk of court."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

(a) Except as provided for in subsection (b) of this section, this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026.
(b) Part II of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2028.

SECTION 3-2.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	Y Scott
E Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	E Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
E Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	E Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	E Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	E Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	E Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	E Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF

Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	E Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 160, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SB 589. By Senators Brass of the 6th, Hickman of the 4th, Hatchett of the 50th, Anavitarte of the 31st, McNeel of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to revise the date by which a child must attain a certain age to be eligible for enrollment in kindergarten or first grade; to provide for parents and guardians to elect for their children who have attained the age of four or five to be enrolled in a voluntary pre-kindergarten program provided and operated as part of Georgia's Pre-K Program; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 20-2-150 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to eligibility for enrollment, program assignments for students, and student social security numbers, so as to provide for parents and guardians to elect for their children who have attained the age of four or five to be enrolled in a voluntary pre-kindergarten program provided and operated as part of Georgia's Pre-K Program; to provide for parents and guardians of students who are eligible for initial public school enrollment in first grade to elect for their children to be enrolled in kindergarten rather than first grade; to amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student health in elementary and secondary education, so as to enact the "You Are Not Alone Awareness Act"; to require public schools that issue student identification badges to include certain information about the 9-8-8 crisis response hotline on such badges; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 20-2-150 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to eligibility for enrollment, program assignments for students, and student social security numbers, is amended by adding new subsections to read as follows:

"(b.1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, each child who attains the age of either four or five by September 1 shall be eligible for enrollment in a voluntary pre-kindergarten program provided and operated as part of Georgia's Pre-K Program, and each such child shall be enrolled in such program at the request of his or her parent or guardian; provided, however, that this paragraph shall not be construed or applied to require or permit a child to be enrolled in such a program for more than one year; and, provided, further that children ages four and five shall be treated on the same basis relative to selection for available seats in such programs.

(b.2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, each child enrolling in a state supported education program for the first time who, by virtue of his or her age and date of birth, is eligible for enrollment in the first grade of a state supported primary grades program pursuant to this Code section or Code Section 20-2-150 shall be enrolled in a state supported kindergarten program at the request of his or her parent or guardian."

SECTION 2.

Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student health in elementary and secondary education, is amended by enacting a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-779.5.

(a) This Code section shall be known and may be cited as the 'You Are Not Alone Awareness Act.'

(b) Each local school system or public school that issues student identification badges to students in any of grades six through 12 shall cause to be printed on any such badges that are issued on or after July 1, 2026, '**9-8-8 - You are not alone.** Right now, anyone experiencing a suicidal crisis, emotional distress, or challenges with substance abuse should call or text 9-8-8. The hotline is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year.'"

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026, and shall apply to all school years beginning with the 2026-2027 school year.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	Y Scott
E Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
E Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	E Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	E Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	E Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	E Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	E Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	N Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	E Griffin	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 156, nays 3.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SB 442. By Senators Dickerson of the 21st, Albers of the 56th, Walker III of the 20th, Burns of the 23rd, Hatchett of the 50th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to drivers' licenses, so as to provide for revocation and expiration of commercial drivers' licenses for noncitizens; to

provide for testing requirements for renewal of commercial drivers' licenses for noncitizens; to amend Chapter 36 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to verification of lawful presence within the United States, so as to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to repeal the authority of the Department of Public Safety to establish reasonable rates, fares, and charges for transportation by motor carriers of household goods; to provide for revocation and expiration of commercial drivers' licenses for noncitizens; to provide for testing requirements for the transfer of commercial drivers' licenses for noncitizens; to provide for conforming changes; to amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, is amended by repealing in its entirety Code Section 40-1-118, relating to establishment of rates, fares, and charges for transportation of household goods, and designating said Code section as reserved.

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-1-119, relating to charges by motor carriers and unjust discrimination by carriers prohibited, as follows:

"40-1-119.

No motor carrier of ~~household goods or~~ passengers shall charge, demand, collect, or receive a greater or lesser or different compensation for the transportation of ~~household goods or~~ passengers or for any service rendered in connection therewith than the rates, fares, and charges prescribed or approved by order of the department; nor shall any such motor carrier unjustly discriminate against any person in its rates, fares, or charges for service. The commissioner may prescribe, by general order, to what persons motor carriers of passengers may issue passes or free transportation; may prescribe reduced rates for special occasions; and may fix and prescribe rates and schedules."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 40-5-21.1, relating to temporary licenses, permits, or special identification cards, foreign licenses or identification cards as evidence of legal presence in the United States, and extensions, as follows:

"(a)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, an applicant who presents in person valid documentary evidence of:

~~(1)~~(A) Admission to the United States in a valid, unexpired nonimmigrant status;

~~(2)~~(B) A pending or approved application for asylum in the United States;

~~(3)~~(C) Admission into the United States in refugee status;

~~(4)~~(D) An approved application for temporary protected status in the United States;

~~(5)~~(E) Approved deferred action status;

~~(6)~~(F) Other federal documentation verified by the United States Department of Homeland Security to be valid documentary evidence of lawful presence in the United States under federal immigration law; or

~~(7)~~(G) Verification of lawful presence as provided by Code Section 40-5-21.2

may be issued a temporary license, permit, or special identification card. Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, such ~~Such~~ temporary license, permit, or special identification card shall be valid only during the period of time of the applicant's authorized stay in the United States or five years, whichever occurs first.

(2) Except for a lawful permanent resident or a person holding an H-2A, H-2B, or E-2 employment based nonimmigrant status visa, if a noncitizen has been issued a commercial driver's license under Article 7 of this chapter, the 'Uniform Commercial Driver's License Act,' such license shall be automatically revoked upon the expiration of such person's visa or five years, whichever occurs first."

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 40-5-32, relating to expiration and renewal of licenses, reexamination required, and electronic renewal notices, as follows:

"(a)(1) Except as otherwise provided in this Code section, every driver's license shall expire on the licensee's birthday in the eighth year following the issuance of such license. Notwithstanding the foregoing~~,~~:

(A) Any ~~any~~ commercial driver's license that contains an H or X endorsement as defined in subsection (c) of Code Section 40-5-150 shall expire on the date of expiration of the licensee's security threat assessment conducted by the Transportation Security Administration of the United States Department of Homeland Security; and

(B) Any commercial driver's license issued to a noncitizen shall expire in accordance with Code Section 40-5-21.1."

SECTION 5.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (h) of and adding a new subsection to Code Section 40-5-150, relating to contents of license, classifications, endorsements and

restrictions, information to be obtained before issuance, notice of issuance, expiration of license, and renewal, as follows:

"(h) When applying for renewal of a commercial driver's license, the applicant shall complete the application form required by subsection (a) of Code Section 40-5-149, providing updated information and required medical certifications. If the applicant wishes to retain a hazardous materials endorsement, the written test for a hazardous materials endorsement ~~must~~ shall be taken and passed."

"(j) Before transferring a commercial driver's license from a foreign jurisdiction or another state to this state, an applicant who is a noncitizen shall take and pass the knowledge and skills test for driving a commercial vehicle under Code Section 40-5-147."

SECTION 6.

Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended by revising paragraph (8) of subsection (f) of Code Section 50-36-2, relating to secure and verifiable identity document and applicability, as follows:

"(8) Paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 40-5-21 or ~~paragraph (2) of subsection (a)~~ subparagraph (a)(1)(B) of Code Section 40-5-21.1;"

SECTION 7.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	E Sainz
N Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	N Sampson
N Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
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N Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, E	Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	N Taylor, R
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas

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Y Carson	E Gilliard	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	E Williams, A
N Carter	N Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	E Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 98, nays 59.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following Bill of the House was taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 369. By Representatives Sharper of the 177th, Hitchens of the 161st, LaHood of the 175th, Baker of the 64th, Cummings of the 39th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to equipment of motor vehicles, so as to provide for vehicle equipment standards for motor vehicles used for the sale of food or beverages that primarily conduct such sales upon roadways; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to primaries and elections generally, so as to provide for the nonpartisan election of county officers and district attorneys in certain counties; to provide for the qualifying for such offices; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, is amended in by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (c) of Code Section 21-2-132, relating to filing notice of candidacy, nomination petition, and affidavit, reopening qualifying period, payment of qualifying fee, and pauper's affidavit and qualifying petition for exemption from qualifying fee, as follows:

"(2) Each candidate for a county ~~judicial~~ office, a local board of education office, or an office of a consolidated government, or the candidate's agent, desiring to have his or her name placed on the nonpartisan election ballot shall file notice of candidacy in the office of the superintendent no earlier than 9:00 A.M. on the Monday of the eleventh week immediately prior to the election and no later than 12:00 Noon on the Friday immediately following such Monday, notwithstanding the fact that any such days may be legal holidays;"

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"21-2-140.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Consolidated law enforcement county' means any county where the elected office of county coroner has been abolished.

(2) 'County office' means any office where the electors of a county elected the officeholder. Such term shall include, but not be limited to, members of a county governing authority, tax commissioners, clerks of superior court, solicitor-generals, and where such offices are elected by the electors of such county, clerk of the state court and county surveyor.

(b) Except as provided for in subsection (c) of this Code section, all candidates to fill elected county offices in a consolidated law enforcement county shall be elected in nonpartisan elections.

(c) The provisions of this Code section shall not apply to:

(1) The office of county sheriff; or

(2) Offices of county governing authorities established pursuant to or authorized by a local constitutional amendment.

(d) County officers provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section shall be elected in nonpartisan elections held and conducted in conjunction with the general primary in even-numbered years in accordance with this chapter without a prior nonpartisan primary. Except as otherwise provided in this Code section, the procedures employed in such elections shall conform as nearly as practicable to the procedures governing nonpartisan elections as provided in this chapter. Except as otherwise provided in this Code section, the election procedures established by any existing local law which provides for the partisan election of candidates to fill elected county offices shall be repealed and elections for such county offices shall be conducted as nonpartisan elections

accordance with the applicable provisions of this chapter, notwithstanding the provisions of any existing local law.

(e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, all candidates to fill the office of district attorney for a judicial circuit comprised solely of a consolidated law enforcement county shall be elected in nonpartisan elections to be held as part of the November election as that term is defined in paragraph (15) of Code Section 21-2-2 without a prior nonpartisan primary. No candidate for any such office shall be nominated by a political party or by a petition as a candidate of a political body or as an independent candidate. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the procedures employed in such elections shall conform as nearly as practicable to the procedures governing nonpartisan elections as provided in this chapter. All candidates to fill the office of district attorney for a judicial circuit comprised solely of a consolidated law enforcement county shall qualify with the Secretary of State in the same manner and at the same time as provided for candidates to qualify for the office of judge in Code Section 21-2-138."

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2028.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Hitchens of the 161st moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 369.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	E Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	Sampson
N Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Alexander	N Crawford	N Herring	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
N Au	N Davis	N Holcomb	E Miller	N Scott
E Baker	N Dawson	N Holland	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	DeLoach	N Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
N Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	N Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Myles	N Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Neal	Y Smith, TP
N Bazemore	N Douglas	N Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
N Beckles	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
E Bell	N Drenner	N Hugley	N Okoye	N Stinson
N Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	N Taylor, R
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Townsend
N Burnough	N Evans	E Jones, A	N Park	N Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94

Y Cameron	Y Fleming	N Jones, S	N Parsons	VACANT 130
E Camp	N Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
N Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	N Frye	N Kendrick	E Prince	Y Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	E Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	E Williams, A
N Carter	N Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	E Griffin	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	E Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 93, nays 64.

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, the following Bill of the Senate, having been previously postponed, was again postponed until the next legislative day:

SB 446. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Hickman of the 4th, Ginn of the 47th, Gooch of the 51st, Tillery of the 19th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2A of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student scholarship organizations, so as to provide for the State of Georgia to participate in the federal tax credit program for contributions of individuals to scholarship granting organizations; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for rules and guidelines; to provide for definitions; to make conforming changes; to amend Code Section 48-7-29.16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax credits for contributions to student scholarship organizations, so as to make a conforming change; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following members were recognized during the period of Afternoon Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Greene of the 154th et al., Cameron of the 1st, Reeves of the 99th, and Ali of the 106th.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 2002. By Representatives Howard of the 71st, Huddleston of the 72nd, Smith of the 18th and Smith of the 70th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Howard Edward Smith; and for other purposes.

HR 2003. By Representatives Cummings of the 39th and Mitchell of the 88th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Captain Dr. Melvin Pender; and for other purposes.

HR 2004. By Representatives Clark of the 108th, McClain of the 109th, Beckles of the 96th, Adeyina of the 110th and Okoye of the 102nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Reverend Dr. Richard B. Haynes and celebrating his retirement on April 11, 2026; and for other purposes.

HR 2005. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, New of the 40th, Westbrook of the 163rd, Hugley of the 141st, Ballard of the 147th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists on its 75th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 2006. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, New of the 40th, Persinger of the 119th and Horner of the 3rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and honoring Evelyn Wallace Johnson Camp on the occasion of her 100th birthday; and for other purposes.

HR 2007. By Representatives New of the 40th, Gullett of the 19th, Smith of the 18th, Momtahan of the 17th and Kelley of the 16th:

A RESOLUTION commending Aaron Huff, South Paulding High School's 2026 Teacher of the Year; and for other purposes.

HR 2008. By Representatives Evans of the 57th, Ali of the 106th, Buckner of the 137th, Burnough of the 77th and Holland of the 54th:

A RESOLUTION commending Sierra Hallett, a Family and Consumer Sciences Legislative Fellow for the 2026 regular session of the General Assembly of Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 2009. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Dubnik of the 29th, Anderson of the 10th, Lumsden of the 12th, Cheokas of the 151st and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Danny Hall; and for other purposes.

HR 2010. By Representatives Carter of the 93rd, Glaize of the 67th, Clark of the 108th, Ali of the 106th and McClain of the 109th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Jajuan Mitchell on his outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

HR 2011. By Representatives Carter of the 93rd, Glaize of the 67th, Ali of the 106th, Clark of the 108th and McClain of the 109th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending James Edward Ruff on his outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

HR 2012. By Representative Barton of the 5th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Sonoraville High School Lady Phoenix for winning the 2025 GHSA Class AA State Championship; and for other purposes.

The following member was recognized during the period of Afternoon Orders and addressed the House:

Representative Holly of the 116th et al.

The following messages were received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate insists on its substitute to the following bill of the House:

HB 974. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027; to make and provide such appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political

subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the House:

HB 1118. By Representatives Donatucci of the 105th, Jones of the 47th, Cooper of the 45th, Cheokas of the 151st, Greene of the 154th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 20 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to personnel administration, so as to provide 80 hours of maternal birth leave; to provide for definitions; to provide rules; to provide for penalties; to provide notice; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1208. By Representatives Gunter of the 8th, Burchett of the 176th, Leverett of the 123rd, Smith of the 18th, Kelley of the 16th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 11 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to depositions and discovery, so as to require depositions in this state to be taken before certified court reporters; to repeal requirements that depositions in this state shall be recorded by stenographic means; to provide an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has agreed to the House substitutes to the following bills of the Senate:

SB 284. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Brass of the 6th, Kennedy of the 18th, Strickland of the 42nd, Summers of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Uniform Securities Act of 2008," so as to authorize the issuance of orders by the Commissioner of Securities directing persons who have violated certain securities provisions to return to investors, customers, or clients sums paid in connection with securities

purchases; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 285. By Senator Robertson of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 12 of Chapter 3 of Title 38 and Part 4 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 46 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the Emergency Communications Authority and emergency telephone number 9-1-1 system, respectively, so as to provide for an increase in the percentage of all 9-1-1 charges to be remitted to the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund; to amend Code Section 47-17-80 of the O.C.G.A., relating to retirement benefit options, payment to surviving spouse, requirements, effect of reemployment, effect of changes in retirement benefits, and payment on death of member, so as to provide for an increase in monthly benefits; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 395. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 1st, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Brass of the 6th, Albers of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Public Health, so as to require a physician to submit certain information to the Georgia Composite Medical Board when certifying an individual as eligible for the Low THC Oil Patient Registry; to provide for annual reporting; to authorize the Department of Public Health to disclose certain information; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 470. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Bearden of the 30th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Payne of the 54th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against public order, so as to prohibit the possession, use, operation, manufacture, sale, offer for sale, distribution, or import of signal jammers; to specifically authorize the Attorney General to commence forfeiture proceedings; to provide for exemptions; to provide for definitions; to provide a short title; to provide an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 472. By Senators Hickman of the 4th, Walker III of the 20th, Tillery of the 19th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Sims of the 12th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, rebating to elementary and secondary education,

so as to provide for the suspension of members of local boards of education following certain audit findings or findings by the state auditor of financial mismanagement or misconduct; to provide for a cap on the total amount of advance distributions of state allotted funds that may be made by the State Board of Education to local units of administration; to provide for intervention plans; to provide for the authority of the state auditor relative to such intervention plans; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 485. By Senators Payne of the 54th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Setzler of the 37th, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 10A of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to examination regarding professional counselors, social workers, and marriage and family therapists, so as to authorize applicants for a license in social work enrolled in a master's degree program to take the master's social work licensing examination in their final semester of the program; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 500. By Senators Hodges of the 3rd, Watson of the 1st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Walker III of the 20th, Harrell of the 40th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce, so as to expand the Behavioral Health Care Workforce Data Base to include data from licensed health care professionals; to revise definitions; to rename such data base as the Health Care Workforce Data Base; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 540. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Walker III of the 20th, Still of the 48th, Strickland of the 42nd, Watson of the 1st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 39 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to online internet safety, so as to require certain disclosures related to conversational AI services; to require the operators of conversational AI services to take steps to limit certain actions related to minors by such systems; to require operators to provide certain privacy tools to users; to require operators to adopt a protocol for a conversational AI service's response to suicidal ideation or self-harm; to provide for enforcement by the Attorney General; to provide for exceptions; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 542. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Hatchett of the 50th, Strickland of the 42nd, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sexual offenses, so as to permit clergy members to be charged with certain improper sexual contact offenses; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 543. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Anderson of the 24th and Strickland of the 42nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for Butts County, approved February 24, 1941 (Ga. L. 1941, p. 793), as amended, so as to provide that the board of commissioners shall only be required to read an ordinance, resolution, or other matter before the board at one meeting prior to the adoption of such ordinance, resolution, or other matter; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 553. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Walker III of the 20th, Cowsert of the 46th, Brass of the 6th, Payne of the 54th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to professions and businesses, so as to repeal Chapter 14, relating to electrical contractors, plumbers, conditioned air contractors, low voltage contractors, and utility contractors, and enact a new Chapter 14; to amend Code Section 48-7-38 of the O.C.G.A., relating to deduction for payments to classified subcontractors, disclosure of tax returns, and maintenance of list of classified subcontractors, so as to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 566. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Anavitarte of the 31st, Albers of the 56th, Hickman of the 4th and Still of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to provide for the acceptance of tax digests in the event of a publication error made by a newspaper; to revise required information for bills and notices of assessment for ad valorem taxation of property; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 570. By Senators Still of the 48th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Albers of the 56th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and Dixon of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 21 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to rights, duties, and liabilities of innkeepers, so as to provide for a required human trafficking training program for inns and short-term rental properties; to provide for definitions; to provide for training policies and procedures; to provide for the retention of certain records; to provide for limitations; to provide for penalties; to provide an effective date; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has agreed to the House substitutes as amended by the Senate to the following bills of the Senate:

SB 10. By Senators Goodman of the 8th, Strickland of the 42nd, Watson of the 11th, Summers of the 13th and Kennedy of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the number of judges of superior courts, so as to provide for an additional judge of the superior courts of the Alapaha Judicial Circuit; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 293. By Senators Anderson of the 24th, Payne of the 54th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Kennedy of the 18th and others

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-85.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to license plates for certain veterans, so as to increase the number of free license plates issued to certain veterans; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bills of the House:

HB 451. By Representatives Cannon of the 172nd, Rhodes of the 124th, Erwin of the 32nd, Dubnik of the 29th and Corbett of the 174th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide that local boards of education shall be authorized to provide instruction in hunting safety in grades six through 12; to provide for the adoption of content standards by the

State Board of Education; to provide that local boards of education may establish a curriculum in hunting safety; to provide for instructor requirements; to provide legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 583. By Representatives Glaize of the 67th, Hitchens of the 161st, Bonner of the 73rd, Cannon of the 172nd and Newton of the 127th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-85.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to license plates for certain veterans, so as to increase the number of free license plates issued to certain veterans; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 668. By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Seabaugh of the 34th, Washburn of the 144th, McCollum of the 30th, Dempsey of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 16, Chapter 4 of Title 30, and Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, rights of persons with disabilities, and uniform rules of the road, respectively, so as to change references to assistance and guide dogs to service dogs; to provide for definitions and conforming changes; to provide for a criminal penalty for a person who causes death or physical harm to a service dog; to provide for exceptions; to revise provisions relating to the use and training of service dogs; to provide for a penalty for persons who misrepresent the need for a service dog; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1070. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th, Jasperse of the 11th, Tarvin of the 2nd, Greene of the 154th and Cox of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income tax imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits, so as to increase and extend an income tax credit for expenditures on the maintenance of railroad track owned or leased by Class III railroads; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1121. By Representatives Williams of the 148th, Hagan of the 156th and Stinson of the 150th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to terms of superior court, so as to change certain

terms of court in the Cordele Judicial Circuit; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1275. By Representatives Newton of the 127th, Hawkins of the 27th, Cooper of the 45th, Au of the 50th and Taylor of the 173rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical practice, so as to ensure that stem cell therapies are used to advance medical treatments and improve patient outcomes in an ethical manner that does not involve stem cells derived from aborted fetuses; to provide for definitions; to provide for the designation of a physician assistant or nurse practitioner; to provide for certain requirements and patient protections; to provide for notice; to provide for consent; to provide for certain exceptions; to provide for the use of Georgia facilities; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative findings; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed as amended, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bills of the House:

HB 1185. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Gambill of the 15th, Wade of the 9th, Seabaugh of the 34th, Gunter of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 14 and 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to corporations, partnerships, and associations and courts, respectively, so as to provide for certain shareholder claims to be brought before the Georgia State-wide Business Court; to permit a corporation's bylaws or articles of incorporation to require certain claims to be heard by the Georgia State-wide Business Court; to provide for removal of certain claims to the Georgia State-wide Business Court; to provide for attorney's fees and costs; to exempt payment of attorney's fees and costs in certain situations; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1396. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th and Jones of the 25th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to the Department of Community Affairs, so as to require certain privately funded organizations that operate a shelter or provide outreach services to homeless individuals within 1,000 feet of schools, public parks, public playgrounds, or certain child care facilities to participate in the Georgia Homeless Management Information System (HMIS); to provide violations and for noncriminal

citations; to provide for exceptions; to provide for a territory of applicability; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has agreed to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to the following bill of the House:

HB 750. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, Barrett of the 24th, McDonald III of the 26th, Clark of the 100th, Jasperse of the 11th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create the State Court of Forsyth County, approved April 15, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 4558), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 1, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 5579), so as to add a judge to the court; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the House:

HB 549. By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, McDonald III of the 26th, McCollum of the 30th, Lumsden of the 12th, Hitchens of the 161st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 35-8-22 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to reimbursement of training expenses by subsequent employer of peace officer, collection procedure, and required documentation, so as to extend the time frame for which reimbursement of total training expenses by a subsequent employer of a peace officer may be sought; to provide for types of training eligible for reimbursement; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 985. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Hitchens of the 161st, Werkheiser of the 157th, Mathis of the 133rd, Donatucci of the 105th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Georgia veterans cemeteries, so as to revise the terms of eligibility for persons to be buried in Georgia veterans cemeteries; to provide for a definition; to require an affidavit in certain circumstances; to provide for applicability; to provide for fees; to provide for the Veterans Service Board to have certain discretion; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative findings; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1107. By Representatives Rice of the 139th, Jones of the 47th, Erwin of the 32nd, Townsend of the 179th, Hilton of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 10 of Article 17 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professional standards, so as to require the Professional Standards Commission to develop and report annual performance measures that evaluate the performance of each educator preparation provider (EPP) in the state; to provide for minimum contents of EPP performance measures; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1230. By Representatives Jones of the 25th, Thomas of the 21st, Crowe of the 118th, Hitchens of the 161st and Lumsden of the 12th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding aviation, so as to prohibit the operation of unmanned aircraft systems over a place of incarceration; to provide for a definition; to provide for exceptions; to require posting of signs warning of such prohibition; to provide for violations and penalties; to declare such systems contraband; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1254. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Hatchett of the 155th, Wade of the 9th, Prince of the 132nd, Seabaugh of the 34th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend various titles of the O.C.G.A., so as to move the regulation of various professions from individual boards to the Secretary of State; to amend Chapter 14 of Title 10 of the O.C.G.A., relating to cemetery and funeral services; to amend Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to professions and businesses; to amend Code Section 53-2-27 of the O.C.G.A., relating to DNA testing; to amend Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to professions and businesses; to amend Title 43 and Code Section 12-8-107 of the O.C.G.A., relating to professions and businesses; to amend Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to professions and businesses; to amend Code Section 43-10A-5 of the O.C.G.A., relating to powers and duties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1278. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Stephens of the 164th, Greene of the 154th, Newton of the 127th, Schofield of the 63rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 11 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to

dentists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants, so as to improve efficiencies in the issuance of permits for dentists to administer conscious sedation and general anesthesia; to provide for the evaluation and certification of a properly equipped facility; to provide for demonstration of proficiency in administering sedative techniques; to authorize the board to designate qualified personnel to perform certain evaluations, certifications, and examinations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1284. By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Burns of the 159th, Parrish of the 158th, Erwin of the 32nd, Donatucci of the 105th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local boards of education, so as to provide for the awarding of high school diplomas to high school students who are at the end of life; to provide for waivers; to provide for posthumous awarding of such diplomas; to provide for policies, rules, and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1316. By Representatives Tarvin of the 2nd and Cameron of the 1st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Walker County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes, approved May 13, 2025 (Ga. L. 2025, p. 3901), so as to remove the five year residency requirement for the homestead exemption for residents of such school district who are 75 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House do now adjourn until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Monday, March 31, 2026, and the motion prevailed.

Pursuant to the adjournment Resolution previously adopted by the House and Senate, the Speaker announced the House adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Monday, March 31, 2026.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Tuesday, March 31, 2026

Thirty-Ninth Legislative Day

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer was offered by Reverend Dr. Richard Kannwischer, Peachtree Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Hilton of the 48th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

By unanimous consent, the following was established as the order of business during the first part of the period of unanimous consents:

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

2. First reading and reference of House Bills and Resolutions.

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

6. First reading and reference of Senate Bills and Resolutions.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House were introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committees:

HB 1606. By Representatives Clark of the 100th, Gaines of the 120th, Fleming of the 114th, Horner of the 3rd and Bonner of the 73rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against public order, so as to provide for the offense of disruption of a worship service; to provide for legislative findings, to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 1607. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Efstration of the 104th, Donatucci of the 105th, Silcox of the 53rd, Barrett of the 24th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to banking and finance, so as to provide for the creation of first-time homebuyer savings accounts; to provide for contributions by account holders to accounts; to provide for transfer of beneficiaries; to provide for annual reporting; to provide for certain exemptions from certain requirements for financial institutions; to provide for tax deductions; to provide for tax deduction limits; to provide for unqualified withdrawal penalties and exceptions; to permit the Department of Revenue to impose penalties for fraudulent activity; to require the Department of Revenue to create certain forms; to provide for a short title; to provide for purpose; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Banks & Banking.

HB 1608. By Representatives Crawford of the 89th, McQueen of the 61st, Berry of the 56th, Ali of the 106th and Barnes of the 86th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 12 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commissions and other agencies of state government, so as to create the Georgia Youth Advisory Council; to provide for appointment of members to the advisory council; to provide for criteria of the membership of the advisory council; to provide for terms of members; to provide for quarterly meetings; to provide for purpose and activities of the advisory council; to provide for annual reports; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HR 1949. By Representative Gullett of the 19th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Gamecock Fighting in Georgia; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1950. By Representatives Carter of the 93rd, Hugley of the 141st, Park of the 107th, Cannon of the 58th, Gilliard of the 162nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending former President Barack Obama on the opening of the Obama Presidential Center; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1951. By Representatives Tran of the 80th, Drenner of the 85th, Silcox of the 53rd, Roberts of the 52nd and Crawford of the 89th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on MARTA Governance, Financial Accountability, and Regional Transit Oversight; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House and Senate were read the second time:

HB 1603	HB 1604
HB 1605	HR 1886
HR 1887	HR 1888
HR 1889	HR 1890
HR 1891	HR 1892
HR 1893	HR 1894
HR 1942	HR 1943
HR 1944	HR 1945
HR 1946	HR 1947
HR 1948	SB 627

Representative Carson of the 46th District, Chairman of the Committee on Retirement, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Retirement has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 143 Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 261 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Carson of the 46th
Chairman

Representative Jasperse of the 11th District, Chairman of the Committee on Transportation, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Transportation has had under consideration the following Resolutions of the House and Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HR 1894 Do Pass
SR 624 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Jasperse of the 11th
Chairman

Representative Blackmon of the 146th District, Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means has had under consideration the following Resolution of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SR 56 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Blackmon of the 146th
Chairman

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Mathis of the 133rd, Ali of the 106th, Jenkins of the 136th et al., Sainz of the 180th, Herring of the 145th, Berry of the 56th et al., Fleming of the 114th et al., Sanchez of the 42nd et al., Mitchell of the 88th et al., Dempsey of the 13th, Martin of the 49th et al., Donatucci of the 105th et al., Neal of the 79th et al., Cannon of the 58th et al., and Wade of the 9th.

The roll was called and the following Representatives answered to their names:

Adesanya	Cooper	Hagan	Mathiak	Roberts
Adeyina	Corbett	Hatchett	Mathis	Romman
Alexander	Cox	Hawkins	McClain	Sainz
E Ali	Crawford	Herring	McCollum	E Sampson
Anderson	Crowe	Hilton	McDonald	Sanchez
Au	Cummings	Hitchens	McQueen	Santos
Baker	Davis	Holcomb	Meeks	Schofield
Ballard	Dawson	Holland	Mitchell	Scoggins
Barnes	DeLoach	Holly	Momtahan	Scott
Barrett	Dempsey	Hong	Moore	Seabaugh
Barton	Dickey	Horner	Myles	Silcox
Bazemore	Donatucci	Howard, J	Neal	Smith, L
Beckles	Douglas	Howard, K	New	Smith, TP
Bell	Drenner	Huddleston	Newton	Smith, V
Berry	Dubnik	Hugley	Okoye	Stephens
Blackmon	Dunahoo	Jackson, D	Olaleye	E Stinson
Bonner	Efstration	Jackson, E	Oliver	Tarvin
Buckner	Erwin	Jackson, M	O'Steen	Taylor, D
Burchett	Evans	Jasperse	Panitch	Taylor, R
Burnough	Fincher	Jenkins	Paris	Thomas
Byrd	Fleming	Jones, A	Park	Townsend
Cameron	Flournoy	Jones, J	Parrish	Tran
Camp	Ford	Jones, S	Parsons	Wade
Campbell, J	Franklin	Kahaian	Persinger	Washburn
Campbell, L	Frye	Kelley	Petrea	Werkheiser
Cannon, C	Gaines	Kendrick	Powell	Westbrook
Cannon, P	Gambill	LaHood	Prince	E Wilkerson
Carpenter	Gilliard	Leverett	Reese	Williams, A
Carson	Gisler	Lewis-Ward	Reeves	Williams, MF
Carter	Glaize	Lim	Rhodes	Williams, N
Chastain	Greene	Lumsden	Rice	Williamson
Cheokas	Griffin	Lupton	Richardson	Willis
Clark, J	Gullett	Martin	Ridley, Jas	Yearta
Clifton	Gunter	Martinez	Ridley, Jor	Burns, Speaker

The following members were off the floor of the House when the roll was called:

Representatives Clark of the 100th, Draper of the 90th, Ehrhart of the 36th, and Jones of the 25th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Representative Scoggins of the 14th District, Chairman of the Committee on Special Rules, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Special Rules has had under consideration the following Resolutions of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HR 1860	Do Pass	HR 1889	Do Pass
HR 1891	Do Pass, by Substitute	HR 1947	Do Pass
HR 1948	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Scoggins of the 14th
Chairman

The following Bill of the House was taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 974. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027; to make and provide such appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Representative Hatchett of the 155th moved that the House insist on its position in disagreeing to the Senate substitute to HB 974 and that a Committee of Conference be appointed on the part of the House to confer with a like committee on the part of the Senate.

The motion prevailed.

The Speaker appointed as a Committee of Conference on the part of the House the following members:

Representatives Hatchett of the 155th, Efstration of the 104th and Jones of the 47th.

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2026

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 39th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

HR 1445 Georgia Building Authority team; continued historical preservation of the Georgia State Capitol; urge (SRules-Cox-28th)

SB 111 "Georgia Consumer Privacy Protection Act"; enact (Substitute) (Judy-O'Steen-169th) Albers-56th

SB 402 Children and Youth; pilot program provision for screenings, clinical evaluations, training for autism spectrum disorder to children in foster care; establish (Substitute)(JudyJ-Silcox-53rd) Tillery-19th

SB 406 "Georgia Property Owners' Bill of Rights Act"; enact (Substitute) (Judy-Martinez-111th) Brass-6th
(Rules Committee Substitute LC 49 2879S)

SB 447 Control of Soil Erosion and Sedimentation; denial or nonacceptance of permits; revise provisions (Substitute)(NR&E-Anderson-10th) Dixon-45th
(Rules Committee Substitute LC 47 4324S)

SB 458 "Home Inspector Licensing Act of Georgia"; enact (Substitute) (RegI-Crowe-118th) Goodman-8th

SB 501 Office of the Safety Fire Commissioner; update provisions (Substitute)(RegI-Chastain-7th) Robertson-29th

SB 515 "Quality Basic Education Act"; grants for educational programs; provisions relative to the teacher recruitment and retention tax credit program; revise (Ed-Rice-139th) Hickman-4th (Rules Committee Substitute LC 44 3572S)

SB 552 "True Patriotism and Universal Student Access (TPUSA) Act"; enact (Substitute)(Judy-Petrea-166th) Watson-1st
(Rules Committee Substitute LC 49 2860S)

SB 587 Offenses Against Public Health and Morals; the establishment of an animal cruelty database; provide (JudyNC-Camp-135th) Still-48th
(Rules Committee Substitute LC 60 0368S)

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bill and Resolution of the House and Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HR 1445. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, Burns of the 159th, Hatchett of the 155th, Tarvin of the 2nd, Greene of the 154th and others:

A RESOLUTION urging the continued historical preservation of the Georgia state capitol; commending the Georgia Building Authority team for excellence with the restoration and the discovery of Andrew Carnegie Steel–one of the two oldest operating capitols in the United States with Carnegie Steel; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the Resolution, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the Resolution, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	E Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	E Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R

Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
E Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the adoption of the Resolution, the ayes were 170, nays 0.

The Resolution, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted.

SB 587. By Senators Still of the 48th, Dickerson of the 21st, Summers of the 13th, Albers of the 56th, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding offenses against public health and morals, so as to provide for the establishment of an animal cruelty database; to provide for purpose and funding; to require the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of the State of Georgia to create, administer, and maintain such database; to provide for minimum requirements; to provide for reporting and forms; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapters 5 and 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes against the person and offenses against public health and morals, so as to provide for a court order to locate an alleged victim of child or elder abuse; to provide for the establishment of an animal cruelty database; to provide for purpose and funding; to require clerks of court to transmit certain conviction and sentencing information to the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of the State of Georgia; to require the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of the State of Georgia to create, administer, and maintain such database; to provide for

minimum requirements; to provide for reporting and forms; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes against the person, is amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 16-5-70, relating to cruelty to children, to read as follows:

"(f) Where there is an open investigation relating to an alleged offense in violation of this Code section, and the child is moved from a known address to an unknown location, the superior court for the county of the known address may grant an order to locate the parent or guardian of record upon a showing by a law enforcement official an inquiry regarding the welfare and safety of the child is necessary to complete such investigation."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 16-5-102, relating to exploitation and intimidation of disabled adults, elder persons, and residents, and obstruction of investigation, to read as follows:

"(d) Where there is an open investigation relating to an alleged offense in violation of this Code section, and the disabled adult, elder person, or resident is moved from a known address to an unknown location, the superior court for the county of the known address may grant an order to locate the guardian of record upon a showing by a law enforcement official an inquiry regarding the welfare and safety of the disabled adult, elder person, or resident is necessary to complete such investigation."

SECTION 3.

Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against public health and morals, is amended in Article 1, relating to general provisions, by adding a new subsection to Code Section 16-12-4, relating to cruelty to animals, to read as follows:

"(i)(1) Subject to appropriations by the General Assembly or other available funding, by January 1, 2027, the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of the State of Georgia shall create, administer, and maintain on its website a state-wide, publicly searchable animal cruelty database. The primary purpose of such database shall be to assist animal shelters, animal protection and control agencies, and other organizations and members of the public involved in animal placement determinations in screening prospective owners and preventing animals from being placed in dangerous situations. At minimum, such database shall:

(A) List the full names of each individual who has been convicted of or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to any violation of this Code section or Code Section 16-6-6, 16-7-21.2, 16-11-107, or 16-12-37;

(B) Be accessible at no cost; and

(C) Be updated no less than monthly.

(2) When a person is convicted of an offense identified in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of this subsection, the clerk of the court shall electronically transmit a copy of such conviction and sentence to the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of the State of Georgia within 60 days of entry of such conviction and sentence.

(3) The Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of the State of Georgia shall be authorized to solicit input from state law enforcement and prosecuting attorneys in determining information to be included in the animal cruelty database. All state law enforcement, prosecution and corrections agencies, offices, and departments shall cooperate with and shall provide in a timely manner any information acquired relating to a violation described in subparagraph (1)(A) of this subsection to the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of the State of Georgia to be included in the animal cruelty database in a format prescribed by such council pursuant to paragraph (3) of this subsection.

(4) The Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of the State of Georgia shall be authorized to create and promulgate a uniform reporting form to be used by state law enforcement, prosecution and corrections agencies, offices, and departments in reporting information for inclusion in the animal cruelty database."

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to, by substitute.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	E Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	E Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	E Horner	Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
E Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	E Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran

Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	E Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	E Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
E Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 163, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the following Bill of the Senate be withdrawn from the Rules Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Rules:

SB 552. By Senators Watson of the 1st, Strickland of the 42nd, Cowsert of the 46th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Walker III of the 20th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 2A of Part 1 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to clubs and organizations, so as to provide for equal access to public schools for students engaging in political or philosophical expression; to authorize the organization of partisan and nonpartisan student groups and gatherings; to provide for school disclaimers of sponsorship; to prohibit discrimination based on the content of student speech within a limited open forum; to provide for the maintenance of order and discipline; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 515. By Senators Hickman of the 4th, Payne of the 54th, Hatchett of the 50th, Parent of the 44th and Dixon of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 9 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to grants for educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to revise and streamline provisions relative to the teacher recruitment and retention tax credit program; to provide for definitions; to amend Code Section 48-7-29.23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax credits for teachers in the teacher recruitment and retention program, so as to provide for tax credit amounts; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 9 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to grants for educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to increase the maximum number of participating teachers in the teacher recruitment and retention tax credit program from 1,000 to 1,200 each year; to revise and streamline provisions relative to such program; to reduce the amount of the annual tax credit available to new participants from $3,000.00 to $2,500.00 after a date certain; to provide for an exception; to repeal certain requirements for qualifying public schools; to provide for new requirements for qualifying public schools based on school performance; to provide for prioritized selection as necessary; to provide for rules and procedures; to extend deadline for program applications; to provide for definitions; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income tax imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits, so as to revise tax credits for donation of real property for conservation purposes; to revise required filings; to repeal provisions regarding the State Properties Commission; to revise the aggregate amount of tax credits allowed; to extend the date for acceptance of new applications; to repeal penalty provisions; to repeal a definition; to provide for tax credit amounts; to provide that the total amount of tax credits shall not exceed $3 million in any fiscal year; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Part 9 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to grants for educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," is amended by revising Code Section 20-2-251, relating to teacher recruitment and retention program, purpose, annual evaluation of program, and maximum participation, as follows:

"20-2-251.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Department' means the Department of Education.

~~(1.1) 'High-need subject area' means one of the three content areas for which there are the greatest percentages of unfilled positions for classroom teachers in a RESA service area as determined annually for each RESA service area by the department based upon a five-year average review of a survey reported by local school systems to the department.~~

~~(2) 'Participating local school system' means a local school system that participates in the program by receiving grant money from the state and disbursing it to participating teachers.~~

~~(3) 'Participating school' means a qualifying public school that has been selected by the department to participate in the program.~~

~~(4)~~(2) 'Participating teacher' means a teacher, as defined in subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-942, who is eligible to participate and does participate in the program.

~~(5)~~(3) 'Postsecondary educational institution' means a school which is:

(A) ~~A unit~~ An institution of the University System of Georgia, including any college or university under the government, control, and management of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia; or

(B) An independent or private college or university located in ~~Georgia~~ this state and eligible to be deemed an approved school as defined in ~~paragraph (2) of~~ Code Section 20-3-411.

~~(6)~~(4) 'Program' means the teacher recruitment and retention program provided for in this Code section.

~~(7)~~(5) 'Qualifying public school' means a public school in this state that is designated by the department as qualified to participate in the program ~~that is located in a rural territory in this state or a school that has performed in the lowest 5 percent of schools in this state as identified in accordance with the state-wide accountability system established in the state plan pursuant to the federal Every Student Succeeds Act~~.

~~(8)~~(6) 'Recently hired' means a teacher, whether a new or experienced teacher, who ~~has~~ accepted his or her first ~~school year~~ employment contract to teach at a qualifying public school during the immediately preceding school year, whose employment contract was renewed for the current school year, and who remains an employee in good standing with such qualifying public school ~~for the 2021-2022 school year, for the current school year, or for the immediately upcoming school year~~.

~~(9)~~(7) 'Rural territory' means territory that is more than five miles from the nearest 'urbanized area' and more than two and one-half miles from the nearest 'urban cluster' as such terms are defined in OMB Standards for Defining Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Areas, 65 Fed. Reg. 82238.

~~(10) 'School year contract' means a contract of full-time employment between a teacher and a local board of education covering a full school year. A contract of employment for a portion of a school year shall not be counted as a school year contract, nor shall contracts of employment for portions of a school year be cumulated and treated as a school year contract. A contract of employment for any time outside a school year shall not be counted as a school year contract, nor shall contracts of employment for time~~

~~outside a school year be cumulated and treated as a school year contract. A school year contract is deemed included within a contract of full-time employment between a teacher and a local board of education covering a full calendar or fiscal year.~~

~~(11)~~(8) 'State board' means the State Board of Education.

(b)(1) The state board shall establish a teacher recruitment and retention program. The purpose of such program shall be to encourage both new and experienced teachers to seek employment ~~with qualifying public schools in high-need subject areas~~ at a qualifying public school by providing for a tax credit as ~~provided for~~ set forth in Code Section 48-7-29.23 ~~to each participating teacher~~ in the amount of ~~$3,000.00~~ $2,500.00 per school year for no more than five school years, which ~~must~~ shall be consecutive, subject to conditions as provided for in this Code section, and subject to the exception provided for in paragraph (2) of this subsection. The state board is authorized to promulgate rules, regulations, policies, and procedures appropriate and necessary to implement and administer this program.

(2) No individual who was eligible to receive a $3,000.00 tax credit under this Code section in effect on December 31, 2026, shall have the amount of such tax credit reduced pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(c)(1) By ~~October~~ December 1 of each year, the ~~department shall determine which public schools in this state are qualifying public schools and shall publish a list of all qualifying public schools on the department's website. For purposes of the program, a school that has been designated as a qualifying public school shall be eligible for selection as a participating school for the current school year and for at least the immediately upcoming school year. The~~ department shall develop criteria for the selection of no more than 100 ~~participating~~ qualifying public schools ~~from the total number of qualifying public schools~~ and shall publish such selection criteria simultaneously with the publication of the list of qualifying public schools on the department's website; provided, however, that such criteria shall include prioritizing: ~~qualifying public schools with teacher vacancies in high-need subject areas.~~

(A) Public schools that are turnaround eligible schools, as such term is defined in Code Section 20-14-45;

(B) Public schools on the separate list of public schools that performed in the lowest 25 percent of all public schools required under Code Section 20-2B-29; and

(C) Comprehensive support and improvement (CSI) schools requiring mandatory state-led interventions pursuant to the federal Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015.

~~(2) By December 1 of each year, the department shall select no more than 100 participating schools and shall publish a list of all participating schools on the department's website. At this time, the department shall also publish a list of the high-need subject areas as determined for each RESA service area. A school that has been designated as a participating school shall be eligible to participate in the program for the current school year and for at least the immediately upcoming school year. The department shall determine the total number of participating teachers authorized for each participating school, as well as the high-need subject areas, which may be filled for each participating school.~~

~~(3)~~(2) The department is authorized to receive applications from teachers who meet the eligibility criteria provided for in subsection (e) of this Code section and is authorized to share with ~~participating~~ local school systems and ~~participating~~ other public schools such applications and related materials submitted by teachers.

~~(4)~~(3) The department is authorized to provide guidance and technical assistance to teachers, ~~participating schools, and~~ local school systems, and other public schools ~~with participating schools~~ regarding the program.

(d) The ~~Office of Student Achievement, in consultation with the~~ department~~,~~ shall establish program objectives and shall annually measure and evaluate the program. ~~Beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, by December 1 of each year, the Office of Student Achievement shall provide to the Governor, to the House Education Committee and the Senate Committee on Education and Youth, and to the state board a report covering the immediately preceding school year and including, at a minimum, the following information:~~

~~(1) The positions filled by participating teachers with corresponding information regarding the subject matter and grade or grades taught; and~~

~~(2) The length of time participating teachers have been participating in the program.~~

(e)(1) In order to be eligible to participate in the program, a teacher shall:

(A) Have been recently hired by a qualifying public school and shall have as his or her primary responsibility the academic instruction and support of students in the areas of mathematics; special education; career, technical, and agricultural education; or reading, writing, or English language arts; provided, however, that such teachers in the area of reading, writing, or English language arts shall hold a current dyslexia or reading endorsement approved by the Professional Standards Commission ~~been recently hired to teach in a high-need subject area at a participating school~~;

(B) Have attained a bachelor's degree in education from a postsecondary educational institution with a teacher certification program approved by the ~~Georgia~~ Professional Standards Commission; and

(C) Hold a valid five-year induction or professional certificate issued by the ~~Georgia~~ Professional Standards Commission.

(2) Teachers who meet the eligibility criteria provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection and who wish to participate in the program shall submit to the department a completed application to participate in ~~the~~ such program, on a form and in a manner prescribed by the department. ~~Each application shall, at a minimum, include:~~

~~(A) A copy of the teacher's school year contract to teach at a participating school; and~~

~~(B) Written verification from the principal or other school personnel of the participating school that the teacher was recently hired as defined in this Code section.~~

(3)(A) Eligible teachers who complete the application process prescribed by the department shall be accepted to participate in the program on annual basis, subject to continuation of the program and the provisions of subsection (g) of this Code section and except for good cause shown by the department.

(B) A teacher who is accepted by the department to participate in the program shall be allowed to continue as a participating teacher in the program on an annual basis for up to five school years, which must be consecutive, provided that he or she remains employed pursuant to ~~a school year~~ an employment contract as a teacher at the same school continuously~~, regardless of whether the school remains a participating or qualifying public school and regardless of whether the participating teacher's subject area remains a high-need subject area,~~ and subject to continuation of the program and the provisions of subsection (g) of this Code section and except for good cause shown by the department.

(C) A participating teacher who is involuntarily transferred to another school within the same ~~participating~~ local school system shall be eligible to continue participating in the program on the same terms and conditions as provided in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph. A participating teacher who voluntarily transfers to another school shall not be eligible to continue participating in the program effective immediately upon the transfer.

(D) ~~A participating teacher who receives an annual summative performance evaluation rating of 'Ineffective,' as provided for in Code Section 20-2-210, shall be permanently ineligible to participate in the program upon the conclusion of the school year in which he or she received such rating.~~

~~(E)~~ A participating teacher who lawfully takes a leave of absence pursuant to any state or federal law shall retain eligibility to continue participating in the program, provided that he or she remains continuously employed pursuant to an employment ~~a school year~~ contract as a teacher at the same school ~~continuously~~.

(f) By July 31 of each year, the department shall notify the state revenue commissioner of each participating teacher who has satisfied all terms and conditions of the program for the immediately preceding school year.

(g) The number of participating teachers in the program in any school year shall be limited to ~~1,000 participating teachers~~ 1,200 state wide. In the event that applications exceed 1,200 participating teachers state wide, the department, in consultation with the Professional Standards Commission and the Office of Student Achievement, shall develop and implement rules and procedures for a selection plan with priority consideration given to participating teachers at qualifying public schools in a rural territory. The department shall publish such rules and procedures on its website. ~~In the discretion of the department, participation in the program may be determined according to the following order of priority:~~

~~(1) Participating teachers shall be prioritized over teachers not yet participating in the program; and~~

~~(2) Among teachers participating in the program, those who are currently teaching a high-need subject area shall be prioritized over those who are not teaching a high-need subject area, and those with greater seniority in the program shall be prioritized over those with less seniority.~~

(h) No new applications for the program shall be accepted after December 31, ~~2026~~ 2031."

SECTION 2.

Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income tax imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits, is amended by revising Code Section 48-7-29.12, relating to tax credits for donation of real property for conservation purposes, as follows:

"48-7-29.12.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Conservation easement' means a nonpossessory interest in real property imposing limitations or affirmative obligations, the purposes of which are consistent with at least two conservation purposes.

(2) 'Conservation purpose' means any of the following:

(A) Water quality protection for wetlands, rivers, streams, or lakes;

(B) Protection of wildlife habitat consistent with state wildlife conservation policies;

(C) Protection of outdoor recreation consistent with state outdoor recreation policies;

(D) Protection of prime agricultural or forestry lands; and

(E) Protection of cultural sites, heritage corridors, or archeological and historic resources.

(3) 'Donated property' means the real property of which a qualified donation is made pursuant to this Code section.

(4) 'Eligible donor' means any person who owns an interest in a qualified donation.

(5) 'Fair market value' means the value of the donated property as determined pursuant to subsections ~~(c.1)~~ (d) and ~~(c.2)~~ (e) of this Code section.

(6) 'Qualified donation' means the fee simple conveyance to the state; a county, a municipality, or a consolidated government of this state; the federal government; or a bona fide charitable nonprofit organization qualified under the Internal Revenue Code and, beginning on January 1, 2014, accredited by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission of 100 percent of all right, title, and interest in the entire parcel of donated real property, and the donation is accepted by such state, county, municipality, consolidated government, federal government, or bona fide charitable nonprofit organization for use in a manner consistent with at least two conservation purposes. Such term shall also include the donation to and acceptance by the state; a county, a municipality, or a consolidated government of this state; the federal government; or a bona fide charitable nonprofit organization qualified under the Internal Revenue Code and, beginning on January 1, 2014, accredited by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission of a conservation easement. Any real property which is otherwise required to be dedicated pursuant to local government regulations or ordinances or to increase building density levels shall not be eligible as a qualified donation under this Code section. Any real property which is used for or associated with the playing of golf or is planned to be so used or associated shall not be eligible as a qualified donation under this Code section.

(7) 'Related person' ~~has the meaning provided by~~ shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 48-7-28.3.

(8) 'Substantial valuation misstatement' means a valuation such that the claimed value of any property on the appraisal as submitted to the ~~State Properties Commission~~ Department of Natural Resources is 150 percent or more of the amount determined to be the correct amount of such valuation ~~pursuant to subsections (c.1) and (c.2) of this Code section~~ by the Department of Natural Resources.

(b)(1) A taxpayer shall be allowed a state income tax credit against the tax imposed by Code Section 48-7-20 or 48-7-21 for each qualified donation under this Code section.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection and in subsection ~~(d)~~(f) of this Code section, such credit shall be limited to an amount not to exceed the lesser of ~~$500,000.00, 25 percent~~ $1 million, 50 percent of the fair market value of the donated real property as fair market value is established for the year in which the donation occurred, or ~~25~~ 50 percent of the difference between the fair market value and the amount paid to the donor if the donation is effected by a sale of property for less than fair market value as established for the year in which the donation occurred.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~(d)~~(f) of this Code section, in the case of a taxpayer whose net income is determined under Code Section 48-7-23, the aggregate total credit allowed to all partners in a partnership shall be limited to an amount not to exceed the lesser of ~~$500,000.00, 25 percent~~ $1 million, 50 percent of the fair market value of the donated real property as fair market value is established for the year in which the donation occurred, or ~~25~~ 50 percent of the difference between the fair market value and the amount paid to the donor if the donation is effected by a sale of property for less than fair market value as established for the year in which the donation occurred.

(c) No tax credit shall be allowed under this Code section unless the taxpayer files with the taxpayer's income tax return ~~a copy of the State Property Commission's determination and~~ a copy of a certification issued by the Department of Natural Resources that the donated property is suitable for conservation purposes and meets the following additional requirements, where applicable:

(1) Subdivision is prohibited for a donated property of less than 500 acres and limited to one subdivision for a donated property of 500 acres or more;

(2) New construction on donated property of structures, roads, impoundments, ditches, dumping, or any other activity that would harm the protected conservation values of such donation is prohibited on such property;

(3) New construction on donated property within 150 feet of any perennial or intermittent stream is prohibited;

(4) A buffer of at least 100 feet on each side of any perennial streams on donated property which ensures at least 75 percent tree canopy evenly distributed after harvest is maintained and a buffer of at least 50 feet on each side of any intermittent streams on donated property which ensures at least 75 percent tree canopy evenly distributed after harvest is maintained;

(5) Timber and agricultural activities undertaken on the donated property are prohibited unless in accordance with best management practices published by the State Forestry Commission or the Soil and Water Conservation Commission, as the case may be;

(6) New construction on donated property causing more than 1 percent of such property's total surface area to be covered by impervious surfaces is prohibited;

(7) Mining on the property is prohibited; and

(8) Planting on the donated property of non-native invasive species listed in Category 1, Category 1 Alert, or Category 2 of the 'List of Non-Native Invasive Plants in Georgia' developed by the Georgia Exotic Pest Council is prohibited.

~~(c.1)~~(d) For each application for certification, the Department of Natural Resources shall require submission of an appraisal of the qualified donation by the taxpayer along with a nonrefundable $5,000.00 application fee; provided, however, that the nonrefundable application fee for property donated to the state shall be 1 percent of the total value of the donation, unless such donation is being made to qualify the state for a federal or state grant. The appraisal required by this subsection shall be a full narrative appraisal and include:

(1) A certification page, as established by the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice, signed by the appraiser; and

(2) An affidavit signed by the appraiser which includes a statement specifying:

(A) The value of the unencumbered property, the total value of the qualified donation in gross, and an accompanying statement identifying the methods used to determine such values;

(B) Whether a subdivision analysis was used in the appraisal;

(C) Whether the landowner or related persons own any other property, the value of which is increased as a result of the donation; and

(D) That the appraiser is certified pursuant to Chapter 39A of Title 43.

Appraisals received by the Department of Natural Resources shall be reviewed by the Department of Natural Resources to determine whether the appraisal contains a substantial valuation misstatement. In reviewing appraisals, the Department of Natural Resources may conduct its own appraisal of the property; hire an independent, third-party appraiser to conduct an appraisal of the property; or require that the applicant submit an additional appraisal from an independent, third-party appraiser. If the Department of Natural Resources determines that an appraisal contains a substantial valuation misstatement, the Department of Natural Resources shall report the appraiser who prepared the appraisal to the Georgia Real Estate Commission for investigation and, if warranted, disciplinary action ~~forwarded to the State Properties Commission for review. The State Properties Commission shall approve the appraisal amount submitted or recommend a lower amount based on its review and inform the Department of Natural Resources of its determination. The State Properties Commission shall be authorized to promulgate any rules and regulations necessary to administer the provisions of this subsection. Any appraisal deemed to contain a substantial valuation misstatement shall be submitted to the Georgia Real Estate Commission for further investigation and disciplinary action. Upon receipt of the State Properties Commission's determination, the Department of Natural Resources may proceed with the certification process~~.

~~(c.2)~~(e) The Board of Natural Resources shall promulgate any rules and regulations necessary to implement and administer subsections (c) and ~~(c.1)~~(d) of this Code section.

A final determination by the Department of Natural Resources ~~or the State Properties Commission~~ shall be subject to review and appeal under Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'

~~(d)~~(f)(1) In no event shall the total amount of any tax credit under this Code section for a taxable year exceed the taxpayer's income tax liability. In no event shall the total amount of the tax credit allowed to a taxpayer under subsection (b) of this Code section exceed ~~$250,000.00~~ $500,000.00 with respect to tax liability determined under Code Section 48-7-20 or ~~$500,000.00~~ $1 million with respect to tax liability determined under Code Section 48-7-21. Any unused tax credit shall be allowed to be carried forward to apply to the taxpayer's succeeding five years' tax liability. However, the amount in excess of such annual dollar limits shall not be eligible for carryover to the taxpayer's succeeding years' tax liability nor shall such excess amount be claimed by or reallocated to any other taxpayer. No such tax credit shall be allowed the taxpayer against prior years' tax liability.

(2) Only one qualified donation may be made with respect to any real property that was, in the five years prior to donation, within the same tax parcel of record, except that a subsequent donation may be made by a person who is not a related person with respect to any prior eligible donors of any portion of such tax parcel.

(3)(A) Beginning on January 1, 2016, and ending on December 31, 2021, the aggregate amount of tax credits allowed under this Code section shall not exceed $30 million per calendar year. For the period beginning on June 1, 2022, and ending on December 31, 2026, the aggregate amount of tax credits allowed under this Code section shall not exceed $4 million per calendar year. For the period beginning on June 1, 2026, and ending on December 31, 2031, the aggregate amount of tax credits allowed under this Code section shall not exceed $4 million per calendar year. The Department of Natural Resources shall accept no new applications for the tax credits allowed under this Code section after December 31, ~~2026~~ 2031.

(B) Prior to any renewal of the exemption for donations of real property beyond the date authorized by subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the Department of Natural Resources shall provide a report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairpersons of the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Finance Committee on the activity of the program occurring during the preceding years. The report shall include, but not be limited to:

(i) The number of applications and the total number of acres donated;

(ii) The value of the qualified donations accepted into the program and which two of the five conservation purposes contained in paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this Code section were the basis for the qualification of the property;

(iii) The aggregate amount of income tax credits granted pursuant to this Code section; and

(iv) A listing of the direct and indirect benefits to the state due to the donation of land for conservation purposes.

~~(d.1)~~(g) Any tax credits under this Code section earned by a taxpayer in the taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2013, and previously claimed but not used by such taxpayer against such taxpayer's income tax may be transferred or sold in whole or in part by such taxpayer to another Georgia taxpayer, subject to the following conditions:

(1) The transferor may make only a single transfer or sale of tax credits earned in a taxable year; however, the transfer or sale may involve one or more transferees;

(2) The transferor shall submit to the department a written notification of any transfer or sale of tax credits within 30 days after the transfer or sale of such tax credits. The notification shall include such transferor's tax credit balance prior to transfer, the remaining balance after transfer, all tax identification numbers for each transferee, the date of transfer, the amount transferred, and any other information required by the department;

(3) Failure to comply with this subsection shall result in the disallowance of the tax credit until the taxpayer is in full compliance;

(4) Any unused credit may be carried forward to subsequent taxable years provided that the transfer or sale of this tax credit does not extend the time in which such tax credit can be used. The carry-forward period for tax credit that is transferred or sold shall begin on the date on which the tax credit was originally earned; and

(5) A transferee shall have only such rights to claim and use the tax credit that were available to the transferor at the time of the transfer. To the extent that such transferor did not have rights to claim and use the tax credit at the time of the transfer, the department shall either disallow the tax credit claimed by the transferee or recapture the tax credit from the transferee. The transferee's recourse is against the transferor.

~~(e)(1) Whenever:~~

~~(A) Any person prepares an appraisal of the value of property and knows, or reasonably should have known, that the appraisal would be used in connection with a return or a claim for refund claiming a tax credit under this Code section; and~~

~~(B) The claimed value of the property on such appraisal as submitted to the State Properties Commission results in a substantial valuation misstatement with respect to such property for purposes of claiming a tax credit under this Code section,~~

~~then such person shall pay a penalty in the amount determined under paragraph (2) of this subsection.~~

~~(2) The amount of the penalty imposed under paragraph (1) of this subsection on any person with respect to an appraisal shall be equal to the lesser of:~~

~~(A) The greater of:~~

~~(i) Twenty-five percent of the difference between the amount of the tax credit claimed on the taxpayer's return or claim for refund and the amount of the tax credit to which the taxpayer is actually entitled, to the extent the difference is attributable to the misstatement described in paragraph (1) of this subsection; or~~

~~(ii) Ten thousand dollars; or~~

~~(B) One hundred twenty-five percent of the gross income received by the person described in paragraph (1) of this subsection for the preparation of the appraisal.~~

~~(3) No penalty shall be imposed under paragraph (1) of this subsection if the person establishes to the satisfaction of the commissioner that the value established in the appraisal was more likely than not the proper value.~~

~~(4) Except as otherwise provided, the penalty provided by this subsection shall be in addition to any other penalties provided by law. The amount of any penalty under this subsection shall be assessed within three years after the return or claim for refund with respect to which the penalty is assessed was filed, and no proceeding in court without assessment for the collection of such penalty shall be begun after the expiration of such period. Any claim for refund of an overpayment of the penalty assessed under this subsection shall be filed within three years from the time the penalty was paid.~~

~~(f)~~(h) No credit shall be allowed under this Code section with respect to any amount deducted from taxable net income by the taxpayer as a charitable contribution.

~~(g)~~(i) The commissioner shall promulgate any rules and regulations necessary to implement and administer this Code section."

SECTION 3.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 48-7-29.23, relating to tax credits for teachers in the teacher recruitment and retention program, by revising subsection (a) and adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(a) A taxpayer who is designated by the Department of Education as a participating teacher in the teacher recruitment and retention program provided for in Code Section 20-2-251 shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by Code Section 48-7-20 ~~in an amount equal to $3,000.00~~ as follows:

(1) For individuals designated by the Department of Education as participating teachers on or after January 1, 2027, $2,500.00, except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection; and

(2) For individuals designated by the Department of Education as participating teachers on or before December 31, 2026, and for the duration of their eligibility to participate in such program, $3,000.00."

"(b.1) In no event shall the total amount of tax credits under this Code section exceed $3 million in any fiscal year. In the event that such amount is not sufficient to pay the full tax credit to each eligible recipient, the tax credit for each eligible recipient shall be reduced on a pro rata basis."

SECTION 4.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this section, this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

(b) Sections 1 and 3 of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2027.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to, by substitute.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	E Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	E McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	N Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	E Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	N Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	N Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	E Westbrook
Y Carpenter	E Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	N Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	N Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
N Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
E Clark, J	Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 158, nays 9.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SB 402. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Dixon of the 45th, Walker III of the 20th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to programs and protection for children and youth, so as to establish a pilot program relating to the provision of screenings, clinical evaluations, training, services, and resources for autism spectrum disorder to children in foster care; to provide for definitions; to provide for the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services to develop and implement such pilot program; to provide for a final report and recommendations; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to programs and protection for children and youth, so as to establish a pilot program relating to the provision of screenings, clinical evaluations, training, services, and resources for autism spectrum disorder to children in foster care; to provide for definitions; to provide for the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services to develop and implement such pilot program; to provide for a final report and recommendations; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to programs and protection for children and youth, is amended in Article 1, relating to children and youth services, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"49-5-26.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Autism spectrum disorder' means a neurobiological disorder or developmental disability characterized by challenges with verbal communication, nonverbal communication, social skills, and restricted or repetitive behaviors, as defined by the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders. Such term shall also include autistic disorder, Asperger's syndrome, pervasive developmental disorder not otherwise specified, and childhood disintegrative disorder.

(2) 'Caregiver' means a parent, legal guardian, foster parent, or kinship caregiver of a child in foster care.

(3) 'Clinical evaluation' means a comprehensive process conducted by a healthcare professional to diagnose whether a child has autism spectrum disorder and to develop a treatment plan.

(4) 'Division' means the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services.

(5) 'Screening' means a relatively brief process using tools such as questionnaires or surveys to identify potential developmental concerns indicating further clinical evaluation is necessary to determine if a child has autism spectrum disorder.

(b) Subject to appropriations, the division shall develop and implement a five-year pilot program for the purpose of providing screenings and clinical evaluations for autism spectrum disorder to children in foster care and providing training, services, and resources on autism spectrum disorder to regional directors, county directors, division supervisors, division case managers, other division staff, healthcare providers, and caregivers. All or part of such training, services, and resources may be provided online. The pilot program shall be established in three regional service areas in the first year and shall be expanded to additional regional service areas each subsequent year of the pilot program until all regional service areas are included. To the extent possible, the pilot program should prioritize screenings, clinical evaluations, and services for children in foster care who have been diagnosed with attention deficit hyperactive disorder or reactive attachment disorder or who have been prescribed psychotropic medications.

(c) As part of the pilot program, the division shall establish plans for the incremental expansion of the pilot program, adopt strategies for effectively communicating with caregivers, ensure sufficient medical consultants are available in regional service areas, and provide technical assistance and dedicated staff for the pilot program.

(d) Upon one year of operation of the pilot program and annually thereafter, no later than July 1, for the duration of the pilot program, the division shall submit a detailed written report on the implementation and effectiveness of the pilot program to the Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, President of the Senate, and chairpersons of the House Committee on Public and Community Health, the House Committee on Judiciary Juvenile, the Senate Children and Families Committee, and the Senate Health and Human Services Committee. Such report shall also include recommendations as to the implementation of the pilot program into division operations and identification of screenings, clinical evaluations, training, services, and resources that shall be provided by the division.

(e) The division shall be authorized to establish such rules and regulations as may be necessary to implement the pilot program established pursuant to this Code section.

(f) This Code section shall be repealed by operation of law on July 1 of the year following the submittal of the final report as provided in subsection (d) of this Code section."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	E Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	E McCollum	Y Sanchez
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Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
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On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 171, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SB 406. By Senators Brass of the 6th, James of the 28th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Dixon of the 45th, Sims of the 12th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, so as to require the registration of property owners' associations; to provide for renewals and amendments; to provide for appeals; to provide for a State Board for Review of Complaints Regarding Property Owners' Associations; to provide for review of complaints; to amend Code Section 44-3-232 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to assessments against lot owners as constituting lien in favor of association, additional charges against lot owners, procedure for foreclosing lien, and obligation to provide statement of amounts due, so as to provide for authorization of liens and use of assessments; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and withdrawn:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Georgia Property Owners' Bill of Rights Act."

SECTION 2.

Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, is amended by adding a new chapter to read as follows:

"CHAPTER 17A

43-17A-1.

As used in this chapter, the term:

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(2) 'Assessment' means and includes regular assessments, special assessments, and specific assessments.

(3) 'Governing documents' means an owners' association's declaration, bylaws, articles of incorporation, and any rules and regulations established by its board of directors.

(4) 'Nonregistered owners' association' means an owners' association that elects not to register with the Secretary of State pursuant to subparagraph (a)(2)(B) of Code Section 43-17A-2.

(5) 'Owner' means the record owner or owners of fee simple title to a single lot, unit, or other individually owned property located in an owners' development, excluding, however, any person holding such interest merely as security for the performance or satisfaction of any obligation.

(6) 'Owners' association' means a nongovernmental association of participating owners of residential property in a delineated geographic area in which recorded covenants apply to such delineated geographic area, comprising a neighborhood, condominium development, common interest community, as such term is defined in Code Section 44-16-2, or group of homeowners or property owners, including, but not limited to, associations formed pursuant to Articles 3 and 6 of Chapter 3 of Title 44 and; provided, however, that such term shall not include nonregistered owners' associations.

(7) 'Owners' development' means real property which is located within this state, is subject to governing documents, and contains lots, and which may contain common areas.

(8) 'Regular assessments' or 'dues' means assessments imposed on owners on a regular or recurring basis for the purpose of funding the owners' association's regular operating budget for costs which may include, but shall not be limited to, common area maintenance and routine repairs, utilities, landscaping, and reserve fund contributions. Such term shall not include special assessments or specific assessments.

(9) 'Special assessments' means an assessment imposed on owners for costs which are not included in the owners' association's regular operating budget, and which may

include, but shall not be limited to, legal costs and common area nonroutine or emergency repairs, renovations, and other capital projects. Such term shall not include regular assessments or specific assessments.

(10) 'Specific assessments' means an assessment imposed on an owner for:

(A) Costs incurred by the owners' association to repair or remediate damage caused by such owner to the owners' association, which may include, but shall not be limited to, damage to common areas; or

(B) Fees or fines for nonpayment, insufficient payment, or untimely payment of any assessment or for violation of a covenant of the owners' association.

43-17A-2.

(a)(1) No person shall operate a property owners' association in this state pursuant to Article 6 of Chapter 3 of Title 44, 'Georgia Property Owners' Association Act,' unless such person is registered under this chapter as an owners' association.

(2)(A) Subject to subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, no owners' association or its agent shall collect fines or fees against any owner, or file or record liens or initiate foreclosure proceedings against any lot unless such owners' association is registered pursuant to this Code section.

(B)(i) An entity that would otherwise constitute an owners' association may by written notice to the Secretary of State elect not to register under this chapter as an owners' association or otherwise to comply with this chapter and thereby shall be deemed a nonregistered owners' association.

(ii) No nonregistered owners' association or its agent shall assess or collect fines or fees or accelerated assessments against any owner.

(3) Each owners' association shall file with the Secretary of State a copy of the governing documents of the owners' association with a registration statement on a form as prescribed by the Secretary of State that shall be signed by the applicant, who shall be an authorized officer or representative of the owners' association. Such form shall, at a minimum, require:

(A) The name, address, and officers of the owners' association; and

(B) That each registration statement include a financial statement of the owners' association dated no more than one year prior to filing.

(b) Upon the Secretary of State's determination of an owners' association's compliance with subsection (a) of this Code section and unless the Secretary of State finds grounds for denial pursuant to Code Section 43-17A-3, the Secretary of State shall register such owners' association. The owners' association shall be authorized to operate immediately upon the filing of the registration statement under paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of this Code section, unless and until the Secretary of State finds grounds for denial pursuant to Code Section 43-17A-3. The date of such filing shall constitute the effective date of the registration statement. The Secretary of State shall immediately notify the owners' association of such registration.

(c) Each registration statement issued pursuant to this Code section shall expire on December 31 of each year and each owners' association shall annually submit to the

Secretary of State by such date a renewal application containing the information required for a registration statement in subsection (a) of this Code section.

(d) In the event of a change in name, address, officers, or other change which materially affects the business and control of an owners' association, the owners' association shall within 30 days file an amended registration statement with the Secretary of State.

(e) The fee for filing of an owners' association's initial registration statement and each annual renewal shall be $100.00.

(f) Records relating to an owners' association's governing documents, finances, assessments, fines, fees, liens, and foreclosures shall be subject to such reasonable examinations by representatives of the Secretary of State as the Secretary of State may deem in the public interest or for the protection of the public.

(g) An owners' association shall maintain for not less than ten years at an office located in this state or, if it has no office in this state, its principal office all records, including electronic records and records in any other format, relating to any assessments, fines, fees, liens, and foreclosures. The owners' association or its agent shall notify the Secretary of State of the address of the office at which such records are kept, if different from the address provided in response to subparagraph (a)(3)(A) of this Code section.

(h) The Secretary of State in the administration of this chapter shall comply with the record retention provisions of Article 5 of Chapter 18 of Title 50, relating to state records management.

43-17A-3.

(a) The Secretary of State, by order, may deny, suspend, or revoke a registration statement of an owners' association; may limit the fines, fees, liens, or foreclosures that an owners' association may collect or perform in this state; or bar a person who is an officer, director, trustee, or executive personnel employee, or board member of an owners' association if the Secretary of State finds that such action is in the public interest and that the officer, director, trustee, or executive personnel employee, or board member has:

(1) Filed an application for a registration statement with the Secretary of State which, as of its effective date, or any date after filing in the case of an order denying effectiveness, was incomplete in any material respect or contained a statement that was, in light of the circumstances under which it was made, false or misleading with respect to a material fact;

(2) Willfully violated or failed to comply with this chapter or a rule promulgated by the Secretary of State under this chapter;

(3) Failed to pay the proper filing fee within 30 days after notification from the Secretary of State of a deficiency, provided that the Secretary of State may provide for the reinstatement of the registration or the suspension of a fine or penalty at such time as the deficiency is corrected; or

(4) Failed to comply with a subpoena or order issued by the Secretary of State.

(b) The Secretary of State shall not begin a proceeding based solely on a fact or transaction known to the Secretary of State on or before the effective date of the

registration statement unless the proceeding is begun within 90 days after such effective date.

(c) If the Secretary of State finds that an applicant or registered person is no longer in existence; has ceased to do business as an owners' association or its agent; is adjudicated mentally incompetent or subjected to the control of a committee, conservator, or guardian; or cannot be located after reasonable search, the Secretary of State, by order, may deny the application or revoke the registration statement.

(d) Any order issued by the Secretary of State pursuant to this Code section shall state specifically the grounds for its issuance and a copy of such order shall be mailed to the owners' association at its registered address.

(e) The Secretary of State may delegate any of his or her powers and duties under this chapter as he or she desires to a division director in his or her office. Such division director, when duly appointed, shall be the ultimate decision maker in all contested case hearings held pursuant to Code Section 43-17-16 and Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'

43-17A-4.

(a)(1) When the Secretary of State has issued any order denying, suspending, or revoking a registration statement of an owners' association, limiting the fines, fees, liens, or foreclosures that an owners' association may collect or perform in this state, or barring a person who is an officer, director, trustee, or executive personnel employee, or board member of an owners' association under Code Section 43-17A-3, he or she shall promptly send to the owners' association a notice of opportunity for hearing.

(2) Before entering an order refusing to register any person under Code Section 43-17A-3 and after the entering of any order for revocation or suspension, the Secretary of State shall promptly send to such person a notice of opportunity for hearing.

(3) Any hearing conducted pursuant to this Code section shall be overseen by the Secretary of State or a person designated by the Secretary of State.

(b) Notices of opportunity for hearing shall be served by investigators appointed by the Secretary of State or sent by registered or certified mail or statutory overnight delivery, return receipt requested, to the addressee's business mailing address or residential address as shown on information filed with the Secretary of State or directed for service to the sheriff of the county where such person resides or is found. Such notice shall state:

(1) The order which has been issued or which is proposed to be issued;

(2) The grounds for issuing such order or proposed order; and

(3) That the person to whom such notice is sent will be afforded a hearing upon request if such request is made within ten days after receipt of the notice.

(c) When a person requests a hearing after receipt of the notice provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section, a date, time, and place for such hearing shall be immediately set and the person requesting such hearing shall be notified of such hearing. Except as provided in subsection (b) of Code Section 43-17A-3, the date set for such hearing shall be within 30 days, but not earlier than five days after the request for hearing has been made, unless otherwise agreed to by the person requesting the hearing.

(d) For the purpose of conducting any hearing as provided in this Code section, the Secretary of State shall have the power to administer oaths, to call any party to testify under oath at such hearing, to require the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, records, and papers, and to interview and take written statements of witnesses; and for such purposes the Secretary of State is authorized to issue a subpoena for any witness or a subpoena for production of documentary evidence to compel the production of any books, records, or papers. A subpoena may be served by registered or certified mail or statutory overnight delivery, return receipt requested, to the addressee's business mailing address or residential address as shown on information filed with the Secretary of State or by investigators appointed by the Secretary of State or shall be directed for service to the sheriff of the county where such witness resides or is found or where the person in custody of any books, records, or papers resides or is found. The fees and mileage of the sheriff, witness, or person shall be paid from the funds in the state treasury for the use of the Secretary of State in the same manner that other expenses of the Secretary of State are paid.

(e)(1) At any hearing conducted under this Code section, a party or any affected person may appear in their own behalf or may be represented by an agent. Upon written request of both parties, the hearing shall be held virtually.

(2) A stenographic record of the testimony and other evidence submitted shall be taken unless the Secretary of State and the person requesting the hearing shall agree that such a stenographic record of the testimony shall not be taken.

(3) The Secretary of State shall determine the admissibility of such evidence, but a party may at any time make objection to any such determination; provided, however, that, if the Secretary of State refuses to admit evidence, the party offering such evidence shall make a proffer thereof and such proffer shall be made a part of the record of the hearing.

(f)(1) In the case of any hearing conducted under this Code section, the Secretary of State may conduct the hearing or may appoint a referee to conduct such hearing. The appointed referee shall have the same powers and authority in conducting the hearing as are granted in this Code section to the Secretary of State.

(2) In any hearing conducted by a referee, the referee shall submit to the Secretary of State a written report that includes the transcript of the testimony and evidence, if such transcript is requested by the Secretary of State; the findings of fact and conclusions of law; and any recommendations of action to be taken by the Secretary of State. Within 30 days of the time of submission of such report to the Secretary of State, a copy of the report shall be served upon the person who requested the hearing or their attorney or other representative of record by registered or certified mail or statutory overnight delivery, return receipt requested. That person or their attorney, within 30 days of service of the copy of such written report and recommendations, may file with the Secretary of State written objections to the report which shall be considered by the Secretary of State before a final order is entered.

(3) No recommendation of the referee shall be approved, modified, or disapproved by the Secretary of State until after 30 days following the service of such report as provided in this subsection.

(4) The recommendations of the referee may be approved, modified, or disapproved by the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State may direct the referee to take additional testimony or to permit the introduction of further documentary evidence.

(5) In any hearing conducted by a referee, a transcript of testimony, evidence, and objections, if any, shall have the same force and effect as if such hearing or hearings had been conducted by the Secretary of State.

(6) All recommendations of the referee shall be advisory only and shall not have the effect of an order of the Secretary of State.

(g) If the Secretary of State does not receive a request for a hearing as provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, he or she may permit an order previously entered to remain in effect or may enter a proposed order. If a hearing is requested and conducted as provided for in this Code section, the Secretary of State shall issue a written order which shall set forth his or her findings with respect to the matters involved.

(h) All orders entered pursuant to Code Section 43-17A-3 shall be entered pursuant to this Code section, except when:

(1) The Secretary of State deems that the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action and incorporates a finding to that effect in the order, in which case the order may be effective immediately pending proceedings, which proceedings shall be promptly instituted and determined; or

(2) The order is expressly required by a court order, to be made without the right to a hearing or continuance of any type.

(i) Unless the owners' association prevails in a hearing conducted under this Code section, it shall be required to pay an administrative service fee of $100.00 to the Secretary of State by order of the Secretary of State.

43-17A-5.

(a)(1) Any person residing in an owners' development claiming that he or she has been damaged by such owners' association's action or inaction may file a complaint with the Secretary of State, who shall appoint a hearing officer to conduct the proceedings. Such complaint shall be a written statement of the facts constituting the complaint and shall be made within 180 days of the alleged action or inaction.

(2) Upon the filing of such complaint under this subsection, the hearing officer shall investigate the statement of facts made and in his or her discretion order a hearing before the hearing officer, giving the complainant and the respondent notice of such filing and the time and place of such hearing. Immediately upon the conclusion of the hearing, the hearing officer shall report his or her findings and render conclusions upon the matter to the complainant and respondent in each case, who shall have 15 days thereafter in which to make effective and satisfy the hearing officer's conclusions.

(3) If such settlement is not effected within the time frames set forth in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the hearing officer, the complainant, or the respondent may bring an action to enforce the claim.

(b) It shall be unlawful in connection with any hearing under this Code section for any person to knowingly make or cause to be made to the Secretary of State, the hearing officer, or anyone acting on their behalf any false or misleading written or oral statement of material fact or any statement which omits a material fact.

(c) The nonprevailing party in a hearing conducted under this Code section shall be required to pay an administrative service fee of $100.00 to the Secretary of State by order of the Secretary of State.

43-17A-6.

(a)(1) An appeal may be taken from any order of the Secretary of State resulting from a hearing held in accordance with Code Section 43-17A-4 or any decision of a hearing officer resulting from a hearing held in accordance with Code Section 43-17A-5 by any person adversely affected by such order or decision to:

(A) Where the amount demanded or the value of the property claimed does not exceed the amount provided for in paragraph (5) of subsection (a) of Code Section 15-10-2, the magistrate court of the county in which the largest portion of the owners' development is located; or

(B) In all other cases, the superior court of the county in which the largest portion of the owners' development is located.

(2) Appeals pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be accomplished by serving the Secretary of State, within 20 days after the date of entry of such order, a copy of the petition for de novo review filed in the appropriate court and signed by the petitioner, stating:

(A) The order from which the appeal is taken;

(B) The grounds upon which a reversal or modification of the order is sought; and

(C) A demand for a certified transcript of the record of the order.

(b) Upon receipt of the petition for review, the Secretary of State shall stay the enforcement of its order until the final disposition of the petition and, within ten days thereafter, make, certify, and deliver to the appropriate court a transcript of the record of the order from which the appeal is taken, provided that the appellant shall pay the reasonable costs of such transcript. Such petition and such transcript shall constitute appellant's complaint which shall be entered on the trial calendar of the court.

(c) If the order of the Secretary of State is reversed, the reviewing court shall by its mandate specifically direct the Secretary of State as to any further action to be taken by the Secretary of State in the matter, including the making and entering of an order or orders in connection with such reversal and the conditions, limitations, or restrictions to be included in such order or orders.

(d) A decision of a magistrate court pursuant to this Code section may be appealed by petition for review pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 5.

(e) The nonprevailing party in an appeal conducted under this Code section shall be required to pay the court costs of the prevailing party, if any, by order of the court.

43-17A-7.

Owners shall have the right to:

(1) Inspect and obtain copies of owners' association records, accounting records, and other records of the owners' association upon written demand and in compliance with the laws of this state and the governing documents. Such accounting records shall be the finalized balance sheet, budget, and profit and loss statements for the past three years;

(2) Upon written demand to the owners' association, a copy of the owners' association certificate of insurance for all such insurance obtained by the owners' association for the benefit of the owner and that may apply to a potential claim or submitted claim;

(3) Notice of meetings of members in a fair and reasonable manner consistent with the governing documents and the laws of this state;

(4) Attend meetings of the members of the owners' association, which shall be called and held by the board of directors at least annually;

(5) Access to common areas, amenities, and common elements subject to the terms contained in the governing documents;

(6) Ingress, egress, and access to their individually owned property;

(7) Statutory notice and process requirements under the laws of this state should an owners' association proceed with foreclosure action against an individually owned property;

(8) Amend governing documents with the approval thresholds required by the laws of this state and the governing documents;

(9) Expect, unless otherwise provided by the laws of this state, that a director of an owners' association board of directors shall perform his or her duties in good faith and with the degree of care an ordinary, prudent person in a like position would exercise under similar circumstances;

(10) Expect directors to disclose to the other directors on the owners' association's board of directors any conflicting interest with respect to a transaction;

(11) Be free from governing documents that interfere with the freedom of residents to determine the composition of their household, except that owners' associations shall have the power, subject to the laws of this state and federal law, to require that all occupants of a household be members of a single housekeeping unit, and to limit the total number of occupants permitted in each individually owned property and its fair share use of the common facilities, including parking; and

(12) Challenge discriminatory practices by an owners' association as authorized by the laws of this state or federal law.

43-17A-8.

(a) Except as otherwise provided by an owners' association's declaration or amendment thereto recorded on or before June 30, 2026, all funds remitted by an owner to an owners'

association shall be applied by such owners' association to the following expenses by ranking of highest to lowest priority as follows:

(1) Regular assessments or dues until current;

(2) Special assessments until current;

(3) Specific assessments until current; and

(4) Other fees and fines.

(b) No owners' association shall:

(1) Refuse to accept payment from an owner in any amount for any assessment; or

(2) Assess or collect accelerated assessments against any owner.

43-17A-9.

The Secretary of State shall adopt such policies, rules, regulations, and procedures as are necessary to implement this chapter."

SECTION 3.

Code Section 44-3-232 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to assessments against lot owners as constituting lien in favor of association, additional charges against lot owners, procedure for foreclosing lien, and obligation to provide statement of amounts due, is amended by revising subsection (c) and adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(c) Unless limited by the Secretary of State pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 43-17A-3, not ~~Not~~ less than ~~30~~ 90 days after notice is sent by certified mail or statutory overnight delivery, return receipt requested, to the lot owner both at the address of the lot and at any other address or addresses which the lot owner may have designated to the association in writing, the lien may be foreclosed by the association by an action, judgment, and court order for foreclosure in the same manner as other liens for the improvement of real property, subject to superior liens or encumbrances, but any such court order for judicial foreclosure shall not affect the rights of holders of superior liens or encumbrances to exercise any rights or powers afforded to them under their security instruments. The notice provided for in this subsection shall specify the amount of the assessments then due and payable together with authorized late charges and the rate of interest accruing thereon and shall state that payment of such amount prior to the ninetieth day following receipt of the notice will eliminate the right of foreclosure. No foreclosure action against a lien arising out of this subsection shall be permitted unless the amount of the lien is at least the lesser of $4,000.00 or an amount equal to 12 months of regular assessments, as such term is defined in Code Section 43-17A-1, in arrears but not less than $2,000.00; provided, however, that no specific assessment, as such term is defined in Code Section 43-17A-1, or other fine or fee shall be included in the calculation of the amount of such lien ~~$2,000.00~~. Unless prohibited by the instrument, the association shall have the power to bid up to the amount of the lien on the lot at any foreclosure sale and to acquire, hold, lease, encumber, and convey the same. The lien for assessments shall lapse and be of no further effect, as to assessments or installments thereof, together with late charges and interest applicable thereto, ~~four~~ six years after the assessment or installment first became due and payable.

(c.1) A lot owner shall have the right to a stay of any proceeding for foreclosure pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section while a petition for review brought by any party pursuant to Code Section 43-17A-6 to which such lot owners is a party is pending; provided, however, that a stay pursuant to this subsection shall not be authorized more than one time and shall not extend beyond the earlier of 90 days or the disposition of such petition for review; and provided, further, that nothing in this subsection shall be construed to limit the court's authority to order a stay of any proceeding for foreclosure pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section for any reason."

SECTION 4.

Said Code section is further amended to add new subsections to read as follows:

"(f) Before an association may collect or be awarded attorney's fees, it shall provide:

(1) An initial written notice by certified mail or statutory overnight delivery to the lot owner from the association or its agent identifying any outstanding fines or delinquent fees;

(2) Lot owners with 30 days from the receipt of the notice required under paragraph (1) of this subsection to pay such outstanding fines or delinquent fees; and

(3) An itemized list of reasonable attorney's fees claimed.

(g) Judges conducting bench trials for an action to recover sums assessed against a lot owner shall review such claims of attorney's fees for reasonableness and shall enter an order stating whether the attorney's fees were reasonable before an association can be awarded such attorney's fees."

SECTION 5.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2027.

(b) Section 4 of this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026, and shall apply to all actions filed on or after such date.

SECTION 6.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

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(3) 'Governing documents' means an owners' association's declaration, bylaws, articles of incorporation, and any rules and regulations established by its board of directors.

(4) 'Nonregistered owners' association' means an owners' association that elects not to register with the Secretary of State pursuant to subparagraph (a)(2)(B) of Code Section 43-17A-2.

(5) 'Owner' means the record owner or owners of fee simple title to a single lot, unit, or other individually owned property located in an owners' development, excluding, however, any person holding such interest merely as security for the performance or satisfaction of any obligation.

(6) 'Owners' association' means a nongovernmental association of participating owners of residential property in a delineated geographic area in which recorded covenants apply to such delineated geographic area, comprising a neighborhood, condominium development, common interest community, as such term is defined in Code Section 44-16-2, or group of homeowners or property owners, including, but not limited to, associations formed pursuant to Articles 3 and 6 of Chapter 3 of Title 44 and; provided, however, that such term shall not include nonregistered owners' associations.

(7) 'Owners' development' means real property which is located within this state, is subject to governing documents, and contains lots, and which may contain common areas.

(8) 'Regular assessments' or 'dues' means assessments imposed on owners on a regular or recurring basis for the purpose of funding the owners' association's regular operating budget for costs which may include, but shall not be limited to, common area maintenance and routine repairs, utilities, landscaping, and reserve fund contributions. Such term shall not include special assessments or specific assessments.

(9) 'Special assessments' means an assessment imposed on owners for costs which are not included in the owners' association's regular operating budget, and which may include, but shall not be limited to, legal costs and common area nonroutine or emergency repairs, renovations, and other capital projects. Such term shall not include regular assessments or specific assessments.

(10) 'Specific assessments' means an assessment imposed on an owner for:

(A) Costs incurred by the owners' association to repair or remediate damage caused by such owner to the owners' association, which may include, but shall not be limited to, damage to common areas; or

(B) Fees or fines for nonpayment, insufficient payment, or untimely payment of any assessment or for violation of a covenant of the owners' association.

43-17A-2.

(a)(1) No person shall operate an owners' association in this state unless such person is registered under this chapter as an owners' association.

(2)(A) Subject to subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, no owners' association or its agent shall collect fines or fees against any owner, or file or record liens or initiate foreclosure proceedings against any lot unless such owners' association is registered pursuant to this Code section.

(B)(i) An entity that would otherwise constitute an owners' association may by written notice to the Secretary of State elect not to register under this chapter as an owners' association or otherwise to comply with this chapter and thereby shall be deemed a nonregistered owners' association.

(ii) No nonregistered owners' association or its agent shall assess or collect fines or fees or accelerated assessments against any owner.

(3) Each owners' association shall file with the Secretary of State a copy of the governing documents of the owners' association with a registration statement on a form as prescribed by the Secretary of State that shall be signed by the applicant, who shall

be an authorized officer or representative of the owners' association. Such form shall, at a minimum, require:

(A) The name, address, and officers of the owners' association; and

(B) That each registration statement include a financial statement of the owners' association dated no more than one year prior to filing.

(b) Upon the Secretary of State's determination of an owners' association's compliance with subsection (a) of this Code section and unless the Secretary of State finds grounds for denial pursuant to Code Section 43-17A-3, the Secretary of State shall register such owners' association. The owners' association shall be authorized to operate immediately upon the filing of the registration statement under paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of this Code section, unless and until the Secretary of State finds grounds for denial pursuant to Code Section 43-17A-3. The date of such filing shall constitute the effective date of the registration statement. The Secretary of State shall immediately notify the owners' association of such registration.

(c) Each registration statement issued pursuant to this Code section shall expire on December 31 of each year and each owners' association shall annually submit to the Secretary of State by such date a renewal application containing the information required for a registration statement in subsection (a) of this Code section.

(d) In the event of a change in name, address, officers, or other change which materially affects the business and control of an owners' association, the owners' association shall within 30 days file an amended registration statement with the Secretary of State.

(e) The fee for filing of an owners' association's initial registration statement and each annual renewal shall be $100.00.

(f) Records relating to an owners' association's governing documents, finances, assessments, fines, fees, liens, and foreclosures shall be subject to such reasonable examinations by representatives of the Secretary of State as the Secretary of State may deem in the public interest or for the protection of the public.

(g) An owners' association shall maintain for not less than ten years at an office located in this state or, if it has no office in this state, its principal office all records, including electronic records and records in any other format, relating to any assessments, fines, fees, liens, and foreclosures. The owners' association or its agent shall notify the Secretary of State of the address of the office at which such records are kept, if different from the address provided in response to subparagraph (a)(3)(A) of this Code section.

(h) The Secretary of State in the administration of this chapter shall comply with the record retention provisions of Article 5 of Chapter 18 of Title 50, relating to state records management.

43-17A-3.

(a) The Secretary of State, by order, may deny, suspend, or revoke a registration statement of an owners' association; may limit the fines or fees that an owners' association may collect or perform in this state; or bar a person who is an officer, director, trustee, or executive personnel employee, or board member of an owners' association if the

Secretary of State finds that such action is in the public interest and that the officer, director, trustee, or executive personnel employee, or board member has:

(1) Filed an application for a registration statement with the Secretary of State which, as of its effective date, or any date after filing in the case of an order denying effectiveness, was incomplete in any material respect or contained a statement that was, in light of the circumstances under which it was made, false or misleading with respect to a material fact;

(2) Willfully violated or failed to comply with this chapter or a rule promulgated by the Secretary of State under this chapter;

(3) Failed to pay the proper filing fee within 30 days after notification from the Secretary of State of a deficiency, provided that the Secretary of State may provide for the reinstatement of the registration or the suspension of a fine or penalty at such time as the deficiency is corrected; or

(4) Failed to comply with a subpoena or order issued by the Secretary of State.

(b) The Secretary of State shall not begin a proceeding based solely on a fact or transaction known to the Secretary of State on or before the effective date of the registration statement unless the proceeding is begun within 90 days after such effective date.

(c) If the Secretary of State finds that an applicant or registered person is no longer in existence; has ceased to do business as an owners' association or its agent; is adjudicated mentally incompetent or subjected to the control of a committee, conservator, or guardian; or cannot be located after reasonable search, the Secretary of State, by order, may deny the application or revoke the registration statement.

(d) Any order issued by the Secretary of State pursuant to this Code section shall state specifically the grounds for its issuance and a copy of such order shall be mailed to the owners' association at its registered address.

(e) The Secretary of State may delegate any of his or her powers and duties under this chapter as he or she desires to a division director in his or her office. Such division director, when duly appointed, shall be the ultimate decision maker in all contested case hearings held pursuant to Code Section 43-17-16 and Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'

43-17A-4.

(a)(1) When the Secretary of State has issued any order denying, suspending, or revoking a registration statement of an owners' association, limiting the fines or fees that an owners' association may collect or perform in this state, or barring a person who is an officer, director, trustee, or executive personnel employee, or board member of an owners' association under Code Section 43-17A-3, he or she shall promptly send to the owners' association a notice of opportunity for hearing.

(2) Before entering an order refusing to register any person under Code Section 43-17A-3 and after the entering of any order for revocation or suspension, the Secretary of State shall promptly send to such person a notice of opportunity for hearing.

(3) Any hearing conducted pursuant to this Code section shall be overseen by the Secretary of State or a person designated by the Secretary of State.

(b) Notices of opportunity for hearing shall be served by investigators appointed by the Secretary of State or sent by registered or certified mail or statutory overnight delivery, return receipt requested, to the addressee's business mailing address or residential address as shown on information filed with the Secretary of State or directed for service to the sheriff of the county where such person resides or is found. Such notice shall state:

(1) The order which has been issued or which is proposed to be issued;

(2) The grounds for issuing such order or proposed order; and

(3) That the person to whom such notice is sent will be afforded a hearing upon request if such request is made within ten days after receipt of the notice.

(c) When a person requests a hearing after receipt of the notice provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section, a date, time, and place for such hearing shall be immediately set and the person requesting such hearing shall be notified of such hearing. Except as provided in subsection (b) of Code Section 43-17A-3, the date set for such hearing shall be within 30 days, but not earlier than five days after the request for hearing has been made, unless otherwise agreed to by the person requesting the hearing.

(d) For the purpose of conducting any hearing as provided in this Code section, the Secretary of State shall have the power to administer oaths, to call any party to testify under oath at such hearing, to require the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, records, and papers, and to interview and take written statements of witnesses; and for such purposes the Secretary of State is authorized to issue a subpoena for any witness or a subpoena for production of documentary evidence to compel the production of any books, records, or papers. A subpoena may be served by registered or certified mail or statutory overnight delivery, return receipt requested, to the addressee's business mailing address or residential address as shown on information filed with the Secretary of State or by investigators appointed by the Secretary of State or shall be directed for service to the sheriff of the county where such witness resides or is found or where the person in custody of any books, records, or papers resides or is found. The fees and mileage of the sheriff, witness, or person shall be paid from the funds in the state treasury for the use of the Secretary of State in the same manner that other expenses of the Secretary of State are paid.

(e)(1) At any hearing conducted under this Code section, a party or any affected person may appear in their own behalf or may be represented by an agent. Upon written request of both parties, the hearing shall be held virtually.

(2) A stenographic record of the testimony and other evidence submitted shall be taken unless the Secretary of State and the person requesting the hearing shall agree that such a stenographic record of the testimony shall not be taken.

(3) The Secretary of State shall determine the admissibility of such evidence, but a party may at any time make objection to any such determination; provided, however, that, if the Secretary of State refuses to admit evidence, the party offering such evidence shall make a proffer thereof and such proffer shall be made a part of the record of the hearing.

(f)(1) In the case of any hearing conducted under this Code section, the Secretary of State may conduct the hearing or may appoint a referee to conduct such hearing. The appointed referee shall have the same powers and authority in conducting the hearing as are granted in this Code section to the Secretary of State.

(2) In any hearing conducted by a referee, the referee shall submit to the Secretary of State a written report that includes the transcript of the testimony and evidence, if such transcript is requested by the Secretary of State; the findings of fact and conclusions of law; and any recommendations of action to be taken by the Secretary of State. Within 30 days of the time of submission of such report to the Secretary of State, a copy of the report shall be served upon the person who requested the hearing or their attorney or other representative of record by registered or certified mail or statutory overnight delivery, return receipt requested. That person or their attorney, within 30 days of service of the copy of such written report and recommendations, may file with the Secretary of State written objections to the report which shall be considered by the Secretary of State before a final order is entered.

(3) No recommendation of the referee shall be approved, modified, or disapproved by the Secretary of State until after 30 days following the service of such report as provided in this subsection.

(4) The recommendations of the referee may be approved, modified, or disapproved by the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State may direct the referee to take additional testimony or to permit the introduction of further documentary evidence.

(5) In any hearing conducted by a referee, a transcript of testimony, evidence, and objections, if any, shall have the same force and effect as if such hearing or hearings had been conducted by the Secretary of State.

(6) All recommendations of the referee shall be advisory only and shall not have the effect of an order of the Secretary of State.

(g) If the Secretary of State does not receive a request for a hearing as provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, he or she may permit an order previously entered to remain in effect or may enter a proposed order. If a hearing is requested and conducted as provided for in this Code section, the Secretary of State shall issue a written order which shall set forth his or her findings with respect to the matters involved.

(h) All orders entered pursuant to Code Section 43-17A-3 shall be entered pursuant to this Code section, except when:

(1) The Secretary of State deems that the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action and incorporates a finding to that effect in the order, in which case the order may be effective immediately pending proceedings, which proceedings shall be promptly instituted and determined; or

(2) The order is expressly required by a court order, to be made without the right to a hearing or continuance of any type.

(i) Unless the owners' association prevails in a hearing conducted under this Code section, it shall be required to pay an administrative service fee of $100.00 to the Secretary of State by order of the Secretary of State.

43-17A-5.

(a)(1) Any person residing in an owners' development claiming that he or she has been damaged by such owners' association's action or inaction may file a complaint with the Secretary of State, who shall appoint a hearing officer to conduct the proceedings. Such complaint shall be a written statement of the facts constituting the complaint and shall be made within 180 days of the alleged action or inaction.

(2) Upon the filing of such complaint under this subsection, the hearing officer shall investigate the statement of facts made and in his or her discretion order a hearing before the hearing officer, giving the complainant and the respondent notice of such filing and the time and place of such hearing. Immediately upon the conclusion of the hearing, the hearing officer shall report his or her findings and render conclusions upon the matter to the complainant and respondent in each case, who shall have 15 days thereafter in which to make effective and satisfy the hearing officer's conclusions.

(3) If such settlement is not effected within the time frames set forth in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the hearing officer, the complainant, or the respondent may bring an action to enforce the claim.

(b) It shall be unlawful in connection with any hearing under this Code section for any person to knowingly make or cause to be made to the Secretary of State, the hearing officer, or anyone acting on their behalf any false or misleading written or oral statement of material fact or any statement which omits a material fact.

(c) The filing of a complaint under this subsection shall act as an automatic stay prohibiting the respondent from collecting or attempting to collect from the complainant any fines or fees that are the subject of the complaint or related to the subject of the complaint. Such automatic stay shall expire upon the rendering of the hearing officer's conclusions following the hearing; provided, however, that the hearing officer shall be authorized to extend such stay for 15 days after the rendering of his or her conclusions following the hearing.

(d) The nonprevailing party in a hearing conducted under this Code section shall be required to pay an administrative service fee of $100.00 to the Secretary of State by order of the Secretary of State.

43-17A-6.

(a)(1) An appeal may be taken from any order of the Secretary of State resulting from a hearing held in accordance with Code Section 43-17A-4 or any decision of a hearing officer resulting from a hearing held in accordance with Code Section 43-17A-5 by any person adversely affected by such order or decision to:

(A) Where the amount demanded or the value of the property claimed does not exceed the amount provided for in paragraph (5) of subsection (a) of Code Section 15-10-2, the magistrate court of the county in which the largest portion of the owners' development is located; or

(B) In all other cases, the superior court of the county in which the largest portion of the owners' development is located.

(2) Appeals pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be accomplished by serving the Secretary of State, within 20 days after the date of entry of such order, a copy of the petition for de novo review filed in the appropriate court and signed by the petitioner, stating:

(A) The order from which the appeal is taken;

(B) The grounds upon which a reversal or modification of the order is sought; and

(C) A demand for a certified transcript of the record of the order.

(b) Upon receipt of the petition for review, the Secretary of State shall, within ten days thereafter, make, certify, and deliver to the appropriate court a transcript of the record of the order from which the appeal is taken, provided that the appellant shall pay the reasonable costs of such transcript. Such petition and such transcript shall constitute appellant's complaint which shall be entered on the trial calendar of the court.

(c) If the order of the Secretary of State is reversed, the reviewing court shall by its mandate specifically direct the Secretary of State as to any further action to be taken by the Secretary of State in the matter, including the making and entering of an order or orders in connection with such reversal and the conditions, limitations, or restrictions to be included in such order or orders.

(d) A decision of a magistrate court pursuant to this Code section may be appealed by petition for review pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 5.

(e) The nonprevailing party in an appeal conducted under this Code section shall be required to pay the court costs of the prevailing party, if any, by order of the court.

43-17A-7.

Owners shall have the right to:

(1) Inspect and obtain copies of owners' association records, accounting records, and other records of the owners' association upon written demand and in compliance with the laws of this state and the governing documents. Such accounting records shall be the finalized balance sheet, budget, profit and loss statements, and bank statements for the past three years;

(2) Upon written demand to the owners' association, a copy of the owners' association certificate of insurance for all such insurance obtained by the owners' association for the benefit of the owner and that may apply to a potential claim or submitted claim;

(3) Notice of meetings of members in a fair and reasonable manner consistent with the governing documents and the laws of this state;

(4) Attend meetings of the members of the owners' association, which shall be called and held by the board of directors at least annually;

(5) Access to common areas, amenities, and common elements subject to the terms contained in the governing documents;

(6) Ingress, egress, and access to their individually owned property;

(7) Statutory notice and process requirements under the laws of this state should an owners' association proceed with foreclosure action against an individually owned property;

(8) Amend governing documents with the approval thresholds required by the laws of this state and the governing documents;
(9) Expect, unless otherwise provided by the laws of this state, that a director of an owners' association board of directors shall perform his or her duties in good faith and with the degree of care an ordinary, prudent person in a like position would exercise under similar circumstances;
(10) Expect directors to disclose to the other directors on the owners' association's board of directors any conflicting interest with respect to a transaction;
(11) Be free from governing documents that interfere with the freedom of residents to determine the composition of their household, except that owners' associations shall have the power, subject to the laws of this state and federal law, to require that all occupants of a household be members of a single housekeeping unit, and to limit the total number of occupants permitted in each individually owned property and its fair share use of the common facilities, including parking; and
(12) Challenge discriminatory practices by an owners' association as authorized by the laws of this state or federal law.

43-17A-8.
(a) All funds remitted by an owner to an owners' association shall be applied by such owners' association to the following expenses by ranking of highest to lowest priority as follows:
(1) Regular assessments or dues until current;
(2) Special assessments until current;
(3) Specific assessments until current; and
(4) Other fees and fines.
(b) No owners' association shall:
(1) Refuse to accept payment from an owner in any amount for any assessment; or
(2) Assess or collect accelerated assessments against any owner.

43-17A-9.
The Secretary of State shall adopt such policies, rules, regulations, and procedures as are necessary to implement this chapter."

SECTION 3.

Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property, is amended in Article 6 of Chapter 3, relating to owners' associations, by revising Code Section 44-3-222, relating to creation of property owners' development and affirmative election to be governed by article, as follows:

"44-3-222.

A property owners' development shall come into existence upon ~~either~~ the recordation of the declaration pursuant to this article, ~~or~~ the amendment of a recorded declaration in accordance with paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 44-3-235, or the recordation of an instrument pursuant to paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of Code

Section 44-3-235. Any declaration or amendment intending to bring or avail a development of the benefits and provisions of this article shall state an affirmative election to be so governed. Any original declaration shall be duly executed by or on behalf of all of the owners of the submitted property. Any such amendment to an existing declaration shall be executed in accordance with the terms of the recorded declaration being amended thereby. Any such instrument specified in paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of Code Section 44-3-235 shall be executed pursuant to such Code section."

SECTION 4.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 44-3-226, relating to amendments of instrument and presumption of validity in court action, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b)(1) No amendment of an instrument shall require approval of lot owners to which more than 80 percent of the association vote pertains and the mortgagees holding 80 percent of the voting interest of mortgaged lots; any property owners' association which exists prior to July 1, 1994, and amends its documents to avail itself of the provisions of this article, or otherwise submits to this article pursuant to Code Section 44-3-235, shall be deemed to have amended the association instrument to conform to ~~this~~ such limitation. ~~This subsection shall not be deemed to eliminate or modify any right of the declarant provided for in the instrument to approve amendments to the instrument so long as the declarant owns any lot primarily for the purpose of sale and, furthermore, this Code section shall not be construed as modifying or altering the rights of a mortgagee set forth elsewhere in this article.~~

(2) Provisions of any declaration of an association that submits to this article pursuant to paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of Code Section 44-3-235 that require a majority in excess of 80 percent of the association vote to amend shall not be affected or modified by this Code section if, by the first anniversary of the date of submission, the association and those mortgagees permitted to vote on amendments vote to retain the requirements by a majority and, if no such vote occurs, those provisions requiring more than 80 percent of the voting interest shall be deemed to only require 80 percent of the voting interest.

(3) This subsection shall not be deemed to eliminate or modify any right of a declarant provided for in the instrument to approve amendments to such instrument so long as the declarant owns any lot primarily for the purpose of sale and, furthermore, this Code section shall not be construed as modifying or altering the rights of a mortgagee set forth elsewhere in this article."

SECTION 5.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 44-3-232, relating to assessments against lot owners as constituting lien in favor of association, additional charges against lot owners, procedure for foreclosing lien, and obligation to provide statement of amounts due, by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c) Not less than ~~30~~ 60 days after notice is sent by certified mail or statutory overnight delivery, return receipt requested, to the lot owner both at the address of the lot and at any other address or addresses which the lot owner may have designated to the association in writing, the lien may be foreclosed by the association by an action, judgment, and court order for foreclosure in the same manner as other liens for the improvement of real property, subject to superior liens or encumbrances, but any such court order for judicial foreclosure shall not affect the rights of holders of superior liens or encumbrances to exercise any rights or powers afforded to them under their security instruments. The notice provided for in this subsection shall specify the amount of the assessments then due and payable together with authorized late charges and the rate of interest accruing thereon and shall state that payment of such amount prior to the sixtieth day following receipt of the notice will eliminate the right of foreclosure. No foreclosure action against a lien arising out of this subsection shall be permitted unless the amount of the lien is at least ~~$2,000.00~~ the lesser of $4,000.00 or an amount equal to 12 months of regular assessments, as such term is defined in Code Section 43-17A-1, in arrears but not less than $2,000.00; provided, however, that no specific assessment, as such term is defined in Code Section 43-17A-1, or other fine or fee shall be included in the calculation of the amount of such lien. Unless prohibited by the instrument, the association shall have the power to bid up to the amount of the lien on the lot at any foreclosure sale and to acquire, hold, lease, encumber, and convey the same. The lien for assessments shall lapse and be of no further effect, as to assessments or installments thereof, together with late charges and interest applicable thereto, ~~four~~ six years after the assessment or installment first became due and payable."

SECTION 6.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 44-3-235, relating to applicability of article, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a)(1) This article shall apply to all property which is submitted to this article.

(2) This article shall also apply to any association of owners subject to a recorded declaration of covenants upon property, which covenants are administered by an owners' association in which membership is mandatory for all owners of lots in the development, which declaration is amended in accordance with Code Section 44-3-222 in order to submit the property owners' association to this article; provided, however, that any amendment ~~must~~ shall conform the instrument creating the property owners' association to this article, and the property owners' development shall thereafter be deemed to be submitted to this article.

(3) This article shall also apply to any association of owners subject to a recorded declaration of covenants upon property, which covenants are administered by an owners' association in which membership is mandatory for all owners of lots in the development subject to such declaration, where 80 percent of the association vote to approve the submission of such association to this article and records an instrument certifying such vote. Such instrument shall give notice that the recordation of the instrument subjects the association to the provisions of this article."

SECTION 7.

Said Code section is further amended to add new subsections to read as follows:

"(f) Except under circumstances necessitated by emergency conditions involving public safety or the preservation of property by the association, before an association may collect or be awarded attorney's fees, it shall provide:

(1) An initial written notice by certified mail or statutory overnight delivery to the lot owner from the association or its agent identifying any outstanding fines or delinquent fees;

(2) Lot owners with 30 days from the receipt of the notice required under paragraph (1) of this subsection to pay such outstanding fines or delinquent fees; and

(3) An itemized list of reasonable attorney's fees claimed.

(g) Judges conducting bench trials for an action to recover sums assessed against a lot owner shall review such claims of attorney's fees for reasonableness and shall enter an order stating whether the attorney's fees were reasonable before an association can be awarded such attorney's fees."

SECTION 8.

Said title is further amended in Article 3 of Chapter 7, relating to dispossessory proceedings, by adding a new subsection to Code Section 44-7-50, relating to demand for possession, procedure upon a tenant's refusal, and notice to vacate or pay, to read as follows:

"(e) A court of competent jurisdiction may, upon the filing of a motion and a hearing thereon, order all records of the court relating to a dispossessory proceeding to be made unavailable to the public when the tenant has prevailed in the proceeding resulting in a judgment in favor of such tenant; has satisfied the judgment in full, including the payment of interest and costs; or seven years have lapsed since the filing of a dismissal or a judgment, provided that the judgment is paid in full with interests and costs. Nothing in this Code section shall prevent the landlord from pursuing all amounts due and owing such landlord in a separate action or through collections."

SECTION 9.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2027.

(b) Section 7 of this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026, and shall apply to all actions filed on or after such date.

SECTION 10.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to, by substitute.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
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Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	N McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	N Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	E Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
E Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	E Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	N Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	E Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	N Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
N Bonner	Y Efstration	Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	N Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	N Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
N Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
E Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 155, nays 10.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate adheres to its substitute and has appointed a Committee of Conference on the following bill of the House:

HB 974. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027; to make and provide such appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The President has appointed as a Committee of Conference on the part of the Senate the following Senators: Walker III of the 20th, Anavitarte of the 31st, and Tillery of the 19th.

The following Bills of the House and Senate were taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 14. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Tarvin of the 2nd, Crawford of the 89th and Fleming of the 114th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other state symbols, so as to designate cornbread as the official state bread of Georgia; to provide legislative findings and declarations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to enact the "Georgia Music Office and Music Ready Communities Act"; to create the Georgia Music Office; to provide for administration of the office; to provide for duties of the office; to provide for the adoption and promulgation of rules and regulations; to provide for an appropriations contingency; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Georgia Music Office and Music Ready Communities Act."

SECTION 2.

Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended in Chapter 7, relating to the Department of Economic Development, by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 11

50-7-130.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Commissioner' means the commissioner of economic development.

(2) 'Coordinate' means to issue rules, policies, standards, definitions, specifications, and other guidance.

(3) 'Department' means the Department of Economic Development.

(4) 'Director' means the director of the office.

(5) 'Implementation' means planning, writing, drafting, designing, studying, and conducting market analysis; soliciting and accepting gifts, contributions, and cooperation; contracting, procurement, retention of consultants, and outsourcing; and other activities within the ordinary meaning of the term in this context.

(6) 'Marketing' means promoting, advertising, public relations, press relations, and branding; creation, use, and licensing of trademark, copyright, and other intellectual property; and other activities of a similar nature or within the term as it is commonly understood.

(7) 'Office' means the Georgia Music Office.

50-7-131.

(a) There is established the Georgia Music Office to facilitate the growth of Georgia's music industry in communities across this state through state-wide support, promotion, and cultivation of Georgia's rich music heritage, musicians, and vibrant music industry.

(b) The commissioner shall select a director to lead the office. In selecting the director, consideration shall be given to individuals who possess extensive knowledge of the many aspects of the music industry, including, but not limited to, live touring, recording, and distribution, and who possess at least five years of experience in the music industry. The commissioner shall appoint personnel within the department to administer functions of the office.

(c) The office shall:

(1) Promote the growing production of music in this state, the enjoyment and appreciation of the Georgia music industry, and the benefits of visiting and viewing the diverse music productions in this state;
(2) Serve as a music business promotion office and information clearing-house for the Georgia music industry through the implementation of a strategic business development plan to help music industry professionals and businesses relocate to this state by providing resources and acting as a conduit for music related economic and community development;
(3) Coordinate and market specific programs and initiatives to attract music industry professionals and to foster the economic and community development of Georgia music businesses and musicians;
(4) Assist in growing Georgia's music industry by providing music industry professionals with production contacts in this state; suggesting possible performing, publishing, and recording locations; and other activities as may be required to promote this state as a national music center;
(5) Serve as a liaison between music businesses and governmental offices and agencies, including workforce development, education, and tourism;
(6) Publicize significant developments within the industry;
(7) Develop and market listings of music festivals, productions, and other music events being held throughout this state;
(8) Publicize and market this state's music heritage and culture; and
(9) Establish a Music Friendly Georgia Certified Communities Program. Each city and county seeking such certification shall be required to host a Music Friendly Georgia workshop to educate local leaders and stakeholders on the office's functions. Upon being certified, such cities and counties shall form an advisory board of local music industry stakeholders to promote music related economic development in their communities and appoint a Music Friendly Georgia Certified Liaison to liaise with the office.

(d) The office shall be assigned to the department for administrative purposes only, as prescribed in Code Section 50-4-3.

50-7-132.
(a) Subject to appropriations by the General Assembly or other available funding, the department is authorized to adopt and promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out this article.
(b) In its marketing and implementation of marketing for Georgia's music industry, the department may exercise its powers under Code Sections 50-7-10, 50-7-11, and 50-7-11.1, and may authorize and delegate to the office all or part of such powers for its own implementation."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Carpenter of the 4th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 14.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	E Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	E McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
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Y Barrett	Y Dickey	N Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	E Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Tran
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	N Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	N Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
E Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 161, nays 5.

The motion prevailed.

HB 165. By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Frye of the 122nd, Williams of the 168th, Werkheiser of the 157th, Cameron of the 1st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to repeal and reserve an

income tax credit for business enterprises for leased motor vehicles; to exempt from sales and use taxation property used in construction, renovation, and rehabilitation of affordable housing by nonprofit organizations; to repeal sales and use tax exemptions for certain admissions to view film or videotapes and the sale of certain machinery and equipment used to improve air quality; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to revise and expand a sales tax exemption for manufactured homes; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, is amended by revising paragraph (102) of Code Section 48-8-3, relating to exemptions from sales and use tax, as follows:

"(102)(A) Fifty percent of the sales price of a manufactured home if such manufactured home is installed pursuant to Code Section 8-2-160 and will be converted to real property pursuant to Code Section 8-2-183.1 within 30 days of the retail sale.

(B) As used in this paragraph, the term 'manufactured home' means a structure built on a permanent chassis that:

(i) Is designed to be used as a dwelling;

(ii) Is transportable in one or more sections;

(iii) Contains plumbing, heating, air-conditioning, and electrical systems; and

(iv) Is designed to have an angled roof and contain an area of at least 650 square feet.

(C) Within 30 days of ~~a~~ the sale of a manufactured home that is exempted ~~as provided for in~~ from taxation pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the seller shall complete the requirements of Code Section 8-2-183.1 and properly file ~~a copy of~~ the Certificate of Permanent Location with the clerk of superior court, or the commissioner shall recover from the seller 1.5 times the amount of ~~tax~~ taxes exempted ~~by~~ pursuant to this paragraph.

(D) ~~A~~ No manufactured home ~~that is~~ of which the sale was exempted ~~as provided in~~ from taxation pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall ~~not~~ be eligible for a Certificate of Removal from Permanent Location as provided for in Part 4 of

Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 8~~,~~ or any other manner of a return to tangible personal property unless the amount of taxes exempted pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph is paid to the commissioner~~.~~

~~(E) The exemption provided for in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall not apply to any sales and use tax levied or imposed in an area consisting of less than the entire state, however authorized, including, but not limited to, such taxes authorized by or pursuant to:~~

~~(i) Constitutional amendment;~~

~~(ii) Section 25 of an Act approved March 10, 1965 (Ga. L. 1965, p. 2243), as amended, the 'Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority Act of 1965'; or~~

~~(iii) Article 2, 2A, 3, 4, 5, or 5A of this chapter~~;"

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Franklin of the 160th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 165.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	E Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	E McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	E Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	E Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn

Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
E Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 166, nays 3.

The motion prevailed.

SB 293. By Senators Anderson of the 24th, Payne of the 54th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Kennedy of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-85.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to license plates for certain veterans, so as to increase the number of free license plates issued to certain veterans; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate amendment was read:

The Senate moves to *amend the House substitute to SB 293 (LC 39 5060S) by replacing line 5 with the following:*
employees; to revise fees for manufacturer, manufacturer headquarters, distributor, and dealer license plates; to provide for required material and design of such license plates; to provide for required material and design of a dealer's license plate; to provide for the issuance of annual permits by the Department of Revenue to operate unregistered motor vehicles upon highways of this state; to provide for conditions and limitations upon such operation; to provide for application requirements; to provide for violations and punishment; to provide for authority to suspend or revoke such permits; to authorize collection of a fee for such permits; to provide for authority to adopt rules and regulations; to amend

By inserting "to provide for effective dates;" *after* "to provide for related matters;" *on line 11.*

By replacing line 219 with the following:
such purposes, and pay therefor a fee of ~~$62.00~~ $80.00, which shall accompany such application.

By replacing line 223 with the following:

section shall require payment of a ~~$12.00~~ $15.00 fee. Each master number plate and any

By replacing lines 254 and 255 with the following:

state on the application, and, in addition to the fee of ~~$62.00~~ $80.00 provided in this Code section, shall pay ~~$12.00~~ $15.00 for each and every additional number plate furnished.

By replacing lines 268 and 269 with the following:

(C) The manufacturer headquarters or its affiliate shall pay an application fee of ~~$62.00~~ $80.00 per application as provided in this Code section and shall pay ~~$12.00~~ $15.00 for each and every

By inserting between lines 452 and 453 the following:

PART IA
SECTION 1A-1.

Said title is further amended by repealing in its entirety Article 5, relating to unregistered motor trucks, and enacting a new Article 5 to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 5

40-2-110.

(a) Upon proper application, the department shall be authorized to issue in writing a permit authorizing the limited operation of an unregistered motor vehicle upon highways in this state. A permit issued pursuant to this Code section shall be for 12 months from the date the permit is issued and may be interchanged from vehicle to vehicle. Every such permit shall be carried in the vehicle and shall be open to inspection by any peace officer or authorized agent of the department.

(b) The application for a permit issued pursuant to this Code section shall include the point of departure for the unregistered motor vehicle, which shall be the address listed upon a business license, occupational tax certificate, or other document required to operate a business issued by a county or municipal corporation in this state. The authorization for the operation of a motor vehicle based upon a permit issued pursuant to this Code section shall be limited to a distance of two miles from the point of departure listed on the application during daylight hours. Operation of an unregistered motor vehicle other than as authorized by a permit issued pursuant to this Code section shall be punished as for a violation of Code Section 40-2-8.

(c) No permit shall be issued to an applicant pursuant to this Code section unless such applicant provides the department sufficient proof of:

(1) Liability insurance covering property damage and bodily injury to third parties caused by vehicles rented, leased, borrowed, or used by employees for business

purposes in an amount equal or greater than the required by the minimum coverage as specified in Chapter 34 of Title 33; and

(2) Either:

(A) A continuous surety company bond in an amount of at least $50,000.00; or

(B) A current license as a used motor vehicle parts dealer issued pursuant to Chapter 47 of Title 43.

(d) For just cause, including, but not limited to, repeated and consistent past violations, the department may refuse to issue or may suspend or revoke a permit issued pursuant to this Code section. The specific period of time of any suspension shall be determined by the department. Authority to operate an unregistered motor vehicle upon highways in this state shall cease immediately upon the revocation or suspension of any permit issued pursuant to this Code section. The department shall be authorized to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to enforce the suspension of permits authorized under this Code section upon proper notice and hearing provided by Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'

(e) The department shall be authorized to promulgate rules and regulations concerning the issuance of permits pursuant to this Code section and charge a fee of $150.00 for the issuance thereof."

By inserting between lines 508 and 509 the following:

(a) Except as provided for in subsection (b) of this section, this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026.

(b) Part IA of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2027.

SECTION 3-2.

Representative Corbett of the 174th moved that the House agree to the Senate amendment to the House substitute to SB 293.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	E Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	E McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
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Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin

Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
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Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	E Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
E Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion the ayes were 168, nays 1.

The motion prevailed.

House of Representatives

State Capitol
Room 226
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

The Honorable Bill Reilly
Clerk of the House
309 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Mr. Reilly:

I am writing to inform you that on March 31, 2026, the House voted on SB 293. I mistakenly recorded my vote at "no," when I intended to vote "yes."

I would greatly appreciate it if this could be corrected in the official record, if possible. Please let me know if any additional steps or documentation are required on my part.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ron
Representative Ron Stephens
District 164
Chairman of Economic Development and Tourism

The Speaker announced the House in recess until 1:30 o'clock, this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Speaker called the House to order.

Representative McDonald of the 26th District, Chairman of the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Legislation has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 1522	Do Pass	SB 359	Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 613	Do Pass, by Substitute	SB 623	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ McDonald of the 26th
Chairman

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bills of the House:

HB 1500. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Hong of the 103rd, Clark of the 100th, Park of the 107th, Beckles of the 96th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Suwanee, approved April 9, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 3729), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 3, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 4425), so as to change the corporate limits of such city; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1567. By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Cannon of the 172nd, Taylor of the 173rd, Dickey of the 134th and Ford of the 170th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act to amend, consolidate, and supersede the several Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia pertaining to the City of Quitman in the County of Brooks, approved March 3,

1962 (Ga. L. 1962, p. 2894), as amended; to provide for transfer of duties and obligations to Brooks County; to provide for transfer of all legal rights, privileges, and assets to Brooks County; to establish a special tax and service district for outstanding bonded indebtedness and other obligations; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the House:

HB 1548. By Representative Anderson of the 10th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Municipal Court of the City of Clarkesville; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1549. By Representatives Anderson of the 10th and Erwin of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Municipal Court of the City of Cornelia; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1550. By Representatives Dickey of the 134th and Ballard of the 147th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Byron, approved February 13, 1941 (Ga. L. 1941, p. 1210), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 13, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001, p. 3770), so as to change the corporate limits of the City of Byron; to provide for related matters; to provide a contingent effective date; to provide for automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1553. By Representatives Burnough of the 77th, Scott of the 76th and Neal of the 79th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Municipal Court of the City of Forest Park; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1557. By Representatives Mathiak of the 82nd, Bonner of the 73rd, Bazemore of the 69th and Jackson of the 68th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for the re-creation of the board of elections for Fayette County, approved March 24, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 3712), so as to revise the composition of the board; to revise provisions for appointment of board members; to provide for initial terms; to provide for current board members to serve out the terms to which they were appointed; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1570. By Representative Mathis of the 133rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Cochran/Bleckley Airport Authority, approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 4067), so as to revise the membership of the authority's board; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1571. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th and Franklin of the 160th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act establishing the State Court of Bryan County (formerly the City Court of Pembroke), approved January 10, 1938 (Ga. L. 1937-38, Ex. Sess., p. 714), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 9, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 4404), so as to revise the terms of said court; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1578. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th and Dunahoo of the 31st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the Town of Arcade, approved April 5, 1995 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 4024), as amended, so as to clarify the name of the municipality; to make conforming changes; to change the date of the organization meeting of the city council following municipal elections; to revise provisions related to the form of ordinances; to revise provisions related to emergency meetings of the city council; to provide for a mayoral veto; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 2013. By Representative Scott of the 76th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and legacy of Sister Rosa Lee Brown Thompson; and for other purposes.

HR 2014. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th and Smith of the 18th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of John Widner Adams; and for other purposes.

HR 2015. By Representative Mathis of the 133rd:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Bleckley County High School's One Act team for winning the 2025 Class A-Division 1 State One Act Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 2016. By Representative Parrish of the 158th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Middle Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office and the Emanuel County Sheriff's Office; and for other purposes.

HR 2017. By Representative Gullett of the 19th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Alexander Vladimir Prunescu on his outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

HR 2018. By Representatives Berry of the 56th, Bell of the 75th and Holly of the 116th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Christopher Lambry, Jr.; and for other purposes.

HR 2019. By Representatives Berry of the 56th, Holly of the 116th and Bell of the 75th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Damarion King; and for other purposes.

HR 2020. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Jackson of the 165th and Petrea of the 166th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Representative Carl Gilliard; and for other purposes.

HR 2021. By Representative Glaize of the 67th:

A RESOLUTION commending Dillon Terrell; and for other purposes.

HR 2022. By Representatives McClain of the 109th, Olaleye of the 59th, Berry of the 56th, Romman of the 97th, Carter of the 93rd and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Blaise Aristide Ndewa; and for other purposes.

HR 2023. By Representatives Lim of the 98th, Lupton of the 83rd, Clark of the 108th and Olaleye of the 59th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Prisca Uwigabye; and for other purposes.

HR 2024. By Representatives Lim of the 98th, Lupton of the 83rd, Clark of the 108th and Olaleye of the 59th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Daniel Campos; and for other purposes.

HR 2025. By Representatives Campbell of the 35th, McQueen of the 61st, Seabaugh of the 34th, Williams of the 37th, Hong of the 103rd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Wheeler High School Social Studies National Honor Society; and for other purposes.

HR 2026. By Representatives Campbell of the 35th, Adeyina of the 110th, McQueen of the 61st, Seabaugh of the 34th, Wilkerson of the 38th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Kennesaw State University men's basketball team for winning the 2026 Conference USA Men's Basketball Championship and earning a berth in the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Tournament; and for other purposes.

HR 2027. By Representatives Bazemore of the 69th, Jones of the 47th, Hugley of the 141st, Smith of the 70th and Carter of the 93rd:

A RESOLUTION commending First Lady Marty Kemp; and for other purposes.

HR 2028. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, Barrett of the 24th, McDonald III of the 26th, Jasperse of the 11th, Jones of the 25th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring Derik Kiefer for winning the West Forsyth 2026 State Wrestling Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 2029. By Representative Cannon of the 58th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 31, 2026, as Community-Based Doula Day; and for other purposes.

HR 2030. By Representatives Hugley of the 141st and Williams of the 168th:

A RESOLUTION honoring Elect Lady Mary Frances Cochran for her faithful service; and for other purposes.

HR 2031. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, McDonald III of the 26th, Jasperse of the 11th, Barrett of the 24th, Jones of the 25th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Adele Sankowski; and for other purposes.

HR 2032. By Representatives Lim of the 98th, Lupton of the 83rd, Clark of the 108th and Olaleye of the 59th:

A RESOLUTION commending Per Scholas Atlanta on the occasion of its 10th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 2033. By Representative Taylor of the 92nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the importance of the Rockdale County Board of Commissioners in exercising their lawful authority; and for other purposes.

HR 2034. By Representative Drenner of the 85th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and celebrating the 250th anniversary of the United States of America and honoring the nation's enduring legacy of freedom, unity, and civic engagement; and for other purposes.

HR 2035. By Representative Drenner of the 85th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Gurmit Kaur; and for other purposes.

HR 2036. By Representative Drenner of the 85th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Miranda Brand; and for other purposes.

HR 2037. By Representatives Reese of the 140th, Hugley of the 141st and Buckner of the 137th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dee Armstrong upon her induction into the Georgia Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame; and for other purposes.

HR 2038. By Representatives Santos of the 117th, Kahaian of the 81st, Douglas of the 78th and Holly of the 116th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 12, 2026, as Locust Grove Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 2039. By Representative Santos of the 117th:

A RESOLUTION commending Jelinda W. Ellis; and for other purposes.

HR 2040. By Representative Scott of the 76th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Mr. Jack Leslie for his extraordinary service and dedication to the safety and well-being of students and families in DeKalb County; and for other purposes.

HR 2041. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Berry of the 56th, Holly of the 116th and Scott of the 76th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Pastor Terry Woodard for his outstanding service and leadership in Clayton County; and for other purposes.

HR 2042. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Berry of the 56th and Holly of the 116th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Townsend and Lockett, LLC, for its exemplary contributions to business law and economic leadership in the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 2043. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Smith of the 70th, Jenkins of the 136th, Glaize of the 67th and Dawson of the 65th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Bob Blackburn; and for other purposes.

HR 2044. By Representative Bell of the 75th:

A RESOLUTION honoring "The Atlantan," a signature cocktail inspired by Atlanta, and recognizing the contributions of Keyatta Mincey Parker, Tiffanie Barriere, Thandi Walton, A Sip of Paradise Garden, and Rémy Martin; and for other purposes.

HR 2045. By Representatives Buckner of the 137th, Hugley of the 141st, Smith of the 138th, Reese of the 140th and Rice of the 139th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the Muscogee County School District's 2026 Teachers of the Year; and for other purposes.

HR 2046. By Representative Au of the 50th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Johns Creek Symphony Orchestra; and for other purposes.

HR 2047. By Representatives Au of the 50th, Tran of the 80th, Lim of the 98th and Park of the 107th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Georgia Asian Times; and for other purposes.

HR 2048. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, Barrett of the 24th, Jasperse of the 11th, McDonald III of the 26th, Jones of the 25th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Artemis Eaton; and for other purposes.

HR 2049. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, Barrett of the 24th, McDonald III of the 26th, Jasperse of the 11th, Jones of the 25th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and congratulating Oliver Van Peteghem; and for other purposes.

HR 2050. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, Jasperse of the 11th, Barrett of the 24th, McDonald III of the 26th, Jones of the 25th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and congratulating Ellie Cooper; and for other purposes.

HR 2051. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, Jasperse of the 11th, Barrett of the 24th, Jones of the 25th, McDonald III of the 26th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the athletic achievements of Owen Cooper; and for other purposes.

HR 2052. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, McDonald III of the 26th, Jasperse of the 11th, Barrett of the 24th, Jones of the 25th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Addie Speigner as the 2026 State Champion in the 100m Butterfly; and for other purposes.

HR 2053. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, Jones of the 25th, McDonald III of the 26th, Jasperse of the 11th, Barrett of the 24th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the South Forsyth High School girls swimming team for winning the 2026 GHSA Class 6A State Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 2054. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, Jones of the 25th, Jasperse of the 11th, McDonald III of the 26th, Barrett of the 24th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Denmark High School varsity dance team for winning the 2026 GHSA 6A State Championship in the Hip Hop Division; and for other purposes.

HR 2055. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, McDonald III of the 26th, Jasperse of the 11th, Barrett of the 24th, Jones of the 25th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the excellence and achievements of the 2025 GHSA State Championship Lambert High School Esports team; and for other purposes.

HR 2056. By Representatives Werkheiser of the 157th and Meeks of the 178th:

A RESOLUTION commending Sheriff Mark Melton; and for other purposes.

HR 2057. By Representatives Sanchez of the 42nd, Lupton of the 83rd and McQueen of the 61st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 31, 2026, as Underserved Communities Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 2058. By Representatives Tarvin of the 2nd and Horner of the 3rd:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Heritage High School girls basketball team; and for other purposes.

HR 2059. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th and Beckles of the 96th:

A RESOLUTION commending Zoreida Reyes-Garcia for her outstanding service as a legislative intern; and for other purposes.

HR 2060. By Representative Beckles of the 96th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Sierra Haynes on her outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

HR 2061. By Representative Beckles of the 96th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Zoreida Reyes-Garcia on her outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

HR 2062. By Representatives Romman of the 97th, Miller of the 62nd, Holly of the 116th, McQueen of the 61st and Cannon of the 58th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Ayisha Jeffries; and for other purposes.

HR 2063. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Jones of the 47th, Jones of the 25th, Cox of the 28th and Hilton of the 48th:

A RESOLUTION commending Vincent Nnanna of Alpharetta High School for winning the 2025 GHSA 6A Individual Track and Field State Championship in the 110m hurdles; and for other purposes.

HR 2064. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Jones of the 47th, Jones of the 25th, Cox of the 28th and Hilton of the 48th:

A RESOLUTION commending Loni Gipson of Alpharetta High School for winning the 2025 GHSA 6A Individual Track and Field State Championship in the high jump; and for other purposes.

HR 2065. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Jones of the 47th, Jones of the 25th, Cox of the 28th and Hilton of the 48th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Milton Lady Eagles lacrosse team for winning the 2025 GHSA Division 2 Girls Lacrosse State Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 2066. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Jones of the 47th, Jones of the 25th, Cox of the 28th and Hilton of the 48th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Blessed Trinity Titans flag football team for winning the 2025 GHSA Flag Division 4 State Football Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 2067. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Jones of the 47th, Jones of the 25th, Cox of the 28th and Hilton of the 48th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Milton Lady Eagles tennis team for winning the 2025 GHSA 5A Girls Tennis State Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 2068. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Jones of the 47th, Jones of the 25th, Cox of the 28th and Hilton of the 48th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Blessed Trinity Titans baseball team for winning the 2025 GHSA 4A Baseball State Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 2069. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Jones of the 47th, Erwin of the 32nd, Jones of the 25th, Cox of the 28th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the FCS Innovation Academy Splatoon 3 team for winning the Spring 2025 GHSA Esports State Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 2070. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Jones of the 47th, Cox of the 28th and Hilton of the 48th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Roswell Hornets boys lacrosse team for winning the 2025 GHSA Division 2 Boys Lacrosse State Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 2071. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Jones of the 47th, Cox of the 28th and Hilton of the 48th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Roswell High School competition cheerleading team for winning the 2025 GHSA Co-Ed Cheerleading State Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 2072. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Jones of the 47th, Cox of the 28th and Hilton of the 48th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Roswell Hornets girls soccer team for winning the 2025 GHSA 5A Girls Soccer State Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 2073. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Jones of the 47th, Jones of the 25th, Cox of the 28th and Hilton of the 48th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Blessed Trinity Titans girls soccer team for winning the 2025 GHSA 4A Girls Soccer State Championship; and for other purposes.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 458. By Senators Goodman of the 8th, Hatchett of the 50th, Echols of the 49th, Jones of the 10th, Lucas of the 26th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 41 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to residential and commercial general contractors, so as to provide for licensure of home inspectors; to provide for reciprocity of licensure; to provide for licensure of companies performing home inspections; to provide for minimum requirements to apply for licensure; to provide for continuing education requirements; to require home inspectors to maintain insurance; to provide for standards of practice and unfair trade practices; to provide for exceptions; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for a legislative purpose; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapters 40 and 41 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to real estate brokers and salespersons and residential and commercial general contractors, respectively, so as to require certain commissioners of the Georgia Real Estate

Commission to be licensees in good standing; to prohibit certain real estate practices; to exempt certain operations; to provide for certain consent cease and desist orders; to provide for licensure of home inspectors; to provide for reciprocity of licensure; to provide for licensure of companies performing home inspections; to provide for minimum requirements to apply for licensure; to provide for requirements to maintain license; to require home inspectors to maintain or be covered by certain insurance; to provide for standards of practice and unfair trade practices; to provide for exceptions; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for a legislative purpose; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Home Inspector Licensing Act of Georgia."

SECTION 2.

The purpose of this Act is to regulate the practice of home inspection within this state by establishing minimum qualifications, education, experience, and unfair trade practices for home inspectors, thereby protecting consumers from unqualified or unethical practitioners.

SECTION 3.

Chapter 40 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to real estate brokers and salespersons, is amended by adding a new paragraph to Code Section 43-40-1, relating to definitions, to read as follows:

"(12) 'Wholesaler' means any person not licensed under this chapter who enters, or offers to enter, an assignable contract for real property and markets the property for sale or reassignment without written authorization from the property owner."

SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 43-40-2, relating to creation of commission, members, meetings, recusal for conflict of interest, removal, compensation, annual report, and budget unit, as follows:

"(a) There is created the Georgia Real Estate Commission, which shall be composed of six members, each of whom shall be appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate for a term of five years. Any such appointments made when the Senate is not in session shall be effective until acted upon by the Senate. Five of the members shall be licensees in good standing who shall have been residents of this state and actively ~~engaged~~ licensed in the real estate business for five years. The sixth member of the commission shall have no connection with the real estate industry whatsoever but shall have a recognized interest in consumer affairs and in consumer protection concerns."

SECTION 5.

Said chapter is further amended by revising paragraphs (12), (35), and (36) of and adding a new paragraph to subsection (b) of Code Section 43-40-25, relating to violations by licensees, schools, and instructors, sanctions, and unfair trade practices, to read as follows:

"(12) Offering real estate for sale or lease without the knowledge and consent of the owner or the owner's authorized agent or on terms other than those authorized by the owner or the owner's authorized agent, or offering real estate for sale or lease on behalf of a wholesaler;"

"(35) Inducing any person to alter, modify, or change another licensee's fee or commission for real estate brokerage services without that licensee's prior written consent; ~~or~~

(36) Failing to obtain a person's written agreement to refer that person to another licensed broker for brokerage or relocation services and to inform such person being referred whether or not the licensee will receive a valuable consideration for such referral; or

(37) Indicating to a client or to another broker in direct communication, in a multiple listing service, any promotional material, or in any marketing of real property that an offer to buy or sell real estate will not be presented to the purchaser and to the seller based on a compensation request in that offer, or will be marketed in a manner that places the interest of the broker over that of the client."

SECTION 6.

Said chapter is further amended by revising paragraphs (1), (13), and (14) of and adding a new paragraph to Code Section 43-40-29, relating to exceptions to operation of chapter, to read as follows:

"(1) Any person who, as owner, as the spouse of an owner, as the family member of an owner, as that term is defined in rules promulgated by the Commission, as general partner of a limited partnership as an officer of a limited liability company, or as lessor, ~~or as prospective purchaser or their regular employees,~~ performs any act with reference to property owned, leased, or to be acquired by such owner, limited partnership, lessor, or prospective purchaser where such acts are performed in the regular course of, or as incident to, the management of such property and the investment therein or any person who manages residential apartment complexes under a contract approved by any federal agency for an organization which is exempt from federal taxes pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as defined in Code Section 48-1-2, provided that such person was engaged in managing such property under such type contract prior to January 1, 1989;"

"(13) Any person who performs only physical maintenance on a property; ~~or~~

(14) A licensed certified public accountant acting solely as an incident to the practice of public accounting; or

(15) Any prospective purchaser or their regular employee who performs any act with reference to property to be acquired by such prospective purchaser and who:

(A) Is not a wholesaler; or

(B) Does not receive a separate fee for the performance of such act."

SECTION 7.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 43-40-30, relating to acting without a license, cease and desist order, judicial review, and effect of Code section on other remedies, as follows:

"(c) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary~~, the~~:

(1) The commissioner may issue a consent cease and desist order to any person for whom the commission has opened an investigation for engaging in the practice of a real estate broker without a license. Such consent cease and desist order shall be final upon consummation of the order; and

(2) The commission may issue a cease and desist order prohibiting any person from violating the provisions of this chapter by engaging in the practice of a real estate broker without a license. Such cease and desist order shall be final ten days after it is issued unless the person to whom such order is issued requests a hearing before the commission."

SECTION 8.

Chapter 41 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to residential and commercial general contractors, is amended by designating Code Sections 43-41-1 through 43-41-18 as Article 1.

SECTION 9.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 2

43-41-20.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Ancillary services' means specialized inspections that a home inspector may offer but are not considered part of a general home inspection unless specifically advertised or performed outside the scope of the standards of practice.

(2) 'Client' means the party for whom the home inspection is performed, including, but not limited to, a prospective purchaser or seller of a home.

(3) 'Home inspection' means a limited, noninvasive examination of the condition of a home by a home inspector.

(4) 'Home inspector' means any person, except an employee of a county, municipality, or political subdivision while engaged in the performance of the duties of his or her employment, who, for consideration, inspects and reports on the condition of any home or single-family dwelling or the grounds, roof, exterior surface, garage or carport, structure, attic, basement or crawl space, electrical system, heating system, air-conditioning system, plumbing, on-site sewerage disposal, pool or hot tub, fireplace, kitchen, appliances, or any combination thereof for a prospective purchaser or seller.

(5) 'Standards of practice' means the minimum standards for home inspections established by the board.

(6) 'Unfair trade practices' means practices that violate the code of conduct that governs home inspectors as established by the board.

43-41-21.

(a) Home inspectors shall be licensed by the board beginning January 1, 2028.

(b) The residential contractor division shall have jurisdiction and authority over home inspectors.

(c) The board shall provide by regulation for reciprocity with other states or territories of the United States in the licensing of home inspectors, provided that such other states have requirements substantially equal to the requirements in force in this state for registration, licensure, or certification, and that any such home inspector holding a current and valid license, certificate, or registration from another state or territory seeking licensure by way of reciprocity shall demonstrate that such applicant meets the qualifications, requirements, and criteria set forth in this article and that such applicant is otherwise in compliance with all requirements of this state for the transaction of such business; provided, further, that a similar privilege is offered to residents of this state by such other state or territory.

43-41-22.

(a) An applicant for a home inspector license shall:

(1) Be at least 18 years of age;

(2) Possess a high school diploma, or its equivalent, or ten years of experience in the home inspection or residential contractor industry;

(3) Pass a criminal background check; and

(4) Submit a complete application with all required documentation and fees.

(b) Applicants shall pass a psychometrically sound examination administered or approved by the board.

(c) Such licenses shall be renewable every four years by birth month of the licensee.

43-41-23.

Applicants and home inspectors shall maintain or be covered by:

(1) A minimum of $250,000.00 per occurrence and $500,000.00 aggregate general liability insurance for third-party claims for bodily injury or property damage; and

(2) A minimum of $250,000.00 per occurrence and $500,000.00 aggregate errors and omissions insurance for claims of professional mistakes, oversights, or negligence. Such errors and omissions insurance shall include coverage for liability arising from referrals.

43-41-24.

To maintain licensure, home inspectors shall maintain competency in the current standards of practice and residential building codes.

43-41-25.
(a) Companies that perform home inspections shall be licensed by the board beginning January 1, 2028.
(b) To be licensed by the board, companies that perform home inspections shall:
(1) Register with the board;
(2) Provide the board a list of all licensed home inspectors employed or contracted by the company;
(3) Ensure all home inspections are performed by individuals holding active licenses;
(4) Maintain records of all inspections performed, including, but not limited to, home inspection reports and client information; and
(5) Be subject to audit and disciplinary action by the board.

43-41-26.
(a) The board shall adopt and periodically update comprehensive standards of practice and unfair trade practices that all licensed home inspectors shall comply with. Such standards shall define the scope of a home inspection, include what is and is not required to be inspected, and establish a baseline for the protection of public interest.
(b) Licensed home inspectors shall provide clients with a written disclosure of the current standards of practice and unfair trade practices, a written disclosure of any ancillary services to be performed, and a sample home inspection report prior to commencing an inspection.

43-41-27.
(a) The board shall open an investigation when there is:
(1) A sworn written complaint from a client who hired a home inspector or company that performs home inspections;
(2) A referral from another licensing entity; or
(3) Probable cause established in the course of another investigation, or that is available in the public domain, that the home inspector or company that performs home inspections violated the standards of practice or engaged in unfair trade practices.
(b) If an investigation finds a violation of this article, the board may:
(1) Issue cease and desist orders to home inspectors or companies performing home inspections;
(2) Impose fines;
(3) Suspend or revoke licenses;
(4) Require additional education or training;
(5) File a criminal complaint with the Attorney General; or
(6) Any combination thereof.
(c) Before imposing penalties for violations of this article, such violations shall be heard and determined by the residential contractor division in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'

43-41-28.
The board shall establish reasonable fees for applications, examinations, licenses, license renewals, and other administrative services. All such fees collected shall be used to fund the operations and enforcement activities of the board.

43-41-29.
This article shall not apply to:
(1) A real estate appraiser licensed pursuant to Chapter 39A of this title;
(2) A real estate broker or salesperson licensed pursuant to Chapter 40 of this title;
(3) A residential contractor licensed pursuant to Article 1 of this chapter; or
(4) Any officer or employee of a government agency conducting official duties.

43-41-30.
Beginning July 1, 2027, any person working as a home inspector on or before such date may apply to the board for licensure without meeting the initial education requirements if they pass the National Home Inspector Examination or meet an equivalent psychometrically sound competency measure as approved by the board."

SECTION 10.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
E Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	E Sampson
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Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	E Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	N Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Dempsey	Y Hong	N Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	N Horner	Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	N Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	E Stinson
Y Berry	Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	N Tarvin
Y Blackmon	N Dunahoo	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
N Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran

N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	N Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	N Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	E Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	N Werkheiser
Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	N Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
N Clark, D	Y Griffin	E Martin	N Ridley, Jor	E Willis
Y Clark, J	N Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
N Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 138, nays 19.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SB 111. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Burns of the 23rd, Rahman of the 5th, Still of the 48th, Setzler of the 37th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commerce and trade, so as to enact the "Georgia Consumer Privacy Protection Act"; to protect the privacy of consumer personal data in this state; to provide for definitions; to provide for applicability; to provide for exemptions; to provide for responsibilities of processors and controllers; to provide for notice and disclosure; to provide for security practices to protect consumer personal data; to allow a controller to offer different goods or services under certain conditions; to provide for limitations; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for preemption of local regulation; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 31-8-9.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax credit for contributions to certain rural hospital organizations and hospital eligibility and requirements, so as to revise the definition of "rural hospital organization"; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 31-8-9.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax credit for contributions to certain rural hospital organizations and hospital eligibility and requirements, is amended by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(3) 'Rural hospital organization' means an acute care hospital or rural freestanding emergency department licensed by the department pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter 7 of this title that:

(A) Has its primary campus ~~Provides inpatient hospital services at a facility~~ located in a rural county or is a critical access hospital;

(B) Participates in both Medicaid and ~~medicare~~ Medicare and accepts both Medicaid and ~~medicare~~ Medicare patients;

(C) Provides health care services to indigent patients;

(D) Is licensed by the department to provide maternal and newborn services or has ~~Has~~ at least ~~10~~ 5 percent of its annual net revenue categorized as indigent care, charity care, or bad debt;

(E) Annually files IRS Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax, with the department, or for any hospital not required to file IRS Form 990, the department will provide a form that collects the same information to be submitted to the department on an annual basis;

(F) Is operated by a county or municipal authority pursuant to Article 4 of Chapter 7 of this title or is designated as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; and

(G) Is current with all audits and reports required by law~~; and~~

~~(H) Has a three-year average patient margin, as a percent of expense, less than one standard deviation above the state-wide three-year average of organizations defined in subparagraphs (A) through (G) of this paragraph, as calculated by the department. As used in this subparagraph, the term 'patient margin' means gross patient revenues less contractual adjustments, bad debt, indigent and charity care, other uncompensated care, and total expenses~~."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
E Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	E Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	E McCollum	Y Sanchez

Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	E Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	E Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	E Stinson
Y Berry	E Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	E Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
E Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	E Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 162, nays 1.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SB 501. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Albers of the 56th, Bearden of the 30th, Brass of the 6th, Still of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 8 and 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to buildings and housing and fire protection and safety, respectively, so as to improve government efficiency by updating provisions of the office of the Safety Fire Commissioner; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Titles 8 and 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to buildings and housing and fire protection and safety, respectively, so as to improve government efficiency by updating provisions of the office of the Safety Fire Commissioner; to provide for procedures for rules promulgation, hearings, and appeals; to provide for the appointment of a deputy commissioner of safety fire; to provide for such position's duties and powers; to provide for the payment of expenses of certain employees; to provide for subpoena power; to establish an appeals board to review certain rulings on building permits; to provide for membership and powers of such board; to provide for review of all actions and documentation of deputized personnel; to authorize evacuation orders; to provide for petitions for a rule nisi; to provide for final authority; to provide for certain powers in suspected arson investigations; to provide for immediate reporting of fatalities caused by fire or smoke; to provide for suspension or revocation of a license; to provide for an increased fee for failing to maintain a smoke detector; to provide for an increased reinspection fee; to establish permanent consumer fireworks sales facilities; to establish temporary consumer fireworks sales facilities; to increase the number of temporary consumer retail fireworks sales facilities a distributor may operate; to revise penalties for violations; to amend Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, so as to make conforming changes; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to jurisdiction, power, and duties regarding probate courts, so as to provide for probate court jurisdiction over certain misdemeanors; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
Fire protection and safety
SECTION 1-1.

Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fire protection and safety, is amended in Chapter 2, relating to regulation of fire and other hazards to persons and property generally, by revising Code Section 25-2-5, relating to appointment, qualifications, and salary of state fire marshal, as follows:

"25-2-5.

The Commissioner shall appoint a state fire marshal and a deputy commissioner of safety fire. Qualifications for appointment ~~as state fire marshal~~ of such positions shall be

previous training and experience in endeavors similar to those prescribed in this chapter. The Commissioner shall fix the salary of ~~the state fire marshal~~ such positions."

SECTION 1-2.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising Code Section 25-2-6, relating to state fire marshal as head of Safety Fire Division, as follows:

"25-2-6.

The Safety Fire Division of the office of the Commissioner of Insurance shall be headed by the ~~state fire marshal~~ deputy commissioner of safety fire appointed by the Commissioner."

SECTION 1-3.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising Code Section 25-2-7, relating to appointment process for deputy state fire marshal and other personnel, as follows:

"25-2-7.

The deputy commissioner of safety fire, in coordination with the state fire marshal, subject to the approval of the Commissioner, shall appoint a deputy state fire marshal and administrative fire safety specialists and shall employ such office personnel as may be required to carry out this chapter. The deputy state fire marshal and administrative fire safety specialists shall be chosen by virtue of their previous training and experience in the particular duties which shall be assigned to them. They shall take an oath to perform faithfully the duties of their office."

SECTION 1-4.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising Code Section 25-2-8, relating to payment of expenses of employees in state fire marshal's office, as follows:

"25-2-8.

All state employees connected with the ~~state fire marshal's office~~ Safety Fire Division of the office of the Commissioner of Insurance shall be allowed subsistence, lodging, and other expenses in connection with the execution of their duties when away from their headquarters. Transportation for such employees shall be paid at the mileage rate fixed by law for other state employees."

SECTION 1-5.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 25-2-9, relating to authority of state fire marshal and employees to investigate and arrest, as follows:

"(c) Personnel employed and authorized by the state fire marshal shall have the power to make arrests for criminal violations established as a result of investigations. Such personnel shall hold certification as a peace officer from the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council and shall have the power to execute arrest warrants and search warrants for criminal violations, to serve subpoenas issued for examination, investigation, and trial of all offenses determined by their investigations, and to arrest,

upon probable cause and without warrant, any person found violating any of the provisions of applicable criminal laws. Authorized personnel empowered to make arrests pursuant to this Code section shall be empowered to carry firearms as authorized by the state fire marshal in the performance of their duties. It shall be unlawful for any person to resist an arrest authorized by this Code section or to interfere in any manner, including abetting or assisting such resistance or interference, with personnel employed by the state fire marshal in the duties imposed upon such personnel by law."

SECTION 1-6.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising Code Section 25-2-10, relating to appeal process and requirement for surety bond, as follows:

"25-2-10.

(a) Should any person, firm, corporation, or public entity be dissatisfied with any ruling or decision of the state fire marshal, the right is granted to appeal within ten days to the Commissioner.

(b) If ~~the~~ any person, firm, corporation, or public entity is ~~dissatisfied with the decision of the Commissioner, appeal is authorized to the superior court within 30 days~~ aggrieved or adversely affected by a final order of the Commissioner, the form of proceeding for judicial review shall be by petition for review in the superior court in the manner provided under Chapter 13 of Title 50.

(c) In the event of such ~~appeal~~ petition for review as provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, the person, firm, corporation, or public entity shall give a surety bond which will be conditioned upon compliance with the order and direction of ~~the state fire marshal or~~ the Commissioner ~~or both~~. The amount of bond shall be fixed by the Commissioner in such amount as will reasonably cover the order issued by the Commissioner ~~or the state fire marshal or both~~."

SECTION 1-7.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising Code Section 25-2-11, which is designated as reserved, as follows:

"25-2-11.

(a) The purpose of this Code section is to provide a mechanism for any party aggrieved or adversely affected by a final ruling of a local governing authority on a building permit based on an interpretation or variance of the state minimum fire safety standards to appeal such ruling to an appeals board. Such party shall be authorized to submit an appeal to the Commissioner, and such appeal shall go before an appeals board within five business days of submission; provided, however, that the appeals board shall be authorized to delay such hearing for good cause.

(b) There is established an appeals board consisting of the state fire marshal, who shall serve as chairperson of such board, and six members appointed by the Commissioner as follows:

(1) One member from a county or municipal governing authority as described in paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 25-2-12;

(2) One member from a municipal governing authority as described in subsection (b) of Code Section 25-2-12;
(3) One residential contractor licensed under Chapter 41 of Title 43;
(4) One licensed commercial general contractor licensed under Chapter 41 of Title 43; and
(5) Two additional appointees to be determined by the Commissioner.
(c) The term of each appointed member of the appeals board shall be for one year. Each member shall serve until a successor is appointed and qualified. Members of the appeals board shall serve as such without compensation but shall receive the same expense allowance as that received by members of the General Assembly and the same mileage allowance for the use of a personal car or a travel allowance of actual transportation cost if traveling by public carrier as that received by all other state officials and employees.
(d) The Safety Fire Division of the office of the Commissioner of Insurance shall provide reasonable administrative support to the appeals board.
(e) The appeals board shall be authorized to uphold, modify, and reverse in whole or in part a local authority's final ruling. The appeals board shall be authorized to overrule a local authority's order to cease and desist, stop work, or similar order when such orders are found not to have presented an imminent danger to life and safety of the occupants of the building or structure in question.
(f) The Commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Code section. ~~Reserved.~~"

SECTION 1-8.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising subsection (e) of Code Section 25-2-12.1, relating to deputizing of local fire marshals, deputy local fire marshals, and state inspectors as state officers, as follows:

"(e) All deputized local fire marshals, deputy local fire marshals, and state inspectors shall submit monthly reports of their activities to the state fire marshal and shall comply with the administrative and operational procedures of the ~~state fire marshal's office~~ Safety Fire Division of the office of the Commissioner of Insurance. The state fire marshal or the Commissioner's designee shall be authorized to review all actions and documentation of deputized personnel at any time to assure compliance with administrative and operational procedures. The state fire marshal or the Commissioner's designee shall be authorized to reverse, change, mitigate, or assume direction of any action of deputized personnel. Any deputized local fire marshal, deputy local fire marshal, or state inspector who is found by the state fire marshal to be negligent in performing his or her appointed duties or in fulfilling his or her responsibilities shall be removed from his or her position as a state officer."

SECTION 1-9.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by adding a new subsection to Code Section 25-2-14.2, relating to authority of state fire marshal to deny permit or request for certificate or to issue stop-work order, to read as follows:

"(c) The Commissioner or his or her designee shall be authorized to issue an immediate evacuation order of all persons from any building or structure, whether or not building construction is complete or such building or structure has been issued a certificate of occupancy, when such building or structure or any condition or cause presents an imminent life safety hazard of any type. Such order shall remain in effect until the Commissioner or his or her designee is satisfied such hazard is fully mitigated."

SECTION 1-10.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising Code Section 25-2-23, relating to issuance of notice to correct unsafe conditions, as follows:

"25-2-23.

(a) When any of the officers listed in Code Section 25-2-22 finds any building or ~~other~~ structure which, for want of repair or by reason of age or dilapidated condition or any other cause is especially liable to fire hazard or which is so situated as to endanger other property or the safety of the public, or when, in or around any building or structure, such officer finds combustible or explosive matter, inflammables, or other conditions dangerous to the safety of the building or structure, notice may be given to the owner or agent and occupant of the building or structure to correct such unsafe conditions as may be found.

(b) The Commissioner or his or her designee shall be authorized to issue an immediate evacuation order of all persons from any building or structure, whether or not such building or structure has been issued a certificate of occupancy, when such building or structure or any condition or cause presents an imminent life safety hazard of any type. Such order shall remain in effect until the Commissioner or his or her designee is satisfied such hazard is fully mitigated."

SECTION 1-11.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising Code Section 25-2-24, relating to filing of petition for court order compelling compliance with notice, as follows:

"25-2-24.

(a) If any owner, agent, or occupant fails to comply with the notice ~~prescribed in~~ provided for under subsection (a) of Code Section 25-2-23 within the time specified in the notice, the state fire marshal or his or her delegated officials, with the approval of the Commissioner, may petition the court for a rule nisi to show cause why an order should not be issued by the court that the same be removed or remedied. Such court order shall forthwith be complied with by the owner or occupant of the premises or building within such time as may be fixed in the court order.

(b) Any appeal of an order issued by the Commissioner or his or her designee pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 25-2-23 shall proceed as provided for under Code Section 25-2-10."

SECTION 1-12.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising Code Section 25-2-26, relating to enforcement of Code Sections 25-2-22 through 25-2-25 by court order, as follows:

"25-2-26.

In accordance with Code Section 25-2-3, the Commissioner shall be authorized to implement and enforce the provisions of this title and the rules and regulations made pursuant to this title, except as provided for in Code Section 25-2-12, subject to a petition for judicial review to superior court as provided for in Code Section 25-2-10. ~~Code Sections 25-2-22 through 25-2-25 shall be construed so that the final authority for ordering the carrying out and enforcement of such Code sections shall be by order of the court and not by the Commissioner or his delegated authority.~~"

SECTION 1-13.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising Code Section 25-2-32.1, relating to reports to Safety Fire Division of serious burn injuries, as follows:

"25-2-32.1.

(a) Every case of a burn injury or wound where the victim sustained second-degree or third-degree burns to 5 percent or more of the body or any burns to the upper respiratory tract or laryngeal edema due to the inhalation of superheated air, and every case of a burn injury or wound which is likely to or may result in death, shall be reported at once to the Safety Fire Division of the office of the Commissioner of Insurance. The Safety Fire Division shall accept the report and notify the proper investigatory agency as may be appropriate. A written report shall be provided to the Safety Fire Division within 72 hours. The report shall be made by the physician attending or treating the case or by the manager, superintendent, or other person in charge whenever such case is treated in a hospital sanitarium, institution, or other medical facility.

(b) All fatalities allegedly resulting from fire or smoke shall be reported immediately to the Safety Fire Division by the coroner or medical examiner of the county where such fatalities occurred. No coroner or medical examiner shall move or cause to be moved a decedent's body until authorized by personnel employed or authorized by the state fire marshal or the Commissioner or his or her designee."

SECTION 1-14.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising Code Section 25-2-38, relating to criminal penalties for violations of chapter and rules, regulations, or orders of Commissioner, as follows:

"25-2-38.

(a) Any person, firm, or corporation violating any provision of this chapter or failing or refusing to comply with any regulation promulgated under this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by confinement for not more than 12 months, by a fine of not more than $1,000.00 per violation, or both.

(b) A law enforcement officer shall be authorized to issue a citation, summons, or accusation or to effect a custodial arrest in addition to the issuance of a citation, summons,

or accusation. The citation, summons, or accusation shall enumerate the specific charges against the person and either the date upon which the person is to appear and answer the charges or a notation that the person will be later notified of the date upon which the person is to appear and answer the charges.

(c) Any probate court, state court, or other court of competent jurisdiction shall be authorized to hear and adjudicate misdemeanor violations of this title."

SECTION 1-15.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (f) of Code Section 25-2-40, relating to smoke detectors required in new dwellings and dwelling units and exceptions, as follows:

"(2) Any occupant who fails to maintain a smoke detector in a dwelling, dwelling unit, or other facility, other than a nursing home, listed in subsection (a) of this Code section in good working order as required in this Code section shall be subject to a maximum fine of ~~$25.00~~ $100.00 per detector, provided that a warning shall be issued for a first violation."

SECTION 1-16.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 10, relating to regulation of fireworks, by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 25-10-1, relating to definitions, as follows:

"25-10-1.

(a) As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) 'Consumer fireworks' means any small fireworks devices containing restricted amounts of pyrotechnic composition, designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, that comply with the construction, chemical composition, and labeling regulations of the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission as provided for in Parts 1500 and 1507 of Title 16 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the United States Department of Transportation as provided for in Part 172 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and the American Pyrotechnics Association as provided for in the 2001 American Pyrotechnics Association Standard 87-1, and additionally shall mean Roman candles.

(2) 'Consumer fireworks retail sales facility' shall have the same meaning as provided for by NFPA 1124~~; provided, however, that such term shall not include a tent, canopy, or membrane structure~~.

(3) 'Consumer fireworks retail sales stand' shall have the same meaning as provided for by NFPA 1124.

(4) 'Distributor' means any person, firm, corporation, association, or partnership which sells consumer fireworks.

(5) 'Electric plant' shall have the same meaning as provided for in Code Section 46-3A-1.

(6) 'Fireworks' means any combustible or explosive composition or any substance or combination of substances or article prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or audible effect by combustion, explosion, deflagration, or detonation, including blank

cartridges, firecrackers, torpedos, skyrockets, bombs, sparklers, and other combustibles and explosives of like construction, as well as articles containing any explosive or flammable compound and tablets and other devices containing an explosive substance.

(7) 'Fireworks or pyrotechnics exhibition or display before a proximate audience' means any exhibition or display of fireworks, or any use of pyrotechnic special effects, that occurs within a building or structure or before an audience closer to the pyrotechnic devices than permitted by National Fire Protection Association Standard 1123, *Code for Fireworks Display*, as adopted by the Safety Fire Commissioner; provided, however, that such term shall not include the use of pyrotechnic special effects in television and motion picture production when no audience is present.

(8) 'Flame effect' means the combustion of solids, liquids, or gases utilizing atmospheric oxygen to produce thermal, physical, visual, or audible phenomena before an audience or for use in motion picture and television production.

(9) 'NFPA 1124' means the National Fire Protection Association Standard 1124, *Code for the Manufacture, Transportation, Storage, and Retail Sales of Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles*, 2006 Edition.

(10) ~~'Nonprofit group' means any entity exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, any entity incorporated under Chapter 3 of Title 14, the 'Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code,' or a sponsored organization of a public or private elementary or secondary school in this state.~~ 'Permanent consumer fireworks retail sales facility' shall have the same meaning as provided for by NFPA 1124; provided, however, that such term shall not include a tent, canopy, or membrane structure.

(11) 'Personal and private use' means the use of consumer fireworks for any activity other than any activity of a professional or commercial nature or for profit or commercial gain and intended, in particular, for household entertainment or enjoyment for private gatherings.

(12) 'Public exhibition or display of fireworks' means the use of pyrotechnics, display fireworks, consumer fireworks, or any combination thereof for any purpose relating to the amusement or entertainment of the public that does not occur within a building or structure or before a proximate audience; provided, however, that such term shall not include the private and personal use of consumer fireworks by the public.

(13) 'Pyrotechnics' means fireworks not intended for use by the general public.

(14) 'Special effect' means an audible or visual effect created for motion picture and television production through the use of flammable or combustible liquids, flammable solids, explosives, fireworks, pyrotechnics, flame effects, and any similar materials and devices.

(15) 'Store' shall have the same meaning as provided for by NFPA 1124; provided, however, that such term shall only include such buildings with at least 4,000 square feet of retail display space and wherefrom:

(A) No more than 25 percent of such retail display space is used for consumer fireworks and items or products as provided for under paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of this Code section; and

(B) Other items or products which are not consumer fireworks or items or products as provided for under paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of this Code section are sold;

and provided, further, that such term means a person, firm, corporation, association, or partnership with more than one mercantile location, where all such mercantile locations are collectively known to the public by the same name or share central management.

(16) 'Temporary consumer fireworks retail sales facility' shall have the same meaning as provided for by NFPA 1124.

~~(16)~~(17) 'Waste-water treatment plant' shall have the same meaning as provided for in Code Section 43-51-2.

~~(17)~~(18) 'Water treatment plant' shall have the same meaning as provided for in Code Section 43-51-2."

SECTION 1-17.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising Code Section 25-10-2, relating to prohibited fireworks activities and application of noise ordinance, by revising paragraph (6) of subsection (b) as follows:

"(6)(A) It shall be lawful to sell consumer fireworks from a permanent consumer fireworks retail sales facility or store only if such permanent consumer fireworks retail sales facility or store is:

(i) In compliance with the requirements for such a permanent consumer fireworks retail sales facility or store in the selling of consumer fireworks as provided for in NFPA 1124; and

(ii) Selling consumer fireworks of a distributor licensed pursuant to subsection (b) or (d) of Code Section 25-10-5.1.

(B) It shall be lawful to sell consumer fireworks from a ~~temporary~~ consumer fireworks retail sales stand only if such ~~temporary~~ consumer fireworks retail sales stand is:

(i) In compliance with the requirements for such a ~~temporary~~ consumer fireworks retail sales stand in the selling of consumer fireworks as provided for in NFPA 1124;

(ii) Within 1,000 feet of a fire hydrant of a county, municipality, or other political subdivision or a fire department connection of a building affiliated with such consumer fireworks retail sales stand, unless the chief administrative officer of the fire department of a county, municipality, or other political subdivision or chartered fire department legally organized to operate in this state pursuant to Chapter 3 of this title and having operational authority over such location of the ~~temporary~~ consumer fireworks retail sales stand provides in writing that such ~~temporary~~ consumer fireworks retail sales stand may operate in excess of 1,000 feet from such fire hydrant or fire department connection; and

(iii) Selling consumer fireworks of a distributor licensed pursuant to subsection (c) of Code Section 25-10-5.1.

(C) It shall be lawful to sell consumer fireworks from a temporary consumer fireworks retail sales facility only if such temporary consumer fireworks retail sales facility is:

(i) In compliance with the requirements for such a temporary consumer fireworks retail sales facility in the selling of consumer fireworks as provided for in NFPA 1124;

(ii) Within 1,000 feet of a fire hydrant of a county, municipality, or other political subdivision or a fire department connection of a building affiliated with such consumer fireworks retail sales facility, unless the chief administrative officer of the fire department of a county, municipality, or other political subdivision or chartered fire department legally organized to operate in this state pursuant to Chapter 3 of this title and having operational authority over such location of the temporary consumer fireworks retail sales facility provides in writing that such temporary consumer fireworks retail sales facility may operate in excess of 1,000 feet from such fire hydrant or fire department connection;

(iii) Selling consumer fireworks of a distributor licensed pursuant to subsection (e) of Code Section 25-10-5.1; and

(iv) Not located within one mile of a permanent consumer retail sales facility that is used primarily for the retail display and sale of consumer fireworks to the public.

(D) A distributor licensed pursuant to subsection (c) of Code Section 25-10-5.1 may operate no more than two temporary consumer fireworks retail sales stands in this state per location licensed pursuant to subsection (b) or (d) of Code Section 25-10-5.1; provided, however, that such distributor has been operating and open to the public pursuant to subsection (b) or (d) of Code Section 25-10-5.1 no less than 30 days prior to July 4 or December 31 in the year of an application for a license under subsection (c) of Code Section 25-10-5.1 that is filed within 30 days of July 4 or December 31.

(E) A distributor licensed pursuant to subsection (e) of Code Section 25-10-5.1 may operate up to three tents that meet the requirements of a temporary consumer fireworks retail sales facility under the NFPA 1124, provided that:

(i) A Georgia based distributor shall own and operate at least two locations licensed pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 25-10-5.1 that have been operating and open to the public pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 25-10-5.1 no less than 30 days prior to July 4 or December 31 in the year of an application for a license under subsection (f) of Code Section 25-10-5.1 that is filed within 30 days of July 4 or December 31; or

(ii) A non-Georgia based distributor shall own and operate at least ten locations licensed pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 25-10-5.1 that have been operating and open to the public pursuant to subsection (b) or (d) of Code Section 25-10-5.1 no less than 30 days prior to July 4 or December 31 in the year of an application for a license under subsection (f) of Code Section 25-10-5.1 that is filed within 30 days of July 4 or December 31.

~~(C)~~(F) It shall be unlawful to sell consumer fireworks from any motor vehicle~~,~~ or from a trailer towed by a motor vehicle~~, or from a tent, canopy, or membrane structure~~."

SECTION 1-18.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising subsection (c) and adding a new subsection to Code Section 25-10-5.1, relating to requirements for issuance of license to distribute consumer fireworks and required sinage, to read as follows:

"(c)(1) The license fee for a distributor selling consumer fireworks from a ~~temporary~~ consumer fireworks retail sales stand shall be $500.00 per location, payable to the governing authority of the county, municipality, or other political subdivision of this state in whose boundaries such ~~temporary~~ consumer fireworks retail sales stand shall be located or is proposed to be located. Upon finding that a distributor has met the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section, has a license pursuant to subsection (b) or (d) of this Code section, has no more than the allowable ~~temporary~~ consumer fireworks retail sales stands pursuant to subparagraph (b)(6)(B) of Code Section 25-10-2, ~~that the sales of consumer fireworks from such temporary consumer fireworks retail sales stand shall accrue to the benefit of a nonprofit group,~~ and upon payment of such license fee, such license shall be issued by the fire department of the county, municipality, or other political subdivision or the chartered fire department legally organized to operate in this state pursuant to Chapter 3 of this title and having operational authority of the area in which such ~~temporary~~ consumer fireworks retail sales stand shall be located or is proposed to be located. Such license shall identify the ~~temporary~~ consumer fireworks retail sales stand applicable to such license and shall expire on the next January 31 after the issuance of such license.

(2) A determination by a fire department as provided for under paragraph (1) of this subsection of whether a distributor has met requirements for the issuance of a license pursuant to this subsection shall be made within 30 days of the submission of an application for any such license. Such application shall be in writing and, if such fire department provides for a written form for the application for a license pursuant to this Code section, upon such form as may be provided by such fire department. If a determination has not been made within the time provided for by this paragraph, or for an appeal of a determination by such fire department, a distributor may seek review from the judge of the probate court of the county of the location or proposed location of the ~~temporary~~ consumer fireworks retail sales stand. Such judge may provide for the issuance or nonissuance of a license and for the payment of license fees in such manner as is consistent with the provisions of this subsection.

~~(3) For at least one of the temporary consumer fireworks retail sales stands provided for under subparagraph (b)(6)(B) of Code Section 25-10-2, a nonprofit group benefiting from the sale of consumer fireworks from such temporary consumer fireworks retail sales stand shall directly participate in operating such temporary consumer fireworks retail sales stand. It shall be unlawful for a nonprofit group or any agent or bona fide representative of a nonprofit group to knowingly lend the name of the nonprofit group or allow the identity of the nonprofit group to be used for the license under this subsection if such nonprofit group is not directly participating in operating, or benefiting from the operation of, such temporary consumer fireworks retail sales stand.~~

~~(4)~~(3) The governing authority of a county, municipality, or other political subdivision receiving fees pursuant to this Code section shall expend such fees for public safety purposes.

~~(5)~~(4) A distributor licensed pursuant to this subsection shall submit a list of the names and addresses, including the counties, of each ~~temporary~~ consumer fireworks retail sales stand at which such distributor has consumer fireworks offered for sale pursuant to this Code section to the Safety Fire Commissioner. Such list shall be submitted not less than 30 days prior to first having a temporary consumer fireworks retail sales ~~stand~~ facility at which such distributor has consumer fireworks offered for sale and not less than 30 days prior to having such distributor's consumer fireworks offered for sale at a location not previously included on such list. The Safety Fire Commissioner shall make such list publicly available for inspection. In making determinations as provided for under this subsection, fire departments shall reference the list provided for by this paragraph.

~~(6)~~(5) A revocation or suspension of a license provided for under subsection (b) or (d) of this Code section shall operate as a revocation or suspension of a distributor's license under this subsection for the term of such revocation or suspension."

"(f)(1) The license fee for a distributor selling consumer fireworks from a temporary consumer fireworks retail sales facility shall be $500.00 per location, payable to the governing authority of the county, municipality, or other political subdivision of this state in whose boundaries such temporary consumer fireworks retail sales facility shall be located or is proposed to be located. Upon finding that a distributor has:

(A) Met the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section;

(B) A license pursuant to subsection (b) or (d) of this Code section;

(C) No more than the allowable temporary consumer fireworks retail sales facilities pursuant to subparagraph (b)(6)(B) of Code Section 25-10-2; and

(D) Paid such license fee, such license shall be issued by the fire department of the county, municipality, or other political subdivision or the chartered fire department legally organized to operate in this state pursuant to Chapter 3 of this title and having operational authority of the area in which such temporary consumer fireworks retail sales facility shall be located or is proposed to be located. Such license shall identify the temporary consumer fireworks retail sales facility applicable to such license and shall expire on the next January 31 after the issuance of such license.

(2) A determination by a fire department as provided for under paragraph (1) of this subsection regarding whether a distributor has met requirements for the issuance of a license pursuant to this subsection shall be made within 30 days of the submission of an application for any such license. Such application shall be in writing and, if such fire department provides for a written form for the application for a license pursuant to this Code section, upon such form as may be provided by such fire department. If a determination on an application for licensure pursuant to this subsection or on an appeal of a determination previously made by such fire department has not been made within the time provided for by this paragraph, a distributor may seek review from the judge of the probate court of the county of the location or proposed location of the temporary

consumer fireworks retail sales facility. Such judge may provide for the issuance or nonissuance of a license and for the payment of license fees in such manner as is consistent with the provisions of this subsection."

SECTION 1-19.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising Code Section 25-10-9, relating to monetary penalties for violation of chapter, as follows:

"25-10-9.

Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the Safety Fire Commissioner shall have the authority to subject any person, firm, corporation, association, or partnership that violates this chapter to a monetary penalty of up to $2,500.00 for each ~~and every~~ act in violation of this chapter~~; provided, however, that the Safety Fire Commissioner shall have the authority to subject any person, firm, corporation, association, or partnership that knowingly sells consumer fireworks from a tent, canopy, or membrane structure to a monetary penalty of up to $5,000.00 and, if any such person, firm, corporation, association, or partnership is a distributor, then a license revocation for not more than two years~~. Each sales transaction in violation of this chapter shall be a separate offense."

SECTION 1-20.

Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, is amended by revising subsection (e) of Code Section 36-60-24, relating to sale or use or ignition of consumer fireworks products, as follows:

"(e) The governing authority of a county or municipal corporation shall not unreasonably delay or deny an application for a ~~temporary~~ consumer fireworks retail sales stand."

SECTION 1-21.

Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to jurisdiction, power, and duties regarding probate courts, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"15-9-30.10.

(a) Subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of this Code section, in addition to any other jurisdiction vested in the probate courts, such courts shall have the right and power to conduct trials, receive pleas of guilty, and impose sentences upon defendants for violating any law specified in Title 25 which is punishable as a misdemeanor. Such jurisdiction shall be concurrent with other courts having jurisdiction over such violations.

(b) A probate court shall not have the power to dispose of misdemeanor cases as provided in subsection (a) of this Code section unless the defendant waives in writing a trial by jury. If the defendant does not waive a trial by jury, the defendant shall notify the court and, if reasonable cause exists, the defendant shall be immediately bound over to a court in the county having jurisdiction to try the offense wherein a jury may be impaneled."

PART II
Buildings and housing
SECTION 2-1.

Title 8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to buildings and housing, is amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 8-2-135.1, relating to manufacturing and monitoring inspection fees, as follows:

"(a) During such time as the Commissioner's office is acting as the primary inspection agency pursuant to Section 623 of the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974, 42 U.S.C. Section 5401, et seq., or the regulations issued thereunder, every manufacturer who manufactures manufactured homes in Georgia shall pay to the Commissioner a manufacturing inspection fee for each manufactured home manufactured in Georgia, irrespective of whether the manufactured home is offered for sale in this state. This manufacturing inspection fee shall be $30.00 for each certification label, as defined in Section 623 of the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974, 42 U.S.C. Section 5401, et seq. For any reinspection, a ~~$15.00~~ $150.00 additional fee shall be charged."

PART III
Effective date and repealer
SECTION 3-1.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 3-2.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Pursuant to Rule 133, Representative Richardson of the 125th was excused from voting on SB 501.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	E Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	E McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	N McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	E Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh

Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	E Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	E Petrea	Y Wade
N Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Werkheiser
E Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	N Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	N Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	E Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 155, nays 9.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the House and Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 1522. By Representatives Burnough of the 77th, Scott of the 76th and Bell of the 75th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Clayton County Water Authority, approved March 7, 1955 (Ga. L. 1955, p. 3344), as amended, so as to authorize the board of the authority to fix the compensation and reimbursement of expenses for members of the board; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

SB 359. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Davenport of the 17th, Strickland of the 42nd and Williams of the 25th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for a new Board of Commissioners of Henry County, approved March 28, 1974 (Ga. L. 1974, p. 3680), as amended, so as to revise and restate provisions regarding the code of ethics; to revise provisions related to the chairperson of the board of commissioners and county manager; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend an Act to provide for a new Board of Commissioners of Henry County, approved March 28, 1974 (Ga. L. 1974, p. 3680), as amended, so as to revise and restate provisions regarding the code of ethics; to revise provisions related to the chairperson of the board of commissioners and county manager; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act to provide for a new Board of Commissioners of Henry County, approved March 28, 1974 (Ga. L. 1974, p. 3680), as amended, is amended by revising Section 7.1 as follows:

"SECTION 7.1.

(a) Purpose.

(1) It is essential to the proper administration and operation of the Henry County government, authorities as defined in paragraph (1.1) of subsection (b) of this section, and their officials and employees be, and give the appearance of being, independent and impartial, that public office not be used for private gain, and that there be public confidence in the integrity of Henry County officials and employees. Because the attainment of one or more of these ends is impaired whenever there exists in fact, or appears to exist, a conflict between the private interests and public responsibilities of officials and employees, the public interest requires that the General Assembly protect against such conflicts of interest by establishing by law appropriate ethical standards with respect to the conduct of the officials and employees of Henry County in situations where a conflict may exist.

(2) The General Assembly recognizes that an appropriate and effective code of ethics for appointed officials and employees of Henry County is also essential for the proper administration and operation of the Henry County government.

(b) Definitions. As used in this section, the term:

(1) 'Agency' means any board, bureau, body, commission, committee, department, or office of Henry County to which the board of commissioners has appointment powers.

(1.1) 'Authority' means any local authority created by:

(A) Henry County pursuant to the authority granted by state law; or

(B) General or local Act of the General Assembly for Henry County;

and may include joint public instrumentalities.

(2) 'Business' means any corporation, partnership, organization, sole proprietorship, other entity operated for economic gain, whether professional, industrial, or commercial, and entity which for purposes of federal income taxation is treated as a nonprofit organization.

(3) 'Confidential information' means information which has been obtained in the course of holding public office, employment, acting as an independent contractor, or otherwise acting as an official or employee and which information is not available to members of the public under state law or other law or regulation and which the official, independent contractor, or employee is not authorized to disclose.

(4) 'Contract' means any claim or demand against or any lease, account, or agreement with any person, whether express or implied, executed or executory, verbal or in writing.

(5) 'Emergency situation' means any circumstance or condition giving rise to an immediate necessity for the execution of a contract by and between Henry County and an official or employee or between Henry County and a business in which an official or employee has an interest and where, to the satisfaction of the board of commissioners, it is shown that there is no one other than such persons with whom the contract could have been made and that the necessity was not brought about by such persons' own fault or neglect.

(6) 'Immediate family' means an official or employee and his or her spouse, parents, brothers, sisters, and natural or adopted children.

(7) 'Interest' means any direct or indirect pecuniary or material benefit held by or accruing to the official or employee as a result of a contract or transaction which is or may be the subject of an official act or action by or with Henry County. Unless otherwise provided in this section, the term 'interest' does not include any remote interest. An official or employee shall be deemed to have an interest in transactions involving:

(A) Any person in the official's or employee's immediate family;

(B) Any person, business, or entity that the official or employee knows or should know is seeking official action with Henry County, is seeking to do or does business with Henry County, has interests that may be substantially affected by performance or nonperformance of the official's or employee's official duties, or with whom a

contractual relationship exists whereby the official or employee may receive any payment or other benefit;

(C) Any business in which the official or employee is a director, officer, employee, shareholder, or consultant; or

(D) Any person of whom the official or employee is a creditor, whether secured or unsecured.

(8) 'Official or employee' means any person elected or appointed to or employed or retained by Henry County or any agency, whether paid or unpaid and whether part time or full time. Such term includes retired employees or former county employees during the period of time in which they are later employed or retained by the county or any agency. Such term does not include superior and state court judges and their immediate staffs, the district attorney, the solicitor of the state court, the clerks of the superior and state courts, magistrates, the judge of the probate court, and their respective staffs.

(9) 'Official act or action' means any legislative, administrative, appointive, or discretionary act of the board of commissioners, the chairperson of the board of commissioners, or a commissioner.

(10) 'Paid' means the receipt of, or right to receive, a salary, commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

(11) 'Participate' means to take part in official acts, actions, or proceedings personally as an official or employee through approval, disapproval, decision, recommendation, investigation, the rendering of advice, or the failure to act or perform a duty.

(12) 'Person' means any individual, business, labor organization, representative, fiduciary, trust, or association, whether paid or unpaid, and includes any official or employee of Henry County.

(13) 'Property' means any property, whether real or personal or tangible or intangible, and includes currency and commercial paper.

(14) 'Remote interest' means the interest of:

(A) A nonsalaried director, officer, or employee of a nonprofit organization;

(B) A holder of less than 5 percent of the legal or beneficial ownership of the total shares of a business;

(C) Any person in a representative capacity, such as a receiver, trustee, or administrator; or

(D) Any person who, by determination of the board of ethics, is deemed to have such an interest.

(15) 'Transaction' means the conduct of any activity that results in or may result in an official act or action of an official or employee of Henry County.

(c) Proscribed conduct. No official or employee of Henry County shall:

(1) By his or her conduct give reasonable basis for the impression that any person can improperly influence him or her or unduly enjoy his or her favor in the performance of his or her official acts or actions or that he or she is affected unduly by the rank or position of or kinship or association with any person;

(2)(A) Directly or indirectly request, exact, receive, or agree to receive a gift, loan, favor, promise, or thing of value for himself or herself or another person if:

(i) It tends to influence him or her in the discharge of his or her official duties; or

(ii) He or she recently has been, or is now, or in the near future may be, involved in any official act or action directly affecting the donor or lender.

(B) Subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall not apply in the case of:

(i) An occasional nonpecuniary gift of value less than $100.00;

(ii) An award publicly presented in recognition of public service; or

(iii) A commercially reasonable loan made in the ordinary course of business by an institution authorized by the laws of Georgia to engage in the making of such a loan;

(3) Disclose or otherwise use confidential information acquired by virtue of his or her position for his or her or another person's private gain;

(4) Appear on his or her own personal behalf, or represent, advise, or appear on the personal behalf, whether paid or unpaid, of any person before any court or before any legislative, administrative, or quasi-judicial board, agency, commission, or committee of this state or of any county or municipality concerning any contract or transaction which is or may be the subject of an official act or action of Henry County or otherwise use or attempt to use his or her official position to secure unwarranted privileges or exemptions for himself or herself or other persons;

(5) Engage in, accept employment with, or render services for any agency, private business, or professional activity when such employment or rendering of services is adverse to and incompatible with the proper discharge of his or her official duties;

(6) Acquire an interest in any contract or transaction at a time when he or she believes or has reason to believe that such an interest will be affected directly or indirectly by his or her official act or actions or by the official acts or actions of other officials or employees of Henry County; or

(7) Engage in any activity or transaction that is prohibited by law now existing or hereafter enacted which is applicable to him or her by virtue of his or her being an official or employee of Henry County.

(c.1) Additional proscribed conduct for commissioners. Members of the board of commissioners shall not issue directives to employees who report to the county manager, threaten to terminate the employment of a county employee, threaten to terminate a county contract so as to exert undue influence, or engage in conduct that is unbecoming of a member of the board of commissioners.

(d) Gifts to certain employees. No employee of the purchasing department of Henry County shall accept any gift of value from anyone who has had or may reasonably be anticipated to have any business with or before such department. Gifts from persons who do not have or who would not be reasonably anticipated to have any business with or before such department may be accepted by an employee of such department only when such gifts are based solely on a family relationship or personal friendship.

(e) Disclosure of interests. An official or employee who has an interest that he or she has reason to believe may be affected by his or her official acts or actions or by the official acts or actions of another official or employee of Henry County shall disclose the precise nature and value of such interest by sworn written statement to the board of ethics and ask for the board's opinion as to the propriety of such interest. Every official or employee

who knowingly has any interest, direct or indirect, in any contract to which Henry County is or is about to become a party, or in any other business with Henry County, shall make full disclosure of such interest to the board of commissioners, the ethics officer, and the board of ethics. The information disclosed by such sworn statements, except for the valuation attributed to the disclosed interest, shall be made a matter of public record by the board of ethics. In cases where a conflict of interest exists, such official or employee shall recuse himself or herself from participating or taking any official acts or actions in any matter for the county affected by such conflict of interest.

(f) Participation in contracts.

(1) An official or employee shall disqualify himself or herself from participating in any official act or action of Henry County directly affecting a business or activity in which he or she has any interest, whether or not a remote interest.

(2) Henry County shall not enter into any contract involving services or property with an official or employee of the county or with a business in which an official or employee of the county has an interest. This subsection shall not apply in the case of:

(A) The designation of a bank or trust company as a depository for county funds;

(B) The borrowing of funds from any bank or lending institution which offers the lowest available rate of interest for such loans;

(C) Contracts for services entered into with a business which is the only available source for such goods or services; or

(D) Contracts entered into under circumstances which constitute an emergency situation, provided that a record explaining the emergency is prepared by the board of commissioners and submitted to the board of ethics at its next regular meeting and thereafter kept on file.

(3) Henry County shall not enter into any contract with, or take any official act or action favorably affecting, any person, or business represented by such person, who has been within the preceding two-year period an official or employee of Henry County.

(g) Reporting violations.

(1) Any person who witnesses or becomes aware of a violation of this section may complain of the violation as follows:

(A) A complaint may be communicated anonymously to the ethics administrator. Such complaint shall be made in good faith and with veracity and sufficient specificity so as to provide the ethics officer with salient and investigable facts. The ethics administrator may require the anonymous complaint to be made in a manner and form that is intended only to obtain relevant facts related to the alleged violation of this section and that is not designed to reveal the identity of the complainant;

(A.1) Complaints regarding adverse activities, departmental issues, behaviors, or relations shall be submitted to the county's department of human resources and no further review shall be conducted pursuant to this section, including hearings by the ethics board, officer, or administrator; and

(B) A sworn written complaint may be filed with the ethics administrator as described in this subparagraph. All written complaints to be considered by the board of ethics and the ethics officer shall contain the following, if applicable:

(i) The name and address of the person or persons filing the complaint;

(ii) The sworn verification and signature of the complainant;

(iii) The name and address of the party or parties against whom the complaint is filed and, if such party is a candidate, the office being sought;

(iv) A clear and concise statement of facts upon which the complaint is based along with an allegation that such facts constitute one or more violations of law under the jurisdiction of the board of ethics;

(v) A general reference to the allegedly violated statutory provisions of the code of ethics within the jurisdiction of the board of ethics; and

(vi) Any further information which might support the allegations in the complaint, including, but not limited to, the following:

(I) The names and addresses of all other persons who have first-hand knowledge of the facts alleged in the complaint; and

(II) Any documentary evidence that supports the facts alleged in the complaint.

(2) Upon receipt of a complaint by the ethics administrator, the ethics administrator shall send a written notice to the subject of the complaint, as well as the county manager and the human resources director, by the next business day. Both this notice and any subsequent documents shall be subject to Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A.

(3) Upon receipt of a written, nonanonymous complaint which does not conform to the applicable requirements of subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of this subsection, the ethics administrator shall by letter acknowledge receipt of the complaint and advise the complainant of the defect in the complaint and that the complaint will not be considered by the board of ethics unless the defect is corrected.

(4) Any complaint received by the ethics administrator, and all evidence related to such complaint, shall be available for inspection and review by each member of the board of ethics.

(5) All complaints received by the ethics administrator, and all evidence related to such complaints, shall be treated as confidential information by the members of the board of ethics, the ethics officer, the ethics administrator, the county manager, the human resource director, the person filing such complaint, the subject of such complaint, and any other employee of Henry County until such time as the board of ethics has determined that probable cause exists so as to proceed to a formal hearing upon such complaint.

(h) Enactment.

(1) This section shall be construed liberally to effectuate its purpose and policies and to supplement such existing laws as may relate to the conduct of officials or employees.

(2) The propriety of any official act or action taken by or transaction involving any officials or employees immediately prior to the time this section shall take effect shall not be affected by the enactment of this section.

(3) The provisions of this section are severable, and if any of its provisions shall be held unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the decision of the court shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions.

(i) Board of Ethics.

(1)(A) There is created the Board of Ethics of Henry County to be composed of five citizens of Henry County to be appointed as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection.

(B) Each member of the board of ethics shall have been a resident of Henry County for at least one year immediately preceding the date of taking office and shall remain a resident of the county while serving as a member of the board of ethics.

(C) No person shall serve as a member of the board of ethics if the person has, or has had within the immediately preceding two-year period, any interest in any contract, transaction, or official act or action of Henry County, as confirmed by the Henry County government.

(D) No member of the board of ethics shall be a member of an agency or an official or employee of Henry County or shall have served in such a capacity in the two-year period immediately preceding such person's appointment to the board of ethics.

(E) No person shall serve as a member of the board of ethics if the person has been a candidate for, or was elected to, public office in the immediately preceding three-year period. Filing for an elective office shall constitute a resignation from the board of ethics on the date of filing.

(F) Appointees to the board of ethics shall have professional knowledge or expertise in matters of ethics, finance, governance, or the law.

(G) All proposed appointments to the board of ethics shall be subject to an education and employment background check as well as a criminal history check. Persons proposed to be appointed to the board of ethics shall execute all releases necessary for the appointing authority to accomplish such checks. If the nominee is determined to have been convicted of a felony, the nomination shall be withdrawn.

(2)(A) A new board of ethics shall be appointed as provided in this paragraph to take office on January 1, 2027, and to serve for the terms prescribed in this paragraph.

(B) Not later than December 1, 2026, the members of the new board of ethics shall be selected as follows, one member shall be appointed by each of the following appointing authorities:

(i) The Clerk of the Superior Court of Henry County;

(ii) The Judge of the Probate Court of Henry County;

(iii) The Sheriff of Henry County;

(iv) The Tax Commissioner of Henry County; and

(v) The Solicitor General of Henry County.

(C) In addition to the members appointed as provided in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, each appointing authority shall appoint one alternate member who shall serve to ensure a quorum when members of the board are absent, have a conflict of interest, or find it necessary to recuse themselves or while a vacancy exists on the board.

(D) The members and alternates shall each serve for terms of three years; provided, however, that the terms of the initial appointees of the Judge of the Probate Court of Henry County and the Solicitor General of Henry County shall serve until

December 31, 2027, and until the appointment and qualification of his or her successor; and the initial appointees of the Sheriff of Henry County shall serve until December 31, 2028, and until the appointment and qualification of his or her successor.

(E) Successors to all members and alternates of the board of ethics and future successors shall be appointed by the respective appointing authorities not less than 30 days prior to the expiration of each such member's term of office, and such successors shall take office on January 1 following such appointment and shall serve terms of three years and until their respective successors are appointed and qualified. No individual shall be appointed to more than two consecutive terms, provided that the initial terms under this Act shall not be counted in such determination.

(3) If a member of the board of ethics ceases to be a resident of Henry County that member's position on the board of ethics, by operation of law, shall become vacant upon the establishment of the fact of such nonresidency, if contested, by a court of competent jurisdiction. A vacancy in the board of ethics shall exist by reason of death, the disability or incapacity of a member for more than 90 days, resignation, or loss of residency as described in this paragraph. A member of the board of ethics may be removed from office during a term if the member becomes ineligible to hold civil office within the meaning of Code Section 45-2-1 of the O.C.G.A. and that ineligibility is established by decision of a court of competent jurisdiction which declares the office vacant because of such ineligibility or for good cause by a majority vote of the board of ethics. The ethics officer shall notify the clerk of the Superior Court of Henry County and the tax commissioner of Henry County of a vacancy upon its occurrence, and such vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term by the respective appointing authority.

(4) The members of the board of ethics shall serve without compensation and shall elect from their own membership a chairperson and otherwise provide for their own internal organization. The board of commissioners shall provide adequate office and meeting space and pay all administrative costs, consistent with county policies and procedures, including those specifically stipulated in this section, pertaining to the operation of the board of ethics. The board of ethics shall be authorized to employ its own staff and clerical personnel and contract for the services of a competent court reporter, an attorney, and a private investigator as it deems necessary. The members of the board of ethics shall have the authority to propose the budget of the board and shall recommend the budget to the board of commissioners, who shall fund it as a priority. In the event that the proposed budget is in excess of $200,000.00, the board of commissioners shall have the authority to authorize the additional funds requested in accordance with standard budgetary procedures and requirements. The board of ethics shall be completely independent and shall not be subject to control or supervision by the chairperson of the board of commissioners, the board of commissioners, or any other official, employee, or agency of the county government. The board of ethics shall be bound by county purchasing and procurement, travel and training, and budget policies. The board of ethics shall also abide by county personnel policies and procedures.

(5) The board of ethics shall have the following duties:

(A) To establish procedures, rules, and regulations governing its internal organization and the conduct of its affairs;

(B) To render advisory opinions with respect to the interpretation and application of this section to all officials or employees who seek advice as to whether a particular course of conduct would constitute a violation of the standards imposed in this section or other applicable ethical standards. Such opinions shall be binding on the board of ethics in any subsequent complaint concerning the official or employee who sought the opinion and acted in good faith, unless material facts were omitted or misstated in the request for the advisory opinion;

(C) To prescribe forms for the disclosures required in this section and to make available to the public the information disclosed as provided in this section;

(D) To receive and hear complaints of violations of this code of ethics by elected and appointed county officials using the standards required by this section over which it has personal and subject matter jurisdiction, excluding human resources and internal department issues or grievances; provided, however, that the board of ethics shall not accept or hear complaints of violations of this code of ethics against county employees;

(E) To make such investigations as it deems necessary to determine whether any official or employee has violated or is about to violate any provisions of this section; and

(F) To hold such hearings and make such inquiries as it deems necessary for it to carry out properly its functions and powers.

(j) Ethics officer.

(1) There is hereby created as a full-time salaried position an ethics officer for Henry County. The ethics officer must be an active member of the State Bar of Georgia in good standing with five years' experience in the practice of law. The ethics officer shall be appointed by the chief judge of the Superior Court of Henry County for a period not to exceed six years. Removal of the ethics officer before the expiration of the designated term shall be for cause by the chief judge of the Superior Court of Henry County. The ethics officer need not be a resident of the county at the time of his or her appointment, but he or she shall reside in Henry County within six months of such appointment and continue to reside therein throughout such appointment.

(2) The ethics officer shall not be involved in partisan or nonpartisan political activities or the political affairs of Henry County.

(3) The duties of the ethics officer shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(A) Educating and training all county officials and employees to have an awareness and understanding of the mandate for and enforcement of ethical conduct and advising them of the provisions of the code of ethics of Henry County;

(B) Meeting with the board of ethics;

(C) Advising officials and employees regarding disclosure statements and reviewing the same to ensure full and complete financial reporting;

(D) Urging compliance with the code of ethics by calling to the attention of the board of ethics any failure to comply or any issues, including the furnishing of false or misleading information, that the ethics officer believes should be investigated by the board of ethics so that the board of ethics may take such action as it deems appropriate;

(E) Monitoring, evaluating, and acting upon information obtained from an ethics hotline, which shall be a county telephone number for the receipt of information about ethical violations. Each complaint, as of the time it is reported, whether by telephone or otherwise, shall be deemed to be a separate pending investigation of a complaint against a public officer or employee as provided by Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A.;

(F) Reporting, as appropriate, suspected ethical violations to the board of ethics;

(G) Reporting, as appropriate, suspected criminal violations to state or federal law enforcement agencies; and

(H) Filing with the board of ethics and the board of commissioners on the first Tuesday of each calendar quarter a written report describing the activities of the ethics officer in carrying out the goals of his or her office and the code of ethics and reporting on the ethical health of Henry County. The report provided for in this subparagraph shall, within three business days of the date provided for in this subparagraph, be made available, via email, to any member of the General Assembly that represents all or any portion of Henry County.

(k) Ethics administrator.

(1) There is hereby created as a full-time salaried position an ethics administrator for Henry County. The ethics administrator shall be selected by the board of ethics and shall serve at the pleasure of the board.

(2) The ethics administrator shall not be involved in partisan or nonpartisan political activities or the political affairs of Henry County.

(3) The duties of the ethics administrator shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(A) Maintaining the records of the board of ethics as required by Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A.;

(B) Notifying the subject of a report and the county manager of any alleged violation of the ethics code, whether the report is anonymous, made by an identified individual, or written. Such notice shall be given in writing to the subject of the complaint and the county manager at the same time and in the same form that any disclosure of information is required by Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A.;

(C) Notifying the board of ethics of any report of an alleged violation of the ethics code received by the ethics administrator; and

(D) Such other duties as may be assigned by the board of ethics.

(l) Investigations and hearings.

(1) The board of ethics shall conduct investigations into alleged violations of the code of ethics, hold hearings, and issue decisions as prescribed in this subsection.

(2) The proceedings and records of the board of ethics shall be open unless otherwise permitted by state law.
(3) Upon request of the board of ethics, the Solicitor General of Henry County or any attorney representing the office of the Solicitor General of Henry County, or in the event of a conflict any attorney who shall be selected by a majority vote of the board of ethics, shall advise the board of ethics.
(4) A complaint may be filed by the ethics officer, any resident, or a group of residents of Henry County by submitting to the ethics administrator a written and sworn complaint under the penalty of perjury or false swearing. The complaint shall specifically identify all provisions of the Henry County code of ethics which the subject of the complaint is alleged to have violated, set forth facts as would be admissible in evidence in a court proceeding, and show affirmatively that the complainant or affiant, if in addition to or different from the complainant, is competent to testify to the matter set forth therein. All documents referenced in the complaint as well as supporting affidavits shall be attached to the complaint.
(5) Upon receipt of the complaint, the ethics administrator shall bring the complaint to the board of ethics which shall cause the ethics officer to conduct a preliminary investigation to determine whether it meets the jurisdictional requirements as set forth in this section. Upon the conclusion of the preliminary investigation, the ethics officer shall report his or her findings to the board. If, in the opinion of the board, the complaint fails to meet the jurisdictional requirements as set forth in this section, the board shall direct the ethics administrator to notify the person who filed the complaint, and such person shall have ten days from the date of notice to correct and refile the complaint with the ethics administrator. A complaint which fails to satisfy the jurisdictional requirements as established by this section and by the rules and procedures established by the board of ethics shall be dismissed by the board of ethics no later than 30 days after the complaint is filed with the ethics administrator, unless extended by a majority vote of the board of ethics.
(6) The ethics officer will report his or her findings and recommendation to the board of ethics and advise whether there is probable cause for belief that the code of ethics has been violated, warranting a formal hearing. If the board of ethics determines, after the preliminary investigation of a complaint by the ethics officer, that there does not exist probable cause for belief that this section has been violated, the board of ethics shall so notify the complainant and the subject of the investigation, and the complaint will be dismissed. If the board of ethics determines, after a preliminary investigation of the complaint by the ethics officer, that there does exist probable cause for belief that this section has been violated, the board of ethics shall give notice to the person involved to attend a hearing to determine whether there has been a violation of this section.
(7) For use in proceedings under this section, the board of ethics shall have the power to issue subpoenas to compel any person to appear, give sworn testimony, or produce documentary or other evidence. Any person who fails to respond to such subpoenas may be subjected to the penalties set forth in subsection (m) of this section; provided,

however, any person who is compelled by subpoena to appear shall have the right to seek to quash such subpoena in the same manner as provided by general law for the quashing of subpoenas issued by quasi-judicial bodies.

(8) All hearings of the board of ethics pursuant to this section shall be as follows:

(A) All testimony shall be under oath, which shall be administered by a member of the board of ethics. Any person who appears before the board of ethics shall have all of the due process rights, privileges, and responsibilities of a witness appearing before the courts of this state. Any person whose name is mentioned during a proceeding of the board of ethics and who may be adversely affected thereby may appear personally before the board of ethics on such person's own behalf or may file a written sworn statement for incorporation into the record to be made part of all proceedings pursuant to this subsection;

(B) The decision of the board of ethics shall be governed by a preponderance of the evidence standard; and

(C) At the conclusion of proceedings concerning an alleged violation, the board of ethics shall immediately begin deliberations on the evidence and proceed to determine by a majority vote of members present whether there has been a violation of this section. The findings of the board of ethics concerning a violation and the record of the proceedings shall be made public by the ethics officer as soon as practicable after the determination has been made.

(9) Any investigation or hearing pursuant to this subsection shall be commenced within two years of the date of the alleged violation; provided, however, that any complaint filed against an elected official within 60 days of an election in which such official is a candidate for public office shall not be acted upon until such election is concluded and certified.

(10) The county attorney shall be prohibited from appearing before the board of ethics on behalf of any person.

(m) Violations; appeals.

(1) Any intentional violation of this section, furnishing of false or misleading information to the board of ethics or the ethics officer, failure to follow an opinion rendered by the board of ethics, or failure to comply with a subpoena issued by the board of ethics pursuant to this section shall subject the violator to any one or more of the following:

(A) Administrative sanction of not more than $1,000.00 assessed by the board of ethics;

(B) Public reprimand by the board of ethics; and

(C) Prosecution by the Solicitor General of Henry County in the magistrate court of Henry County and, upon conviction, a fine of up to $1,000.00 per violation and up to six months' imprisonment whether the official or employee is elected or appointed, paid or unpaid. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to conflict with state law. An action for violation of this section or the furnishing of false or misleading information or the failure to comply with a subpoena issued by the board of ethics must be brought within two years after the violation is discovered.

(2) With regard to violations by persons other than officials, including, but not limited to contractors, authorities, or agents, in addition to the remedies in paragraph (1) of this subsection, the board of ethics may recommend to the board of commissioners any one or more of the following:

(A) Suspension of a contractor; and

(B) Disqualification or debarment from contracting or subcontracting with Henry County.

(3) The decision of the board of ethics after a hearing shall be final; provided, however, that such proceeding shall be subject to review by writ of certiorari to the Superior Court of Henry County. The ethics administrator shall be authorized to acknowledge service of any such writ and shall, within the time provided by law, certify and cause to be filed with the clerk of the superior court a record of the proceedings before the board of ethics, the decision of the board of ethics, and the notice of the final actions of the board of ethics."

SECTION 2.

Said Act is further amended by revising subsections (b) and (c) of Section 8.2 as follows:

"(b) The chairperson shall:

(1) Serve as the chief elected officer of the county;

(2) Serve as a full voting member of the board of commissioners;

(3) Serve as presiding officer over meetings of the board of commissioners and shall set the agenda for all meetings of the board of commissioners;

(4)(A) Appoint and have the authority to fire, discipline, or suspend the county manager and county clerk, subject to a majority vote of the board of commissioners.

(B) In the event that the board of commissioners rejects an appointment made pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the chairperson shall appoint a new officer to serve subject to rejection by the board of commissioners as provided for in paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this section;

(5) Execute documents and instruments on behalf of the county;

(6) After consultation with the county manager, submit to the board of commissioners an annual budget for consideration and adoption by the board of commissioners;

(7) See that the ordinances, resolutions, and regulations of the board of commissioners and the laws of the state are faithfully executed and enforced;

(8) Coordinate intergovernmental activity between the county and municipalities, other counties, other political subdivisions, and state and federal agencies;

(9) Either individually or with the other members of the board of commissioners, initiate the assessment of the needs of the county, evaluate county services, and develop the policies of the county;

(10) Represent or designate an individual to represent Henry County at ceremonial functions;

(11) Have the power to delegate, in writing, administrative duties of the county to the county manager;

(12) Approve all expense, reimbursement, or other nonsalary payments to commissioners, provided that if such payment is denied by the chairperson, a majority of the board of commissioners may vote to approve such payment at a regular meeting of the board of commissioners;
(13) Unless a specific appointment authority is otherwise provided by state law, appoint a member to any authority, board, or commission established by the board of commissioners; and
(14) After consultation with the board of commissioners, approve an annual work plan for the county manager.
(c)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the county manager shall have the power to hire, fire, discipline, suspend, or demote any employee of Henry County or delegate such power to one or more nonelected employees. Deputy county managers and department heads may be hired, fired, disciplined, suspended, or demoted by the county manager with the approval of the chairperson. Subject to the approval of the chairperson, the county manager shall have the power to establish and change organizational charts for all county departments.
(2) Assistant county clerks may be hired, fired, disciplined, suspended, or demoted by the county clerk."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

SB 613. By Senators Davenport of the 17th, Wicks of the 34th and Parent of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act placing the sheriff and clerk of the Superior Court of Clayton County on an annual salary, approved February 25, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, p. 1910), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 3, 2018 (Ga. L. 2018, p. 3573), so as to change the compensation of the sheriff; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend an Act placing the sheriff and clerk of the Superior Court of Clayton County on an annual salary, approved February 25, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, p. 1910), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 3, 2018 (Ga. L. 2018, p. 3573), so as to change the

compensation of the sheriff; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act placing the sheriff and clerk of the Superior Court of Clayton County on an annual salary, approved February 25, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, p. 1910), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 3, 2018 (Ga. L. 2018, p. 3573), is amended by revising subsection (b) of Section 1 as follows:

"(b) The sheriff of Clayton County shall be paid $185,000.00 per year in equal monthly installments from the funds of Clayton County."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on the first day of the month following the month in which the Sheriff of Clayton County fully complies with the county-wide audits of Clayton County for years 2024, 2025, and 2026 required pursuant to subsection (c.1) of Code Section 36-81-7.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

SB 623. By Senators Wicks of the 34th, Parent of the 44th and Davenport of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Clayton County, approved January 28, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 2032), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 18, 2022 (Ga. L. 2022, p. 5510), so as to revise provisions related to the compensation of the solicitor-general of the state court; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend an Act creating the State Court of Clayton County, approved January 28, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 2032), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 18, 2022 (Ga. L. 2022, p. 5510), so as to revise provisions related to the compensation of the solicitor-

general of the state court; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act creating the State Court of Clayton County, approved January 28, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 2032), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 18, 2022 (Ga. L. 2022, p. 5510), is amended by revising Section 6 as follows:

"SECTION 6.
Salary of the solicitor-general.

(a) The solicitor-general of the State Court of Clayton County shall receive a salary equal to 95 percent of the total compensation of the Chief Judge of the State Court of Clayton County, to include any supplement received pursuant to state law or county ordinance to be paid in biweekly installments from the funds of Clayton County.
(b) In no event shall the solicitor-general's total salary as provided for in subsection (a) of this section exceed the greater of $191,007.00 or 95 percent of the total compensation of the Chief Judge of the State Court of Clayton County."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on the first day of the month following the month in which the solicitor-general of the State Court of Clayton County fully complies with the county-wide audits of Clayton County for years 2024, 2025, and 2026 required pursuant to subsection (c.1) of Code Section 36-81-7.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the House were taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 858. By Representatives Cummings of the 39th, Campbell of the 35th, Seabaugh of the 34th, McQueen of the 61st, Ridley of the 22nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Cobb County, approved March 26, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 3211), as amended, so as to change the compensation and number of certain staff of the solicitor-

general; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend an Act creating the State Court of Cobb County, approved March 26, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 3211), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 3, 2017 (Ga. L. 2017, p. 3750), so as to provide for additional assistant solicitor positions; to change the salaries of certain staff of the solicitor-general; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act creating the State Court of Cobb County, approved March 26, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 3211), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 3, 2017 (Ga. L. 2017, p. 3750), is amended by revising subsection (d) of Section 27 as follows:

"(d)(1) The solicitor-general shall have the authority to appoint two assistant solicitors for each judge of Division I and Division II of the State Court of Cobb County and the same number of additional assistant solicitors as the number of full-time magistrates of the Magistrate Court of Cobb County, plus four additional assistant solicitors, who shall serve at the pleasure of the solicitor-general and who shall assist the solicitor-general in the performance of his or her duties. All assistant solicitors shall have been admitted to the practice of law in all of the courts of this state and be members in good standing of the State Bar of Georgia. Except as otherwise provided by law, all assistant solicitors shall be compensated a sum of at least $83,400.00 annually beginning on January 1, 2027. The exact amount of said compensation shall be determined by the solicitor-general of the State Court of Cobb County. The sum shall be payable in equal monthly installments from the general funds of the county.

(2) The solicitor-general is authorized to designate a specific number of assistant solicitors to serve as supervisors."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following amendment was read and adopted:

Representative Cummings of the 39th et al. offer the following amendment:

Amend the Senate substitute to HB 858 (LC 62 0470S) by inserting after "County" *on line 21 the following:*
and approved by the governing authority of Cobb County

By inserting after "supervisors." *on line 24 the following:*
The solicitor-general shall prescribe the duties and assignments of such assistant solicitors and, while so employed, such assistant solicitors shall not engage in the private practice of law.

HB 1504. By Representatives Crawford of the 89th, Tran of the 80th, Drenner of the 85th, Lupton of the 83rd, Mitchell of the 88th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of DeKalb County, formerly known as the Civil and Criminal Court of DeKalb County, approved February 14, 1951 (Ga. L. 1951, p. 2401), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 3, 2021 (Ga. L. 2021, p. 3624), so as to authorize the charge and collection of technology fees; to provide for a court administrator; to revise provisions related to compensation; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend an Act creating the State Court of DeKalb County, formerly known as the Civil and Criminal Court of DeKalb County, approved February 14, 1951 (Ga. L. 1951, p. 2401), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 3, 2021 (Ga. L. 2021, p. 3624), so as to authorize the charge and collection of technology fees; to provide for a court administrator; to revise provisions related to compensation; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.
An Act creating the State Court of DeKalb County, formerly known as the Civil and Criminal Court of DeKalb County, approved February 14, 1951 (Ga. L. 1951, p. 2401), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 3, 2021 (Ga. L. 2021, p. 3624), is amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

"SECTION 11B.3.

(a) The clerk of the State Court of DeKalb County is authorized to charge and collect a technology fee to be set by majority vote of the judges of the state court in an amount not to exceed $50.00 for the filing of each civil action with the court. Funds collected pursuant to this authorization shall be maintained in a segregated account by the clerk of the state court and shall be used only for the benefit of the state court for purposes authorized in this section.

(b) The clerk of the Magistrate Court of DeKalb County is authorized to charge and collect a technology fee to be set by the chief magistrate in an amount not to exceed $50.00 for the filing of each civil action with the court. Funds collected pursuant to this authorization shall be maintained in a segregated account by the clerk of the magistrate court and shall be used only for the benefit of the magistrate court for purposes authorized in this section.

(c) The technology fees authorized by this section shall be used exclusively for the technological needs of the court collecting the fee and shall be used only for the following purposes:

(1) Computer hardware and software purchases;

(2) Lease, maintenance, and installation of computer hardware and software;

(3) Purchase, lease, maintenance, and installation of imaging, scanning, facsimile, communications, projection, and printing equipment and software; and

(4) Procurement of services and equipment for the conservation of court records and archiving the same to digital contents for public access."

SECTION 2.

Said Act is further amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

"SECTION 20.1.

(a) The court administrator of the State Court and Magistrate Court of DeKalb County shall be appointed by and may only be removed by a vote of at least eight judges of the state court, and the chief magistrate.

(b) Upon the position of court administrator becoming vacant, the chief judge, the presiding judge of Division B, and the chief magistrate of DeKalb County shall meet and nominate a person to serve as court administrator. Such nomination must be unanimous and shall be subject to approval as provided for in subsection (a) of this section.

(c) The court administrator on the effective date of this section shall remain in that position unless he or she resigns or is removed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

(d) The court administrator shall have the authority to appoint and remove such court administration personnel as he or she deems necessary.

(e) The court administrator shall have primary administrative responsibility for the budget, fiscal affairs, purchasing, human resources, payroll, facilities management and projects, information technology, court interpreters, accountability court programs, and government relations of the State Court and Magistrate Court of DeKalb County, subject to direction by the judges in a manner consistent with this Act.

(f) If the chief magistrate elects to appoint a separate court administrator to serve the Magistrate Court of DeKalb County, or if at least eight judges of the state court elect to appoint a separate court administrator to serve the State Court of DeKalb County, the chief magistrate shall cease to participate in and shall not be counted regarding the appointment, removal, and nomination processes established in subsections (a) and (b) of this section."

SECTION 3.

Said Act is further amended by revising Section 21.2 as follows:

"SECTION 21.2.

(a) As used in this section, the term 'State Court of DeKalb County' shall also mean 'State Court and Magistrate Court of DeKalb County' if applicable to a specific position. (b) Each judge of the State Court of DeKalb County, the chief magistrate and each associate magistrate of DeKalb County, the judge of the Probate Court of DeKalb County, and each judge of the Juvenile Court of DeKalb County shall receive the compensation provided in the Act providing for the compensation of certain county officers and officials of DeKalb County, approved March 31, 1976 (Ga. L. 1976, p. 3986), as amended, and shall also receive the following benefits and supplemental compensation provided to employees of DeKalb County: health insurance, dental insurance, life insurance, vision insurance, flexible benefits, retirement benefits, and longevity pay. Each elected judge or elected judicial officer identified in this subsection shall also receive from DeKalb County a monthly supplement in a gross amount equal to his or her monthly employee contributions to any state or county pension plan, less applicable taxes and withholdings.

(c) The court administrator of the State Court of DeKalb County shall be paid an annual salary equal to 90 percent of the annual salary paid to the court administrator of the Superior Court of DeKalb County, not including any longevity pay furnished to the court administrator of the Superior Court of DeKalb County; provided, however, that the annual salary of an individual serving as court administrator of the State Court of DeKalb County shall not be reduced while he or she continues to serve in that position.

(d) The clerk of the State Court of DeKalb County shall be paid an annual salary equal to 90 percent of the annual salary paid to the court administrator of the State Court of DeKalb County, not including any longevity pay furnished to the court administrator of the State Court of DeKalb County; provided, however, that the annual salary of an individual serving as clerk of the State Court of DeKalb County shall not be reduced while he or she continues to serve in that position.

(e) The marshal and the chief probation officer of the State Court of DeKalb County shall each be paid an annual salary established by the judges of the State Court of DeKalb County, subject to funding and administrative approval by the governing authority of DeKalb County.

(f) Unless provided otherwise in the Act providing for the compensation of certain county officers and officials of DeKalb County, approved March 31, 1976 (Ga. L. 1976,

p. 3986), as amended, the annual salaries provided in this section shall be paid in equal biweekly installments from funds of DeKalb County.

(g) The court administrator, the clerk, the marshal, and the chief probation officer of the State Court of DeKalb County shall be provided all benefits and supplemental compensation generally available to employees of DeKalb County, including, but not limited to, health insurance, dental insurance, life insurance, vision insurance, flexible benefits, retirement benefits, longevity pay, cost of living adjustments, incentives, annual leave, and sick leave."

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

By unanimous consent, the following roll call vote was made applicable to the previously read Bills.

On the passage of the Bills; on the agreement to the Senate substitute, as amended by the House; and on the agreement to the Senate substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	E Sampson
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Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	N Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	E Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	E Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
E Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF

Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	N Ridley, Jas	Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bills; on the agreement to the Senate substitute, as amended by the House; and on the agreement to the Senate substitute, the ayes were 161, nays 3.

The Bills, having received the requisite constitutional majority, were passed; the House has agreed to the Senate substitute, as amended by the House; and the House has agreed to the Senate substitute.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bill of the Senate:

SB 629. By Senator Anavitarte of the 31st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act incorporating the town of Braswell, approved December 13, 1895, (Ga. L. 1895, p. 142), as amended; to provide for transfer of duties and obligations to Paulding and Polk counties; to provide for transfer of all legal rights, privileges, and assets to Paulding and Polk counties; to establish special tax and service districts for outstanding bonded indebtedness and other obligations; to provide for future proceeds of special and regular local option sales taxes; to provide for the designation of the Community of Braswell; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has adopted by the requisite constitutional majority the following resolutions of the House:

HR 251. By Representatives New of the 40th, Efstration of the 104th, Burchett of the 176th, Smith of the 18th, Scoggins of the 14th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that all probate judges shall be elected in nonpartisan elections; to provide for related matters; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

HR 1243. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Burns of the 159th, Hugley of the 141st, Crowe of the 118th, Camp of the 135th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize creation of the Georgia Next Generation 9-1-1 Fund; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Representative Blackmon of the 146th District, Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 52 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Blackmon of the 146th
Chairman

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE SUPPLEMENTAL RULES CALENDAR
TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2026

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 39th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

SB 33 "Georgia Hemp Farming Act"; total THC concentration of consumable hemp products; provide limits (Substitute)(A&CA-Dickey-134th) Kirkpatrick-32nd

SB 143 Georgia Firefighter's Pension Fund; certain members to retire at age 50; provide (Substitute)(Ret-McDonald III-26th) Albers-56th

SB 175 Elections and Primaries; use of ranked-choice voting; prohibit (Substitute)(GAff-Powell-33rd) Robertson-29th

SB 398 Wiretapping, Eavesdropping, Surveillance, and Related Offenses; criminal offenses of virtual peeping; establish (Substitute)(JudyNC-Wade-9th) Hatchett-50th

SB 400 Education; unaccredited institutions from offering degrees; prohibit (Substitute)(HEd-Martin-49th) Burns-23rd

SB 423 Government Transparency; campaign committees, independent committees, political action committees, and leadership committees from accepting contributions or donations from non-Georgia persons that exceed 50 percent of all contributions received; prohibit (Substitute) (GAff-Ridley-6th) Bearden-30th

SB 437 State Building, Plumbing, and Electrical Codes; acknowledgement of an applicant's use of a private professional provider to conduct a plan review or inspection; provide (Substitute)(GAff-Anderson-10th) Dixon-45th

SB 462 "Surprise Billing Consumer Protection Act"; insurance coverage for certain out-of-network ambulance transportation service; provide (Substitute) (Ins-Reeves-99th) Still-48th (Rules Committee Substitute LC 52 1122S)

SB 552 "True Patriotism and Universal Student Access (TPUSA) Act"; enact (Substitute)(Judy-Petrea-166th) Watson-1st (Rules Committee Substitute LC 49 2882S)

SB 586 "K-9 Law Enforcement Heroes Act of 2026"; enact (Substitute) (PS&HS-Momtahan-17th) Williams-25th

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 552. By Senators Watson of the 1st, Strickland of the 42nd, Cowsert of the 46th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Walker III of the 20th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 2A of Part 1 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to clubs and organizations, so as to provide for equal access to public schools for students engaging in political or philosophical expression; to authorize the organization of partisan and nonpartisan student groups and gatherings; to provide for school disclaimers of sponsorship; to prohibit discrimination based

on the content of student speech within a limited open forum; to provide for the maintenance of order and discipline; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and withdrawn:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Subpart 2A of Part 1 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to clubs and organizations, so as to provide for equal access to public schools for students engaging in political or philosophical expression; to authorize the organization of partisan and nonpartisan student groups and gatherings; to provide for school disclaimers of sponsorship; to prohibit discrimination based on the content of student speech within a limited open forum; to provide for the maintenance of order and discipline; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "True Patriotism and Universal Student Access (TPUSA) Act."

SECTION 2.

Subpart 2A of Part 1 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to clubs and organizations, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-706.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Meeting' means and includes those activities of student groups which are permitted under a public school's limited open forum and are not directly related to the school curriculum.

(2) 'Noninstructional time' means time set aside by a public school before actual classroom instruction begins or after actual classroom instruction ends.

(3) 'Sponsor' means an individual who is in whole or in part responsible for the sponsorship of a meeting. Such term shall not include a school administrator, teacher, or other school personnel who has been assigned to attend a meeting for custodial purposes.

(4) 'Sponsorship' means the act of promoting, leading, or participating in a meeting.

(b)(1) Students enrolled in public schools in this state shall be permitted to engage in political activities and expression before, during, and after the school day in the same

manner and to the same extent that students may engage in nonpolitical activities and expression.

(2) Students enrolled in public schools in this state may organize partisan or nonpartisan political activities and groups before, during, and after school to the same extent that students are permitted to organize other noncurricular student activities and groups during noninstructional time.

(c)(1) It shall be unlawful for any public school which has a limited open forum to deny equal access or a fair opportunity to, or discriminate against, any students enrolled in such public school who wish to conduct a meeting within such limited open forum on the basis of the political, philosophical, ideological, or other content of the speech at such meetings.

(2) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed or applied to require a public school to establish a limited open forum; provided, however, that a public school shall be deemed to have established a limited open forum whenever such school grants an offering to or opportunity for one or more noncurricular related student groups to meet on school premises during noninstructional time.

(3) Public schools shall be deemed to offer a fair opportunity to students enrolled in such school who wish to conduct a meeting within its limited open forum if such school uniformly provides that:

(A) The meeting is voluntary and student initiated;

(B) There is no sponsorship of the meeting by the school or any governmental entity or its employees or agents acting in an official capacity;

(C) The meeting does not materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of educational activities and discipline within the school;

(D) The meeting does not infringe on the rights of other students; and

(E) Individuals not affiliated with the school may not direct, conduct, control, or regularly attend activities of student groups.

(d)(1) Partisan and nonpartisan political groups shall be given the same access to public school facilities for assembling as is given to other noncurricular groups without discrimination based on the political content of the expression of such groups.

(2) Partisan and nonpartisan political groups shall be given the same opportunity to advertise or announce meetings and activities as is given to other noncurricular groups without discrimination based on the political content of the students' expression.

(e) A public school shall only disclaim school sponsorship of noncurricular student groups and related events in a manner that neither favors nor disfavors student groups that meet to engage in political activity or political speech.

(f) Students enrolled in public schools shall be permitted to wear clothing, accessories, and jewelry that display political messages or political symbols in the same manner and to the same extent that other types of clothing, accessories, and jewelry that display messages or symbols are permitted under the school dress code.

(g) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to authorize the state or any political subdivision thereof to:

(1) Influence the form or content of any political, philosophical, or ideological activity;

(2) Require any person to participate in politics or political activity;
(3) Expend public funds beyond the incidental cost of providing the space for student initiated meetings;
(4) Compel any public school employee or agent to attend a meeting if the content of the speech at the meeting is contrary to the beliefs of the employee or agent;
(5) Sanction meetings that are otherwise unlawful; or
(6) Abridge the constitutional rights of any individual.

(h) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to limit the authority of a public school or its employees or agents to:
(1) Maintain order and discipline on school premises;
(2) Protect the well-being of students and staff;
(3) Assure that attendance of students at meetings is voluntary;
(4) Prohibit or restrict conduct that either causes or could reasonably be forecast to cause a material and substantial disruption of the work and discipline of the school;
(5) Prohibit or restrict conduct that either causes or could reasonably be forecast to cause an infringement on the rights of other students;
(6) Prohibit or restrict conduct involving violence, threats, or harassment; and
(7) Enforce student attendance policies, rules, and requirements."

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

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(6) Prohibit or restrict conduct involving violence, threats, or harassment; and

(7) Enforce student attendance policies, rules, and requirements."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to, by substitute.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	E Sampson
N Adeyina	N Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
N Alexander	N Crawford	N Herring	Y McDonald	N Santos
E Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	E McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
N Au	N Davis	N Holcomb	N Miller	N Scott
N Baker	N Dawson	N Holland	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
N Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	N Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	N Horner	N Myles	N Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Neal	Y Smith, TP
N Bazemore	N Douglas	N Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
N Beckles	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
N Bell	N Drenner	N Hugley	N Okoye	E Stinson
N Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	N Taylor, R
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Townsend
N Burnough	E Evans	N Jones, A	N Park	N Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	N Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
N Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	N Frye	N Kendrick	N Prince	Y Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	N Reese	N Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, A
N Carter	Y Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	E Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	N Griffin	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	N Martinez	E Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 95, nays 68.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SB 447. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Still of the 48th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Goodman of the 8th, Echols of the 49th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to control of soil erosion and sedimentation, so as to revise provisions regarding denial or nonacceptance of permits; to amend Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, so as to provide general provisions for counties and municipalities regarding the acceptance, denial, or nonacceptance of certain permits; to require local issuing authorities to provide rejected permit applicants with a written list of reasons for denial within specified time frames; to provide definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and withdrawn:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2 of Title 8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state building, plumbing, and electrical codes, so as to revise provisions related to inspections submitted by private professional providers; to amend Chapter 7 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to control of soil erosion and sedimentation, so as to revise provisions regarding denial or nonacceptance of permits; to require local issuing authorities to provide rejected permit applicants with a written list of reasons for denial within specified time frames; to provide for refunding of fees; to provide for mandamus; to toll such timing requirements in certain circumstances; to provide exceptions; to provide for definitions; to amend Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, so as to provide general provisions for counties and municipalities regarding the acceptance, denial, or nonacceptance of certain permits; to require unambiguous criteria for approval of permits; to require completed applications; to require local issuing authorities to provide rejected permit applicants with a written list of reasons for denial within specified time frames; to provide for refunding of fees; to provide for exceptions; to provide for access to real-time status information relative to building permit application status; to provide definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 2 of Title 8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state building, plumbing, and electrical codes, is amended by revising paragraph (14) of subsection (g) of

Code Section 8-2-26, relating to local enforcement, inspectors, and building permits, as follows:

"(14) Upon submission by the private professional provider of a copy of ~~his or her~~ an approved inspection report to the local governing authority, ~~said local governing authority shall be required to accept the inspection of the private professional provider without the necessity of further inspection or approval by the inspectors or other personnel employed by the local governing authority unless said governing authority has notified the private professional provider, within two~~ such inspection shall be deemed approved as a matter of law. The local governing authority shall have two business days after the submission of the inspection report~~, that it finds the report incomplete or the inspection inadequate and has provided the private professional provider~~ to notify the private professional provider of any deficiencies in such inspection report with a written description of ~~the~~ such deficiencies and specific regulatory requirements that have not been adequately addressed. The private professional provider shall submit a corrected inspection report after receiving notice from the local governing authority of deficiencies in such inspection report, but in no event shall any deficiency in an inspection report or a correction to such report prevent the completion of work that has been approved by the private professional provider or otherwise delay the progress of the project related to the private professional provider's inspection."

SECTION 2.

Chapter 7 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to control of soil erosion and sedimentation, is amended in Code Section 12-7-3, relating to definitions, by revising paragraph (10.3) and adding new paragraphs to read as follows:

"(3.1) 'Completed application' means a submitted plan, application, or request for inspection that contains all information and supporting documentation required by the local issuing authority in making its determination as to whether the plan, application, or request is in compliance with regulatory requirements."

"(10.3) 'Material addition' means anything added to a resubmitted application that is not directly related to a comment or request of the local issuing authority.

(10.4) 'Operator' means the party or parties that have:

(A) Operational control of construction project plans and specifications, including the ability to make modifications to those plans and specifications; or

(B) Day-to-day operational control of those activities that are necessary to ensure compliance with a storm-water pollution prevention plan for the site or other permit conditions, such as a person authorized to direct workers at a site to carry out activities required by the storm-water pollution prevention plan or to comply with other permit conditions."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 12-7-9, relating to applications for permits, erosion and sediment control plans and data, and time for issuance or denial, as follows:

"12-7-9.

(a) Completed applications ~~Applications~~ for permits shall be submitted in accordance with this chapter and the rules and regulations, ordinances, and resolutions adopted pursuant to this chapter. The local issuing authority shall specify in clear and unambiguous language the criteria for approval of permits pursuant to this chapter. Such applications shall be accompanied by the applicant's erosion and sediment control plans and by such supportive data as will affirmatively demonstrate that the land-disturbing activity proposed will be carried out in such a manner that the minimum requirements set forth in Code Section 12-7-6 shall be met. All applications shall contain a certification stating that the plan preparer or ~~the designee thereof~~ his or her designee visited the site prior to creation of the plan or that such a visit was not required in accordance with rules and regulations established by the board.

(b) No permit shall be issued to any applicant unless the local issuing authority affirmatively determines that the plan embracing such activities meets the requirements of Code Section 12-7-6. All applicable fees shall be paid prior to issuance of the land disturbance permit by the local issuing authority.

(c) Permits shall be issued or denied as soon as practicable after the application ~~therefor~~ for such permit has been filed with the local issuing authority, but in any event not later than 45 days ~~thereafter~~ after such filing. During the first five days after filing of the application, the local issuing authority shall determine whether the application is complete and whether external review will be required pursuant to subsection (e) of this Code section, in which event the local issuing authority shall notify the external reviewer of the filing of the application. If after such five-day period the local issuing authority fails to provide notice to the applicant that the application is incomplete, the application shall be deemed complete. In the event that a permit has been denied or deemed not accepted and the applicant thereafter resubmits the application in modified form to address deficiencies identified in the stated reasons for denial or nonacceptance pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 12-7-11, then the local issuing authority shall cause the permit to be issued or denied as soon as practicable after such resubmission, but in any event not later than:

(1) Twenty days after the first resubmission by the applicant; or

(2) Fourteen days after any subsequent resubmission by the applicaant;

provided, however, that, for any review by the local issuing authority following a resubmission by the applicant, the local issuing authority may not issue any comments on aspects of the application that are not related to its initial comments on such application or any changes made in a resubmission of the application. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any development of regional impact, as determined by the Department of Community Affairs pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 50.

(d) If a local issuing authority requires compliance with additional regulatory items by the applicant beyond erosion and sediment control, including, but not limited to, storm-water management or utility approvals that are subject to the approval of such local issuing authority, all such requirements shall be subject to the review time frames imposed in subsection (c) of this Code section.

(e) If a local issuing authority is required to utilize a state agency, local government other than the local issuing authority, or utility provider to conduct a portion of its plan or permit review pursuant to this chapter, the local issuing authority shall provide to the applicant a list of such items that require external review. The review time frames imposed in subsection (c) of this Code section shall be tolled while such reviews are being conducted by a state agency."

SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 12-7-11, relating to statement of reasons for denial of permit required, conditions for approval, and suspension, revocation, or modification of permit, as follows:

"12-7-11.

(a) Within the time frames specified by Code Section 12-7-9, the local issuing authority shall issue or deny the permit. In the event that such authority does not issue or deny a permit within the provided time frame, the local issuing authority shall refund all fees collected in association with the applicant's permit application. The local issuing authority, upon denial of a permit, shall state its reasons for the denial, setting forth specifically ~~wherein~~ where such application is found to be deficient. No local issuing authority shall deny or deem not accepted a permit for any reason that is not an authorized reason for denial or nonacceptance under local, state, or federal law with which the application or plans do not comply. Concurrently with denial or nonacceptance, the local issuing authority shall provide to the applicant a written list of the reasons for such denial or nonacceptance and sufficient information and documentation supporting each such reason. Should the applicant make material additions to the resubmitted application that are unrelated to the cited reasons for the denial or nonacceptance of the original application, the local issuing authority shall also address such additions in reviewing the resubmitted application. Material additions to any resubmitted application or to any application which the local issuing authority has notified the applicant is incomplete shall be deemed new applications subject to the review timeline provided for in subsection (c) of Code Section 12-7-9. Any land-disturbing activity permitted under this chapter shall be carried out in accordance with this chapter and the ordinance, resolution, or rules and regulations adopted and promulgated pursuant to this chapter. The local issuing authority shall specify on the permit the conditions under which the activity may be undertaken.

(b) The permit may be suspended, revoked, or modified by the local issuing authority, as to all or any portion of the land affected by the plan, upon a finding that the holder or his or her successor in title is not in compliance with the approved erosion and sediment control plan or that the holder or his or her successor in title is in violation of this chapter or any ordinance, resolution, rule, or regulation adopted or promulgated pursuant to this

chapter. A holder of a permit shall notify any successor in title to him or her as to all or any portion of the land affected by the approved plan of the conditions contained in the permit.

(c) An applicant aggrieved by a local issuing authority's failure to comply with any requirement of this Code section may petition the superior court for mandamus relief, and such petition shall receive priority on such court's docket."

SECTION 5.

Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"36-60-34.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Building permit' means any permit, approval, or authorization issued by a county or municipal government relating to the construction, alteration, expansion, demolition, or substantial renovation of a structure. For purposes of this section, land disturbance permits are included.

(2) 'Local government' means a county, municipality, or consolidated government that issued more than 250 building permits in the preceding calendar year.

(3) 'Real time' means updated contemporaneously with, or within one business day of any change in the status of a building permit.

(4) 'Status' means the current stage of review or action on a building permit application.

(b) Beginning January 1, 2028, each local government shall maintain a publicly accessible website or application that provides real-time status information for all building permits for which an application has been submitted.

(c) The website required by subsection (b) of this Code section shall, at a minimum, display the following information for each building permit:

(1) Permit application number;

(2) Date of application submission;

(3) Property address or parcel identification number;

(4) Type of permit applied for;

(5) Current status of the permit, including, but not limited to:

(A) 'Submitted';

(B) 'Under review';

(C) 'Incomplete' or 'additional information required';

(D) 'Approved';

(E) 'Issued';

(F) 'Suspended';

(G) 'Denied'; or

(H) 'Closed';

(6) Date of the most recent status update;

(7) Any failures to meet deadlines for approval or denial set by state or local law;

(8) The statutory basis for any denials; and

(9) Identification of the reviewing department or office.

(d) The permit status information required by subsection (c) of this Code section shall be:

(1) Searchable by permit number, property address, or parcel identification number;

(2) Available to the public without charge, registration, or login; and

(3) Presented in a format that is continuously accessible and reasonably usable by the general public.

(e) Local governments shall ensure that permit status information is accurate and updated in real time. A local government may satisfy the requirements of this Code section by providing a direct public link to a third-party permitting or records management system, provided such system displays the information required by subsection (c) of this Code section.

(f) This Code section shall not require the disclosure of:

(1) Information protected from public disclosure under state or federal law; or

(2) Personal identifying information of permit applicants beyond what is otherwise publicly available under state law.

(g) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to alter substantive permitting standards, review timelines, or appeal rights otherwise provided by law."

SECTION 6.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2 of Title 8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state building, plumbing, and electrical codes, so as to revise provisions related to inspections submitted by private professional providers; to amend Chapter 7 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to control of soil erosion and sedimentation, so as to revise provisions regarding denial or nonacceptance of permits; to require local issuing authorities to provide rejected permit applicants with a written list of reasons for denial within specified time frames; to provide for refunding of fees; to provide for mandamus; to toll such timing requirements in certain circumstances; to provide exceptions; to provide for definitions; to amend Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, so as to provide general provisions for counties and municipalities regarding the acceptance, denial, or nonacceptance of certain permits; to require unambiguous criteria for approval of permits; to require completed applications; to require local issuing authorities to provide rejected permit applicants with a written list of reasons for denial within specified time frames; to provide for refunding of fees; to provide for exceptions; to provide for access to real-time

status information relative to building permit application status; to provide definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 2 of Title 8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state building, plumbing, and electrical codes, is amended by revising paragraph (14) of subsection (g) of Code Section 8-2-26, relating to local enforcement, inspectors, and building permits, as follows:

"(14) Upon submission by the private professional provider of a copy of ~~his or her~~ an approved inspection report to the local governing authority, ~~said local governing authority shall be required to accept the inspection of the private professional provider without the necessity of further inspection or approval by the inspectors or other personnel employed by the local governing authority unless said governing authority has notified the private professional provider, within two~~ such inspection shall be deemed approved as a matter of law. The local governing authority shall have two business days after the submission of the inspection report~~, that it finds the report incomplete or the inspection inadequate and has provided the private professional provider~~ to notify the private professional provider of any deficiencies in such inspection report with a written description of ~~the~~ such deficiencies and specific regulatory requirements that have not been adequately addressed. The private professional provider shall submit a corrected inspection report after receiving notice from the local governing authority of deficiencies in such inspection report, but in no event shall any deficiency in an inspection report or a correction to such report prevent the completion of work that has been approved by the private professional provider or otherwise delay the progress of the project related to the private professional provider's inspection."

SECTION 2.

Chapter 7 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to control of soil erosion and sedimentation, is amended in Code Section 12-7-3, relating to definitions, by revising paragraph (10.3) and adding new paragraphs to read as follows:

"(3.1) 'Completed application' means a submitted plan, application, or request for inspection that contains all information and supporting documentation required by the local issuing authority in making its determination as to whether the plan, application, or request is in compliance with regulatory requirements."

"(10.3) 'Material addition' means anything added to a resubmitted application that is not directly related to a comment or request of the local issuing authority.

(10.4) 'Operator' means the party or parties that have:

(A) Operational control of construction project plans and specifications, including the ability to make modifications to those plans and specifications; or

(B) Day-to-day operational control of those activities that are necessary to ensure compliance with a storm-water pollution prevention plan for the site or other permit conditions, such as a person authorized to direct workers at a site to carry out activities required by the storm-water pollution prevention plan or to comply with other permit conditions."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 12-7-9, relating to applications for permits, erosion and sediment control plans and data, and time for issuance or denial, as follows:

"12-7-9.

(a) Completed applications ~~Applications~~ for permits shall be submitted in accordance with this chapter and the rules and regulations, ordinances, and resolutions adopted pursuant to this chapter. The local issuing authority shall specify in clear and unambiguous language the criteria for approval of permits pursuant to this chapter. Such applications shall be accompanied by the applicant's erosion and sediment control plans and by such supportive data as will affirmatively demonstrate that the land-disturbing activity proposed will be carried out in such a manner that the minimum requirements set forth in Code Section 12-7-6 shall be met. All applications shall contain a certification stating that the plan preparer or ~~the designee thereof~~ his or her designee visited the site prior to creation of the plan or that such a visit was not required in accordance with rules and regulations established by the board.

(b) No permit shall be issued to any applicant unless the local issuing authority affirmatively determines that the plan embracing such activities meets the requirements of Code Section 12-7-6. All applicable fees shall be paid prior to issuance of the land disturbance permit by the local issuing authority.

(c) Permits shall be issued or denied as soon as practicable after the application ~~therefor~~ for such permit has been filed with the local issuing authority, but in any event not later than 45 days ~~thereafter~~ after such filing. During the first five days after filing of the application, the local issuing authority shall determine whether the application is complete and whether external review will be required pursuant to subsection (e) of this Code section, in which event the local issuing authority shall notify the external reviewer of the filing of the application. If after such five-day period the local issuing authority fails to provide notice to the applicant that the application is incomplete, the application shall be deemed complete. In the event that a permit has been denied or deemed not accepted and the applicant thereafter resubmits the application in modified form to address deficiencies identified in the stated reasons for denial or nonacceptance pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 12-7-11, then the local issuing authority shall cause the permit to be issued or denied as soon as practicable after such resubmission, but in any event not later than:

(1) Twenty days after the first resubmission by the applicant; or

(2) Fourteen days after any subsequent resubmission by the applicant;

provided, however, that, for any review by the local issuing authority following a resubmission by the applicant, the local issuing authority may not issue any comments on aspects of the application that are not related to its initial comments on such application or any changes made in a resubmission of the application. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any development of regional impact, as determined by the Department of Community Affairs pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 50.

(d) If a local issuing authority requires compliance with additional regulatory items by the applicant beyond erosion and sediment control, including, but not limited to, storm-water management or utility approvals that are subject to the approval of such local issuing authority, all such requirements shall be subject to the review time frames imposed in subsection (c) of this Code section.

(e) If a local issuing authority is required to utilize a state agency, local government other than the local issuing authority, or utility provider to conduct a portion of its plan or permit review pursuant to this chapter, the local issuing authority shall provide to the applicant a list of such items that require external review. The review time frames imposed in subsection (c) of this Code section shall be tolled while such reviews are being conducted by a state agency.

(f) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter to the contrary, in any county in which an airport is owned or operated either by such county or a local authority and such airport is adjacent to 9,000 acres or more of property currently or formerly owned by a municipality that has no incorporated territory within such county and any county adjacent to such county, the review time frames imposed in subsection (c) of this Code section shall not apply unless a local Act is adopted making such time frames applicable to such county; provided, however, that the effectiveness of such local Act shall be contingent upon such Act being approved by a majority of the voters of such county voting in a referendum thereon."

SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 12-7-11, relating to statement of reasons for denial of permit required, conditions for approval, and suspension, revocation, or modification of permit, as follows:

"12-7-11.

(a) Within the time frames specified by Code Section 12-7-9, the local issuing authority shall issue or deny the permit. In the event that such authority does not issue or deny a permit within the provided time frame, the local issuing authority shall refund all fees collected in association with the applicant's permit application. The local issuing authority, upon denial of a permit, shall state its reasons for the denial, setting forth specifically ~~wherein~~ where such application is found to be deficient. No local issuing authority shall deny or deem not accepted a permit for any reason that is not an authorized reason for denial or nonacceptance under local, state, or federal law with which the application or plans do not comply. Concurrently with denial or nonacceptance, the local issuing authority shall provide to the applicant a written list of the reasons for such denial or nonacceptance and sufficient information and documentation supporting each such

reason. Should the applicant make material additions to the resubmitted application that are unrelated to the cited reasons for the denial or nonacceptance of the original application, the local issuing authority shall also address such additions in reviewing the resubmitted application. Material additions to any resubmitted application or to any application which the local issuing authority has notified the applicant is incomplete shall be deemed new applications subject to the review timeline provided for in subsection (c) of Code Section 12-7-9. Any land-disturbing activity permitted under this chapter shall be carried out in accordance with this chapter and the ordinance, resolution, or rules and regulations adopted and promulgated pursuant to this chapter. The local issuing authority shall specify on the permit the conditions under which the activity may be undertaken.

(b) The permit may be suspended, revoked, or modified by the local issuing authority, as to all or any portion of the land affected by the plan, upon a finding that the holder or his or her successor in title is not in compliance with the approved erosion and sediment control plan or that the holder or his or her successor in title is in violation of this chapter or any ordinance, resolution, rule, or regulation adopted or promulgated pursuant to this chapter. A holder of a permit shall notify any successor in title to him or her as to all or any portion of the land affected by the approved plan of the conditions contained in the permit.

(c) An applicant aggrieved by a local issuing authority's failure to comply with any requirement of this Code section may petition the superior court for mandamus relief, and such petition shall receive priority on such court's docket; provided, however, that, notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter to the contrary, in any county in which an airport is owned or operated either by such county or a local authority and such airport is adjacent to 9,000 acres or more of property currently or formerly owned by a municipality that has no incorporated territory within such county and any county adjacent to such county, the provisions of this subsection shall not apply unless a local Act is adopted making such provisions applicable to such county; provided, however, that the effectiveness of such local Act shall be contingent upon such Act being approved by a majority of the voters of such county voting in a referendum thereon."

SECTION 5.

Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"36-60-34.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Building permit' means any permit, approval, or authorization issued by a county or municipal government relating to the construction, alteration, expansion, demolition, or substantial renovation of a structure. For purposes of this section, land disturbance permits are included.

(2) 'Local government' means a county, municipality, or consolidated government that issued more than 250 building permits in the preceding calendar year.

(3) 'Real time' means updated contemporaneously with, or within one business day of any change in the status of a building permit.

(4) 'Status' means the current stage of review or action on a building permit application.

(b) Beginning January 1, 2028, each local government shall maintain a publicly accessible website or application that provides real-time status information for all building permits for which an application has been submitted.

(c) The website required by subsection (b) of this Code section shall, at a minimum, display the following information for each building permit:

(1) Permit application number;

(2) Date of application submission;

(3) Property address or parcel identification number;

(4) Type of permit applied for;

(5) Current status of the permit, including, but not limited to:

(A) 'Submitted';

(B) 'Under review';

(C) 'Incomplete' or 'additional information required';

(D) 'Approved';

(E) 'Issued';

(F) 'Suspended';

(G) 'Denied'; or

(H) 'Closed';

(6) Date of the most recent status update;

(7) Any failures to meet deadlines for approval or denial set by state or local law;

(8) The statutory basis for any denials; and

(9) Identification of the reviewing department or office.

(d) The permit status information required by subsection (c) of this Code section shall be:

(1) Searchable by permit number, property address, or parcel identification number;

(2) Available to the public without charge, registration, or login; and

(3) Presented in a format that is continuously accessible and reasonably usable by the general public.

(e) Local governments shall ensure that permit status information is accurate and updated in real time. A local government may satisfy the requirements of this Code section by providing a direct public link to a third-party permitting or records management system, provided such system displays the information required by subsection (c) of this Code section.

(f) This Code section shall not require the disclosure of:

(1) Information protected from public disclosure under state or federal law; or

(2) Personal identifying information of permit applicants beyond what is otherwise publicly available under state law.

(g) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to alter substantive permitting standards, review timelines, or appeal rights otherwise provided by law."

SECTION 6.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to, by substitute.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	N Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Adesanya	N Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	E Sampson
N Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Alexander	N Crawford	N Herring	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	E McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
N Au	N Davis	N Holcomb	N Miller	N Scott
N Baker	Dawson	N Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
N Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	N Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Myles	N Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Neal	Y Smith, TP
N Bazemore	N Douglas	N Howard, K	Y New	N Smith, V
N Beckles	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
N Bell	N Drenner	N Hugley	Y Okoye	E Stinson
N Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	N Taylor, R
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Townsend
N Burnough	N Evans	N Jones, A	N Park	N Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	N Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	N Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Wade
N Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
N Cannon, C	N Frye	Y Kendrick	N Prince	N Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	N Reese	N Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	N Gilliard	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, A
N Carter	N Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	E Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	N Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 95, nays 72.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

House of Representatives
Coverdell Legislative Office Building
Room 511C
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

March 31st, 2026

Clerk of the House

From: Representative Robert Dawson

Re: Vote Statement for SB 447

Please let the journal reflect that on this day, I was present in the House anteroom during the roll call for S**B 447**. Had I been at my desk, I would have voted in the **affirmative.** I request that this statement be printed in the House Journal to clarify my position on this legislation.

Respectfully,

/s/ Robert Dawson
Representative Robert Dawson
Georgia House of Representatives

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Dear Clerk Reilly,

I missed the vote on SB 447 due to helping my ADA guests today out to their transportation. I would like my yea vote on SB 447 to be accepted.

Thanks in advance for your consideration,

Rep. Lydia Glaize, HD 67

SB 423. By Senators Bearden of the 30th, Watson of the 11th, Williams of the 25th, Echols of the 49th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to government transparency and

campaign finance, so as to prohibit candidates, campaign committees, independent committees, political action committees, and leadership committees from accepting contributions or donations from non-Georgia persons that exceed 50 percent of all contributions received; to provide definitions; to provide for the return of such excess contributions; to provide for the escheatment of excess contributions that are not returned; to provide for exceptions; to provide for injunctive relief; to prohibit and provide penalties for strawman transactions seeking to avoid the contribution cap provided herein; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to government transparency and campaign finance, so as to revise registration and reporting requirements for certain political action committees; to revise certain disclosure requirements for independent committees; to provide for violations and penalties; to prohibit candidates or campaign committees from accepting contributions or donations from non-Georgia persons that exceed 50 percent of all contributions received; to provide definitions; to provide for the return of such excess contributions; to provide for the escheatment of excess contributions that are not returned; to provide for exceptions; to provide for injunctive relief; to prohibit and provide penalties for strawman transactions seeking to avoid the contribution cap provided herein; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to government transparency and campaign finance, is amended in Code Section 21-5-34, relating to campaign contribution disclosure reports and committee registration, by revising subsections (e.1) and (f) as follows:

"(e.1) Any political action committee which makes contributions to, accepts contributions for, or makes expenditures on behalf of candidates shall file a registration in the same manner as is required of campaign committees prior to accepting or making contributions or expenditures. Prior to such registration, such political action committee shall open a bank account in the name of such political action committee and shall maintain such bank account until the political action committee is terminated. Such political action committee shall also file campaign contribution disclosure reports on January 31, April 30, July 31, and October 20 of each year until the bank account required

by this subsection has been zeroed out and the political action committee has been terminated. Political action committees making aggregate expenditures on behalf of candidates of $25,000.00 or less in one calendar year shall be exempt from the foregoing registration and reporting requirements.

(f)(1) Any independent committee which accepts contributions or makes expenditures for the purpose of affecting the outcome of an election or advocates the election or defeat of any candidate shall register with the commission prior to accepting contributions or making expenditures and shall file disclosure reports as follows:

(A) On the first day of each of the two calendar months preceding any such election;

(B) Two weeks prior to the date of such election; and

(C) Within the two-week period prior to the date of such election the independent committee shall report within two business days any contributions or expenditure of more than $1,000.00.

The independent committee shall file a final report prior to December 31 of the election year and shall file supplemental reports on June 30 and December 31 of each year that such independent committee continues to accept contributions or make expenditures.

(2) Reports filed by independent committees shall list the following:

(A) The amount and date of receipt, along with the name, mailing address, occupation, and employer of any person making a contribution of more than $100.00;

(B) The name, mailing address, occupation, and employer of any person to whom an expenditure or provision of goods or services of the value of more than $100.00 is made and the amount, date, and general purpose thereof, including the name of the candidate or candidates, if any, on behalf of whom, or in support of or in opposition to whom, the expenditure or provision was made;

(C) Total expenditures made as follows:

(i) Expenditures shall be reported for the applicable reporting year;

(ii) The first report of a reporting year shall list the total expenditures made during the period covered by the report; and

(iii) Subsequent reports shall list the total expenditures made during the period covered by the report, the cumulative total of expenditures made during the reporting year, and net balance on hand; and

(D) The corporate, labor union, or other affiliation of any political action committee, candidate, campaign committee, or independent committee making a contribution of the value of more than $100.00.

(3) Whenever any independent committee makes an expenditure for the purpose of financing any communication intended to affect the outcome of an election, such communication shall clearly state that it has been financed by such independent committee.

(4) Any independent committee which makes expenditures or expends funds for the purpose of affecting the outcome of an election for any elective office, or to advocate the election or defeat of a particular candidate, through broadcast media, cable, radio, electronic communications, or the internet shall disclose all information required by all applicable federal statutes or regulations to the respective federal authority. It shall be

a violation of this chapter and unlawful to fail to comply with the provisions of this subsection. Each expenditure made in violation of this subsection shall be considered a separate and distinct violation and subject to civil penalties as provided for in Code Section 21-5-6."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 21-5-41, relating to maximum allowable contributions, by revising subsection (h), which is reserved, as follows:

"(h)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'Non-Georgia person' means:

(A) As to an individual, any individual except an individual who:

(i) On the date such contribution or donation was made, was a registered Georgia voter; or

(ii) Paid individual income taxes to the State of Georgia in the calendar year preceding the date of such contribution or donation;

(B) As to a business entity, any entity except an entity that:

(i) On the date such contribution or donation was made, was registered with the Secretary of State to do business in this state;

(ii) Paid individual or corporate income taxes to the State of Georgia in the calendar year preceding the date of such contribution or donation; or

(iii) Filed a corporate income tax return with the Georgia Department of Revenue in the preceding calendar year or maintains sufficient economic presence, property, or payroll within this state to establish a nexus under state law; and

(C) As to a campaign committee, any such committee which cannot demonstrate that the funds from which such committee made such contribution or donation came from individuals or entities exempted pursuant to subparagraphs (A) and (B) of this subparagraph.

(2) After June 1, 2026, contributions or donations from all non-Georgia persons shall not exceed 50 percent of the total contributions and donations received by a candidate or campaign committee for a reporting period. In the event that the total amount of such contributions and donations exceeds 50 percent of the total contributions received, such candidate or campaign committee shall return such excess funds to the non-Georgia persons making such contributions or donations. In the event that such candidate or campaign committee cannot or does not return such excess funds within 45 days of the end of a reporting period, such funds shall escheat to the state.

(3) This subsection shall not apply to any:

(A) Transfer of funds made by the national committee of a political party to a state, district, or local committee of the same political party pursuant to 52 U.S.C. Section 30116(a)(4); or

(B) Contributions or donations from the members of a candidate's family.

(4) If a candidate or campaign committee is found to have accepted contributions or donations in excess of the limits prescribed in this Code section, the Attorney General, either at the request of the commission or on his or her own motion, or any resident of this state may petition the superior court of the county in which the candidate or

campaign committee is domiciled to seek an injunction preventing the expenditure of such excess funds or directing that such excess funds be returned or escheated as provided for in this Code section.

(5)(A) It shall be unlawful for a non-Georgia person to pay, transfer funds to, pledge credit to, reimburse, or otherwise compensate a person otherwise authorized to make contributions or donations pursuant to this chapter so as to avoid the prohibitions and contribution cap provided for in this subsection.

(B) It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly accept payments, funds, credit or compensation from a non-Georgia person and then contribute or donate to any candidate or campaign committee portions or all of such payments, funds, credit, or compensation so as to allow such non-Georgia person to avoid the prohibitions and contribution cap provided for in this subsection.

(C) Any person who violates this paragraph shall be guilty of a felony, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than ten years, or a fine of not more than $10,000.00, or both. ~~Reserved.~~"

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Ridley of the 6th moved that SB 423 be placed upon the table.

The motion prevailed.

SB 462. By Senators Still of the 48th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Watson of the 1st, Harrell of the 40th, Hatchett of the 50th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 20E of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Surprise Billing Consumer Protection Act," so as to provide for insurance coverage for certain out-of-network ambulance transportation service; to provide for the minimum allowable reimbursement rate for such service; to provide for maximum amounts on copayments, coinsurance, or deductibles for such service; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and withdrawn:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, so as to update and modernize provisions of the Georgia Insurance Code to improve consumer protections, enhance department authority, and increase government efficiency; to provide for insurance coverage for certain out-of-network ambulance transportation service; to

provide for the minimum allowable reimbursement rate for such service; to provide for maximum amounts on copayments, coinsurance, or deductibles for such service; to provide for definitions; to provide for a claim for a refund of certain fees and taxes relative to insurance premiums to be made within three years of payment to the Commissioner; to provide for the Department of Insurance to collect certain data annually from insurers writing private passenger automobile insurance policies; to provide for the Commissioner of Insurance to order the refund of any excess profit made by such insurers; to provide for calculations; to provide for an order, notice, and opportunity for hearing; to provide for cash refunds or credit refunds; to provide for certification; to provide for rules and regulations;

to provide for the submission of information on suspected insurance fraud; to provide for certain entities to pay fees into the Special Insurance Fraud Fund; to provide for the Commissioner of Insurance to employ prosecuting attorneys for the prosecution of insurance fraud; to prohibit the solicitation, release, or sale of automobile accident information; to provide for the recruitment of insurers to this state; to provide for the retention of insurers in this state; to provide for timely claims processing after a catastrophic event; to provide for reporting the use of premium tax funds; to authorize consideration of all available information when reviewing insurance rates; to provide for contractual limitations; to provide for exemptions; to provide for storm damage mitigation through the Georgia Storm Mitigation Program; to provide for funding; to provide for matching and nonmatching grants; to provide for eligibility; to provide for mitigation contractors; to provide for excluded drivers; to provide for increased fees for driving without minimum motor vehicle insurance coverage; to provide for increased monetary penalties; to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to provide for excluded drivers and proof of insurance; to provide for violation and penalties; to amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, to provide for a conforming change; to provide for related matters; to provide for short titles; to provide for legislative purposes; to provide for effective dates and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Georgia Insurance Fairness Act (GIFA)."

SECTION 1-2.

(a) The purposes of this Act are to ensure that Georgia consumers, including businesses and individuals, have access to:

(1) Affordable quality insurance coverage without being subjected to unjustified rate hikes or unfair business practices; and

(2) Fair and transparent insurance policies under which claims are processed expeditiously and in compliance with policy provisions and federal and state law.

(b) These purposes shall be accomplished by clarifying regulations of surprise billing, insurance fraud, uninsured motorists, excluded drivers, premium tax, insurance rates, and claims processing, enhancing the Commissioner of Insurance's authority, and increasing the amount of monetary penalties throughout the Georgia Insurance Code.

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, is amended in Chapter 20E, the "Surprise Billing Consumer Protection Act," by revising Code Section 33-20E-23, relating to financial responsibilities for ground ambulance transportation, as follows:

"33-20E-23.

~~Nothing in this chapter shall reduce a covered person's financial responsibilities with regard to ground ambulance transportation.~~

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Ambulance provider' means an agency, including an agency of any political subdivision of this state, or a company which is operating under a valid license from the Emergency Health Section of the Department of Public Health and which provides emergency transport service; provided, however, that such term shall not include an air ambulance service as such term is defined in Code Section 31-11-2.

(2) 'Clean claim' means a claim for reimbursement of service rendered by an ambulance provider that has no defect or impropriety, including any lack of required substantiating documentation, which would reasonably prevent timely payment for a claim.

(3) 'Covered service' means emergency transport service which a covered person is entitled to receive under the terms of a healthcare plan.

(4) 'Emergency transport service' means the provision of emergency transportation on the public streets and highways of this state by an ambulance provider for a wounded, injured, sick, invalid, or incapacitated human being to or from a place where medical or hospital care is furnished.

(5) 'First responder' means any firefighter of a municipal, county, or volunteer fire department; paramedic as defined in Code Section 31-11-2; emergency medical technician as defined in Code Section 31-11-2; peace officer as defined in Code Section 35-8-2; or communications officer as defined in Code Section 37-12-1.

(b) A healthcare plan shall consider emergency transport service as a covered service when such emergency transport service is requested by a first responder.

(c)(1) The minimum allowable reimbursement rate under any healthcare plan other than a state healthcare plan for covered service to an out-of-network ambulance provider shall be the rate agreed to by contract with or through passage of an ordinance, resolution, rule, or regulation by a county, municipality, special district, or authority for such service within the respective jurisdiction.

(2) When no agreement on a minimum reimbursement rate exists as set forth in paragraph (1) of this subsection, the minimum allowable reimbursement amount shall be the lesser of:

(A) Three hundred and twenty-five percent of the reimbursement rate under the Medicare program, Part A or B of Title XVIII of the federal Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 1395, et seq., as amended, for ambulance services; or

(B) The charges billed by the ambulance provider.

(d) Any payment made to an ambulance provider pursuant to this Code section shall release a covered person from any further payment responsibility other than any copayment, coinsurance, or deductible owed by the covered person.

(e) Any copayment, coinsurance, or deductible paid for covered service provided by an out-of-network ambulance provider shall not exceed the amount of a copayment, coinsurance, or deductible amount owed for similar service provided by an ambulance provider that belongs to the provider network in a healthcare plan.

(f) No later than 30 days after the receipt of a clean claim for covered service, an insurer shall remit payment for such service directly to the ambulance provider and shall not remit any payment to a covered person. When an insurer receives a claim that is not a clean claim, such insurer shall, within 30 days after receipt of such claim, send written notice to the ambulance provider making such claim that acknowledges the receipt of such claim and informs the ambulance provider that:

(1) The insurer has declined to pay all or part of the claim, including the reasons for such denial; or

(2) Additional information is necessary to make a determination regarding payment of all or part of the claim submitted, including the specific information required."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 8, relating to fees and taxes, by revising Code Section 33-8-9, relating to granting of refunds and credits by Commissioner, as follows:

"33-8-9.

Refunds and credits of license fees and taxes levied by this chapter shall be made by the Commissioner in accordance with the provisions of Code Sections 33-2-29 through 33-2-31; provided, however, that any claim for a refund of a fee or tax erroneously or illegally assessed and collected under this chapter shall be made by the insurer in writing within three years after the date of payment of such fee or tax to the Commissioner."

PART IV
SECTION 4-1.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 9, relating to regulation of rates, underwriting rules, and related organizations, by revising Code Section 33-9-41, which is reserved, as follows:

"33-9-41.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Anticipated underwriting profit' means the expected, projected, or modeled net profit that an insurer anticipates making from providing insurance coverage, exclusive of income from investments. Such term shall be calculated as the sum of the dollar amounts obtained by multiplying, for each rate filing of the insurer group in effect during a three-year period, the earned premiums applicable to such rate filings by the percentage factor included in such rate filing for profit and contingencies, such percentage factor having been determined with due recognition to investment income from funds generated by business in this state; provided, however, that separate calculations shall not be necessary for consecutive filings containing the same percentage factor for profits and contingencies.

(2) 'Cash refund' means a refund issued to a policyholder or former policyholder by an insurer in a single payment of coins, currency, checks, drafts, or money orders.

(3) 'Credit refund' means a refund issued to a policyholder by an insurer through application to a policy renewal premium for such policyholder.

(4) 'Excess profit' means an underwriting gain for the three most recent calendar accident years combined which is greater than the anticipated underwriting profit plus 5 percent of earned premiums for such calendar accident years.

(5) 'Final compilation year' means the final year in which data is reported in a three-year reporting period.

(6) 'Private passenger automobile insurance' means insurance that covers the personal use of a private passenger automobile and its operating equipment; covers liability, collision, comprehensive, personal injury protection or medical payments, or uninsured or underinsured motorist protection; or provides the mandatory minimum limits required under Chapter 34 of this title for the personal use of a private passenger automobile. Such insurance may be written on a family automobile policy, standard automobile policy, personal automobile policy, or similar private passenger automobile policy. Such term shall not include commercial automobile insurance or similar policies for commercial automobiles or commercial motor vehicles.

(b) No later than July 1, 2027, and annually thereafter, any domestic, foreign, or alien insurer that is authorized to write private passenger automobile insurance policies in this state shall file with the department on forms prescribed by the Commissioner data for private passenger automobile insurance in this state. Such data shall include both voluntary and joint underwriting association business and shall include the following:

(1) Calendar year total limits earned premium;

(2) Accident year incurred losses and loss adjustment expenses;

(3) Administrative and selling expenses incurred in this state or allocated to this state for the calendar year;

(4) Policyholder dividends incurred during the applicable calendar year;

(5) A schedule of private passenger automobile loss and loss adjustment experience for each of the three most recent accident years. The incurred losses and loss adjustment expenses shall be valued as of March 31 of the year following the close of the accident

year, developed to an ultimate basis, and at two twelve month intervals thereafter, each developed to an ultimate basis, so that a total of three evaluations will be provided for each accident year; and

(6) Any supplemental data the department needs for the determination of compliance with the provisions of this Code section.

(c) The department shall review the data collected pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section to determine if excess profit has been realized based on a comparison of the insurer's underwriting gain and anticipated underwriting profit. Each insurer's underwriting gain or loss for each calendar accident year shall be calculated as the sum of the accident year incurred losses and loss adjustment expenses as of March 31 of the following year, developed to an ultimate basis, plus the administrative and selling expenses incurred in the calendar year, plus policyholder dividends applicable to the calendar year, subtracted from the calendar year earned premium. Such underwriting gain or loss shall be compared to the anticipated underwriting profit for the three most recent calendar accident years to determine if excess profit has been realized.

(d) Whenever the Commissioner has determined that an excess profit has been realized, the Commissioner shall issue an order for the insurer to return excess profit and otherwise comply with the provisions of this Code section. The order shall contain or shall be accompanied by a notice of opportunity for hearing which clearly explains that the opportunity must be requested within ten days of receipt of the order and notice. The order and notice shall be served in person by the Commissioner or his or her agent or by registered or certified mail or statutory overnight delivery, return receipt requested. The hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 2 of this title.

(e)(1) Excess profit shall be refunded unless an insurer demonstrates to the department that the refund of excess profit will render the insurer financially impaired or insolvent.

(2) Excess profit shall be refunded on a pro rata basis in relation to the final compilation year earned premiums to the private passenger automobile insurance policyholders of record of the insurer on December 31 on the final compilation year and shall be returned to such policyholders in the form of:

(A) A cash refund within 60 days of a final order on the refund of excess profit; or

(B) A credit refund, which shall be applied to policy renewal premium notices that are forwarded to policyholders no more than 60 days after a final order on the refund of excess profit; provided, however, that, if a policyholder cancels the policy or allows the policy to terminate, the insurer shall make a cash refund no more than 60 days after termination of coverage.

(f) An insurer shall immediately certify to the department when all cash refunds or credit refunds have been made. Any cash refund or credit refund made pursuant to this Code section shall be treated as a policyholder dividend applicable to the year in which it is incurred for purposes of reporting under this Code section for subsequent years.

(g) The data in the required reports to the department obtained pursuant to this Code section and cash refunds or credit refunds to policyholders issued pursuant to this Code section may be rounded to the nearest dollar, provided that such rounding shall be applied consistently.

(h) The Commissioner shall be authorized to promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the implementation and enforcement of this Code section. ~~Reserved.~~"

PART V
SECTION 5-1.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 1, relating to general provisions, by revising subsection (f) of Code Section 33-1-16, relating to investigation of fraudulent insurance act, collection of evidence, immunity from liability, public inspection, and enforcement, as follows:

"(f) Any person, other than an insurer, agent, or other person licensed under this title, or an employee thereof, having knowledge of or who believes that a fraudulent insurance act is being or has been committed may send to the Commissioner a report of information pertinent to such knowledge of or belief and such additional information relative thereto as the Commissioner may request. Any insurer, agent, or other person licensed under this title, or an employee thereof, having knowledge of or who believes that a fraudulent insurance act is being or has been committed shall send to the Commissioner a report or information pertinent to such knowledge or belief and such additional information relative thereto as the Commissioner or his or her employees or agents may require. Any insurer that conducts an independent investigation of suspected insurance fraud shall not be required to complete such investigation before sending information pertinent to such investigation to the Commissioner. The Commissioner or his or her employees or agents shall review such information or reports as, in the judgment of the Commissioner or such employees or agents, may require further investigation. The Commissioner shall then cause an investigation of the facts surrounding such information or report to be made to determine the extent, if any, to which a fraudulent insurance act is being committed and shall report any alleged violations of law which the investigations disclose to the appropriate prosecuting attorney having jurisdiction with respect to any such violation. If prosecution by the prosecuting attorney is not begun within 90 days of the report, the prosecuting attorney shall inform the Commissioner of the reasons for the lack of prosecution."

SECTION 5-2.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 33-1-17, relating to Special Insurance Fraud Fund, as follows:

"(c)(1) The Commissioner shall prepare, on an annual basis, a separate budget request to the General Assembly which sets forth the anticipated cost and expense of funding the investigation and prosecution of insurance fraud in this state for the ensuing 12 months. Such budget request shall set forth the annual cost and expense of the investigation and prosecution of insurance fraud in ~~Georgia~~ this state for the preceding 12 months.

(2) There is imposed upon each foreign, alien, and domestic insurance company doing business in the state an annual assessment under a formula to be established by

regulation promulgated by the Commissioner. The formula shall be calculated such that the total proceeds paid or collected from such assessments for any year shall not exceed the amounts appropriated by the General Assembly pursuant to paragraph (3) of this subsection, which appropriation shall be based upon the budget request setting forth the applicable annual cost and expense of the investigation and prosecution of insurance fraud in ~~Georgia~~ this state submitted by the Commissioner. Such assessments may be measured by kind of company, kind of insurance, income, volume of transactions, or such other factors as the Commissioner ~~determines~~ deems appropriate. Assessments based on the annual appropriation shall be due on September 1 of the year of the assessment. Any insurance company which fails to report and pay any such assessment shall be subject to penalties and interest as provided by subsection (d) of Code Section 33-8-6. The Commissioner shall provide by regulation for such other terms and conditions for the payment or collection of such assessments as may be necessary to ensure the proper payment and collection thereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the provisions of this Code section shall not apply to ~~an agency captive insurance company,~~ any certified dormant captive insurance company. Any agency captive insurance company, industrial insured captive insurance company, sponsored captive insurance company (including a protected cell thereof), or pure captive insurance company~~. Foreign and~~ shall pay a fixed amount of $100.00 per year into the Special Insurance Fraud Fund, and any foreign or alien captive insurance ~~companies~~ company doing business in ~~Georgia~~ this state shall~~, however,~~ pay a fixed amount of ~~$100.00~~ $200.00 per year into the Special Insurance Fraud Fund, without regard to the amount of the ~~Georgia~~ this state premium written by such ~~foreign or alien~~ captive insurance company. No additional amount shall be assessed against ~~the foreign or alien~~ any captive insurance company for the purpose of funding the investigation and prosecution of insurance fraud.

(3) The General Assembly may appropriate funds to the department for the investigation ~~of insurance fraud~~ and ~~for the funding of the~~ prosecution of insurance fraud. The Commissioner is authorized to use such funds for the investigation of insurance fraud and to reimburse prosecuting attorneys for some or all of the costs of retaining assistant prosecuting attorneys to prosecute insurance fraud ~~cases~~. The Commissioner is further authorized to use such funds to employ prosecuting attorneys for the prosecution of insurance fraud, which the district attorney in each judicial circuit may appoint in the manner as provided in Code Section 15-18-20. The Commissioner shall provide by regulation for such other terms and conditions for the use of the funds for the investigation, reimbursement, and prosecution contemplated by the terms of this paragraph."

SECTION 5-3.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"33-1-9.2.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Capper,' 'runner,' or 'steerer' means a person who receives a pecuniary benefit from a practitioner or healthcare service provider, whether directly or indirectly, to solicit, procure, or attempt to procure a client, patient, or customer at the direction or request of, or in cooperation with, a practitioner or healthcare service provider whose purpose is to obtain benefits under a contract of insurance or to assert a claim against an insured or an insurer for providing services to the client, patient, or customer. Such terms shall not include:

(A) Any insurance company or agent or employee thereof that provides referrals or recommendations to its insureds; or

(B) A practitioner or healthcare service provider that procures clients, patients, or customers through the use of public media or by referrals or recommendations from other practitioners or healthcare service providers.

(2) 'Practitioner' means an attorney, healthcare professional, owner or partial owner of a healthcare practice or facility, or any person employed or acting on behalf of any of the individuals listed in this paragraph.

(3) 'Public media' means telephone directories, professional directories, newspapers and other periodicals, radio and television, billboards, and mailed or electronically transmitted written communications that do not involve in-person contact with a specific prospective client, patient, or customer.

(b) Except as provided for in paragraph (5) of subsection (a) of Code Section 50-18-72, it is unlawful for any person in an individual capacity or in a capacity as a law enforcement officer, law enforcement records staff member, wrecker services staff member, emergency staff member, physician, hospital employee, or attorney to solicit, release, or sell any information relating to the parties of a motor vehicle collision for personal financial gain. This subsection shall not apply to mass public media advertisement and solicitation.

(c) It is unlawful for:

(1) Any person in an individual capacity or in a capacity as a public or private employee or any firm, corporation, partnership, or association to act as a capper, runner, or steerer for any practitioner or healthcare service provider. This paragraph shall not prohibit an attorney or healthcare provider from making a referral and receiving compensation as is permitted under applicable professional rules of conduct; and

(2) Any practitioner or healthcare service provider to compensate or give anything of value to a person acting as a capper, runner, or steerer. It is also unlawful for any capper, runner, or steerer to recommend or secure a practitioner's or healthcare service provider's employment by a client, patient, or customer if such practitioner or healthcare service provider obtains or intends to obtain benefits under a contract of insurance or asserts a claim against an insured or an insurer for providing services to the client, patient, or customer.

(d) Any person convicted of a violation of this Code section shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment of not more than ten years and by a fine of not more than $200,000.00 per violation."

SECTION 5-4.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 24, relating to insurance generally, by repealing and reserving Code Section 33-24-53, relating to solicitation, release, or sale of automobile accident information prohibited, definitions, exceptions, and penalties.

SECTION 5-5.

Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended in Code Section 50-18-72, relating to when public disclosure not required, by replacing "Code Section 33-24-53" with "Code Section 33-1-9.2" where such term occurs in subparagraph (a)(5)(I).

PART VI
SECTION 6-1.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 1, relating to general provisions, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"33-1-28.

The Commissioner, in coordination with the Department of Economic Development, is authorized to pursue the recruitment and retention of insurers to keep or change domiciles in or to this state and to locate local, regional, national, and international headquarters and major offices in this state."

PART VII
SECTION 7-1.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 3, relating to authorization and general requirements for transaction of insurance, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"33-3-28.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'catastrophic event' means a major natural or human caused event, including, but not limited to, windstorms, cyclones, earthquakes, hurricanes, ice storms, tornadoes, high winds, floods, hail storms, or any other weather events or occurrences, provided that any such event or occurrence has been declared as a disaster or emergency by the President of the United States or the Governor.

(b) After a catastrophic event occurs in this state, the Commissioner is authorized to extend the time period during which insurers require receipt of claims from insureds when, at the sole determination of the Commissioner, a lack of qualified resources are available for insureds to file an accurate claim.

(c) After a catastrophic event occurs in this state, the Commissioner is authorized to issue a directive requiring every insurer to comply with the following requirements relating to processing property claims arising from the catastrophic event:

(1) Within 15 calendar days of receiving notification of a claim, the insurer shall acknowledge the claim and provide necessary claims forms and reasonable instructions to the insured. Notification of a claim provided to an insurer's agent shall constitute

notification to the insurer. Acknowledgment of the claim made by any means other than writing shall be noted and dated in the insurer's claim file on the insured. Payment within 15 calendar days of receiving notification of a claim shall satisfy the requirements of this paragraph;

(2) The insurer shall affirm or deny liability on claims for losses arising from catastrophic events within 15 calendar days of receiving the completed proof of loss from the insured under a motor vehicle policy and within 60 calendar days of receiving the completed proof of loss from the insured under all other property insurance policies. If the insurer does not require proof of loss to be completed, a coverage investigation shall take place within 30 calendar days from the day notification the claim was received;

(3) Payment shall be tendered to the insured within ten days after coverage is accepted and the full amount of the claim is determined and not in dispute. In claims where multiple coverages are involved, payment for individual coverages that are not in dispute shall be tendered within ten days after coverage is confirmed if such payment would terminate the insurer's known liability under that individual coverage;

(4) If the insurer needs more time than specified in paragraph (3) of this subsection to determine liability, such insurer shall notify the claimant within five business days after the time limitation has elapsed that more time is needed, the reason more time is needed, and an estimate of additional time needed to establish liability. Notification by any other means than writing shall be noted and dated in the insurer's claim file on the insured; and

(5) The total time the insurer has to affirm or deny liability shall not exceed 60 days from the time the insurer is notified of the claim, unless the insurer has documented in the claim file that reasonable and necessary information to determine liability has been requested and not been provided by the insured."

PART VIII
SECTION 8-1.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 8, relating to fees and taxes, by adding a new subsection to Code Section 33-8-8.2, relating to county and municipal corporation taxes on other than life insurance companies, to read as follows:

"(f) On or before January 1, 2027, and annually thereafter, any county or municipal corporation receiving allocated taxes collected pursuant to this Code section shall file with the Commissioner an annual report on a form prescribed by the Commissioner demonstrating how funds were expended for purposes authorized by law or a copy of the budget report required of counties pursuant to Code Section 33-8-8.3."

PART IX
SECTION 9-1.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 9, relating to regulation of rates, underwriting rules, and related organizations, by adding a new subsection to Code Section 33-9-21, relating to maintenance and filing rates, rating plans, rating systems, or underwriting rules and examination of claim reserve practices by Commissioner, to read as follows:

"(h) The Commissioner is authorized to consider all information available to the department, including, but not limited to, any and all filings, applications, and renewals made to the department; filings made pursuant to this chapter; data submissions made pursuant to directives, bulletins, and data calls; disclosures and reports from financial examinations; disclosures and reports from market conduct examinations; complaints submitted to the department and other state agencies; complaints, investigations, and reports by insurance departments in other states; complaints, investigations, and reports by federal agencies; orders, consent orders, and consent agreements; fines, penalties, and other assessments imposed by the department or other state agencies; and litigation by and against the company."

PART X
SECTION 10-1.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 24, relating to insurance generally, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"33-24-59.37.

(a) No property, casualty, credit, marine and transportation, or vehicle insurance policy providing first-party insurance coverage for loss or damage to any type of real or personal property in this state, or any related contract or instrument to such policy, shall contain a contractual limitation requiring commencement of any suit or action within a specified period of time of less than two years from the date of loss; provided, however, that such limitation shall apply only to the portion or portions of such policies providing first-party property insurance coverage. This subsection shall apply to all such policies issued, delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state on and after July 1, 2027.

(b) Liability coverage and workers' compensation coverage are expressly exempted from the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section."

PART XI
SECTION 11-1.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 32, relating to property insurance, by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 3

33-32-20.

This article shall be known and may be cited as the 'Georgia Storm Damage Mitigation Program Act.'

33-32-21.
As used in this article, the term:
(1) 'Program' means the Georgia Storm Damage Mitigation Program.
(2) 'Residential property' means real property used or occupied as the primary residence of a natural person.

33-32-22.
(a) There is established the Georgia Storm Damage Mitigation Program within the department for the purpose of reducing the financial impact of property insurance claims in this state by mitigating losses and lowering repair costs through a comprehensive and coordinated approach to remedy damages due to tornadoes, hurricanes, and windstorms.
(b) The Commissioner shall administer the program and is authorized to appoint a program administrator.
(c) The program shall not create an entitlement for residential property owners or obligate the state in any way to fund the inspection or retrofitting of residential property.

33-32-23.
(a) Implementation of the Georgia Storm Damage Mitigation Program is subject to sufficient funds provided through annual legislative appropriations and other funds as provided for in this Code section.
(b) The program shall be funded through the use of all premium taxes collected from the underwriting association established pursuant to Chapter 33 of this title and through one-tenth of 1 percent of state insurance premium taxes collected annually and remitted to the department pursuant to Code Section 33-8-4.
(c) The Commissioner or the program administrator is authorized to solicit and accept federal funding in support of the program as well as private funding, public grants, in-kind gifts, or any other funding or donations from individuals, private organizations, or foundations.

33-32-24.
(a) The department is authorized to award grants under the program subject to the availability of funds.
(b) Grants may be used for the following improvements to residential property:
(1) Roof deck attachments;
(2) Secondary water barriers;
(3) Roof coverings;
(4) Brace gable ends;
(5) Reinforcement of roof-to-wall connections;
(6) Opening protections;
(7) Exterior doors, including, but not limited to, garage doors;
(8) Tie downs;
(9) Fixing problems associated with weakened trusses, studs, and other structural components;

(10) Inspection and repair or replacement of manufactured home piers, anchors, and tie-down straps; and

(11) Any other mitigation techniques recommended by the Commissioner or the program administrator, as provided in rules and regulations promulgated by the Commissioner.

33-32-25.

(a) Any grants issued pursuant to this Code section shall be used to assist owners of a single-family dwelling or site-built, manufactured, or modular, owner occupied, residential property to retrofit such property to be less vulnerable to hurricanes, tornadoes, hail, windstorms, or flooding damage.

(b) To be eligible for a grant, a residential property shall be:

(1) A single-family dwelling or a site-built, manufactured, or modular residential property owned and occupied by the applicant;

(2) The legal residence of the applicant; and

(3) Covered by a current homeowners or dwelling insurance policy that:

(A) Is issued by an insurer authorized to insurance in this state, issued by a surplus lines insurer when lawfully placed by a surplus lines broker authorized to do business in this state, or is covered through the underwriting association established pursuant to Chapter 33 of this title;

(B) Provides insurance coverage of the residential property equal to or greater than the fair market value of the property as such term is defined in Code Section 48-5-2; and

(C) Has undergone an acceptable wind certification and hurricane mitigation inspection in accordance with program requirements.

(c) The type and amount of grants shall be awarded as follows:

(1) A resilient mitigation award for roof retrofits meeting industry standards and guidelines, such as Georgia Strong Home retrofit guidelines and Institute for Business and Home Safety Fortified Roof retrofit guidelines for a residential property, as may be provided for by rules. Such award shall not exceed $6,000.00 for matching grants or $7,500.00 for nonmatching grants;

(2) A sustainable mitigation award for roof retrofits meeting industry standards and guidelines, such as Georgia Strong Home retrofit guidelines only, or for window replacement and opening protection retrofits meeting industry standards and guidelines, such as Georgia Strong Home opening protection guidelines for residential property, as may be provided for by rules. Such award shall not exceed $4,000.00 for matching grants or $5,000.00 for nonmatching grants awards; or

(3) A sustainable mitigation award for hurricane shuttering and protective barrier systems meeting industry standards and guidelines, such as Georgia Strong Home opening protection guidelines, as may be provided for by rules. Such award shall not exceed $4,000.00 for either matching or nonmatching grants.

(d) The amount of any nonmatching grant shall be determined based on the cost of the mitigation project and a percentage of the total adjusted household income of the

applicant according to their most recent federal income tax return. Applicants for nonmatching grants with a total annual adjusted gross household income that does not exceed the median annual adjusted gross income for households within the county in which the applicant resides may be eligible for the maximum amount of such grant. Applicants for nonmatching grants with a total annual adjusted household income above the median for households within the county in which the applicant resides may be awarded a lower grant amount.

33-32-26.

Matching grants may be made available to local governments and nonprofit entities for projects that reduce storm and hurricane damage to single-family dwelling or a site-built, manufactured, or modular owner occupied, residential property, provided that:

(1) No matching grant for any one local government or nonprofit entity shall exceed $25,000.00 in any fiscal year;

(2) The total amount of matching grants awarded to all local governments and nonprofit entities combined shall not exceed $200,000.00 in any fiscal year;

(3) The difference between $250,000.00 and the total amount of grants awarded to all local governments and nonprofit entities combined in any fiscal year shall be applied to grants to individual residential property owners as provided in Code Section 33-32-25; and

(4) For any project funded, in whole or in part, by a grant pursuant to this Code section, the local government or nonprofit entity shall employ multimedia public education, awareness, and advertising efforts designed to specifically address mitigation techniques, as well as a component to support ongoing consumer resources and referral services.

33-32-27.

(a) The department shall create a process in which mitigation contractors agree to participate and seek reimbursement under the program and homeowners agree to select from a list of participating contractors.

(b) Any mitigation projects shall be based upon the securing of all required local permits and inspections and shall be subject to random reinspection. The Commissioner or the program administrator may reinspect up to 10 percent of all mitigation projects.

33-32-28.

The Commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this article."

PART XII
SECTION 12-1.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 34, relating to motor vehicle accident reparations, by revising Code Section 33-34-5, which is designated as reserved, as follows:

"33-34-5.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Excluded driver' means an individual expressly designated as excluded from coverage under a motor vehicle insurance policy.

(2) 'Motor vehicle insurance policy' means an automobile liability policy or motor vehicle liability policy issued, delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state on and after July 1, 2027, to the owner of a motor vehicle which provides at least the minimum coverage required by this chapter.

(b) An insurer may exclude a named individual from coverage under a motor vehicle insurance policy, provided that such insurer identifies such named individual as an excluded driver to the Department of Revenue as provided in Code Section 40-6-10.2. Such insurer shall notify the Department of Revenue when such named individual is no longer an excluded driver under such policy. ~~Reserved.~~"

SECTION 12-2.

Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, is amended in Chapter 6, relating to uniform rules of the road, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"40-6-10.2.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Excluded driver' means an individual expressly designated as excluded from coverage under a motor vehicle insurance policy.

(2) 'Motor vehicle insurance policy' means an automobile liability policy or motor vehicle liability policy issued, delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state on and after July 1, 2027, to the owner of a motor vehicle which provides at least the minimum coverage required by Chapter 34 of Title 33.

(b) When an insurer excludes a named individual from coverage under a motor vehicle insurance policy as provided in Code Section 33-34-5, such insurer shall identify such named individual as an excluded driver under such policy in a notice to the Department of Revenue. Insurance coverage information included in such notice of exclusion shall be limited to the name and contact information of the insurer, the vehicle identification number, the make and year of the insured motor vehicle, the policy effective date, and the name of the excluded driver.

(c) When a law enforcement officer of this state determines that the operator of a motor vehicle is an excluded driver under the motor vehicle insurance policy for such vehicle and such operator does not have proof of effective insurance, the law enforcement officer shall issue a uniform traffic citation for operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance as provided in Code Section 40-6-10.

(d) An owner who knowingly authorizes an individual to operate a motor vehicle when such individual is an excluded driver under the motor vehicle insurance policy for such vehicle and the owner knows such individual does not have other effective insurance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to a fine

of not less than $200.00 nor more than $1,000.00 or confinement for not more than 12 months, or both."

PART XIII
SECTION 13-1.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 2, relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, by revising subsection (e) of Code Section 40-2-137, relating to notice of insurance coverage and termination, lapses in insurance coverage, and insurance coverage for active duty military personnel, as follows:

"(e)(1) When proof of minimum motor vehicle insurance coverage is provided within the time period specified in this Code section, but there has been a lapse of coverage for a period of more than ten days, the owner shall remit a ~~$25.00~~ $50.00 lapse fee to the department. Failure to remit ~~the lapse~~ such fee ~~to the department~~ within 30 days of the date of such notice ~~will~~ shall result in the immediate suspension of ~~the~~ such owner's motor vehicle registration by operation of law. If any lapse fee provided for in this Code section is paid to the county tax commissioner, the county shall retain ~~$5.00~~ $10.00 thereof as a collection fee.

(2) If proof is not provided within the time period specified in this Code section that minimum motor vehicle insurance coverage is in effect, the owner's motor vehicle registration shall be suspended immediately by operation of law ~~by the department~~. When such proof is provided and the owner pays a ~~$25.00~~ $50.00 lapse fee and pays a ~~$60.00~~ $125.00 restoration fee, the suspension shall terminate; provided, however, that the commissioner may waive the lapse fee and restoration fee for any owner whose vehicle registration has been suspended pursuant to this paragraph who provides proof of continuous minimum motor vehicle insurance coverage. If any restoration fee provided for in this Code section is paid to the county tax commissioner, the county shall retain ~~$10.00~~ $15.00 thereof as a collection fee.

(3) In the event of a second suspension of the owner's registration under this Code section~~,~~ within a five-year period of a prior suspension, ~~the department by operation of law shall suspend the~~ such owner's motor vehicle registration shall be suspended immediately by operation of law. When proof is provided that minimum motor vehicle insurance coverage is in effect and the owner pays a ~~$25.00~~ $125.00 lapse fee and pays a ~~$60.00~~ $150.00 restoration fee, the suspension shall terminate.

(4) In the event of a third or subsequent suspension of the owner's registration under this Code section~~,~~ within the previous five-year period from the date of the third or subsequent suspension, ~~the department by operation of law shall revoke the~~ such owner's motor vehicle registration shall be revoked immediately by operation of law. When proof is provided that minimum motor vehicle insurance coverage is in effect and the owner pays a ~~$25.00~~ $150.00 lapse fee and pays a ~~$160.00~~ $500.00 restoration fee, the owner may apply for registration of the motor vehicle."

PART XIV
SECTION 14-1.

Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, is further amended in Chapter 1, relating to general provisions, by revising subsection (e) of Code Section 33-1-9, relating to insurance fraud, venue, penalty, and exemption, as follows:

"(e) A natural person convicted of a violation of this Code section shall be guilty of a felony and shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than two nor more than ~~ten~~ 15 years~~,~~ or by a fine of up to $100,000.00 for each and every act in violation of this Code section ~~not more than $10,000.00~~, or both."

SECTION 14-2.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 33-1-9.1, relating to crimes of staging a collision or filing a fraudulent claim and penalty, as follows:

"(c) A person shall be guilty of the crime of making a fraudulent claim related to a staged collision when such person makes, or assists in making, a claim for insurance benefits of any type or brings, or assists in bringing, a civil lawsuit against another seeking monetary damages with knowledge that the injuries for which insurance benefits or monetary damages are sought resulted from a staged collision, or seeks to obtain any benefit to which such claimant is not legally entitled. Making a fraudulent claim related to a staged collision shall constitute a felony and shall be punishable by no less than one year nor more than five years' imprisonment or by a fine of up to $100,000.00 for each and every act in violation of this subsection, or both."

SECTION 14-3.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 33-1-15, relating to affidavit that insured's motor vehicle stolen, as follows:

"(c) Any person who violates subsection (b) of this Code section shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than five years or by a fine of not more than ~~$10,000.00~~ $20,000.00, or both."

SECTION 14-4.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising subsection (d) of Code Section 33-1-16.1, relating to excessive, fraudulent, or high-tech drug testing of certain individuals as fraudulent insurance act, as follows:

"(d) A natural person convicted of a violation of this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature and shall be punished by ~~imprisonment~~ confinement for not more than 12 months, by a fine of not more than ~~$1,000.00~~ $2,500.00 per violation, or both."

SECTION 14-5.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (i) of Code Section 33-1-27, relating to insurance coverage for mental health and substance abuse disorders, compliance with mental health parity requirements, complaints and violations, and appointment of mental health parity officer, as follows:

"(i)(1) If the Commissioner determines that a health insurer failed to submit a timely or sufficient report required under paragraph (4) of subsection (b) of this Code section or failed to submit timely and sufficient data pursuant to a data call conducted pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (c) of this Code section, the Commissioner may impose a monetary penalty of up to ~~$2,000.00~~ $10,000.00 for each and every act in violation, unless the insurer knew or reasonably should have known that he or she was in violation, in which case the monetary penalty may be increased to an amount of up to ~~$5,000.00~~ $25,000.00 for each and every act in violation."

SECTION 14-6.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 2, relating to Department and Commissioner, by revising subsection (g) of Code Section 33-2-24, relating to enforcement of title and rules, regulations, and orders, issuance of orders without hearings, civil actions, criminal violations, and penalties, as follows:

"(g) In addition to all other penalties provided for under this title, the Commissioner shall have the authority:

(1) To place any person duly licensed under this title on probation for a period of time not to exceed one year for each and every act in violation of this title or of the rules, regulations, or orders of the Commissioner; and

(2) To subject any person duly licensed or that should be licensed under this title to a monetary penalty of up to ~~$2,000.00~~ $10,000.00 for each and every act in violation of this title or of the rules, regulations, or orders of the Commissioner, unless such person knew or reasonably should have known he or she was in violation of this title or of the rules, regulations, or orders of the Commissioner, in which case the monetary penalty provided for in this paragraph may be increased to an amount up to ~~$5,000.00~~ $25,000.00 for each and every act in violation."

SECTION 14-7.

Said title is further amended in said Chapter 6, relating to unfair trade practices, by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 33-6-8, relating to issuance of cease and desist orders, issuance of orders providing for other relief, change in orders, and date on which orders appealable, as follows:

"(a) If, after the hearing provided for in Code Section 33-6-7, the Commissioner shall determine that the person charged has engaged in an unfair method of competition or an unfair or deceptive act or practice, he or she shall reduce his or her findings to writing and shall issue and cause to be served upon the person charged with the violation a copy of the findings and an order requiring such person to cease and desist from engaging in the method of competition, act, or practice; and, if the act or practice is a violation of

Code Sections 33-6-4 and 33-6-5, the Commissioner may at his or her discretion order any one or more of the following:

(1) Payment of a monetary penalty of not more than ~~$1,000.00~~ $5,000.00 for each and every act or violation, unless the person knew or reasonably should have known he or she was in violation of this article, in which case the penalty shall be not more than ~~$5,000.00~~ $25,000.00 for each and every act or violation;

(2) Suspension or revocation of the person's license, if he or she knew or reasonably should have known he or she was in violation of this article; or

(3) Any other relief as is reasonable and appropriate."

SECTION 14-8.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising Code Section 33-6-9, relating to penalties for violations of cease and desist orders, as follows:

"33-6-9.

After notice and hearing and upon order of the Commissioner, any person who violates a cease and desist order under Code Section 33-6-8, while the order is in effect may, at the discretion of the Commissioner, be subject to any one or more of the following:

(1) A monetary penalty of not more than ~~$10,000.00~~ $15,000.00 for each and every act or violation;

(2) Suspension or revocation of such person's license; or

(3) Any other relief as is reasonable and appropriate."

SECTION 14-9.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 9, relating to regulation of rates, underwriting rules, and related organizations, by revising Code Section 33-9-38, relating to penalty for failure to comply with final order of Commissioner and penalty for willful violation of provision of chapter, as follows:

"33-9-38.

(a) Any person, insurer, organization, group, or association who fails to comply with a final order of the Commissioner under this chapter shall be liable to the state in an amount not exceeding ~~$50.00~~ $1,000.00; but, if such failure is willful, the person, insurer, organization, group, or association shall be liable to the state in an amount not exceeding ~~$5,000.00~~ $10,000.00. The Commissioner shall collect the amount so payable and may bring an action in the name of the people of the State of Georgia to enforce collection. Such penalties may be in addition to any other penalties provided by law.

(b) Any person who willfully violates this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

SECTION 14-10.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 15, relating to fraternal benefit societies, by revising Code Section 33-15-122, relating to violations and penalties, as follows:

"33-15-122.

(a) Any person, officer, member, or examining physician of any society doing business under this chapter who shall knowingly or willfully make any false or fraudulent

statement or representation in or relating to any application for membership or for the purpose of obtaining money from or a benefit in any society shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature and shall be punished by confinement for not less than one nor more than five years or by a fine of not more than $5,000.00, or both.

(b) Any person who willfully makes a false or fraudulent statement in any verified report or declaration under oath required or authorized by this chapter or of any material fact or thing contained in a sworn statement concerning the death or disability of an insured for the purpose of procuring payment of a benefit named in the certificate shall be guilty of ~~false swearing~~ a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature and shall be ~~subject to the penalties therefor prescribed by Code Section 16-10-71~~ punished by confinement for not less than one nor more than five years or by a fine of not more than $5,000.00, or both.

(c) Any person who solicits membership for, or in any manner assists in procuring membership in, any society not licensed to do business in this state shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not less than $50.00 nor more than $200.00.

(d) Any person guilty of a willful violation of, or neglect or refusal to comply with, the provisions of this chapter for which a penalty is not otherwise prescribed shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to a fine not to exceed ~~$200.00~~ $5,000.00."

SECTION 14-11.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 20E, relating to the "Surprise Billing Consumer Protection Act," by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 33-20E-26, relating to enforcement and monetary penalties, as follows:

"(a) For each and every act in violation of Code Section 33-20E-24, the Commissioner may impose a monetary penalty of up to ~~$2,000.00~~ $10,000.00, unless the insurer knew or reasonably should have known of the violation, in which case the monetary penalty imposed may be up to ~~$5,000.00~~ $25,000.00 for each and every act in violation."

SECTION 14-12.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 22, relating to insurance premium finance companies, by revising subsection (e) of Code Section 33-22-3, relating to requirement of license for transaction of business, fees, change of address, and examination of applicants, as follows:

"(e) Any person who shall engage in the business of financing insurance premiums in this state without obtaining a license as provided in this Code section shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not more than ~~$1,000.00~~ $2,000.00."

SECTION 14-13.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising subsections (c) and (d) of Code Section 33-22-6, relating to grounds and procedure for revocation, suspension, or nonrenewal of license or imposition of probation or fine, as follows:

"(c) In lieu of revoking or suspending the license for any of the causes enumerated in subsection (a) of this Code section, the Commissioner shall have the authority after a

hearing to place the premium finance company on probation for a period of time not to exceed one year and may subject such company to a penalty of not more than ~~$1,000.00~~ $2,000.00 for each offense when, in his or her judgment, he or she finds that the public interest would not be harmed by the continued operation of the company.

(d) The Commissioner shall ~~also~~ have the authority after a hearing to subject any person or entity who is acting as a premium finance company in this state without a license, as provided for by this chapter, to a penalty of not more than ~~$1,000.00~~ $2,000.00 for each violation of this chapter. The amount of any such penalty shall be paid by the company, person, or entity to the Commissioner for the use of the state."

SECTION 14-14.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 33-22-14, relating to disposition of unearned premiums upon cancellation of insurance policy, as follows:

"(b)(1) In the event that the crediting of return premiums to the account of the insured results in a surplus over the amount due from the insured, the premium finance company shall refund the excess within ten working days of receipt of the return premium or tender of return premium to the insured via the agent, agency, or broker placing the insurance and shall furnish such agent, agency, or broker, upon a written request, a report setting forth an itemization of the unearned finance charge and other charges under the premium finance agreement; provided, however, there shall be no refund required when the excess due the insured is less than $5.00.

(2) Any insurance premium finance company failing to tender refunds or to furnish any report requested by the agent, agency, or broker as required in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall pay to the insured via the agent, agency, or broker a penalty equal to ~~25~~ 50 percent of the amount of the refund and interest equal to 18 percent per annum until such time as the refund is made~~; provided, however, the maximum amount of such penalty and interest shall not exceed 50 percent of the amount of the refund due~~."

SECTION 14-15.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 23, relating to licensing, by revising paragraph (14) of subsection (d) of Code Section 33-23-12, relating to limited licenses, as follows:

"(14) If a vendor or its employee or authorized representative violates any provision of this subsection, the Commissioner may impose any of the following penalties:

(A) After notice and hearing, fines not to exceed ~~$500.00~~ $1,000.00 per violation or ~~$5,000.00~~ $10,000.00 in the aggregate for such conduct; and

(B) After notice and hearing, other penalties that the Commissioner deems necessary and reasonable to carry out the purpose of this article, including:

(i) Suspending the privilege of transacting portable electronics insurance pursuant to this subsection at specific business locations where violations have occurred; and

(ii) Suspending or revoking the ability of individual employees or authorized representatives to act under the license;"

SECTION 14-16.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 24, relating to insurance generally, by revising subsection (n) of Code Section 33-24-19.1, relating to certificate of insurance forms to be approved by Commissioner, definitions, and required provisions of certificate, as follows:

"(n) Any person ~~who~~ that violates this Code section may be fined up to ~~$5,000.00~~ $10,000.00 per violation."

SECTION 14-17.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 33-24-44, relating to cancellation of policies generally, as follows:

"(c)(1) Any unearned premium which has been paid by the insured shall be refunded to the insured on a pro rata basis as provided in this Code section. If the return does not accompany notice of cancellation, then such return shall be made on or before the cancellation date either directly to the named insured or to the insured's agent of record. In the event the insurer elects to return such unearned premium to the insured via the insured's agent of record, such agent shall return the unearned premium to the insured either in person or by depositing such return in the mail within ten working days of receipt of the unearned premium, or within ten working days of notification from the insurer of the amount of return of unearned premium due, or on the effective date of cancellation, whichever is later. If the insured has an open account with the agent, such return of unearned premium may be applied to any outstanding balance and any remaining unearned premium shall be returned to the insured either in person or by depositing such return in the mail within ten working days of receipt of the unearned premium, or within ten working days of notification from the insurer of the amount of return of unearned premium due, or on the effective date of cancellation, whichever is later.

(2) Paragraph (1) of this subsection shall not apply if an audit or rate investigation is required or if the premiums are financed by a premium finance company. If an audit or rate investigation is required, then the refund of unearned premium shall be made within 30 days after the conclusion of the audit or rate investigation. If the premiums are financed by a premium finance company, any unearned premiums shall be tendered to the premium finance company within ten working days after cancellation.

(3) Any insurer or agent failing to return any unearned premium as prescribed in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection shall pay to the insured a penalty equal to ~~25~~ 50 percent of the amount of the return of the unearned premium and interest equal to 18 percent per annum until such time that proper return has been made, which penalty and interest ~~must~~ shall be paid at the time the return is made~~; provided, however, that the maximum amount of such penalty and interest shall not exceed 50 percent of the amount of the refund due~~. Failure to return any unearned premium shall not invalidate a notice of cancellation given in accordance with subsection (b) of this Code section."

SECTION 14-18.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 31, relating to credit life insurance and credit accident and sickness insurance, by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 33-31-12, relating to promulgation of rules and regulations, enforcement of provisions, and penalties for violations, as follows:

"(b) In addition to any other penalty provided by law, any person who violates an order of the Commissioner after it has become final and while the order is in effect, upon proof of the violation to the satisfaction of the court, shall forfeit and pay to ~~this~~ the state a sum not to exceed ~~$250.00~~ $500.00, which may be recovered in a civil action, except that if such violation is found to be willful, the amount of such penalty shall be a sum not to exceed ~~$1,000.00~~ $2,000.00. The Commissioner, in his or her discretion, may revoke or suspend the license or certificate of authority of the person guilty of such violation. The order for suspension or revocation shall be subject to judicial review as provided in Chapter 2 of this title."

SECTION 14-19.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 34A, relating to vehicle protection product warranties, by revising subsection (g) of Code Section 33-34A-11, relating to examinations by Commissioner, enforcement, opportunity for a hearing, burden on Commissioner to show justification, and penalty for violations, as follows:

"(g) A person ~~who is~~ found to have violated this chapter or orders or rules of the Commissioner may be ordered to pay to the Commissioner a civil penalty in an amount, determined by the Commissioner, of not more than ~~$500.00~~ $1,000.00 per violation and not more than ~~$10,000.00~~ $20,000.00 in the aggregate for all violations of a similar nature. For purposes of this Code section, violations shall be of a similar nature if the violation consists of the same or similar course of conduct, action, or practice, irrespective of the number of times the conduct, action, or practice ~~that is~~ determined to be a violation of this chapter occurred."

SECTION 14-20.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 35, relating to prepaid legal services plans, by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 33-35-7, relating to grounds and procedure for revocation, suspension, or refusal to renew licenses, imposition of probation or fine, and review, as follows:

"(c) In lieu of revoking, suspending, or refusing to renew the license for any of the causes enumerated in subsection (a) of this Code section, after any hearing as provided in this subsection the Commissioner may place the sponsor on probation for a period of time not to exceed one year or may fine the sponsor not more than ~~$2,000.00~~ $10,000.00 for each offense, or ~~do~~ both, when, in the Commissioner's judgment he or she finds that the public interest would not be harmed by the continued operation of the sponsor. The amount of any penalty shall be paid by such sponsor to the Commissioner for the use of the state."

SECTION 14-21.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 36, relating to Georgia Insurers Insolvency Pool, by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 33-36-19, relating to advertisements, announcements, or statements using insolvency pool for purpose of sales, as follows:

"(b) Any person who violates subsection (a) of this Code section may, after notice and hearing and upon order of the Commissioner, be subject to one or both of the following:

(1) A monetary penalty of not more than ~~$1,000.00~~ $2,000.00 for each act or violation, but not to exceed an aggregate penalty of ~~$10,000.00~~ $20,000.00; or

(2) Suspension or revocation of his or her license or certificate of authority."

SECTION 14-22.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 37, relating to insurers rehabilitation and liquidation, by revising subsection (d) of Code Section 33-37-6, relating to cooperation with Commissioner mandated and penalties for failure to cooperate, as follows:

"(d) Any person included within subsection (a) of this Code section who fails to cooperate with the Commissioner, or any person who obstructs or interferes with the Commissioner in the conduct of any delinquency proceeding or any investigation preliminary or incidental thereto, or who violates any order the Commissioner issued validly under this chapter may:

(1) Be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding ~~$10,000.00~~ $20,000.00 or to undergo ~~imprisonment~~ confinement for a term of not more than one year, or both; or

(2) After a hearing, be subject to the imposition by the Commissioner of a civil penalty not to exceed ~~$10,000.00~~ $20,000.00 and shall be subject further to the revocation or suspension of any insurance licenses issued by the Commissioner."

SECTION 14-23.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 33-37-22, relating to responsibility of agent to provide information and penalty for violation, as follows:

"(b) Any agent failing to provide information to the liquidator as required in subsection (a) of this Code section may be subject to payment of a penalty of not more than ~~$1,000.00~~ $2,000.00 and may have his or her licenses suspended, said penalty to be imposed after a hearing held by the Commissioner."

SECTION 14-24.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 33-37-32, relating to premiums due during pendency of liquidation action, penalties for violation, notice, and right to appeal, as follows:

"(b) Upon satisfactory evidence of a violation of this Code section, the Commissioner may pursue either one or both of the following courses of action:

(1) Suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew the licenses of such offending party or parties; or

(2) Impose a penalty of not more than ~~$5,000.00~~ $10,000.00 for each and every act in violation of this Code section by said party or parties."

SECTION 14-25.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 38, relating to Georgia Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association, by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 33-38-21, relating to references to the association in advertisements for insurance, as follows:

"(b) Any person who violates subsection (a) of this Code section may, after notice and hearing and upon order of the Commissioner, be subject to one or more of the following:

(1) A monetary penalty of not more than ~~$1,000.00~~ $2,000.00 for each act or violation, but not to exceed an aggregate penalty of ~~$10,000.00~~ $20,000.00; or

(2) Suspension or revocation of his or her license or certificate of authority."

SECTION 14-26.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 39, relating to collection, use, and disclosure of information gathered by insurance institutions, by revising Code Section 33-39-19, relating to monetary penalty for knowing violations of chapter and monetary penalty for violation of cease and desist order, as follows:

"33-39-19.

(a) In any case where a hearing pursuant to Code Section 33-39-16 results in the finding of a knowing violation of this chapter, the Commissioner may, in addition to the issuance of a cease and desist order as prescribed in Code Section 33-39-18, order payment of a monetary penalty of not more than ~~$500.00~~ $1,000.00 for each violation but not to exceed ~~$10,000.00~~ $20,000.00 in the aggregate for multiple violations.

(b) Any person who violates a cease and desist order of the Commissioner under Code Section 33-39-18 may, after notice and hearing and upon order of the Commissioner, be subject to one or more of the following penalties, at the discretion of the Commissioner:

(1) A monetary fine of not more than ~~$10,000.00~~ $20,000.00 for each violation;

(2) A monetary fine of not more than ~~$50,000.00~~ $100,000.00 if the Commissioner finds that violations have occurred with such frequency as to constitute a general business practice; or

(3) Suspension or revocation of an insurance institution's or agent's license."

SECTION 14-27.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 47, relating to managing general agents, by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 33-47-7, relating to violation of chapter and penalties, as follows:

"(a) If the Commissioner finds, after a hearing conducted in accordance with Chapter 2 of this title, that any person has violated any provision of this chapter, the Commissioner may order:

(1) For each separate violation, a penalty in an amount not to exceed ~~$10,000.00~~ $20,000.00;

(2) Revocation or suspension of the producer's license; and

(3) The managing general agent to reimburse the insurer or the rehabilitator or liquidator of the insurer for any losses incurred by the insurer caused by a violation of this chapter committed by the managing general agent."

SECTION 14-28.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 59, relating to life settlements, by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 33-59-6, relating to filing of annual statement with the Commissioner and confidential information, as follows:

"(a)(1) Each provider shall file with the Commissioner on or before May 1 of each year an annual statement containing such information as the Commissioner may prescribe by rule or regulation in addition to any other requirements for any policy settled within five years of policy issuance. In addition to any other requirements, the annual statement shall specify the total number, aggregate face amount, and life settlement proceeds of policies settled during the immediately preceding calendar year, together with a breakdown of the information by policy issue year. The annual statement shall also include the names of the insurance companies whose policies have been settled and the life settlement brokers that have settled said policies.

(2) Such information shall be limited to only those transactions where the insured is a resident of this state and shall not include individual transaction data regarding the business of life settlements or information that there is a reasonable basis to believe could be used to identify the owner or the insured.

(3) Every provider that willfully fails to file an annual statement as required ~~in~~ by this Code section or willfully fails to reply within 30 days to a written inquiry by the Commissioner in connection therewith, shall, in addition to other penalties provided by this chapter, be subject, upon due notice and opportunity to be heard, to a penalty of up to ~~$250.00~~ $500.00 per day of delay, not to exceed ~~$25,000.00~~ $50,000.00 in the aggregate, for each such failure."

SECTION 14-29.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising subsections (b) and (c) of Code Section 33-59-16, relating to fraudulent life settlement acts prohibited, criminal and civil penalties, and revocation of license, as follows:

"(b) For criminal liability purposes, a person that commits a fraudulent life settlement act shall be guilty of committing insurance fraud and shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than two nor more than ten years, or by a fine of not more than ~~$10,000.00~~ $20,000.00, or both.

(c) The Commissioner shall be empowered to levy a civil penalty:

(1) Not exceeding ~~$1,000.00~~ $2,000.00 for each and every act in violation of this chapter or, if the person knew or reasonably should have known the acts that he or she committed were in violation of this chapter, the monetary penalty provided for in this subsection may be increased to an amount up to ~~$5,000.00~~ $10,000.00 for each and every act in violation; and

(2) The amount of the claim for each violation upon any person, including those persons and their employees licensed pursuant to this chapter, who is found to have committed a fraudulent life settlement act or violated any other provision of this chapter."

SECTION 14-30.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 63, relating to guaranteed asset protection waivers, by revising Code Section 33-63-9, relating to Commissioner to enforce provisions and penalty for violations, as follows:

"33-63-9.

The Commissioner may take action which is necessary or appropriate to enforce the provisions of this chapter and to protect guaranteed asset protection waiver holders in this state. After proper notice and opportunity for hearing, the Commissioner may:

(1) Order the creditor, administrator, or any other person not in compliance with this chapter to cease and desist from further guaranteed asset protection waiver related operations which are in violation of this chapter; and

(2) Impose a penalty of not more than ~~$500.00~~ $1,000.00 per violation and not more than ~~$10,000.00~~ $20,000.00 in the aggregate for all violations of a similar nature. For purposes of this paragraph, violations ~~must~~ shall be of a similar nature if the violation consists of the same or similar course of conduct, action, or practice, irrespective of the number of times the conduct, action, or practice which is determined to be a violation of this chapter occurred."

SECTION 14-31.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 64, relating to regulation and licensure of pharmacy benefits managers, by revising subsections (i) and (k) of Code Section 33-64-2, relating to license requirements and filing fees, as follows:

"(i) In addition to all other penalties provided for under this title, the Commissioner shall have the authority to assess a monetary penalty against any person, business entity, or other entity acting as a pharmacy benefits manager without a license of up to ~~$2,000.00~~ $4,000.00 for each transaction in violation of this chapter, unless such person, business entity, or other entity knew or reasonably should have known it was in violation of this chapter, in which case the monetary penalty provided for in this subsection may be increased to an amount of up to ~~$10,000.00~~ $20,000.00 for each and every act in violation."

"(k) In addition to all other penalties provided for under this title, the Commissioner shall have the authority to place any pharmacy benefits manager on probation for a period of time not to exceed one year for each and every act in violation of this chapter and shall subject such pharmacy benefits manager to a monetary penalty of up to ~~$2,000.00~~ $4,000.00 for each and every act in violation of this chapter, unless the pharmacy benefits manager knew or reasonably should have known he or she was in violation of this chapter, in which case the monetary penalty provided for in this subsection shall be increased to an amount of up to ~~$10,000.00~~ $20,000.00 for each and every act in

violation. In the event a pharmacy benefits manager violates any provision of this chapter while on probation, the Commissioner shall have the authority to suspend ~~the~~ such pharmacy benefits manager's license. For purposes of this subsection, a violation shall be considered to have occurred each time an act in violation of this chapter is committed."

SECTION 14-32.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 65, relating to the "Corporate Governance Annual Disclosure Act," by revising Code Section 33-65-8, relating to failure to file corporate governance annual disclosures and penalty, as follows:

"33-65-8.

Any insurer failing, without just cause, to timely file the corporate governance annual disclosure as required in this chapter shall be required, after notice and hearing, to pay a penalty of ~~$100.00~~ $200.00 for each day's delay, to be recovered by the Commissioner, and the penalty so recovered shall be paid into the general fund of the state treasury. The maximum penalty under this Code section is ~~$10,000.00~~ $20,000.00. The Commissioner may reduce the penalty if the insurer demonstrates to the Commissioner that the imposition of the penalty would constitute a financial hardship to ~~the~~ such insurer."

PART XV
SECTION 15-1.

(a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026, and shall apply to all contracts entered into or renewed and all policies issued, delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state on or after such date.
(b) Part II of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2027, and shall apply to all policies issued, delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state on or after such date.
(c) Part III of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2027, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning on or after such date.

SECTION 15-2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, so as to improve insurance policyholder protections by strengthening the regulation of excess profit in private passenger automobile insurance policies and healthcare plan coverage of ground ambulance transportation services; to provide for the collection of certain data annually from insurers writing private passenger automobile insurance policies; to provide for the Commissioner of Insurance to order the refund of any excess profit made by such

insurers; to provide for calculations; to provide for notice and opportunity for hearing; to provide for cash refunds or credit refunds; to provide for certification; to prohibit adjustments to commission, premium tax, or other tax payments; to provide for insurance coverage for certain out-of-network ambulance transportation service; to provide for the minimum allowable reimbursement rate for such service; to provide for maximum amounts on copayments, coinsurance, or deductibles for such service; to provide for definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, is amended in Chapter 9, relating to regulation of rates, underwriting rules, and related organizations, by revising Code Section 33-9-41, which is reserved, as follows:

"33-9-41.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Anticipated underwriting profit' means the expected, projected, or modeled net profit that an insurer anticipates making from providing insurance coverage, exclusive of income from investments. Such term shall be calculated as the sum of the dollar amounts obtained by multiplying, for each rate filing of the insurer group in effect during a five-year period, the earned premiums applicable to such rate filings by the percentage factor included in such rate filing for profit and contingencies, such percentage factor having been determined with due recognition to investment income from funds generated by business in this state; provided, however, that separate calculations shall not be necessary for consecutive filings containing the same percentage factor for profits and contingencies.

(2) 'Cash refund' means a refund issued to a policyholder or former policyholder by an insurer in a single payment of coins, currency, checks, drafts, or money orders.

(3) 'Credit refund' means a refund issued to a policyholder by an insurer through application to a policy renewal premium for such policyholder.

(4) 'Excess profit' means an underwriting gain for the five most recent calendar accident years combined which is greater than the anticipated underwriting profit plus 6 percent of earned premiums for such calendar accident years.

(5) 'Final compilation year' means the final year in which data is reported in a five-year reporting period.

(6) 'Private passenger automobile insurance' means insurance that covers the personal use of a private passenger automobile and its operating equipment; covers liability, collision, comprehensive, personal injury protection or medical payments, or uninsured or underinsured motorist protection; or provides the mandatory minimum limits required under Chapter 34 of this title for the personal use of a private passenger automobile. Such insurance may be written on a family automobile policy, standard automobile policy, personal automobile policy, or similar private passenger automobile

policy. Such term shall not include commercial automobile insurance or similar policies for commercial automobiles or commercial motor vehicles.

(b) No later than July 1, 2028, and annually thereafter, any domestic, foreign, or alien insurer that is authorized to write private passenger automobile insurance policies in this state shall file with the department on forms prescribed by the Commissioner data for private passenger automobile insurance in this state. Such data shall include both voluntary and joint underwriting association business and shall include the following:

(1) Calendar year total limits earned premium;

(2) Accident year incurred losses and loss adjustment expenses;

(3) Administrative and selling expenses incurred in this state or allocated to this state for the calendar year;

(4) Policyholder dividends incurred during the applicable calendar year;

(5) A schedule of private passenger automobile loss and loss adjustment experience for each of the five most recent accident years. The incurred losses and loss adjustment expenses shall be valued as of March 31 of the year following the close of the accident year, developed to an ultimate basis, and at four 12 month intervals thereafter, each developed to an ultimate basis, so that a total of five evaluations will be provided for each accident year; and

(6) Any supplemental data the department needs for the determination of compliance with the provisions of this Code section.

(c) The department shall review the data collected pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section to determine if excess profit has been realized based on a comparison of the insurer's underwriting gain and anticipated underwriting profit. Each insurer's underwriting gain or loss for each calendar accident year shall be calculated as the sum of the accident year incurred losses and loss adjustment expenses as of March 31 of the following year, developed to an ultimate basis, plus the administrative and selling expenses incurred in the calendar year, plus policyholder dividends applicable to the calendar year, subtracted from the calendar year earned premium. Such underwriting gain or loss shall be compared to the anticipated underwriting profit for the five most recent calendar accident years to determine if excess profit has been realized.

(d) Whenever the Commissioner has determined that an excess profit has been realized, the Commissioner shall issue an order for the insurer to return excess profit and otherwise comply with the provisions of this Code section. The order shall contain or shall be accompanied by a notice of opportunity for hearing which clearly explains that the opportunity must be requested within ten days of receipt of the order and notice. The order and notice shall be served in person by the Commissioner or his or her agent or by registered or certified mail or statutory overnight delivery, return receipt requested. The hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 2 of this title.

(e)(1) Excess profit shall be refunded unless an insurer demonstrates to the department that the refund of excess profit will render the insurer financially impaired or insolvent.

(2) The insurer shall submit to the Commissioner a fair, practicable, and nondiscriminatory plan to refund or credit to policyholders the realized excess profit as determined by the Commissioner within 30 days after receipt of the written notice

provided for in subsection (d) of this Code section, or, if an insurer requests a hearing, within 30 days after the conclusion of such hearing. If the refund or credit plan is not approved, the Commissioner shall issue a written notice to the insurer containing the reasons why it was not approved and specifications for corrections to the plan. Upon approval of the insurer's refund or credit plan, the Commissioner shall issue an order requiring the insurer to distribute the excess profit according to the approved plan in the form of:

(A) A cash refund within 60 days of a final order on the refund of excess profit; or

(B) A credit refund, which shall be applied to policy renewal premium notices that are forwarded to policyholders no more than 60 days after a final order on the refund of excess profit; provided, however, that, if a policyholder cancels the policy or allows the policy to terminate, the insurer shall make a cash refund no more than 60 days after termination of coverage.

(f) An insurer shall immediately certify to the department when all cash refunds or credit refunds have been made. Any cash refund or credit refund made pursuant to this Code section shall be treated as a policyholder dividend applicable to the year in which it is incurred for purposes of reporting under this Code section for subsequent years.

(g) The data in the required reports to the department obtained pursuant to this Code section and cash refunds or credit refunds to policyholders issued pursuant to this Code section may be rounded to the nearest dollar, provided that such rounding shall be applied consistently.

(h) No insurer that makes any refund pursuant to this Code section shall be allowed to adjust any payments of commissions, premium tax, or other tax due to such refund.

(i) The Commissioner shall be authorized to promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the implementation and enforcement of this Code section. ~~Reserved.~~"

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 20E, the "Surprise Billing Consumer Protection Act,"

by revising Code Section 33-20E-23, relating to financial responsibilities for ground ambulance transportation, as follows:

"33-20E-23.

~~Nothing in this chapter shall reduce a covered person's financial responsibilities with regard to ground ambulance transportation.~~

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Ambulance provider' means an agency, including an agency of any political subdivision of this state, or a company which is operating under a valid license from the Emergency Health Section of the Department of Public Health and which provides emergency transport service; provided, however, that such term shall not include an air ambulance service as such term is defined in Code Section 31-11-2.

(2) 'Clean claim' means a claim for reimbursement of service rendered by an ambulance provider that has no defect or impropriety, including any lack of required substantiating documentation, which would reasonably prevent timely payment for a claim.

(3) 'Covered service' means emergency transport service which a covered person is entitled to receive under the terms of a healthcare plan.

(4) 'Emergency transport service' means the provision of emergency transportation on the public streets and highways of this state by an ambulance provider for a wounded, injured, sick, invalid, or incapacitated human being to or from a place where medical or hospital care is furnished.

(5) 'First responder' means any firefighter of a municipal, county, or volunteer fire department; paramedic as defined in Code Section 31-11-2; emergency medical technician as defined in Code Section 31-11-2; peace officer as defined in Code Section 35-8-2; or communications officer as defined in Code Section 37-12-1.

(b) A healthcare plan shall consider emergency transport service as a covered service when such emergency transport service is requested by a first responder.

(c)(1) The minimum allowable reimbursement rate under any healthcare plan other than a state healthcare plan for covered service to an out-of-network ambulance provider shall be the rate agreed to by contract with or through passage of an ordinance, resolution, rule, or regulation by a county, municipality, special district, or authority for such service within the respective jurisdiction.

(2) When no agreement on a minimum reimbursement rate exists as set forth in paragraph (1) of this subsection, the minimum allowable reimbursement amount shall be the lesser of:

(A) Three hundred and twenty-five percent of the reimbursement rate under the Medicare program, Part A or B of Title XVIII of the federal Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 1395, et seq., as amended, for ambulance services; or

(B) The charges billed by the ambulance provider.

(d) Any payment made to an ambulance provider pursuant to this Code section shall release a covered person from any further payment responsibility other than any copayment, coinsurance, or deductible owed by the covered person.

(e) Any copayment, coinsurance, or deductible paid for covered service provided by an out-of-network ambulance provider shall not exceed the amount of a copayment, coinsurance, or deductible amount owed for similar service provided by an ambulance provider that belongs to the provider network in a healthcare plan.

(f) No later than 30 days after the receipt of a clean claim for covered service, an insurer shall remit payment for such service directly to the ambulance provider and shall not remit any payment to a covered person. When an insurer receives a claim that is not a clean claim, such insurer shall, within 30 days after receipt of such claim, send written notice to the ambulance provider making such claim that acknowledges the receipt of such claim and informs the ambulance provider that:

(1) The insurer has declined to pay all or part of the claim, including the reasons for such denial; or

(2) Additional information is necessary to make a determination regarding payment of all or part of the claim submitted, including the specific information required."

SECTION 3.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026, and shall apply to all policies issued, delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state on or after such date.

(b) Section 2 of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2027, and shall apply to all contracts entered into or renewed and all policies issued, delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state on or after such date.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to, by substitute.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	E Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	E Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	E Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis

Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 167, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SB 398. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Strickland of the 42nd, Robertson of the 29th, Bearden of the 30th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to wiretapping, eavesdropping, surveillance, and related offenses, so as to establish criminal offenses of virtual peeping; to prohibit the use of a generative artificial intelligence system to generate images of individuals with the knowledge that such generation was without authorization or consent; to provide for penalties; to provide for an exception; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 16-11-61 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to peeping toms, so as to establish a criminal offense of virtual peeping on an adult; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 16-11-61 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to peeping toms, is amended by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(c)(1) As used in this subsection, the term:

(A) 'Adult' means any individual 18 years of age or older.

(B) 'Generative artificial intelligence system' means an engineered or computer based system that is intended to generate, with some degree of autonomy, synthetic content and information, including, but not limited to, images and text responses.

(C) 'Image' means any readily recognizable photorealistic representation of an individual, including, but not limited to, a photograph.

(D) 'Individual' means a natural person.

(E) 'Obscene material' means material which meets the following requirements:

(i) To the average person, applying contemporary community standards, taken as a whole, the material predominantly appeals or panders to prurient interest in nudity, sex, or excretion;

(ii) The material, taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value; and

(iii) The material depicts or describes sexually explicit conduct, as such term is defined in Code Section 16-12-100, in a patently offensive way.

(2) A person commits the offense of virtual peeping on an adult when such person knowingly and intentionally causes a generative artificial intelligence system to generate obscene material that includes an image of an adult with the knowledge that the generation of such material including such image was not authorized or consented to by such adult."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	E Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	N Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
N Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	E Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	E Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade

Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	E Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	E Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	E Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 164, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SB 400. By Senators Burns of the 23rd, Hickman of the 4th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Payne of the 54th, Dixon of the 45th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1A of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to nonpublic postsecondary educational institutions, so as to prohibit unaccredited institutions from offering degrees; to require certain institutions to participate in the Tuition Guaranty Trust Fund and to provide how such institutions may participate; to provide for indemnification; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 1A of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to nonpublic postsecondary educational institutions, so as to prohibit unaccredited institutions from offering degrees; to authorize the use of irrevocable letters of credit in lieu of surety bonds; to require denial of applications to operate in certain circumstances; to clarify that grievance procedures for denials of authorization to operate do not apply to denials of authorization to offer additional courses; to require certain postsecondary educational institutions to provide academic records to the executive director in certain circumstances; to require certain institutions to participate in the Tuition Guaranty Trust Fund and to provide how such institutions may participate; to provide for indemnification; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Part 1A of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to nonpublic postsecondary educational institutions, is amended in Code Section 20-3-250.2, relating to definitions relative to nonpublic postsecondary educational institutions, by revising paragraph (17) and adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(7.1) 'Distance education' means education or educational services that use one or more technologies to deliver such education or educational services to students who are separated from the instructor and to support regular and substantive interaction between the students and the instructor, either synchronously or asynchronously."

"(17) 'Postsecondary activity' means:

(A) Awarding a postsecondary degree or certificate; ~~or~~

(B) Conducting or offering study, experience, or testing for an individual related to a field or profession associated with public health, public welfare, or public safety, as determined by the commission in its sole discretion; or

(C) Offering distance education:

(i) To a person within this state; or

(ii) From within this state and operating a campus, branch, instructional facility, or administrative office within this state."

SECTION 2.

Said part is further amended in Code Section 20-3-250.7, relating to prohibited activities relative to nonpublic postsecondary educational institutions, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) No person, group, or entity of whatever kind, alone or in concert with others, shall:

(1) Operate in this state a nonpublic postsecondary educational institution or conduct postsecondary activities in this state unless issued a current certificate of valid authorization by the executive director;

(2) Offer postsecondary instruction leading to a postsecondary degree or certificate to Georgia residents from a location outside this state by correspondence or any telecommunications or electronic media technology unless issued a current certificate of valid authorization;

(3) Solicit prospective students without being authorized by the executive director to do so and without being bonded if required to do so by Code Section 20-3-250.10;

(4) Make or cause to be made any statement or representation, oral, written, or visual, in connection with the offering or publicizing of a course, if such person knows or reasonably should have known the statement or representation to be false, deceptive, substantially inaccurate, or misleading;

(5) Instruct or educate, or offer to instruct or educate, including advertising or soliciting for such purpose, enroll or offer to enroll, contract or offer to contract with any person for such purpose, or award any educational credential, or contract with any institution or party to perform any such act, in this state, whether such person, group, or entity is

located within or outside this state, unless such person, group, or entity observes and is in compliance with the minimum standards set forth in Code Section 20-3-250.6, the criteria established by the commission pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of Code Section 20-3-250.5, and the rules and regulations adopted by the commission;

(6) Promise or guarantee employment utilizing information, training, or skill purported to be provided or otherwise enhanced by a course, unless the promisor or guarantor offers the student or prospective student a bona fide contract of employment agreeing to employ said student or prospective student for a specified period of time in a business or other enterprise regularly conducted by him or her where such information, training, or skill is a normal condition of employment;

(7) Do any act constituting part of the conduct or administration of a course or the obtaining of students thereof, if such person knows or reasonably should know that any phase or incident of the conduct or administration of the course is being carried on by the use of fraud, deception, other misrepresentation, or by any person soliciting students without a permit; ~~or~~

(8) Grant, or offer to grant, postsecondary degrees, diplomas, certificates, or honorary or unearned degrees without authorization to do so from the commission; or

(9) Grant, or offer to grant, postsecondary degrees unless such person, group, or entity is accredited or in the process of becoming accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education or its successor."

SECTION 3.

Said part is further amended in Code Section 20-3-250.10, relating to surety bonds, filing, release of surety, and suspension upon release of surety, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(e) The commission, by rule or regulation, shall authorize the executive director to accept an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a bank or savings and loan association, as defined in Code Section 7-1-4, in lieu of the surety bond otherwise required under this Code section and subject to the same requirements and conditions provided for surety bonds in this Code section."

SECTION 4.

Said part is further amended in Code Section 20-3-250.12, relating to denial of application, by revising subsection (a) and adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(a) If ~~the executive director,~~ upon review and consideration of an application for authorization to operate or for renewal thereof, the executive director determines that the applicant meets one or more of the factors considered pursuant to subsection (a.1) of this Code section, the executive director shall deny the application and shall notify the applicant setting forth the reason or reasons therefor.

(a.1) The review of an application for authorization to operate or for renewal thereof shall include consideration of whether the applicant:

(1) Fails ~~fails~~ to meet the criteria established as provided in this part~~,~~;

(2) Has previously caused loss or damage to a student of a nonpublic postsecondary educational institution as a result of any act or practice which is a violation of this part or of the rules and regulations established by the commission for the administration of this part or as a result of the commission of an offense provided for in Chapter 9 of Title 16 or a substantially similar offense in another jurisdiction;

(3) Has willfully failed to comply with the provisions of this part or the rules and regulations established by the commission for the administration of this part or with the laws applicable to nonpublic postsecondary educational institutions of another jurisdiction;

(4) Is acting for or on behalf of a person who has caused loss or damage to a student of a nonpublic postsecondary educational institution as a result of any act or practice which is a violation of this part or of the rules and regulations established by the commission for the administration of this part or as a result of the commission of an offense provided for in Chapter 9 of Title 16 or a substantially similar offense in another jurisdiction; or

(5) Is acting for or on behalf of a person who has willfully failed to comply with the provisions of this part or the rules and regulations established by the commission for the administration of this part or with laws applicable to nonpublic postsecondary educational institutions of another jurisdiction ~~the executive director shall so notify the applicant, setting forth the reasons therefor in writing, and shall deny the application~~."

SECTION 5.

Said part is further amended in Code Section 20-3-250.15, relating to hearing and review by commission of denial of authorization to operate, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(f) This Code section shall not apply to denials of authorization of additional course offerings pursuant to subsection (i) of Code Section 20-3-250.8."

SECTION 6.

Said part is further amended by revising Code Section 20-3-250.17, relating to discontinuation of operations of nonpublic postsecondary educational institution, as follows:

"20-3-250.17.

(a) In the event any nonpublic postsecondary educational institution, including degree-granting institutions exempted from this part under paragraphs (7), (10), (11), (13), and (14) of subsection (a) of Code Section 20-3-250.3, now or hereafter operating in this state proposes to discontinue its operations, the chief administrative officer, by whatever title designated, of such institution shall cause to be filed with the executive director the original or legible true copies of all such academic records of such institution as may be specified by the executive director. The commission shall be authorized to establish requirements for the format of such records, including whether such records shall be filed in a paper or digital format. Such records shall include, at a minimum, such information as is customarily required by colleges or other postsecondary educational institutions

when considering students for transfer or advanced study and, as a separate document, the academic record of each former student. In the event it appears to the executive director that any such records of an institution discontinuing its operations are in danger of being destroyed, secreted, mislaid, or otherwise made unavailable to the executive director, the executive director may, with court order, seize and take possession of such records, subject to the confidentiality accorded normal school records. The executive director shall maintain or cause to be maintained a permanent file of such records coming into his or her possession.

(b) In the event the executive director determines that any nonpublic postsecondary educational institution, including degree-granting institutions exempted from this part under paragraphs (7), (10), (11), (13), and (14) of subsection (a) of Code Section 20-3-250.3, now or hereafter operating in this state is at risk of discontinuing operations and that the academic records of such institution are at risk of being destroyed, secreted, mislaid, not properly maintained, not safeguarded, or otherwise made unavailable to the executive director or the students of such institution, the executive director shall be authorized to request that such institution file with the executive director copies of all such academic records of such institution in a format required by the commission, subject to the confidentiality accorded normal school records. If such institution fails to file such records, the executive director shall be authorized to seek a court order to obtain such records or copies of such records. The executive director shall maintain or cause to be maintained a permanent file of such records coming into his or her possession."

SECTION 7.

Said part is further amended by revising Code Section 20-3-250.27, relating to Tuition Guaranty Trust Fund, as follows:

"20-3-250.27.

(a) It is the purpose of this Code section to create a trust fund from participation fees from postsecondary educational institutions to enable such institutions, collectively, to protect students against financial loss when a postsecondary educational institution closes without reimbursing its students and without completing its educational obligations to its students and to provide consumer information, as necessary in the determination of the commission, to prospective and currently enrolled students.

(b)(1) Effective on July 1, 1992, the Tuition Guaranty Trust Fund is created. The participation fees received by the commission from postsecondary educational institutions pursuant to the provisions of subsections (c) and (d) of this Code section shall be deposited in a special account designated 'Tuition Guaranty Trust Fund' and shall be held in trust by the board of trustees provided for in paragraph (2) of this subsection for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Code section. The money in the fund may be invested by said board of trustees in any bonds and other securities of agencies of the government of the United States and bonds and other securities of state and local governments. The earnings from such investments shall be deposited to the credit of the Tuition Guaranty Trust Fund and shall be available for the same purposes as other money deposited in the fund.

(2) The fund shall be administered by the Board of Trustees of the Tuition Guaranty Trust Fund. The board of trustees shall consist of five members of the commission designated by majority vote of the commission, where at least two members, by June 30, 2020, shall represent postsecondary educational institutions. The five members of the commission who are so designated shall serve for such terms of office as members of the board as the commission shall establish by rule or regulation. The commission shall appoint one of the members so designated as chairman of the board. The executive director shall also serve as executive director and secretary of the board. Three members of the board must vote in agreement in order for the board to take official action. The commission may by rule or regulation provide for another member of the commission to serve in the place of a member of the board who is absent from a meeting of the board.

(c)(1) ~~All~~ Except as expressly provided otherwise in this Code section, all postsecondary educational institutions operating or conducting postsecondary activity in this state, except those which are exempt from the provisions of this Code section pursuant to Code Section 20-3-250.3, shall participate in the tuition guaranty fund. Those postsecondary educational institutions specified in ~~paragraphs (10) and (14)~~ paragraph (4) of subsection (a) of Code Section 20-3-250.3 and in subsection (c) of Code Section 20-3-250.3 shall not be required to participate in the tuition guaranty fund regardless of whether such institution has received authorization to operate.

(2) Postsecondary educational institutions which were authorized to operate in this state prior to July 1, 1990, and which have maintained continuous authorization in this state since July 1, 1990, and institutions which have been continuously licensed since July 1, 1990, pursuant to the provisions of Title 43 and were authorized by the commission prior to July 1, 2022, shall participate in the fund and shall not be required to provide surety bonds as provided in Code Section 20-3-250.10; provided, however, that any surety bond provided by an institution before July 1, 2021, shall remain in effect for one full year after the effective date of such surety bond.

(3) ~~Postsecondary educational institutions which are currently authorized to operate in this state and which were first authorized to operate in this state on or after July 1, 1990, shall participate in the fund for seven years of authorized operation; provided, however, that no postsecondary educational institution first authorized to operate in this state on or after July 1, 1990, which fully participated in the fund for five years on or before January 1, 2022, shall be required to participate in the fund for seven years as otherwise provided in this paragraph.~~ A postsecondary educational institution specified in paragraph (14) of subsection (a) of Code Section 20-3-250.3 shall not be required to participate in the fund if such institution fully participated in the fund on or before January 1, 2026.

~~(4) Following a change of ownership, as provided for in subsection (f) of Code Section 20-3-250.8, a postsecondary educational institution may be required to participate in the fund for a period of up to seven years as determined by the executive director in his or her sole discretion.~~

(d)(1)(A) In addition to any other fees required by this part, the commission shall by regulation establish fees ~~to~~ which shall be paid annually by postsecondary educational institutions for participation in the tuition guaranty fund, except as otherwise provided in this subsection. The fees shall be based on gross tuition collected during a year by each postsecondary educational institution. If an institution has not operated for a full year, its participation fee shall be based initially on its projected gross tuition for the first full year of operation. At the conclusion of the first year, the fee for that year shall be adjusted to reflect actual gross tuition. The annual fee established by the commission shall be sufficient, when added to the earnings of the fund, to create a balance in the fund of at least $10 million by July 1, 2040.

(B) Each postsecondary educational institution required to participate in the fund, excluding an institution that has filed a surety bond with the commission pursuant to Code Section 20-3-250.10, shall be authorized to participate in the fund by securing and maintaining a surety bond or irrevocable letter of credit in lieu of paying the annual fee established pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph. The commission shall, by rule or regulation, establish conditions for such bonds and letters of credit to ensure that such bonds and letters of credit include provisions to indemnify the Tuition Guaranty Trust Fund and students of the institution in the event the institution ceases operations without fulfilling its educational obligations to its students or without reimbursing its students.

(2)(A) The board of trustees shall notify the commission when the fund balance exceeds $10 million, and~~, except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection,~~ upon receiving such notification, the commission shall cease collection of participation fees from postsecondary educational institutions which have contributed to the fund for at least five years.

(B) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (C) of this paragraph, the commission shall cease collection of participation fees from a postsecondary educational institution which is currently authorized to operate in this state and which was first authorized to operate in this state on or before January 1, 2026, after the total amount of the participation fees collected from such postsecondary educational institution reaches 5 percent of the fund balance specified in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, regardless of the current balance of the fund.

(C) The commission, upon notification from the board of trustees, shall reestablish collection of participation fees from ~~such~~ the participating postsecondary educational institutions provided for in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of this paragraph at any time the fund balance is less than $4 million. At such time and until the fund balance reaches $10 million, fees shall be collected from such participating institutions according to a schedule adopted by the commission based on gross tuition in amounts sufficient to raise the fund balance to $10 million.

~~(2) Each postsecondary educational institution which is first authorized to operate in this state after July 1, 1992, and is required to participate in the fund for seven years of authorized operation under the provisions of paragraph (3) of subsection (c) of this Code section shall be required to pay participation fees for such period of time~~

~~notwithstanding the amount in the tuition guaranty fund. If the balance in the fund exceeds $10 million, participation fees shall be collected from each such institution according to the fee schedule adopted by the commission pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection. No postsecondary educational institution first authorized to operate in this state on or after July 1, 1992, which fully participated in the fund for five years on or before January 1, 2022, shall be required to participate in the fund for seven years as otherwise provided in this paragraph.~~

(e) The annual cost incurred by the commission and by the board of trustees in administering the Tuition Guaranty Trust Fund and providing consumer information as necessary for prospective and currently enrolled students, including expenses incurred in collecting from defaulting postsecondary educational institutions the amounts paid from the fund to or on behalf of students pursuant to the provisions of subsection (g) of this Code section, shall be paid from the fund; provided, however, that such annual administrative costs shall not exceed 2.5 percent of the fund during the fiscal year. The commission shall issue a report annually to each postsecondary educational institution participating in the fund. The report shall provide an evaluation of the financial condition of the fund and a summary of claims paid or other expenditures from the fund during the immediately preceding fiscal year.

(f) The commission shall establish by regulation a late payment fee for the failure of a postsecondary educational institution to pay its participation fee at the time established by regulation of the commission for the payment of such fees. An application for authorization to operate or for the renewal thereof may be denied under Code Section 20-3-250.12 for failure to pay participation fees. Late payment fees shall be paid into the fund. Any authorization to operate may be revoked, suspended, or made conditional under Code Section 20-3-250.13 for failure to pay participation fees.

(g)(1) In the event a postsecondary educational institution participating in the fund ceases operations without fulfilling its educational obligations to its students or without reimbursing its students, the board of trustees may reimburse from the fund valid and documented claims of students for tuition and fees paid to that institution as well as costs incurred as a result of such cessation of operations in accordance with guidelines and procedures adopted by the commission; provided, however, that in the event of a precipitous closure, no student of the institution which is the subject of such closure shall be reimbursed from the fund unless such institution was participating in the fund at the time of such closure. Payments from the fund shall be made by warrant of the state treasurer on the order of the board of trustees.

(1.1) No student who is not a resident of this state shall be reimbursed from the fund if he or she is eligible for reimbursement for such tuition and fees from a similar fund in his or her state of residence.

(2) The maximum amount that may be paid from the fund in claims on behalf of the students of any single defaulting postsecondary educational institution shall be determined by the commission, but shall not exceed 10 percent of the total fund, regardless of the fact that total claims may exceed that amount, unless a higher

percentage is authorized by a two-thirds' majority vote of the commission in the event of a significant precipitous closure.

(3) As an alternative to paying claims to or on behalf of students of a defaulting postsecondary educational institution, the board of trustees may arrange for another postsecondary educational institution to complete the educational obligations to the students of the defaulting postsecondary educational institution, provided that the program offered by the other institution is substantially equivalent to the program for which the students had paid tuition; and provided, further, that attendance at the other institution does not cause unreasonable hardship or inconvenience to the students. The commission shall have the authority to adopt rules or regulations which shall govern the board of trustees in the administration of the provisions of this paragraph. As a part of any such program, the board of trustees may reimburse the other postsecondary educational institution from the fund for expenses incurred by the institution in providing educational services for the students of the defaulting postsecondary educational institution. The Tuition Guaranty Trust Fund shall have an independent claim for recovery against the defaulting postsecondary educational institution and any surety issuing a bond pursuant to Code Section 20-3-250.10 to the extent that the fund has reimbursed a postsecondary educational institution from the fund for expenses pursuant to this paragraph and without the necessity of any further act by any party.

(4) It shall not be necessary to claim a loss or damage pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 20-3-250.14 in order for the board of trustees to pay claims to or on behalf of students pursuant to the provisions of this Code section. Procedures and requirements for filing claims under this Code section shall be as provided by rules or regulations adopted for that purpose by the commission.

(5) Any person aggrieved by a decision of the board of trustees to pay or deny a claim pursuant to the provisions of this Code section may appeal to the commission. A decision of the board of trustees shall be in writing and shall be sent by certified mail or statutory overnight delivery to the claimant and to the owner of the defaulting postsecondary educational institution. If the whereabouts of the owner of the defaulting postsecondary educational institution is not known and cannot reasonably be ascertained by the board of trustees, a notice of the decision shall be published in the legal organ of the county where the student claimant attended the defaulting postsecondary educational institution or a facility of such institution. The appeal to the commission shall be commenced by filing a written notice of such appeal to the commission within 30 days after receiving the written decision of the board of trustees. Within 30 days after receiving a notice of appeal, the commission shall affirm the decision of the board of trustees, modify and affirm the decision of the board of trustees, or overrule the decision of the board of trustees. Any person aggrieved by the action of the commission shall have the right to judicial review pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 20-3-250.16. The commission shall adopt rules or regulations providing procedures for the conduct of appeals from the board of trustees, but such rules or regulations shall be consistent with the provisions of this paragraph.

(h) The board of trustees shall issue a biennial report to the Governor and members of the General Assembly providing a summary of the financial condition of the fund and claims experience during the preceding biennium. Such reports shall be issued during the regular session of the General Assembly held during each even-numbered year beginning in 1994.

(i) The tuition guaranty fund shall be exempt from all license fees or income, franchise, privilege, occupation, or other taxes levied or assessed by the state or by any county, municipality, or other political subdivision of the state. Any payment of claims or refund of participation fees from the tuition guaranty fund shall not be exempt from taxation unless such payment or refund is exempt from taxation pursuant to the provisions of law independent of the provisions of this part.

(j) Authorization for a postsecondary educational institution to operate shall be suspended upon written notice by the executive director when such institution fails to participate in the fund as required under this Code section.

(k) The Tuition Guaranty Trust Fund shall have an independent claim for recovery against a defaulting postsecondary educational institution and any surety issuing a bond pursuant to Code Section 20-3-250.10 for reimbursements of valid and documented claims of students paid from the fund pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (g) of this Code section and without the necessity of any further act by any party."

SECTION 8.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	E Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	E Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R

Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	E Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 168, nays 1.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SB 143. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Payne of the 54th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Still of the 48th, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 7 of Title 47 of the O.C.G.A., relating to retirement, retirement allowances, disability benefits, and death benefits relative to the Georgia Firefighter's Pension Fund, so as to provide for certain members to retire at age 50; to amend Article 7 of Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the O.C.G.A., the "Public Retirement Systems Investment Authority Law," so as to provide for an exception for the Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund to invest in assets rated below investment grade; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 6 of Chapter 7 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to retirement, retirement allowances, disability benefits, and death benefits relative to the Georgia Firefighter's Pension Fund, so as to provide for certain members to continue working while receiving retirement benefits; to provide for certain members who have retired and reentered employment to accrue creditable service without a seven-year

minimum; to amend Chapter 23 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Judicial Retirement System, so as to provide for membership in the system for each judge employed full time in the Georgia Tax Court; to provide for creditable service; to provide for transfer of funds; to provide for transfer of membership service; to provide for payments of full actuarial costs; to provide for all other individuals employed by the court; to provide for earnable monthly compensation for purposes of contributions and benefit amounts; to provide conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 6 of Chapter 7 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to retirement, retirement allowances, disability benefits, and death benefits relative to the Georgia Firefighter's Pension Fund, is amended in Code Section 47-7-100, relating to eligibility for full pension benefits, eligibility for partial benefits, optional pension benefits, vesting of rights to pension benefits, and early retirement provisions, by revising subsections (b) through (f) as follows:

"(b)(1) Any eligible member who has attained the age of 55 years and who terminates service as a firefighter or volunteer firefighter after at least 25 years of service, upon application to and approval by the board, shall have a vested right in an amount equal to the maximum monthly retirement benefit in effect on the date the board approves such application. ~~Such benefits shall commence on the date of the member's termination of service.~~ Such benefits shall commence on the date of approval by the board. It shall not be a requirement that a retired member terminate his or her employment or volunteer service to receive retirement benefits under this paragraph. A member who retires under this paragraph and who chooses to remain employed or continue his or her volunteer service while receiving retirement benefits shall not pay monthly dues nor shall such member be eligible to earn or buy additional creditable service.

(2) Any eligible member who terminates service ~~as a firefighter or volunteer firefighter~~ after 25 years of service, but before reaching the age of 55 years, may, upon ~~filing an application with~~ application to and approval by the board, cease payment of such member's monthly dues following such termination of service and, upon reaching the age of 55 years and being otherwise eligible, shall be paid a monthly benefit equal to the maximum monthly retirement benefit in effect on the date such member attains the age of 55 years.

(3) Any eligible member who terminates service after at least 15 years of service, upon application to and approval by the board, shall be eligible for a monthly benefit equal to such member's vested monthly benefit pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section in effect on the date of such termination of service, subject to the provisions of subsection (f) of this Code section. Such benefits shall become payable when the

member reaches 55 years of age or when such member terminates his or her employment, whichever is later.

(c) Any eligible member who accrues at least 25 years of creditable service shall have a vested right in and to a monthly benefit equal to the maximum monthly retirement benefit in effect on the applicable date provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section. Any eligible member who ~~terminates service as a firefighter or volunteer firefighter after at least 15 years of service, upon application to and approval by the board,~~ accrues at least 15 years of creditable service shall have a vested right in and to a monthly benefit payable for the member's lifetime equal to a pro rata amount of the maximum monthly retirement benefit ~~provided in subsection (b) of this Code section~~ in effect on the applicable date ~~of such termination of service~~ provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section, which amount shall be determined by the ratio of years served, being not less than 15 nor more than 25, to the full 25 year service retirement. ~~Such benefits shall become payable when the member reaches 55 years of age or when he or she terminates employment as a firefighter or volunteer firefighter, whichever is later.~~

(d) At any time prior to approval by the board of an application for retirement, a member may elect or may revoke a previous election and make a new election to have monthly benefits payable under one of the options set forth in this subsection, in lieu of the benefits payable under subsection (b) ~~or (c)~~ of this Code section. The benefits shall be paid in accordance with the terms of the option elected. Election of any option shall be made by the member on forms provided by the board and shall be subject to approval by the board, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. No optional election is available for payment of disability benefits.

(1) Option A, the joint and survivor option, shall consist of a decreased retirement benefit which shall be payable during the joint lifetime of both the member and the member's spouse and which shall continue after the death of the member during the lifetime of the spouse in the amount chosen by the member, which amount shall be 100 percent, 75 percent, 66 2/3 percent, or 50 percent of the member's benefits. Any member who has completed 15 years of creditable service may elect that, in the event of the member's death prior to receiving any retirement benefits under this chapter, the member's spouse shall receive decreased retirement benefits in the amount elected by the member, which amount shall be 100 percent, 75 percent, 66 2/3 percent, or 50 percent of the benefits to which the member would have been entitled based upon the member's creditable service as of the time of the member's death. The decreased retirement benefits payable to the spouse of a member who dies prior to receiving any retirement benefits under this chapter shall commence on the date the member would have become 55 years of age and shall not be payable unless, prior to the member's death, the member had elected such benefits in the form and manner prescribed by the board and had filed such election with the board.

(2) Option B, the ten years' certain and life option, shall consist of a decreased retirement benefit payable to the member during the member's lifetime; and, in the event of the member's death within ten years after the member's retirement, the same monthly benefits shall be payable to the member's selected beneficiary, or, if the

member so elects, the total monthly benefit may be divided equally among up to five selected beneficiaries, for the balance of such ten-year period.

(3) If a member selects Option A, then, after the approval of the application for retirement, the following provisions apply:

(A) If the member's spouse shall predecease the member, the member may, in writing on forms prescribed by the board and subject to approval by the board, revoke Option A and thereafter receive during the member's lifetime a monthly retirement benefit commencing on the date on which the board approves such revocation, but not for any period prior to such approval, equal to the maximum monthly benefit which would have been payable to him had such option not been exercised;

(B) If there is entered a final judgment of complete divorce between the member and the member's spouse, the member may, in writing on forms prescribed by the board and subject to approval by the board, revoke Option A and thereafter receive during the member's lifetime a monthly retirement benefit commencing on the date on which the board approves such revocation, but not for any period prior to such approval, equal to the maximum monthly benefit which would have been payable had such option not been exercised; and

(C) If, following the death of the member's spouse or the entry of a final judgment of divorce between the member and the member's spouse, the member remarries, the member may, in writing on forms prescribed by the board and subject to approval by the board, elect Option A with respect to the member's new spouse. The joint and survivor benefit shall be determined as of the date of the election.

(4) The amount of any optional retirement benefit set forth in this subsection shall be the actuarial equivalent of the amount of the benefit that would otherwise be payable to the member under subsection (b) ~~or (c)~~ of this Code section based upon the interest rate and mortality basis approved from time to time by the board, the age of the member, and, if applicable, the age of his spouse as of the date benefits are to commence or as of the date benefits would have commenced if the member had retired after first becoming eligible for full benefits, whichever is earlier, but the optional benefits available under Option A shall be calculated without regard to the provisions of paragraph (3) of this subsection.

(e)(1) Any eligible member who retires after July 1, 1984, shall be entitled to an increase in the maximum monthly retirement benefit in effect at the time of his or her retirement under this Code section equal to 1 percent of the monthly retirement benefit for which the member would have been otherwise eligible for each full year of creditable service while a member of the fund ~~as a firefighter or volunteer firefighter~~ in excess of 25 years of creditable service.

(2) Any eligible member who retires after July 1, 2002, shall be entitled to an increase in the maximum monthly retirement benefit in effect at the time of his or her retirement under this Code section equal to 2 percent of the monthly retirement benefit for which the member would have been otherwise eligible for each full year of creditable service while a member of the fund ~~as a firefighter or volunteer firefighter~~ in excess of 25 years

of creditable service. Such increase shall be the total increase allowed by this subsection.

(f) Any eligible member who would be entitled to the commencement of retirement benefits upon reaching age 55 under subsection (b) or (c) of this Code section may elect to ~~retire~~ receive such benefit after reaching the age of 50 but before reaching the age of 55, ~~and immediately commence the drawing of retirement benefits~~ and in ~~that~~ such event the member shall be eligible ~~immediately upon retirement~~ for a reduced monthly pension benefit in an amount determined by multiplying the benefit for which the member would have been otherwise entitled under subsections (b)~~, (c),~~ and (e) of this Code section had the member delayed retirement or the commencement of benefits until the member reached age 55, such benefit to be determined as of the date of the member's actual retirement or first receipt of the monthly retirement benefit by the factor set forth below:

If the Member's Age At Retirement (determined by the member's age at the member's immediately preceding birthday) Is:	The Early Retirement Factor Is:
50	.70
51	.76
52	.82
53	.88
54	.94

The option available under this subsection may also be exercised by a surviving spouse who is the beneficiary of an Option A election with respect to the benefits payable to the spouse in the event the member dies prior to receiving any benefits and would have been able to exercise the option available under this subsection."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 47-7-101, relating to eligibility for retirement benefits, withdrawal of application for benefits before approval, and reemployment, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) Any person who again becomes a paid employee of a fire department or of a volunteer fire department after having been placed on retirement or disability under Code Section 47-7-100 or 47-7-102 shall immediately notify the executive director of such reemployment. Except as provided in paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Code Section 47-7-100, retirement ~~Retirement~~ benefits being paid to such person shall be suspended as of the date of such reemployment and shall remain suspended until such reemployment terminates at which time the payment of retirement benefits shall be resumed in the amount to which the person was eligible at the time of reemployment. A retired member who has retired under paragraph (2) or (3) of subsection (b) of Code Section 47-7-100,

may choose to pay monthly dues and earn creditable service during the period of reemployment. Disability benefits being paid to any such person shall be terminated as of the date of such reemployment. ~~Within six months of the commencement of reemployment, any such person who at the time of application otherwise meets the requirements for membership may, by application in the manner provided by this chapter, become a member of the fund. In the event the application is granted, such member, upon meeting the requirements provided by law, shall be entitled to all benefits provided for in Code Section 47-7-100, but the amount of monthly retirement or disability benefits payable to such member shall not exceed the amount of the monthly benefit which would be payable to such member had such subsequent retirement become effective at the time of the member's prior retirement, unless after such reemployment the member shall have acquired not less than seven years' creditable service as a member of the fund.~~"

SECTION 3.

Chapter 23 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Judicial Retirement System, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"47-23-51.

(a) On and after July 1, 2026, each individual employed full time as a judge in the Georgia Tax Court established by Article VI, Section I, Paragraph I of the Georgia Constitution shall become a member of this retirement system.

(b) Each individual who becomes a member of this retirement system pursuant to this Code section shall be eligible to transfer his or her creditable service from the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia to this retirement system, provided that he or she notifies the board of such election within one year of obtaining such membership and pays to the retirement system the remaining amount necessary to pay for the full actuarial cost to the retirement system associated with his or her transfer of service. Upon such election and payment, the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia shall transfer to this retirement system all employer and employee contributions paid by or on behalf of him or her together with regular interest thereon, and he or she shall receive service in this retirement system toward vesting only in the full amount of the service he or she rendered as an employee while he or she was a member of the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia and for which credit was allowable in such system.

(c) An individual who becomes a member of this retirement system pursuant to this Code section shall be subject to all provisions of this chapter applicable to solicitors-general of the state courts, except as otherwise specifically provided by this chapter. For the purposes of this retirement system, for each such member, his or her earnable monthly compensation shall be the full rate of regular monthly compensation paid from state funds to such member employee for his or her full working time.

(d) All other individuals employed by the Georgia Tax Court established pursuant to Article VI, Section I, Paragraph I of the Georgia Constitution shall be treated in accordance with the provisions of Code Section 47-2-70.1 for new state agencies."

SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended in subsection (a) of Code Section 47-23-100, relating to salary defined, by striking "and" at the end of paragraph (5), replacing the period with "; and" at the end of paragraph (6), and adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(7) For any person who is a member of the retirement system pursuant to Code Section 47-23-51, his or her average earnable monthly compensation."

SECTION 5.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026, only if it is determined to have been concurrently funded as provided in Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Public Retirement Systems Standards Law"; otherwise, this Act shall not become effective and shall be automatically repealed in its entirety on July 1, 2026, as required by subsection (a) of Code Section 47-20-50.

SECTION 6.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	E Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	E Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
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Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
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Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn

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Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
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Y Cheokas	Y Greene	E Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
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On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 168, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute,

The following Bills of the House were taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 1070. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th, Jasperse of the 11th, Tarvin of the 2nd, Greene of the 154th and Cox of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income tax imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits, so as to increase and extend an income tax credit for expenditures on the maintenance of railroad track owned or leased by Class III railroads; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income tax imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits, so as to increase and extend an income tax credit for expenditures on the maintenance of railroad track owned or leased by Class III railroads; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income tax imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits, is amended by revising

Code Section 48-7-40.34, relating to tax credit for Class III railroads and reporting, as follows:

"48-7-40.34.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Class III railroad' means a rail carrier classified as a Class III railroad by the United States Surface Transportation Board in accordance with Section 1-1 of 49 C.F.R. 1201, as it existed on January 1, 2018.

(2) 'Qualified railroad track maintenance expenditures' means gross expenditures for maintaining railroad track, including roadbed, bridges, and related track structures, owned or leased as of January 1, 2018, by a Class III railroad. Such term shall not include expenditures used to qualify for a federal tax credit or expenditures funded by a state or federal grant.

(b) A Class III railroad shall be given a credit against the tax imposed under this article for a taxable year in the amount of 50 percent of the qualified railroad track maintenance expenditures paid or incurred by such Class III railroad during the taxable year, provided that such credit shall not exceed ~~$3,500.00~~ $5,000.00 multiplied by each mile of railroad track owned or leased in this state as of the close of the taxable year by such Class III railroad.

(c)(1) The credit given under this Code section shall only be allowed once for each mile of railroad track in each taxable year.

(2) Such credit shall be given for each taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2019, and ending on or before ~~December 30, 2026~~ December 31, 2027, in which the conditions of this Code section have been met.

(d) If a credit is given under this Code section with respect to any railroad track, the basis of such railroad track shall be reduced by the amount of the credit so allowed.

(e)(1) The tax credits given to a Class III railroad by this Code section that are not used by such Class III railroad shall be freely assignable one time between January 1, 2019, and January 1, ~~2027~~ 2028, by written agreement to a taxpayer subject to the tax imposed by this chapter.

(2) In no event shall tax credits allowed under this Code section for a taxable year exceed any taxpayer's state income tax liability. Any credit allowed to any taxpayer under this Code section but not used in a taxable year may be carried forward for up to three years from the close of the taxable year in which the credit was first claimed. No such tax credit shall be allowed by the taxpayer against prior years' tax liability.

(f) On or before September 1 of 2020 and annually thereafter until 2027, the commissioner shall issue a report to the chairpersons of the Senate Finance Committee and the House Committee on Ways and Means concerning the tax credit created by this Code section, which shall include the following statistics for the preceding taxable year:

(1) The total number of taxpayers that claimed a credit provided by this Code section; and

(2) The number and total value of all credits earned and all credits applied during such tax year pursuant to this Code section.

(g) The commissioner shall promulgate such forms, rules, and regulations as are necessary to implement and administer the provisions of this Code section.
(h) This Code section shall be automatically repealed on January 1, ~~2027~~ 2028."

SECTION 2.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Hagan of the 156th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 1070.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	E Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Alexander	E Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
N Ali	Y Crowe	N Hilton	E McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Miller	N Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
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On the motion, the ayes were 139, nays 26.

The motion prevailed.

HB 668. By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Seabaugh of the 34th, Washburn of the 144th, McCollum of the 30th, Dempsey of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 16, Chapter 4 of Title 30, and Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, rights of persons with disabilities, and uniform rules of the road, respectively, so as to change references to assistance and guide dogs to service dogs; to provide for definitions and conforming changes; to provide for a criminal penalty for a person who causes death or physical harm to a service dog; to provide for exceptions; to revise provisions relating to the use and training of service dogs; to provide for a penalty for persons who misrepresent the need for a service dog; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 16, Chapter 4 of Title 30, and Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, rights of persons with disabilities, and uniform rules of the road, respectively, so as to change references to assistance and guide dogs to service dogs; to provide for definitions and conforming changes; to provide for a criminal penalty for a person who interferes with, causes death, or physical harm to a service dog; to provide for exceptions; to provide for restitution; to revise provisions relating to the use and training of service dogs; to provide for a penalty for persons who misrepresent the need for a service dog; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.
This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Mara Jade Act."

SECTION 2.
Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, is amended in Chapter 11, relating to offenses against public order and safety, by revising Code Section 16-11-107.1, relating to harassment of assistance dog by humans or other dogs and penalty, as follows:

"16-11-107.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

~~(1) 'Assistance dog' means a dog that is or has been trained by a licensed or certified person, organization, or agency to perform physical tasks for a physically challenged person. Assistance dogs include guide or leader dogs that guide individuals who are legally blind; hearing dogs that alert individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing to specific sounds; and service dogs for individuals with disabilities other than blindness or deafness, which are trained to perform a variety of physical tasks, including, but not limited to, pulling a wheelchair, lending balance support, picking up dropped objects, or providing assistance in a medical crisis.~~

~~(2)~~ 'Harass' means to engage in any conduct directed toward ~~an assistance~~ a service dog that is ~~knowingly~~ likely to impede or interfere with the ~~assistance~~ service dog's performance of its duties or that places the ~~blind, deaf, or physically limited~~ physically or mentally impaired person being served or assisted by the service dog in danger of injury.

~~(3) 'Notice' means an oral or otherwise communicated warning proscribing the behavior of another person and a request that the person stop the particular behavior.~~

(2) 'Service dog' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 30-4-1.

~~(b) Any person who knowingly and intentionally harasses or attempts to harass an assistance dog, knowing the dog to be an assistance dog, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than 90 days or a fine not to exceed $500.00, or both.~~

(b)(1) A person commits the offense of interfering with a service dog when he or she knows or should have known the dog to be a service dog and intentionally:

(A) Frightens, agitates, harasses, or tampers with the dog;

(B) Delays, obstructs, or hinders the dog in the performance of its duty as a service dog; or

(C) Allows his or her dog to harass a service dog.

(2) Any person convicted of a violation of this subsection shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment not to exceed 12 months, or a fine not to exceed $1,000.00, or both. Any person who is convicted of a second or subsequent violation of this subsection shall be punished as for a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature.

(c)(1) A ~~Any person who has received notice that his or her behavior is interfering with the use of an assistance dog who continues to harass an assistance dog, knowing the dog to be an assistance dog,~~ person commits the offense of harming a service dog when he or she knows or should have known that a dog is a service dog and intentionally:

(A) Causes, or commits an act that is likely to cause, physical harm, pain, or suffering to a service dog; or

(B) Allows his or her dog to cause physical harm, pain, or suffering to a service dog.

(2) Any person convicted of a violation of this subsection shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than ~~90 days~~ six months nor more than 12 months or a fine not to exceed ~~$500.00~~ $5,000.00, or both~~, provided that any person~~

~~who is convicted of a second or subsequent violation of this subsection shall be punished as for a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature~~.

(d)(1) A ~~Any person who knowingly and intentionally allows his or her dog to harass an assistance dog, knowing the dog to be an assistance dog, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than 90 days or a fine not to exceed $500.00, or both, provided that any person who is convicted of a second or subsequent violation of this subsection shall be punished as for a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature.~~ person commits the offense of aggravated harming of a service dog when he or she knows or should have known that a dog is a service dog and when he or she intentionally commits an act that:

(A) Causes the death of the dog; or

(B) Injures the dog in a manner that materially affects its ability to perform as a service dog.

(2) Any person convicted of a violation of this subsection shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than two nor more than ten years, a fine not to exceed $50,000.00, or both, and the first two years of such sentence shall not be suspended, probated, deferred, or withheld by a sentencing court; provided, however, that in the court's discretion, the court may depart from such mandatory minimum sentence when the prosecuting attorney and defendant have agreed to a sentence that is below such mandatory minimum.

(e) ~~Any person who knowingly and intentionally allows his or her dog to cause death or physical harm to an assistance dog by rendering a part of the assistance dog's body useless or by seriously disfiguring the assistance dog, knowing the dog to be an assistance dog, shall be punished as for a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature.~~ In addition to any other penalty provided for under this Code section, the court shall order the defendant to make restitution pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter 14 of Title 17 to the owner of a service dog for the costs of the veterinary expenses incurred in the treatment of such dog and the costs of any restorative training necessary to enable the dog to resume its duties. Notwithstanding Code Section 17-14-2 to the contrary, restitution when a service dog dies or is no longer able to engage in performance of its duties as a result of a violation of this Code section shall additionally include the amount of the actual replacement value of the service dog, which shall include the value of a dog to replace the service dog and all costs associated with training such dog and its handler or handlers.

(f) Nothing in this Code section shall prohibit the killing or euthanasia of a service dog for humane purposes in a manner consistent with the provisions of Code Section 4-11-5.1.

(g) Nothing in this Code section shall prohibit the defense of a person against a service dog that attacks such person."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 12, relating to offenses against public health and morals, by revising paragraph (6) of subsection (a) of Code Section 16-12-120, relating to certain acts in public transit buses, rapid rail cars, or stations and penalty, as follows:

"(6) Carries or possesses any explosives, acids, other dangerous articles, or live animals, except for the following:

(A) A ~~guide dog or~~ service dog as described in Code Section 30-4-2, provided that such ~~guide dog or~~ service dog is accompanied by a ~~physically disabled person, blind person, person with visual disabilities, deaf~~ physically or mentally impaired person~~,~~ or a person who is responsible for training a ~~guide dog or~~ service dog; and

(B) Small pets confined to rigid pet carriers with locks or latches;"

SECTION 4.

Chapter 4 of Title 30 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to rights of persons with disabilities, is amended by revising Code Section 30-4-1, relating to definitions, as follows:

"30-4-1.

As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) 'Activities of daily living' means tasks that are essential, routine, and provide for an individual's basic needs, including, but not limited to, eating, toileting, grooming, dressing, shaving, walking, transferring, and other functions necessary for independent living.

(2) 'Housing accommodations' means any real property or portion thereof which is used or occupied, or intended, arranged, or designed to be used or occupied, as the home, residence, or sleeping place of one or more human beings but shall not include any single-family residence the occupants of which rent, lease, or furnish for compensation not more than one room therein.

~~(2) 'Physically disabled person' means any person, regardless of age, who is subject to a physiological defect or deficiency regardless of its cause, nature, or extent that renders the person unable to move about without the aid of crutches, a wheelchair, or any other form of support, or that limits the person's functional ability to ambulate, climb, descend, sit, rise, or to perform any related function.~~

(3) 'Owner training' means training of a dog to become a service dog by an owner who is a physically or mentally impaired person by teaching the dog to perform the specific tasks that directly assist such owner and directly relate to such owner's specific disability and to take a specific action when needed to assist the person.

(4) 'Physically or mentally impaired person' means any person, regardless of age, who, regardless of the cause, nature, or extent, is rendered substantially limited or unable to perform one or more activities of daily living over an extended period of time as a result of developmental deficiencies, the aging process, learning disabilities, physical injury or disease, cognitive impairments, or psychological disabilities.

(5) 'Service dog' means any domestic canine that has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks that directly assist a physically or mentally impaired person and directly relate to such person's specific disability and to take a specific action when needed to assist the person, or if still in training, that is operating under the guidance of a trainer. Such term shall not include a dog that has not been trained to do a specific

job or task or that solely provides comfort, companionship, or emotional support to a person, regardless of such person's disability status.

(6) 'Trainer' means a service dog owner with a disability who is involved in the training process of his or her service dog or an individual who is competent to train service animals and is involved in such processes."

SECTION 5.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 30-4-2, relating to right to equal public accommodations and right to be accompanied by guide dog or service dog, as follows:

"30-4-2.

(a) Physically or mentally impaired ~~Blind persons, persons with visual disabilities, persons with physical disabilities, and deaf~~ persons are entitled to full and equal accommodations, advantages, facilities, and privileges on all common carriers, airplanes, motor vehicles, railroad trains, motor buses, streetcars, boats, or any other public conveyances or modes of transportation and at hotels, lodging places, places of public accommodation, amusement, or resort, and other places to which the general public is invited, subject only to the conditions and limitations established by law and applicable alike to all persons.

(b)(1) Every ~~totally or partially blind person shall have the right to be accompanied by a guide dog, and every physically disabled person and every deaf~~ physically or mentally impaired person shall have the right to be accompanied by a service dog, especially trained for the purpose, in any of the places listed in subsection (a) of this Code section without being required to pay an extra charge for the ~~guide or~~ service dog; provided, however, that he or she shall be liable for any damage done to the premises or facilities by such service dog. In addition, if such ~~totally or partially blind person, physically disabled person, or deaf~~ physically or mentally impaired person is a student at a private or public school in this state, such person shall have the right to be accompanied by a ~~guide dog or~~ service dog subject to liability for damage as provided in the preceding sentence. ~~The guide dog or service dog must be identified as having been trained by a school for seeing eye, hearing, service, or guide dogs.~~

(2) Every person engaged in the training of a ~~guide dog or~~ service dog for the purpose of accompanying a person as provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall have the same right to be accompanied by such service dog being trained as the ~~totally or partially blind person, deaf person, or physically disabled~~ physically or mentally impaired person has under paragraph (1) of this subsection, so long as such trainer is engaged in owner training or is identified as an agent or employee of a school for ~~seeing eye, hearing, service, or guide~~ service dogs.

(3) Every person engaged in the raising of a dog for training as a ~~guide dog or~~ service dog for the purpose of accompanying a person as provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection and every physically or mentally impaired person who is engaged in owner training of his or her dog as a service dog shall have the same right to be accompanied by such dog being raised for training or in owner training as the ~~totally or partially blind~~

~~person, deaf person, or physically disabled~~ physically or mentally impaired person has under paragraph (1) of this subsection, so long as:

(A) The trainer notifies an onsite manager that a service dog in training is being brought onto the premises;

(B) Each trainer or puppy raiser during the training of a service dog is liable for any damage done to persons, premises, or facilities by that service dog in training;

(C) Such dog ~~is being held on a leash and~~ is under the control of the person raising such dog ~~for an accredited school for seeing eye, hearing, service, or guide dogs~~ at all times and such control includes that such dog is on a harness, leash, or other tether, unless either the handler is unable because of a disability to use a harness, leash, or other tether, or the use of a harness, leash, or other tether would interfere with the service dog's safe, effective performance of work or tasks, in which case the service dog must be otherwise under the handler's control through the use of voice control, signals, or other effective means;

~~(B) Such person has on his or her person and available for inspection credentials from the accredited school for which the dog is being raised; and~~

(D) Such dog is at least six months of age and is reliably housebroken; and

~~(C)~~(E) Such dog is wearing a collar, leash, or other appropriate apparel or device that identifies such dog ~~with the accredited school for which such dog is being raised~~ as being trained as a service dog.

(c) If a person engaged in the raising and training of a service dog does not uphold the requirements of paragraph (3) of subsection (b) of this Code section, then business and public entities shall have the right to ask the person to remove the service dog in training. In such instance, the staff of the business or public entity shall offer the person with the disability the opportunity to obtain goods or services without the dog's presence.

(d) Service dogs in training shall have the same rights and protections under the law as working service dogs.

(e) Every totally or partially blind person operating a vending stand shall have the right to be accompanied by a trained ~~guide~~ service dog on the entire premises of his or her vending operation."

SECTION 6.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 30-4-3, relating to right to housing accommodations, as follows:

"30-4-3.

(a) Physically or mentally impaired ~~Blind persons, visually disabled persons, physically disabled persons, and deaf~~ persons shall be entitled to rent, lease, or purchase, as other members of the general public, all housing accommodations offered for rent, lease, or other compensation in this state, subject to the conditions and limitations established by law and applicable alike to all persons.

(b) Every ~~totally or partially blind person, every physically disabled person, and every deaf~~ physically or mentally impaired person who has a ~~guide dog or~~ service dog or who obtains a ~~guide dog or~~ service dog and every person engaged in the training of a ~~guide~~

~~dog or~~ service dog shall be entitled to full and equal access to all housing accommodations provided for in this Code section, and he or she shall not be required to pay extra compensation for such ~~guide dog or~~ service dog. However, he or she shall be liable for any damage done to the premises by such ~~guide dog or~~ service dog.

(c) Nothing in this Code section shall require any person renting, leasing, or otherwise providing real property for compensation to modify his or her property in any way or provide a higher degree of care for a ~~blind, visually disabled, physically disabled, or deaf~~ physically or mentally impaired person than for a person who is not ~~so disabled~~ physically or mentally impaired."

SECTION 7.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 30-4-4, relating to denial of or interference with admittance to or enjoyment of facilities or exercise of rights, as follows:

"30-4-4.

(a) Any person, firm, or corporation, or the agent of any person, firm, or corporation, who denies or interferes with admittance to or enjoyment of the facilities enumerated in this chapter or otherwise interferes with the rights of a ~~totally or partially blind person, physically disabled person, or deaf~~ physically or mentally impaired person or person engaged in the training or raising of a ~~guide dog or~~ service dog as provided by this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed $2,000.00, ~~imprisonment~~ confinement for not more than 30 days, or both.

(b) Any individual who deliberately misrepresents himself or herself as qualified to use a service dog or train or raise service dogs for the purpose of obtaining accommodations or securing rights under this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed $2,000.00, confinement for not more than 30 days, or both."

SECTION 8.

Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to uniform rules of the road, is amended by revising Code Section 40-6-94, relating to right of way of blind pedestrian, as follows:

"40-6-94.

The driver of every vehicle shall yield the right of way to any blind pedestrian who is carrying a walking cane or stick white in color or white tipped with red or who is accompanied by a ~~guide dog~~ service dog."

SECTION 9.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Thomas of the 21st moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 668.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	E Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
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Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
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Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
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Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 168, nays 0.

The motion prevailed.

HB 1121. By Representatives Williams of the 148th, Hagan of the 156th and Stinson of the 150th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to terms of superior court, so as to change certain terms of court in the Cordele Judicial Circuit; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to change certain terms of court in the Cordele Judicial Circuit; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, is amended in Article 1 of Chapter 6, relating to general provisions relative to superior courts, by revising paragraph (13) of Code Section 15-6-3, relating to terms of superior courts, as follows:

"(13) **Cordele Circuit:**

(A) Ben Hill County — ~~Second and third Mondays in January; first, second, and third Mondays in April; third and fourth Mondays in June; and third and fourth Mondays in September and Monday following~~ January 1 and July 1.

(B) Crisp County — ~~Third and fourth Mondays in February and Monday following; third and fourth Mondays in May; first, second, and third Mondays in August; and second and third Mondays in November~~ January 1 and July 1.

(C) Dooly County — ~~First and second Mondays in February; fourth Monday in April and Monday following; third and fourth Mondays in July; and third and fourth Mondays in October~~ January 1 and July 1.

(D) Wilcox County — ~~Second and third Mondays in March; fourth Monday in August and Monday following; and first and second Mondays in December~~ January 1 and July 1."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Williams of the 148th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 1121.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	E Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh

Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	E Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	E Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	E Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 165, nays 0.

The motion prevailed.

HB 61. By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, McDonald III of the 26th, Corbett of the 174th, Mathis of the 133rd and Crowe of the 118th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-151 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual license fees for operation of vehicles, fee for permanent licensing of certain trailers, and fee for new passenger car with paid title ad valorem taxes, so as to provide for the issuance of separate license plates for hearses and ambulances; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 10 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to magistrate courts, so as to provide for magistrate court jurisdiction over certain proceedings; to amend Code Section 16-7-21.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to unlawful squatting, so as to revise offense provisions; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 21 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to rights, duties, and liabilities of innkeepers, so as to provide for certain guest removal procedures for innkeepers; to provide for an affidavit; to provide for construction; to amend Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property, so as to prohibit public access to court records of dispossessory proceedings under certain conditions; to provide for limitations and law enforcement officer safety regarding removal; to provide for legislative findings; to authorize real property owners to request assistance from law enforcement for the immediate removal of squatters from their property under certain conditions; to require such property owners to submit a verified complaint; to provide for complaint requirements; to provide for law enforcement requirements; to authorize arrest of squatters for legal cause; to authorize a fee for service; to provide for law enforcement and property owner immunity in certain instances; to provide for civil remedies; to provide for criminal penalties; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Georgia Anti-Squatting Act of 2026."

SECTION 2.

Chapter 10 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to magistrate courts, is amended in subsection (a) of Code Section 15-10-2, relating to general jurisdiction and authority of magistrate to act, by revising paragraphs (18) and (19) and adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(18) The trial and sentencing of unlawful squatting violations as provided in Code Section 16-7-21.1; ~~and~~

(19) Proceedings against intruders ~~and unlawful squatting~~ as provided in Code Sections 44-11-30, 44-11-31, 44-11-32, and 44-11-33; and

(20) Proceedings against squatters as provided in Code Section 44-11-34."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 15-10-260, relating to jurisdiction and penalties, as follows:

"15-10-260.

(a) This article governs trials of misdemeanor violations of Code Sections 16-13-30, 16-13-2, 16-8-14, 16-8-14.1, 3-3-23, ~~and~~ 16-7-21, and 16-7-21.1.

(b) Magistrate courts are authorized to conduct trials and impose sentences for violations of misdemeanors specified in subsection (a) of this Code section~~; provided, however, that~~ as follows:

(1) For misdemeanor violations of Code Sections 16-13-30, 16-13-2, 16-8-14, 16-8-14.1, 3-3-23, and 16-7-21, the violation ~~must~~ shall have occurred in the unincorporated area of the county; and

(2) For misdemeanor violations of Code Section 16-7-21.1, the violation may have occurred anywhere in the county.

(c) A person convicted of violation of a misdemeanor specified in subsection (a) of this Code section shall be punished as provided in paragraphs (1) through ~~(4)~~ (6) of this subsection as follows:

(1) For possession of less than one ounce of marijuana, as provided in subsection (b) of Code Section 16-13-2;

(2) For misdemeanor theft by shoplifting, as provided in paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Code Section 16-8-14;

(3) For misdemeanor refund fraud, as provided in paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Code Section 16-8-14.1;

(4) For furnishing alcoholic beverages to, and purchase and possession of alcoholic beverages by, a person under 21 years of age, as provided in Code Section 3-3-23.1; ~~and~~

(5) For criminal trespass, as provided in subsection (d) of Code Section 16-7-21; and

(6) For unlawful squatting, as provided in subsection (c) of Code Section 16-7-21.1.

(d) The jurisdiction of magistrate courts to try and dispose of the misdemeanor violations enumerated in subsection (a) of this Code section shall be concurrent with the jurisdiction of any other courts having jurisdiction to try and dispose of such cases."

SECTION 4.

Code Section 16-7-21.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to unlawful squatting, is amended as follows:

"16-7-21.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'resides' means to occupy, inhabit, or live.

~~(a)(1)~~(b) A person commits the offense of unlawful squatting when he or she enters upon the land or premises of another and resides on such land or premises for any period of time knowingly acting without the knowledge or ~~consent~~ authority of the property owner, the rightful occupant of the property, or an authorized representative of the property owner. ~~As used in this Code section, the term 'resides' means to inhabit or live on or within any land or premises.~~

~~(2) Any person who commits or is accused of committing the offense of unlawful squatting as provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall receive a citation advising that he or she shall present to the head of the issuing law enforcement agency or its designee, within three business days of receiving the citation for such alleged offense, properly executed documentation that authorizes the person's entry on such~~

~~land or premises. Such documentation may include a properly executed lease or rental agreement or proof of rental payments.~~

~~(3) If such person is unable to provide the documentation required by paragraph (2) of this subsection, such person shall be subject to arrest for unlawful squatting and, upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to the penalty provided in subsection (b) of this Code section.~~

~~(4) If such person provides documentation that authorizes such person's entry on the land or premises, a hearing shall be set within seven days of the submission of such documentation, and, if the court of appropriate jurisdiction finds that the submitted documentation was not properly executed or is not meritorious, such person shall be subject to demand for possession and removal as provided in Code Section 44-11-32, be subject to arrest and upon conviction penalties as provided for in Code Sections 16-9-1 and 16-9-2, and be assessed an additional fine based on the fair market monthly rental rate of the land or premises.~~

~~(b)~~(c) Any person who violates subsection ~~(a)~~ (b) of this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor ~~which~~ and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished as provided in Code Section 17-10-3 and, further, shall be ordered to make restitution to the property owner, the rightful occupant of the property, or an authorized representative of the property owner. Such restitution shall be based upon the fair market monthly rental rate of the land or premises."

SECTION 5.

Article 1 of Chapter 21 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to rights, duties, and liabilities of innkeepers, is amended by revising Code Section 43-21-3.2, relating to written statement of period of occupancy signed by guest and rights of innkeeper and guest under contract, as follows:

"43-21-3.2.

(a) A written statement prominently setting forth in bold type the time period during which a guest may occupy an assigned room, when separately signed or initialed by the guest, is a valid nonassignable contract. Such contract shall clearly state the terms under which a person may occupy the room and that he or she may be subject to removal for failing to comply with such contract; provided, however, that the contract shall include a provision that an innkeeper shall not require a guest who stays for more than 90 consecutive days to vacate such guest's room or the premises as set forth in subsection (b) of this Code section until at least ten days, excluding legal holidays, after such innkeeper has served the guest with written notice to vacate the room and premises. Such notice shall state the date by which such guest is required to vacate and shall be posted conspicuously in a sealed envelope on the door of the guest's assigned room and shall also be delivered by another reasonable method to such guest or representative of such guest, including, but not limited to, hand delivery, email, text message, mail, or placement under the door of the guest's assigned room. Upon the expiration of the contracted time period and any applicable grace ~~At the expiration of such time~~ period, the guest may be restrained from entering such room and any personal property of the

guest shall be subject to the innkeeper's lien as provided for in Code Section 43-21-5 and may be removed by the innkeeper to a secure place where the guest may recover his or her personal property upon payment by such guest of all sums due for food, lodging, or other accommodation without liability to the innkeeper, except for damages to or loss of such personal property attributable to its removal. The innkeeper shall not charge arbitrary or excess fees for the storage, handling, or retrieval of such guest's personal property beyond what is reasonably associated with such actions. If a guest vacates his or her room prior to the date contained in the written statement, ~~that~~ such guest shall not be liable for charges for the time after the room is vacated unless the guest has agreed otherwise before occupying the room.

(b)(1) Upon the expiration of the contracted time period and any applicable grace period set forth in the written contract, an innkeeper may immediately deny a guest further access to the room or premises and may secure any personal property left behind by the guest which shall be subject to the innkeeper's lien as provided for in Code Section 43-21-5.

(2) If a guest refuses to vacate upon the expiration of the contracted time period and any applicable grace period and immediate denial of access is not possible, the innkeeper may execute and file an affidavit with the appropriate law enforcement agency, along with a copy of the signed contract, affirming the guest's lawful occupancy has expired. Upon receipt, the law enforcement agency shall treat the guest as a trespasser subject to removal under Code Section 16-7-21 and shall remove such person from the room or premises.

(c)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, when an innkeeper furnishes accommodations to a guest on a day-to-day or week-to-week basis, an innkeeper-guest relationship shall be presumed to exist regardless of such guest's length of stay or frequency or method of payment, provided that such guest entered into a valid written contract designating the relationship between the parties as innkeeper and guest and such accommodations were provided on a day-to-day or week-to-week basis. An agreement of understanding to convert a guest to a tenant shall be in writing, be signed by both parties, and expressly state the intent to establish a landlord-tenant relationship.

(2) An innkeeper's acceptance of a missed or late payment tendered by a guest shall not create a landlord-tenant relationship nor waive an innkeeper's right to pursue immediate removal of a guest pursuant to this Code or any other provision of law.

(d) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to prohibit the innkeeper and guest from agreeing to an alternative remedy in lieu of removal from the property upon the expiration of a written contract under this Code section."

SECTION 6.

Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property, is amended in Code Section 44-7-50, relating to demand for possession, procedure upon a tenant's refusal, and notice to vacate or pay, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(e) A court of competent jurisdiction shall order all records of the court relating to a dispossessory proceeding to be made unavailable to the public when the tenant has

prevailed in the proceeding, has met all the conditions of a settlement agreement, or three years have lapsed since the resolution of the dispossessory action."

SECTION 7.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 44-7-55, relating to judgment, writ of possession, landlord's liability for wrongful conduct, distribution of funds paid into court, and personal property, by revising subsection (e) as follows:

"(e)(1) Nothing in this Code section shall require a sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, or marshal to execute a writ of possession within 30 days from the issuance of any order granting a writ of possession, or the issuance, application, or request for the execution of the writ of possession; provided, however, that, in the event the sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, or marshal is unable to execute the writ within ~~14~~ seven days from the landlord's application or request for such execution, the landlord shall be entitled to utilize the services of an off-duty sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, marshal, or other ~~individual~~ peace officer certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council having authority within the jurisdiction wherein the premises lie to execute such writ at the landlord's sole cost and expense.

(2) The sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, or marshal shall maintain a list of authorized off-duty sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, constables, marshals, and other ~~individuals~~ peace officers certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council and make the same available upon request by the landlord.

(3) The sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, or marshal shall maintain administrative authority over any persons executing writs under this subsection.

(4) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to mandate that a sheriff or marshal must authorize any off-duty peace officer who is not under his or her administrative authority to enforce the provisions of this Code section.

(5) The landlord shall provide written notice to the sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, or marshal to whom the application for execution was originally submitted of the date and time of the scheduled execution of the writ by such off-duty sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, marshal, or other ~~individual~~ peace officer certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council at least ~~five~~ three calendar days in advance of such execution in order to permit the sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, or marshal to note the same within his or her own records.

(6) For officer safety purposes, a landlord that is utilizing the services of an off-duty sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, marshal, or other peace officer certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council pursuant to this Code section shall provide written notice to the sheriff of the county and, if applicable, the police chief and marshal of the county at least three calendar days in advance of any writ of possession being executed."

SECTION 8.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 11, relating to ejectment and proceedings against intruders, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"44-11-34.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'resides' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-7-21.1.

(b) The General Assembly finds that the right to exclude others from entering, and the right to direct others to immediately vacate, real property are the most important real property rights. The General Assembly further finds that existing remedies regarding a squatter, also known as an unauthorized person who unlawfully remains or resides on real property, fail to adequately protect the rights of the real property owner and fail to adequately discourage theft and vandalism. The intent of this Code section is to swiftly restore possession of real property to the lawful owner of the property when such property is being unlawfully occupied and to thereby preserve real property rights while limiting the opportunity for criminal activity.

(c) A real property owner or his or her authorized agent may request from the sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, marshal, or other peace officer certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council of the county in which the real property is located the immediate removal of a person or persons unlawfully residing on or within the real property pursuant to this Code section, subject to the following conditions:

(1) The requesting person is the real property owner or authorized agent of the real property owner;

(2) An unauthorized person or persons have unlawfully entered and remain or continue to reside on or within the property owner's real property;

(3) The real property was not open to members of the public at the time the unauthorized person or persons entered;

(4) The real property owner has directed the unauthorized person or persons to leave the real property;

(5) The unauthorized person or persons are not current tenants pursuant to a written or oral rental agreement authorized by the real property owner;

(6) The unauthorized person or persons are not immediate family members of the real property owner; and

(7) There is no pending litigation related to the real property between the real property owner and any known, unauthorized person.

(d) To request the immediate removal of a person or persons unlawfully residing on or within the real property, the real property owner or his or her authorized agent shall submit a complaint by presenting a completed and verified Complaint to Remove Persons Unlawfully Residing On or Within Real Property to the sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, marshal, or other peace officer certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council of the county in which the real property is located. The submitted complaint shall be in substantially the following form:

'COMPLAINT TO REMOVE PERSONS UNLAWFULLY RESIDING ON OR WITHIN REAL PROPERTY

I, the owner or authorized agent of the owner of the real property located at _____, declare under the penalty of perjury that (initial each box):

1. □ I am the owner of the real property or the authorized agent of the owner of the real property.
2. □ I purchased the property on _____(date).
3. □ An unauthorized person or persons have unlawfully entered and are remaining or residing unlawfully on or within the real property.
4. □ The real property was not open to members of the public at the time the unauthorized person or persons entered.
5. □ I have directed the unauthorized person or persons to leave the real property, but they have not done so.
6. □ The unauthorized person or persons are not current tenants pursuant to any valid lease I authorized, and any lease that may be produced by such person or persons is fraudulent or expired.
7. □ The unauthorized person or persons sought to be removed are not an owner or a co-owner of the real property and have not been listed on the title to the real property unless the person or persons have engaged in title fraud.
8. □ The unauthorized person or persons sought to be removed are not immediate family members of mine.
9. □ There is no litigation related to the real property pending between myself and any person or persons sought to be removed.
10. □ I understand that a person or persons removed from the real property pursuant to this procedure may bring a cause of action against me for any false statements made in this complaint, or for wrongfully using this procedure, and that as a result of such action I may be held liable for actual damages, statutory damages, penalties, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees.
11. □ I am requesting the sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, marshal, or other peace officer certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council to immediately remove the unauthorized person or persons from the real property.
12. □ A copy of my valid government issued identification is attached, or I am an agent of the real property owner and documents evidencing my authority to act on the real property owner's behalf are attached.

I HAVE READ EVERY STATEMENT MADE IN THIS COMPLAINT AND EACH STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE STATEMENTS MADE IN THIS COMPLAINT ARE BEING MADE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, PUNISHABLE AS PROVIDED IN O.C.G.A. 16-10-70.

(Signature of Real Property Owner or Agent of Real Property Owner)'

(e)(1) Upon receipt of the complaint, the sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, marshal, or other peace officer certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council shall verify in good faith that the person submitting the complaint is the true property owner of the real property or the authorized agent of the property owner and appears otherwise entitled to relief under this Code section. If verified, such sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, marshal, or other peace officer shall, without delay, serve notice to immediately vacate on all unauthorized persons and shall put the real property owner in possession of the real property.

(2) Service pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection may be accomplished by hand delivery of the notice to an unauthorized person or by posting the notice on the front door or entrance of the real property.

(f)(1) The sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, marshal, or other peace officer certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council shall be entitled to the same fee for service of the notice to immediately vacate as if such sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, marshal, or other peace officer certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council were serving a writ of possession. After such sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, marshal, or other peace officer certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council serves the notice to immediately vacate, the real property owner or his or her authorized agent may request the sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, marshal, or other peace officer certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council to stand by to keep the peace while the verified real property owner or authorized agent of the real property owner changes the locks and removes any personal property of the unauthorized person or persons from the land or premises to or near the property line. When such request is made, such sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, marshal, or other peace officer certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council may charge a reasonable hourly rate, and the real property owner or agent requesting such service shall be responsible for paying the reasonable hourly rate set by such sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, marshal, or other peace officer certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council. The sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, marshal, or other peace officer certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council shall not be liable to the unauthorized person or persons or any other party for the loss of or destruction or damage to the property.

(2) The real property owner or his or her authorized agent shall not be liable to an unauthorized person or persons or any other party for the loss of or destruction or damage to such personal property unless the removal was wrongful.

(g) Any person who, with the intent to remain or reside upon real property, knowingly and willfully presents to another person a false document purporting to be a valid lease agreement, deed, or other instrument conveying real property rights commits a felony, and upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of

imprisonment of not less than one year nor more than five years, and no portion of the mandatory minimum sentence imposed shall be suspended, stayed, probated, deferred, or otherwise withheld by the sentencing court.

(h) A person may bring a civil cause of action for wrongful removal under this Code section. A person harmed by a wrongful removal under this Code section may be restored to possession of the real property and may recover actual damages incurred, statutory damages equal to three times the fair market monthly rental rate of the property, court costs, and reasonable attorney's fees. The court shall expedite such cause of action on the court calendar.

(i) Nothing in this Code section shall prohibit or otherwise limit the rights of a real property owner or the authority of a sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, marshal, or other peace officer certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council to arrest an unauthorized person or persons for criminal trespass as provided in Code Section 16-7-21, unlawful squatting as provided in Code Section 16-7-21.1, criminal damage to property in the first degree as provided in Code Section 16-7-22, criminal damage to property in the second degree as provided in Code Section 16-7-23, theft in violation of Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 16, or any other offense."

SECTION 9.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 10.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Oliver of the 84th asked the Speaker to rule on the germaneness of the Senate Substitute to HB 61.

Representative Oliver of the 84th withdrew her request.

Representative Oliver of the 84th moved that HB 61 be placed upon the table.

The motion prevailed.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bills of the House:

HB 445. By Representative Martin of the 49th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to revise the language required to be included in the notices of current assessment; to add hearing officer review for tax assessment of certain business personal property; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1116. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Burns of the 159th, Efstration of the 104th, Hatchett of the 155th, Cannon of the 172nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapters 5 and 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of property and sales and use taxes, respectively, so as to provide for the acceptance of tax digests in the event of a publication error made by a newspaper; to amend Part 4 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to financing under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to exclude amounts attributable to certain exemptions from ad valorem taxation from the equalized adjusted school property tax digest for the purpose of calculating the local five mill share and equalization grants; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 81 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government budgets and audits; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1193. By Representatives Erwin of the 32nd, Burns of the 159th, Hatchett of the 155th, Dubnik of the 29th, Jones of the 47th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to education, so as to promote and advance state-wide literacy and reading education efforts; to substantially revise the "Georgia Early Literacy and Dyslexia Act"; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Bills of the House were taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 134. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Jasperse of the 11th, Burchett of the 176th, Corbett of the 174th, Williams of the 148th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to provide for definitions; to

revise and expand a sales tax exemption for manufactured homes; to provide for a sunset date; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 33 and Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance and revenue and taxation, respectively, so as to reduce the personal income tax rate; to remove provisions relative to annual reductions of the income tax; to reduce the rates of taxation on corporate and partnership income; to increase the amount of the standard deduction from state taxable income for individuals; to provide a sunset date for all credits against Georgia taxable net income; to repeal the abatement or reduction of gross premium tax levied against insurance companies, the dollar-for-dollar credit against state income tax liability for banks and other financial institutions, credits for manufacturers of medical equipment and supplies, pharmaceuticals, medicine, and personal protective equipment, optional income tax credits for existing manufacturing and telecommunications facilities in tier 3 and 4 counties, credits for alternative fuel, low-emission, and zero-emission vehicles and electric vehicle chargers, businesses headquartered in this state, businesses engaged in manufacturing cigarettes for exportation, business enterprises that purchase or lease a motor vehicle to provide transportation for employees, base year port traffic increases, and teleworking expenses; to modify such credits for low-income housing and qualified investments in a research fund; to repeal the state sales tax and use exemptions for the rental of videotape or motion picture film, the sale of aircraft, watercraft, and motor vehicles under certain circumstances; to repeal such exemptions for the sale to licensed commercial fishermen of bait for taking crabs, printed advertising inserts or supplements, the sale of machinery or equipment used to reduce air or water pollution, high-technology company computer equipment sales, data center equipment, sales of machinery, equipment, and materials used in the construction or operation of certain buildings, the sale of natural or artificial gas under certain circumstances, and the maintenance, refitting, and repair of any boat; to allow for the continued use of certificates of exemption issued prior to the date of repeal as they relate to certain sales and use tax exemptions; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Income Tax Reduction Act of 2026."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to income taxes, is amended by revising subsection (a.1) of Code Section 48-7-20, relating to individual tax rates, credit for withholding and other payments, and applicability to estates and trusts, as follows:

"(a.1)~~(1) On and after January 1, 2025~~ For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, the tax imposed pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section shall be ~~5.19~~ 4.99 percent.~~ for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025; provided, however, that such rate shall be reduced by 0.10 percent annually beginning on January 1, 2026, until the rate reaches 4.99 percent, provided that such annual reductions in the tax rate shall be subject to delays as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection~~.

~~(2) Each prospective annual reduction in the tax rate that would otherwise occur as provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be delayed by one year for each year that any of the following are true as of December 1:~~

~~(A) The Governor's revenue estimate for the succeeding fiscal year is not at least 3 percent above the Governor's revenue estimate for the present fiscal year;~~

~~(B) The prior fiscal year's net revenue collection was not higher than each of the preceding three fiscal years' net tax revenue collection; or~~

~~(C) The Revenue Shortfall Reserve provided for in Code Section 45-12-93 does not contain a sum that exceeds the amount of the decrease in state revenue projected to occur as a result of the prospective reduction in the tax rates set to occur the following year.~~

~~(3) The Office of Planning and Budget shall make the determinations necessary to implement the provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection and shall report its determinations by December 1 of each year to the department, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, and the chairpersons of the House Appropriations Committee, the House Ways and Means Committee, the Senate Appropriations Committee, and the Senate Finance Committee. This paragraph shall not be applicable after the final reduction to the rate of 4.99 percent occurs.~~"

SECTION 2-2.

Said article is further amended by revising subsection (a) and division (b)(7)(C)(ii) of Code Section 48-7-21, relating to taxation of corporations, as follows:

"(a) Every domestic corporation and every foreign corporation shall pay annually an income tax ~~on~~ equivalent to 4.99 percent of its Georgia taxable net income ~~at the same rate of the tax imposed on individuals under subsection (a.1) of Code Section 48-7-20 for the corresponding taxable year~~. Georgia taxable net income of a corporation shall be the

corporation's taxable income from property owned or from business done in this state. A corporation's taxable income from property owned or from business done in this state shall consist of the corporation's taxable income as defined in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, with the adjustments provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section and allocated and apportioned as provided in Code Section 48-7-31."

"(ii) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, an electing Subchapter 'S' corporation, with respect to a taxable period, shall pay an income tax ~~on~~ equivalent to 4.99 percent of its net income ~~at the same rate of the tax imposed on individuals under subsection (a.1) of Code Section 48-7-20 for the corresponding taxable year~~ as computed pursuant to this Code section, and allocated and apportioned pursuant to Code Section 48-7-31, for such taxable period, and such shareholders shall not recognize their respective share of the portion of income on which tax was actually paid pursuant to this subparagraph."

SECTION 2-3.

Said article is further amended by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (b) of Code Section 48-7-23, relating to taxation of partnerships, computation of net income, disallowance of charitable contributions, individual liability of partners, individual returns of distributive shares, taxable years, and elections, as follows:

"(3) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this Code section, an electing partnership with respect to a taxable period shall pay an income tax ~~on~~ equivalent to 4.99 percent of its net income ~~at the same rate of the tax imposed on individuals under subsection (a.1) of Code Section 48-7-20 for the corresponding taxable year~~ as computed pursuant to this Code ~~Section~~ section, and allocated and apportioned pursuant to Code Section 48-7-31, for such taxable period, and such partners shall not recognize their respective share of the portion of income on which tax was actually paid pursuant to this subsection."

SECTION 2-4.

Said article is further amended by revising the introductory language and paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 48-7-27, relating to computation of taxable net income, as follows:

"(a) Georgia taxable net income of an individual shall be the taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income, as defined in the ~~United States~~ Internal Revenue Code of 1986, less:

(1) At the taxpayer's election, either:

(A) The sum of all itemized nonbusiness deductions used in computing such taxpayer's federal taxable income; or

(B) A standard deduction in an amount as follows:

(i) In the case of a married couple filing a joint return, ~~$24,000.00~~ $100,000.00; or

(ii) In the case of a single taxpayer, head of household, or married taxpayer filing a separate return, ~~$12,000.00~~ $50,000.00;"

PART III

SECTION 3-1.

Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to revenue and taxation, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"48-7-7.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, for each taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2032, no credit shall be allowed against the Georgia taxable net income of any:

(1) Corporation, as provided under Code Section 48-7-20;

(2) Fiduciary, as provided under Code Section 48-7-22;

(3) Partnership, as provided under Code Section 48-7-23; or

(4) Individual, as provided under Code Section 48-7-27."

SECTION 3-2.

Chapter 7A of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to low-income tax credit, is amended by revising Code Section 48-7A-1, which is reserved, as follows:

"48-7A-1.

This chapter shall stand repealed on December 31, 2031 ~~Reserved~~."

PART IV
SECTION 4-1.

Chapter 1 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to insurance, is amended by revising Code Section 33-1-18, relating to housing tax credit for qualified projects and rules and regulations, as follows:

"33-1-18.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Affordable housing project' means a qualified low-income housing project as that term is defined in Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, that is located in Georgia.

(2) 'Federal housing tax credit' means the federal tax credit as provided in Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

~~(2)~~(3) 'Median income' means those incomes that are determined by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development guidelines and adjusted for family size.

~~(3)~~(4) 'Project' means a housing project that has restricted rents that do not exceed 30 percent of median income for at least 40 percent of its units occupied by persons or families having incomes of 60 percent or less of the median income or at least 20 percent of the units occupied by persons or families having incomes of 50 percent or less of the median income.

~~(4)~~(5) 'Qualified basis' means that portion of the tax basis of ~~a qualified Georgia~~ an affordable housing project eligible for the federal housing tax credit, as that term is defined in Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

~~(5) 'Qualified Georgia project' means a qualified low-income building as that term is defined in Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, that is located in Georgia.~~

(b)(1) A tax credit against the taxes imposed under Code Sections 33-5-31, 33-8-4, and 33-40-5, to be termed the Georgia affordable housing tax credit, shall be allowed with respect to each ~~qualified Georgia~~ affordable housing project placed in service after January 1, 2001. ~~The amount of~~ For initial applications received by the Department of Community Affairs prior to January 1, 2027, the amount of such credit shall not exceed an amount equal to the federal housing tax credit allowed for each affordable housing project. For initial applications received by the Department of Community Affairs on or after January 1, 2027, no such credit shall, when combined with the total amount of credit authorized under Code Section 48-7-29.6, ~~in no event~~ exceed an amount equal to 50 percent of the federal housing tax credit allowed with respect to such ~~qualified Georgia~~ affordable housing project.

(2)(A) If under Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, a portion of any federal housing tax credit taken on a project is required to be recaptured as a result of a reduction in the qualified basis of such project, the taxpayer claiming any state tax credit with respect to such project shall also be required to recapture a portion of any state tax credit authorized by this Code section. The state recapture amount shall be equal to the proportion of the state tax credit claimed by the taxpayer that equals the proportion the federal recapture amount bears to the original federal housing tax credit amount subject to recapture. The tax credit under this Code section shall not be subject to recapture if such recapture is due solely to the sale or transfer of any direct or indirect interest in such ~~qualified Georgia~~ affordable housing project.

(B) In the event that recapture of any Georgia affordable housing tax credit is required, any amended return submitted to the Commissioner as provided in this Code section shall include the proportion of the state tax credit required to be recaptured, the identity of each taxpayer subject to the recapture, and the amount of tax credit previously allocated to such taxpayer.

(3) In no event shall the total amount of the tax credit under this Code section for a taxable year exceed the taxpayer's tax liability under Code Sections 33-5-31, 33-8-4, and 33-40-5. Any unused tax credit shall be allowed to be carried forward to apply to the taxpayer's next three succeeding years' tax liability. No such tax credit shall be allowed the taxpayer against prior years' tax liability.

(4) The tax credit allowed under this Code section~~,~~ and any recaptured tax credit~~,~~ shall be allocated among some or all of the partners, members, or shareholders of the entity owning the project in any manner agreed to by such persons, whether or not such persons are allocated or allowed any portion of the federal housing tax credit with respect to the project.

(c)(1) Except for confidential taxpayer information pursuant to Title 48, all affordable housing project records associated with this Code section shall be subject to Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50, relating to open records.

(2) The commissioner and the state department designated by the Governor as the state housing credit agency for purposes of Section 42(h) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, shall each be authorized to promulgate any rules and regulations necessary to implement and administer this Code section."

SECTION 4-2.

Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, is amended by revising Code Section 48-7-29.6, relating to tax credits for qualified low-income buildings, as follows:

"48-7-29.6.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Affordable housing project' means a qualified low-income housing project as that term is defined in Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, that is located in Georgia.

(2) 'Federal housing tax credit' means the federal tax credit as provided in Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

~~(2)~~(3) 'Median income' means those incomes that are determined by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development guidelines and adjusted for family size.

~~(3)~~(4) 'Project' means a housing project that has restricted rents that do not exceed 30 percent of median income for at least 40 percent of its units occupied by persons or families having incomes of 60 percent or less of the median income, or at least 20 percent of the units occupied by persons or families having incomes of 50 percent or less of the median income.

~~(4)~~(5) 'Qualified basis' means that portion of the tax basis of ~~a qualified Georgia~~ an affordable housing project eligible for the federal housing tax credit, as that term is defined in Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

~~(5) 'Qualified Georgia project' means a qualified low-income building as that term is defined in Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, that is located in Georgia.~~

(b)(1) A state tax credit against the tax imposed by this article, to be termed the Georgia affordable housing tax credit, shall be allowed with respect to each ~~qualified Georgia~~ affordable housing project placed in service after January 1, 2001. ~~The amount of~~ For initial applications received by the Department of Community Affairs prior to January 1, 2027, the amount of such credit shall not exceed an amount equal to the federal housing tax credit allowed for each affordable housing project. For initial applications received by the Department of Community Affairs on or after January 1, 2027, no such credit shall, when combined with the total amount of credits authorized under Code Section 33-1-18, ~~in no event~~ exceed an amount equal to 50 percent of the federal housing tax credit allowed with respect to such ~~qualified Georgia~~ affordable housing project.

(2)(A) If under Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, a portion of any federal housing tax credit taken on a project is required to be recaptured

as a result of a reduction in the qualified basis of such project, the taxpayer claiming any state tax credit with respect to such project shall also be required to recapture a portion of any state tax credit authorized by this Code section. The state recapture amount shall be equal to the proportion of the state tax credit claimed by the taxpayer that equals the proportion the federal recapture amount bears to the original federal housing tax credit amount subject to recapture. The tax credit under this Code section shall not be subject to recapture if such recapture is due solely to the sale or transfer of any direct or indirect interest in such ~~qualified Georgia~~ affordable housing project.

(B) In the event that recapture of any Georgia affordable housing tax credit is required, any amended return submitted to the commissioner as provided in this Code section shall include the proportion of the state tax credit required to be recaptured, the identity of each taxpayer subject to the recapture, and the amount of tax credit previously allocated to such taxpayer.

(3) In no event shall the total amount of the tax credit under this Code section for a taxable year exceed the taxpayer's income tax liability. Any unused tax credit shall be allowed to be carried forward to apply to the taxpayer's next three succeeding years' tax liability. No such tax credit shall be allowed the taxpayer against prior years' tax liability.

(4) The tax credit allowed under this Code section, and any recaptured tax credit, shall be allocated among some or all of the partners, members, or shareholders of the entity owning the project in any manner agreed to by such persons, whether or not such persons are allocated or allowed any portion of the federal housing tax credit with respect to the project.

(c)(1) Except for confidential taxpayer information pursuant to this title, all affordable housing project records associated with this Code section shall be subject to Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50, relating to open records.

(2) The commissioner and the state department designated by the Governor as the state housing credit agency for purposes of Section 42(h) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, shall each be authorized to promulgate any rules and regulations necessary to implement and administer this Code section."

PART V
SECTION 5-1.

Chapter 1 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to insurance, is amended in Code Section 33-1-25, the "Georgia Agribusiness and Rural Jobs Act," by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(l) This Code section shall stand repealed on December 31, 2031."

SECTION 5-2.

Chapter 8 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fees and taxes relative to insurance, is amended by repealing Code Section 33-8-4.1, relating to state insurance premiums tax credits for insurance companies located in certain counties

designated as less developed areas and authority of commissioner of community affairs and Commissioner.

SECTION 5-3.

Said chapter is further amended by repealing Code Section 33-8-4.2, relating to assignment, carryover, and liability regarding tax credits.

SECTION 5-4.

Said chapter is further amended by repealing and reserving Code Section 33-8-5, relating to abatement or reduction of tax on insurance premiums.

SECTION 5-5.

Said chapter is further amended by repealing subsections (e) and (f) of Code Section 33-8-8, relating to preemption of taxation of insurance companies by state, exceptions, and collection of license fees by municipal corporations.

SECTION 5-6.

Said chapter is further amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Code Section 33-8-8.1, relating to county and municipal corporation taxes on life insurance companies, as follows:

"(1) There is imposed a county tax for county purposes on each life insurance company doing business within the state, which tax shall be based solely upon gross direct premiums, as defined in Code Section 33-8-4, which are received during the preceding calendar year from policies insuring persons residing within the unincorporated area of the counties pursuant to the provisions of this Code section. The rate of such tax shall be 1 percent of such premiums~~, except that such tax shall not apply to the gross direct premiums of an insurance company which qualifies, pursuant to Code Section 33-8-5, for the reduction to one-half of 1 percent of the state tax imposed by Code Section 33-8-4~~. The tax imposed by this Code section shall not apply to annuity considerations; and"

SECTION 5-7.

Chapter 38 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association, is amended by repealing Code Section 33-38-22, relating to premium tax liability offsets and refunds offset against taxes.

SECTION 5-8.

Chapter 6 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to taxation of intangibles, is amended by repealing and reserving subsection (e) of Code Section 48-6-93, relating to local business license tax on depository financial institutions, tax rate based on Georgia gross receipts, return required, and credits.

SECTION 5-9.

Said chapter is further amended by repealing subsection (e) of Code Section 48-6-95, relating to special state occupation tax on depository financial institutions, tax rate based on Georgia gross receipts, return required, annual reports, and credits.

SECTION 5-10.

Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, is amended by repealing and reserving Code Section 48-7-29.7, relating to tax credits for depository financial institutions.

SECTION 5-11.

Said chapter is further amended by repealing and reserving Code Section 48-7-29.11, relating to tax credits for eligible teleworking expenses.

SECTION 5-12.

Said chapter is further amended by repealing Code Section 48-7-40.1A, relating to tax credits for personal protective equipment manufacturers.

SECTION 5-13.

Said chapter is further amended by repealing Code Section 48-7-40.1B, relating to tax credits for manufacturers of medical equipment and supplies, pharmaceuticals, and medicine.

SECTION 5-14.

Said chapter is further amended by repealing and reserving Code Section 48-7-40.9, relating to optional tax credits for existing manufacturing and telecommunications facilities or manufacturing and telecommunications support facilities in tier 3 or 4 counties.

SECTION 5-15.

Said chapter is further amended by repealing and reserving Code Section 48-7-40.15, relating to tax credits for base year port traffic increases.

SECTION 5-16.

Said chapter is further amended by repealing Code Section 48-7-40.15A, relating to tax credit for employer with base year port traffic increases.

SECTION 5-17.

Said chapter is further amended by repealing and reserving Code Section 48-7-40.16, relating to tax credits for alternative fuel, low-emission, and zero-emission vehicles and electric vehicle chargers.

SECTION 5-18.

Said chapter is further amended by repealing and reserving Code Section 48-7-40.18, relating to tax credits for businesses headquartered in state and full-time jobs.

SECTION 5-19.

Said chapter is further amended by repealing and reserving Code Section 48-7-40.20, relating to tax credits for businesses engaged in manufacturing cigarettes for exportation.

SECTION 5-20.

Said chapter is further amended by repealing and reserving Code Section 48-7-40.22, relating to tax credits for business enterprises that purchase or lease a motor vehicle to provide transportation for employees.

SECTION 5-21.

Said chapter is further amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 48-7-40.27, relating to tax credits for qualified investments in a research fund, as follows:

"(1) 'Credit' means a state income tax credit against the tax imposed pursuant to this article in an amount equal to ~~25~~ 12.5 percent of the taxpayer's qualified investment."

SECTION 5-22.

Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to state sales and use taxes, is amended by repealing and reserving paragraphs (24), (32), (44), (48), (61), (69), and (70), repealing paragraph (33.1), and repealing and reenacting paragraphs (36), (68), and (68.1) of Code Section 48-8-3, relating to exemptions relative to state sales and use taxes, to read as follows:

"(36) After the effective date of this Act, no new certificates of exemption from sales and use tax for the sale of machinery and equipment or repair, replacement, or component parts for such machinery and equipment which is used for the primary purpose of reducing or eliminating air or water pollution shall be issued pursuant to the former provisions of this paragraph as they existed prior to the effective date of this Act; provided, however, that any certificate of exemption issued prior to the effective date of this Act shall continue to be governed by the provisions of this paragraph as it existed immediately prior to the effective date of this Act;"

"(68) After the effective date of this Act, no new certificates of exemption from sales and use tax to a high-technology company shall be issued pursuant to the former provisions of this paragraph as they existed prior to the effective date of this Act; provided, however, that any certificate of exemption issued prior to the effective date of this Act shall continue to be governed by the provisions of this paragraph as it existed immediately prior to the effective date of this Act;

(68.1) After the effective date of this Act, no new certificates of exemption from sales and use tax to a high-technology data center or a high-technology data center customer shall be issued pursuant to the former provisions of this paragraph as they existed prior to the effective date of this Act; provided, however, that any certificate of exemption

issued prior to the effective date of this Act shall continue to be governed by the provisions of this paragraph as it existed immediately prior to the effective date of this Act;"

SECTION 5-23.

Said chapter is further amended by repealing and reserving Code Section 48-8-3.4, relating to maximum amount of sales and use tax imposed and collected on the maintenance, refitting, and repair of any single boat.

PART VI
SECTION 6-1.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this section, this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2027, and shall be applicable to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2027.
(b) Except for Section 2-4, which shall be effective and applicable as provided in subsection (a) of this section, Part II of this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

SECTION 6-2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following amendment was read and adopted:

Representative Petrea of the 166th offers the following amendment:

Amend HB 134 (LC 59 0315S) by replacing lines 1 through the end with the following:
To amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to income taxes, so as to provide for various tax credits for forestry manufacturing facilities; to provide for transfer of tax credits and conditions; to provide for reporting; to provide for aggregate maximum amounts of tax credits; to require approval of future amendments by a two-thirds' vote of each chamber of the General Assembly; to provide for effective dates and automatic repeals; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Keep Georgia Forested Act."

SECTION 2.

Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to income taxes, is amended in Code Section 48-7-40, relating to designation of counties as less developed areas and tax credits for certain business enterprises, by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (a) and adding new paragraphs, revising paragraph (2) of subsection (e), and adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(2) 'Business enterprise' means any business or the headquarters of any such business which is engaged in manufacturing, including, but not limited to, the manufacturing of alternative energy products for use in solar, wind, battery, bioenergy, biofuel, and electric vehicle enterprises, warehousing and distribution, processing, telecommunications, broadcasting, tourism, research and development industries, biomedical manufacturing, forestry manufacturing, and services for the elderly and persons with disabilities. Such term shall not include retail businesses. Businesses are eligible for the tax credit provided by this Code section at an individual establishment of the business based on the classification of the individual establishment under the North American Industry Classification System. ~~For purposes of this Code section, the term 'establishment' means an economic unit at a single physical location where business is conducted or where services or industrial operations are performed. If more than one business activity is conducted at the establishment, then only those jobs engaged in the qualifying activity will be eligible for the tax credit provided by this Code section.~~"

"(3.1) 'Establishment' means an economic unit at a single physical location where business is conducted or where services or industrial operations are performed. If more than one business activity is conducted at the establishment, then only those jobs engaged in the qualifying activity shall be eligible for the tax credit provided by this Code section."

"(4.1) 'Forestry manufacturing' or 'forestry manufacturer' means any business with an establishment in this state that is certified by the state revenue commissioner in consultation with the director of the State Forestry Commission as an establishment that utilizes wood fiber, forest-derived biomass, wood residuals, or forestry by-products, from domestically sourced virgin timber, as a primary feedstock in the manufacture of forest products, renewable fuels, bio-based chemicals, bioenergy, or other value-added products that support or derive economic value from the forest products supply chain, regardless of the establishment's primary North American Industry Classification System code."

"(2) Existing business enterprises and, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, and prior to January 1, 2031, forestry manufacturers shall be allowed an additional tax credit for taxes imposed under this article equal to $500.00 per eligible new full-time employee job the first year in which the new full-time employee job is created. The additional credit shall be claimed in the first taxable year in which the new full-time employee job is created. The number of new full-time employee jobs shall be determined by comparing the monthly average number of full-time employees

subject to Georgia income tax withholding for the taxable year with the corresponding period of the prior taxable year. In tier 1 counties, those existing business enterprises and forestry manufacturers that increase employment by five or more shall be eligible for the credit. In tier 2 counties, only those existing business enterprises and forestry manufacturers that increase employment by ten or more shall be eligible for the credit. In tier 3 counties, only those existing business enterprises and forestry manufacturers that increase employment by 15 or more shall be eligible for the credit. In tier 4 counties, only those existing business enterprises and forestry manufacturers that increase employment by 25 or more shall be eligible for the credit. The average wage of the new jobs created must be above the average wage of the county that has the lowest average wage of any county in the state to qualify as reported in the most recently available annual issue of the Georgia Employment and Wages Averages Report of the Department of Labor. To qualify for a credit under this paragraph, the employer must make health insurance coverage available to the employee filling the new full-time job; provided, however, that nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to require the employer to pay for all or any part of health insurance coverage for such an employee in order to claim the credit provided for in this paragraph if such employer does not pay for all or any part of health insurance coverage for other employees. Credit shall not be allowed during a year if the net employment increase falls below the number required in such tier. Any credit generated and utilized for years prior to the year in which the net employment increase falls below the number required in such tier shall not be affected. The state revenue commissioner shall adjust the credit allowed each year for net new employment fluctuations above the minimum level of the number required in such tier. This paragraph shall apply only to new eligible full-time jobs created in taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2006, and ending no later than taxable years beginning prior to January 1, 2011."

"(n)(1) Any credits earned under this Code section by a forestry manufacturer for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, and prior to January 1, 2031, and before and previously claimed but not used by such forestry manufacturer against its income tax or as credit against quarterly or monthly payment under Code Section 48-7-103 as provided within this Code section, and in addition to the assignability provisions of Code Section 48-7-42, may be transferred or sold in whole or in part by such forestry manufacturer to another Georgia taxpayer, subject to the following conditions:

(A) Such forestry manufacturer may make only a single transfer or sale of tax credits earned in a taxable year; however, the transfer or sale may involve one or more transferees; and

(B) Such forestry manufacturer shall submit to the department a written notification of any transfer or sale of tax credits within 30 days after the transfer or sale of such tax credits. The notification shall include such forestry manufacturer's tax credit balance prior to the transfer, the remaining balance after transfer, all tax identification numbers for each transferee, the date of the transfer, the amount transferred, and any other information required by the department.

(2) Failure to comply with this subsection shall result in disallowance of the tax credit until the forestry manufacturer is in full compliance.

(3) The transfer or sale of this tax credit shall not extend the time in which such tax credit can be used. The carry-forward period for a tax credit that is transferred or sold shall begin on the date in which the tax credit was originally earned.

(4) A transferee shall have only such rights to claim and use the tax credit as were available to the transferor at the time of the transfer. To the extent that such transferor did not have rights to claim or use the tax credit at the time of the transfer, the department shall either disallow the tax credit claimed by the transferee or recapture the tax credit from the transferee. The transferee's recourse is against the transferor.

(5) The department shall prepare an annual report of the total amount of credits transferred by forestry manufacturers pursuant to this Code section for the prior year. The report required under this paragraph shall be completed no later than December 31 of each year and presented to each member of the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Finance Committee.

(6) This subsection shall stand repealed by operation of law on the last moment of December 31, 2030. The automatic repeal of this subsection on December 31, 2030, shall not impair or affect a forestry manufacturer's ability to transfer an unused credit after January 1, 2031, that such taxpayer accrued pursuant to this Code section for taxable years before December 31, 2030."

SECTION 3.

Said article is further is amended in Code Section 48-7-40.1, relating to tax credits for business enterprises in less developed areas, by revising subsection (a) and adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Broadcasting' means the transmission or licensing of audio, video, text, or other programming content to the general public, subscribers, or to third parties via radio, television, cable, satellite, or the internet or IP and includes motion picture and sound recording, editing, production, postproduction, and distribution. Such term is limited to establishments classified under the 2007 North American Industry Classification System Codes 515, broadcasting; 519, internet publishing and broadcasting; 517, telecommunications; and 512, motion picture and sound recording industries.

(2) 'Business enterprise' means any business or the headquarters of any such business which is engaged in manufacturing, including, but not limited to, the manufacturing of alternative energy products for use in solar, wind, battery, bioenergy, biofuel, and electric vehicle enterprises, warehousing and distribution, processing, telecommunications, broadcasting, tourism, biomedical manufacturing, forestry manufacturing, and research and development industries. Such term shall not include retail businesses. Businesses are eligible for the tax credit provided by this Code section at an individual establishment of the business based on the classification of the individual establishment under the North American Industry Classification System. ~~For purposes of this Code section, the term 'establishment'~~

(2.1) 'Establishment' means an economic unit at a single physical location where business is conducted or where services or industrial operations are performed. If more than one business activity is conducted at the establishment, then only those jobs engaged in the qualifying activity will be eligible for the tax credit provided by this Code section.

(2.2) 'Forestry manufacturing' means any business with an establishment in this state that is certified by the state revenue commissioner in consultation with the director of the State Forestry Commission as an establishment that utilizes wood fiber, forest-derived biomass, wood residuals, or forestry by-products, from domestically sourced virgin timber, as a primary feedstock in the manufacture of forest products, renewable fuels, bio-based chemicals, bioenergy, or other value-added products that support or derive economic value from the forest products supply chain, regardless of the establishment's primary North American Industry Classification System code.

(3) 'New full-time employee job' means a newly created position of employment that was not previously located in this state, requires a minimum of 35 hours a week, and pays at or above the average wage earned in the county with the lowest average wage earned in this state, as reported in the most recently available annual issue of the Georgia Employment and Wages Averages Report of the Department of Labor."

"(l)(1) Any credits earned under this Code section by a forestry manufacturer for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, and prior to January 1, 2031, and before and previously claimed but not used by such forestry manufacturer against its income tax or as credit against quarterly or monthly payment under Code Section 48-7-103 as provided within this Code section, and in addition to the assignability provisions of Code Section 48-7-42, may be transferred or sold in whole or in part by such forestry manufacturer to another Georgia taxpayer, subject to the following conditions:

(A) Such forestry manufacturer may make only a single transfer or sale of tax credits earned in a taxable year; however, the transfer or sale may involve one or more transferees; and

(B) Such forestry manufacturer shall submit to the department a written notification of any transfer or sale of tax credits within 30 days after the transfer or sale of such tax credits. The notification shall include such forestry manufacturer's tax credit balance prior to the transfer, the remaining balance after transfer, all tax identification numbers for each transferee, the date of the transfer, the amount transferred, and any other information required by the department.

(2) Failure to comply with this subsection shall result in disallowance of the tax credit until the forestry manufacturer is in full compliance.

(3) The transfer or sale of this tax credit shall not extend the time in which such tax credit can be used. The carry-forward period for a tax credit that is transferred or sold shall begin on the date in which the tax credit was originally earned.

(4) A transferee shall have only such rights to claim and use the tax credit as were available to the transferor at the time of the transfer. To the extent that such transferor did not have rights to claim or use the tax credit at the time of the transfer, the

department shall either disallow the tax credit claimed by the transferee or recapture the tax credit from the transferee. The transferee's recourse is against the transferor.

(5) The department shall prepare an annual report of the total amount of credits transferred by forestry manufacturers pursuant to this Code section for the prior year. The report required under this paragraph shall be completed no later than December 31 of each year and presented to each member of the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Finance Committee.

(6) This subsection shall stand repealed by operation of law on the last moment of December 31, 2030. The automatic repeal of this subsection on December 31, 2030, shall not impair or affect a forestry manufacturer's ability to transfer an unused credit after January 1, 2031, that such taxpayer accrued pursuant to this Code section for taxable years before December 31, 2030."

SECTION 4.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 48-7-40.2, relating to tax credits for existing manufacturing and telecommunications facilities in tier 1 counties, by adding a new paragraph to subsection (a), revising subsection (b), and adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(0.5) 'Forestry manufacturing' means any business with an establishment in this state that is certified by the state revenue commissioner in consultation with the director of the State Forestry Commission as an establishment that utilizes wood fiber, forest-derived biomass, wood residuals, or forestry by-products, from domestically sourced virgin timber, as a primary feedstock in the manufacture of forest products, renewable fuels, bio-based chemicals, bioenergy, or other value-added products that support or derive economic value from the forest products supply chain, regardless of the establishment's primary North American Industry Classification System code."

"(b)(1) In the case of a taxpayer which has operated for the immediately preceding three years an existing manufacturing or telecommunications facility or a manufacturing or telecommunications support facility in this state in a tier 1 county designated pursuant to Code Section 48-7-40, there shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed under this article in an amount equal to 5 percent of the cost of all qualified investment property purchased or acquired by the taxpayer in such year, subject to the conditions and limitations set forth in this Code section. In the event such qualified investment property purchased or acquired by the taxpayer in such year consists of recycling machinery or equipment, a recycling manufacturing facility, pollution control or prevention machinery or equipment, a pollution control or prevention facility, or the conversion from defense to domestic production, the amount of such credit shall be equal to 8 percent.

(2) In the case of a taxpayer which operates a forestry manufacturing facility in this state in a tier 1 county designated pursuant to Code Section 48-7-40, there shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed under this article for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, and prior to January 1, 2031, in an amount equal to 15 percent of the cost of all qualified investment property purchased or acquired by the

taxpayer in such year, subject to the conditions and limitations set forth in this Code section."

"(e)(1) Any credits earned under this Code section by a forestry manufacturer for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, and prior to January 1, 2031, and before and previously claimed but not used by such forestry manufacturer against its income tax or as credit against quarterly or monthly payment under Code Section 48-7-103 as provided within this Code section, and in addition to the assignability provisions of Code Section 48-7-42, may be transferred or sold in whole or in part by such forestry manufacturer to another Georgia taxpayer, subject to the following conditions:

(A) Such forestry manufacturer may make only a single transfer or sale of tax credits earned in a taxable year; however, the transfer or sale may involve one or more transferees; and

(B) Such forestry manufacturer shall submit to the department a written notification of any transfer or sale of tax credits within 30 days after the transfer or sale of such tax credits. The notification shall include such forestry manufacturer's tax credit balance prior to the transfer, the remaining balance after transfer, all tax identification numbers for each transferee, the date of the transfer, the amount transferred, and any other information required by the department.

(2) Failure to comply with this subsection shall result in disallowance of the tax credit until the forestry manufacturer is in full compliance.

(3) The transfer or sale of this tax credit shall not extend the time in which such tax credit can be used. The carry-forward period for a tax credit that is transferred or sold shall begin on the date in which the tax credit was originally earned.

(4) A transferee shall have only such rights to claim and use the tax credit as were available to the transferor at the time of the transfer. To the extent that such transferor did not have rights to claim or use the tax credit at the time of the transfer, the department shall either disallow the tax credit claimed by the transferee or recapture the tax credit from the transferee. The transferee's recourse is against the transferor.

(5) The department shall prepare an annual report of the total amount of credits transferred by forestry manufacturers pursuant to this Code section for the prior year. The report required under this paragraph shall be completed no later than December 31 of each year and presented to each member of the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Finance Committee.

(6) This subsection shall stand repealed by operation of law on the last moment of December 31, 2030. The automatic repeal of this subsection on December 31, 2030, shall not impair or affect a forestry manufacturer's ability to transfer an unused credit after January 1, 2031, that such taxpayer accrued pursuant to this Code section for taxable years before December 31, 2030."

SECTION 5.

Said article is further is amended in Code Section 48-7-40.3, relating to tax credits for existing manufacturing and telecommunications facilities in tier 2 counties, by adding a

new paragraph to subsection (a), revising subsection (b), and adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(0.5) 'Forestry manufacturing' means any business with an establishment in this state that is certified by the state revenue commissioner in consultation with the director of the State Forestry Commission as an establishment that utilizes wood fiber, forest-derived biomass, wood residuals, or forestry by-products, from domestically sourced virgin timber, as a primary feedstock in the manufacture of forest products, renewable fuels, bio-based chemicals, bioenergy, or other value-added products that support or derive economic value from the forest products supply chain, regardless of the establishment's primary North American Industry Classification System code."

"(b)(1) In the case of a taxpayer which has operated for the immediately preceding three years an existing manufacturing or telecommunications facility or manufacturing or telecommunications support facility in this state in a tier 2 county designated pursuant to Code Section 48-7-40, there shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed under this article in an amount equal to 3 percent of the cost of all qualified investment property purchased or acquired by the taxpayer in such year, subject to the conditions and limitations set forth in this Code section. In the event such qualified investment property purchased or acquired by the taxpayer in such year consists of recycling machinery or equipment, a recycling manufacturing facility, pollution control or prevention machinery or equipment, a pollution control or prevention facility, or the conversion from defense to domestic production, the amount of such credit shall be equal to 5 percent.

(2) In the case of a taxpayer which has operated a forestry manufacturing facility in this state in a tier 2 county designated pursuant to Code Section 48-7-40, there shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed under this article in an amount equal to 10 percent of the cost of all qualified investment property purchased or acquired by the taxpayer in such year, subject to the conditions and limitations set forth in this Code section."

"(e)(1) Any credits earned under this Code section by a forestry manufacturer for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, and prior to January 1, 2031, and before and previously claimed but not used by such forestry manufacturer against its income tax or as credit against quarterly or monthly payment under Code Section 48-7-103 as provided within this Code section, and in addition to the assignability provisions of Code Section 48-7-42, may be transferred or sold in whole or in part by such forestry manufacturer to another Georgia taxpayer, subject to the following conditions:

(A) Such forestry manufacturer may make only a single transfer or sale of tax credits earned in a taxable year; however, the transfer or sale may involve one or more transferees; and

(B) Such forestry manufacturer shall submit to the department a written notification of any transfer or sale of tax credits within 30 days after the transfer or sale of such tax credits. The notification shall include such forestry manufacturer's tax credit balance prior to the transfer, the remaining balance after transfer, all tax identification

numbers for each transferee, the date of the transfer, the amount transferred, and any other information required by the department.

(2) Failure to comply with this subsection shall result in disallowance of the tax credit until the forestry manufacturer is in full compliance.

(3) The transfer or sale of this tax credit shall not extend the time in which such tax credit can be used. The carry-forward period for a tax credit that is transferred or sold shall begin on the date in which the tax credit was originally earned.

(4) A transferee shall have only such rights to claim and use the tax credit as were available to the transferor at the time of the transfer. To the extent that such transferor did not have rights to claim or use the tax credit at the time of the transfer, the department shall either disallow the tax credit claimed by the transferee or recapture the tax credit from the transferee. The transferee's recourse is against the transferor.

(5) The department shall prepare an annual report of the total amount of credits transferred by forestry manufacturers pursuant to this Code section for the prior year. The report required under this paragraph shall be completed no later than December 31 of each year and presented to each member of the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Finance Committee.

(6) This subsection shall stand repealed by operation of law on the last moment of December 31, 2030. The automatic repeal of this subsection on December 31, 2030, shall not impair or affect a forestry manufacturer's ability to transfer an unused credit after January 1, 2031, that such taxpayer accrued pursuant to this Code section for taxable years before December 31, 2030."

SECTION 6.

Said article is further is amended in Code Section 48-7-40.4, relating to tax credits for existing manufacturing and telecommunications facilities or manufacturing and telecommunications support facilities in tier 3 or 4 counties, by adding a new paragraph to subsection (a), revising subsection (b), and adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(0.5) 'Forestry manufacturing' means any business with an establishment in this state that is certified by the state revenue commissioner in consultation with the director of the State Forestry Commission as an establishment that utilizes wood fiber, forest-derived biomass, wood residuals, or forestry by-products, from domestically sourced virgin timber, as a primary feedstock in the manufacture of forest products, renewable fuels, bio-based chemicals, bioenergy, or other value-added products that support or derive economic value from the forest products supply chain, regardless of the establishment's primary North American Industry Classification System code."

"(b)(1) In the case of a taxpayer which has operated for the immediately preceding three years an existing manufacturing or telecommunications facility or manufacturing or telecommunications support facility in this state in a tier 3 or a tier 4 county designated pursuant to Code Section 48-7-40, there shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed under this article in an amount equal to 1 percent of the cost of all qualified investment property purchased or acquired by the taxpayer in such year, subject to the conditions and limitations set forth in this Code section. In the event such qualified

investment property purchased or acquired by the taxpayer in such year consists of recycling machinery or equipment, a recycling manufacturing facility, pollution control or prevention machinery or equipment, a pollution control or prevention facility, or the conversion from defense to domestic production, the amount of such credit shall be equal to 3 percent.

(2) In the case of a taxpayer which has operated a forestry manufacturer facility in this state in a tier 3 or a tier 4 county designated pursuant to Code Section 48-7-40, there shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed under this article in an amount equal to 3 percent of the cost of all qualified investment property purchased or acquired by the taxpayer in such year, subject to the conditions and limitations set forth in this Code section."

"(e)(1) Any credits earned under this Code section by a forestry manufacturer for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, and prior to January 1, 2031, and before and previously claimed but not used by such forestry manufacturer against its income tax or as credit against quarterly or monthly payment under Code Section 48-7-103 as provided within this Code section, and in addition to the assignability provisions of Code Section 48-7-42, may be transferred or sold in whole or in part by such forestry manufacturer to another Georgia taxpayer, subject to the following conditions:

(A) Such forestry manufacturer may make only a single transfer or sale of tax credits earned in a taxable year; however, the transfer or sale may involve one or more transferees; and

(B) Such forestry manufacturer shall submit to the department a written notification of any transfer or sale of tax credits within 30 days after the transfer or sale of such tax credits. The notification shall include such forestry manufacturer's tax credit balance prior to the transfer, the remaining balance after transfer, all tax identification numbers for each transferee, the date of the transfer, the amount transferred, and any other information required by the department.

(2) Failure to comply with this subsection shall result in disallowance of the tax credit until the forestry manufacturer is in full compliance.

(3) The transfer or sale of this tax credit shall not extend the time in which such tax credit can be used. The carry-forward period for a tax credit that is transferred or sold shall begin on the date in which the tax credit was originally earned.

(4) A transferee shall have only such rights to claim and use the tax credit as were available to the transferor at the time of the transfer. To the extent that such transferor did not have rights to claim or use the tax credit at the time of the transfer, the department shall either disallow the tax credit claimed by the transferee or recapture the tax credit from the transferee. The transferee's recourse is against the transferor.

(5) The department shall prepare an annual report of the total amount of credits transferred by forestry manufacturers pursuant to this Code section for the prior year. The report required under this paragraph shall be completed no later than December 31 of each year and presented to each member of the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Finance Committee.

(6) This subsection shall stand repealed by operation of law on the last moment of December 31, 2030. The automatic repeal of this subsection on December 31, 2030, shall not impair or affect a forestry manufacturer's ability to transfer an unused credit after January 1, 2031, that such taxpayer accrued pursuant to this Code section for taxable years before December 31, 2030."

SECTION 7.

Said article is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"48-7-40.4A.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, the aggregate amount of tax credits allowed to forestry manufacturers pursuant to Code Sections 48-7-40, 48-7-40.1, 48-7-40.2, 48-7-40.3, and 48-7-40.4 shall not exceed $250 million.

(b) The aggregate amount of tax credits allowed to forestry manufacturers in tier 3 and tier 4 counties pursuant to Code Sections 48-7-40 and 48-7-40.4 shall not exceed $100 million.

(c) No renewal or extension of tax credits allowed to forestry manufacturers pursuant to Code Sections 48-7-40, 48-7-40.1, 48-7-40.2, 48-7-40.3, and 48-7-40.4 shall become effective unless approved by two-thirds of the members elected to each chamber of the General Assembly in a roll-call vote.

(d) The department may promulgate such regulations as necessary and advisable for the administration of Code Sections 48-7-40, 48-7-40.1, 48-7-40.2, 48-7-40.3, and 48-7-40.4."

SECTION 8.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026, and shall be applicable to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

SECTION 9.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Camp of the 135th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute, as amended by the House, to HB 134.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	E Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	E Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	N Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L

Y Barrett	Y Dickey	E Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Okoye	E Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	E Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 156, nays 5.

The motion prevailed.

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Greetings Clerk of the House,

I would like my yea vote to be counted on HB 134. I was unable to find a copy on my desk.

I retrieved a copy and want to support this bill HB 134.

Thank you for your consideration,

Rep. Glaize, HD 67

HB 1374. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Stephens of the 164th, Jasperse of the 11th, Newton of the 127th and Clark of the 100th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance generally, so as to provide for certain requirements concerning methods of payment to healthcare providers; to provide for definitions; to provide for notification; to provide for the avoidance of additional fees; to prohibit contractual waivers of certain statutory requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance generally, so as to provide for certain requirements concerning methods of payment to healthcare providers; to provide for definitions; to provide for notification; to provide for the avoidance of additional fees; to prohibit contractual waivers of certain statutory requirements; to amend Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general authority, duties, and procedures relative to state purchasing, so as to revise provisions for the award of contracts to prequalified suppliers; to clarify competitive bidding requirements and procedures with respect to prequalified suppliers; to provide for a report to the General Assembly; to prohibit the renewal or extension of contracts under certain circumstances; to require the commissioner of administrative services to adopt rules, regulations, and procedures; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance generally, is amended by revising Code Section 33-24-59.24, relating to restrictions on payment methods prohibited, waiver of provisions prohibited, and enforcement, as follows:

"33-24-59.24.

(a) As used in this ~~chapter~~ Code section, the term:

(1) 'Care management organization' means an entity that is organized for the purpose of providing or arranging ~~health care~~ healthcare, which has been granted a certificate of authority by the Commissioner as a health maintenance organization pursuant to Chapter 21 of this title, and which has entered into a contract with the Department of Community Health to provide or arrange ~~health care~~ healthcare services on a prepaid, capitated basis to members.

(2) 'Credit card payment' means a type of electronic funds transfer in which a health insurance plan or health insurer or its contracted vendor issues a single-use series of numbers associated with the payment of ~~health care~~ healthcare services performed by a ~~health care~~ healthcare provider and chargeable to a predetermined dollar amount, whereby the ~~health care~~ healthcare provider is responsible for processing the payment by a credit card terminal or ~~Internet~~ internet portal. Such term shall include virtual or online credit card payments, whereby no physical credit card is presented to the ~~health care~~ healthcare provider and the single-use credit card expires upon payment processing.

(3) 'Electronic funds transfer' means an electronic funds transfer through the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, P.L. 104-191, standard automated clearing-house network.

(4) 'Express acceptance' means a clear and direct agreement to the terms of payment method, communicated explicitly by the health benefit plan to the healthcare provider, in writing, signifying acceptance of the payment method.

~~(4)~~(5) 'Healthcare ~~'Health care~~ provider' means any physician, dentist, podiatrist, pharmacist, optometrist, psychologist, registered optician, licensed professional counselor, physical therapist, chiropractor, hospital, or other entity or person that is licensed or otherwise authorized in this state to furnish ~~health care~~ healthcare services.

(6) 'Healthcare provider's agent' means a third-party firm or individual contracted by a healthcare provider to handle administrative tasks, particularly billing, insurance claims, and payment processing, acting on the healthcare provider's behalf for financial transactions and often providing value-added services like data management or portal access. Such term shall also refer to a recruiter who acts as an agent for healthcare providers seeking jobs or healthcare practices seeking to hire healthcare providers, guiding them through hiring and contract negotiation.

~~(5)~~(7) 'Healthcare ~~'Health care~~ services' means the examination or treatment of persons for the prevention of illness or the correction or treatment of any physical or mental condition resulting from illness, injury, or other human physical problem and includes, but is not limited to:

(A) Hospital services which include the general and usual services and care, supplies, and equipment furnished by hospitals;

(B) Medical services which include the general and usual services and care rendered and administered by doctors of medicine, doctors of dental surgery, and doctors of podiatry; and

(C) Other ~~health care~~ healthcare services which include appliances and supplies; nursing care by a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse; care furnished by such other licensed practitioners; institutional services including the general and usual care, services, supplies, and equipment furnished by ~~health care~~ healthcare institutions and agencies or entities other than hospitals; physiotherapy; ambulance services; drugs and medications; therapeutic services and equipment including oxygen and the rental of oxygen equipment; hospital beds; iron lungs; orthopedic services and appliances including wheelchairs, trusses, braces, crutches, and prosthetic devices including

artificial limbs and eyes; and any other appliance, supply, or service related to ~~health care~~ healthcare.

~~(6)~~(8) 'Health insurance plan' means any hospital or medical insurance policy or certificate; health plan contract or certificate; qualified higher deductible health plan; health maintenance organization subscriber contract; any contract providing benefits for dental care whether such contract is pursuant to a medical insurance policy or certificate; stand-alone dental plan, health maintenance provider contract, managed ~~health care~~ healthcare plan, self-insured plan, or otherwise; or any health insurance plan established pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45.

~~(7)~~(9) 'Health insurer' means any entity or person engaged as an indemnitor, surety, or contractor that issues insurance, annuity or endowment contracts, subscriber certificates, or other contracts of insurance by whatever name called. ~~Health care~~ Healthcare plans under Chapter 20A of this title and health maintenance organizations are health insurers within the meaning of this chapter.

(b) No ~~Any~~ health insurance plan issued, amended, or renewed on or after January 1, ~~2019~~ 2027, between a health insurer or its contracted vendor or a care management organization and a ~~health care~~ healthcare provider for the provision of ~~health care~~ healthcare services to a plan enrollee shall ~~not~~ contain restrictions on methods of payment from the health insurer or its vendor or the care management organization to the ~~health care~~ healthcare provider in which the only acceptable payment method is a credit card payment or any other form of payment that requires fees or similar charges.

~~(c) If initiating or changing payments to a health care provider using electronic funds transfer payments, including virtual credit card payments, a health insurance plan, health insurer or its contracted vendor, or care management organization shall:~~

~~(1) Notify the health care provider if any fees are associated with a particular payment method; and~~

~~(2) Advise the provider of the available methods of payment and provide clear instructions to the health care provider as to how to select an alternative payment method.~~

(c) A health insurance plan or its contracted vendor or a care management organization may initiate or change payment methodology to a healthcare provider using electronic funds transfer payments, including virtual credit card payments, only if:

(1) The health insurance plan notifies the healthcare provider if any fees are associated with a particular payment method;

(2) The health insurance plan advises the healthcare provider of the available methods of payment and provides clear instructions to the healthcare provider as to how to select an alternative payment method that does not impose fees or similar charges on the provider; and

(3) The healthcare provider or the healthcare provider's agent, through express acceptance, accepts a payment for the claim using a credit card or electronic funds transfer payment method.

(d) A healthcare provider's selected form of claim payment methodology remains effective until such time as the healthcare provider chooses an alternative method of payment or by making an election in a new contract.

(e) A health insurance plan or its contracted vendor or a care management organization that initiates or changes payments to a healthcare provider through an electronic funds transfer in accordance with 45 C.F.R. Section 162.1602, as effective on January 1, 2026, shall not charge a fee solely to transmit the payment to a healthcare provider unless the healthcare provider has consented to the fee.

(f) A healthcare provider or the healthcare provider's agent may charge reasonable fees when transmitting an automated clearing-house network payment related to transaction management, data management, portal services, and other value-added services in addition to the bank transmittal.

(g) Any electronic funds transfer or remittance advice transaction under this Code section shall be the transmission of any of the following from a health insurance plan to a healthcare provider:

(1) Payment;

(2) Information about the transfer of funds;

(3) Payment processing information;

(4) Explanation of benefits; or

(5) Remittance advice.

~~(d)~~(h) The provisions of this Code section shall not be waived by contract, and any contractual clause in conflict with the provisions of this Code section or that purports to waive any requirements of this Code section are void.

~~(e)~~(i) Violations of this Code section shall be subject to enforcement by the Commissioner."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general authority, duties, and procedures relative to state purchasing, is amended by revising Code Section 50-5-68, relating to prequalification of prospective suppliers, as follows:

"50-5-68.

(a) Prospective suppliers may be prequalified for particular types of supplies, services, goods, materials, and equipment at the discretion of the Department of Administrative Services. Solicitation mailing lists of potential contractors shall include, but shall not be limited to, such prequalified suppliers. The award of contracts~~, however, may~~ shall not be conditioned upon prequalification; provided, however, that prequalification may be included among evaluation factors and criteria used in making an award.

(b)(1) The provisions of subsection (a) of this Code section shall not be construed or applied to abrogate the competitive bidding requirements and procedures provided for in Code Sections 50-5-67 and 50-5-69.

(2) The commissioner of administrative services shall adopt rules, regulations, and procedures to ensure and clarify that the discretion of the Department of Administrative Services to prequalify prospective suppliers for particular types of supplies, services, goods, materials, and equipment does not extend and shall not be exercised to abrogate or frustrate the competitive bidding requirements and procedures provided for in Code Sections 50-5-67 and 50-5-69. Such rules, regulations, and procedures shall ensure that the application of such competitive bidding requirements and procedures shall not be obviated solely on the basis that a prospective supplier is prequalified for a particular type of supply, service, good, material, or equipment.

(3) By November 1, 2026, the commissioner of administrative services shall prepare a report of the rules, regulations, and procedures that have been adopted in compliance with paragraph (2) of this subsection. Such report shall be submitted in writing to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, and the chairpersons of the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Appropriations Committee."

SECTION 2-2.

Said part is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"50-5-69.1.

(a) No contract for any purchase that was effectuated without competitive bidding solely because the contract price did not exceed a threshold amount required for competitive bidding as set forth under this part shall be subsequently renewed or extended at any time for a contract price that exceeds such threshold amount.

(b) The commissioner of administrative services shall adopt rules, regulations, and procedures necessary to carry out the intent of this Code section.

(c) Nothing in this Code section shall apply to or affect the laws, rules, and regulations governing emergency purchases."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Hawkins of the 27th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 1374.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	E Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	E Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins

Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
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Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Newton	Y Stephens
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Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
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Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
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Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	E Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 165, nays 0.

The motion prevailed.

HB 1275. By Representatives Newton of the 127th, Hawkins of the 27th, Cooper of the 45th, Au of the 50th and Taylor of the 173rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical practice, so as to ensure that stem cell therapies are used to advance medical treatments and improve patient outcomes in an ethical manner that does not involve stem cells derived from aborted fetuses; to provide for definitions; to provide for the designation of a physician assistant or nurse practitioner; to provide for certain requirements and patient protections; to provide for notice; to provide for consent; to provide for certain exceptions; to provide for the use of Georgia facilities; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative findings; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical practice, so as to ensure that human stem cell therapies are used to advance medical treatments and improve patient outcomes in an ethical manner that does not involve human stem cells derived from aborted fetuses; to provide for definitions; to provide for the designation of a physician assistant or nurse practitioner; to provide for certain requirements and patient protections; to provide for notice; to provide for consent; to provide for certain exceptions; to provide for the use of Georgia facilities; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative findings; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

The General Assembly finds that:

(1) Significant potential of human stem cell therapies in advancing medical treatments and improving patient outcomes exists;

(2) Protections need to be established to ensure that such therapies are provided using umbilical cord human stem cells obtained in an ethical manner that does not involve human stem cells derived from aborted fetuses;

(3) Medical innovation should be fostered while upholding ethical standards that respect the sanctity of life; and

(4) By encouraging the use of human stem cell sources such as adult human stem cells; umbilical cord Wharton's jelly mesenchymal human stem cells; and other ethically obtained human cells, tissues, or cellular or tissue based products, the state will advance regenerative medicine in a manner consistent with the values of this state.

SECTION 2.

Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical practice, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"43-34-49.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'FDA' means the United States Food and Drug Administration.

(2) 'Human cells, tissues, or cellular or tissue based products' means articles containing or consisting of human cells or tissues that are intended for implantation, transplantation, infusion, or transfer into a human recipient. Such term does not include:

(A) Vascularized human organs for transplantation;

(B) Whole blood or blood components or blood derivative products; or

(C) Secreted or extracted human products, such as milk, collagen, and cell factors, other than semen.

(3) 'Human stem cell therapy' means a treatment involving the use of afterbirth placental perinatal human stem cells, or human cells, tissues, or cellular or tissue based products, which complies with the regulatory requirements provided in this Code section. Such term shall not include treatment or research using human cells or tissues that were derived from an aborted fetus or embryo.

(4) 'Minimally manipulated' means:

(A) For structural tissue, processing that does not alter the original relevant characteristics of such tissue relating to the tissue's utility for reconstruction, repair, or replacement; and

(B) For cells or nonstructural tissues, processing that does not alter the relevant biological characteristics of such cells or tissues.

(5) 'Nurse practitioner' means a registered professional nurse licensed pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter 26 of this title and authorized by the Georgia Board of Nursing to engage in advanced practice registered nursing as a nurse practitioner.

(6) 'Physician' means a physician licensed under this article acting in the course and scope of his or her employment.

(7) 'Physician assistant' means a person licensed as a physician assistant pursuant to Article 4 of this chapter, the 'Physician Assistant Act.'

(8) 'Umbilical cord Wharton's jelly mesenchymal human stem cells' or 'Wharton's jelly' means highly potent, multipotent human stem cells derived from gelatinous connective tissue surrounding the umbilical cord vessels.

(b) A physician or, following a lawful designation from such physician, a physician assistant or nurse practitioner, may perform human stem cell therapy that is not approved by the FDA if such therapy is used for treatment or procedures that are within the scope of practice of the physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner, so long as the patient is advised and signs a consent form.

(c) To ensure that the retrieval, manufacture, storage, and use of human stem cells used for therapies conducted under this Code section meet the highest standards, any human stem cells used must fall under one of the following categories:

(1) Be retrieved, manufactured, and stored in a facility that is registered with the FDA and located in Georgia, another state in the United States, or another country; or

(2) Be retrieved, manufactured, and stored in a facility located in Georgia, another state in the United States, or another country and that is certified and accredited by one of the following entities:

(A) World Marrow Donor Association;

(B) Association for the Advancement of Blood and Biotherapies;

(C) American Association of Tissue Banks; or

(D) Such other entity as the Department of Public Health may determine appropriate.

(d) A physician or his or her designee performing human stem cell therapy shall not obtain human stem cells for therapies from a facility engaging in the retrieval, manufacture, or storage of human stem cells intended for human use under this Code

section unless the facility maintains a valid certification or accreditation as required by subsection (c) of this Code section.

(e) The facility described in this Code section shall notify the physician within 30 days after any change in certification or accreditation status, including renewal, suspension, revocation, or expiration, occurs.

(f) In the performance of any procedure using or purporting to use human stem cells or products containing human stem cells, the physician or his or her designee shall use human stem cell therapy products obtained from facilities that adhere to the applicable current good manufacturing practices for the collection, removal, processing, implantation, and transfer of human stem cells, or products containing human stem cells, pursuant to the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. Section 301, et seq.; 52 Stat. 1040 et seq.; and 21 C.F.R. Part 1271, Human Cells, Tissues, and Cellular and Tissue-Based Products.

(g) A physician or his or her designee who conducts human stem cell therapy pursuant to this Code section shall include the following in any form of advertisement:

'THIS NOTICE MUST BE PROVIDED TO YOU UNDER GEORGIA LAW. This physician or his or her designee performs one or more human stem cell therapies that have not yet been approved by the FDA. You are encouraged to consult with your primary care provider before undergoing any human stem cell therapy.'

(h) The notice required under subsection (g) of this Code section must be clearly legible and in a type size no smaller than the largest type size used in the advertisement of the human stem cell therapy services being offered.

(i) A physician or his or her designee who conducts human stem cell therapy pursuant to this Code section shall obtain a signed consent form from the patient before performing such human stem cell therapy.

(j) The consent form shall be signed by the patient or if the patient is not legally competent, the patient's representative, and shall state all of the following in a language the patient or his or her representative may reasonably be expected to understand:

(1) The nature and character of the proposed treatment;

(2) The fact that the proposed human stem cell therapy has not yet been approved by the FDA if it has not been approved at such time; and

(3) The anticipated results of the proposed treatment.

(k) This Code section does not apply to the following:

(1) A physician who has obtained approval for an investigational new drug or device from the FDA for the use of human cells, tissues, or cellular or tissue based products and is operating under such approval; or

(2) A physician or his or her designee who performs human stem cell therapy under an employment or other contract on behalf of an institution certified or accredited by any of the following:

(A) The Foundation for the Accreditation of Cellular Therapy;

(B) The Blood and Marrow Transplant Clinical Trials Network;

(C) The Association for the Advancement of Blood and Biotherapies; or

(D) An entity with expertise in human stem cell therapy as determined by the Department of Public Health.

(l) A violation of this Code section may subject the physician or his or her designee to disciplinary action by the licensee's respective professional board.

(m) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to regulate, restrict, or prohibit stem cell research or the derivation, banking, or use of human stem cell lines for research or therapeutic research purposes, conducted in accordance with federal law, including research overseen by an institutional review board or embryonic stem cell research oversight committee."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Newton of the 127th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 1275.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	E Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
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Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
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On the motion, the ayes were 166, nays 1.

The motion prevailed.

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March 31, 2026

Clerk of the House Office
309 State Capitol Building
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

To Whom It May Concern:

I misread HB 1275 and voted NO. I would like the Clerk of the House Journal to reflect a YES vote instead.

Thank you,

/s/ Charlice Byrd

:cb/bg

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the Senate was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 175. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Beach of the 21st, Brass of the 6th, Goodman of the 8th, Hodges of the 3rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding elections and primaries, so as to prohibit the use of ranked-choice voting; to provide for certain exceptions; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state flag, seal, and other symbols, so as to revise provisions for the protection of government statues, monuments, plaques, banners, and other commemorative symbols; to provide for construction; to provide for a waiver of sovereign and official immunity in certain cases; to provide for severability; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state flag, seal, and other symbols, is amended by revising subsections (b) and (c) of Code Section 50-3-1, relating to description of state flag, militia to carry flag, monument offenses, penalties, and causes of action, and adding new subsections to read as follows:

"(b)(1) As used in this subsection, the term:

(A) 'Agency' means any state or local government entity, including any department, agency, bureau, authority, board, educational institution, commission, or instrumentality or subdivision thereof, and specifically including a local board of education, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, and any institution of the University System of Georgia.

(B) 'Monument' means a monument, plaque, statue, marker, flag, banner, structure name, display, or memorial constructed and located with the intent of being permanently displayed and perpetually maintained that is:

(i) Dedicated to a historical entity or historically significant military, religious, civil, civil rights, political, social, or cultural events or series of events; or

(ii) Dedicated to, honors, or recounts the military service of any past or present military personnel of this state; the United States of America or the several states thereof; or the Confederate States of America or the several states thereof.

(C) 'Officer' means an officer, official, body, employee, contractor, representative, or agent of any agency, whether appointed or elected.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, officer, agency, or other entity to mutilate, deface, defile, damage, destroy, lose, or abuse contemptuously any publicly or privately owned monument located, erected, constructed, created, or maintained on real property owned by an agency or the State of Georgia. No person, firm, corporation, officer, ~~or~~ agency, or other entity shall remove or conceal from display any such monument for the purpose of preventing the visible display of the same. A ~~violation of this paragraph shall constitute~~ person that violates this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(3) No publicly or privately owned monument erected, constructed, created, or maintained on the public property of this state or its agencies, departments, authorities, or instrumentalities or on real property owned by an agency or the State of Georgia shall be relocated, removed, concealed, obscured, or altered in any fashion by any officer or agency; provided, however, that appropriate measures for the preservation~~, protection, and interpretation~~ and protection in place of such monument or memorial shall not be prohibited.

(4) Any person, firm, corporation, officer, agency, or other entity that ~~damages, destroys, or loses a monument or that takes or removes a monument without replacing it~~ violates this Code section shall be liable for treble the amount of the full cost of repair or replacement of such monument and may be subject to exemplary damages ~~unless such person or entity was authorized to take such action by the public entity owning such monument~~. In addition to treble the cost of repair or replacement and possible exemplary damages, the person, firm, corporation, officer, agency, or other entity shall also be liable for the attorney's fees and court costs expended by the ~~public entity owner of the monument or person, group, or legal entity~~ claimant under this Code section in any action or proceeding required to establish liability and collect amounts owed. Should a ~~public entity owner of the monument or person, group, or other legal entity prevail in any action~~ claimant under this Code section prevail in any action, such prevailing ~~party~~ claimant shall use the moneys collected from the party mutilating, defacing, defiling, damaging, destroying, losing, abusing, or relocating such monument to timely pay for the cost of ~~or~~ repair or ~~placement~~ restoration of the monument ~~upon moneys being collected from the party damaging, destroying, or losing such monument~~ to its former condition prior to being mutilated, defaced, defiled, damaged, destroyed, lost, abused, or relocated.

(5) ~~A public entity owning a monument or any~~ Any interested person, group, or legal entity, without regard to ownership of the monument or a specialized and personalized injury, shall have standing and a right to bring a cause of action for any conduct prohibited by this Code section ~~for damages as permitted by this Code section~~. Such claimant may bring an action individually or in a representative capacity against the person, firm, corporation, officer, agency, or other entity that violates this Code section to seek injunctive relief and shall recover attorney's fees, expenses of litigation, and general and exemplary damages sustained as a result of such unlawful acts upon prevailing in the action. Such action shall be brought in the superior court of the county in which the monument was located.

(6) Except as provided in this paragraph, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, officer, agency, or other entity acting without authority to mutilate, deface, defile, abuse contemptuously, relocate, remove, conceal, damage, destroy, alter, or obscure any privately owned monument located on privately owned property. Any person or entity that suffers injury or damages as a result of a violation of this paragraph may bring an action individually or in a representative capacity against the person or persons, firm, corporation, officer, agency, or other entity committing such violations to seek to recover general and exemplary damages sustained as a result of ~~such person's~~

~~or persons'~~ unlawful actions of any such defendant. Any person, firm, corporation, officer, agency, or other entity that damages, destroys, or loses a monument or that takes or removes a privately owned monument shall be liable for treble the amount of the full cost of repair or replacement of such monument and may be subject to exemplary damages. In addition to treble the cost of repair or replacement and possible exemplary damages, such person, firm, corporation, officer, agency, or other entity shall also be liable for the attorney's fees and court costs expended by the claimant under this Code section in any action or proceeding required to establish liability and collect amounts owed. This paragraph shall not apply to ~~an~~ a private owner of real property ~~storing~~ regarding such owner's privately owned monuments.

(7) Nothing in this Code section shall prevent an agency from relocating a monument when relocation is necessary for the construction, expansion, or alteration of edifices, buildings, roads, streets, highways, or other transportation construction projects. Any monument relocated for such purposes shall be relocated to a site of similar prominence, honor, visibility, and access within the same county or municipality in which the monument was originally located. A monument shall not be relocated to a museum, cemetery, or mausoleum unless it was originally placed at such location.

(8) In all cases when there has been an alleged violation of this Code section, the Attorney General or the district attorney of the circuit in which the monument was located may represent the interests of the monument owner, the interests of others with interest in the monument, and the interests of this state as parens patriae in all legal matters pertaining to the enforcement of this Code section. The Attorney General or the district attorney may bring actions, and, insofar as an action of this nature may be deemed an action against the state and its agencies, the state expressly gives its consent thereto.

(9) Conduct prohibited by this Code section shall be enjoined by the appropriate superior court upon proper application.

(10) No claimant shall be required to show a particularized or personal concrete injury to make a claim for damages because the General Assembly of the State of Georgia finds the enforcement of this Code section to be a public right to have all governmental entities abide by and adhere to state law.

(11) In any case where an agency desires to remove a monument from public display or relocate such monument, where such removal or relocation is explicitly authorized by state law and has not been foreclosed by litigation which held that the monument shall not be removed from public display or relocated, the agency shall give 90 days' public notice in the legal organ of the county in which such monument is located of such intent and, if the agency desires to remove the monument from public display, shall solicit in such public notice any third party that would be interested in receiving such monument for public display. No action with regard to removing or relocating such monument shall be taken by the agency until the expiration of the 90 day period, provided that such period shall be tolled during the pendency of any litigation requesting an injunction, declaratory relief, or declaratory judgment to prevent such agency from removing such monument from public display or relocating such

monument or requesting other sanctions under this Code section until a decision on the merits of such litigation is final. At the conclusion of the 90 day period, the agency shall either safely store and maintain such monument or, if a third party so requests, transfer the monument to such third party, provided that such third party agrees to publicly display the monument at either a location owned by such third party or a location owned by a public agency that such third party has permission to use for such display. In the event that multiple third parties are interested in receiving such monument for public display, preference shall be given to the third party which is most closely identified with the purposes and goals of the organization originally placing the monument and the agency may create a process to determine which of the third parties will receive the monument. Additionally, an interested third party that is willing to publicly display such monument in a location within the jurisdiction where the monument is presently located shall be the preferred recipient. The costs of moving and placing the monument in a new location shall be paid for by the agency.

(c) Any other provision of law notwithstanding, the memorial to the heroes of the Confederate States of America graven upon the face of Stone Mountain shall never be altered, removed, concealed, or obscured in any fashion and shall be preserved and protected for all time as a tribute to the bravery and heroism of the citizens of this state who suffered and died in their cause.

(d) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed so as to interfere with the rights of any private monument owner. For the purposes of protection pursuant to this Code section, any monument found to be privately owned shall be treated as publicly owned. No transfer of title of such a monument is conveyed by this Code section.

(e) The Department of Community Affairs shall establish a registry of all monuments in this state located on public property. Such registry shall contain, at a minimum, a description of each monument, the location of such monument, and a statement as to whether the monument itself is privately or publicly owned and the name of the owner. This shall include monuments that are in storage as well as monuments on public display. Not later than December 31 of the year following the year in which this subsection becomes effective, each agency shall send to the Department of Community Affairs a comprehensive list of all monuments within the jurisdiction of such agency containing the information set forth in this Code section. Thereafter, any time a monument is relocated to a place that is different from the location on the monument registry maintained by the Department of Community Affairs the agency within whose jurisdiction such monument is located shall immediately notify the Department of Community Affairs of the new location of the monument.

(f) The General Assembly of the State of Georgia explicitly hereby waives sovereign immunity for any and all civil actions, causes of action, and claims that may be asserted against the State of Georgia or its political subdivisions under this Code section and it shall not be raised as a defense.

(g) The General Assembly of the State of Georgia explicitly hereby waives qualified immunity for any public officer or individual who violates any provision of this Code section."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Hugley of the 141st moved that SB 175 be placed upon the table.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	E Cooper	N Hagan	N Mathis	N Sainz
E Adesanya	N Corbett	N Hatchett	Y McClain	E Sampson
Y Adeyina	N Cox	N Hawkins	N McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	N McDonald	Y Santos
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N Ballard	N DeLoach	Y Holly	N Momtahan	E Silcox
Y Barnes	N Dempsey	N Hong	Y Moore	N Smith, L
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Y Berry	N Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	N Tarvin
Blackmon	N Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	N Taylor, D
N Bonner	N Efstration	E Jackson, M	N O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	N Ehrhart	N Jasperse	Y Panitch	N Thomas
N Burchett	N Erwin	N Jenkins	Y Paris	N Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
N Byrd	N Fincher	N Jones, J	N Parrish	VACANT 94
N Cameron	N Fleming	Y Jones, S	N Parsons	VACANT 130
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N Campbell, J	N Ford	N Kahaian	N Petrea	N Wade
Y Campbell, L	N Franklin	N Kelley	N Powell	Y Washburn
N Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	N Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	N Gaines	N LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
N Carpenter	N Gambill	N Leverett	N Reeves	Y Wilkerson
N Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	N Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	N Rice	Y Williams, MF
N Chastain	Y Glaize	N Lumsden	N Richardson	N Williams, N
N Cheokas	E Greene	Y Lupton	N Ridley, Jas	N Williamson
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Y Clark, J	N Gullett	N Martinez	Y Roberts	N Yearta
N Clifton	N Gunter	N Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 72, nays 91.

The motion was lost.

The Committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	E Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	N Sainz
E Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	E Sampson
N Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
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Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
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Y Cannon, C	N Frye	N Kendrick	N Prince	Y Werkheiser
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Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
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On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 89, nays 73.

The Bill, having failed to receive the requisite constitutional majority, was lost.

The following messages were received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bill of the House:

HB 1129. By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, Gambill of the 15th, Wade of the 9th, Efstration of the 104th, Hong of the 103rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 36-88-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criteria for enterprise zone, so as to provide for designation of enterprise zones; to provide that enterprise zones shall not qualify for exemption from state sales and use tax; to provide for an exception; to provide for collection and assessment of fees; to provide for the use of the principal of revenue bonds; to limit the number of enterprise zones in urban redevelopment areas; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the House:

HB 1245. By Representatives Cameron of the 1st and Tarvin of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the election of the members of the Board of Education of Walker County, approved March 8, 1968 (Ga. L. 1968, p. 2235), as amended, so as to provide that future members of the board shall be elected by the voters of the respective education districts instead of by voters of the entire school system; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1317. By Representatives Horner of the 3rd, Cameron of the 1st and Tarvin of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Fort Oglethorpe to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1526. By Representative Greene of the 154th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal a former local constitutional amendment (Ga. L. 1962, p. 808), which former local constitutional amendment was continued in effect as statutory law pursuant to Article VII, Section II,

Paragraph IV of the Constitution of Georgia and which provided a five year exemption from local ad valorem property taxes to any person who built, equipped, established, completed, or enlarged a plant for manufacturing or processing in Early County; to provide that exemptions granted prior to the effective date of this Act shall continue for the remainder of their unexpired terms; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1543. By Representative Lumsden of the 12th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a $40,000.00 homestead exemption from certain ad valorem taxes levied by, for, or on behalf of the Chattooga County School District for residents of that district who are 70 years of age or older and whose gross income does not exceed $20,000.00, approved April 23, 1998 (Ga. L. 1998, p. 4660), so as to increase the income cap on such exemption; to increase the value of the exemption in steps over a two-year period; to revise a definition; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1544. By Representative Lumsden of the 12th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Chattooga County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of $70,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that county who are 70 years of age or older and whose income does not exceed $38,000.00; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bills of the House:

HB 506. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Silcox of the 53rd and Stephens of the 164th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to provide Medicaid coverage for tobacco cessation treatments; to provide for requirements; to provide for submission of a state plan amendment or waiver, if necessary; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1077. By Representatives Williams of the 148th, Corbett of the 174th, Cannon of the 172nd, Smith of the 18th, Buckner of the 137th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from sales and use taxes, so as to extend the sunset date applicable to the exemption for sales of tickets, fees, and charges of admission to certain museums and fine arts performances or exhibitions at nonprofit facilities; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1238. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Hawkins of the 27th, Cameron of the 1st, Crawford of the 89th and Cooper of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to direct the Department of Community Health to submit a waiver request to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to authorize the qualification of certain caregivers for Medicaid reimbursement for the provision of respite care and related services; to provide for implementation upon approval; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the House:

HB 1202. By Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Mathis of the 133rd and Smith of the 138th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 35-6A-17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Georgia Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Advisory Board, membership, and termination, so as to correct a scrivener's error in a cross-reference; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1415. By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, Sainz of the 180th, Martinez of the 111th, Oliver of the 84th, Mitchell of the 88th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 4 of Article 6 of Chapter 3 of Title 12 and Article 1 of Chapter 16 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Stone Mountain Memorial Association and public property of state generally, respectively, so as to require such association to hold all real property obtained before January 1, 1971, in trust; to prohibit such association from selling such real property; to provide for an exception; to provide for requirements for the exceptional sale of real property by such association; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the House:

HB 382. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th and Newton of the 127th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-13-25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Schedule I controlled substances, so as to revise a provision relating to psilocybin; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 943. By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Hawkins of the 27th, Cooper of the 45th, Franklin of the 160th and Schofield of the 63rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to programs and protection for children and youth, so as to establish a pilot program relating to the provision of screenings, clinical evaluations, training, services, and resources for autism spectrum disorder to children in foster care; to provide for definitions; to provide for the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services to develop and implement such pilot program; to provide for a final report and recommendations; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1015. By Representative Werkheiser of the 157th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 10 of Chapter 9 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Self-insurers Guaranty Trust

Fund regarding workers' compensation, so as to revise certain funded levels of such fund; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Bill of the House was taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 1193. By Representatives Erwin of the 32nd, Burns of the 159th, Hatchett of the 155th, Dubnik of the 29th, Jones of the 47th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to education, so as to promote and advance state-wide literacy and reading education efforts; to substantially revise the "Georgia Early Literacy and Dyslexia Act"; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to promote and advance state-wide literacy and reading education efforts; to provide for funding for school based literacy coaches in all public schools in this state with students in any of grades kindergarten through three; to provide for regional literacy coaches employed by regional educational service agencies; to provide for literacy coaching endorsements for certificated professional personnel; to substantially revise the "Georgia Early Literacy and Dyslexia Act"; to include legislative intent; to provide for a definition; to revise provisions of said Act relative to the selection of and requirements for universal reading screeners; to revise provisions for professional learning; to require local school systems and other public schools to have unified literacy plans; to revise provisions for educator preparation programs and the evaluation of such programs by the Professional Standards Commission; to provide for certification of and funding for high-quality instructional materials; to establish within the Office of Student Achievement the Georgia Literacy Coordinating Committee; to provide for the State Literacy Director; to provide for the Georgia Coordinator of Literacy Coaches; to provide for a position description and minimum qualifications and duties for school based literacy coaches and regional literacy coaches; to establish the Georgia Literacy Task Force; to provide for appointment, qualifications, duties, and compensation of members of such task force; to provide for recommendations of such task force; to provide for consideration of such recommendations by the State Board of Education; to provide for a comprehensive state-wide promotional campaign for literacy awareness; to provide for the termination of the Georgia Council on Literacy; to encourage families to have their children attend school or a home study program beginning at age five; to provide for the placement of newly enrolled students; to provide for parents

and guardians of students who are eligible for initial public school enrollment in first grade to elect for their children to be enrolled in kindergarten rather than first grade; to provide for parents and guardians to elect for their children who are either four or five years old to be enrolled in a voluntary pre-kindergarten program provided and operated as part of Georgia's Pre-K Program; to provide for first grade readiness assessments; to require annual reports regarding first grade readiness; to revise provisions relative to grade placement, promotion, and retention; to provide a short title; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Georgia Early Literacy Act of 2026."

SECTION 1-2.

Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended in Part 5 of Article 6 of Chapter 2, relating to program weights and funding requirements under the "Quality Basic Education Act," by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-186.1.

(a) As used in this paragraph, the term 'eligible school' means a school with any of grades kindergarten through three.

(b) Subject to appropriations by the General Assembly, the State Board of Education shall provide grants to local units of administration with eligible schools for the purpose of reimbursing such units of administration for expenditures sufficient to pay the beginning salary and benefits of one school based literacy coach per eligible school, except that any such school with 200 or fewer full-time equivalent students shall earn 50 percent of such amount.

(c)(1) The State Board of Education, in collaboration with the Office of Student Achievement, shall establish the minimum qualifications and duties for school based literacy coaches.

(2) The minimum qualifications for school based literacy coaches shall include, but shall not be limited to:

(A) Certification by the Professional Standards Commission;

(B) A minimum of five years of documented successful classroom teaching or literacy intervention experience at assigned grade levels; and

(C) A knowledge of scientifically based reading research, special expertise in quality reading instruction and intervention, dyslexia specific interventions, and data analysis.

(3) The minimum duties for school based literacy coaches shall include, but shall not be limited to:

(A) Coaching educators using nonevaluative, evidence based practices, including modeling instruction, analyzing instructional practice and data, providing actionable feedback, and delivering side-by-side classroom support;

(B) Collaborating with the school principal to create a strategic plan for literacy coaching;

(C) Spending no less than 70 percent of the school day in classrooms working directly with students and teachers;

(D) Prioritizing time for those teachers, activities, and roles that will have the greatest impact on student reading achievement, such as coaching and mentoring in classrooms;

(E) Analyzing student data, including screening, diagnostic, and progress monitoring data, to inform instruction, grouping, and intervention within a multi-tiered system of supports framework;

(F) Synthesizing student performance data and educator practice data to establish coaching goals and design targeted, needs based support for educators;

(G) Supporting the implementation and monitoring of evidence based literacy curricula and instructional materials with fidelity, ensuring alignment to the science of reading; and

(H) Demonstrating competency through approved, periodic, practice based assessment that verifies his or her ability to apply the science of reading, learning science, and instructional science to deliver explicit, systematic, evidence based literacy instruction directly with students.

(4) A school based literacy coach shall not be:

(A) Authorized or required to perform administrative functions or duties, including, but not limited to, performing any rotating duty assignments or serving as an evaluator, substitute teacher, assessment coordinator, or school administrator;

(B) Invited, required, or permitted to attend placement committee meetings; or

(C) Designated as a teacher of record.

(d) By August 1, 2026, the State Board of Education shall establish policies, rules, and regulations necessary for the implementation of this Code section, including, but not limited to, the process by which local units of administration shall request and receive such grant funds.

(e) Nothing in the Code section shall be construed to prohibit local units of administration from hiring or contracting with school based literacy coaches using other funds available for such purpose."

SECTION 1-3.

Said title is further amended in Part 11 of Article 6 of Chapter 2, relating to regional educational service agencies, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-270.3.

(a) The board of control of each regional educational service agency (RESA) shall authorize regional literacy coaches and regional leadership literacy coaches to provide

literacy coaching, support, and related services to local school systems and other public schools in the RESA service area.

(b) In collaboration with the State Literacy Director and the Georgia Literacy Coach Coordinator, the board of control of each RESA shall assign regional literacy coaches to the local school systems and public schools of the RESA service area, and at least one regional leadership literacy coach shall be assigned to serve as the primary point of contact with local school system and school leaders.

(c) Each regional literacy coach and regional leadership literacy coach authorized by the board of control of a RESA shall be employed by such RESA and shall report to the director of the RESA.

(d) Each regional literacy coach, regional leadership literacy coach, and RESA director shall work in full cooperation with the Georgia Literacy Coordinating Committee, the State Literacy Director, and the Georgia Literacy Coach Coordinator.

(e) Each regional literacy coach and regional leadership literacy coach shall work in full cooperation with any observation, evaluation, and feedback provided by the Georgia Literacy Coach Coordinator or his or her designee.

(f)(1) The State Board of Education, in collaboration with the Office of Student Achievement, shall establish the minimum qualifications and duties for regional literacy coaches.

(2) The minimum qualifications for regional literacy coaches shall include, but shall not be limited to:

(A) Certification by the Professional Standards Commission;

(B) A minimum of five years of documented successful classroom teaching or literacy intervention experience at assigned grade levels; and

(C) A knowledge of scientifically based reading research, special expertise in quality reading instruction and intervention, dyslexia specific interventions, and data analysis.

(3) The minimum duties for regional literacy coaches shall include, but shall not be limited to:

(A) Coaching educators using nonevaluative, evidence based practices, including modeling instruction, analyzing instructional practice and data, providing actionable feedback, and delivering side-by-side classroom support;

(B) Collaborating with school principals, school based literacy coaches, and representatives of the Department of Education and the Office of Student Achievement;

(C) Providing ongoing support to local school systems and public schools for effective implementation and continuous improvement of comprehensive literacy programs;

(D) Providing ongoing professional learning activities and materials for teachers and literacy coaches that include research on the science of reading and curriculum based professional learning to support them in applying such training and research into instructional practices; and

(E) Analyzing student data, including screening, diagnostic, and progress monitoring data, to inform instruction, grouping, and intervention within a multi-tiered system of supports framework.

(g)(1) The State Board of Education, in collaboration with the Office of Student Achievement, shall establish the minimum qualifications and duties for regional leadership literacy coaches.

(2) The minimum qualifications for regional leadership literacy coaches shall include, but shall not be limited to:

(A) Certification by the Professional Standards Commission;

(B) A minimum of five years of documented success as a literacy coach or as a classroom teacher or administrator in kindergarten to grade three;

(C) A knowledge of scientifically based reading research, special expertise in quality reading instruction and intervention, dyslexia specific interventions, and data analysis;

(D) Successful experience in leading a school, a school district, or a regional literacy program to include the role of principal, curriculum director, superintendent, or state-level literacy specialist;

(E) Extensive knowledge of the implementation of a structured literacy program that is founded in the science of reading;

(F) Successful experience in working with adult learners;

(G) Exceptional interpersonal skills;

(H) Exceptional communication skills; and

(I) Successful experience in leading educational programs and/or initiatives.

(3) The minimum duties for regional leadership literacy coaches shall include, but shall not be limited to:

(A) Attending and participating in professional learning related to literacy improvement and coaching within the RESA network;

(B) Collaborating with local school superintendents and school principals to create a literacy rich environment within the local school system, with priority given to schools that include kindergarten through third grade;

(C) Joining local school superintendents and school principals in side-by-side classroom observations to support teachers and paraprofessionals in applying the science of reading into instructional practices;

(D) Assisting regional literacy coaches to prioritize the needs of the local school system based on student data and communication with local school system leaders;

(E) Facilitating communication and collaboration between the local school system and regional literacy coaches;

(F) Providing guidance to local school systems in the development and implementation of the local unified literacy plan;

(G) Facilitating collaboration between the local school system and the local community to support literacy development for children from birth to age five;

(H) Facilitating collaboration between the local school system and the local and regional postsecondary educational institutions; and

(I) Collaborating with other regional leadership literacy coaches.

SECTION 1-4.

Said title is further amended in Subpart 1 of Part 6 of Article 6 of Chapter 2, relating to certificated professional personnel, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-208.2.

(a) No later than December 31, 2026, the Professional Standards Commission shall establish a literacy coaching endorsement for teachers and other certificated professional personnel trained in an evidence based approach to teaching oral and written language aligned to the science of reading founded on the science of how children learn to read and characterized by explicit, systematic, cumulative, and diagnostic instruction in phonology, sound-symbol association, syllable instruction, morphology, syntax, and semantics.

(b) The requirements to receive such literacy coaching endorsement shall include training on the use of universal reading screeners to measure and monitor a student's progress in foundational literacy skills, providing guidance to parents, and providing training or guidance to other teachers and school personnel."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Said title is further amended in Part 3 of Article 6 of Chapter 2, relating to educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," by repealing and reserving paragraph (2) and repealing and replacing paragraph (6) of subsection (b), redesignating paragraph (16) of subsection (b) as paragraph (17), adding a new paragraph to subsection (b), revising subsection (c), paragraph (2) of subsection (d), subsection (d.1), and subsection (e), and adding new subsections to Code Section 20-2-153.1, the "Georgia Early Literacy and Dyslexia Act," to read as follows:

"(a.1) It is the intent of the General Assembly that:

(1) Early literacy instruction in this state shall be:

(A) Comprehensive;

(B) Focused on structured literacy and foundational literacy skills;

(C) Aligned to the science of reading; and

(D) Anchored by high-quality instructional materials that are aligned to the science of reading;

(2) Educators shall have access to and be provided with research on the science of reading and receive comprehensive curriculum based professional learning to support them in applying such research in instructional practices; and

(3) The ongoing involvement of parents and guardians in comprehensive state-wide literacy efforts shall be encouraged and integrated into their children's educations."

"(6) 'Dyslexia' shall have the same meaning as the definition adopted and amended from time to time by the International Dyslexia Association and approved by the board and posted on the websites of the department and the Office of Student Achievement."

"(16) 'Unified literacy plan' means a comprehensive, evidence based framework to ensure coherent, aligned, and continuous literacy development for learners from birth through career readiness. Such plan shall, as appropriate according to grade levels served:

(A) Establish measurable literacy goals for all tested grade levels, using state-wide assessment results and approved universal reading screener data to monitor student progress, guide instructional decision making, and evaluate program effectiveness;

(B) Include explicit strategies for collaboration with early learning providers for learners from birth to age five to support school readiness and early language development; and

(C) Establish literacy transition plans for the transition from kindergarten to elementary school."

"(c)(1) The board, in consultation with the department and the Office of Student Achievement, shall establish such policies, rules, and regulations as necessary to implement uniform grade-appropriate metrics for measuring literacy.

(2) By March 1, 2027 ~~As soon as practicable but not later than January 1, 2024~~, the board shall:

(A) Upon the recommendation of the Office of Student Achievement, approve ~~Approve~~ high-quality instructional materials aligned to the science of reading to be used for teaching students in kindergarten through third grade to read; and

(B) Establish a procedure for each public school and local school system to annually certify to the department that such school or school system's locally approved instructional materials and content, as defined in subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-1017, constitute high-quality instructional materials aligned to the science of reading.

~~(3)(A) Every three years beginning in 2027, the center shall review and update, as appropriate, qualifications, timelines, and submission procedures for education service providers to submit one or more universal reading screeners to be considered for inclusion on the board's list of approved universal reading screener providers provided for in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph.~~

~~(B)~~(3) By April 1, 2028, and by April 1 every third year thereafter, upon the recommendation of the Office of Student Achievement a list of no less than two and ~~As soon as practicable but not later than May 15, 2025, the board shall approve the memorandum of agreement between the council and the department, as provided for in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (4) of this subsection, for a list of~~ no more than five universal reading screeners, one of which shall be a free universal reading screener, for use by public schools and local school systems as part of their comprehensive literacy programs ~~which meet the following criteria~~ shall be approved by the board. Each such universal reading screener shall:

~~(i) Capable of providing relevant information to assist teachers with targeting instruction based on student needs;~~

~~(ii) Capable of measuring foundational literacy skills;~~

~~(iii) Capable of identifying students who are significantly at risk of not attaining grade level reading proficiency, including, but not limited to, identifying students with characteristics of dyslexia;~~

~~(iv) Prescribed parameters on the time required to administer a universal reading screener with the primary objective of such prescription being to minimize impacts on instructional time; and~~

~~(v) Capable of progress monitoring.~~

(A) Provide screening and diagnostic capabilities for monitoring student progress;

(B) Measure, at a minimum, a student's foundational reading skills, including, but not limited to, a student's phonological awareness, oral language, the alphabetic principle, including letter naming, letter sound, and sound letter correspondences, decoding, encoding, accuracy, vocabulary, and comprehension;

(C) Identify students who are significantly at risk of not attaining grade level reading proficiency, including, but not limited to, identifying students with characteristics of dyslexia; and

(D) Have robust reporting capabilities, including, but not limited to, the capability to generate and provide directly to the department and the Office of Student Achievement reports of screener results by:

(i) Student;

(ii) Student subgroups based on grade level, educational program, demographic characteristics, and other criteria identified by the Georgia Literacy Task Force;

(iii) School; and

(iv) Local school system.

(4)~~(A)~~ The ~~By July 15 each year, the~~ department shall publish and regularly update on its ~~public~~ website the free universal reading screener and the list of other approved universal reading screeners provided for in paragraph (3) of this subsection, one of which each public school and local school system shall adopt and administer ~~in order to comply with the requirements of subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) of this subsection~~ as part of their comprehensive literacy programs.

~~(B) The council, in collaboration with the center and the Office of Planning and Budget, shall identify a free universal reading screener that meets the criteria established by the board as provided in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) of this subsection. The council shall enter into a memorandum of agreement with the department to make such universal reading screener available for use free of charge to public schools and local school systems.~~

(5) The department shall publish on its ~~public~~ website and distribute by ~~July 15~~ July 1 each year by electronic means to each local school system and public school in this state a dyslexia informational handbook that includes guidance, technical assistance, and training to assist all schools in the implementation of evidence based practices for instructing students with characteristics of dyslexia. Such handbook shall include, but shall not be limited to~~, the following information~~:

(A) Evidence based practices designed specifically for students with characteristics of dyslexia;

(B) Guidance on developing support plans for students with characteristics of dyslexia;

(C) A list and brief description of the dyslexia related training programs accredited by the International Dyslexia Association and any other nationally or internationally recognized accrediting organization; and

(D) A list of dyslexia endorsement programs approved by the Professional Standards Commission in collaboration with the Office of Student Achievement.

(6) The department shall, in consultation with the University System of Georgia, the Professional Standards Commission, the Office of Student Achievement, the Georgia Literacy Coordinating Committee, Georgia's regional ~~education~~ educational service agencies, and literacy experts, develop or procure one or more ~~training~~ professional learning programs for kindergarten through third grade teachers on the science of reading, structured literacy, and foundational literacy skills that enable students to develop reading skills required to meet state standards in literacy. Such programs shall emphasize the importance of applying research about the science of reading to instructional practices and of using high-quality instructional materials. Such ~~training~~ programs shall be developed or procured to promote teachers' knowledge and skills for teaching all students to read, including students with dyslexia, and to ensure teachers and literacy coaches have the knowledge and skills necessary to use approved universal reading screeners and to use assessment data to inform instruction based on student needs. One such program shall be a state-wide comprehensive curriculum based professional learning program in structured literacy that is aligned to and includes research on the science of reading to support teachers and literacy coaches in applying such research into instructional practices for kindergarten through grade three teachers and literacy coaches. Such program shall be recommended by the Georgia Literacy Task Force, as provided for in Code Section 20-14-202. Beginning no later than the 2027-2028 school year, such comprehensive program shall be made available free of charge to public school kindergarten through third grade teachers.

(7) The department shall provide technical assistance to aid public schools and local school systems in implementing the provisions of this Code section.

(8)(A) By November 1 each year ~~Beginning April 1, 2026~~, the department shall provide an annual report on the impacts of the implementation of the provisions of this Code section, including, but not limited to, reporting the results by school and school system of:

(i) The comprehensive summative assessment program for third grade students provided for in subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-281; and

(ii) The formative reading assessments for first and second grade students provided for in Code Section 20-2-280.

(B) Such report shall also include analyses of the impact of use of universal reading screeners, the use of high-quality instructional materials, and instructional practices ~~grounded in~~ aligned to the science of reading. Such report shall be provided to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the ~~chairperson~~ chairpersons of the House Committee on Education, the Senate

Education and Youth Committee, the House Committee on Higher Education, the Senate Higher Education Committee, the House Committee on Appropriations, and the Senate Appropriations Committee, and the board, and shall be made available on the department's ~~public~~ website for access by the public."

"(2)~~(A)~~ Utilizing school based literacy coaches and other available resources, each ~~Each~~ public school and local school system shall provide instructional support for kindergarten through third grade teachers that shall include:

~~(i)~~(A) Onsite teacher ~~training~~ professional learning and research materials on the science of reading, structured literacy, foundational literacy skills, and evidence based decision making;

~~(ii)~~(B) Demonstrated lessons to support teachers in applying such professional learning and research materials in instructional practices;

(C) School based literacy coaches working side-by-side with teachers in classrooms;

(D) School based literacy coaches working directly with individual students and small groups of students as time permits; and

~~(iii)~~(E) Prompt feedback for improving instruction.

~~(B)(i) Any public school or local school system claiming that a lack of sufficient funding prevents such public school or local school system from providing instructional support as required in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall promptly and in writing notify the department and shall describe all efforts such school or school system has undertaken to secure sufficient funding from local, state, federal, and private sources.~~

~~(ii) The department shall provide technical assistance and other guidance to public schools and local schools systems in identifying local, state, federal, and private funding sources to provide for instructional support as required in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph.~~"

"(d.1)(1) The Professional Standards Commission shall adopt rules which establish criteria for core curricula for each state approved educator preparation program. Such rules shall include, but shall not be limited to~~, the following~~:

~~(1)~~(A) The use of content standards established by the ~~State Board of Education~~ board that are aligned to the science of reading to guide curricula and instruction;

~~(2)~~(B) Evidence based standards for the teaching of reading that:

~~(A)~~(i) Are exclusively aligned ~~with~~ to the science of reading;

~~(B)~~(ii) Prepare teachers to provide explicit, systematic, sequential, diagnostic, and cumulative approaches to teaching phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, and text comprehension; and

~~(C)~~(iii) Employ multisensory and multimodal intervention strategies;

~~(3)~~(C) Content based literacy and mathematics practices;

~~(4)~~(D) Strategies appropriate for the instruction of English language learners;

~~(5)~~(E) Strategies appropriate for the instruction of students with disabilities;

~~(6)~~(F) Strategies ~~to~~ including, but not limited to, the use of assessment results, to identify student strengths and weaknesses and differentiate instruction based on student needs;

~~(7)~~(G) Strategies and practices to support research based content aligned to state standards and grading practices;

~~(8)~~(H) Strategies appropriate for the early identification of a student with a reading deficiency; and

~~(9)~~(I) Strategies to support the use of technology in education and distance learning.

(2) Beginning January 1, 2027, the Professional Standards Commission shall undertake an ongoing review of each state approved educator preparation program's compliance with the rules provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection, with a particular emphasis on subparagraphs (B) and (F) of paragraph (1) of this subsection. The Executive Director shall have the discretion to determine the order and priority of reviews; provided, however, that all educator preparation programs shall be reviewed no less often than every four years. By November 1 each year, the Professional Standards Commission shall provide a report of its review and significant findings to the Chancellor of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, the governing body of each state approved educator preparation program that is not an institution of the University System of Georgia, the State Board of Education, the Office of Student Achievement, the Georgia Council on Literacy, and the chairpersons of the House Committee on Higher Education, the Senate Higher Education Committee, the House Committee on Education, and the Senate Education and Youth Committee.

"(e)(1) There is established within the Office of Student Achievement the Georgia Literacy ~~Coach~~ Coordinating Committee. Such committee shall comprise, at a minimum, the ~~Georgia Literacy Coach, the Coordinator of Georgia Literacy Coaching,~~ State Literacy Director, the Georgia Literacy Coach Coordinator, a representative of the ~~Department of Education~~ department, at least one representative of Georgia's regional ~~education services~~ educational service agencies, ~~a representative~~ representatives of ~~a~~ research based education ~~organization~~ organizations with subject matter expertise identified by the ~~Georgia Council on Literacy~~ department and the Office of Student Achievement, and other subject matter experts identified by the ~~Georgia Literacy Coach or the Georgia Council on Literacy~~ department and the Office of Student Achievement. In collaboration with the board, the department, the Department of Early Care and Learning, the Department of Public Health, the University System of Georgia, the Technical College System of Georgia, and other appropriate stakeholders as determined by the Office of Student Achievement, the Georgia Literacy Coordinating Committee shall:

(A) Maintain and amend as needed the Georgia Literacy Plan originally created by the Georgia Council on Literacy;

(B) Review to ensure oversight, accountability, and effectiveness of implementation of this Code section and other literacy efforts supporting schools and school systems, children and families, and adult learners provided for in the Georgia Literacy Plan;

(C) Support the coordination of the efforts of all state-wide literacy and reading education programs across state, regional, and local agencies, systems, and initiatives;

(D) Review the conditions, needs, issues, and problems related to state literacy outcomes, and make recommendations for legislation and appropriations to support improving such outcomes;

(E) Review and make recommendations for local unified literacy plans;

(F) Review state-wide birth to age five initiatives and suggest policy and appropriation changes; and

(G) Review best practices for community based literacy programs and make recommendations for improvement.

(2) The Office of Student Achievement shall employ the State Literacy Director and the Georgia Literacy Coach Coordinator, whose duties and responsibilities shall be provided for in Article 4 of Chapter 14 of this title.~~:~~

~~(A) The Georgia Literacy Coach; and~~

~~(B) The Coordinator of Georgia Literacy Coaching, who shall be responsible for:~~

~~(i) Serving as the chairperson of the Georgia Literacy Coach Coordinating Committee;~~

~~(ii) Coordinating state-wide literacy coaching efforts;~~

~~(iii) Serving as the primary liaison with the Department of Education with respect to state-wide literacy coaching efforts;~~

~~(iv) Direction and oversight of literacy coaches affiliated with the Department of Education or a regional education service agency whose positions are supported with state or federal funds; and~~

~~(v) Coordinating with designated organizations affiliated with the Georgia Council on Literacy with respect to research, best practices, and proactive intervention strategies for birth to adult language and literacy learning.~~"

(f)(1) Not later than January 1, 2027, each local board of education and other public school governing body shall adopt a unified literacy plan.

(2) Beginning January 1, 2027:

(A) No local school system shall be eligible for any waiver or variance granted under Code Section 20-2-244 or Article 4 of this chapter or to enter into or renew a charter system contract or strategic waivers school system contract with the State Board of Education unless such local school system has adopted a unified literacy plan;

(B) Neither the State Board of Education nor any local board of education shall authorize a new charter petition or a renewal charter petition for a local charter school, as such term is defined in Code Section 20-2-2062, unless such petition includes a unified literacy plan for such local charter school; and

(C) Neither the State Board of Education nor the State Charter Schools Commission shall authorize a new charter petition or a renewal charter petition for a state charter school, as such term is defined in Code Section 20-2-2081, unless such petition includes a unified literacy plan for such state charter school."

SECTION 2-2.

Said title is further amended in Article 19 of Chapter 2, relating to instructional materials and content, by revising Code Section 20-2-1010, relating to instructional materials and content, as follows:

"20-2-1010.

(a) The State Board of Education ~~is authorized to~~ shall prescribe, by regulation, the definition of the term 'instructional materials and content' to include but not be limited to systematically designed material in any medium, including digital instructional materials and content and any computer hardware, software, and technical equipment necessary to support such instructional materials and content, that constitutes the principal source of study for a state funded course to be used in the various grades in the public schools of this state, including ~~the elementary grades and high school grades~~ kindergarten through grade 12. The state board may provide, by regulation, for multiple listings of instructional materials and content for use in the various grades and may, in its discretion, authorize the local school ~~superintendents~~ systems and other public schools to exercise a choice as between various instructional materials and content so listed or adopted for any particular grade.

(b) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to exempt computer hardware or related equipment acquired by the state from competitive bidding.

(c) Notwithstanding any provision of law, including, but not limited to, any provision of this article to the contrary, it is the policy of this state that:

(1) Only high-quality instructional materials and content that are aligned to the science of reading, as such terms are defined in Code Section 20-2-153.1, shall be used for literacy and reading education in kindergarten through grade three; and

(2) Beginning with the 2029-2030 school year and continuing thereafter, no public school that receives funds under Article 6 of this chapter shall use any portion of such funds for the purchase or use of instructional materials and content for literacy and reading education in kindergarten through grade three that are not approved for such purpose by the State Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Georgia Literacy Task Force."

SECTION 2-3.

Said title is further amended in said article of said chapter by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-1015.1.

(a) Local boards of education and other public school governing bodies shall approve high-quality instructional materials for students in kindergarten through grade three as required under Code Section 20-2-153.1.

(b) Local boards of education and other public school governing bodies are strongly encouraged to provide exclusively for the use of high-quality instructional materials that are aligned to the science of reading, as such terms are defined in Code Section 20-2-153.1, for literacy and reading instruction for students in kindergarten through grade three.

(c) The State Board of Education shall annually determine a reasonable level of funding to assist local boards of education and other public school governing bodies in attaining high-quality instructional materials pursuant to this Code section. Such level of funding shall annually be presented to the General Assembly for its consideration in including appropriations for such purposes."

SECTION 2-4.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 14, relating to education accountability, by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 4

20-14-200.

(a) As provided for in Code Section 20-2-153.1, there is established within the Office of Student Achievement the Georgia Literacy Coordinating Committee. The members and responsibilities of such committee shall be as provided for in Code Section 20-2-153.1, the 'Georgia Early Literacy and Dyslexia Act,'

(b) Upon the recommendation of the State Literacy Director, the Office of Student Achievement is authorized to engage individuals with subject matter expertise to work with the Georgia Literacy Coordinating Committee.

20-14-201.

As provided for in Code Section 20-2-153.1, the Office of Student Achievement shall employ:

(1) The State Literacy Director, who shall report to the director of the Office of Student Achievement and shall be responsible for:

(A) Oversight of the maintenance, amendment, implementation, alignment, and evaluation of the state-wide literacy plan in collaboration with other stakeholders as provided for in Code Section 20-2-153.1;

(B) Evaluating and making recommendations for the continuous improvement and alignment of state-wide literacy and reading education programs across state, regional, and local agencies, systems, and initiatives;

(C) Serving as the primary liaison with the Department of Education, the Department of Early Care and Learning, the Department of Public Health, the University System of Georgia, the Technical College System of Georgia, Georgia's regional educational service agencies, the Professional Standards Commission, and the Office of Student Achievement with respect to state-wide literacy and reading education efforts;

(D) Making recommendations for effective implementation of and continuous improvements to the 'Georgia Early Literacy and Dyslexia Act' and other legislation, policies, rules, and regulations relative to literacy and reading instruction across all ages and grades;

(E) Serving as chairperson of the Georgia Literacy Coordinating Committee;

(F) Serving as chairperson of the Georgia Literacy Task Force; and

(G) Supervision and evaluation of staff assigned to work with the Georgia Literacy Coordinating Committee or the Georgia Literacy Task Force, including, but not limited to, the Georgia Literacy Coach Coordinator; and

(2) The Georgia Literacy Coach Coordinator, who shall report to the State Literacy Director and shall be responsible for:

(A) Serving on the Georgia Literacy Coordinating Committee;

(B) State-wide coordination of regional leadership literacy coaches, regional literacy coaches, and school based literacy coaches;

(C) Collaboration with and coordination of literacy coaches and specialists affiliated with the Department of Education or a regional educational service agency whose positions are supported with state or federal funds, including, but not limited to, regional literacy coaches;

(D) Observing, evaluating, and providing feedback to literacy coaches and specialists affiliated with the Department of Education or a regional educational service agency whose positions are supported with state or federal funds, including, but not limited to, regional literacy coaches; and

(E) Reviewing and collaborating on the development and implementation of state-wide professional learning and professional development programs and training for literacy and reading education.

20-14-202.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'task force' means the Georgia Literacy Task Force established pursuant to this Code section.

(b) There is established the Georgia Literacy Task Force, a standing task force which shall be convened by the Office of Student Achievement by September 1, 2026, and which shall be responsible for providing recommendations to the State Board of Education, the Office of Student Achievement, the Georgia Literacy Coordinating Committee, and the State Literacy Director for:

(1) The state-wide comprehensive curriculum based professional learning program in structured literacy that is aligned to and includes research on the science of reading to support teachers and literacy coaches in applying such research into instructional practices for kindergarten through grade three teachers and literacy coaches to be made available at no cost as provided for in Code Section 20-2-153.1;

(2)(A) A list of no less than two and no more than five universal reading screeners that are valid and reliable reading screening, formative, and diagnostic assessment systems for selection and use by local school systems and public schools.

(B) Each universal reading screener recommended by the task force shall:

(i) Provide screening and diagnostic capabilities for monitoring student progress;

(ii) Measure, at a minimum, a student's foundational reading skills, as such term is defined in Code Section 20-2-153.1, including, but not limited to, a student's phonological awareness, oral language, the alphabetic principle, including letter naming, letter sound, and sound letter correspondences, decoding, encoding, accuracy, vocabulary, and comprehension;

(iii) Identify students who are significantly at risk of not attaining grade level reading proficiency, including, but not limited to, identifying students with characteristics of dyslexia; and

(iv) Have robust reporting capabilities, including, but not limited to, the capability to generate and provide directly to the department and the Office of Student Achievement reports of screener results by:

(I) Student;

(II) Student subgroups based on grade level, educational program, demographic characteristics, and other criteria identified by the Georgia Literacy Task Force;

(III) School; and

(IV) Local school system.

(C) In determining which universal reading screeners to recommend for use by local school systems and public schools, the task force shall, at a minimum, consider:

(i) The time required to conduct the universal reading screener, with the intention of minimizing the impact on instructional time;

(ii) The level of integration of universal reading screener results with instructional support for teachers and students; and

(iii) The timeliness in reporting assessment results to teachers, administrators, and parents.

(D) The task force shall recommend one universal reading screener to be made available free of charge to local school systems and public schools.

(E) By April 1, 2028, and by April 1 every third year thereafter, the task force shall submit to the State Board of Education the list of recommended universal reading screeners, including the universal reading screener to be made available free of charge to local school systems and public schools.

(F) No universal reading screener shall be approved by the State Board of Education unless it has been recommended by the task force; and

(3)(A) A list of no less than two and no more than five of systematically designed programs of high-quality instructional materials that are aligned to the science of reading, as such terms are defined in Code Section 20-2-153.1, for students in kindergarten through grade three for recommendation to the State Board of Education.

(B) By April 1, 2027, and by April 1 every fourth year thereafter, the task force shall submit to the State Board of Education the list of recommended systematically designed programs of high-quality instructional materials that are aligned to the science of reading.

(c)(1) The State Literacy Director shall serve as chairperson of the task force.

(2) In addition to the State Literacy Director, the membership of the task force shall include the following appointed members, each of whom shall have at least three years of experience with scientifically based reading instruction:

(A) Three members appointed by the Governor, two of whom shall have significant experience as a literacy or reading specialist, coach, or teacher or as a curriculum specialist;

(B) Three members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, two of whom shall have significant experience as a literacy or reading specialist, coach, or teacher or as a curriculum specialist;

(C) Three members appointed by the President of the Senate, two of whom shall have significant experience as a literacy or reading specialist, coach, or teacher or as a curriculum specialist;

(D) One member who shall be a certified academic dyslexia therapist for a minimum of three years appointed by the Office of Student Achievement; and

(E) One member appointed by the State Board of Education.

(3) The Office of Student Achievement shall verify that each appointed member of the task force satisfies the credentials under which he or she was appointed.

(4) Members appointed to the task force shall be appointed to serve a three-year term and may be reappointed to serve one additional two-year term.

(5)(A) The task force shall be authorized to conduct meetings at such places and times, either virtually or in-person, as it deems necessary or convenient to enable it to fully and effectively perform its duties; provided, however, that it shall meet not less than two times per year and shall hold meetings at the call of the chairperson.

(B) A quorum for transacting business of the task force shall be a majority of the members.

(C) Meetings of the task force shall be exempt from the provisions of Chapter 14 of Title 50 notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary.

(6) Legislative members of the task force shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8. Nonlegislative members of the task force shall receive a daily expense allowance in the amount specified in subsection (a) of Code Section 45-7-21 as well as the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for state employees. Members of the task force who are state officials, other than legislative members, or state employees shall receive no compensation for their services on the task force, but shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties as members of the task force in the same manner as they are reimbursed for expenses in their capacities as state officials or state employees. The funds necessary for the reimbursement of the expenses of state officials, other than legislative members, and state employees shall come from funds appropriated to or otherwise available to their respective departments. All other funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this article shall come from funds appropriated to the Office of Student Achievement.

(d) The task force shall endeavor to include multiple vendors in each annual list of universal reading screeners and high-quality instructional materials provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section. The task force shall make public all rubrics and measurements used to determine eligibility and compliance for all universal reading screeners and high-quality instructional materials accepted for consideration.

20-14-203.

(a) Within 60 days of receiving any recommendation from the Georgia Literacy Task Force, the State Board of Education shall vote to adopt or reject such recommendation.

(b) The State School Superintendent shall recommend that the State Board of Education adopt recommendations received pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section; provided, however, that if the State School Superintendent disagrees with a recommendation received pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section, he or she shall submit to the State Board of Education the reasons for such disagreement in writing. Irrespective of whether the State School Superintendent submits any disagreement, the State Board of Education shall timely vote to adopt or reject the recommendation from the Georgia Literacy Task Force.

20-14-204.

The Office of Student Achievement shall be responsible for developing and implementing, in collaboration with the Department of Education, the Department of Early Care and Learning, the Department of Public Health, the University System of Georgia, the Technical College System of Georgia, Georgia's regional educational service agencies, and local school systems and public schools, a comprehensive state-wide promotional campaign to increase public awareness and education about the essential importance of literacy in the lives of all Georgians and to urge all Georgia families and communities to support and participate in literacy programs and other efforts, especially for children from birth through fifth grade."

SECTION 2-5.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 20-1-45, relating to termination, as follows:

"20-1-45.

The council shall be abolished and this article shall stand repealed on December 31, ~~2030~~ 2026."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

Said title is further amended in Subpart 2 of Part 1 of Article 16 of Chapter 2, relating to compulsory attendance, by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-690.1, relating to compulsory education for children between ages six and 16 and voluntary withdrawal, as follows:

"(b) Each child in this state shall be required to attend a public school, a private school, or a home study program between his or her sixth and sixteenth birthdays; provided, however, that it is the policy of this state that families are encouraged to have their children attend a public school, a private school, or a home study program beginning at age five. Such compulsory attendance shall not apply to any child who has successfully completed all requirements for a high school diploma or state approved high school equivalency (HSE) diploma."

SECTION 3-2.

Said title is further amended in Part 3 of Article 6 of Chapter 2, relating to educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-150, relating to eligibility for enrollment for educational programs, as follows:

"(c) All children enrolled for 20 school days or more in the public schools of this state prior to their ~~seventh~~ sixth birthday shall become subject to all of the provisions of this article, the provisions of Code Sections 20-2-690 through 20-2-701, and the rules and regulations of the State Board of Education relating to compulsory school attendance even though they have not attained ~~seven~~ six years of age."

SECTION 3-3.

Said title is further amended in said part by revising paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-151, relating to general and career education programs, purpose, and authorized programs, as follows:

"(1)(A) All local school systems ~~may~~ shall offer a full-day kindergarten program. As used in ~~For purposes of~~ this subsection, the term 'full-day kindergarten program' means a student is provided classroom instruction for a minimum of four and one-half hours daily for a 180 day school year, or the equivalent thereof as determined in accordance with State Board of Education guidelines.

(B)(i) It is the policy of this state that before any child is enrolled in the first grade of a state supported primary grades program, he or she shall attend a full-day kindergarten program unless he or she has been assessed as ready for first grade, as provided for in paragraph (2) of this subsection, and meets the age eligibility requirement for enrollment in the first grade.

(ii) The ~~the~~ purposes of the state supported kindergarten program shall be to provide all children with an equal opportunity to become prepared for a successful first grade experience and to acquire the foundation for academic progress throughout the students' educational careers.

(iii) To be eligible for enrollment in a state supported kindergarten program, a child ~~must~~ shall attain the age of five by September 1, except as otherwise provided by subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-150.

(iv) This subparagraph shall not be construed or applied to require a child to complete a full school year of kindergarten prior to enrolling in first grade.

(v) At the discretion of the school principal or at the request of the parent or guardian, a child who meets the age eligibility requirement for enrollment in the first grade may be assessed for first grade readiness as provided for in paragraph (2) of this subsection.

(vi) A child who meets the age eligibility requirement for enrollment in the first grade and who has been assessed as ready for first grade, as provided for in paragraph (2) of this subsection, may be placed in or promoted to first grade.

(vii) No student shall remain in kindergarten for more than two years.

(viii) Notwithstanding any part of this subsection or other provision of law to the contrary:

(I) Each child enrolling in a state supported education program for the first time who, by virtue of his or her age and date of birth, is eligible for enrollment in the first grade of a state supported primary grades program pursuant to this Code section or Code Section 20-2-150 shall be enrolled in a state supported kindergarten program at the request of his or her parent or guardian; and

(II) Each child who attains the age of either four or five by September 1 shall be eligible for enrollment in a voluntary pre-kindergarten program provided and operated as part of Georgia's Pre-K Program, and each such child shall be enrolled in such program at the request of his or her parent or guardian; provided, however, that this paragraph shall not be construed or applied to require or permit a child to be enrolled in such a program for more than one year; and, provided, further that children ages four and five shall be treated on the same basis relative to selection for available seats in such programs.

(2)(A) It is the policy of this state that the purpose of the primary grades program shall be mastery by enrolled students of the essential basic skills and knowledge which will enable them to achieve more advanced skills and knowledge offered at the higher grade levels. For purposes of funding under this article, the primary grades program shall include grades one, two, and three.

(B) To be eligible for enrollment in the first grade of a state supported primary grades program, a child ~~must~~ shall:

(i) Be assessed for readiness by teachers and other personnel of the local school system or public school. Such assessment shall include:

(I) The use of assessments, screeners, and other instruments approved for such purpose by the State Board of Education, including, but not limited to:

(a) The first grade readiness assessment adopted by the State Board of Education pursuant to Code Section 20-2-281; and

(b) A universal reading screener adopted by the State Board of Education pursuant to Code Section 20-2-153.1;

(II) Consideration of teacher input and recommendations; and

(III) Other relevant information, which shall include, but shall not be limited to, the preference of such child's parent or guardian; and

(ii) Attain ~~attain~~ the age of six by September 1, except as otherwise provided by subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-150. ~~The State Board of Education shall adopt an instrument or instruments, procedures, and policies necessary to assess the first grade readiness of children enrolled in Georgia's public school kindergarten programs pursuant to Code Section 20-2-281. Readiness information obtained by the instrument or instruments adopted by the state board shall be used by local school systems in concert with teacher recommendations and other relevant information to make appropriate student grade placement decisions.~~

(C) If, upon being assessed for first grade readiness pursuant to this paragraph, a child is identified as significantly at risk of not attaining grade level reading proficiency, as provided for in Code Section 20-2-153.1:

(i) A tiered reading intervention plan shall be immediately developed and implemented for such child; and

(ii) The parent or guardian of the student shall be notified in writing by first-class mail by the school principal or the principal's designee regarding the determination that the student has been identified as significantly at risk of not attaining grade level reading proficiency prior to beginning the first grade, the student's tiered reading intervention plan, and the possibility that the student might not be placed or promoted to the first grade.

(D) When a child who meets the age eligibility requirement for enrollment in the first grade has been identified as significantly at risk of not attaining grade level reading proficiency and, after a tiered reading intervention plan has been implemented, the child continues to be significantly at risk of not attaining grade level reading proficiency, the following shall occur:

(i) The school principal or the principal's designee shall determine the child is not ready for placement in or promotion to the first grade program except as otherwise provided in this paragraph;

(ii) The school principal or the principal's designee shall notify in writing by first-class mail the parent or guardian of the child regarding the determination that the child is not ready for placement in or promotion to the first grade program. The notice shall describe the option of the parent or guardian to appeal such determination and shall further describe the composition and functions of the placement committee as provided for in this paragraph, including the requirement that a decision to place the child in or promote the child to the first grade must be a unanimous decision of the committee;

(iii) If the parent or guardian appeals the determination that his or her child is not ready for placement in or promotion to the first grade program, then the school principal or the principal's designee shall establish a placement committee composed of the school principal or the principal's designee, the student's parent or guardian, and the student's teacher, and shall notify in writing by first-class mail the parent or guardian of the time and place for convening the placement committee;

(iv) The placement committee shall:

(I) Review the child's overall readiness for placement in or promotion to the first grade program and his or her progress toward grade level reading proficiency;

(II) Decide whether the child shall be placed in or promoted to the first grade program; provided, however, that a decision to place the child in or promote the child to the first grade program shall be a unanimous decision; and

(III) Prescribe for the child such accelerated, differentiated, or additional instruction as needed to perform at grade level by the conclusion of the subsequent school year, prescribe such additional assessments as may be appropriate in addition to assessments administered to other students at the grade level during

the year, and provide for a plan of continuous assessment during the subsequent school year in order to monitor the progress of the child;

(v) For children who are eligible to receive special education or related services, the child's Individualized Education Plan Committee shall serve as the placement committee; and

(vi) The decision of the placement committee may be appealed only as provided for by the local board of education or other public school governing body.

(E) By July 1, 2026, the State Board of Education shall:

(i) Adopt policies and procedures necessary to implement the requirements of this paragraph; and

(ii) Approve one or more assessments, screeners, and other instruments for assessing the first grade readiness of children. The State Board of Education shall consider for approval any assessment, screener, or other instrument recommended by the Office of Student Achievement.

(F) By July 15, 2026, the ~~The~~ Department of Education, in collaboration with the Office of Student Achievement, shall develop guidelines for utilization of ~~the instrument or instruments~~ such assessments, screeners, and other instruments approved by the State Board of Education in grade placement decisions and shall provide such guidelines and technical assistance to local school systems and public schools. The guidelines shall include information pertinent to consideration of the placement of students who have been identified as being disabled or limited-English-proficient.

(G) Whenever the decision is made not to place a child in or promote a child to the first grade, the local school system or public school shall document the reasons for ~~the~~ such decision ~~not to promote~~, according to policies, procedures, and guidelines established by the ~~board~~ State Board of Education and shall provide such reasons in writing to the parent or guardian of the child.

(H) By November 1 each year, the Office of Student Achievement shall ~~The State School Superintendent may annually~~ provide a report summarizing ~~the results of the readiness of first grade Georgia public school kindergarten children. No student shall remain in kindergarten for more than two years~~ the readiness of Georgia children for placement in or promotion to the first grade program. Such report shall include, but shall not be limited to, information on the grade level reading proficiency of such children. Such report shall be submitted to the Governor; the President of the Senate; the Speaker of the House of Representatives; the chairpersons of the House Committee on Education, the Senate Education and Youth Committee, the House Committee on Higher Education, the Senate Higher Education Committee, the House Committee on Appropriations, and the Senate Appropriations Committee; and the State Board of Education.

(I)(i) The provisions of subparagraphs (C) and (D) of this paragraph shall apply beginning with the 2027-2028 school year and continue thereafter.

(ii) By July 1, 2027. the State Board of Education and the Department of Education shall update the policies, procedures, guidelines required in subparagraphs (E) and (F) of this paragraph;"

SECTION 3-4.

Said title is further amended in Part 12 of Article 6 of Chapter 2, relating to effectiveness of educational programs, by revising Code Section 20-2-283, relating to criteria, specific requirements for students in grades three, five, and eight, and implementation, as follows:

"20-2-283.

(a) No later than ~~January 1, 2002~~ January 1, 2027, the State Board of Education shall adopt criteria for the development of a placement and promotion policy by each local board of education and other public school governing body consistent with the Georgia Academic Placement and Promotion Policy.

(b) Such criteria as adopted by the State Board of Education shall require the following for students in grades one, three, five, and eight:

(1) No student shall be promoted, except as provided in this Code section, to:

(A) The second grade program to which the student would otherwise be assigned if the student is determined to be significantly at risk of not attaining grade level reading proficiency, as determined in accordance with Code Section 20-2-153.1, by the end of the first grade program and does not meet the promotional standards and criteria established by the State Board of Education and by the local board of education or other governing body for the school that the student attends;

~~(A)~~(B) The fourth grade program to which the student would otherwise be assigned if the student does not achieve grade level as defined by the Office of Student Achievement in accordance with Code Section 20-14-31 on the third grade end-of-grade reading assessment developed in accordance with subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-281 and meet the promotional standards and criteria established by the State Board of Education and by the local ~~school~~ board of education or other governing body for the school that the student attends;

~~(B)~~(C) The sixth grade program to which the student would otherwise be assigned if the student does not achieve grade level as defined by the Office of Student Achievement in accordance with Code Section 20-14-31 on the fifth grade end-of-grade mathematics assessment and fifth grade end-of-grade reading assessment developed in accordance with subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-281 and meet the promotional standards and criteria established by the State Board of Education and by the local ~~school~~ board of education or other governing body for the school that the student attends; or

~~(C)~~(D) The ninth grade program to which the student would otherwise be assigned if the student does not achieve grade level as defined by the Office of Student Achievement in accordance with Code Section 20-14-31 on the eighth grade end-of-grade mathematics assessment and eighth grade end-of-grade reading assessment developed in accordance with subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-281 and meet the promotional standards and criteria established by the State Board of Education and

by the local ~~school~~ board of education or other governing body for the school that the student attends;

(2) When a student does not perform at grade level on any end-of-grade assessment specified in subparagraph (B), (C), or (D) of paragraph (1) of this subsection, then the following shall occur:

(A) The parent or guardian of the student shall be notified in writing by first-class mail by the school principal or ~~such official's~~ the principal's designee regarding the student's performance below grade level on the assessment instrument, the retest to be given the student, the accelerated, differentiated, or additional instruction program to which the student is assigned, and the possibility that the student might be retained at the same grade level for the next school year;

(B) The student shall be retested with an end-of-grade assessment or an alternative assessment instrument that is appropriate for the student's grade level as provided for by the State Board of Education and the local board of education or school governing body; and

(C) The student shall be given an opportunity for accelerated, differentiated, or additional instruction in the applicable subject; ~~and~~

(3) When a student does not perform at grade level on any end-of-grade assessment specified in subparagraph (B), (C), or (D) of paragraph (1) of this subsection and also does not perform at grade level on a second additional opportunity as provided for in paragraph (2) of this subsection, then the following shall occur:

(A) The school principal or the principal's designee shall retain the student for the next school year except as otherwise provided in this subsection;

(B) The school principal or the principal's designee shall notify in writing by first-class mail the parent or guardian of the student and the teacher regarding the decision to retain the student. The notice shall describe the option of the parent, guardian, or teacher to appeal the decision to retain the student and shall further describe the composition and functions of the placement committee as provided for in this subsection, including the requirement that a decision to promote the student must be a unanimous decision of the committee;

(C) If the parent, guardian, or teacher appeals the decision to retain the student, then the school principal or the principal's designee shall establish a placement committee composed of the principal or the principal's designee, the student's parent or guardian, and the teacher of the subject of the assessment instrument on which the student failed to perform at grade level and shall notify in writing by first-class mail the parent or guardian of the time and place for convening the placement committee;

(D) The placement committee shall:

(i) Review the overall academic achievement of the student in light of the performance on the end-of-grade assessment and the standards and criteria as adopted by the local board of education and make a determination to promote or retain. A decision to promote must be a unanimous decision and must determine that if promoted and given accelerated, differentiated, or additional instruction during the next year, the student is likely to perform at grade level as defined by the

Office of Student Achievement in accordance with Code Section 20-14-31 by the conclusion of the school year; and

(ii) Prescribe for the student, whether the student is retained or promoted, such accelerated, differentiated, or additional instruction as needed to perform at grade level by the conclusion of the subsequent school year, prescribe such additional assessments as may be appropriate in addition to assessments administered to other students at the grade level during the year, and provide for a plan of continuous assessment during the subsequent school year in order to monitor the progress of the student;

(E) For students receiving special education or related services, the Individualized Education Plan Committee shall serve as the placement committee; and

(F) The decision of the placement committee may be appealed only as provided for by the local board of education or other public school governing body; and

(4)(A) When a student is determined to be significantly at risk of not attaining grade level reading proficiency, as specified in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of this subsection, then the following shall occur:

(i) The parent or guardian of the student shall be notified in writing by first-class mail by the school principal or the principal's designee regarding the determination that the student has been determined to be significantly at risk of not attaining grade level reading proficiency by the end of the first grade program, the student's updated tiered reading intervention plan, and the possibility that the student might be retained at the same grade level for the next school year;

(ii) The student shall be reassessed to determine if he or she is to be significantly at risk of not attaining grade level reading proficiency by the end of the first grade program; and

(iii) The student shall receive intensive reading intervention in accordance with Code Section 20-2-153.1.

(B) When a student is determined to be significantly at risk of not attaining grade level reading proficiency, as specified in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of this subsection, and continues to be significantly at risk of not attaining grade level reading proficiency after provisions of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph are implemented, then the following shall occur:

(i) The school principal or the principal's designee shall retain the student for the next school year except as otherwise provided in this paragraph;

(ii) The school principal or the principal's designee shall notify in writing by first-class mail the parent or guardian of the student regarding the decision to retain the student. The notice shall describe the option of the parent or guardian to appeal the decision to retain the student and shall further describe the composition and functions of the placement committee as provided for in this paragraph, including the requirement that a decision to promote the student must be a unanimous decision of the committee;

(iii) If the parent or guardian appeals the decision to retain the student, then the school principal or the principal's designee shall establish a placement committee

composed of the school principal or the principal's designee, the student's parent or guardian, and the student's teacher and shall notify in writing by first-class mail the parent or guardian of the time and place for convening the placement committee;

(iv) The placement committee shall:

(I) Review the overall academic achievement of the student and his or her progress toward grade level reading proficiency and make a determination to promote or retain. A decision to promote must be a unanimous decision and must determine that if promoted and given intensive reading intervention in accordance with Code Section 20-2-153.1 during the next year, the student is likely to perform at grade level as defined by the Office of Student Achievement in accordance with Code Section 20-14-31 by the conclusion of the school year; and

(II) Prescribe for the student, whether the student is retained or promoted, such accelerated, differentiated, or additional instruction as needed to perform at grade level by the conclusion of the subsequent school year, prescribe such additional assessments as may be appropriate in addition to assessments administered to other students at the grade level during the year, and provide for a plan of continuous assessment during the subsequent school year in order to monitor the progress of the student;

(v) For students receiving special education or related services, the Individualized Education Plan Committee shall serve as the placement committee;

(vi) The decision of the placement committee may be appealed only as provided for by the local board of education or other public school governing body; and

(vii) No student shall remain in the first grade program for more than two years.

(c) This Code section does not preclude the retention by the school principal or the principal's designee of a student who performs satisfactorily on the end-of-grade assessments specified in subparagraph (B), (C), or (D) of paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section as provided for by the local board of education or other public school governing body.

(d) This Code section does not create a property interest in promotion.

(e) The State Board of Education shall establish policies and procedures for implementation of this Code section."

SECTION 3-5.

Said title is further amended in said part by revising Code Section 20-2-284, relating to criteria for local boards of education and model placement and promotion policy, as follows:

"20-2-284.

(a) No later than July 1, ~~2003~~ 2026, each local board of education and other public school governing body shall develop and adopt a placement and promotion policy in accordance with the criteria established by the State Board of Education as provided in Code Section 20-2-283 and consistent with the Georgia Academic Placement and Promotion Policy.

(b) Except for those end-of-grade assessments specified in Code Section 20-2-283, the placement and promotion policy as developed and adopted by each local board of education and other public school governing body shall state how the end-of-grade assessments administered under Code Section 20-2-281 for grades one through eight, and assessments administered to determine grade level reading proficiency for grade one, will be weighted or otherwise utilized by the school principal or the principal's designee in determining the overall academic achievement of a student and an appropriate plan of accelerated, differentiated, or additional instruction, placement, promotion, or retention of a student.

(c) To assist each local board of education and other public school governing body, the State Board of Education shall develop a model placement and promotion policy ~~which may be utilized by a local board of education~~."

SECTION 3-6.

Said title is further amended in said part by revising Code Section 20-2-285, relating to timetable for implementation of policy, as follows:

"20-2-285.

The State Board of Education shall provide for a timetable of implementation of this Code section and the Georgia Academic Placement and Promotion Policy which shall include:

(1) The third grade beginning with the 2003-2004 school year;

(2) The fifth grade beginning with the 2004-2005 school year; ~~and~~

(3) The eighth grade beginning with the 2005-2006 school year; and

(4) The first grade beginning with the 2027-2028 school year."

PART IV
SECTION 4-1.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 4-2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Erwin of the 32nd moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 1193.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
E Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	E Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield

Y Anderson	E Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	E Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	E Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 168, nays 0.

The motion prevailed.

The Speaker announced the House in recess until 8:00 o'clock, this evening.

The Speaker called the House to order.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 2074. By Representatives Tran of the 80th, Roberts of the 52nd, Panitch of the 51st, Drenner of the 85th and Holcomb of the 101st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the 5th Annual Green Egg and Kegs Festival at Dunwoody Village; and for other purposes.

HR 2075. By Representatives Tran of the 80th, Miller of the 62nd, Willis of the 55th, Olaleye of the 59th and Evans of the 57th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the 90th annual Atlanta Dogwood Festival; and for other purposes.

HR 2076. By Representative Scott of the 76th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and legacy of Ms. Laranette Kelley; and for other purposes

HR 2077. By Representative Clark of the 108th:

A RESOLUTION commending Dr. Willie Frank Rainey Jr.; and for other purposes.

HR 2078. By Representatives Tran of the 80th, Roberts of the 52nd, Panitch of the 51st, Drenner of the 85th and Holcomb of the 101st:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of John Baptist Barranco of Dunwoody, Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 2079. By Representatives Davis of the 87th, Drenner of the 85th, Mitchell of the 88th, Kendrick of the 95th, Oliver of the 84th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and legacy of Betty "Becky" Lou Ennis Arrington; and for other purposes.

HR 2080. By Representatives Park of the 107th, Frye of the 122nd, Gisler of the 121st, Gaines of the 120th and Rhodes of the 124th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the ODYSSEY Media Group, the iliad Literary-Art Magazine, and David A. Ragsdale for over 23 years of journalistic excellence, student creativity, and outstanding service to the people of Athens, Georgia, and beyond; and for other purposes.

HR 2081. By Representative Scott of the 76th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and legacy of Ms. Tonia Louise Scott; and for other purposes.

HR 2082. By Representative Scott of the 76th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and legacy of Mrs. Thelma Crawford Scott; and for other purposes.

HR 2083. By Representative Scott of the 76th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Mrs. Robbie Ruth Gandy Williams for her lifelong dedication to faith, family, community, and service; and for other purposes.

HR 2084. By Representative Scott of the 76th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Eloise Branton; and for other purposes.

HR 2085. By Representatives Holcomb of the 101st, Tran of the 80th, Kendrick of the 95th, Roberts of the 52nd, Barnes of the 86th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the St. Pius X Catholic High School boys basketball team for winning the 2026 GHSA 4A State Basketball Championship; and for other purposes.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bills of the House:

HB 256. By Representatives Wiedower of the 121st, Gullett of the 19th, Efstration of the 104th, Clifton of the 131st, Hatchett of the 155th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to programs and protection for children, so as to revise provisions relating to the foster parents bill of rights; to provide for definitions; to provide that such rights include relative caregivers and fictive kin; to provide for the development of administrative procedures; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1215. By Representatives Parrish of the 158th, Jackson of the 128th, Hagan of the 156th and Prince of the 132nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the number of judges of superior courts, so as to provide for a third judge of the superior courts of the Middle Judicial Circuit;

to provide for the appointment and term of such additional judge by the Governor; to authorize the governing authority of the counties comprising the Middle Judicial Circuit to provide facilities, office space, supplies, equipment, and personnel for such judges; to declare inherent authority; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed as amended, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bill of the House:

HB 659. By Representatives Greene of the 154th, Taylor of the 173rd, Hawkins of the 27th, Jasperse of the 11th and Hagan of the 156th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 34 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical professionals for rural assistance, so as to expand medical education funding and the service cancelable loan program to include optometrists; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 33. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 1st, Cowsert of the 46th, Watson of the 11th, Parent of the 44th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 23 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Hemp Farming Act," so as to provide limits on the total THC concentration of consumable hemp products; to revise provisions concerning the certificate of analysis applicable to consumable hemp products; to revise and provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 23 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Hemp Farming Act," so as to provide for impounding of hemp and hemp products and cannabis or synthetic cannabinoid products under certain circumstances; to revise provisions concerning the certificate of analysis applicable to consumable hemp products; to provide for violations and penalties relative to hemp; to amend Article 3 of Chapter 13 of Title 16, relating to dangerous drugs, so as to provide for a new restricted dangerous

drug; to provide for violations and penalties relative to synthetic cannabinoid products; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Chapter 23 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Hemp Farming Act," is amended in Code Section 2-23-3, relating to definitions, by revising paragraph (3) and adding new paragraphs to read as follows:

"(1.5) 'Cannabis' means the genus of a flowering plant in the family Cannabaceae, that produces cannabinoids and includes both marijuana and hemp plants."

"(3) 'Consumable hemp product' means a hemp product intended to be ingested, absorbed, or inhaled by humans or animals; provided, however, that such term shall not include any hemp product containing synthetic cannabinoids."

"(26.1) 'Synthetic cannabinoid' means a cannabinoid that is not capable of being naturally produced by the Cannabis sativa L. plant.

(26.2) 'Synthetic cannabinoid product' means all products containing, in whole or in part, synthetic cannabinoids and prepared in a form available for commercial use."

SECTION 1-2.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 2-23-8, relating to sampling and random testing of hemp, by adding a new paragraph to subsection (b) to read as follows:

"(4) The Commissioner or his or her designated agent or any sheriff, deputy sheriff, or other law enforcement officer is authorized to impound any cannabis or synthetic cannabinoid product that has a total delta-9-THC concentration that exceeds the legal limit or is adulterated by the presence of synthetic cannabinoids, drugs, pesticides, herbicides, or other poisonous or banned substances when the permittee is unwilling or unable to dispose of the cannabis or synthetic cannabinoid product in compliance with this chapter and with regulations promulgated by the department."

SECTION 1-3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 2-23-9.1, relating to consumable hemp products, certificate of analysis, THC warning, and inspections, as follows:

"2-23-9.1.

(a) No consumable hemp product, as defined in Code Section 2-23-3 shall be sold or otherwise distributed in this state unless the processor or manufacturer has, within the last 12 months, contracted for a full panel certificate of analysis to be conducted on such product and such analysis has been conducted and made available to the public. Such full panel certificate of analysis shall, at a minimum:

(1) Attest to the presence and amount, in such product's final packaged form, of the following compounds or groups of compounds:

(A) THC;

(B) Cannabidiol (CBD);

(C) Cannabidiolic acid (CBDA);

(D) Cannabigerol (CBG);

(E) Cannabigerolic acid (CBGA);

(F) Cannabinol (CBN);

(G) Hexahydrocannabinol (HHC); and

(H) Any other compound or groups of compounds that the department determines is necessary to protect the health and safety of consumers; and

(2) Attest that the product, in its final packaged form, does not contain any contaminants in excess of the maximum levels established by the department. In establishing such maximum levels, the department shall consider the American Herbal Pharmacopoeia monographs or such other scientific resources that the department determines is accurate, reliable, and relevant.

(b) Any consumable hemp product sold or otherwise distributed in this state shall bear:

(1) A sticker, approved by the department, warning potential consumers that such product contains THC; and

(2) A conspicuous label providing the information from the full panel certificate of analysis conducted on such product within the last 12 months pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section or allowing a consumer to access such information using a QR code.

(c) The department shall randomly inspect and test ~~consumable hemp~~ cannabis or synthetic cannabinoid products available for purchase at retail establishments to ensure compliance with this Code section. Such investigations and testing shall be conducted in compliance with this chapter and with the rules and regulations promulgated by the department.

(d) In the event that an inspection or test of a ~~consumable hemp~~ cannabis or synthetic cannabinoid product conducted by the department pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section reveals that such product:

(1) Does not bear:

(A) The sticker required under paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section; or

(B) The label required under paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of this Code section;

(2) Has a total delta-9-THC concentration that exceeds the legal limit;

(3) Contains one or more contaminants in excess of the maximum levels established by the department; ~~or~~

(4) Has a composition that is materially different from what is shown on the full panel certificate of analysis conducted on such product within the last 12 months pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section; or

(5) Otherwise does not constitute a consumable hemp product,

such product and all related ~~consumable hemp products~~ cannabis or synthetic cannabinoid products shall be disposed of in compliance with this chapter and with the rules and regulations promulgated by the department.

(e) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (a) or (b) of this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

SECTION 1-4.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 2-23-9.2, relating to consumable hemp products, packaging, advertising, and distribution, by adding a new paragraph to subsection (c) to read as follows:

"(4) The Commissioner or his or her designated agent or any sheriff, deputy sheriff, or other law enforcement officer is authorized to impound any consumable hemp product that does not comply with this Code section."

SECTION 1-5.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"2-23-13.

(a)(1) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, any person who violates any provision of this chapter shall:

(A) For a first offense, be guilty of a misdemeanor; and

(B) For a second or subsequent offense, be guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature.

(2) Each violation of any provision of this chapter shall constitute a separate offense.

(b) In addition to the criminal penalties provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section, any person who violates any provision of this chapter shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than $5,000.00 for each violation. The amount of the civil penalty imposed pursuant to this subsection shall be fixed by the Commissioner after notice and hearing as provided in Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' for contested cases. For purposes of this subsection, each day a violation of this chapter occurs or continues shall constitute a separate violation."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Article 3 of Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dangerous drugs, is amended in Code Section 16-13-71, relating to dangerous drug, by revising subsection (b.1) as follows:

"(b.1) A 'restricted dangerous drug' means any other drug or substance declared by the General Assembly to have no medical use, which cannot be legally prescribed by a practitioner, and which cannot be manufactured, grown, produced, distributed, used, or otherwise possessed in this state; to include any of the following drugs, chemicals, or substances; salts, isomers, esters, ethers, or derivatives of such drugs, chemicals, or substances which have essentially the same pharmacological action; and all other salts,

isomers, esters, ethers, and compounds of such drugs, chemicals, or substances unless specifically exempted, identified as 'restricted dangerous drugs':

(1) Salvinorin A; ~~and~~

(2) Salvia divinorum – except as otherwise provided for in paragraph (4.3) of Code Section 16-13-72; and

(3) Synthetic cannabinoids, as defined in Code Section 2-23-3.

This subsection shall not prohibit a person from possessing a restricted dangerous drug for the purpose of conducting research approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration."

SECTION 2-2.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"16-13-80.

(a) Except as authorized by this article, it shall be unlawful for any person to:

(1) Purchase, possess, or have under his or her control any synthetic cannabinoid product; or

(2) Manufacture, deliver, distribute, dispense, administer, sell, or possess with intent to distribute any synthetic cannabinoid product.

(b)(1) Except as otherwise provided, any person who violates paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Code section shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished as follows:

(A) If the aggregate weight, including any mixture, of any synthetic cannabinoid product is less than one gram of a solid substance, less than one milliliter of a liquid substance, or if the substance is placed onto a secondary medium with a combined weight of less than one gram, by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than three years;

(B) If the aggregate weight, including any mixture, of any synthetic cannabinoid product is at least one gram but less than four grams of a solid substance, at least one milliliter but less than four milliliters of a liquid substance, or if the substance is placed onto a secondary medium with a combined weight of at least one gram but less than four grams, by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than eight years; and

(C) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, if the aggregate weight, including any mixture, of any synthetic cannabinoid product is at least four grams but less than 28 grams of a solid substance, at least four milliliters but less than 28 milliliters of a liquid substance, or if the substance is placed onto a secondary medium with a combined weight of at least four grams but less than 28 grams, by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than 15 years.

(2) Upon a third or subsequent conviction for a violation of paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Code section, such person shall be punished by imprisonment for a term not to exceed twice the length of the sentence applicable to the particular crime.

(c) Except as otherwise provided, any person who violates paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this Code section shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than five years nor more than 30 years. Upon

conviction of a second or subsequent offense, he or she shall be imprisoned for not less than ten years nor more than 40 years or life imprisonment. The provisions of subsection (a) of Code Section 17-10-7 shall not apply to a sentence imposed for a second such offense; provided, however, that the remaining provisions of Code Section 17-10-7 shall apply for any subsequent offense."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2027.

SECTION 3-2.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	E Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Alexander	E Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
N Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	N Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	N Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	N Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	E Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	E Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	N Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	E Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	N Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	N Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A

Y Carter	N Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	N Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	E Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 151, nays 14.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SB 586. By Senators Williams of the 25th and Robertson of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-11-107 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to interfering with, harming of, or aggravated harming of a public safety animal or search and rescue animal, so as to provide for commendations of public safety animals and search and rescue animals that are injured or killed in the line of duty; to provide for related matters; to provide a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 3 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to livestock running at large, so as to authorize a sheriff impounding certain livestock running at large to donate the livestock to certain nonprofit organizations, individuals, and entities; to provide for notice; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 3 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to livestock running at large, is amended by revising Code Section 4-3-5, relating to notice of impoundment and sale of livestock, as follows:

"4-3-5.

(a) Upon the impounding of any livestock by the sheriff, his <u>or her</u> deputies, or any other law enforcement officers of the county, the sheriff shall forthwith serve written notice upon the owner, advising such owner of the location or place where the livestock is being held and impounded, the amount due as a result of such impounding, and that unless such livestock is redeemed within three days from that date the livestock shall be offered for

sale or donated to a nonprofit organization, an individual, or an entity deemed by the sheriff to have the facilities, land, and resources necessary to properly and humanely care for such livestock. In the event the owner of such livestock is unknown or cannot be found, service upon the owner shall be obtained by publishing a notice once in a newspaper of general circulation where the livestock is impounded, Sundays and holidays excluded. If there is no such newspaper, then service shall be obtained by posting the notice at the courthouse door and at two other conspicuous places within said county. Such notice shall be in substantially the following form:

'To Whom It May Concern:

You are hereby notified that the following described livestock (giving full and accurate description of same, including marks and brands) is now impounded at (giving location where livestock is impounded) and the amount due by reason of such impounding is _____ dollars. The above-described livestock will, unless redeemed within three days from the date of this notice, be offered for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash.

_____ _____

Date Sheriff of

_____ County, Georgia'

(b) Unless the impounded livestock is redeemed within three days from the date of the notice, or donated to a nonprofit organization, an individual, or an entity deemed by the sheriff to have the facilities, land, and resources necessary to properly and humanely care for such livestock, the sheriff shall forthwith give notice of sale thereof, which shall be held not less than five days nor more than ten days, excluding Sundays and holidays, from the first publication of the notice of sale. The notice of sale shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the livestock is impounded, excluding Sundays and holidays, and by posting a copy of such notice at the courthouse door. If there is no such newspaper, then notice shall be given by posting a copy at the courthouse door and at two other conspicuous places in the county. Such notice of sale shall be in substantially the following form:

'(Name of owner, if known, otherwise, "To Whom It May Concern"), you are hereby notified that I will offer for sale and sell at public sale to the highest bidder for cash the following described livestock (giving full and accurate description of each head of livestock) at _____M. (the hours of sale to be between 11:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. eastern standard time or eastern daylight time, whichever is applicable) on the ____ day of _____ at the following place _____ (which place shall be where the livestock is impounded or at the place provided by the county commissioners for the taking up and keeping of such livestock) to satisfy a claim in the sum of _____ for fees, expenses for feeding and care, and costs hereof.

_____ _____

Date Sheriff of

_____ County, Georgia'"

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 4-3-6, relating to redemption of livestock prior to sale, as follows:

"4-3-6.

The owner of any impounded livestock shall have the right at any time before the donation or sale thereof to redeem the livestock by paying to the sheriff all impounding expenses, including fees, keeping charges, and advertising or other costs incurred, which sum shall be deposited by the sheriff with the clerk of the superior court who shall pay all fees and costs as allowed in Code Section 4-3-10. In the event there is a dispute as to the amount of such costs and expenses, the owner may provide bond, with sufficient sureties to be approved by the sheriff, in an amount to be determined by the sheriff, but not exceeding the fair cash value of such livestock, conditioned to pay such costs and damages. Within ten days thereafter, the owner shall institute an action to have the dispute adjudicated by the court or referred to a jury if requested by either party to the action."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 4-3-7, relating to disposition of livestock not sold at auction, as follows:

"4-3-7.

If there is no bidder for the livestock at the sale provided for in Code Section 4-3-5, the sheriff shall donate the livestock to a nonprofit organization, an individual, or an entity deemed by the sheriff to have the facilities, land, and resources necessary to properly and humanely care for such livestock or have the livestock killed and shall dispose of the carcass thereof; and, if there is any money received by him or her from the disposal, the same shall be disbursed in the manner provided for in Code Section 4-3-8. If there is no ready sale for the carcass, the sheriff shall deliver the carcass to a public institution of the county, state, or municipality within the county or to any private charitable institution, in this order, according to their needs."

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	E Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	E Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield

Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Myles	E Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	E Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	N Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 166, nays 1.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE SUPPLEMENTAL RULES CALENDAR #2
TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2026

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 39th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

HR 713 Healthcare providers; help promote 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline; urge (P&CH-Wade-9th)

HR 1007 House of Representatives; effectiveness of arts for health initiatives in improving mental health outcomes; acknowledge (SRules-Jones-25th)

SB 23 Retirement; total percentage of funds that the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia may invest in alternative investments; raise the limit (Substitute)(Ret-Thomas-21st) Albers-56th
(Rules Committee Substitute LC 56 0712S)

SB 261 Magistrates Retirement Fund; early retirement benefit; provide (Substitute)(Ret-Carson-46th) Harbin-16th

SB 431 Education; enrollment of foster care students within two school days of a request for enrollment by such student's parent or legal custodian; require (Substitute)(Ed-Camp-135th) Kirkpatrick-32nd

SB 591 Offenses Against Public Order; the disruption of a religious service; prohibit (JudyNC-Silcox-53rd) Gooch-51st

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House and Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HR 1007. By Representatives Jones of the 25th, Oliver of the 84th, Schofield of the 63rd, Dempsey of the 13th, O'Steen of the 169th and others:

A RESOLUTION acknowledging the effectiveness of arts for health initiatives in improving mental health outcomes; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the Resolution, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the Resolution, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	E Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	E Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos

Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	E Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	E Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the adoption of the Resolution, the ayes were 168, nays 0.

The Resolution, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted.

HR 713. By Representatives Wade of the 9th, Silcox of the 53rd, Clifton of the 131st, Willis of the 55th, Chastain of the 7th and others:

A RESOLUTION urging healthcare providers across the State of Georgia to help promote the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the Resolution, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the Resolution, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	E Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	E Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez

Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
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Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	E Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	E Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
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Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the adoption of the Resolution, the ayes were 167, nays 0.

The Resolution, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted.

SB 23. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Brass of the 6th, Robertson of the 29th, Hatchett of the 50th, Still of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Public Retirement Systems Investment Authority Law," so as to raise the limit for the total percentage of funds that the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia may invest in alternative investments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and withdrawn:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 7 of Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Public Retirement Systems Investment Authority Law," so as to provide certain retirement systems the option to invest in real estate; to provide for an increase in certain retirement systems allowable alternative investments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 7 of Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Public Retirement Systems Investment Authority Law," is amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 47-20-83, relating to certified or uncertified forms of investment and real estate investments, as follows:

"(b)(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this Code section, the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System and any association of like political subdivisions which contracts with its members for the pooling of assets may invest up to 10 percent of the total assets of its fund in real estate; provided, however, that in the event the fund's assets decrease in value, ~~the~~ such system or association shall be entitled to retain all real estate investments if owned prior to the reduction in value of assets; and provided, further, that any such system or association shall be entitled to retain all real estate assets it owned on July 1, 1999, without regard to the limitation imposed by this subsection.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this Code section, the Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund may invest up to 10 percent of the total assets of its fund in real estate; provided, however, that in the event the fund's assets decrease in value, the fund shall be entitled to retain all real estate investments if owned prior to the reduction in value of assets.

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this Code section, a large retirement system, as defined in Code Section 47-20-84, not otherwise described in this subsection, and excluding the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia and the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, may invest up to 10 percent of the total assets of its fund in real estate; provided, however, that, in the event the fund's assets decrease in value, the fund shall be entitled to retain all real estate investments if owned prior to the reduction in value of assets."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (d) of Code Section 47-20-87, relating to eligible large retirement systems authorized to invest in certain alternative investments, as follows:

"(d)(1)(A) Alternative investments by an eligible large retirement system shall not in the aggregate exceed ~~10~~ 15 percent of the eligible large retirement system's assets at any time.

(B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, alternative investments by the Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund shall not in the aggregate exceed 20 percent of its assets at any time.

(B.1) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, alternative investments by the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund shall not in the aggregate exceed 15 percent of its assets at any time.

(C) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia shall not in the aggregate exceed 5 percent of such system's assets at any time.

(D) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia shall not in the aggregate exceed 10 percent of such system's assets at any time."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 7 of Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Public Retirement Systems Investment Authority Law," so as to provide certain retirement systems the option to invest in real estate; to provide for an increase in certain retirement systems allowable alternative investments; to provide for restrictions on certain investments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 7 of Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Public Retirement Systems Investment Authority Law," is amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 47-20-83, relating to certified or uncertified forms of investment and real estate investments, as follows:

"(b)(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this Code section, the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System and any association of like political subdivisions which contracts with its members for the pooling of assets may invest up to 10 percent of the total assets of its fund in real estate; provided, however, that in the event the fund's assets decrease in value, ~~the~~ such system or association shall be entitled to retain all real estate investments if owned prior to the reduction in value of assets; and provided, further, that any such system or association shall be entitled to retain all real estate assets it owned on July 1, 1999, without regard to the limitation imposed by this subsection.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this Code section, the Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund may invest up to 10 percent of the total assets of its fund in real estate; provided, however, that in the event the fund's assets decrease in value, the fund shall be entitled to retain all real estate investments if owned prior to the reduction in value of assets.

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this Code section, a large retirement system, as defined in Code Section 47-20-84, not otherwise described in this subsection, and excluding the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia and the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, may invest up to 10 percent of the total assets of its fund in real estate; provided, however, that, in the event the fund's assets decrease in value, the fund shall be entitled to retain all real estate investments if owned prior to the reduction in value of assets; provided, further, that no such investment shall be made in any investment vehicle investing in, acquiring, purchasing, owning, renting, managing, or holding single-family homes or residences as a material component of such investment."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (d) of Code Section 47-20-87, relating to eligible large retirement systems authorized to invest in certain alternative investments, as follows:

"(d)(1)(A) Alternative investments by an eligible large retirement system shall not in the aggregate exceed ~~10~~ 15 percent of the eligible large retirement system's assets at any time.

(B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, alternative investments by the Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund shall not in the aggregate exceed 20 percent of its assets at any time.

(B.1) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, alternative investments by the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund shall not in the aggregate exceed 15 percent of its assets at any time.

(C) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia shall not in the aggregate exceed 5 percent of such system's assets at any time.

(D) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia shall not in the aggregate exceed 10 percent of such system's assets at any time."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to, by substitute.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	E Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	Y Scott
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Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	E Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	E Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
E Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 166, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The Speaker Pro Tem assumed the Chair.

SB 261. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Strickland of the 42nd, Gooch of the 51st, Hickman of the 4th, Williams of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 25 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the magistrates retirement fund, so as to provide for an early retirement benefit; to provide for an employee contribution increase; to replace the statutory maximum monthly compensation used to calculate a benefit with an amount determined by the board; to increase the maximum number of years of service used to calculate a benefit; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 25 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the magistrates retirement fund, so as to change the makeup of the Board of Commissioners of the Magistrates Retirement Fund of Georgia; to provide for an employee contribution increase; to increase the maximum number of years of service used to calculate a benefit; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 25 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the magistrates retirement fund, is amended by revising Code Section 47-25-20, relating to Board of Commissioners created, members, and term of office, as follows:

"47-25-20.

(a) There is created the Board of Commissioners of the Magistrates Retirement Fund of Georgia.

(1) Prior to July 1, 2026, the ~~The~~ board shall consist of seven members as follows:

~~(1)~~(A) The Governor or the Governor's designee;

~~(2)~~(B) An appointee of the Governor who is not the Attorney General; and

~~(3)~~(C) Five chief magistrates who are members of the fund.

(2) On and after July 1, 2026, the board shall consist of seven members as follows:

(A) The Governor or the Governor's designee;
(B) An appointee of the Governor who is not the Attorney General;
(C) Four chief magistrates who are members of the fund; and
(D) One retired chief magistrate who is a member of the fund.

(b) The members of the board provided for by paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of this Code section shall be appointed by the Governor. The first such members shall be appointed by the Governor to take office on July 1, 2006, for initial terms as follows: one such member shall be appointed for one year; two such members shall be appointed for terms of two years; and two such members shall be appointed for terms of three years. Thereafter, the Governor shall appoint successors upon the expiration of the respective terms of office for terms of three years. All such members shall serve until their successors are appointed and qualified. Such members shall be eligible for reappointment to successive terms of office as members of the board.

(c) The board shall elect a chairperson from among its own membership to serve for a term as established by rules of the board. Four members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. All members of the board shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for travel and other expenses incurred by them in carrying out their duties as members of the board.

(d) In the event of a vacancy in the membership of the board, the remaining members of the board shall appoint a chief magistrate who is a member of the fund to fill such vacancy for the unexpired term.

(e) The Council of Magistrate Court Judges shall be authorized to submit the names of nominees for each position on the board appointed by the Governor pursuant to this Code section. The Governor may consider such nominees in making such appointments, but it is specifically provided that all such appointments shall be at the sole discretion of the Governor, and the Governor shall not be required to make any appointments from nominees made by the Council of Magistrate Court Judges."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 47-25-41, relating to member dues, as follows:

"47-25-41.

Each member shall pay into the fund as dues a sum equal to ~~3.42~~ 4.0 percent of the member's maximum average final monthly compensation established by subsection (a) of Code Section 47-25-81 per month. Each month's dues shall be paid not later than the tenth day of that month."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 47-25-81, relating to the amount of benefits, as follows:

"47-25-81.

(a) Any member who is approved for retirement benefits as provided in Code Section 47-25-80 shall be paid a monthly sum equal to ~~4~~ 5 percent of his or her average final monthly

compensation for each year served by the member up to, but not exceeding, a total of ~~20~~ 28 years; provided, however, that the final annual compensation used for calculating a benefit under this Code section shall not exceed $42,781.22 or the amount fixed in the following schedule according to county population, whichever amount is higher:

Population	Maximum Average Final Monthly Compensation
500,000 or more	$ 7,247.87
400,000 - 499,999	6,975.70
300,000 - 399,999	6,703.53
250,000 - 299,999	6,072.65
200,000 - 249,999	5,594.17
150,000 - 199,999	5,132.49
100,000 - 149,999	4,797.70
75,000 - 99,999	4,490.76
50,000 - 74,999	4,183.47
39,000 - 49,999	3,732.53
29,000 - 38,999	3,512.80
20,000 - 28,999	3,293.34
11,890 - 19,999	3,073.88
6,000 - 11,889	2,713.53
0 - 5,999	1,975.98

(b) The board of commissioners is authorized to adopt from time to time a method or methods of providing for increases in the maximum final monthly compensation used for calculating a benefit as provided in this Code section. Such method or methods shall be based upon:

(1) The recommendation of the actuary of the board of commissioners;

(2) The maintenance of the actuarial soundness of the fund in accordance with the standards provided in Code Section 47-20-10 or such higher standards as may be adopted by the board; and

(3) Such other factors as the board deems relevant; provided, however, that any such increase shall be uniform and shall apply equally to all members of this retirement system.

(c) No time for which dues have not been paid in accordance with Code Section 47-25-41 shall be considered in determining the number of years of service."

SECTION 4.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026, only if it is determined to have been concurrently funded as provided in Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Public Retirement Systems Standards Law"; otherwise, this Act shall not become effective and shall be automatically repealed in its entirety on July 1, 2026, as required by subsection (a) of Code Section 47-20-50.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	E Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
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Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
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Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
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Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF

Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 167, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SB 431. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Hatchett of the 50th, Payne of the 54th, Gooch of the 51st and Parent of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-670 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to disclosures and information required for permanent enrollment in a grade higher than third, provisional enrollment, and transfer of education records, so as to require the enrollment of foster care students within two school days of a request for enrollment by such student's parent or legal custodian; to provide for reporting noncompliance and for corrective action plans; to revise provisions relative to provisional enrollment; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to revise definitions of the term "education record"; to include additional cross-references relative to access to student education records by parents and legal custodians; to repeal a specific time limitation upon a parent or legal custodian's right to request education records; to replace certain terms used in such title with "school business day"; to require the timely enrollment of foster care students; to provide for reporting noncompliance and for corrective action plans; to revise provisions relative to provisional enrollment; to provide for reports; to allow inclusive postsecondary education (IPSE) grants to be used at qualified private postsecondary institutions; to provide for award amounts; to repeal a sunset provision; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended in Article 1 of Chapter 1, relating to general provisions, by repealing Code Section 20-1-9, relating to "local school system," "local boards of education," and "county boards of education" defined, and enacting a new Code Section 20-1-9 to read as follows:

"20-1-9.

Except as may otherwise be specifically provided, as used in this title, the term:

(1) 'Area school system' means a local school system authorized by and created pursuant to Article VIII, Section V, Paragraph I of the Georgia Constitution that comprises the consolidation of two or more county school systems, independent school systems, portions thereof, or any combination thereof.

(2) 'County school system' means a local school system authorized by Article VIII, Section V, Paragraph I of the Georgia Constitution, that is not an area school system or an independent school system, and that comprises the portion of a county that is not part of an area school system or an independent school system.

(3) 'Independent school system' means a local school system authorized by Article VIII, Section V, Paragraph I of the Georgia Constitution that existed at the time of the ratification thereof and that is not a county school system or an area school system.

(4) 'Local board of education' means the board of education for a local school system.

(5) 'Local school system' means any area school system, county school system, or independent school system authorized by Article VIII, Section V, Paragraph I of the Georgia Constitution.

(6) 'Public school' means and includes:

(A) Traditional public schools that are part of a local school system;

(B) Charter schools that are established pursuant to Article 31 or Article 31A of Chapter 2 of this title, including both local charter schools and state charter schools, as such terms are defined in Code Sections 20-2-2062 and 20-2-2081, respectively; and

(C) Completion special schools established pursuant to Article 31C of Chapter 2 of this title.

(7) 'School business day' includes, but is not limited to, school days and means any day except Saturday, Sunday, or a legal holiday when:

(A) At least one school administrator is required to report to the school in person for duty for all or part of the day; provided, however, that this requirement shall not be met when such school administrator's presence is for the exclusive purpose of securing or maintaining school facilities; and

(B)(i) The school is not designated as closed for students and school personnel, or a similar designation, on its official school calendar; or

(ii) The school is not closed for students and school personnel pursuant to a lawful order by the Governor, the local board of education or other governing body, the local school superintendent, or another government agency or official with legal authority to issue such order.

(8) 'School day' means any day when:

(A) A school is in operation and providing for in-person or virtual instruction or other educational programs or services to students enrolled in such school; and

(B)(i) The school is not designated as closed for students, on break, on holiday, not in session, or a similar designation on its official school calendar; or

(ii) The school is not closed for students pursuant to a lawful order by the Governor, the local board of education or other governing body, the local school superintendent, or another government agency or official with legal authority to issue such order.

(9) 'School district' shall have the same meaning as local school system.

(10) 'School system' shall have the same meaning as local school system."

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended in Article 15 of Chapter 2, relating to student data privacy, accessibility, and transparency, by revising paragraph (4) of Code Section 20-2-662, relating to definitions, as follows:

"(4) 'Education record' means an education record as defined in the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and its implementing regulations, 20 U.S.C. Section 1232g; and 34 C.F.R. Part 99.3. An education record does not include the types of student data excepted in FERPA, does not include student data collected by an operator when it is used for internal operations purposes~~, does not include~~ or student data that is not formatted for or expected to be accessed by school, local board of education, or department employees~~, nor does it include student data that a local board of education determines cannot reasonably be made available to the parent or eligible student~~."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended in Subpart 1 of Part 1 of Article 16 of Chapter 2, relating to transfer students, by adding new subsections and by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (a), subsection (c), and subsection (e) of Code Section 20-2-670, relating to disclosures and information required for permanent enrollment in a grade higher than third, provisional enrollment, and transfer of education records, to read as follows:

"(2) 'Education records' means any education record, as such term is defined in the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and its implementing regulations, 20 U.S.C. Section 1232g; and 34 C.F.R. Part 99.3, that is maintained by a local education agency, a public or private elementary or secondary school, the Department of Juvenile Justice school system, or a party acting on behalf of such entity and is directly related to a student. Such term shall include, but shall not be limited to, records of such student's enrollment, attendance, class schedules, academic transcripts, grades, student discipline, student financial information, health records, special education records, and psychological evaluations. Such term shall include the student's critical records."

"(c)(1) ~~A~~ In the event that a student cannot be permanently enrolled in a receiving school, such student may be provisionally enrolled in a receiving school for not more

than ten school days on a conditional basis; provided, however, that such provisional enrollment shall not commence until the next school day after such student's parent or legal custodian executes a document:

(A) Disclosing the information required in paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section; and

(B) Providing the name and address of each sending school such student attended during the previous 24 months and authorizing the immediate release of such student's critical records to the receiving school.

(2) If the receiving school does not receive such student's critical records from each sending school such student attended during the previous 24 months, the receiving school shall be authorized to temporarily assign such student to remote learning until such critical records are received or the case management consultation provided for in subsection (i) of this Code section is completed.

(3) If a student provisionally enrolled in a receiving school is found to be ineligible for enrollment pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 20-2-751.2, or is subsequently found to be so ineligible, he or she shall be dismissed from enrollment in such receiving school until such time as he or she becomes so eligible.

(c.1)(1) Notwithstanding any provision of this Code section to the contrary, no receiving school shall fail or refuse to immediately enroll a foster care student, as such term is defined in Code Section 20-2-692.2, and under no circumstances later than three school business days following the receipt of a completed enrollment registration form for such foster care student from his or her parent or legal custodian; provided, however, that requirements for completing such registration forms shall not be so strictly enforced as to unreasonably delay the timely enrollment of foster care students. Such enrollment may be either permanent or provisional and enrollment shall not be construed to waive the requirements of subsections (b) and (c) of this Code section applicable to the parent or legal custodian of such foster care student.

(2) If a receiving school does not enroll a foster care student within the time required by paragraph (1) of this subsection the receiving school not having received such foster care student's critical records, the receiving school principal or his or her designee shall immediately provide the parent or legal custodian of such foster care student with accurate contact information, including name and official email address and telephone number, for:

(A) The RESA student affairs officer of the RESA in which the receiving school is located; and

(B) The Department of Education's chief privacy officer.

(3) Upon a recommendation by the Department of Education's chief privacy officer or the RESA student affairs officer provided for in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Department of Education shall be authorized to require the receiving school to comply with an appropriate corrective action plan."

"(e) Each time a transferring student's education records, including, but not limited to, critical records, are transferred to a receiving school, such student's parent or legal custodian shall be notified in writing, including, but not limited to, email, by the receiving

school of the transfer of such records and shall, upon written request ~~made within five school business days of the date of such notice~~, be entitled to receive a copy of such records from the receiving school. Within five school business days of the receipt of a copy of such records, such student's parent or legal custodian may make a written request for and shall be entitled to a meeting with the principal of the sending school or of the receiving school or his or her designee for the purpose of correcting the content of such records as provided in Code Section 20-2-667. The parties may mutually agree for such meeting to occur at a date and time outside of such five-day period."

"(g.1)(1) Each RESA student affairs officer shall prepare quarterly reports of the following matters that originated during the most recent quarter of the school year:

(A) Disputes he or she received pursuant to subsection (g) of this Code section; and

(B) Contacts he or she received pursuant to subsection (c.1) of this Code section.

(2) The quarterly reports required by paragraph (1) of this subsection shall identify each school involved in such dispute or contact and shall summarize the outcome of all resolved matters and the current status of all pending matters.

(3) Within 30 days of the conclusion of each quarter of the school year, each RESA student affairs officer shall submit his or her report to the Department of Education's chief privacy officer.

(4) By November 1 of each year, the Department of Education's chief privacy officer shall provide a summary report of the information included in the quarterly reports required by paragraph (1) of this subsection to the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairpersons and the members of the House Committee on Education and the Senate Education and Youth Committee."

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended in Subpart 3 of Part 1 of Article 16 of Chapter 2, relating to records, by revising subsections (a) and (b) of Code Section 20-2-720, relating to inspection of students' records by parents or legal custodians, as follows:

"(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Education ~~record~~ records' shall have the same meaning as ~~provided for~~ set forth in Code Section ~~20-2-662~~ 20-2-670.

(2) 'Legal custodian' means an entity or individual other than a parent with legal authority to act on behalf of a student. Such term shall include the Department of Juvenile Justice and the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services.

(3) 'Local board of education' means the governing body of each local education agency as such terms are defined in Code Section 20-2-167.1. Such term shall include the school system of the Department of Juvenile Justice.

(4) 'Parent' means an individual other than a legal custodian who has legal authority to act on behalf of a student as a natural or adoptive parent or a legal guardian.

(b) No local board of education shall have a policy of denying, or which effectively prevents, the parents or legal custodians of students who are in attendance at or who have been enrolled in any facility within such system the right to inspect and review the

education records of their child as provided in Code ~~Section~~ Sections 20-2-667, 20-2-670, and 20-2-786."

SECTION 5.

Said title is further amended by replacing the terms "school day", "school days", "business day", and "business days" with "school business day" or "school business days", respectively, wherever the former terms appear in:

(1) Code Section 20-1-11, relating to advocating for divisive concepts, prohibition on discrimination, practice of tolerance and mutual respect encouraged, complaint resolution policies, inspection of records, and waivers prohibited;

(2) Code Section 20-2-315, relating to sexual discrimination in sports, designations of teams, equal opportunity for all sexes, facilities, accommodations, and violations;

(3) Code Section 20-2-324.6, relating to complaint resolution policy for materials "harmful to minors";

(4) Code Section 20-2-667, relating to parental and student review of education record and model policies;

(5) Subsection (f) of Code Section 20-2-670, relating to disclosures and information required for permanent enrollment in a grade higher than third, provisional enrollment, and transfer of education records;

(6) Subsection (a.1) of Code Section 20-2-697, relating to cooperation of principals and teachers in public schools with visiting teachers and attendance officers, attendance reports and records kept by public schools, and letter indicating enrollment;

(7) Code Section 20-2-786, the "Parents' Bill of Rights"; and

(8) Code Section 20-2-2064, relating to approval or denial of petition under the "Charter Schools Act of 1998."

SECTION 6.

Said title is further amended in Subpart 12 of Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3, relating to inclusive postsecondary education grants, by revising Code Section 20-3-494, relating to definitions, eligibility, and implementation, as follows:

"20-3-494.

(a) As used in this subpart, the term:

(1) 'Authorized IPSE program' means an inclusive postsecondary education (IPSE) program for students with intellectual disabilities that has been authorized by the Georgia Student Finance Authority for the purposes of awarding IPSE grants to eligible students.

(2) 'Intellectual disability' means a person:

(A) With a cognitive impairment, characterized by significant limitations in:

(i) Intellectual and cognitive functioning; and

(ii) Adaptive behavior as expressed in conceptual, social, and practical adaptive skills; and

(B) Who is currently, or was formerly, eligible for a free appropriate public education under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

(3) 'IPSE grant' means an inclusive postsecondary education (IPSE) grant for education awarded in accordance with this subpart.

(4) 'Qualified postsecondary institution' means ~~a unit of the University System of Georgia or a unit of the Technical College System of Georgia~~ an eligible postsecondary institution, as such term is defined in Code Section 20-3-519, that offers an authorized IPSE program.

(b) To be eligible for an IPSE grant, a student shall:

(1) Meet the requirements provided for in paragraph (1) of subsection (a) and subsection (b) of Code Section 20-3-519.1; and

(2) Meet enrollment standards by being admitted and enrolled in an authorized IPSE program at a qualified postsecondary institution.

(c) Subject to the amount of funds appropriated by the General Assembly and other available funding, eligible students enrolled in an authorized IPSE program ~~on or before July 1, 2028~~:

(1) Shall receive an IPSE grant in an amount equal to:

(A) For students enrolled in institutions of the University System of Georgia or units of the Technical College System of Georgia, the current academic year standard undergraduate tuition amount at each such student's respective qualified postsecondary institution; or

(B) For students enrolled in eligible private postsecondary institutions, as such term is defined in Code Section 20-3-519, the current academic year HOPE award amount at each such student's respective qualified postsecondary institution; and

(2) May receive an additional IPSE grant in an amount not to exceed the fees charged for the current academic year for each student's respective IPSE program.

(d) The Georgia Student Finance Authority, in collaboration with the University System of Georgia, the Technical College System of Georgia, other qualified postsecondary institutions, and the Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities, shall define such terms and conditions and establish such policies, procedures, rules, and regulations as are reasonable and necessary for the implementation of this subpart, which shall include, but shall not be limited to, requirements that each authorized IPSE program shall:

(1) Serve students with intellectual disabilities;

(2) Require that a participating student be enrolled in courses with ~~non-disabled~~ nondisabled peers for at least 50 percent of the courses in which such participating student is enrolled as part of an authorized IPSE program;

(3) Provide individual supports and services for the academic and social inclusion of students with intellectual disabilities in academic courses, extracurricular activities, and other aspects of the qualified postsecondary institution's regular postsecondary program;

(4) With respect to students with intellectual disabilities participating in the authorized IPSE program, provide a focus on:

(A) Academic enrichment;

(B) Socialization;

(C) Independent living skills, including self-advocacy skills; and

(D) Integrated work experiences and career skills that lead to gainful employment;

(5) Integrate person centered planning in the development of the course of study for each student with an intellectual disability participating in the authorized IPSE program;

(6) Create and offer a meaningful credential for students with intellectual disabilities upon the completion of the authorized IPSE program; and

(7) Participate with the Georgia Student Finance Authority, the University System of Georgia, the Technical College System of Georgia, other qualified postsecondary institutions, and the Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities in the evaluation of the authorized IPSE program."

SECTION 7.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 8.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	E Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
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Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
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Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
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Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 168, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SB 591. By Senators Gooch of the 51st, Anavitarte of the 31st, Walker III of the 20th, Summers of the 13th, Echols of the 49th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against public order, so as to prohibit the disruption of a religious service; to provide for enhanced penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	E Sampson
N Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	N Santos
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Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	N Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
N Carter	Y Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	N Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 128, nays 39.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following Bills of the House were taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 1077. By Representatives Williams of the 148th, Corbett of the 174th, Cannon of the 172nd, Smith of the 18th, Buckner of the 137th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from sales and use taxes, so as to extend the sunset date applicable to the exemption for sales of tickets, fees, and charges of admission to certain museums and fine arts performances or exhibitions at nonprofit facilities; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from sales and use taxes, so as to extend the sunset date applicable to the exemption for sales of tickets, fees, and charges of admission to certain museums and fine arts performances or exhibitions at nonprofit facilities; to create an exemption for sales of tickets, fees, or charges for admission to the Georgia National Fair held at the Georgia

National Fairgrounds and Agricenter; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from sales and use taxes, is amended by revising paragraph (100), by striking "or" at the end of paragraph (104), by striking the period at the end of paragraph (105) and substituting "; or" in lieu thereof, and by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(100)(A) Sales of tickets, fees, or charges for admission to a fine arts performance or exhibition conducted within a facility in this state that is owned or operated by an organization which is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or a museum of cultural significance, if such organization's or museum's mission is to advance the arts in this state and to provide arts, educational, and culturally significant programming and exhibits for the benefit and enrichment of the citizens of this state.

(B) As used in this paragraph, the term 'fine arts' means music performed by a symphony orchestra, poetry, photography, ballet, dance, opera, theater, dramatic arts, painting, sculpture, ceramics, drawing, watercolor, graphics, printmaking, and architecture.

(C) This paragraph shall stand repealed and reserved on December 31, ~~2027~~ 2032;"

"(105.1) Sales of tickets, fees, or charges for admission to the Georgia National Fair held at the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2027.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Williams of the 148th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 1077.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	E Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	N McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	N Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh

Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	N Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
N Barrett	Y Dickey	N Horner	Y Myles	E Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	N Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	E Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	N Tarvin
Y Blackmon	N Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
N Byrd	Y Fincher	P Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	N Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	N Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
N Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	E Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 153, nays 14.

The motion prevailed.

HB 1185. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Gambill of the 15th, Wade of the 9th, Seabaugh of the 34th, Gunter of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 14 and 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to corporations, partnerships, and associations and courts, respectively, so as to provide for certain shareholder claims to be brought before the Georgia State-wide Business Court; to permit a corporation's bylaws or articles of incorporation to require certain claims to be heard by the Georgia State-wide Business Court; to provide for removal of certain claims to the Georgia State-wide Business Court; to provide for attorney's fees and costs; to exempt payment of attorney's fees and costs in certain situations; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate amendment was read:

The Senate moves to *amend HB 1185 (LC 62 0291-EC):*

By adding "brought by a shareholder or member" after the word "proceeding" on line 22.

By inserting "reasonably" between "is" and "expected" on line 154.

By inserting "reasonably" between "are" and "expected" on line 156.

By replacing the word "shall" with "may" on line 180.

By replacing the word "shall" with "may" on line 214.

By inserting "reasonably" between the second "is" and "expected" on line 219.

By inserting "reasonably" between "are" and "expected" on line 221.

By replacing the word "shall" with "may" on line 275.

By inserting "reasonably" between the second "is" and "expected" on line 280.

By inserting "reasonably" between the second "are" and "expected" on line 282.

By striking the language on line 315 after the semicolon, striking lines 316-321, and turning the semicolon into a period.

By striking the language on lines 339-343 and replacing with the following:

"(B) An internal entity claim, as such term is set forth in Code Section 14-1-1, if either:

(i) the entity's articles of incorporation, articles of organization, certificate of limited partnership, written partnership agreement, bylaws, written operating agreement, or other governing document requires such claim or proceeding to come before the Georgia State-wide Business Court; or
(ii) the entity is a public company, a private company that conducts a Tier 2 offering under Regulation A of the Securities Act of 1933 or a sale of securities under Regulation D of the Securities Act of 1933, or an entity composed exclusively of individuals or entities who would otherwise qualify as accredited investors under Rule 501(a) of Regulation D under the Securities Act of 1933."

By restoring the stricken language on lines 358, 369, and 370.

By striking the language following the comma on line 375, striking lines 376-378, striking the language before the period on line 379, and replacing with "provided that the requirements of subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) are met."

By striking lines 386-389 and replacing with "such claims are internal entity claims, as such term is set forth in Code Section 14-1-1, and the requirements of subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) are met."

By striking lines 393 through 400 and replacing with "pursuant to paragraph (2), (3), or (4) of subsection (a) of this Code Section, such superior court or state court shall certify the transfer or removal from the superior court or state court to the Georgia State-wide Business Court."

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House agree to the Senate amendment to HB 1185.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	E Sampson
N Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Alexander	N Crawford	N Herring	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
N Au	N Davis	N Holcomb	E Miller	N Scott
N Baker	Y Dawson	N Holland	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
N Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	N Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Myles	E Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Neal	Y Smith, TP
N Bazemore	N Douglas	Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
N Beckles	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
N Bell	N Drenner	N Hugley	N Okoye	E Stinson
N Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	N Taylor, R
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Townsend
N Burnough	N Evans	N Jones, A	N Park	N Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	P Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	N Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
N Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	N Frye	N Kendrick	Prince	Y Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	N Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	N Gilliard	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, A
N Carter	N Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N

Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	N Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 97, nays 65.

The motion prevailed.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed as amended, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bill of the House:

HB 1283. By Representatives Panitch of the 51st, Gunter of the 8th, Hagan of the 156th, Holcomb of the 101st and Roberts of the 52nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 13 of Title 19 and Chapter 16 of Title 17 of the O.C.G.A., relating to family violence and discovery, respectively, so as to authorize the creation of Family Justice Centers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bills of the House:

HB 413. By Representatives Jenkins of the 136th, Huddleston of the 72nd, Campbell of the 171st, Ridley of the 22nd and Byrd of the 20th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding agriculture, so as to prohibit local ordinances that prohibit the operation of mobile sawmills on agricultural lands; to provide for agricultural products; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 466. By Representatives Cameron of the 1st, Williams of the 168th, Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th and Reeves of the 99th:

A BILL To be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other state symbols, so as to designate the marsh tacky horse as the official Georgia heritage horse breed; to

provide legislative findings and declarations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 657. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th, Dempsey of the 13th, Cameron of the 1st, Buckner of the 137th, Willis of the 55th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mental health, so as to provide for the qualifications of recovery community organizations for substance use; to provide for definitions; to provide for the certification of peer specialists; to provide for the approval of certification training bodies; to designate one state-wide recovery community organization; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1075. By Representatives Chastain of the 7th, Gunter of the 8th, Smith of the 18th, Hagan of the 156th, Camp of the 135th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sexual offenses, so as to modify the penalty for offenders previously convicted of the offense of trafficking of persons for labor or sexual servitude; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bill of the House:

HB 1209. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Blackmon of the 146th, Petrea of the 166th, Gilliard of the 162nd and Gaines of the 120th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions relative to state sales and use taxes, so as to provide for a sales and use tax exemption for purchases of tangible property and construction materials used for or in the construction and furnishing of certain buildings; to provide for limitations on the amount of credits to be issued; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Bills of the House and Senate were taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

SB 207. By Senators Strickland of the 42nd, Brass of the 6th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Cowsert of the 46th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 20, 26, 31, 33, and 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to education, food, drugs, and cosmetics, health, insurance, and professions and businesses; to amend Chapter 4 of Title 25 of the O.C.G.A., relating to firefighter standards and training; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the O.C.G.A., relating to Georgia Crime Information Center; to amend Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 of the O.C.G.A., relating to first offenders; to amend Code Section 17-10-21 of the O.C.G.A., relating to vacating of sentence for trafficking victim defendants; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate amendment was read:

The Senate moves to *amend the House substitute to SB 207 (LC 59 0181S) by replacing lines 1 through the end with the following:*

To amend Titles 20, 26, 31, 33, and 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, food, drugs, and cosmetics, health, insurance, and professions and businesses, respectively, so as to create a preclearance process in the licensing of individuals with criminal records who make an application to or are investigated by certain licensing boards and commissions; to provide for definitions; to require certain licensing authorities to provide evidence to support adverse licensing decisions based on criminal convictions; to require a hearing prior to denying certain applicants on the basis of an individual's criminal record; to establish findings that shall be made and evidence that shall and shall not be considered prior to refusing to grant certain licenses based on certain criminal convictions; to allow an applicant to submit his or her own criminal record when applying for certain licenses; to provide for reapplication for licensure; to authorize and provide a process and requirements for predetermination decisions; to require certain licensure application information be included in certain applications and posted on a public website; to require certain annual reports concerning certain applications, predeterminations, and conviction records to be filed with the Secretary of State; to amend Chapter 4 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to firefighter standards and training, so as to provide for the reporting of guilty pleas taken under first offender treatment to obtain employment as a firefighter; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Georgia Crime Information Center, so as to provide for criminal history record information restrictions for certain persons charged with or convicted of certain criminal offenses; to provide that restricted criminal history record information shall be available to criminal justice agencies; to provide for petitions; to provide for criminal history record information restriction for persons granted a pardon for certain offenses; to amend Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to first offenders, so as to revise the procedure for petitioning for exoneration and discharge when an individual has qualified for sentencing as a first offender; to provide for exceptions to retroactively granting first offender treatment; to

amend Code Section 17-10-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to vacating of sentence for trafficking victim defendants, so as to provide for filing under seal; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, is amended by revising Code Section 43-1-1, relating to definitions, as follows:

"43-1-1.

As used in this title, the term:

(1) 'Conviction' means a finding or verdict of guilty or a plea of guilty, regardless of whether an appeal of such finding, verdict, or plea has been sought.

(2) 'Covered misdemeanor' means any:

(A) Misdemeanor conviction in the five years prior to the submission of the licensing application; and

(B) Misdemeanor conviction listed in subparagraph (j)(4)(B) of Code Section 35-3-37, irrespective of the date of such conviction.

~~(1)~~(3) 'Division' means the professional licensing boards division created under Code Section 43-1-2.

~~(2)~~(4) 'Division director' means the individual appointed by the Secretary of State as director of the professional licensing boards division within the office of the Secretary of State.

(5) 'Felony' means any offense which, if committed in this state, would be deemed a felony, without regard to its designation elsewhere.

~~(3)~~(6) 'Professional licensing board' means any board, bureau, commission, or other agency of the executive branch of state government which is created for the purpose of licensing or otherwise regulating or controlling any profession, business, or trade and which is placed by law under the jurisdiction of the division director ~~of the professional licensing boards division within the office of the Secretary of State~~."

SECTION 1-2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-1-19, relating to a professional licensing board's authority to refuse, grant, revoke, and reinstate licenses, surrender of licenses, and probationary licenses, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(a.1) Before the professional licensing board may deny an applicant a license under subsection (a) of this Code section due to his or her criminal record, such applicant shall be entitled to a hearing before the professional licensing board in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'"

SECTION 1-3.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-1-19, relating to a professional licensing board's authority to refuse, grant, revoke, and reinstate licenses, surrender of licenses, and probationary licenses, by revising subsection (j) as follows:

"(j) Neither the issuance of a private reprimand nor the denial of a license by reciprocity ~~nor the denial of a request for reinstatement of a revoked license nor the refusal to issue a previously denied license~~ shall be considered to be a contested case within the meaning of Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act'; notice and hearing within the meaning of such chapter shall not be required, but the applicant or licensee shall be allowed to appear before the board if he or she so requests. A board may resolve a pending action by the issuance of a letter of concern. Such letter shall not be considered a disciplinary action or a contested case under Chapter 13 of Title 50 and shall not be disclosed to any person except the licensee or applicant."

SECTION 1-4.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-1-19, relating to a professional licensing board's authority to refuse, grant, revoke, and reinstate licenses, surrender of licenses, and probationary licenses, by revising subsection (q) as follows:

"(q)(1) Notwithstanding paragraphs (3) and (4) of subsection (a) of this Code section or any other provision of law, ~~and unless~~ the professional licensing board shall refuse to grant a license to an individual or shall revoke a license only if a felony or ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held, no professional licensing board shall refuse to grant a license to an applicant therefor or shall revoke the license of an individual licensed by that board due solely or in part to such applicant's or licensee's:

(A) Conviction of any felony or any ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor, whether it occurred in the courts of this state or any other state, territory, or country or in the courts of the United States;

(B) Arrest, charge, and sentence for the commission of such offense;

(C) Sentence for such offense pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 or another state's first offender laws;

(D) Sentence for such offense pursuant to subsection (a) or (c) of Code Section 16-13-2;

(E) Sentence for such offense as a result of a plea of nolo contendere;

(F) Adjudication of guilt or sentence was otherwise withheld or not entered; or

(G) Being under supervision by a community supervision officer, as such term is defined in Code Section 42-3-1, for a conviction of any felony or any ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor, whether it occurred in the courts of this state or any other state, territory, or country or in the courts of the United States, so long as such individual was not convicted of a felony violation of Chapter 5 of Title 16 nor convicted of a crime requiring registration on the state sexual offender registry.

(2) In determining if a felony or ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held, the professional licensing board shall consider:

(A) The nature and seriousness of such felony or ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor and the relationship of ~~such felony or crime involving moral turpitude~~ the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the occupation for which the license is sought or held;

(B) The age of the individual at the time such felony or ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor was committed;

(C) The length of time elapsed since such felony or ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor was committed;

(D) All circumstances relative to such felony or ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor, including, but not limited to, mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of such felony or ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor; and

(E) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the license is sought or held~~.~~, including, but not limited to:

(i) The completion of the criminal sentence;

(ii) A program and treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;

(iii) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol treatment program;

(iv) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;

(v) Education and training;

(vi) Employment history;

(vii) Employment aspirations;

(viii) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;

(ix) Whether a bond is required to practice the occupation;

(x) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character references; and

(xi) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the board.

(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a professional licensing board shall provide individualized consideration of an individual's criminal record and shall not automatically deny licensure on the basis of the individual's criminal record.

(4)(A) If an applicant's criminal record includes issues that will or may prevent the board from issuing a license to the applicant, the board shall notify the applicant, in writing, of the specific issues in sufficient time for the applicant to provide additional documentation supporting the application before the board's final decision to deny the application. After receiving notice of any potential issue with licensure due to his or her criminal convictions, an applicant shall have 30 days to respond by correcting any inaccuracy in the criminal record or by submitting additional evidence of mitigation or rehabilitation for the board's consideration, or both.

(B) For the professional licensing board to deny a license on the basis of the applicant's criminal convictions, the board shall first provide an opportunity for a hearing for such applicant in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The applicant shall have the opportunity at such hearing to present the written or oral testimony of character witnesses, including, but not limited to, family members, friends, prospective employers, probation or parole officers, and rehabilitation counselors. The professional licensing board shall issue a decision within 60 days of the complete submission of the issues for consideration or the hearing, whichever is later.

(C) The professional licensing board shall have the burden of justifying, after a hearing, that it is more likely than not that an applicant's criminal record supports any adverse licensing decision. If the board denies an applicant a license by reason of the applicant's criminal record, the board shall:

(i) Make written findings specifying any of the applicant's convictions and the factors provided for in paragraph (2) of this subsection the board deemed directly relevant and explaining the basis and rationale for the denial. Such written findings shall be signed by the board's presiding officer and shall note the applicant's right to appeal and explain the applicant's ability to reapply. No applicant shall be restricted from reapplying for licensure more than two years from the date of the most recent application;

(ii) Provide or serve a signed copy of the written findings to the applicant within 60 days of the denial; and

(iii) Retain a signed copy of the written findings for no less than five years.

(D) The denial of a license in part or in whole because of the applicant's criminal record shall constitute a contested case as defined in Code Section 50-13-2. In an administrative hearing or civil action reviewing the denial of a license, the professional licensing board shall have the burden of proving that the applicant's criminal record directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought.

(5)(A) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual with a criminal record may petition a professional licensing board at any time, including while incarcerated and before starting or completing any required professional qualifications for licensure, for a predetermination as to whether such individual's criminal record will disqualify him or her from obtaining a license.

(B) The petition for predetermination shall include the individual's criminal record or authorize the board to obtain the individual's criminal record. Such petition shall also include any information the petitioner chooses to submit concerning the circumstances of his or her record and his or her rehabilitation.

(C) In considering predetermination petitions, the professional licensing board shall apply the direct relationship standard in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection. The board shall support any adverse predetermination by justifying that it is more likely than not that a criminal record supports an adverse licensing decision.

(D) A predetermination made under this paragraph that a petitioner is eligible for a license shall be binding on the professional licensing board only if the petitioner

applies for licensure and fulfills all other requirements for the occupational license and the petitioner's submitted criminal record was correct and remains unchanged at the time of his or her application for a license.

(E) If a petitioner's criminal record includes matters that may disqualify the petitioner from licensure, the board shall notify the petitioner of the potentially disqualifying convictions. The letter of concern shall advise the petitioner of his or her opportunity to submit additional evidence of rehabilitation and mitigation or for a hearing, or both.

(F) The professional licensing board may predetermine that the petitioner's criminal record is likely grounds for denial of a license only after the board has held a hearing on the petitioner's eligibility in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The hearing shall be held in person, by remote video, or by teleconference within 60 days of receipt of the predetermination petition. The individual shall have the opportunity to offer written or oral testimony of character witnesses at the hearing, including but not limited to family members, friends, past or prospective employers, probation or parole officers, and rehabilitation counselors. The professional licensing board shall not make an adverse inference by a petitioner's decision to forgo a hearing or character witnesses. The board shall issue a final decision within 60 days of complete submission of the issue for consideration or the hearing, whichever is later.

(G) If the professional licensing board decides that a predetermination petitioner is ineligible for a license, the board shall notify the petitioner of the following:

(i) The grounds and rationale for the predetermination, including any of the petitioner's specific convictions and the factors in paragraph (2) of this subsection the board deemed directly relevant;

(ii) An explanation of the process and right to appeal the board's predetermination decision under Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act'; and

(iii) Any actions the petitioner may take to remedy the disqualification. An individual who receives a predetermination of ineligibility may submit a revised petition reflecting completion of the remedial actions. The individual may submit a new petition to the board not before one year following a final judgment on his or her initial petition or upon completing the remedial actions, whichever is earlier.

(H) The denial of a predetermination petition because of the applicant's criminal record shall constitute a contested case as defined in Code Section 50-13-2. In an administrative hearing or civil action reviewing the denial of a predetermination petition, the professional licensing board shall have the burden of proving that the applicant's criminal record directly relates to the licensed occupation.

(6) Each professional licensing board shall include in its application for licensure and on its public website all of the following information:

(A) Whether the board requires applicants to consent to a criminal record check;

(B) The direct relationship standard in paragraph (1) of this subsection and those factors provided for in paragraph (2) of this subsection that the board shall consider when making a determination of licensure;

(C) The appeals process pursuant to Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' if the board denies or revokes licensure in whole or in part because of a criminal conviction; and

(D) The predetermination petition process, standards, and application, as well as the process for appealing an adverse predetermination pursuant to Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'

(7) No later than March 31 each year, each occupational licensing board shall file with the Secretary of State an annual report containing information from the previous year as to:

(A) The number of applicants for a license and, of that number, the number of licenses granted;

(B) The number of applicants with a criminal record and, of that number, the number of licenses granted, denied a license for any reason, and denied a license due to a conviction or state supervision status; and

(C) The number of predetermination petitioners and, of that number, the number deemed eligible for a license and the number deemed ineligible for a license."

SECTION 1-5.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 43-1-27, relating to requirement that licensee notify licensing authority of felony conviction, as follows:

"43-1-27.

Any licensed individual who is convicted under the laws of this state, the United States, or any other state, territory, or country of a felony as defined in ~~paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of~~ Code Section ~~43-1-19~~ 43-1-1 shall be required to notify the appropriate licensing authority of the conviction within ten days of the conviction. The failure of a licensed individual to notify the appropriate licensing authority of a conviction shall be considered grounds for revocation of his or her license, permit, registration, certification, or other authorization to conduct a licensed profession."

SECTION 1-6.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 43-15-19, relating to revocation, suspension, or denial of certificates, certificates of registration, or licenses, and reprimands, as follows:

"43-15-19.

(a) The board shall have the power, after notice and hearing, to deny any application made to it, to revoke or suspend any certificate, certificate of registration, or license issued by it, or to reprimand any individual holding a certificate, certificate of registration, or license issued by it, upon the following grounds:

(1) Commission of any fraud or deceit in obtaining a certificate, certificate of registration, or license;

(2) Any gross negligence, incompetency, or unprofessional conduct in the practice of professional engineering or land surveying as a professional engineer or a professional land surveyor, respectively;

(3) Affixing a seal to any plan, specification, plat, or report contrary to Code Section 43-15-22;

(4) Conviction of a felony or ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor as defined in Code Section 43-1-1 in the courts of this state, the United States, or any state or territory of the United States or the conviction of an offense in another jurisdiction which, if committed in this state, would be deemed a felony. 'Conviction' shall include a finding or verdict of guilt, a plea of guilty, or a plea of nolo contendere in a criminal proceeding~~, regardless of whether the adjudication of guilt or sentence is withheld or not entered thereon pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 or any comparable rule or statute~~ but shall not include a conviction that has been pardoned; or

(5) Any violation of this chapter or any rule or regulation promulgated by the board pursuant to the powers conferred on it by this chapter.

(b) 'Unprofessional conduct,' as referred to in paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this Code section, includes a violation of those standards of professional conduct for professional engineers and professional land surveyors adopted by the board pursuant to the power conferred upon it to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the duties and powers conferred on it by this chapter."

SECTION 1-7.

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"43-15-19.1.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual with a criminal record may petition the board at any time, including while incarcerated and before starting or completing any required professional qualifications for licensure, for a predetermination as to whether the individual's criminal record will disqualify him or her from obtaining a license.

(b) The petition for predetermination shall include the individual's criminal record or authorize the board to obtain the individual's criminal record. The petition shall also include any information the petitioner chooses to submit concerning the circumstances of his or her record and his or her rehabilitation.

(c) The board shall support any adverse predetermination by justifying that it is more likely than not that a criminal record supports an adverse licensing decision.

(d) A predetermination made under this Code section that a petitioner is eligible for a license shall be binding on the board only if the petitioner applies for licensure and fulfills all other requirements for the licensure and the petitioner's submitted criminal record was correct and remains unchanged at the time of his or her application for a license.

(e) If a petitioner's criminal record includes matters that may disqualify the petitioner from licensure, the board shall notify the petitioner of the potentially disqualifying convictions. The letter of concern shall advise the petitioner of his or her opportunity to submit additional evidence of rehabilitation and mitigation or for a hearing, or both.

(f) The board may predetermine that the petitioner's criminal record is likely grounds for denial of a license only after the board has held a hearing on the petitioner's eligibility in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The

hearing shall be held in person, by remote video, or by teleconference within 60 days of receipt of the predetermination petition. The individual shall have the opportunity to include character witnesses at the hearing, including but not limited to family members, friends, past or prospective employers, probation or parole officers, and rehabilitation counselors, who may offer their verbal or written support. The board shall not make an adverse inference by a petitioner's decision to forgo a hearing or character witnesses. The board shall issue a final decision within 60 days of complete submission of the issue for consideration or the hearing, whichever is later.

(g) If the board decides that a predetermination petitioner is ineligible for a license, the board shall notify the petitioner of the following:

(1) The grounds and rationale for the predetermination, including the specific convictions and the factors in subsection (a) of Code Section 43-15-19.1 the board deemed directly relevant;

(2) An explanation of the process and right to appeal the board's predetermination decision under Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act'; and

(3) Any actions the petitioner may take to remedy the disqualification. An individual who receives a predetermination of ineligibility may submit a revised petition reflecting completion of the remedial actions. The individual may submit a new petition to the board not before one year following a final judgment on his or her initial petition or upon completing the remedial actions, whichever is earlier.

(h) The denial of a predetermination petition because of the applicant's criminal record shall constitute a contested case as defined in Code Section 50-13-2. In an administrative hearing or civil action reviewing the denial of a predetermination petition, the board shall have the burden of proving that the applicant's criminal record directly relates to the licensed occupation."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, is amended in Chapter 3, relating to accountants, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"43-3-21.1.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual with a criminal record may petition the accountancy board at any time, including while incarcerated and before starting or completing any required professional qualifications for licensure, for a predetermination as to whether the individual's criminal record will disqualify him or her from obtaining a license.

(b) The petition for predetermination shall include the individual's criminal record or authorize the board to obtain the individual's criminal record. The petition shall also include any information the petitioner chooses to submit concerning the circumstances of his or her record and his or her rehabilitation.

(c) The board shall support any adverse predetermination by justifying that it is more likely than not that a criminal record supports an adverse licensing decision.
(d) A predetermination made under this Code section that a petitioner is eligible for a license shall be binding on the board only if the petitioner applies for licensure and fulfills all other requirements for the licensure and the petitioner's submitted criminal record was correct and remains unchanged at the time of his or her application for a license.
(e) If a petitioner's criminal record includes matters that may disqualify the petitioner from licensure, the board shall notify the petitioner of the potentially disqualifying convictions. The letter of concern shall advise the petitioner of his or her opportunity to submit additional evidence of rehabilitation and mitigation or for a hearing, or both.
(f) The board may predetermine that the petitioner's criminal record is likely grounds for denial of a license only after the board has held a hearing on the petitioner's eligibility in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The hearing shall be held in person, by remote video, or by teleconference within 60 days of receipt of the predetermination petition. The individual shall have the opportunity to include character witnesses at the hearing, including but not limited to family members, friends, past or prospective employers, probation or parole officers, and rehabilitation counselors, who may offer their verbal or written support. The board shall not make an adverse inference by a petitioner's decision to forgo a hearing or character witnesses. The board shall issue a final decision within 60 days of complete submission of the issue for consideration or the hearing, whichever is later.
(g) If the board decides that a predetermination petitioner is ineligible for a license, the board shall notify the petitioner of the following:
(1) The grounds and rationale for the predetermination, including the specific convictions and the factors in subsection (a) of Code Section 43-3-21.1 the board deemed directly relevant;
(2) An explanation of the process and right to appeal the board's predetermination decision under Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act'; and
(3) Any actions the petitioner may take to remedy the disqualification. An individual who receives a predetermination of ineligibility may submit a revised petition reflecting completion of the remedial actions. The individual may submit a new petition to the board not before one year following a final judgment on his or her initial petition or upon completing the remedial actions, whichever is earlier.
(h) The denial of a predetermination petition because of the applicant's criminal record shall constitute a contested case as defined in Code Section 50-13-2. In an administrative hearing or civil action reviewing the denial of a predetermination petition, the board shall have the burden of proving that the applicant's criminal record directly relates to the licensed occupation."

SECTION 2-2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-3-27, relating to notification by an individual issued a license or certification as an accountant of conviction, time limit, and suspension, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) Any individual issued a license or certification under this chapter or providing services under substantial equivalency practice privileges and convicted under the laws of this state, the United States, any other state, or any other country of a felony as defined in ~~paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of~~ Code Section ~~43-1-19~~ 43-1-1 shall be required to notify the board of such conviction within 30 days of such conviction. The failure of such individual to notify the board of a conviction shall be considered grounds for revocation of his or her license or other authorization issued pursuant to this chapter."

SECTION 2-3.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-9-12, relating to refusal, suspension, or revocation of chiropractor licenses, subpoenas, other discipline, judicial review, reinstatement, voluntary surrender of license, injunctions, and statement of complaint, by revising paragraphs (3) and (4) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(3) Been convicted of any felony or covered misdemeanor ~~of any crime involving moral turpitude~~ in the courts of this state or any other state, territory, or country or in the courts of the United States; as used in this paragraph and paragraph (4) of this subsection, the term 'felony' shall include any offense which, if committed in this state, would be deemed a felony, without regard to its designation elsewhere; and, as used in this paragraph, the term 'conviction' shall include a finding or verdict of guilty or a plea of guilty, regardless of whether an appeal of the conviction has been sought. Any such record shall be considered in the manner prescribed by subsection (q) of Code Section 43-1-19;

(4) Been arrested, charged, and sentenced for the commission of any felony~~,~~ or ~~any crime involving moral turpitude,~~ covered misdemeanor where such record is considered in the manner prescribed by subsection (q) of Code Section 43-1-19 and:

(A) A plea of nolo contendere was entered to the charge; or

(B) ~~First offender treatment without adjudication of guilt pursuant to the charge was granted; or~~ The licensee or applicant is currently serving a sentence pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42, another state's first offender laws, or subsection (a) or (c) of Code Section 16-13-2.

~~(C) An adjudication or sentence was otherwise withheld or not entered on the charge.~~

The plea of nolo contendere or the order entered pursuant to the provisions of Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42, relating to probation of first offenders, or other first offender treatment shall be conclusive evidence of arrest and sentencing for such crime;"

SECTION 2-4.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-10-20, relating to the teaching of barbering or the practice of a cosmetologist in prisons and certification of registration, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) The board shall be required to test an inmate who is an applicant for a certificate or registration under this chapter who has completed successfully a barber or cosmetologist training program operated by the Department of Corrections and who meets the requirements stated in Code Section 43-10-9. If such inmate passes the applicable written

and practical examinations, the board may issue the appropriate certificate of registration to such inmate after consideration of all requirements under Code Sections 43-10-9 and 43-1-19; provided, however, that the board shall not apply the provisions ~~of paragraph (4)~~ of subsection (a) of Code Section 43-1-19 to such inmate based solely upon such person's status as an inmate and shall apply such provisions in the same manner as would otherwise be applicable to an applicant who is not an inmate."

SECTION 2-5.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-11-47, relating to refusal to grant, or revocation of, licenses by the Board of Dentistry, disciplining licensees, subpoenas, judicial review, investigations, immunity, failure to appear, and voluntary surrender, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(a.1)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual with a criminal record may petition the board at any time, including while incarcerated and before starting or completing any required professional qualifications for licensure, for a predetermination as to whether the individual's criminal record will disqualify him or her from obtaining a license.

(2) The petition for predetermination shall include the individual's criminal record or authorize the board to obtain the individual's criminal record. The petition shall also include any information the petitioner chooses to submit concerning the circumstances of his or her record and his or her rehabilitation.

(3) The board shall support any adverse predetermination by justifying that it is more likely than not that a criminal record supports an adverse licensing decision.

(4) A predetermination made under this subsection that a petitioner is eligible for a license shall be binding on the board only if the petitioner applies for licensure and fulfills all other requirements for the occupational licensure and the petitioner's submitted criminal record was correct and remains unchanged at the time of his or her application for a license.

(5) If a petitioner's criminal record includes matters that may disqualify the petitioner from licensure, the board shall notify the petitioner of the potentially disqualifying convictions. The letter of concern shall advise the petitioner of his or her opportunity to submit additional evidence of rehabilitation and mitigation or for a hearing, or both.

(6) The board may predetermine that the petitioner's criminal record is likely grounds for denial of a license only after the board has held a hearing on the petitioner's eligibility in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The hearing shall be held in person, by remote video, or by teleconference within 60 days of receipt of the predetermination petition. The individual shall have the opportunity to include character witnesses at the hearing, including but not limited to family members, friends, past or prospective employers, probation or parole officers, and rehabilitation counselors, who may offer their verbal or written support. The board shall not make an adverse inference by a petitioner's decision to forgo a hearing or character witnesses. The board shall issue a final decision

within 60 days of complete submission of the issue for consideration or the hearing, whichever is later.

(7) If the board decides that a predetermination petitioner is ineligible for a license, the board shall notify the petitioner of the following:

(A) The grounds and rationale for the predetermination, including the specific convictions and the factors in subsection (a) of this Code section the board deemed directly relevant;

(B) An explanation of the process and right to appeal the board's predetermination decision under Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act'; and

(C) Any actions the petitioner may take to remedy the disqualification. An individual who receives a predetermination of ineligibility may submit a revised petition reflecting completion of the remedial actions. The individual may submit a new petition to the board not before one year following a final judgment on his or her initial petition or upon completing the remedial actions, whichever is earlier.

(8) The denial of a predetermination petition because of the applicant's criminal record shall constitute a contested case as defined in Code Section 50-13-2. In an administrative hearing or civil action reviewing the denial of a predetermination petition, the board shall have the burden of proving that the applicant's criminal record directly relates to the licensed occupation."

SECTION 2-6.

Said title is further amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 43-11-71, relating to qualifications of applicants for license and criminal background check, to read as follows:

"(c)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual with a criminal record may petition the board at any time, including while incarcerated and before starting or completing any required professional qualifications for licensure, for a predetermination as to whether the individual's criminal record will disqualify him or her from obtaining a license.

(2) The petition for predetermination shall include the individual's criminal record or authorize the board to obtain the individual's criminal record. The petition shall also include any information the petitioner chooses to submit concerning the circumstances of his or her record and his or her rehabilitation.

(3) The board shall support any adverse predetermination by justifying that it is more likely than not that a criminal record supports an adverse licensing decision.

(4) A predetermination made under this subsection that a petitioner is eligible for a license shall be binding on the board only if the petitioner applies for licensure and fulfills all other requirements for the occupational licensure and the petitioner's submitted criminal record was correct and remains unchanged at the time of his or her application for a license.

(5) If a petitioner's criminal record includes matters that may disqualify the petitioner from licensure, the board shall notify the petitioner of the potentially disqualifying

convictions. The letter of concern shall advise the petitioner of his or her opportunity to submit additional evidence of rehabilitation and mitigation or for a hearing, or both.

(6) The board may predetermine that the petitioner's criminal record is likely grounds for denial of a license only after the board has held a hearing on the petitioner's eligibility in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The hearing shall be held in person, by remote video, or by teleconference within 60 days of receipt of the predetermination petition. The individual shall have the opportunity to include character witnesses at the hearing, including but not limited to family members, friends, past or prospective employers, probation or parole officers, and rehabilitation counselors, who may offer their verbal or written support. The board shall not make an adverse inference by a petitioner's decision to forgo a hearing or character witnesses. The board shall issue a final decision within 60 days of complete submission of the issue for consideration or the hearing, whichever is later.

(7) If the board decides that a predetermination petitioner is ineligible for a license, the board shall notify the petitioner of the following:

(A) The grounds and rationale for the predetermination, including the specific convictions and the factors in subsection (a) of this Code section the board deemed directly relevant;

(B) An explanation of the process and right to appeal the board's predetermination decision under Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act'; and

(C) Any actions the petitioner may take to remedy the disqualification. An individual who receives a predetermination of ineligibility may submit a revised petition reflecting completion of the remedial actions. The individual may submit a new petition to the board not before one year following a final judgment on his or her initial petition or upon completing the remedial actions, whichever is earlier.

(8) The denial of a predetermination petition because of the applicant's criminal record shall constitute a contested case as defined in Code Section 50-13-2. In an administrative hearing or civil action reviewing the denial of a predetermination petition, the board shall have the burden of proving that the applicant's criminal record directly relates to the licensed occupation."

SECTION 2-7.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 43-18-46, relating to grounds for denial or revocation of license or registration and other discipline for funeral directors and embalmers, as follows:

"43-18-46.

In addition to the authority and provided in Code Section 43-1-19, the board may refuse to grant a license to operate a funeral establishment or to practice embalming or funeral directing, may refuse to grant a registration to serve as an apprentice, or may revoke, suspend, fine, or otherwise discipline a licensee or registrant upon any of the following grounds:

(1) The employment of fraud or deception in applying for a license or registration or in passing the examination provided for in this article;
(2) Issuance of a license or registration through error;
~~(3) Conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude;~~
~~(4)~~(3) The practice of embalming or funeral directing under a false name or the impersonation of another embalmer, funeral director, or apprentice of a like or different name;
~~(5)~~(4) The making of a false statement or representation regarding the qualifications, training, or experience of any applicant;
~~(6)~~(5) The making of a misrepresentation of any kind regarding any funeral merchandise;
~~(7)~~(6) Directly or indirectly, by gifts or otherwise, committing the offense of buying business or paying a commission or making gifts, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of securing business to any physician or hospital, or to any institution where death occurs, or to any hospital superintendent, nurse, intern, or employee of any hospital, nursing home, or other institution where death occurs; or to any coroner or other government official;
~~(8)~~(7) Gross or willful malpractice or gross neglect in the practice of embalming, funeral directing, or cremating;
~~(9)~~(8) Signing a death certificate as having embalmed or prepared a body for burial or preservation when in fact someone else performed such embalming or preparation;
~~(10)~~(9) Interfering, either directly or indirectly, with a licensed embalmer or funeral director having legal charge of a dead human body;
~~(11)~~(10) Using any statements that mislead or deceive the public including, but not limited to, false or misleading statements regarding a legal or cemetery requirement, funeral merchandise, funeral services, or in the operation of a funeral establishment;
~~(12)~~(11) Failing to fulfill the terms of a funeral service contract;
~~(13)~~(12) Disregarding a decedent's dignity, right to privacy, or right to confidentiality unless compelled by law to do otherwise;
~~(14)~~(13) Using profane, indecent, or obscene language in the presence of a dead human body, or within the immediate hearing of the family or relatives of a deceased, whose body has not yet been interred or otherwise disposed;
~~(15)~~(14) Failing to turn assigned benefits in excess of charges incurred over to the assignee of the deceased within ten working days of receipt of the assigned funds;
~~(16)~~(15) Refusing to surrender promptly the custody of a dead human body upon the express order of the person lawfully entitled to the custody;
~~(17)~~(16) Failing to have the charges rendered to be in compliance with those listed in the funeral establishment general price list, the casket price list, the outer burial container list, or the funeral service contract price list;
~~(18)~~(17) Aiding or abetting an unlicensed person to practice under this article;
~~(19)~~(18) Promoting or participating in a burial society, burial association, burial certificate plan, or burial membership plan;
~~(20)~~(19) ~~Soliciting, as defined in paragraph (21) of Code Section 43-18-1;~~ Soliciting;

~~(21)~~(20) Presenting a false certification of work done by an apprentice or as an apprentice;

~~(22)~~(21) Willfully violating any state law or regulation; Federal Trade Commission law or regulation; Occupational Safety and Health Administration law or regulation; Department of Public Health law or regulation; Environmental Protection Agency law or regulation; or municipal or county ordinance or regulation that affects the handling, custody, care, or transportation of dead human bodies, including, but not limited to, the disposal of equipment, residual fluids, or medical wastes;

~~(23)~~(22) Knowingly making any misleading, deceptive, untrue, or fraudulent representation in the practice of funeral directing or embalming or in any document connected therewith;

~~(24)~~(23) Discriminating in the provision of services because of race, creed, color, religion, gender, or national origin;

~~(25)~~(24) Failing to safeguard all personal properties that were obtained from dead human remains and failing to dispose of same as directed by a legally authorized person;

~~(26)~~(25) Failing to refund moneys due as a result of overpayment by an insurance company or other third party;

~~(27)~~(26) Engaging in any unprofessional, immoral, unethical, deceptive, or deleterious conduct or practice harmful to the public~~, which conduct or practice~~ that materially affects the fitness of the licensee or registrant to practice in the funeral business, or is of a nature likely to jeopardize the interest of the general public, ~~which conduct or practice~~ and that need not have resulted in actual injury to any person or be directly related to the practice of funeral directing or embalming but shows that the person has committed any act or omission which is indicative of bad moral character or ~~untrustworthiness; unprofessional~~ untrustworthiness. Unprofessional conduct shall also include any departure from or failure to conform to the minimal reasonable standards of acceptable and prevailing practice of funeral services;

~~(28)~~(27) Engaging in any practice whereby a person who is both a funeral director and a coroner or who is both a funeral director and a minister presents that person as a funeral director to a legally authorized person when death is imminent or after death occurs prior to when the legally authorized person selects a funeral director or funeral establishment which will handle the dead human body;

~~(29)~~(28) Practicing embalming or funeral directing or operating a funeral establishment or crematory prior to the board's having approved an application for licensure; or

~~(30)~~(29) Failing to satisfy the funeral director in full and continuous charge requirements as set out in Code Section 43-18-71 or funeral establishment requirements as set out in Code Section 43-18-70."

SECTION 2-8.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-24A-9, relating to provisional permits for massage therapists, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) A provisional permit to practice as a provisionally permitted massage therapist shall, upon proper application, be issued for a six-month period to an applicant who meets the following criteria:

(1) Holds and maintains a valid license as a massage therapist in another state;

(2) Is not a resident of this state as confirmed in a secure and verifiable document, as defined in Code Section 50-36-2;

(3) Has not had a license or permit to practice as a massage therapist voided, revoked, suspended, denied, or annulled by this state or another state, territory, or jurisdiction; and

(4) Has not been convicted of a directly related felony in the courts of this state, any other state, territory, or country, or in the courts of the United States, including, but not limited to, a plea of nolo contendere entered to such charge or ~~the affording of first offender treatment to any such charge~~ a plea to such charge for which an individual is currently serving a first offender sentence in the same manner as provided in ~~paragraph (4) of subsection (a) of~~ subsection (q) of Code Section 43-1-19. For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'felony' shall have the same meaning a provided in Code Section 43-1-1."

SECTION 2-9.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-26-40, relating to refusal to grant license and revocation of registered practical nurses and disciplining of licensees, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code section, the denial of an initial license or the denial of a request for reinstatement of a license on the grounds that the applicant or licensee is disqualified due to a criminal record shall be in accordance with subsection (a.1) of Code Section 43-1-19."

SECTION 2-10.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-34-8, relating to the authority of the Composite Medical Board to refuse license, certificate, or permit medical professionals or to issue discipline, suspension, restoration, investigations, hearings on fitness, immunity, and publication of final disciplinary actions, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(a.3)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual with a criminal record may petition the board at any time, including while incarcerated and before starting or completing any required professional qualifications for licensure, for a predetermination as to whether the individual's criminal record will disqualify him or her from obtaining a license.

(2) The petition for predetermination shall include the individual's criminal record or authorize the board to obtain the individual's criminal record. The petition shall also include any information the petitioner chooses to submit concerning the circumstances of his or her record and his or her rehabilitation.

(3) The board shall support any adverse predetermination by justifying that it is more likely than not that a criminal record supports an adverse licensing decision.

(4) A predetermination made under this subsection that a petitioner is eligible for a license shall be binding on the board only if the petitioner applies for licensure and fulfills all other requirements for the occupational license and the petitioner's submitted criminal record was correct and remains unchanged at the time of his or her application for a license.

(5) If a petitioner's criminal record includes matters that may disqualify the petitioner from licensure, the board shall notify the petitioner of the potentially disqualifying convictions. The letter of concern shall advise the petitioner of his or her opportunity to submit additional evidence of rehabilitation and mitigation or for a hearing, or both.

(6) The board may predetermine that the petitioner's criminal record is likely grounds for denial of a license only after the board has held a hearing on the petitioner's eligibility in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The hearing shall be held in person, by remote video, or by teleconference within 60 days of receipt of the predetermination petition. The individual shall have the opportunity to include character witnesses at the hearing, including but not limited to family members, friends, past or prospective employers, probation or parole officers, and rehabilitation counselors, who may offer their verbal or written support. The board shall not make an adverse inference by a petitioner's decision to forgo a hearing or character witnesses. The board shall issue a final decision within 60 days of complete submission of the issue for consideration or the hearing, whichever is later.

(7) If the board decides that a predetermination petitioner is ineligible for a license, the board shall notify the petitioner of the following:

(A) The grounds and rationale for the predetermination, including any of the petitioner's specific convictions and the factors provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section the board deemed directly relevant;

(B) An explanation of the process and right to appeal the board's predetermination decision under Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act'; and

(C) Any actions the petitioner may take to remedy the disqualification. An individual who receives a predetermination of ineligibility may submit a revised petition reflecting completion of the remedial actions. The individual may submit a new petition to the board not before one year following a final judgment on his or her initial petition or upon completing the remedial actions, whichever is earlier.

(8) The denial of a predetermination petition because of the applicant's criminal record shall constitute a contested case as defined in Code Section 50-13-2. In an administrative hearing or civil action reviewing the denial of a predetermination petition, the board shall have the burden of proving that the applicant's criminal record directly relates to the licensed occupation."

SECTION 2-11.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-39A-14, relating to grant of licenses for appraisers by the Real Estate Commission and Appraisers Board, grounds for suspension

or revocation of license, other sanctions, surrender or lapse, and conviction, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b)(1) As used in this subsection, the term:

(A) 'Conviction' means a finding or verdict of guilty or a plea of guilty to a charge of a felony or any ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor, regardless of whether an appeal of the conviction has been brought; a sentencing to first offender treatment without an adjudication of guilt pursuant to a charge of a felony or ~~any crime involving moral turpitude~~ a covered misdemeanor; or a plea of nolo contendere to a charge of a felony or ~~any crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor.

(B) 'Felony' means any offense committed:

(i) Within this state and deemed a felony under the laws of this state or under the laws of the United States; or

(ii) In another state and deemed a felony under the laws of that state or the laws of the United States.

(1.1) No person who has a directly related conviction shall be eligible to become an applicant for a license or an approval authorized by this chapter unless such person has successfully completed all terms and conditions of any sentence imposed for such conviction, provided that if such individual has multiple convictions, at least five years shall have passed since the individual satisfied all terms and conditions of any sentence imposed for the last conviction before making application for licensure or approval; and provided, further, that if such individual has a single conviction, at least two years shall have passed since the individual satisfied all terms and conditions of any sentence imposed for the last conviction before making application for licensure or approval.

(1.2) The board shall recommend disciplinary action or denial of an application for licensure or approval authorized by this chapter on the basis of a criminal conviction or adjudication only if the conviction or adjudication directly relates to the role of an appraiser. In determining if a criminal conviction or adjudication directly relates to the role of an appraiser, the board shall consider:

(A) The nature and seriousness of the crime and the direct relationship of the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the appraiser;

(B) The age of the individual at the time such crime was committed;

(C) The length of time elapsed since such crime was committed;

(D) All circumstances relative to such crime, including, but not limited to, mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of the offense; and

(E) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the license is sought or held, including, but not limited to:

(i) The completion of the criminal sentence;

(ii) A program and treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;

(iii) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol treatment program;

(iv) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;

(v) Education and training;

(vi) Employment history;
(vii) Employment aspirations;
(viii) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;
(ix) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character references; and
(x) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the board.

The board shall have the burden of justifying that it is more likely than not that a criminal record supports an adverse licensing decision.

(1.3) In determining whether to terminate and revoke a license, the board shall not consider nor require an individual to disclose:

(A) A deferred adjudication, discharged first offender treatment, completed diversion program, completed conditional discharge, or arrest not followed by a conviction;
(B) A conviction for which no sentence of incarceration can be imposed;
(C) A conviction that has been restricted, sealed, annulled, dismissed, vacated, or pardoned, provided that the board may consider a plea for which an individual is currently serving a sentence pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42, another state's first offender laws, or subsection (a) or (c) of Code Section 16-13-2; or
(D) A juvenile adjudication.

~~(1.2)~~(1.4) A person who has a directly related conviction in a court of competent jurisdiction of this state or any other state shall be eligible to become an applicant for a licensure or an approval authorized by this chapter only if:

(A) Such person has satisfied all terms and conditions of any conviction such person may have had before making application for licensure or approval, provided that if such individual has multiple convictions, at least five years shall have passed since the individual satisfied all terms and conditions of any sentence imposed for the last conviction before making application for licensure or approval; and provided, further, that if such individual has been convicted of a single felony or of a ~~single crime of moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor, at least two years shall have passed since the individual satisfied all terms and conditions of any sentence imposed for the last conviction before making application for licensure or approval;
(B) No criminal charges for forgery, embezzlement, obtaining money under false pretenses, theft, extortion, conspiracy to defraud, a felony, a sexual offense, a probation violation, or a ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor are pending against the person; and
(C) Such person presents to the commission satisfactory proof that the person now bears a good reputation for honesty, trustworthiness, integrity, and competence to transact the business of a licensee in such a manner as to safeguard the interest of the public.

(2) Where an applicant for any classification or approval authorized by this chapter has been convicted in a court of competent jurisdiction of this state or any other state of the offense of forgery, embezzlement, obtaining money under false pretenses, theft, extortion, or conspiracy to defraud or other like offense or offenses or has been

convicted of a felony, a sexual offense, a probation violation, or a crime involving moral turpitude, such conviction in itself may be a sufficient ground for refusal of a classification or approval. An applicant for any classification or approval authorized by this chapter who has been convicted of any offense enumerated in this paragraph may be issued a classification or approval by the board only if:

(A) The time periods identified in paragraph (1.1) of this subsection have passed since the applicant was convicted, sentenced, or released from any incarceration, whichever is later;

(B) No criminal charges are pending against the applicant; and

(C) The applicant presents to the board satisfactory proof that the applicant now bears a good reputation for honesty, trustworthiness, integrity, and competence to transact real estate appraisal activity in such a manner as to safeguard the interest of the public."

SECTION 2-12.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-40-15, relating to grant of licenses for brokers and salespersons by the Real Estate Commission and Appraisers Board, grounds for suspension or revocation of license, other sanctions, surrender or lapse, and conviction, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b)(1) As used in this Code section, the term:

(A) 'Conviction' means a finding or verdict of guilty or a plea of guilty to a charge of a felony or ~~any crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor, regardless of whether an appeal of the conviction has been brought; a sentencing to first offender treatment without an adjudication of guilt pursuant to a charge of a felony or ~~any crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor; or a plea of nolo contendere to a charge of a felony or ~~any crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor.

(B) 'Felony' means any offense committed:

(i) Within this state and deemed a felony under the laws of this state or under the laws of the United States; or

(ii) In another state and deemed a felony under the laws of that state or the laws of the United States.

(1.1) No person who has a directly related conviction shall be eligible to become an applicant for a license or an approval authorized by this chapter unless such person has successfully completed all terms and conditions of any sentence imposed for such conviction, provided that if such individual has multiple convictions, at least five years shall have passed since the individual satisfied all terms and conditions of any sentence imposed for the last conviction before making application for licensure or approval; and provided, further, that if such individual has a single conviction, at least two years shall have passed since the individual satisfied all terms and conditions of any sentence imposed for the last conviction before making application for licensure or approval.

(1.2) The commission shall recommend disciplinary action or denial of an application for a licensure or approval authorized by this chapter on the basis of a criminal conviction or adjudication only if the conviction or adjudication directly relates to the

role of the license sought. In determining if a criminal conviction or adjudication directly relates to the role of a broker or real estate salesperson, the commission shall consider:

(A) The nature and seriousness of the crime and the direct relationship of the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the licensee;

(B) The age of the individual at the time such crime was committed;

(C) The length of time elapsed since such crime was committed;

(D) All circumstances relative to such crime, including, but not limited to, mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of the offense; and

(E) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the license is sought or held, including, but not limited to:

(i) The completion of the criminal sentence;

(ii) A program and treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;

(iii) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol treatment program;

(iv) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;

(v) Education and training;

(vi) Employment history;

(vii) Employment aspirations;

(viii) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;

(ix) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character references; and

(x) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the commission.

The commission shall have the burden of justifying that it is more likely than not that a conviction supports an adverse licensing decision.

(1.3) In determining whether to terminate and revoke a license, the commission shall not consider nor require an individual to disclose:

(A) A deferred adjudication, discharged first offender treatment, completed diversion program, completed conditional discharge, or arrest not followed by a conviction;

(B) A conviction for which no sentence of incarceration can be imposed;

(C) A conviction that has been restricted, sealed, annulled, dismissed, vacated, or pardoned, provided that the commission may consider a plea for which an individual is currently serving a sentence pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42, another state's first offender laws, or subsection (a) or (c) of Code Section 16-13-2; or

(D) A juvenile adjudication.

~~(1.2)~~(1.4) A person who has a directly related conviction in a court of competent jurisdiction of this state or any other state shall be eligible to become an applicant for a licensure or an approval authorized by this chapter only if:

(A) Such person has satisfied all terms and conditions of any conviction such person may have had before making application for licensure or approval, provided that if such individual has multiple convictions, at least five years shall have passed since

the individual satisfied all terms and conditions of any sentence imposed for the last conviction before making application for licensure or approval; and provided, further, that if such individual has been convicted of a single felony or of a ~~single crime of moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor, at least two years shall have passed since the individual satisfied all terms and conditions of any sentence imposed for the last conviction before making application for licensure or approval;

(B) No criminal charges for forgery, embezzlement, obtaining money under false pretenses, theft, extortion, conspiracy to defraud, a felony, a sexual offense, a probation violation, or a ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor are pending against the person; and

(C) Such person presents to the commission satisfactory proof that the person now bears a good reputation for honesty, trustworthiness, integrity, and competence to transact the business of a licensee in such a manner as to safeguard the interest of the public.

(2) Where an applicant for any license or approval authorized by this chapter has been convicted of forgery, embezzlement, obtaining money under false pretenses, theft, extortion, conspiracy to defraud, or other like offense or offenses or has been convicted of a felony, a sexual offense, a probation violation, or a crime involving moral turpitude and has been convicted thereof in a court of competent jurisdiction of this state or any other state such conviction in itself may be sufficient ground for refusal of a license or approval authorized by this chapter. An applicant for licensure as an associate broker or a broker who has been convicted of any offense enumerated in this paragraph may be licensed by the commission as an associate broker or a broker only if:

(A) At least ten years have passed since the applicant was convicted, sentenced, or released from any incarceration, whichever is later;

(B) No criminal charges are pending against the applicant; and

(C) The applicant presents to the commission satisfactory proof that the applicant now bears a good reputation for honesty, trustworthiness, integrity, and competence to transact the business of a licensee in such a manner as to safeguard the interest of the public."

SECTION 2-13.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-45-9, relating to examination for structural pest control operator certification by the Structural Pest Control Commission, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a)(1) All applicants for examination for certification as an operator must have a knowledge of the practical and scientific facts underlying the practice of structural pest control, control of wood-destroying organisms, and fumigation and the necessary knowledge and ability to recognize and control those hazardous conditions which may affect human life and health. The commission may refuse to examine anyone convicted of a ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ directly related felony or directly related covered misdemeanor.

(2) The commission shall refuse to examine an applicant on the basis of a criminal record only if the criminal record directly relates to the role of an operator. In determining if a criminal record directly relates to the role of a pest control operator, the commission shall consider:

(A) The nature and seriousness of the crime and the direct relationship of the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the operator;

(B) The age of the individual at the time such crime was committed;

(C) The length of time elapsed since such crime was committed;

(D) All circumstances relative to such crime, including, but not limited to, mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of the offense; and

(E) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the certificate is sought or held, including, but not limited to:

(i) The completion of the criminal sentence;

(ii) A program and treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;

(iii) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol treatment program;

(iv) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;

(v) Education and training;

(vi) Employment history;

(vii) Employment aspirations;

(viii) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;

(ix) Whether a bond is required to practice the occupation;

(x) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character references; and

(xi) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the commission.

(3) In determining whether to refuse to examine an applicant, the commission shall not consider nor require an individual to disclose:

(A) A deferred adjudication, discharged first offender treatment, completed diversion program, completed conditional discharge, or arrest not followed by a conviction;

(B) A conviction for which no sentence of incarceration can be imposed;

(C) A conviction that has been restricted, sealed, annulled, dismissed, vacated, or pardoned, provided that the commission may consider a plea for which an individual is currently serving a sentence pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42, another state's first offender laws, or subsection (a) or (c) of Code Section 16-13-2;

(D) A juvenile adjudication;

(E) A misdemeanor conviction older than five years, unless the offense of conviction is listed in subparagraph (j)(4)(B) of Code Section 35-3-37; or

(F) A conviction older than five years for which the individual was not incarcerated, or a conviction for which the individual's incarceration ended more than five years before the date of the commission's consideration, except for a felony conviction related to:

(i) A criminal sexual act;
(ii) Criminal fraud or embezzlement;
(iii) Aggravated assault;
(iv) Aggravated robbery;
(v) Aggravated abuse, neglect, or endangerment of a child;
(vi) Arson;
(vii) Carjacking;
(viii) Kidnapping; or
(ix) Manslaughter, homicide, or murder.

(4)(A) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual with a criminal record may petition the commission at any time, including while incarcerated and before starting or completing any required professional qualifications for certification, for a predetermination as to whether the individual's criminal record will disqualify such individual from obtaining a certification as an operator.

(B) The petition for predetermination shall include the individual's criminal record or authorize the commission to obtain the individual's criminal record. The petitioning individual need not disclose any offenses falling under paragraph (3) of this subsection. The petition shall also include any information the petitioner chooses to submit concerning the circumstances of his or her record and his or her rehabilitation.

(C) In considering predetermination petitions, the commission shall apply the direct relationship standard in paragraph (2) of this subsection and shall not consider any offenses falling under paragraph (3) of this subsection. The commission shall support any adverse predetermination by justifying that it is more likely than not that a criminal record supports an adverse certification decision.

(D) A predetermination made under this paragraph that a petitioner is eligible for a certification shall be binding on the commission only if the petitioner applies for certification and fulfills all other requirements for operator certification and the petitioner's submitted criminal record was correct and remains unchanged at the time of his or her application for certification.

(E) If a petitioner's criminal record includes matters that may disqualify the petitioner from certification, the commission shall notify the petitioner of the potentially disqualifying convictions. The letter of concern shall advise the petitioner of his or her opportunity to submit additional evidence of rehabilitation and mitigation or for a hearing, or both.

(F) The commission may predetermine that the petitioner's criminal record is likely grounds for denial of certification only after the commission has held a hearing on the petitioner's eligibility in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The hearing shall be held in person, by remote video, or by teleconference within 60 days of receipt of the predetermination petition. The individual shall have the opportunity to include character witnesses at the hearing, including but not limited to family members, friends, past or prospective employers, probation or parole officers, and rehabilitation counselors, who may offer their verbal

or written support. The commission shall not make an adverse inference by a petitioner's decision to forgo a hearing or character witnesses. The commission shall issue a final decision within 60 days of complete submission of the issue for consideration or the hearing, whichever is later.

(G) If the commission decides that a predetermination petitioner is ineligible for a license, the commission shall notify the petitioner of the following:

(i) The grounds and rationale for the predetermination, including any of the petitioner's specific convictions and the factors provided for in paragraph (2) of this subsection the commission deemed directly relevant;

(ii) An explanation of the process and right to appeal the commission's predetermination decision under Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act'; and

(iii) Any actions the petitioner may take to remedy the disqualification. An individual who receives a predetermination of ineligibility may submit a revised petition reflecting completion of the remedial actions. The individual may submit a new petition to the commission not before one year following a final judgment on his or her initial petition or upon completing the remedial actions, whichever is earlier.

(H) The denial of a predetermination petition because of the applicant's criminal record shall constitute a contested case as defined in Code Section 50-13-2. In an administrative hearing or civil action reviewing the denial of a predetermination petition, the commission shall have the burden of proving that the applicant's criminal record directly relates to the licensed occupation."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended in Part 10 of Article 17 of Chapter 2, relating to professional standards, by adding a new subsection to Code Section 20-2-984.3, relating to preliminary investigation of violations by the Professional Standards Commission, requirement for automatic investigation, and investigation of sexual offenses, to read as follows:

"(e)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual with a criminal record may petition the commission at any time, including while incarcerated and before starting or completing any required professional qualifications for certification, for a predetermination as to whether the individual's criminal record will disqualify him or her from obtaining a certificate.

(2) The petition for predetermination shall include the individual's criminal record or authorize the commission to obtain the individual's criminal record. The petition shall also include any information the petitioner chooses to submit concerning the circumstances of his or her record and his or her rehabilitation.

(3) The commission shall support any adverse predetermination by justifying that it is more likely than not that a criminal record supports an adverse certification decision.

(4) A predetermination made under this subsection that a petitioner is eligible for a certificate shall be binding on the commission only if the petitioner applies for certification and fulfills all other requirements for the certificate and the petitioner's submitted criminal record was correct and remains unchanged at the time of his or her application for a certificate.

(5) If a petitioner's criminal record includes matters that may disqualify the petitioner from certification, the commission shall notify the petitioner of the potentially disqualifying convictions. The letter of concern shall advise the petitioner of his or her opportunity to submit additional evidence of rehabilitation and mitigation or for a hearing, or both.

(6) The commission may predetermine that the petitioner's criminal record is likely grounds for denial of a license only after the commission has held a hearing on the petitioner's eligibility in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The hearing shall be held in person, by remote video, or by teleconference within 60 days of receipt of the predetermination petition. The individual shall have the opportunity to include character witnesses at the hearing, including but not limited to family members, friends, past or prospective employers, probation or parole officers, and rehabilitation counselors, who may offer their verbal or written support. The commission shall not make an adverse inference by a petitioner's decision to forgo a hearing or character witnesses. The commission shall issue a final decision within 60 days of complete submission of the issue for consideration or the hearing, whichever is later.

(7) If the commission decides that a predetermination petitioner is ineligible for a certificate, the commission shall notify the petitioner of the following:

(A) The grounds and rationale for the predetermination, including any specific convictions and the factors in subsection (a.1) of Code Section 20-2-984.5 the commission deemed directly relevant;

(B) An explanation of the process and right to appeal the commission's predetermination decision under Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act'; and

(C) Any actions the petitioner may take to remedy the disqualification. An individual who receives a predetermination of ineligibility may submit a revised petition reflecting completion of the remedial actions. The individual may submit a new petition to the commission not before one year following a final judgment on his or her initial petition or upon completing the remedial actions, whichever is earlier.

(8) The denial of a predetermination petition because of the applicant's criminal record shall constitute a contested case as defined in Code Section 50-13-2. In an administrative hearing or civil action reviewing the denial of a predetermination petition, the commission shall have the burden of proving that the applicant's criminal record directly relates to the licensed occupation."

PART IV
SECTION 4-1.

Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to food, drugs, and cosmetics, is amended in Article 4 of Chapter 4, relating to discipline relative to pharmacists and pharmacies, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"26-4-60.1.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual with a criminal record may petition the board of pharmacy at any time, including while incarcerated and before starting or completing any required professional qualifications for licensure, for a predetermination as to whether the individual's criminal record will disqualify him or her from obtaining a license.

(b) The petition for predetermination shall include the individual's criminal record or authorize the board to obtain the individual's criminal record. The petition shall also include any information the petitioner chooses to submit concerning the circumstances of his or her record and his or her rehabilitation.

(c) The board shall support any adverse predetermination by justifying that it is more likely than not that a criminal record supports an adverse licensing decision.

(d) A predetermination made under this Code section that a petitioner is eligible for a license shall be binding on the board only if the petitioner applies for licensure and fulfills all other requirements for the licensure and the petitioner's submitted criminal record was correct and remains unchanged at the time of his or her application for a license.

(e) If a petitioner's criminal record includes matters that may disqualify the petitioner from licensure, the board shall notify the petitioner of the potentially disqualifying convictions. The letter of concern shall advise the petitioner of his or her opportunity to submit additional evidence of rehabilitation and mitigation or for a hearing, or both.

(f) The board may predetermine that the petitioner's criminal record is likely grounds for denial of a license only after the board has held a hearing on the petitioner's eligibility in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The hearing shall be held in person, by remote video, or by teleconference within 60 days of receipt of the predetermination petition. The individual shall have the opportunity to include character witnesses at the hearing, including but not limited to family members, friends, past or prospective employers, probation or parole officers, and rehabilitation counselors, who may offer their verbal or written support. The board shall not make an adverse inference by a petitioner's decision to forgo a hearing or character witnesses. The board shall issue a final decision within 60 days of complete submission of the issue for consideration or the hearing, whichever is later.

(g) If the board decides that a predetermination petitioner is ineligible for a license, the board shall notify the petitioner of the following:

(1) The grounds and rationale for the predetermination, including the specific convictions and the factors in subsection (a) of Code Section 26-4-60 the board deemed directly relevant;

(2) An explanation of the process and right to appeal the board's predetermination decision under Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act'; and

(3) Any actions the petitioner may take to remedy the disqualification. An individual who receives a predetermination of ineligibility may submit a revised petition reflecting

completion of the remedial actions. The individual may submit a new petition to the board not before one year following a final judgment on his or her initial petition or upon completing the remedial actions, whichever is earlier.

(h) The denial of a predetermination petition because of the applicant's criminal record shall constitute a contested case as defined in Code Section 50-13-2. In an administrative hearing or civil action reviewing the denial of a predetermination petition, the board shall have the burden of proving that the applicant's criminal record directly relates to the licensed occupation."

PART V
SECTION 5-1.

Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, is amended in Code Section 31-7-351, relating to definitions relative to the Georgia long-term care background check program, by revising paragraph (5) as follows:

"(5)(A) 'Criminal record' means any of the following:

(i) Conviction of a crime;

(ii) Arrest, charge, and sentencing for a crime when:

(I) A plea of nolo contendere was entered to the crime;

(II) First offender treatment without adjudication of guilt was granted to the crime; or

(III) Adjudication or sentence was otherwise withheld or not entered for the crime; or

(iii) Arrest and charges for a crime if the charge is pending, unless the time for prosecuting such crime has expired pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 17.

(B) Such term shall not include an owner, applicant, or employee for which at least ten years have elapsed from the date of his or her criminal background check since the ~~completion of all of the terms of his or her sentence~~ dates of conviction or adjudication; such term also shall not include an owner, applicant, or employee who has received a general pardon from the State Board of Pardons and Paroles for the convictions; provided, however, that such ten-year period exemption ~~or~~ and pardon exemption shall never apply to any crime identified in subsection (j) of Code Section 42-8-60."

PART VI
SECTION 6-1.

Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, is amended in Article 1 of Chapter 23, relating to agents, agencies, subagents, counselors, and adjusters, by adding two new Code sections to read as follows:

"33-23-21.2.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual with a criminal record may petition the Commissioner at any time, including while incarcerated and before starting

or completing any required professional qualifications for licensure, for a predetermination as to whether the individual's criminal record will disqualify him or her from obtaining a license.

(b) The petition for predetermination shall include the individual's criminal record or authorize the Commissioner to obtain the individual's criminal record. The petition shall also include information submitted by the petitioner concerning the circumstances of his or her record and his or her rehabilitation.

(c) A predetermination made under this Code section that a petitioner is eligible for a license shall be binding on the Commissioner only if the petitioner applies for licensure and fulfills all other requirements for the licensure and the petitioner's submitted criminal record was correct and remains unchanged at the time of his or her application for a license.

(d) If a petitioner's criminal record includes matters that may disqualify the petitioner from licensure, the Commissioner shall provide notice and opportunity for a hearing in accordance with Chapter 2 of this title.

(e) If, after notice and the opportunity for a hearing, the Commissioner decides that a predetermination petitioner is ineligible for a license, the Commissioner shall notify the petitioner of the following:

(1) The grounds and rationale for the predetermination, including the factors in Code Section 33-23-21.2 the Commissioner deemed directly relevant;

(2) An explanation of the process and right to appeal the Commissioner's predetermination decision; and

(3) Any actions the petitioner may take to remedy the disqualification. An individual who receives a predetermination of ineligibility may submit a revised petition reflecting completion of the remedial actions. The individual may submit a new petition to the Commissioner not before one year following a final judgment on his or her initial petition or upon completing the remedial actions, whichever is earlier."

"33-23-43.11.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual with a criminal record may petition the Commissioner at any time, including while incarcerated and before starting or completing any required professional qualifications for licensure, for a predetermination as to whether the individual's criminal record will disqualify him or her from obtaining a public adjuster's license.

(b) The petition for predetermination shall include the individual's criminal record or authorize the Commissioner to obtain the individual's criminal record. The petition shall also include information submitted by the petitioner concerning the circumstances of his or her record and his or her rehabilitation.

(c) A predetermination made under this Code section that a petitioner is eligible for a license shall be binding on the Commissioner only if the petitioner applies for licensure and fulfills all other requirements for the licensure and the petitioner's submitted criminal record was correct and remains unchanged at the time of his or her application for a license.

(d) If a petitioner's criminal record includes matters that may disqualify the petitioner from licensure, the Commissioner shall provide notice and opportunity for a hearing in accordance with Chapter 2 of this title.

(e) If, after notice and the opportunity for a hearing, the Commissioner decides that a predetermination petitioner is ineligible for a license, the Commissioner shall notify the petitioner of the following:

(1) The grounds and rationale for the predetermination, including the specific convictions and the factors in Code Section 33-23-43.11 the Commissioner deemed directly relevant;

(2) An explanation of the process and right to appeal the Commissioner's predetermination decision; and

(3) Any actions the petitioner may take to remedy the disqualification. An individual who receives a predetermination of ineligibility may submit a revised petition reflecting completion of the remedial actions. The individual may submit a new petition to the Commissioner not before one year following a final judgment on his or her initial petition or upon completing the remedial actions, whichever is earlier."

PART VII
SECTION 7-1.

Chapter 4 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to firefighter standards and training, is amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 25-4-8, relating to qualifications of firefighters generally, to read as follows:

"(d) A person who pleaded guilty to a felony offense under Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 and successfully completed the terms of his or her sentence pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 may, at the council's discretion, be certified and employed as a firefighter if such person otherwise meets the qualifications set forth in this Code section. Such person shall provide information on the circumstances underlying the plea of guilty, as requested by the council, to enable the council to make an informed decision on such individual's qualification status."

PART VIII
SECTION 8-1.

Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Georgia Crime Information Center, is amended in Code Section 35-3-37, relating to review of individual's criminal history record information, definitions, privacy considerations, written application requesting review, and inspection, by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (a), divisions (j)(4)(B)(xvi), (j)(4)(B)(xvii), and (j)(4)(B)(xviii), subparagraphs (j)(4)(C) and (j)(6)(E), paragraph (7) of subsection (j), and subsections (m) and (v), and by redesignating paragraphs (1) through (3) of subsection (k) as paragraphs (2) through (4), respectively, and adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(2) 'Entity' means the arresting law enforcement agency, including county and municipal jails and detention centers, and the Department of Corrections."

"(xvi) Any offense related to minors generally in violation of Part 2 of Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 16; or

(xvii) ~~Theft in violation of Chapter 8 of Title 16; provided, however, that such prohibition shall not apply to a misdemeanor conviction of shoplifting or refund fraud in violation of Code Section 16-8-14 or 16-8-14.1, as applicable; or~~

~~(xviii)~~ Any serious traffic offense in violation of Article 15 of Chapter 6 of Title 40.

(C) ~~An individual shall be limited to filing a petition under this paragraph to a lifetime maximum of requesting record restriction on two convictions for a misdemeanor or a series of misdemeanors arising from a single incident. For the purposes of this subparagraph, the conviction of two or more offenses charged in separate counts of one or more accusations consolidated for trial shall be deemed to be one conviction.~~ If a petition under this subsection has been denied, an individual may file a subsequent petition on the same conviction for a misdemeanor or series of misdemeanors arising from a single incident after the expiration of two years from the date of the final order from the previous petition."

"(E) When the petition provided for under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph is filed, it shall be filed under seal. The clerk of court shall accept a defendant's filing under seal without need of a court order for any petition provided for under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph. All subsequent filings, motions, hearings, court recordings, court transcripts, orders, and related court documents related to such petition shall remain under seal without need for any additional court order."

"(7) When an individual was convicted in this state of an offense for which that individual has been granted a pardon from the State Board of Pardons and Paroles as provided in the Constitution and Code Section 42-9-42, provided that the offense was not a serious violent felony as such term is defined in Code Section 17-10-6.1 or a sexual offense as such term is defined in Code Section 17-10-6.2, and provided, further, that such individual has not been convicted of any crime in any jurisdiction, excluding any conviction for a nonserious traffic offense, since the pardon was granted, and provided, further, that he or she has no pending charged offenses, he or she may petition the court in which the conviction occurred to restrict access to criminal history record information. Such court shall maintain jurisdiction over the case for this limited purpose and duration. Such petition shall be served on the prosecuting attorney. If a hearing is requested, such hearing shall be held within 90 days of the filing of the petition. If the court finds that the criteria for such petition are met, the court shall grant an order restricting such criminal history record information. ~~The court shall hear evidence and shall grant an order restricting such criminal history record information if it determines that the harm otherwise resulting to the individual clearly outweighs the public's interest in the criminal history record information being publicly available.~~"

"(k)(1) Upon an approved restriction, by order or application, pursuant to this Code section, the prosecuting attorney of the relevant case shall, within 30 days, restrict

access to all such information maintained by the prosecuting attorney for such individual's offense that has been restricted."

"(m)(1) For criminal history record information maintained by the clerk of court, an individual who has a record restricted pursuant to Code Section 17-10-21 or this Code section or an individual who has been cited for a criminal offense but was not arrested and the charged offense was subsequently dismissed, nolle prossed, or adjudicated as a violation of a local ordinance may petition the court with original jurisdiction over the offenses in the county where the clerk of court is located for an order to seal all criminal history record information maintained by the clerk of court for such individual's charged offense. Notice of such petition shall be sent to the clerk of court and the prosecuting attorney. A notice sent by registered or certified mail or statutory overnight delivery shall be sufficient notice.

(2) The court shall order all criminal history record information in the custody of the clerk of court, including within any index, to be restricted and unavailable to the public if the court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that:

(A) The criminal history record information has been restricted pursuant to this Code section; and

(B) The harm otherwise resulting to the privacy of the individual clearly outweighs the public interest in the criminal history record information being publicly available.

(3) Notwithstanding paragraph (2) of this subsection, the court shall order all criminal history record information in the custody of the clerk of court, including within any index, to be restricted and unavailable to the public if the criminal history record has been restricted pursuant to paragraph (7) of subsection (j) of this Code section.

(4) Within 60 days of the court's order, the clerk of court shall cause every document, physical or electronic, in its custody, possession, or control to be restricted."

"(v)(1) Information restricted and sealed pursuant to this Code section shall always be available for inspection, copying, and use:

(A) For the purpose of imposing a sentence under Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42;

(B) By the Judicial Qualifications Commission;

(C) By an attorney representing an accused individual who submits a sworn affidavit to the clerk of court attesting that such information is relevant to a criminal proceeding;

(D) By a prosecuting attorney or a public defender;

(E) Pursuant to a court order; ~~and~~

(F) By an individual who is the subject of restricted criminal history record information or sealed court files; and

(G) By criminal justice agencies for law enforcement or criminal investigative purposes.

(2) The confidentiality of such information shall be maintained insofar as practicable."

PART IX
SECTION 9-1.

Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to first offenders, is amended in Code Section 42-8-66, relating to petition for exoneration and discharge, hearing, retroactive grant of first offender status, and no filing fee, by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(a)(1) An individual who qualified for sentencing pursuant to this article but who was not informed of his or her eligibility for first offender treatment may~~, with the consent of the prosecuting attorney,~~ petition the court in which he or she was convicted for exoneration of guilt and discharge pursuant to this article."

PART X
SECTION 10-1.

Code Section 17-10-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to vacating of sentence for trafficking victim defendants, is amended by revising subparagraph (a)(2)(C) and subsection (b) as follows:

"(C) Shall be submitted with a copy of his or her criminal history background check report conducted by the Georgia Crime Information Center that has been completed no more than ~~three~~ ten business days prior to the filing of the petition; provided, however, that the defendant shall not be charged a fee by the Georgia Crime Information Center for a report produced for purposes of this Code section; and"

"(b) When a petition provided for under subsection (a) of this Code section is filed, it shall be filed under seal. The clerk of court shall accept defendant's filing under seal without need of a court order for any petition provided for under subsection (a) of this Code section. All subsequent filings, motions, hearings, court recordings, court transcripts, orders, and other court documents related to such petition shall remain under seal without need for any additional court order."

PART XI
SECTION 11-1.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025.
(b) Parts I through VII of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2026, and shall apply to all applications for licensure submitted on or after such date.

SECTION 11-2.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following amendment was read and adopted:

Representative Efstration of the 104th et al. offer the following amendment:

Amend the Senate substitute to SB 207 (SFA 1/AM 49 0279) by replacing lines 3 through the end with the following:

To amend Titles 33 and 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance and professions and businesses, respectively, so as to create a preclearance process in the licensing of individuals with criminal records who make an application to or are investigated by certain licensing boards and commissions; to provide for definitions; to require certain licensing authorities to provide evidence to support adverse licensing decisions based on criminal convictions; to require a hearing prior to denying certain applicants on the basis of an individual's criminal record; to establish findings that shall be made and evidence that shall and shall not be considered prior to refusing to grant certain licenses based on certain criminal convictions; to allow an applicant to submit his or her own criminal record when applying for certain licenses; to provide for reapplication for licensure; to authorize and provide a process and requirements for predetermination decisions; to require certain licensure application information be included in certain applications and posted on a public website; to require certain annual reports concerning certain applications, predeterminations, and conviction records to be filed with the Secretary of State; to amend Chapter 4 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to firefighter standards and training, so as to provide for the reporting of guilty pleas taken under first offender treatment to obtain employment as a firefighter; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Georgia Crime Information Center, so as to provide for criminal history record information restrictions for certain persons charged with or convicted of certain criminal offenses; to provide that restricted criminal history record information shall be available to criminal justice agencies; to provide for petitions; to provide for criminal history record information restriction for persons granted a pardon for certain offenses; to amend Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to first offenders, so as to revise the procedure for petitioning for exoneration and discharge when an individual has qualified for sentencing as a first offender; to provide for exceptions to retroactively granting first offender treatment; to amend Code Section 17-10-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to vacating of sentence for trafficking victim defendants, so as to provide for filing under seal; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, is amended by revising Code Section 43-1-1, relating to definitions, as follows:

"43-1-1.

As used in this title, the term:

(1) 'Conviction' means a finding or verdict of guilty or a plea of guilty, regardless of whether an appeal of such finding, verdict, or plea has been sought.

(2) 'Covered misdemeanor' means any:

(A) Misdemeanor conviction in the five years prior to the submission of the licensing application; and

(B) Misdemeanor conviction listed in subparagraph (j)(4)(B) of Code Section 35-3-37, irrespective of the date of such conviction.

~~(1)~~(3) 'Division' means the professional licensing boards division created under Code Section 43-1-2.

~~(2)~~(4) 'Division director' means the individual appointed by the Secretary of State as director of the professional licensing boards division within the office of the Secretary of State.

(5) 'Felony' means any offense which, if committed in this state, would be deemed a felony, without regard to its designation elsewhere.

~~(3)~~(6) 'Professional licensing board' means any board, bureau, commission, or other agency of the executive branch of state government which is created for the purpose of licensing or otherwise regulating or controlling any profession, business, or trade and which is placed by law under the jurisdiction of the division director ~~of the professional licensing boards division within the office of the Secretary of State~~."

SECTION 1-2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-1-19, relating to a professional licensing board's authority to refuse, grant, revoke, and reinstate licenses, surrender of licenses, and probationary licenses, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(a.1) Before the professional licensing board may deny an applicant a license under subsection (a) of this Code section due to his or her criminal record, such applicant shall be entitled to a hearing before the professional licensing board upon a timely written request in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'"

SECTION 1-3.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-1-19, relating to a professional licensing board's authority to refuse, grant, revoke, and reinstate licenses, surrender of licenses, and probationary licenses, by revising subsection (j) as follows:

"(j) Neither the issuance of a private reprimand nor the denial of a license by reciprocity ~~nor the denial of a request for reinstatement of a revoked license nor the refusal to issue a previously denied license~~ shall be considered to be a contested case within the meaning of Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act'; notice and hearing within the meaning of such chapter shall not be required, but the applicant or licensee shall be allowed to appear before the board if he or she so requests. A board may resolve a pending action by the issuance of a letter of concern. Such letter shall not be considered a disciplinary action or a contested case under Chapter 13 of Title 50 and shall not be disclosed to any person except the licensee or applicant."

SECTION 1-4.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-1-19, relating to a professional licensing board's authority to refuse, grant, revoke, and reinstate licenses, surrender of licenses, and probationary licenses, by revising subsection (q) as follows:

"(q)(1) Notwithstanding paragraphs (3) and (4) of subsection (a) of this Code section or any other provision of law, ~~and unless~~ the professional licensing board shall refuse to grant a license to an individual or shall revoke a license only if a felony or ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held, no professional licensing board shall refuse to grant a license to an applicant therefor or shall revoke the license of an individual licensed by that board due solely or in part to such applicant's or licensee's:

(A) Conviction of any felony or any ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor, whether it occurred in the courts of this state or any other state, territory, or country or in the courts of the United States;

(B) Arrest, charge, and sentence for the commission of such offense;

(C) Sentence for such offense pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 or another state's first offender laws;

(D) Sentence for such offense pursuant to subsection (a) or (c) of Code Section 16-13-2;

(E) Sentence for such offense as a result of a plea of nolo contendere;

(F) Adjudication of guilt or sentence was otherwise withheld or not entered; or

(G) Being under supervision by a community supervision officer, as such term is defined in Code Section 42-3-1, for a conviction of any felony or any ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor, whether it occurred in the courts of this state or any other state, territory, or country or in the courts of the United States, so long as such individual was not convicted of a felony violation of Chapter 5 of Title 16 nor convicted of a crime requiring registration on the state sexual offender registry.

(2) In determining if a felony or ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held, the professional licensing board shall consider:

(A) The nature and seriousness of such felony or ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor and the relationship of ~~such felony or crime involving moral turpitude~~ the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the occupation for which the license is sought or held;

(B) The age of the individual at the time such felony or ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor was committed;

(C) The length of time elapsed since such felony or ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor was committed;

(D) All circumstances relative to such felony or ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor, including, but not limited to, mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of such felony or ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor; and

(E) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the license is sought or held~~.~~, including, but not limited to:

(i) The completion of the criminal sentence;

(ii) A program and treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;

(iii) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol treatment program;

(iv) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;

(v) Education and training;

(vi) Employment history;

(vii) Employment aspirations;

(viii) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;

(ix) Whether a bond is required to practice the occupation;

(x) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character references; and

(xi) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the board.

(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a professional licensing board shall provide individualized consideration of an individual's criminal record and shall not automatically deny licensure on the basis of the individual's criminal record.

(4)(A) If an applicant's criminal record includes issues that will or may prevent the board from issuing a license to the applicant, the board shall notify the applicant, in writing, of the specific issues in sufficient time for the applicant to provide additional documentation supporting the application before the board's final decision to deny the application. After receiving notice of any potential issue with licensure due to his or her criminal convictions, an applicant shall have 30 days to respond by correcting any inaccuracy in the criminal record or by submitting additional evidence of mitigation or rehabilitation for the board's consideration, or both.

(B) For the professional licensing board to deny a license on the basis of the applicant's criminal convictions, the board shall first provide an opportunity for a hearing for such applicant in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The applicant shall have the opportunity at such hearing to present the written or oral testimony of character witnesses, including, but not limited to, family members, friends, prospective employers, probation or parole officers, and rehabilitation counselors. The professional licensing board shall issue a decision within 60 days of the complete submission of the issues for consideration or the hearing, whichever is later.

(C) The professional licensing board shall determine, after a hearing, whether it is more likely than not that an applicant's criminal record supports an adverse licensing decision. If the board denies an applicant a license by reason of the applicant's criminal record, the board shall:

(i) Make written findings specifying any of the applicant's convictions and the factors provided for in paragraph (2) of this subsection the board deemed directly

relevant and explaining the basis and rationale for the denial. Such written findings shall be signed by the board's presiding officer and shall note the applicant's right to appeal and explain the applicant's ability to reapply. No applicant shall be restricted from reapplying for licensure more than two years from the date of the most recent application;

(ii) Provide or serve a signed copy of the written findings to the applicant within 60 days of the denial; and

(iii) Retain a signed copy of the written findings for no less than five years.

(D) The denial of a license in part or in whole because of the applicant's criminal record shall constitute a contested case as defined in Code Section 50-13-2. In an administrative hearing reviewing the denial of a license, the applicant shall have the burden of proving that his or her criminal record does not directly relate to the occupation for which the license is sought.

(5)(A) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual with a criminal record may petition a professional licensing board at any time, including while incarcerated and before starting or completing any required professional qualifications for licensure, for a predetermination as to whether such individual's criminal record will disqualify him or her from obtaining a license.

(B) The petition for predetermination shall include the individual's criminal record or authorize the board to obtain the individual's criminal record. Such petition shall also include any information the petitioner chooses to submit concerning the circumstances of his or her record and his or her rehabilitation.

(C) In considering predetermination petitions, the professional licensing board shall apply the direct relationship standard in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection. The board shall support any adverse predetermination by determining whether it is more likely than not that a criminal record supports an adverse licensing decision.

(D) A predetermination made under this paragraph that a petitioner is eligible for a license shall be binding on the professional licensing board only if the petitioner applies for licensure and fulfills all other requirements for the occupational license and the petitioner's submitted criminal record was correct and remains unchanged at the time of his or her application for a license.

(E) If a petitioner's criminal record includes matters that may disqualify the petitioner from licensure, the board shall notify the petitioner of the potentially disqualifying convictions. The letter of concern shall advise the petitioner of his or her opportunity to submit additional evidence of rehabilitation and mitigation or for a hearing, or both.

(F) The professional licensing board may predetermine that the petitioner's criminal record is likely grounds for denial of a license only after the board has held a hearing on the petitioner's eligibility in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The hearing shall be held in person, by remote video, or by teleconference within 60 days of receipt of the predetermination petition. The individual shall have the opportunity to offer written or oral testimony of character witnesses at the hearing, including but not limited to family members, friends, past or prospective employers, probation or parole officers, and rehabilitation counselors.

The professional licensing board shall not make an adverse inference by a petitioner's decision to forgo a hearing or character witnesses. The board shall issue a final decision within 60 days of complete submission of the issue for consideration or the hearing, whichever is later.

(G) If the professional licensing board decides that a predetermination petitioner is ineligible for a license, the board shall notify the petitioner of the following:

(i) The grounds and rationale for the predetermination, including any of the petitioner's specific convictions and the factors in paragraph (2) of this subsection the board deemed directly relevant;

(ii) An explanation of the process and right to appeal the board's predetermination decision under Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act'; and

(iii) Any actions the petitioner may take to remedy the disqualification. An individual who receives a predetermination of ineligibility may submit a revised petition reflecting completion of the remedial actions. The individual may submit a new petition to the board not before one year following a final judgment on his or her initial petition or upon completing the remedial actions, whichever is earlier.

(H) The denial of a predetermination petition because of the applicant's criminal record shall constitute a contested case as defined in Code Section 50-13-2. In an administrative hearing reviewing the denial of a predetermination petition, the applicant shall have the burden of proving that his or her criminal record does not directly relate to the licensed occupation.

(6) Each professional licensing board shall include in its application for licensure and on its public website all of the following information:

(A) Whether the board requires applicants to consent to a criminal record check;

(B) The direct relationship standard in paragraph (1) of this subsection and those factors provided for in paragraph (2) of this subsection that the board shall consider when making a determination of licensure;

(C) The appeals process pursuant to Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' if the board denies or revokes licensure in whole or in part because of a criminal conviction; and

(D) The predetermination petition process, standards, and application, as well as the process for appealing an adverse predetermination pursuant to Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'

(7) No later than March 31 each year, each occupational licensing board shall file with the Secretary of State an annual report containing information from the previous year as to:

(A) The number of applicants for a license and, of that number, the number of licenses granted;

(B) The number of applicants with a criminal record and, of that number, the number of licenses granted, denied a license for any reason, and denied a license due to a conviction or state supervision status; and

(C) The number of predetermination petitioners and, of that number, the number deemed eligible for a license and the number deemed ineligible for a license."

SECTION 1-5.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 43-1-27, relating to requirement that licensee notify licensing authority of felony conviction, as follows:

"43-1-27.

Any licensed individual who is convicted under the laws of this state, the United States, or any other state, territory, or country of a felony as defined in ~~paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of~~ Code Section ~~43-1-19~~ 43-1-1 shall be required to notify the appropriate licensing authority of the conviction within ten days of the conviction. The failure of a licensed individual to notify the appropriate licensing authority of a conviction shall be considered grounds for revocation of his or her license, permit, registration, certification, or other authorization to conduct a licensed profession."

SECTION 1-6.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 43-15-19, relating to revocation, suspension, or denial of certificates, certificates of registration, or licenses, and reprimands, as follows:

"43-15-19.

(a) The board shall have the power, after notice and hearing, to deny any application made to it, to revoke or suspend any certificate, certificate of registration, or license issued by it, or to reprimand any individual holding a certificate, certificate of registration, or license issued by it, upon the following grounds:

(1) Commission of any fraud or deceit in obtaining a certificate, certificate of registration, or license;

(2) Any gross negligence, incompetency, or unprofessional conduct in the practice of professional engineering or land surveying as a professional engineer or a professional land surveyor, respectively;

(3) Affixing a seal to any plan, specification, plat, or report contrary to Code Section 43-15-22;

(4) Conviction of a felony or ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor as defined in Code Section 43-1-1 in the courts of this state, the United States, or any state or territory of the United States or the conviction of an offense in another jurisdiction which, if committed in this state, would be deemed a felony. 'Conviction' shall include a finding or verdict of guilt, a plea of guilty, or a plea of nolo contendere in a criminal proceeding~~, regardless of whether the adjudication of guilt or sentence is withheld or not entered thereon pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 or any comparable rule or statute~~ but shall not include a conviction that has been pardoned; or

(5) Any violation of this chapter or any rule or regulation promulgated by the board pursuant to the powers conferred on it by this chapter.

(b) 'Unprofessional conduct,' as referred to in paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this Code section, includes a violation of those standards of professional conduct for professional

engineers and professional land surveyors adopted by the board pursuant to the power conferred upon it to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the duties and powers conferred on it by this chapter."

SECTION 1-7.

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"43-15-19.1.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual with a criminal record may petition the board at any time, including while incarcerated and before starting or completing any required professional qualifications for licensure, for a predetermination as to whether the individual's criminal record will disqualify him or her from obtaining a license.

(b) The petition for predetermination shall include the individual's criminal record or authorize the board to obtain the individual's criminal record. The petition shall also include any information the petitioner chooses to submit concerning the circumstances of his or her record and his or her rehabilitation.

(c) The board shall support any adverse predetermination by determining whether it is more likely than not that a criminal record supports an adverse licensing decision.

(d) A predetermination made under this Code section that a petitioner is eligible for a license shall be binding on the board only if the petitioner applies for licensure and fulfills all other requirements for the licensure and the petitioner's submitted criminal record was correct and remains unchanged at the time of his or her application for a license.

(e) If a petitioner's criminal record includes matters that may disqualify the petitioner from licensure, the board shall notify the petitioner of the potentially disqualifying convictions. The letter of concern shall advise the petitioner of his or her opportunity to submit additional evidence of rehabilitation and mitigation or for a hearing, or both.

(f) The board may predetermine that the petitioner's criminal record is likely grounds for denial of a license only after the board has held a hearing on the petitioner's eligibility in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The hearing shall be held in person, by remote video, or by teleconference within 60 days of receipt of the predetermination petition. The individual shall have the opportunity to include character witnesses at the hearing, including but not limited to family members, friends, past or prospective employers, probation or parole officers, and rehabilitation counselors, who may offer their verbal or written support. The board shall not make an adverse inference by a petitioner's decision to forgo a hearing or character witnesses. The board shall issue a final decision within 60 days of complete submission of the issue for consideration or the hearing, whichever is later.

(g) If the board decides that a predetermination petitioner is ineligible for a license, the board shall notify the petitioner of the following:

(1) The grounds and rationale for the predetermination, including the specific convictions and the factors in subsection (a) of Code Section 43-15-19.1 the board deemed directly relevant;

(2) An explanation of the process and right to appeal the board's predetermination decision under Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act'; and
(3) Any actions the petitioner may take to remedy the disqualification. An individual who receives a predetermination of ineligibility may submit a revised petition reflecting completion of the remedial actions. The individual may submit a new petition to the board not before one year following a final judgment on his or her initial petition or upon completing the remedial actions, whichever is earlier.

(h) The denial of a predetermination petition because of the applicant's criminal record shall constitute a contested case as defined in Code Section 50-13-2. In an administrative hearing reviewing the denial of a predetermination petition, the applicant shall have the burden of proving that his or her criminal record does not directly relate to the licensed occupation."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, is amended in Chapter 3, relating to accountants, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"43-3-21.1.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual with a criminal record may petition the accountancy board at any time, including while incarcerated and before starting or completing any required professional qualifications for licensure, for a predetermination as to whether the individual's criminal record will disqualify him or her from obtaining a license.

(b) The petition for predetermination shall include the individual's criminal record or authorize the board to obtain the individual's criminal record. The petition shall also include any information the petitioner chooses to submit concerning the circumstances of his or her record and his or her rehabilitation.

(c) The board shall support any adverse predetermination by determining whether it is more likely than not that a criminal record supports an adverse licensing decision.

(d) A predetermination made under this Code section that a petitioner is eligible for a license shall be binding on the board only if the petitioner applies for licensure and fulfills all other requirements for the licensure and the petitioner's submitted criminal record was correct and remains unchanged at the time of his or her application for a license.

(e) If a petitioner's criminal record includes matters that may disqualify the petitioner from licensure, the board shall notify the petitioner of the potentially disqualifying convictions. The letter of concern shall advise the petitioner of his or her opportunity to submit additional evidence of rehabilitation and mitigation or for a hearing, or both.

(f) The board may predetermine that the petitioner's criminal record is likely grounds for denial of a license only after the board has held a hearing on the petitioner's eligibility in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The hearing shall be held in person, by remote video, or by teleconference within 60 days of

receipt of the predetermination petition. The individual shall have the opportunity to include character witnesses at the hearing, including but not limited to family members, friends, past or prospective employers, probation or parole officers, and rehabilitation counselors, who may offer their verbal or written support. The board shall not make an adverse inference by a petitioner's decision to forgo a hearing or character witnesses. The board shall issue a final decision within 60 days of complete submission of the issue for consideration or the hearing, whichever is later.

(g) If the board decides that a predetermination petitioner is ineligible for a license, the board shall notify the petitioner of the following:

(1) The grounds and rationale for the predetermination, including the specific convictions and the factors in subsection (a) of Code Section 43-3-21.1 the board deemed directly relevant;

(2) An explanation of the process and right to appeal the board's predetermination decision under Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act'; and

(3) Any actions the petitioner may take to remedy the disqualification. An individual who receives a predetermination of ineligibility may submit a revised petition reflecting completion of the remedial actions. The individual may submit a new petition to the board not before one year following a final judgment on his or her initial petition or upon completing the remedial actions, whichever is earlier.

(h) The denial of a predetermination petition because of the applicant's criminal record shall constitute a contested case as defined in Code Section 50-13-2. In an administrative hearing reviewing the denial of a predetermination petition, the applicant shall have the burden of proving that his or her criminal record does not directly relate to the licensed occupation."

SECTION 2-2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-3-27, relating to notification by an individual issued a license or certification as an accountant of conviction, time limit, and suspension, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) Any individual issued a license or certification under this chapter or providing services under substantial equivalency practice privileges and convicted under the laws of this state, the United States, any other state, or any other country of a felony as defined in ~~paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of~~ Code Section ~~43-1-19~~ 43-1-1 shall be required to notify the board of such conviction within 30 days of such conviction. The failure of such individual to notify the board of a conviction shall be considered grounds for revocation of his or her license or other authorization issued pursuant to this chapter."

SECTION 2-3.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-9-12, relating to refusal, suspension, or revocation of chiropractor licenses, subpoenas, other discipline, judicial review, reinstatement, voluntary surrender of license, injunctions, and statement of complaint, by revising paragraphs (3) and (4) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(3) Been convicted of any felony or covered misdemeanor ~~of any crime involving moral turpitude~~ in the courts of this state or any other state, territory, or country or in the courts of the United States; as used in this paragraph and paragraph (4) of this subsection, the term 'felony' shall include any offense which, if committed in this state, would be deemed a felony, without regard to its designation elsewhere; and, as used in this paragraph, the term 'conviction' shall include a finding or verdict of guilty or a plea of guilty, regardless of whether an appeal of the conviction has been sought. Any such record shall be considered in the manner prescribed by subsection (q) of Code Section 43-1-19;

(4) Been arrested, charged, and sentenced for the commission of any felony~~,~~ or ~~any crime involving moral turpitude,~~ covered misdemeanor where such record is considered in the manner prescribed by subsection (q) of Code Section 43-1-19 and:

(A) A plea of nolo contendere was entered to the charge; or

(B) ~~First offender treatment without adjudication of guilt pursuant to the charge was granted; or~~ The licensee or applicant is currently serving a sentence pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42, another state's first offender laws, or subsection (a) or (c) of Code Section 16-13-2.

~~(C) An adjudication or sentence was otherwise withheld or not entered on the charge.~~

The plea of nolo contendere or the order entered pursuant to the provisions of Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42, relating to probation of first offenders, or other first offender treatment shall be conclusive evidence of arrest and sentencing for such crime;"

SECTION 2-4.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-10-20, relating to the teaching of barbering or the practice of a cosmetologist in prisons and certification of registration, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) The board shall be required to test an inmate who is an applicant for a certificate or registration under this chapter who has completed successfully a barber or cosmetologist training program operated by the Department of Corrections and who meets the requirements stated in Code Section 43-10-9. If such inmate passes the applicable written and practical examinations, the board may issue the appropriate certificate of registration to such inmate after consideration of all requirements under Code Sections 43-10-9 and 43-1-19; provided, however, that the board shall not apply the provisions ~~of paragraph (4)~~ of subsection (a) of Code Section 43-1-19 to such inmate based solely upon such person's status as an inmate and shall apply such provisions in the same manner as would otherwise be applicable to an applicant who is not an inmate."

SECTION 2-5.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-24A-9, relating to provisional permits for massage therapists, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) A provisional permit to practice as a provisionally permitted massage therapist shall, upon proper application, be issued for a six-month period to an applicant who meets the following criteria:

(1) Holds and maintains a valid license as a massage therapist in another state;
(2) Is not a resident of this state as confirmed in a secure and verifiable document, as defined in Code Section 50-36-2;
(3) Has not had a license or permit to practice as a massage therapist voided, revoked, suspended, denied, or annulled by this state or another state, territory, or jurisdiction; and
(4) Has not been convicted of a directly related felony in the courts of this state, any other state, territory, or country, or in the courts of the United States, including, but not limited to, a plea of nolo contendere entered to such charge or ~~the affording of first offender treatment to any such charge~~ a plea to such charge for which an individual is currently serving a first offender sentence in the same manner as provided in ~~paragraph (4) of subsection (a) of~~ subsection (q) of Code Section 43-1-19. For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'felony' shall have the same meaning a provided in Code Section 43-1-1."

SECTION 2-6.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-39A-14, relating to grant of licenses for appraisers by the Real Estate Commission and Appraisers Board, grounds for suspension or revocation of license, other sanctions, surrender or lapse, and conviction, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b)(1) As used in this subsection, the term:
(A) 'Conviction' means a finding or verdict of guilty or a plea of guilty to a charge of a felony or any ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor, regardless of whether an appeal of the conviction has been brought; a sentencing to first offender treatment without an adjudication of guilt pursuant to a charge of a felony or ~~any crime involving moral turpitude~~ a covered misdemeanor; or a plea of nolo contendere to a charge of a felony or ~~any crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor.
(B) 'Felony' means any offense committed:
(i) Within this state and deemed a felony under the laws of this state or under the laws of the United States; or
(ii) In another state and deemed a felony under the laws of that state or the laws of the United States.

(1.1) No person who has a directly related conviction shall be eligible to become an applicant for a license or an approval authorized by this chapter unless such person has successfully completed all terms and conditions of any sentence imposed for such conviction, provided that if such individual has multiple convictions, at least five years shall have passed since the individual satisfied all terms and conditions of any sentence imposed for the last conviction before making application for licensure or approval; and provided, further, that if such individual has a single conviction, at least two years shall have passed since the individual satisfied all terms and conditions of any sentence imposed for the last conviction before making application for licensure or approval.

(1.2) The board shall recommend disciplinary action or denial of an application for licensure or approval authorized by this chapter on the basis of a criminal conviction or

adjudication only if the conviction or adjudication directly relates to the role of an appraiser. In determining if a criminal conviction or adjudication directly relates to the role of an appraiser, the board shall consider:

(A) The nature and seriousness of the crime and the direct relationship of the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the appraiser;

(B) The age of the individual at the time such crime was committed;

(C) The length of time elapsed since such crime was committed;

(D) All circumstances relative to such crime, including, but not limited to, mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of the offense; and

(E) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the license is sought or held, including, but not limited to:

(i) The completion of the criminal sentence;

(ii) A program and treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;

(iii) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol treatment program;

(iv) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;

(v) Education and training;

(vi) Employment history;

(vii) Employment aspirations;

(viii) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;

(ix) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character references; and

(x) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the board.

The board shall have the burden of determining whether it is more likely than not that a criminal record supports an adverse licensing decision.

(1.3) In determining whether to terminate and revoke a license, the board shall not consider nor require an individual to disclose:

(A) A deferred adjudication, discharged first offender treatment, completed diversion program, completed conditional discharge, or arrest not followed by a conviction;

(B) A conviction for which no sentence of incarceration can be imposed;

(C) A conviction that has been restricted, sealed, annulled, dismissed, vacated, or pardoned, provided that the board may consider a plea for which an individual is currently serving a sentence pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42, another state's first offender laws, or subsection (a) or (c) of Code Section 16-13-2; or

(D) A juvenile adjudication.

~~(1.2)~~(1.4) A person who has a directly related conviction in a court of competent jurisdiction of this state or any other state shall be eligible to become an applicant for a licensure or an approval authorized by this chapter only if:

(A) Such person has satisfied all terms and conditions of any conviction such person may have had before making application for licensure or approval, provided that if such individual has multiple convictions, at least five years shall have passed since

the individual satisfied all terms and conditions of any sentence imposed for the last conviction before making application for licensure or approval; and provided, further, that if such individual has been convicted of a single felony or of a ~~single crime of moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor, at least two years shall have passed since the individual satisfied all terms and conditions of any sentence imposed for the last conviction before making application for licensure or approval;

(B) No criminal charges for forgery, embezzlement, obtaining money under false pretenses, theft, extortion, conspiracy to defraud, a felony, a sexual offense, a probation violation, or a ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor are pending against the person; and

(C) Such person presents to the commission satisfactory proof that the person now bears a good reputation for honesty, trustworthiness, integrity, and competence to transact the business of a licensee in such a manner as to safeguard the interest of the public.

(2) Where an applicant for any classification or approval authorized by this chapter has been convicted in a court of competent jurisdiction of this state or any other state of the offense of forgery, embezzlement, obtaining money under false pretenses, theft, extortion, or conspiracy to defraud or other like offense or offenses or has been convicted of a felony, a sexual offense, a probation violation, or a crime involving moral turpitude, such conviction in itself may be a sufficient ground for refusal of a classification or approval. An applicant for any classification or approval authorized by this chapter who has been convicted of any offense enumerated in this paragraph may be issued a classification or approval by the board only if:

(A) The time periods identified in paragraph (1.1) of this subsection have passed since the applicant was convicted, sentenced, or released from any incarceration, whichever is later;

(B) No criminal charges are pending against the applicant; and

(C) The applicant presents to the board satisfactory proof that the applicant now bears a good reputation for honesty, trustworthiness, integrity, and competence to transact real estate appraisal activity in such a manner as to safeguard the interest of the public."

SECTION 2-7.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-40-15, relating to grant of licenses for brokers and salespersons by the Real Estate Commission and Appraisers Board, grounds for suspension or revocation of license, other sanctions, surrender or lapse, and conviction, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b)(1) As used in this Code section, the term:

(A) 'Conviction' means a finding or verdict of guilty or a plea of guilty to a charge of a felony or ~~any crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor, regardless of whether an appeal of the conviction has been brought; a sentencing to first offender treatment without an adjudication of guilt pursuant to a charge of a felony or ~~any~~

~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor; or a plea of nolo contendere to a charge of a felony or ~~any crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor.

(B) 'Felony' means any offense committed:

(i) Within this state and deemed a felony under the laws of this state or under the laws of the United States; or

(ii) In another state and deemed a felony under the laws of that state or the laws of the United States.

(1.1) No person who has a directly related conviction shall be eligible to become an applicant for a license or an approval authorized by this chapter unless such person has successfully completed all terms and conditions of any sentence imposed for such conviction, provided that if such individual has multiple convictions, at least five years shall have passed since the individual satisfied all terms and conditions of any sentence imposed for the last conviction before making application for licensure or approval; and provided, further, that if such individual has a single conviction, at least two years shall have passed since the individual satisfied all terms and conditions of any sentence imposed for the last conviction before making application for licensure or approval.

(1.2) The commission shall recommend disciplinary action or denial of an application for a licensure or approval authorized by this chapter on the basis of a criminal conviction or adjudication only if the conviction or adjudication directly relates to the role of the license sought. In determining if a criminal conviction or adjudication directly relates to the role of a broker or real estate salesperson, the commission shall consider:

(A) The nature and seriousness of the crime and the direct relationship of the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the licensee;

(B) The age of the individual at the time such crime was committed;

(C) The length of time elapsed since such crime was committed;

(D) All circumstances relative to such crime, including, but not limited to, mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of the offense; and

(E) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the license is sought or held, including, but not limited to:

(i) The completion of the criminal sentence;

(ii) A program and treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;

(iii) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol treatment program;

(iv) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;

(v) Education and training;

(vi) Employment history;

(vii) Employment aspirations;

(viii) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;

(ix) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character references; and

(x) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the commission.

The commission shall have the burden of determining whether it is more likely than not that a conviction supports an adverse licensing decision.

(1.3) In determining whether to terminate and revoke a license, the commission shall not consider nor require an individual to disclose:

(A) A deferred adjudication, discharged first offender treatment, completed diversion program, completed conditional discharge, or arrest not followed by a conviction;

(B) A conviction for which no sentence of incarceration can be imposed;

(C) A conviction that has been restricted, sealed, annulled, dismissed, vacated, or pardoned, provided that the commission may consider a plea for which an individual is currently serving a sentence pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42, another state's first offender laws, or subsection (a) or (c) of Code Section 16-13-2; or

(D) A juvenile adjudication.

~~(1.2)~~(1.4) A person who has a directly related conviction in a court of competent jurisdiction of this state or any other state shall be eligible to become an applicant for a licensure or an approval authorized by this chapter only if:

(A) Such person has satisfied all terms and conditions of any conviction such person may have had before making application for licensure or approval, provided that if such individual has multiple convictions, at least five years shall have passed since the individual satisfied all terms and conditions of any sentence imposed for the last conviction before making application for licensure or approval; and provided, further, that if such individual has been convicted of a single felony or of a ~~single crime of moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor, at least two years shall have passed since the individual satisfied all terms and conditions of any sentence imposed for the last conviction before making application for licensure or approval;

(B) No criminal charges for forgery, embezzlement, obtaining money under false pretenses, theft, extortion, conspiracy to defraud, a felony, a sexual offense, a probation violation, or a ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor are pending against the person; and

(C) Such person presents to the commission satisfactory proof that the person now bears a good reputation for honesty, trustworthiness, integrity, and competence to transact the business of a licensee in such a manner as to safeguard the interest of the public.

(2) Where an applicant for any license or approval authorized by this chapter has been convicted of forgery, embezzlement, obtaining money under false pretenses, theft, extortion, conspiracy to defraud, or other like offense or offenses or has been convicted of a felony, a sexual offense, a probation violation, or a crime involving moral turpitude and has been convicted thereof in a court of competent jurisdiction of this state or any other state such conviction in itself may be sufficient ground for refusal of a license or approval authorized by this chapter. An applicant for licensure as an associate broker or a broker who has been convicted of any offense enumerated in this paragraph may be licensed by the commission as an associate broker or a broker only if:

(A) At least ten years have passed since the applicant was convicted, sentenced, or released from any incarceration, whichever is later;
(B) No criminal charges are pending against the applicant; and
(C) The applicant presents to the commission satisfactory proof that the applicant now bears a good reputation for honesty, trustworthiness, integrity, and competence to transact the business of a licensee in such a manner as to safeguard the interest of the public."

SECTION 2-8.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-45-9, relating to examination for structural pest control operator certification by the Structural Pest Control Commission, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a)(1) All applicants for examination for certification as an operator must have a knowledge of the practical and scientific facts underlying the practice of structural pest control, control of wood-destroying organisms, and fumigation and the necessary knowledge and ability to recognize and control those hazardous conditions which may affect human life and health. The commission may refuse to examine anyone convicted of a ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ directly related felony or directly related covered misdemeanor.

(2) The commission shall refuse to examine an applicant on the basis of a criminal record only if the criminal record directly relates to the role of an operator. In determining if a criminal record directly relates to the role of a pest control operator, the commission shall consider:

(A) The nature and seriousness of the crime and the direct relationship of the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the operator;
(B) The age of the individual at the time such crime was committed;
(C) The length of time elapsed since such crime was committed;
(D) All circumstances relative to such crime, including, but not limited to, mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of the offense; and
(E) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the certificate is sought or held, including, but not limited to:

(i) The completion of the criminal sentence;
(ii) A program and treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;
(iii) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol treatment program;
(iv) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;
(v) Education and training;
(vi) Employment history;
(vii) Employment aspirations;
(viii) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;
(ix) Whether a bond is required to practice the occupation;

(x) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character references; and

(xi) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the commission.

(3) In determining whether to refuse to examine an applicant, the commission shall not consider nor require an individual to disclose:

(A) A deferred adjudication, discharged first offender treatment, completed diversion program, completed conditional discharge, or arrest not followed by a conviction;

(B) A conviction for which no sentence of incarceration can be imposed;

(C) A conviction that has been restricted, sealed, annulled, dismissed, vacated, or pardoned, provided that the commission may consider a plea for which an individual is currently serving a sentence pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42, another state's first offender laws, or subsection (a) or (c) of Code Section 16-13-2;

(D) A juvenile adjudication;

(E) A misdemeanor conviction older than five years, unless the offense of conviction is listed in subparagraph (j)(4)(B) of Code Section 35-3-37; or

(F) A conviction older than five years for which the individual was not incarcerated, or a conviction for which the individual's incarceration ended more than five years before the date of the commission's consideration, except for a felony conviction related to:

(i) A criminal sexual act;

(ii) Criminal fraud or embezzlement;

(iii) Aggravated assault;

(iv) Aggravated robbery;

(v) Aggravated abuse, neglect, or endangerment of a child;

(vi) Arson;

(vii) Carjacking;

(viii) Kidnapping; or

(ix) Manslaughter, homicide, or murder.

(4)(A) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual with a criminal record may petition the commission at any time, including while incarcerated and before starting or completing any required professional qualifications for certification, for a predetermination as to whether the individual's criminal record will disqualify such individual from obtaining a certification as an operator.

(B) The petition for predetermination shall include the individual's criminal record or authorize the commission to obtain the individual's criminal record. The petitioning individual need not disclose any offenses falling under paragraph (3) of this subsection. The petition shall also include any information the petitioner chooses to submit concerning the circumstances of his or her record and his or her rehabilitation.

(C) In considering predetermination petitions, the commission shall apply the direct relationship standard in paragraph (2) of this subsection and shall not consider any offenses falling under paragraph (3) of this subsection. The commission shall support

any adverse predetermination by determining whether it is more likely than not that a criminal record supports an adverse certification decision.

(D) A predetermination made under this paragraph that a petitioner is eligible for a certification shall be binding on the commission only if the petitioner applies for certification and fulfills all other requirements for operator certification and the petitioner's submitted criminal record was correct and remains unchanged at the time of his or her application for certification.

(E) If a petitioner's criminal record includes matters that may disqualify the petitioner from certification, the commission shall notify the petitioner of the potentially disqualifying convictions. The letter of concern shall advise the petitioner of his or her opportunity to submit additional evidence of rehabilitation and mitigation or for a hearing, or both.

(F) The commission may predetermine that the petitioner's criminal record is likely grounds for denial of certification only after the commission has held a hearing on the petitioner's eligibility in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The hearing shall be held in person, by remote video, or by teleconference within 60 days of receipt of the predetermination petition. The individual shall have the opportunity to include character witnesses at the hearing, including but not limited to family members, friends, past or prospective employers, probation or parole officers, and rehabilitation counselors, who may offer their verbal or written support. The commission shall not make an adverse inference by a petitioner's decision to forgo a hearing or character witnesses. The commission shall issue a final decision within 60 days of complete submission of the issue for consideration or the hearing, whichever is later.

(G) If the commission decides that a predetermination petitioner is ineligible for a license, the commission shall notify the petitioner of the following:

(i) The grounds and rationale for the predetermination, including any of the petitioner's specific convictions and the factors provided for in paragraph (2) of this subsection the commission deemed directly relevant;

(ii) An explanation of the process and right to appeal the commission's predetermination decision under Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act'; and

(iii) Any actions the petitioner may take to remedy the disqualification. An individual who receives a predetermination of ineligibility may submit a revised petition reflecting completion of the remedial actions. The individual may submit a new petition to the commission not before one year following a final judgment on his or her initial petition or upon completing the remedial actions, whichever is earlier.

(H) The denial of a predetermination petition because of the applicant's criminal record shall constitute a contested case as defined in Code Section 50-13-2. In an administrative hearing reviewing the denial of a predetermination petition, the applicant shall have the burden of proving that his or her criminal record does not directly relate to the licensed occupation."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, is amended in Article 1 of Chapter 23, relating to agents, agencies, subagents, counselors, and adjusters, by adding two new Code sections to read as follows:

"33-23-21.2.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual with a criminal record may petition the Commissioner at any time, including while incarcerated and before starting or completing any required professional qualifications for licensure, for a predetermination as to whether the individual's criminal record will disqualify him or her from obtaining a license.

(b) The petition for predetermination shall include the individual's criminal record or authorize the Commissioner to obtain the individual's criminal record. The petition shall also include information submitted by the petitioner concerning the circumstances of his or her record and his or her rehabilitation.

(c) A predetermination made under this Code section that a petitioner is eligible for a license shall be binding on the Commissioner only if the petitioner applies for licensure and fulfills all other requirements for the licensure and the petitioner's submitted criminal record was correct and remains unchanged at the time of his or her application for a license.

(d) If a petitioner's criminal record includes matters that may disqualify the petitioner from licensure, the Commissioner shall provide notice and opportunity for a hearing in accordance with Chapter 2 of this title.

(e) If, after notice and the opportunity for a hearing, the Commissioner decides that a predetermination petitioner is ineligible for a license, the Commissioner shall notify the petitioner of the following:

(1) The grounds and rationale for the predetermination, including the factors in Code Section 33-23-21.2 the Commissioner deemed directly relevant;

(2) An explanation of the process and right to appeal the Commissioner's predetermination decision; and

(3) Any actions the petitioner may take to remedy the disqualification. An individual who receives a predetermination of ineligibility may submit a revised petition reflecting completion of the remedial actions. The individual may submit a new petition to the Commissioner not before one year following a final judgment on his or her initial petition or upon completing the remedial actions, whichever is earlier.

(f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title to the contrary, a denial by the Commissioner of a predetermination petition because of the applicant's criminal record shall constitute a contested case as defined in Code Section 50-13-2. In an administrative hearing reviewing the denial of a predetermination petition, the applicant shall have the burden of proving that his or her criminal record does not directly relate to the licensed occupation."

"33-23-43.11.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual with a criminal record may petition the Commissioner at any time, including while incarcerated and before starting or completing any required professional qualifications for licensure, for a predetermination as to whether the individual's criminal record will disqualify him or her from obtaining a public adjuster's license.

(b) The petition for predetermination shall include the individual's criminal record or authorize the Commissioner to obtain the individual's criminal record. The petition shall also include information submitted by the petitioner concerning the circumstances of his or her record and his or her rehabilitation.

(c) A predetermination made under this Code section that a petitioner is eligible for a license shall be binding on the Commissioner only if the petitioner applies for licensure and fulfills all other requirements for the licensure and the petitioner's submitted criminal record was correct and remains unchanged at the time of his or her application for a license.

(d) If a petitioner's criminal record includes matters that may disqualify the petitioner from licensure, the Commissioner shall provide notice and opportunity for a hearing in accordance with Chapter 2 of this title.

(e) If, after notice and the opportunity for a hearing, the Commissioner decides that a predetermination petitioner is ineligible for a license, the Commissioner shall notify the petitioner of the following:

(1) The grounds and rationale for the predetermination, including the specific convictions and the factors in Code Section 33-23-43.11 the Commissioner deemed directly relevant;

(2) An explanation of the process and right to appeal the Commissioner's predetermination decision; and

(3) Any actions the petitioner may take to remedy the disqualification. An individual who receives a predetermination of ineligibility may submit a revised petition reflecting completion of the remedial actions. The individual may submit a new petition to the Commissioner not before one year following a final judgment on his or her initial petition or upon completing the remedial actions, whichever is earlier.

(f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title to the contrary, a denial by the Commissioner of a predetermination petition because of the applicant's criminal record shall constitute a contested case as defined in Code Section 50-13-2. In an administrative hearing reviewing the denial of a predetermination petition, the applicant shall have the burden of proving that his or her criminal record does not directly relate to the licensed occupation."

PART IV
SECTION 4-1.

Chapter 4 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to firefighter standards and training, is amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 25-4-8, relating to qualifications of firefighters generally, to read as follows:

"(d) A person who pleaded guilty to a felony offense under Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 and successfully completed the terms of his or her sentence pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 may, at the council's discretion, be certified and employed as a firefighter if such person otherwise meets the qualifications set forth in this Code section. Such person shall provide information on the circumstances underlying the plea of guilty, as requested by the council, to enable the council to make an informed decision on such individual's qualification status."

PART V
SECTION 5-1.

Code Section 17-10-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to vacating of sentence for trafficking victim defendants, is amended by revising subparagraph (a)(2)(C) and subsection (b) as follows:

"(C) Shall be submitted with a copy of his or her criminal history background check report conducted by the Georgia Crime Information Center that has been completed no more than ~~three~~ ten business days prior to the filing of the petition; provided, however, that the defendant shall not be charged a fee by the Georgia Crime Information Center for a report produced for purposes of this Code section; and"

"(b) When a petition provided for under subsection (a) of this Code section is filed, it shall be filed under seal. The clerk of court shall accept defendant's filing under seal without need of a court order for any petition provided for under subsection (a) of this Code section. All subsequent filings, motions, hearings, court recordings, court transcripts, orders, and other court documents related to such petition shall remain under seal without need for any additional court order."

PART VI
SECTION 6-1.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026.
(b) Parts I through IV of this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2027, and shall apply to all applications for licensure submitted on or after such date.

SECTION 6-2.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House agree to the Senate amendment to the House substitute, as amended by the House, to SB 207.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

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Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
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Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
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Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	E Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
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Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
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Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	P Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
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Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
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Y Clark, D	Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 160, nays 3.

The motion prevailed.

HB 535. By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Hong of the 103rd, Leverett of the 123rd, Evans of the 57th and Miller of the 62nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 42-8-38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to arrest or graduated sanctions for probationers violating terms, hearing, disposition of charge, and procedure when probation revoked in county other than that of conviction, so as to provide for credit for time served regarding probation revocation sentencing;

to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to schedules, offenses, and penalties relative to the regulation of controlled substances, so as to clarify and revise mandatory minimum departure provisions for defendants convicted of trafficking of certain substances; to provide for a statutory sentencing limit applicable to the offense of trafficking in fentanyl; to amend Code Section 42-8-38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to arrest or graduated sanctions for probationers violating terms, hearing, disposition of charge, and procedure when probation revoked in county other than that of conviction, so as to provide for credit for time served regarding probation revocation sentencing; to provide for effective dates and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to schedules, offenses, and penalties relative to the regulation of controlled substances, is amended by revising subsections (b.1) and (g) through (i) of Code Section 16-13-31, relating to trafficking in cocaine, illegal drugs, marijuana, or methamphetamine and penalties, as follows:

"(b.1) Except as authorized by this article, any person who sells, manufactures, delivers, brings into this state, or has possession of four grams or more of fentanyl as identified in subparagraph (F) of paragraph (2) of Code Section 16-13-26, the fentanyl analog structural class as identified in paragraph (13) of Code Section 16-13-25, or any salt, isomer, or salt of an isomer thereof, as described in Schedules I and II, of any mixture containing four grams or more of fentanyl any such substance in violation of this article commits the felony offense of trafficking in fentanyl and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished as follows:

(1) If the quantity of such substances involved is four grams or more, but less than eight grams, the person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of ten years and shall pay a fine of $75,000.00;

(2) If the quantity of such substances involved is eight grams or more, but less than 14 grams, the person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 15 years and shall pay a fine of $150,000.00;

(3) If the quantity of such substances involved is 14 grams or more, but less than 28 grams, the person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 25 years and shall pay a fine of $250,000.00; and

(4) If the quantity of such substances involved is 28 grams or more, the person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 35 years and shall pay a fine of $750,000.00."

"(g)(1) The district attorney may move the sentencing court to impose a reduced or suspended sentence upon any person who is convicted of a violation of this Code section who provides substantial assistance in the identification, arrest, or conviction of any of his or her accomplices, accessories, coconspirators, or principals. Upon good cause shown, the motion may be filed and heard in camera. Upon hearing such motion, the sentencing court may impose a reduced or suspended sentence if such court finds that the defendant has rendered such substantial assistance.

(2)(A) The sentencing court may, in its discretion, depart from the mandatory minimum sentence specified for a person who is convicted of a violation of this Code section as set forth in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph if such court concludes that:

(i) The defendant was not a leader of the criminal conduct;

(ii) The defendant did not possess or use a firearm, dangerous weapon, or hazardous object during the crime;

(iii) The criminal conduct did not result in a death or serious bodily injury to a person other than to a person who is a party to the crime;

(iv) The defendant has no prior felony conviction; and

(v) The interests of justice will not be served by the imposition of the prescribed mandatory minimum sentence.

(B) The sentencing departure ranges pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall be as follows:

(i) Any person convicted of violating subparagraph (a)(1)(A) of this Code section, paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this Code section relating to the quantity of drugs specified in subparagraph (a)(1)(A) of this Code section, or paragraph (1) of subsection (e) or (f) of this Code section, imprisonment for not less than five nor more than ten years and a fine of not less than $100,000.00 nor more than $200,000.00;

(ii) Any person convicted of violating subparagraph (a)(1)(B) of this Code section, paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this Code section relating to the quantity of drugs specified in subparagraph (a)(1)(B) of this Code section, or paragraph (2) of subsection (e) or (f) of this Code section, imprisonment for not less than seven years and six months nor more than 15 years and a fine of not less than $150,000.00 nor more than $300,000.00;

(iii) Any person convicted of violating subparagraph (a)(1)(C) of this Code section, paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this Code section relating to the quantity of drugs specified in subparagraph (a)(1)(C) of this Code section, or paragraph (3) of subsection (e) or (f) of this Code section, imprisonment for not less than 12 years

and six months nor more than 25 years and a fine of not less than $500,000.00 nor more than $1 million;

(iv) Any person convicted of violating paragraph (1) of subsection (b) or (d) of this Code section, imprisonment for not less than two years and six months nor more than five years and a fine of not less than $25,000.00 nor more than $50,000.00;

(v) Any person convicted of violating paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of this Code section, imprisonment for not less than five years nor more than ten years and a fine of not less than $50,000.00 nor more than $100,000.00;

(vi) Any person convicted of violating paragraph (3) of subsection (b) of this Code section, imprisonment for not less than 12 years and six months nor more than 25 years and a fine of not less than $250,000.00 nor more than $500,000.00;

(vii) Any person convicted of violating paragraph (1) of subsection (b.1) of this Code section, imprisonment for not less than two years and six months nor more than ~~five~~ ten years and a fine of not less than $12,500.00 nor more than ~~$25,000.00~~ $75,000.00;

(viii) Any person convicted of violating paragraph (2) of subsection (b.1) of this Code section, imprisonment for not less than five years nor more than ~~ten~~ 15 years and a fine of not less than $25,000.00 nor more than ~~$50,000.00~~ $150,000.00;

(ix) Any person convicted of violating paragraph (3) of subsection (b.1) of this Code section, imprisonment for not less than ten years nor more than ~~20~~ 25 years and a fine of not less than $50,000.00 nor more than ~~$100,000.00~~ $250,000.00;

(x) Any person convicted of violating paragraph (4) of subsection (b.1) of this Code section, imprisonment for not less than 15 years nor more than ~~30~~ 35 years and a fine of not less than $250,000.00 nor more than ~~$500,000.00~~ $750,000.00;

(xi) Any person convicted of violating paragraph (1) of subsection (c) of this Code section, imprisonment for not less than two years and six months nor more than five years and a fine of not less than $50,000.00 nor more than $100,000.00;

(xii) Any person convicted of violating paragraph (2) of subsection (c) of this Code section, imprisonment for not less than three years and six months nor more than seven years and a fine of not less than $125,000.00 nor more than $250,000.00;

(xiii) Any person convicted of violating paragraph (3) of subsection (c) of this Code section, imprisonment for not less than seven years and six months nor more than 15 years and a fine of not less than $500,000.00 nor more than $1 million; and

(xiv) Any person convicted of violating paragraph (2) of subsection (d) of this Code section, imprisonment for not less than seven years and six months nor more than 15 years and a fine of not less than $125,000.00 nor more than $250,000.00.

(C) If the sentencing court departs from the mandatory minimum sentence pursuant to this paragraph, such court shall specify on the record the circumstances for such departure and the interests served by such departure. Any such order shall be appealable by the State of Georgia pursuant to Code Section 5-7-1.

(D) As used in this paragraph, the term:

(i) 'Dangerous weapon' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-11-121.

(ii) 'Firearm' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-11-131.

(iii) 'Hazardous object' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 20-2-751.

(iv) 'Leader' means a person who planned and organized others and acted as a guiding force in order to achieve a common goal.

(3) The sentencing court may, in its discretion, depart from the mandatory minimum sentence specified in this Code section for a person who is convicted of a violation of this Code section when the prosecuting attorney and the defendant have agreed to a sentence that is below such mandatory minimum.

(h)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection and subsection (g) of this Code section, any ~~Any~~ person who violates any provision of this Code section shall be punished as provided for in the applicable mandatory minimum punishment; provided, however, that any such punishment imposed shall be ~~and~~ for not more than 30 years of imprisonment and by a fine not to exceed $1 million.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (g) of this Code section, any person who violates any provision of subsection (b.1) of this Code section shall be punished as provided for in the applicable mandatory minimum punishment; provided, however, that any such punishment imposed shall be for not more than 40 years of imprisonment and by a fine not to exceed $1 million.

(i) Except as provided in subsection (g) of this Code section and notwithstanding the provisions of Code Section 16-13-2 to the contrary, with respect to any person who is found to have violated this Code section, no portion of the mandatory minimum sentence shall be suspended, stayed, probated, deferred, or otherwise withheld by the sentencing court. Any sentence imposed pursuant to subsection (g) of this Code section shall not be reduced by any earned time, early release, work release, leave, or other sentence-reducing measures under programs administered by the Department of Corrections, the effect of which would be to reduce the period of incarceration ordered by the sentencing court ~~or any form of pardon, parole, or commutation of sentence by the State Board of Pardons and Paroles~~; provided, however, that during the final year of incarceration, a defendant so sentenced shall be eligible to be considered for participation in a Department of Corrections administered transitional center or work release program."

SECTION 2.

Code Section 42-8-38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to arrest or graduated sanctions for probationers violating terms, hearing, disposition of charge, and procedure when probation revoked in county other than that of conviction, is amended by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c) After the hearing, the court may revoke, modify, or continue the probation. If the probation is revoked, the court may order the execution of the sentence originally imposed or of any portion thereof. In such event, the time that the defendant has served under probation shall be considered as time served and shall be deducted from and considered a part of the time he or she was originally sentenced to serve. Regarding any carceral sentence imposed pursuant to a revocation of probation, a person shall be given

full credit for time served for each day served in confinement since the date of the commission of the violation in accordance with Code Section 17-10-11, excluding any time tolled in accordance with Code Section 42-8-36."

SECTION 3.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval and shall apply to offenses committed on or after such date.
(b) Section 2 of this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Smith of the 18th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 535.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	E Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Myles	E Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	E Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	E Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	P Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N

Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	E Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 160, nays 0.

The motion prevailed.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

HB 328. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Hilton of the 48th, Carson of the 46th, Ridley of the 6th, Gaines of the 120th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income tax imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits, so as to increase the annual aggregate limit for tax credits available for certain contributions to student scholarship organizations; to increase the time allowed after being preapproved to make the contributions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2A of Title 20 and Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student scholarship organizations and income taxes, respectively, so as to revise provisions for student eligibility and maximum scholarship amounts; to provide for military students and students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), Section 504 Plans, or other designated disabilities; to provide for such designation; to prohibit members of the General Assembly and their spouses from receiving income from student scholarship organizations that receive certain contributions; to provide for an alternative method for the deposit of a scholarship award; to increase the annual aggregate limit of tax credits allowed for certain contributions to student scholarship organizations; to increase the annual aggregate amount of such tax credits allowed for business enterprises for state insurance premium tax liability; to increase the annual aggregate limit for tax credits available for qualified education donations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 2A of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student scholarship organizations, is amended by revising paragraph (1) of Code Section 20-2A-1, relating to definitions, as follows:

"(1) 'Eligible student' means a student who is a Georgia resident who, immediately prior to receiving a scholarship or tuition grant under Code Section 20-2A-2 and enrolling in a qualified school or program, was enrolled in and attended for at least six weeks a Georgia secondary or primary public school or who is eligible to enroll in a qualified first grade, kindergarten program, or pre-kindergarten program; provided, however, that, if a student is deemed an eligible student pursuant to this paragraph, he or she shall continue to qualify as such until he or she graduates, reaches the age of 20, or returns to a public school, whichever occurs first; and provided, further, that the enrollment and six-week public school attendance requirements shall be waived in the case of a student whose parent is an active duty military service member stationed in Georgia during the previous year; a student with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or a Section 504 Plan or who has been diagnosed with dyslexia, autism spectrum disorder, speech-language delay and disorder, hearing loss, or another intellectual and developmental disability designated by the Department of Education pursuant to Code Section 20-2A-2; or a student who, based on the school attendance zone of his or her primary residence, is or would be assigned to a public school that the Office of Student Achievement determines to be a low-performing school, who is the subject of officially documented cases of school based physical violence or student related verbal abuse threatening physical harm, or who was enrolled in a home study program meeting the requirements of subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-690 for at least one year immediately prior to receiving a scholarship or tuition grant under Code Section 20-2A-2."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising paragraph (1) of Code Section 20-2A-2, relating to requirements for student scholarship organizations, as follows:

"(1) With respect to the first $1.5 million of its annual revenue received from donations for scholarships or tuition grants, including interest earned on deposits and investments of scholarship funds or tuition grants, shall obligate at least 92 percent of such revenue for scholarships or tuition grants; with respect to its annual revenue received from donations for scholarships or tuition grants in excess of $1.5 million and up to and including $10 million, including interest earned on deposits and investments of scholarship funds or tuition grants, shall obligate at least 94 percent of such revenue for scholarships or tuition grants; with respect to its annual revenue received from donations for scholarships or tuition grants in excess of $10 million and up to and including $20 million, including interest earned on deposits and investments of scholarship funds or tuition grants, shall obligate at least 95 percent of such revenue for scholarships or tuition grants; and, with respect to its annual revenue received from donations for scholarships or tuition grants in excess of $20 million, including interest

earned on deposits and investments of scholarship funds or tuition grants, shall obligate at least 96 percent of such revenue for scholarships or tuition grants. On or before the end of the calendar year following the calendar year in which a student scholarship organization receives revenues from donations and obligates them for the awarding of scholarships or tuition grants, the student scholarship organization shall designate the obligated revenues for specific student recipients. Once the student scholarship organization designates obligated revenues for specific student recipients, in the case of multiyear scholarships or tuition grants, the student scholarship organization may distribute the entire obligated and designated revenues to a qualified school or program to be held in accordance with Department of Revenue rules for distribution to the specified recipients during the years in which the recipients are projected in writing by the private school to be enrolled at the qualified school or program. In making a multiyear distribution to a qualified school or program, the student scholarship organization shall require that if the designated student becomes ineligible or for any other reason the qualified school or program elects not to continue disbursement of the multiyear scholarship or tuition grant to the designated student for all the projected years, then the qualified school or program shall immediately return the remaining funds to the student scholarship organization. Once the student scholarship organization designates obligated revenues for specific student recipients, in the case of multiyear scholarships or tuition grants for which the student scholarship organization distributes the obligated and designated revenues to a qualified school or program annually rather than the entire amount, if the designated student becomes ineligible or for any other reason the student scholarship organization elects not to continue disbursement for all years, then the student scholarship organization shall designate any remaining previously obligated revenues for a new specific student recipient on or before the end of the following calendar year. Unless the student has an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or a Section 504 Plan or has been diagnosed with dyslexia, autism spectrum disorder, speech-language delay and disorder, hearing loss, or another intellectual and developmental disability (IDD) designated by the Department of Education pursuant to this paragraph, the ~~The~~ maximum scholarship amount given by the student scholarship organization in any given year shall not exceed the average state and local expenditures per student in fall enrollment in public elementary and secondary education for this state. The Department of Education shall determine and publish such amount and such designated IDDs annually, no later than January 1;"

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2A-2.2.

No member of the General Assembly or a spouse of a member of the General Assembly shall receive any income from a student scholarship organization during a taxable year in which such organization receives a contribution for which a tax credit pursuant to Code Section 48-7-29.16 was approved."

SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2A-5, relating to parent or guardian endorsement of award required, as follows:

"20-2A-5.

The parent or guardian to whom a scholarship award is granted must restrictively endorse the scholarship award to the private school for deposit into the account of the private school or authorize by electronic signature for the deposit to be made into the account of the private school consistent with regulations issued by the Department of Revenue. The parent or guardian may not designate any entity or individual associated with the participating private school as the parent's attorney in fact to endorse a scholarship award. A participant who fails to comply with this Code section forfeits the scholarship."

SECTION 5.

Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income tax imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits, is amended in Code Section 48-7-29.16, relating to tax credits for contributions to student scholarship organizations, by revising paragraphs (1) and (1.1) of subsection (f) as follows:

"(f)(1) The aggregate amount of tax credits allowed under this Code section shall not exceed~~:~~

~~(A) Fifty-eight million dollars for the year ending on December 31, 2018;~~

~~(B) For 2019 through 2022, $100 million per year; and~~

~~(C) For 2023 and all subsequent years, $120~~ $225 million per year.

(1.1) In no event shall the aggregate amount of tax credits allowed under this Code section to all business enterprises for state insurance premium tax liability owed pursuant to Code Section 33-8-4 exceed ~~$6 million~~ 6 percent of the aggregate amount of tax credits allowed under this Code section for any year as provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection."

SECTION 6.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 48-7-29.21, relating to tax credits for donations to nonprofit corporations awarding grants to public schools, by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (f) as follows:

"(f)(1) In no event shall the aggregate amount of tax credits allowed under this Code section exceed~~:~~ $25 million per calendar year

~~(A) $5 million for the tax year ending on December 31, 2023; or~~

~~(B) $15 million for the tax year 2024, and for all subsequent tax years~~."

SECTION 7.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2027.

SECTION 8.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following amendment was read and adopted:

Representative Efstration of the 104th offers the following amendment:

Amend the Senate substitute to HB 328 (LC 59 0427S) by replacing lines 1 through the end with the following:

To amend Titles 20 and 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education and revenue and taxation, respectively, so as to revise provisions for student eligibility and maximum scholarship amounts; to provide for military students and students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), Section 504 Plans, or other designated disabilities; to provide for such designation; to prohibit members of the General Assembly and their spouses from receiving income from student scholarship organizations that receive certain contributions; to provide for an alternative method for the deposit of a scholarship award; to prohibit virtual instruction to out-of-system students if the local school system has a College and Career Ready Performance Index average below 65 for the previous two school years; to prohibit out-of-system students from being counted toward equalization funds received by a local school system; to require local school systems that enroll out-of-system students to compile a list of such out-of-system students; to increase the annual aggregate limit of tax credits allowed for certain contributions to student scholarship organizations; to increase the annual aggregate amount of such tax credits allowed for business enterprises for state insurance premium tax liability; to increase the annual aggregate limit for tax credits available for qualified education donations; to prohibit the use of special district mass transportation sales and use taxes for the provision of free or reduced fares for public transit services; to provide for time limits upon the recalling of an election for approval of special districts for transit purposes sales and use tax (Transit SPLOST) within nonattainment areas upon failure to approve; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended in Chapter 2A, relating to student scholarship organizations, by revising paragraph (1) of Code Section 20-2A-1, relating to definitions, as follows:

"(1) 'Eligible student' means a student who is a Georgia resident who, immediately prior to receiving a scholarship or tuition grant under Code Section 20-2A-2 and enrolling in a qualified school or program, was enrolled in and attended for at least six weeks a Georgia secondary or primary public school or who is eligible to enroll in a qualified first grade, kindergarten program, or pre-kindergarten program; provided, however, that, if a student is deemed an eligible student pursuant to this paragraph, he or she shall continue to qualify as such until he or she graduates, reaches the age of 20, or returns to a public school, whichever occurs first; and provided, further, that the

enrollment and six-week public school attendance requirements shall be waived in the case of a student whose parent is an active duty military service member stationed in Georgia during the previous year; a student with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or a Section 504 Plan or who has been diagnosed with dyslexia, autism spectrum disorder, speech-language delay and disorder, hearing loss, or another intellectual and developmental disability designated by the Department of Education pursuant to Code Section 20-2A-2; or a student who, based on the school attendance zone of his or her primary residence, is or would be assigned to a public school that the Office of Student Achievement determines to be a low-performing school, who is the subject of officially documented cases of school based physical violence or student related verbal abuse threatening physical harm, or who was enrolled in a home study program meeting the requirements of subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-690 for at least one year immediately prior to receiving a scholarship or tuition grant under Code Section 20-2A-2."

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising paragraph (1) of Code Section 20-2A-2, relating to requirements for student scholarship organizations, as follows:

"(1) With respect to the first $1.5 million of its annual revenue received from donations for scholarships or tuition grants, including interest earned on deposits and investments of scholarship funds or tuition grants, shall obligate at least 92 percent of such revenue for scholarships or tuition grants; with respect to its annual revenue received from donations for scholarships or tuition grants in excess of $1.5 million and up to and including $10 million, including interest earned on deposits and investments of scholarship funds or tuition grants, shall obligate at least 94 percent of such revenue for scholarships or tuition grants; with respect to its annual revenue received from donations for scholarships or tuition grants in excess of $10 million and up to and including $20 million, including interest earned on deposits and investments of scholarship funds or tuition grants, shall obligate at least 95 percent of such revenue for scholarships or tuition grants; and, with respect to its annual revenue received from donations for scholarships or tuition grants in excess of $20 million, including interest earned on deposits and investments of scholarship funds or tuition grants, shall obligate at least 96 percent of such revenue for scholarships or tuition grants. On or before the end of the calendar year following the calendar year in which a student scholarship organization receives revenues from donations and obligates them for the awarding of scholarships or tuition grants, the student scholarship organization shall designate the obligated revenues for specific student recipients. Once the student scholarship organization designates obligated revenues for specific student recipients, in the case of multiyear scholarships or tuition grants, the student scholarship organization may distribute the entire obligated and designated revenues to a qualified school or program to be held in accordance with Department of Revenue rules for distribution to the specified recipients during the years in which the recipients are projected in writing by the private school to be enrolled at the qualified school or program. In making a

multiyear distribution to a qualified school or program, the student scholarship organization shall require that if the designated student becomes ineligible or for any other reason the qualified school or program elects not to continue disbursement of the multiyear scholarship or tuition grant to the designated student for all the projected years, then the qualified school or program shall immediately return the remaining funds to the student scholarship organization. Once the student scholarship organization designates obligated revenues for specific student recipients, in the case of multiyear scholarships or tuition grants for which the student scholarship organization distributes the obligated and designated revenues to a qualified school or program annually rather than the entire amount, if the designated student becomes ineligible or for any other reason the student scholarship organization elects not to continue disbursement for all years, then the student scholarship organization shall designate any remaining previously obligated revenues for a new specific student recipient on or before the end of the following calendar year. Unless the student has an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or a Section 504 Plan or has been diagnosed with dyslexia, autism spectrum disorder, speech-language delay and disorder, hearing loss, or another intellectual and developmental disability (IDD) designated by the Department of Education pursuant to this paragraph, the ~~The~~ maximum scholarship amount given by the student scholarship organization in any given year shall not exceed the average state and local expenditures per student in fall enrollment in public elementary and secondary education for this state. The Department of Education shall determine and publish such amount and such designated IDDs annually, no later than January 1;"

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2A-2.2.

No member of the General Assembly or a spouse of a member of the General Assembly shall receive any income from a student scholarship organization during a taxable year in which such organization receives a contribution for which a tax credit pursuant to Code Section 48-7-29.16 was approved."

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising Code Section 20-2A-5, relating to parent or guardian endorsement of award required, as follows:

"20-2A-5.

The parent or guardian to whom a scholarship award is granted must restrictively endorse the scholarship award to the private school for deposit into the account of the private school or authorize by electronic signature for the deposit to be made into the account of the private school consistent with regulations issued by the Department of Revenue. The parent or guardian may not designate any entity or individual associated with the

participating private school as the parent's attorney in fact to endorse a scholarship award. A participant who fails to comply with this Code section forfeits the scholarship."

SECTION 5.

Said title is further amended in Part 4 of Article 6 of Chapter 2, relating to financing relative to the "Quality Basic Education Act," by revising Code Section 20-2-167.2 as follows:

"20-2-167.2.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Out-of-system student' means a student who is enrolled in a local school system and receives virtual instruction from a virtual school within ~~the~~ such local school system, but who resides in another local school system.

(2) 'Virtual instruction' means online instruction for grades kindergarten through 12. Such term shall not include virtual instruction received through the Georgia Virtual School established pursuant to Code Section 20-2-319.1 or the clearing-house established pursuant to Code Section 20-2-319.3, or through a state charter school which provides virtual instruction.

(3) 'Virtual school' means a school within a local school system which provides virtual instruction.

(b) A local school system that provides virtual instruction through a virtual school whose total student enrollment is composed of more than 5 percent out-of-system students shall:

(1) Ensure that 90 percent of funds earned pursuant to this article for out-of-system students are expended for costs for virtual instruction for such out-of-system students and shall return any excess funds to the state treasury which are not expended for such purposes; ~~and~~

(2) Include in the virtual school and local school system's College and Career Ready Performance Index data academic achievement results for out-of-system students; and

(3) Not provide virtual instruction to out-of-system students in the current academic year if the local school system or its virtual school has failed to maintain an average of 65 or above on the College and Career Ready Performance Index over the previous two school years.

(c) Each local school system that enrolls any out-of-system students shall compile a complete list of such out-of-system students as of October 1 and March 1 of each year. No local school system shall include any such out-of-system student in any count for purposes related to qualifying for equalization funds pursuant to Code Section 20-2-165.

~~(c)~~(d) This Code section shall not be subject to waiver pursuant to Code Section 20-2-82 for a strategic waivers school system, Code Section 20-2-2063.2 for a charter system, Code Section 20-2-2065 for a charter school, or Code Section 20-2-244."

SECTION 6.

Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating revenue and taxation, is amended in Chapter 7, relating to income tax imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits, by revising paragraphs (1) and (1.1) of subsection (f) of Code Section 48-7-

29.16, relating to tax credits for contributions to student scholarship organizations, as follows:

"(f)(1) The aggregate amount of tax credits allowed under this Code section shall not exceed~~:~~

~~(A) Fifty-eight million dollars for the year ending on December 31, 2018;~~

~~(B) For 2019 through 2022, $100 million per year; and~~

~~(C) For 2023 and all subsequent years, $120~~ $150 million per year.

(1.1) In no event shall the aggregate amount of tax credits allowed under this Code section to all business enterprises for state insurance premium tax liability owed pursuant to Code Section 33-8-4 exceed ~~$6 million~~ 6 percent of the aggregate amount of tax credits allowed under this Code section for any year as provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection."

SECTION 7.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (f) of Code Section 48-7-29.21, relating to tax credits for donations to nonprofit corporations awarding grants to public schools, as follows:

"(f)(1) In no event shall the aggregate amount of tax credits allowed under this Code section exceed~~:~~ $25 million per calendar year

~~(A) $5 million for the tax year ending on December 31, 2023; or~~

~~(B) $15 million for the tax year 2024, and for all subsequent tax years~~."

SECTION 8.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 8, relating to sales and use taxes, by revising paragraph (4) of Code Section 48-8-260, relating to definitions relative to special district mass transportation sales and use tax, as follows:

"(4) 'Transportation purposes' means and includes:

(A) Roads, bridges, public transit, rails, airports, buses, seaports, including without limitation road, street, and bridge purposes pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Code Section 48-8-121, and all accompanying infrastructure and services necessary to provide access to ~~these~~ such transportation facilities, including new general obligation debt and other multiyear obligations issued to finance such purposes but excluding purposes of providing free or reduced fares for public transit services;

(B) The retirement of previously incurred general obligation debt with respect only to such purposes as identified in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph;

(C) A capital outlay project or projects under subparagraph (a)(1)(M) of Code Section 48-8-111, with respect only to such purposes as identified in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph; or

(D) Any combination of two or more of the foregoing."

SECTION 9.

Said title is further amended is said chapter by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 48-8-269.46, relating to ballot question, expenses of election, resubmission of question, and general obligation debt for special districts within nonattainment areas relative to special districts for transit purposes sales and use tax (Transit SPLOST), by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c) Where such question is not approved by the voters, the county may resubmit such question ~~from time to time~~ upon compliance with the requirements of this article and after the passage of eight years from the date the special election was previously held."

SECTION 10.

(a) Except as provide in subsection (b) of this section, this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2027.

(b) Section 5 of this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026,

SECTION 11.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Carpenter of the 4th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute, as amended by the House, to HB 328.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	E Sampson
N Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Alexander	N Crawford	N Herring	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
N Au	N Davis	N Holcomb	E Miller	N Scott
N Baker	N Dawson	N Holland	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
N Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	N Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Myles	E Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Neal	Y Smith, TP
N Bazemore	N Douglas	N Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
N Beckles	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
N Bell	N Drenner	N Hugley	N Okoye	E Stinson
N Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	N Taylor, R
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Townsend
N Burnough	N Evans	N Jones, A	N Park	N Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	N Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade

N Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	N Frye	N Kendrick	N Prince	Y Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	E Reese	N Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	N Gilliard	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, A
N Carter	N Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	E Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 99, nays 67.

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, the following Bill of the Senate, having been previously postponed, was again postponed until the next legislative day:

SB 446. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Hickman of the 4th, Ginn of the 47th, Gooch of the 51st, Tillery of the 19th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2A of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student scholarship organizations, so as to provide for the State of Georgia to participate in the federal tax credit program for contributions of individuals to scholarship granting organizations; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for rules and guidelines; to provide for definitions; to make conforming changes; to amend Code Section 48-7-29.16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax credits for contributions to student scholarship organizations, so as to make a conforming change; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, the following Bill of the Senate was postponed until the next legislative day:

SB 437. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Robertson of the 29th, Still of the 48th, Goodman of the 8th and Watson of the 11th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state building, plumbing, and electrical codes, so as to provide for acknowledgment of an applicant's use of a private professional provider to conduct a plan review or inspection and that such review or inspection may proceed regardless of whether the local governing authority had performed its own plan review or

inspection; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following members were recognized during the period of Afternoon Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Smith of the 70th, and Ali of the 106th.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has agreed to the House substitutes as amended by the Senate to the following bills of the Senate:

SB 17. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Dixon of the 45th, Ginn of the 47th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 11 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 and Article 10 of Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public school property and facilities and state-wide first responder building mapping information system, respectively, so as to enact "Ricky and Alyssa's Law"; to require local school systems to implement a mobile panic alert system capable of connecting disparate emergency services technologies to ensure real-time coordination between multiple state and local first responder agencies in the event of a school security; to authorize the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency to adopt rules and regulations for the requirements for school mapping data; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 131. By Senators Hodges of the 3rd, Watson of the 1st, Still of the 48th, Dixon of the 45th, Goodman of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce, so as to provide for the establishment of the Georgia Health Care Professionals Data System; to provide for definitions; to provide for collaboration with state licensing boards; to provide for a publicly accessible website; to provide for collection of data from state licensing boards; to provide for specified data; to provide for seeking of funding sources; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 503. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Walker III of the 20th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Robertson of the 29th, Still of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to kinds of insurance, limits of risks, and reinsurance, so as to exempt rental home marketplace guarantees from the definition of property insurance; to require certain language; to provide for compliance with certain registration requirements; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has disagreed to the House substitute to the following bill of the Senate:

SB 398. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Strickland of the 42nd, Robertson of the 29th, Bearden of the 30th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to wiretapping, eavesdropping, surveillance, and related offenses, so as to establish criminal offenses of virtual peeping; to prohibit the use of a generative artificial intelligence system to generate images of individuals with the knowledge that such generation was without authorization or consent; to provide for penalties; to provide for an exception; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has agreed to the House substitutes to the following bills of the Senate:

SB 150. By Senators Hickman of the 4th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Payne of the 54th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 47 of the O.C.G.A., relating to retirement allowances, disability benefits, and spouses' benefits, so as to extend the program to permit public school systems to employ certain beneficiaries of the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia as classroom teachers in a full-time capacity to June 30, 2034; to reduce the number of years worked by a beneficiary to 25 before being eligible to be hired under this Code section; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 369. By Senators Still of the 48th, Esteves of the 35th, Kemp of the 38th and Brass of the 6th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 31 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Charter Schools Act of 1998," so as to provide for completion charter schools; to provide for rules, regulations, policies, and procedures; to provide for the conversion of existing charter schools to completion charter schools; to provide for measurable objective performance standards; to provide for separate principles and standards for completion charter schools; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 403. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Walker III of the 20th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Parent of the 44th, Albers of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 12 of Title 44 of the O.C.G.A., relating to disposition of unclaimed property, so as to provide for exceptions to when property is presumed abandoned; to provide for abandonment and liquidation of virtual currency; to authorize delay of publication of notice on the "Georgia Unclaimed Property List" under certain circumstances; to provide for methods of payment of claims; to waive the requirement of a probate court order for claims of heirs under certain circumstances; to provide for circumstances under which a claim is void; to provide for definitions; to amend Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to revenue and taxation, so as to waive confidentiality of certain tax records; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 406. By Senators Brass of the 6th, James of the 28th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Dixon of the 45th, Sims of the 12th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, so as to require the registration of property owners' associations; to provide for renewals and amendments; to provide for appeals; to provide for a State Board for Review of Complaints Regarding Property Owners' Associations; to provide for review of complaints; to amend Code Section 44-3-232 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to assessments against lot owners as constituting lien in favor of association, additional charges against lot owners, procedure for foreclosing lien, and obligation to provide statement of amounts due, so as to provide for authorization of liens and use of assessments; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 478. By Senators Watson of the 11th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Walker III of the 20th, Anderson of the 24th, Goodman of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6A of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to outdoor stewardship, so as to provide for a sunset; to raise the percentage of moneys appropriated; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 552. By Senators Watson of the 1st, Strickland of the 42nd, Cowsert of the 46th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Walker III of the 20th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 2A of Part 1 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to clubs and organizations, so as to provide for equal access to public schools for students engaging in political or philosophical expression; to authorize the organization of partisan and nonpartisan student groups and gatherings; to provide for school disclaimers of sponsorship; to prohibit discrimination based on the content of student speech within a limited open forum; to provide for the maintenance of order and discipline; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 569. By Senators Strickland of the 42nd, Robertson of the 29th, Jones of the 10th, Summers of the 13th, Mallow of the 2nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to provide for the issuance of emergency vehicle light permits for towing service companies in certain instances; to revise a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 587. By Senators Still of the 48th, Dickerson of the 21st, Summers of the 13th, Albers of the 56th, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding offenses against public health and morals, so as to provide for the establishment of an animal cruelty database; to provide for purpose and funding; to require the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of the State of Georgia to create, administer, and maintain such database; to provide for minimum requirements; to provide for reporting and forms; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 589. By Senators Brass of the 6th, Hickman of the 4th, Hatchett of the 50th, Anavitarte of the 31st, McNeel of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to revise the date by which a child must attain a certain age to be eligible for enrollment in kindergarten or first grade; to provide for parents and guardians to elect for their children who have attained the age of four or five to be enrolled in a voluntary pre-kindergarten program provided and operated as part of Georgia's Pre-K Program; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has agreed to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to the following bill of the House:

HB 134. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Jasperse of the 11th, Burchett of the 176th, Corbett of the 174th, Williams of the 148th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to provide for definitions; to revise and expand a sales tax exemption for manufactured homes; to provide for a sunset date; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bills of the House:

HB 297. By Representatives Anderson of the 10th, Rhodes of the 124th, Meeks of the 178th, Williams of the 148th, Huddleston of the 72nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-1-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to revise the definition of "multipurpose off-highway vehicle"; to amend Article 10 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of motor vehicles and motor homes, so as to define "multipurpose off-highway vehicle" and subclassify such vehicles for ad valorem taxation purposes; to provide that such vehicles shall not be returned or taxed for ad valorem taxation purposes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1161. By Representatives Lim of the 98th, Clark of the 108th, Santos of the 117th, Hong of the 103rd, Reeves of the 99th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to provide for proper operation of a motor vehicle upon approach by an authorized emergency vehicle or by a law enforcement vehicle for purposes of a traffic stop; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1263. By Representatives Lumsden of the 12th, Reeves of the 99th, Taylor of the 173rd, Gambill of the 15th, Williamson of the 112th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fees and taxes regarding insurance, so as to provide for a claim for a refund of certain fees and taxes relative to insurance premiums to be made within three years of payment to the Commissioner; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House do now adjourn until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Thursday, April 2, 2026, and the motion prevailed.

Pursuant to the adjournment Resolution previously adopted by the House and Senate, the Speaker announced the House adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Thursday, April 2, 2026.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Thursday, April 2, 2026

Fortieth Legislative Day

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

The following communications were received:

House of Representatives

Coverdell Legislative Office Building
18 Capitol Square, SW, Suite 507 C
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

March 26, 2026

William L. Reilly,
Clerk of the House
309 State Capitol Building
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Mr. Reilly,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing regarding the official records for Legislative Day 33 (March 18) and Legislative Day 35 (March 20), which currently indicate that I neither signed in nor was recorded as "present."

I respectfully request that I be marked as present on both of these days. Please let me know if any additional documentation or verification is needed to support this request.

Thank you for your time and assistance in ensuring the accuracy of the official record.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mary Ann Santos
State Representative Mary Ann Santos

District *117th*

House of Representatives
CLOB 507
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

April 1, 2026

William L. Reilly,
Clerk of the House
309 State Capitol Building
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Mr. Reilly,

Pursuant to House Rule 136, I submit this statement to explain my vote on SB 175 and SB 406.

I intended to vote "YES" on SB 406, as I believe they support policies that positively impact our constituents and communities. Unfortunately, I was unable to record my vote at the time the roll was called. Had I been present, I would have voted **Yes.**

I intended to vote "NO" on SB 175. As I believe the measure does not support policies that positively impact our constituents and communities. Unfortunately, I was unable to record my vote at the time the roll was called. Had I been present, I would have voted **no.**

I respectfully request that this explanation be entered into the House Journal.

Sincerely,

/s/ Terry Cummings
State Representative Terry Cummings

House of Representatives
CLOB 507
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

April 2nd, 2026

William L. Reilly,
Clerk of the House
309 State Capitol Building
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Mr. Reilly,

Pursuant to House Rule 136, I submit this statement to explain my vote on HB 1193.

I intended to vote "YES" on HB 1193, as I believe they support policies that positively impact our constituents and communities. Unfortunately, I was unable to record my vote at the time the roll was called. Had I been present, I would have voted **Yes.**

I respectfully request that this explanation be entered into the House Journal.

Sincerely,

/s/ Terry Cummings
State Representative Terry Cummings

The roll was called and the following Representatives answered to their names:

Adeyina	Cox	Hagan	Mathis	Richardson
Alexander	Crawford	Hatchett	McClain	Ridley, Jas
Anderson	Crowe	Hawkins	McCollum	Ridley, Jor
Au	Cummings	Herring	McDonald	Roberts
Baker	Davis	Hilton	McQueen	Romman
Ballard	Dawson	Hitchens	Meeks	Sanchez
Barnes	Dempsey	Holcomb	Miller	Schofield
Barrett	Dickey	Holland	Mitchell	Scoggins
Barton	Donatucci	Holly	Momtahan	Scott
Bazemore	Douglas	Hong	Moore	Seabaugh
Beckles	Drenner	Howard, J	Myles	Silcox
Bell	Dubnik	Huddleston	Neal	Smith, L
Berry	Efstration	Hugley	New	Smith, M
Blackmon	Ehrhart	Jackson, D	Okoye	Smith, TP
Bonner	Erwin	Jackson, M	Olaleye	Smith, V
Buckner	Evans	Jasperse	Oliver	Stephens
Burchett	Fincher	Jenkins	O'Steen	Stinson
Burnough	Fleming	Jones, A	Panitch	Tarvin
Byrd	Flournoy	Jones, J	Paris	Taylor, D
Cameron	Ford	Jones, S	Park	Taylor, R
Camp	Franklin	Jones, T	Parrish	Thomas
Campbell, J	Frye	Kahaian	Parsons	Townsend
Campbell, L	Gaines	Kelley	Persinger	E Wade
Cannon, C	Gambill	Kendrick	Petrea	Werkheiser
Carpenter	Gilliard	LaHood	Powell	Westbrook
Carter	Gisler	Lim	Prince	Williams, A
Chastain	Glaize	Lumsden	Reese	Williams, N
Cheokas	Greene	Lupton	Reeves	Williamson
Clifton	Griffin	Martin	Rhodes	Yearta
Cooper	Gullett	Martinez	Rice	Burns, Speaker
Corbett	Gunter	Mathiak		

The following members were off the floor of the House when the roll was called:

Representatives Adesanya of the 43rd, Ali of the 106th, Carson of the 46th, Clark of the 100th, Clark of the 108th, DeLoach of the 167th, Draper of the 90th, Dunahoo of the 31st, Horner of the 3rd, Howard of the 129th, Leverett of the 123rd, Lewis-Ward of the 115th, Newton of the 127th, Sainz of the 180th, Sampson of the 153rd, Santos of the 117th, Tran of the 80th, Washburn of the 144th, Williams of the 37th, and Willis of the 55th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Pastor Chance S. Ward, Goshen United Methodist Church, Rincon, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Hilton of the 48th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

Representative Davis of the 87th objected to dispensing with the reading of the Journal.

The Speaker ruled her objection out of order.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

By unanimous consent, the following was established as the order of business during the first part of the period of unanimous consents:

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

2. First reading and reference of House Bills and Resolutions.

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

6. First reading and reference of Senate Bills and Resolutions.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House were read the second time:

HB 1606	HB 1607
HB 1608	HR 1949
HR 1950	HR 1951

Representative Hawkins of the 27th District, Chairman of the Committee on Health, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 39 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Hawkins of the 27th
Chairman

Representative Martin of the 49th District, Chairman of the Committee on Higher Education, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Higher Education has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 1300 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Martin of the 49th
Chairman

Representative Corbett of the 174th District, Chairman of the Committee on Motor Vehicles, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Motor Vehicles has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 239 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Corbett of the 174th
Chairman

Representative Crowe of the 118th District, Chairman of the Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 454 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Crowe of the 118th
Chairman

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
THURSDAY, APRIL 02, 2026

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 40th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

SB 76 License Plates; specialty license plate benefitting the Georgia Veterans Service Foundation; establish (Substitute)(MotV-McCollum-30th) Echols-49th (Rules Committee Substitute LC 39 5134S)

SB 91 State Employees' Health Insurance Plan; Board of Community Health from entering into, executing, or renewing a contract with any pharmacy benefits manager that owns or has an ownership interest in any retail pharmacy; prohibit (Substitute)(Hth-Newton-127th) Tillery-19th

SB 411 Professions and Businesses; dry needling to be performed by certain licensed professionals; provide (Substitute)(Hth-Hawkins-27th) Still-48th
(Rules Committee Substitute LC 46 1567S)

SB 440 Department of Public Health; provisions relative to duties or functions; modernize and update (Substitute)(P&CH-Clifton-131st) Kirkpatrick-32nd
(Rules Committee Substitute LC 60 0375S)

SB 475 Charter School Funding; local boards of education to treat local charter schools no less favorably than other local schools; expenditure of the proceeds of a special purpose local option sales tax; require (Substitute)(Ed-Rice-139th) Kemp-38th
(Rules Committee Substitute LC 61 0516S)

SB 513 "Every Day Counts Act"; enact (Substitute)(Ed-Hilton-48th) Dickerson-21st

SB 556 HOPE Scholarship; the inclusion of advanced placement and international baccalaureate fine arts courses in the calculation of grade point averages; provide (Substitute)(HEd-Hilton-48th) Payne-54th
(Rules Committee Substitute LC 61 0519S))

Structured Rule

SB 52 "Timberlands Recovery, Exemption, and Earnings Stability (TREES) Act"; enact (Substitute)(W&M-Williamson-112th) Goodman-8th

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

By unanimous consent, the following Bill of the Senate was read the first time and referred to the Committee:

SB 629. By Senator Anavitarte of the 31st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act incorporating the town of Braswell, approved December 13, 1895, (Ga. L. 1895, p. 142), as amended; to provide for transfer of duties and obligations to Paulding and Polk counties; to provide for transfer of all legal rights, privileges, and assets to Paulding and

Polk counties; to establish special tax and service districts for outstanding bonded indebtedness and other obligations; to provide for future proceeds of special and regular local option sales taxes; to provide for the designation of the Community of Braswell; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Corbett of the 174th et al., Adeyina of the 110th et al., Barton of the 5th, Stephens of the 164th et al., Baker of the 64th et al., Santos of the 117th, Bell of the 75th et al., Cannon of the 58th et al., Smith of the 18th, Dunahoo of the 31st, and Mitchell of the 88th et al.

The following Bills of the House were taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 1112. By Representatives Barrett of the 24th, Martin of the 49th, Cox of the 28th, Blackmon of the 146th, Smith of the 138th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to selling and other trade practices, so as to provide for rounding of total price of the sale of goods or services when using legal tender; to provide for tax exemptions; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to selling and other trade practices, so as to provide for rounding of total price of the sale of goods or services when using legal tender; to provide for payment in exact change when using legal tender; to provide for tax exemptions; to provide for certain immunities; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to selling and other trade practices, is amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 38

10-1-970.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Legal tender' means all coins and currencies of the United States.

(2) 'Merchant' means any person engaged in the business of selling goods or services engaging in in-person, face-to-face sales.

10-1-971.

(a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, any merchant in this state shall determine the price of goods and services in the following manner for purchases using legal tender:

(1) The prices of the goods and services shall be totaled, including sales tax and any other applicable tax; and

(2) If one cent, two cents, six cents, or seven cents is at the end of the resulting total, such total shall be rounded down to the nearest five cents. If three cents, four cents, eight cents, or nine cents is at the end of the resulting total, such total shall be rounded up to the nearest five cents. Such rounding adjustment shall not be interpreted as impacting the sales price of the purchase pursuant to Code Section 48-8-2 or the calculation of any other tax.

(b) The provisions of this Code section shall not apply to transactions for which the total amount is one or two cents, where such total shall be rounded up to five cents, or transactions where payment is made by any demand or negotiable instrument, electronic funds transfer, money order, credit card, debit card, gift card, electronic payment, other like instrument, or mixed tender, unless cash is disbursed to the purchaser.

(c) Rounding to the nearest five cents may apply to the amount of the transaction or to the amount of change tendered to the purchaser.

(d) While the one-cent piece of the United States remains legal tender, any merchant shall accept exact payment in legal tender for the total amount due computed prior to any rounding.

(e) No tax imposed by this state or any local governing authority shall apply to losses or gains resulting from rounding pursuant to this Code section.

(f) Any merchant selling goods or services shall not be in violation of any requirements, laws, regulations, or standards of a state, county, municipality, consolidated government, or political subdivision of this state based on any action taken in compliance with this Code section."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Barrett of the 24th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 1112.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	E Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	E Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	N Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	N Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 163, nays 4.

The motion prevailed.

HB 1283. By Representatives Panitch of the 51st, Gunter of the 8th, Hagan of the 156th, Holcomb of the 101st and Roberts of the 52nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 13 of Title 19 and Chapter 16 of Title 17 of the O.C.G.A., relating to family violence and discovery,

respectively, so as to authorize the creation of Family Justice Centers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate amendment was read:

The Senate moves to *amend HB 1283 (LC 48 1779S) by replacing lines 1 and 2 with the following:*
To amend Chapter 13 of Title 19 and Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to family violence and criminal procedure, respectively, so as to authorize the creation of

By replacing lines 218 through the end with the following:

SECTION 2.

Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure, is amended in Code Section 17-5-71, relating to preservation of evidence, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) If the victim chooses not to report the alleged sexual assault to law enforcement at the time of evidence collection, the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction shall maintain any physical evidence collected as a result of such alleged sexual assault that contains biological material, including, but not limited to, stains, fluids, or hair samples that relate to the identity of the perpetrator of the alleged sexual assault, for ~~not less than 12 months~~ 10 years from the date any such physical evidence is collected."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 17-16-2, relating to applicability of article in felony cases, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

(d.1) For purposes of this article, any records, reports, notes, data, or other materials created, received, or maintained solely by a partner or participating agency within a Family Justice Center established pursuant to Article 5 of Chapter 13 of Title 19 shall not be deemed to be in the possession, custody, or control of the state or prosecution or any law enforcement agency as defined in Code Section 35-3-30 based only on the co-location of such partner or participating agency in a facility with a prosecuting attorney or law enforcement agency."

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 17-16-20, relating to applicability of article in misdemeanor cases, as follows:

"17-16-20.

(a) The provisions of this article shall apply only to misdemeanor cases or to felony cases docketed, indicted, or in which an accusation was returned prior to January 1, 1995, if the prosecuting attorney and the defendant do not agree in writing that the provisions of Article 1 of this chapter shall apply.

(b) For purposes of this article, any records, reports, notes, data, or other materials created, received, or maintained solely by a partner or participating agency within a Family Justice Center established pursuant to Article 5 of Chapter 13 of Title 19 shall not be deemed to be in the possession, custody, or control of the state or prosecution or any law enforcement agency as defined in Code Section 35-3-30 based only on the co-location of such partner or participating agency in a facility with a prosecuting attorney or law enforcement agency."

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Panitch of the 51st moved that the House agree to the Senate amendment to HB 1283.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	E Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	E Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	E Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	E Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 170, nays 0.

The motion prevailed.

HB 506. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Silcox of the 53rd and Stephens of the 164th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to provide Medicaid coverage for tobacco cessation treatments; to provide for requirements; to provide for submission of a state plan amendment or waiver, if necessary; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 20E of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Surprise Billing Consumer Protection Act," so as to provide for insurance coverage for certain out-of-network ambulance transportation service; to provide for the minimum allowable reimbursement rate for such service; to provide for maximum amounts on copayments, coinsurance, or deductibles for such service; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 20E of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Surprise Billing Consumer Protection Act," is amended by revising Code Section 33-20E-23, relating to financial responsibilities for ground ambulance transportation, as follows:

"33-20E-23.

~~Nothing in this chapter shall reduce a covered person's financial responsibilities with regard to ground ambulance transportation.~~

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Ambulance provider' means an agency, including an agency of any political subdivision of this state, or a company which is operating under a valid license from the Emergency Health Section of the Department of Public Health and which provides emergency transport service; provided, however, that such term shall not include an air ambulance service as such term is defined in Code Section 31-11-2.

(2) 'Clean claim' means a claim for reimbursement of service rendered by an ambulance provider that has no defect of impropriety, including any lack of required substantiating documentation, which would reasonably prevent timely payment for a claim.

(3) 'Covered service' means emergency transport service which a covered person is entitled to receive under the terms of a healthcare plan.

(4) 'Emergency transport service' means the provision of emergency transportation on the public streets and highways of this state by an ambulance provider for a wounded, injured, sick, invalid, or incapacitated human being to or from a place where medical or hospital care is furnished.

(5) 'First responder' means any firefighter of a municipal, county, or volunteer fire department; paramedic as defined in Code Section 31-11-2; emergency medical technician as defined in Code Section 31-11-2; peace officer as defined in Code Section 35-8-2; or communications officer as defined in Code Section 37-12-1.

(b) A healthcare plan shall consider emergency transport service as a covered service when such emergency transport service is requested by a first responder.

(c)(1) The minimum allowable reimbursement rate under any healthcare plan other than a state healthcare plan for covered service to an out-of-network ambulance provider shall be the rate agreed to by contract with or through passage of an ordinance, resolution, rule, or regulation by a county, municipality, special district, or authority for such service within the respective jurisdiction.

(2) When no agreement on a minimum reimbursement rate exists as set forth in paragraph (1) of this subsection, the minimum allowable reimbursement amount shall be the lesser of:

(A) Three hundred and twenty-five percent of the reimbursement rate under the Medicare program, Part A or B of Title XVIII of the federal Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 1395, et seq., as amended, for ambulance services; or

(B) The charges billed by the ambulance provider.

(d) Any payment made to an ambulance provider pursuant to this Code section shall release a covered person from any further payment responsibility other than any copayment, coinsurance, or deductible owed by the covered person.

(e) Any copayment, coinsurance, or deductible paid for covered service provided by an out-of-network ambulance provider shall not exceed the amount of a copayment, coinsurance, or deductible amount owed for similar service provided by an ambulance provider that belongs to the provider network in a healthcare plan.

(f) No later than 30 days after the receipt of a clean claim for covered service, an insurer shall remit payment for such service directly to the ambulance provider and shall not remit any payment to a covered person. When an insurer receives a claim that is not a clean claim, such insurer shall, within 30 days after receipt of such claim, send written notice to the ambulance provider making such claim that acknowledges the receipt of such claim and informs the ambulance provider that:

(1) The insurer has declined to pay all or part of the claim, including the reasons for such denial; or

(2) Additional information is necessary to make a determination regarding payment of all or part of the claim submitted, including the specific information required."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2027.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Hilton of the 48th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 506.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	E Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	E Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 168, nays 2.

The motion prevailed.

HB 256. By Representatives Wiedower of the 121st, Gullett of the 19th, Efstration of the 104th, Clifton of the 131st, Hatchett of the 155th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to programs and protection for children, so as to revise provisions relating to the foster parents bill of rights; to provide for definitions; to provide that such rights include relative caregivers and fictive kin; to provide for the development of administrative procedures; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to the juvenile code, so as to require the recording of all proceedings under the juvenile code; to establish the right of parties to obtain a full and complete record of proceedings under the juvenile code; to establish the right of the Department of Human Services to obtain a full and complete record of proceedings under the juvenile code in which it has been permitted to participate by the juvenile court; to amend Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to programs and protection for children, so as to revise provisions relating to the "Foster Placements Bill of Rights"; to provide for definitions; to provide that such rights include relative caregivers and fictive kin; to provide for the development of administrative procedures; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to the juvenile code, is amended by revising Code Section 15-11-17, relating to conduct of hearings generally and applicability of Title 24, as follows:

"15-11-17.

(a) All hearings under this chapter shall be conducted by the court without a jury. Any hearing may be adjourned from time to time within the discretion of the court.

(b) Except as otherwise provided, all hearings shall be conducted in accordance with Title 24.

(c) All proceedings under this chapter ~~Proceedings~~ shall be recorded by stenographic notes or by electronic, mechanical, or other appropriate means capable of accurately capturing a full and complete record of all words spoken during the proceedings.

(d) A juvenile court judge, an associate juvenile court judge, a judge pro tempore of the juvenile court, or any person sitting as a juvenile court judge may conduct hearings in connection with any proceeding under this chapter in any county within the judicial circuit. When a superior court judge sits as a juvenile court judge, hearings in connection with any proceeding under this chapter may be heard before such judge in any county within the judicial circuit over which the judge presides."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 15-11-19, relating to rights of parties to proceedings, as follows:

"15-11-19.

(a) A party has the right to be present, to be heard, to present evidence material to the proceedings, to cross-examine witnesses, to examine pertinent court files and records, and to appeal the orders of the court; provided, however, that the court shall retain the discretion to exclude a child from any part or parts of any proceeding under Article 3 of this chapter if the court determines that it is not in such child's best interests to be present. An attorney for an excluded child shall not be excluded from the proceedings.

(b) A person afforded rights under this chapter shall be advised of such rights at that person's first appearance before the court.

(c) A party shall have the right to the full and complete record of any proceeding under this chapter and shall not be required to obtain or produce a court order to receive any such full and complete record.

(d) The department shall have the right to the full and complete record of any proceeding under this chapter in which the court has allowed its participation and such department shall not be required to obtain or produce a court order to receive any such full and complete record."

SECTION 3.

Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to programs and protection for children, is amended by revising Code Section 49-5-280, relating to short title, as follows:

"49-5-280.

This article shall be known and may be cited as the 'Foster ~~Parents~~ Placements Bill of Rights.'"

SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 49-5-41, relating to persons and agencies permitted access to records, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(h) As used in this subsection, the terms 'certified volunteer advocate' and 'foster placement' shall have the same meanings as set forth in Code Section 49-5-281. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any foster placement shall have reasonable access to nonidentifying information from the placement or child protective services record compiled by any state department or agency having custody of a child with respect to any child who has been placed in the care or custody of such agency, excluding all documents obtained from outside sources which cannot be redisclosed under state or federal law. A department or agency shall respond to a request for access to a child's record within 14 days of receipt of such written request. A foster placement may share such information with a certified volunteer advocate he or she has enlisted to participate in investigations and meetings with the department pursuant to Code Section 49-5-281. Any foster placement or certified volunteer advocate who has access to a child's records shall be subject to the penalties imposed by Code Section 49-5-44 for unauthorized access to or use of such records. Such record shall include reports of abuse of such child and the social history of the child and the child's family, the medical history of such child, including psychological or psychiatric evaluations, educational records as allowed by state or federal law, and any plan of care or placement plan developed by the department."

SECTION 5.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 49-5-281, relating to bill of rights for foster parents and grievances for violations, as follows:

"49-5-281.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Certified volunteer advocate' means an individual approved as a volunteer advocate by the Office of the Child Advocate for the Protection of Children.

(2) 'Fictive kin' shall have the same meaning as in Code Section 15-11-2.

(3) 'Foster placement' means foster parents, relative caregivers, and fictive kin who provide care for children in the custody of the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services.

(4) 'Reasonable and prudent parent standard' shall have the same meaning as in Code Section 49-5-3.

(5) 'Relative caregiver' means a grandparent, great-grandparent, aunt, uncle, great aunt, great uncle, cousin, sibling, stepparent, or stepsibling who has assumed responsibility for raising a child in an informal, noncustodial, or guardianship capacity.

(b) The General Assembly finds that foster ~~parents~~ placements providing care for children who are in the custody of the Department of Human Services play an integral, indispensable, and vital role in the state's effort to care for dependent children displaced from their homes. The General Assembly further finds that it is in the best interest of Georgia's child welfare system to acknowledge ~~foster parents~~ these caregivers as active and participating members of this system and to support them through the following bill of rights for foster ~~parents~~ placements who care for children in the custody of the Department of Human Services ~~through direct approval and placement by the department~~:

(1) The right to be treated by the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services and other partners in the care of abused children with dignity, respect, and trust as a primary provider of foster care and a member of the professional team caring for ~~foster children~~ children in foster care;
(2) The right not to be discriminated against on the basis of religion, race, color, creed, gender, marital status, national origin, age, or physical handicap;
(3) The right to continue with his or her own family values and beliefs, so long as the values and beliefs of the foster child and the birth family are not infringed upon and consideration is given to the special needs of children who have experienced trauma and separation from their families. This shall include the right to exercise parental authority within the limits of policies, procedures, and other directions of the Division of Family and Children Services and within the limits of the laws of the State of Georgia;
(3.1) The right to use a reasonable and prudent parent standard when determining the ability of a child in foster care to engage in extracurricular, enrichment, cultural, social, or skill-building activities;
(4) The right to receive both standardized pre-service training, including training in Division of Family and Children Services policies and procedures and appropriate ongoing training, by the Division of Family and Children Services or the ~~placing~~ child-placing agency at appropriate intervals to meet mutually assessed needs of the child and to improve the skills of foster ~~parents'~~ placements ~~skills~~ and to apprise foster ~~parents~~ placements of any changes in applicable policies and procedures of the Division of Family and Children Services and any changes in applicable law;
(5) The right to be apprised of, and to seek out from independent sources, information, laws, and guidelines on the obligations, responsibilities, and opportunities of ~~foster parenting~~ fostering and to be kept informed of any changes in applicable laws, policies, and procedures regarding foster parenting by the Division of Family and Children Services in a timely manner and at least annually;
(6) The right to receive timely financial reimbursement according to ~~the~~ any agreement between the foster ~~parents~~ placement and the Department of Human Services from funds appropriated by the General Assembly and to be notified of any costs or expenses for which the foster ~~parent~~ placement may be eligible for reimbursement;
(7) The right to receive information from the Division of Family and Children Services on how to receive services and reach personnel 24 hours per day, seven days per week;
(8) The right prior to the placement of a child to be notified of any issues relative to the child that may jeopardize the health and safety of the foster ~~family~~ placements or the child or alter the manner in which foster care should be administered;
(9) The right to discuss information regarding the child prior to placement. The Division of Family and Children Services will provide such information as it becomes available as allowable under state and federal laws;
(10) The right to refuse placement of a child in the foster ~~home~~ placement or to request, upon reasonable notice, the removal of a child from the foster home without fear of

reprisal or any adverse effect on being assigned any future foster or adoptive placements;
(11) The right to receive any information through the Division of Family and Children Services regarding the number of times a ~~foster~~ child in foster care has been moved and the reasons therefor; and to receive the names and phone numbers of the previous foster ~~parents if the previous foster parents~~ placement if the previous foster placements have authorized such release and as allowable under state and federal law;
(12) The right, at any time during which a child is placed with the foster ~~parent~~ placement, to receive from the Division of Family and Children Services any and all additional pertinent information relevant to the care of the child;
(13) The right to be provided with a written copy of the individual treatment and service plan or case plan created pursuant to Code Section 15-11-201 concerning the child in the foster ~~parent's~~ placement's home and to discuss such plan with the case manager, as well as reasonable notification of any changes to that plan;
(14) The right to participate in the planning of visitation with the child and the child's biological family with the foster parents recognizing that visitation with his or her biological family is important to the child;
(15) The right to participate in the case planning and decision-making process with the Division of Family and Children Services regarding the child as provided in Code Section 15-11-201;
(16) The right to provide input concerning the plan of services for the child and to have that input considered by the department;
(17) The right to communicate for the purpose of participating in the case of the foster child with other professionals who work with such child within the context of the professional team, including, but not limited to, therapists, physicians, and teachers, as allowable under state and federal law;
(18) The right to be notified in advance, in writing, by the Division of Family and Children Services or the court of any hearing or review where the case plan or permanency of the child is an issue, including initial and periodic reviews held by the court in accordance with Code Section 15-11-216 or by the Judicial Citizen Review Panel in accordance with Code Section 15-11-217, hearings following revocation of the license of an agency which has permanent custody of a child in accordance with Code Section 31-2-6, and permanency plan hearings in accordance with Code Section 15-11-230;
(19) The right to be considered, where appropriate, as a preferential placement option when a child who was formerly placed with the foster ~~parents~~ placement has reentered the foster care system;
(20) The right to be considered, where appropriate, as the first choice as a permanent parent or parents for a child who, after 12 months of ~~placement in the foster home~~ foster placement, is released for adoption or permanent foster care;
(21) The right to be provided a fair and timely investigation of complaints concerning the operation of a foster placement home;

(22) The right to an explanation of a corrective action plan or policy violation relating to foster ~~parents; and~~ placements;

(23) ~~The right, to the extent allowed under state and federal law, to have an advocate present at all portions of investigations of abuse and neglect at which an accused foster parent is present. Child abuse and neglect investigations shall be investigated pursuant to Division of Family and Children Services policies and procedures, and any removal of a foster child shall be conducted pursuant to those policies and procedures. The Division of Family and Children Services will permit volunteers with the Adoptive and Foster Parent Association of Georgia to be educated concerning the procedures relevant to investigations of alleged abuse and neglect and the rights of accused foster parents. After such training, a volunteer will be permitted to serve as an advocate for an accused foster parent.~~ The right to be provided a fair, timely, and impartial investigation of complaints concerning the foster placement's home, to be provided the opportunity to have a certified volunteer advocate of the foster placement's choosing present during the investigation, and to be provided due process during the investigation. All communication received by the certified volunteer advocate in this capacity shall be strictly confidential;

(24) The right to request that a certified volunteer advocate be present at all meetings with the department where the foster placement is present, including, but not limited to, individual treatment and service planning, administrative hearings, the grievance and mediation process, the adoption process, and any meetings relating to an allegation process. All communication received by the certified volunteer advocate in this capacity shall be strictly confidential;

(25) The right to be free from retaliation or discrimination based upon the filing of any complaint or grievance with the Division of Family and Children Services; and

(26) The right to seek and obtain independent legal advice and counsel regarding the foster placement's status.

~~(b)~~(c) This bill of rights shall be given full consideration when Division of Family and Children Services policies regarding foster care and adoptive placement are developed.

~~(c)~~(d) Foster ~~parents~~ placements who care for children in the custody of the Department of Human Services through direct approval and placement by the department shall have the right to file a grievance in response to any violation of this article~~, which shall be such foster parents' exclusive administrative remedy for any violation of this article~~. The Division of Family and Children Services and the Office of the Child Advocate for the Protection of Children, along with an advisory committee ~~comprised~~ composed in part of representatives from ~~the Adoptive and Foster Parent Association of Georgia, who provide private placements~~ foster placement advocacy organizations, will develop a grievance procedure, including a mediation procedure and an administrative procedure, to be published in departmental policy manuals and the Foster Parent Handbook no later than July 1, ~~2005~~ 2026.

~~(d)~~(e) The General Assembly further finds that it is also in the best interest of Georgia's child welfare system for the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services to recognize the bill of rights, with reasonable modifications made to

adapt the provisions as required to make them applicable to private agencies, by incorporating them into contracts with private agencies serving children in the custody of the Department of Human Services. The Department of Human Services shall, by contract, require that providers, with whom it contracts for the placement of children in its custody, give full consideration to the rights in subsection ~~(a)~~ (b) of this Code section in developing their policies, practices, and procedures regarding foster care and adoptive placement. The department shall provide information needed by the contractors to meet the requirements of this subsection in a timely manner.

~~(e)~~(f) The Department of Human Services, in consultation with appropriate provider associations and ~~the Adoptive and Foster Parent Association of Georgia~~ foster parent advocacy organizations, shall develop a grievance procedure for dealing with any grievances their foster parents have in response to any violation of this article, no later than July 1, ~~2007~~ 2026. The department shall enforce this provision through policies and procedures and through its contracts with providers."

SECTION 6.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 7.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Gullett of the 19th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 256.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	E Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran

Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 171, nays 0.

The motion prevailed.

House of Representatives
504 Coverdell Legislative Office Building
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

April 2, 2026

To: Honorable Bill Reilly
Office of the Clerk

From: Representative Carmen Rice

RE: Record of Note for the House Journal

Please let the record show as follows:

This day, Thursday, April 2, 2026. I would like the record to show my favorable vote of yes of HB 256.

Sincerely,

/s/ Carmen Rice
Georgia State House Representative
District 139

HB 1215. By Representatives Parrish of the 158th, Jackson of the 128th, Hagan of the 156th and Prince of the 132nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the number of judges of superior courts, so as to provide for a third judge of the superior courts of the Middle Judicial Circuit; to provide for the appointment and term of such additional judge by the Governor; to authorize the governing authority of the counties comprising the Middle Judicial Circuit to provide facilities, office space, supplies, equipment, and personnel for such judges; to declare inherent authority; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the number of judges of superior courts, so as to provide for a twenty-first judge of the superior courts of the Atlanta Judicial Circuit, a sixth judge of the superior courts of the Clayton Judicial Circuit, and third judge of the superior courts of the Middle Judicial Circuit; to provide for a sixth judge of the superior courts of the Northeastern Judicial Circuit; to provide for a twelfth judge of the superior courts of the Gwinnett Judicial Circuit; to provide for the appointment and term of such additional judges by the Governor; to provide for the election and terms of successors to the judges initially appointed; to prescribe the powers of such judges; to prescribe the compensation, salary, and expense allowance of such judges to be paid by the State of Georgia and the counties comprising such circuits; to authorize the judges of such circuits to divide and allocate the work and duties thereof; to provide for the selection of the chief judges of the Middle Judicial Circuit and the Gwinnett Judicial Circuit; to provide for the manner of impaneling jurors; to provide for an additional court reporter for such circuits; to authorize the governing authority of the counties comprising such circuits to provide facilities, office space, supplies, equipment, and personnel for such judges; to declare inherent authority; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Code Section 15-6-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the number of judges of superior courts, is amended by revising paragraphs (3), (10), and (24) as follows:

"(3) Atlanta Circuit ..... ~~20~~ 21 "

"(10) Clayton Circuit..... ~~5~~ 6 "

"(24) Middle Circuit..... ~~2~~ 3"

SECTION 1-2.

One additional judge of the superior courts is added to each of the Atlanta Judicial Circuit, the Clayton Judicial Circuit, and the Middle Judicial Circuit, thereby increasing to 21, six, and three, respectively, the number of judges of each such circuit.

SECTION 1-3.

Such additional judges shall be, subject to appropriations, appointed by the Governor for a term beginning January 1, 2027, and continuing through December 31, 2028, and until their respective successors are elected and qualified. Such respective successors shall be elected in the manner provided by law for the election of judges of the superior courts of this state at the nonpartisan judicial election in 2028 for a term of four years beginning on January 1, 2029, and until his or her successor is elected and qualified. Future successors shall be elected at the nonpartisan judicial election every four years thereafter for terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualified. The newly elected and qualified judges shall each take office on the first day of January following the date of the election.

SECTION 1-4.

The additional judges of the superior courts of the Atlanta Judicial Circuit, the Clayton Judicial Circuit, and the Middle Judicial Circuit, respectively, shall have and may exercise all powers, duties, dignities, jurisdiction, privileges, and immunities of the present judges of the superior courts of this state. Any judge of the Atlanta Judicial Circuit, the Clayton Judicial Circuit, or the Middle Judicial Circuit may preside over any cause, whether in his or her own or in other circuits, and perform any official act as judge thereof, including sitting on appellate courts as provided by law.

SECTION 1-5.

The qualifications of such additional judges and his or her respective successors shall be the same as are now provided by law for all other superior court judges, and his or her respective compensation, salary, and expense allowance from the State of Georgia and from the counties comprising the Atlanta Judicial Circuit, the Clayton Judicial Circuit, and the Middle Judicial Circuit, respectively shall be the same as are now provided by law for the other superior court judges of such circuit. The provisions, if any, enacted for the supplementation by the counties of such circuits, respectively, of the salary of the judges of the superior courts of the Atlanta Judicial Circuit, the Clayton Judicial Circuit, and the Middle Judicial Circuit, respectively shall also be applicable to the additional judges provided for by this Act.

SECTION 1-6.

All writs and processes in the superior courts of the Atlanta Judicial Circuit, the Clayton Judicial Circuit, and the Middle Judicial Circuit, respectively shall be returnable to the terms of such superior courts as they are now fixed and provided by law, or as they may hereafter be fixed or determined by law, and all terms of such courts shall be held in the

same manner as though there were but one judge, it being the intent and purpose of this Act to provide all judges equal in jurisdiction and authority to attend and perform the functions, powers, and duties of the judges of such superior courts and to direct and conduct all hearings and trials in such courts.

SECTION 1-7.

The chief judge of the Middle Judicial Circuit shall be elected from among the judges by majority vote of the total number of judges voting. In the event no judge obtains a majority of the vote after three ballots, the chief judge shall be the eligible judge having the most seniority. The term for a chief judge shall be two years, and a person may be elected to successive terms. The chief judge shall be vested with the power to make all appointments whenever the law provides for the superior court judge to make appointments, except as herein provided.

SECTION 1-8.

Upon and after qualification of the additional judges of the superior courts of the Atlanta Judicial Circuit, the Clayton Judicial Circuit, and the Middle Judicial Circuit, respectively, the judges of such circuits, respectively, may adopt, promulgate, amend, and enforce such rules of practice and procedure in consonance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia as they deem suitable and proper for the effective transaction of the business of the courts, respectively,; and, in transacting the business of the courts, respectively, and in performing their duties and responsibilities, they shall share, divide, and allocate the work and duties to be performed by each judge. In the event of a disagreement among the judges in respect hereof, the decision of a majority shall control, or, in the absence of a majority, the decision of the chief judge shall be controlling. The judges of the superior courts of the Atlanta Judicial Circuit, the Clayton Judicial Circuit, and the Middle Judicial Circuit, respectively shall have and are clothed with full power, authority, and discretion to determine from time to time and term to term the manner of calling the dockets, fixing the calendars, and order of business in such courts. They may assign to one such judge the hearing of trials by jury for a term and the hearing of all other matters not requiring a trial by jury to the other judges, and they may rotate such order of business at the next term. They may conduct trials by jury at the same time in the same county or otherwise within such circuits, respectively,, or they may hear chambers business and motion business at the same time at any place within such circuits, respectively,. They may provide in all respects for holding the superior courts of such circuits, respectively, so as to facilitate the hearing and determination of all the business of such courts at any time pending and ready for trial or hearing. In all such matters relating to the fixing, arranging for, and disposing of the business of such courts and making appointments as authorized by law where the judges thereof cannot agree or shall differ, the opinion or order of the chief judge as provided for in this Act shall control.

SECTION 1-9.

The drawing and impaneling of all jurors, whether grand, petit, or special, may be conducted by any of the judges of the superior courts of such circuits, respectively,; and they, or any one such judge, shall have full power and authority to draw and impanel jurors for service in such courts so as to have jurors for the trial of cases before any such judges separately or before each of them at the same time.

SECTION 1-10.

The judges of the superior courts of the Atlanta Judicial Circuit, the Clayton Judicial Circuit, and Middle Judicial Circuit, respectively, shall be authorized and empowered to appoint an additional court reporter for each such circuit, whose respective compensation shall be as now or hereafter provided by law.

SECTION 1-11.

All writs, processes, orders, subpoenas, and any other official paper issuing out of the superior courts of the Atlanta Judicial Circuit, the Clayton Judicial Circuit, and the Middle Judicial Circuit, respectively, may bear teste in the name of any judge of each such circuit, respectively, and, when issued by and in the name of any such judge, shall be fully valid and may be heard and determined before the same or any other judge of the same circuit. Any judge of each such circuit, respectively, may preside over any case therein and perform any official act as judge thereof.

SECTION 1-12.

Upon request of any judge of the circuit, the governing authorities of the counties comprising the Atlanta Judicial Circuit, the Clayton Judicial Circuit, and the Middle Judicial Circuit, respectively shall be authorized to furnish the judges of such circuits, respectively, with suitable courtrooms and facilities, office space, telephones, furniture, office equipment, supplies, and such personnel as may be considered necessary by the court to the proper functioning of the court. All of the expenditures authorized in this Act are declared to be an expense of the court and payable out of the county treasury as such.

SECTION 1-13.

Except as expressly stated, nothing in this Act shall be construed to alter or repeal any provision of any local Act relating to the Atlanta Judicial Circuit, the Clayton Judicial Circuit, and the Middle Judicial Circuit, respectively. Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to limit or restrict the inherent powers, duties, and responsibilities of superior court judges provided by the Constitution and statutes of the State of Georgia.

PART II

SECTION 2-1.

Code Section 15-6-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the number of judges of superior courts, is amended by revising paragraph (26) as follows:

"(26) Northeastern Circuit..... ~~5~~ 6"

SECTION 2-2.

One additional judge of the superior courts is added to the Northeastern Judicial Circuit, thereby increasing to six the number of judges of said circuit.

SECTION 2-3.

Said additional judge shall be appointed by the Governor for a term beginning January 1, 2027, and continuing through December 31, 2028, and until his or her successor is elected and qualified. His or her successor shall be elected in the manner provided by law for the election of judges of the superior courts of this state at the nonpartisan judicial election in 2028 for a term of four years beginning on January 1, 2029, and until his or her successor is elected and qualified. Future successors shall be elected at the nonpartisan judicial election every four years thereafter for terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualified. The newly elected and qualified judge shall take office on the first day of January following the date of the election.

SECTION 2-4.

The additional judge of the superior courts of the Northeastern Judicial Circuit shall have and may exercise all powers, duties, dignities, jurisdiction, privileges, and immunities of the present judges of the superior courts of this state. Any judge of the Northeastern Judicial Circuit may preside over any cause, whether in his or her own or in other circuits, and perform any official act as judge thereof, including sitting on appellate courts as provided by law.

SECTION 2-5.

The qualifications of such additional judge and his or her successors shall be the same as are now provided by law for all other superior court judges, and his or her compensation, salary, and expense allowance from the State of Georgia and from the counties comprising the Northeastern Judicial Circuit shall be the same as are now provided by law for the other superior court judges of such circuit. The provisions, if any, enacted for the supplementation by the counties of such circuit of the salary of the judges of the superior courts of the Northeastern Judicial Circuit shall also be applicable to the additional judge provided for by this Act.

SECTION 2-6.

All writs and processes in the superior courts of the Northeastern Judicial Circuit shall be returnable to the terms of such superior courts as they are now fixed and provided by law, or as they may hereafter be fixed or determined by law, and all terms of such courts shall be held in the same manner as though there were but one judge, it being the intent and purpose of this Act to provide all judges equal in jurisdiction and authority to attend and perform the functions, powers, and duties of the judges of such superior courts and to direct and conduct all hearings and trials in such courts.

SECTION 2-7.

Upon and after qualification of the additional judge of the superior courts of the Northeastern Judicial Circuit, the judges of such circuit may adopt, promulgate, amend, and enforce such rules of practice and procedure in consonance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia as they deem suitable and proper for the effective transaction of the business of the court; and, in transacting the business of the court and in performing their duties and responsibilities, they shall share, divide, and allocate the work and duties to be performed by each judge. In the event of a disagreement among the judges in respect hereof, the decision of a majority shall control, or, in the absence of a majority, the decision of the chief judge shall be controlling. The judges of the superior courts of the Northeastern Judicial Circuit shall have and are clothed with full power, authority, and discretion to determine from time to time and term to term the manner of calling the dockets, fixing the calendars, and order of business in such courts. They may assign to one such judge the hearing of trials by jury for a term and the hearing of all other matters not requiring a trial by jury to the other judges, and they may rotate such order of business at the next term. They may conduct trials by jury at the same time in the same county or otherwise within such circuit, or they may hear chambers business and motion business at the same time at any place within such circuit. They may provide in all respects for holding the superior courts of such circuit so as to facilitate the hearing and determination of all the business of such courts at any time pending and ready for trial or hearing. In all such matters relating to the fixing, arranging for, and disposing of the business of such courts and making appointments as authorized by law where the judges thereof cannot agree or shall differ, the opinion or order of the chief judge as provided for in this Act shall control.

SECTION 2-8.

The drawing and impaneling of all jurors, whether grand, petit, or special, may be conducted by any of the judges of the superior courts of such circuit; and they, or any one such judge, shall have full power and authority to draw and impanel jurors for service in such courts so as to have jurors for the trial of cases before any such judges separately or before each of them at the same time.

SECTION 2-9.

The judges of the superior courts of the Northeastern Judicial Circuit shall be authorized and empowered to appoint an additional court reporter for such circuit, whose compensation shall be as now or hereafter provided by law.

SECTION 2-10.

All writs, processes, orders, subpoenas, and any other official paper issuing out of the superior courts of the Northeastern Judicial Circuit may bear teste in the name of any judge of the Northeastern Judicial Circuit and, when issued by and in the name of any judge of such circuit, shall be fully valid and may be heard and determined before the same or any other judge of such circuit. Any judge of such circuit may preside over any case therein and perform any official act as judge thereof.

SECTION 2-11.

Upon request of any judge of the circuit, the governing authorities of the counties comprising the Northeastern Judicial Circuit shall be authorized to furnish the judges of such circuit with suitable courtrooms and facilities, office space, telephones, furniture, office equipment, supplies, and such personnel as may be considered necessary by the court to the proper functioning of the court. All of the expenditures authorized in this Act are declared to be an expense of the court and payable out of the county treasury as such.

SECTION 2-12.

Except as expressly stated, nothing in this Act shall be construed to alter or repeal any provision of any local Act relating to the Northeastern Judicial Circuit. Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to limit or restrict the inherent powers, duties, and responsibilities of superior court judges provided by the Constitution and statutes of the State of Georgia.

PART III

SECTION 3-1.

Code Section 15-6-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the number of judges of superior courts, is amended by revising paragraph (20) as follows:

"(20) Gwinnett Circuit ..... ~~11~~ 12"

SECTION 3-2.

One additional judge of the superior courts is added to the Gwinnett Judicial Circuit, thereby increasing to twelve the number of judges of said circuit.

SECTION 3-3.

Said additional judge shall be appointed by the Governor for a term beginning January 1, 2027, and continuing through December 31, 2028, and until his or her successor is elected and qualified. His or her successor shall be elected in the manner provided by law for the election of judges of the superior courts of this state at the nonpartisan judicial election in 2028 for a term of four years beginning on January 1, 2029, and until his or her successor is elected and qualified. Future successors shall be elected at the nonpartisan judicial election every four years thereafter for terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualified. The newly elected and qualified judge shall take office on the first day of January following the date of the election.

SECTION 3-4.

The additional judge of the superior courts of the Gwinnett Judicial Circuit shall have and may exercise all powers, duties, dignities, jurisdiction, privileges, and immunities of the present judges of the superior courts of this state. Any judge of the Gwinnett Judicial Circuit may preside over any cause, whether in his or her own or in other circuits, and perform any official act as judge thereof, including sitting on appellate courts as provided by law.

SECTION 3-5.

The qualifications of such additional judge and his or her successors shall be the same as are now provided by law for all other superior court judges, and his or her compensation, salary, and expense allowance from the State of Georgia and from the counties comprising the Gwinnett Judicial Circuit shall be the same as are now provided by law for the other superior court judges of such circuit. The provisions, if any, enacted for the supplementation by the counties of such circuit of the salary of the judges of the superior courts of the Gwinnett Judicial Circuit shall also be applicable to the additional judge provided for by this Act.

SECTION 3-6.

All writs and processes in the superior courts of the Gwinnett Judicial Circuit shall be returnable to the terms of such superior courts as they are now fixed and provided by law, or as they may hereafter be fixed or determined by law, and all terms of such courts shall be held in the same manner as though there were but one judge, it being the intent and purpose of this Act to provide all judges equal in jurisdiction and authority to attend and perform the functions, powers, and duties of the judges of such superior courts and to direct and conduct all hearings and trials in such courts.

SECTION 3-7.

The chief judge of the Gwinnett Judicial Circuit shall be elected from among the judges by majority vote of the total number of judges voting. In the event no judge obtains a majority of the vote after three ballots, the chief judge shall be the eligible judge having the most seniority. The term for a chief judge shall be two years, and a person may be elected to successive terms. The chief judge shall be vested with the power to make all appointments whenever the law provides for the superior court judge to make appointments, except as herein provided. The chief judge serving on the effective date of this Act shall serve out the term as chief judge to which he or she was elected.

SECTION 3-8.

Upon and after qualification of the additional judge of the superior courts of the Gwinnett Judicial Circuit, the judges of such circuit may adopt, promulgate, amend, and enforce such rules of practice and procedure in consonance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia as they deem suitable and proper for the effective transaction of the business of the court; and, in transacting the business of the court and in performing their duties and responsibilities, they shall share, divide, and allocate the work and duties to be performed by each. In the event of a disagreement among the judges in respect hereof, the decision of a majority shall control, or, in the absence of a majority, the decision of the chief judge shall be controlling. The judges of the superior courts of the Gwinnett Judicial Circuit shall have and are clothed with full power, authority, and discretion to determine from time to time and term to term the manner of calling the dockets, fixing the calendars, and order of business in such courts. They may assign to one such judge the hearing of trials by jury for a term and the hearing of all other matters not requiring a trial by jury to the other

judges, and they may rotate such order of business at the next term. They may conduct trials by jury at the same time in the same county or otherwise within such circuit, or they may hear chambers business and motion business at the same time at any place within such circuit. They may provide in all respects for holding the superior courts of such circuit so as to facilitate the hearing and determination of all the business of such courts at any time pending and ready for trial or hearing. In all such matters relating to the fixing, arranging for, and disposing of the business of such courts and making appointments as authorized by law where the judges thereof cannot agree or shall differ, the opinion or order of the chief judge as provided for in this Act shall control.

SECTION 3-9.

The drawing and impaneling of all jurors, whether grand, petit, or special, may be conducted by any of the judges of the superior courts of such circuit; and they, or any one such judge, shall have full power and authority to draw and impanel jurors for service in such courts so as to have jurors for the trial of cases before any such judges separately or before each of them at the same time.

SECTION 3-10.

The judges of the superior courts of the Gwinnett Judicial Circuit shall be authorized and empowered to appoint an additional court reporter for such circuit, whose compensation shall be as now or hereafter provided by law.

SECTION 3-11.

All writs, processes, orders, subpoenas, and any other official paper issuing out of the superior courts of the Gwinnett Judicial Circuit may bear teste in the name of any judge of the Gwinnett Judicial Circuit and, when issued by and in the name of any judge of such circuit, shall be fully valid and may be heard and determined before the same or any other judge of such circuit. Any judge of such circuit may preside over any case therein and perform any official act as judge thereof.

SECTION 3-12.

Upon request of any judge of the circuit, the governing authorities of the counties comprising the Gwinnett Judicial Circuit shall be authorized to furnish the judges of such circuit with suitable courtrooms and facilities, office space, telephones, furniture, office equipment, supplies, and such personnel as may be considered necessary by the court to the proper functioning of the court. All of the expenditures authorized in this Act are declared to be an expense of the court and payable out of the county treasury as such.

SECTION 3-13.

Except as expressly stated, nothing in this Act shall be construed to alter or repeal any provision of any local Act relating to the Gwinnett Judicial Circuit. Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to limit or restrict the inherent powers, duties, and responsibilities of superior court judges provided by the Constitution and statutes of the State of Georgia.

PART IV
SECTION 4-1.

(a) Part I of this Act shall become effective for the purposes of appointing the additional judge upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval, and for all other purposes on January 1, 2027.
(b) Part II of this Act shall become effective for the purposes of appointing the additional judge upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval, and for all other purposes on January 1, 2027.
(c) Part III of this Act shall become effective for the purposes of appointing the additional judge upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval, and for all other purposes on January 1, 2027.

SECTION 4-2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Parrish of the 158th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 1215.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	E Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A

Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 172, nays 0.

The motion prevailed.

HB 445. By Representative Martin of the 49th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to revise the language required to be included in the notices of current assessment; to add hearing officer review for tax assessment of certain business personal property; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating revenue and taxation, so as to add hearing officer review for tax reassessment of certain business personal property; to revise a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, is amended in Code Section 48-1-2, relating to definitions, by revising paragraph (21) as follows:

"(21) 'Public utility' means all railroad companies, street and suburban railroads, or sleeping car companies; persons or companies operating railroads, street railroads, suburban railroads, or sleeping cars in this state; all express companies including railroad companies doing express, telephone, or telegraph business (except small telephone companies or persons operating a telephone business, the value of whose capital stock or property is less than $5,000.00); all gas, electric light, electric power, public water systems and sewage systems, hydroelectric power, steam heat, refrigerated air, dockage or cranage, canal, toll road, toll bridge, railroad equipment, and navigation

companies; and any person or persons operating a gas, electric light, electric power, hydroelectric power, steam heat, refrigerated air, dockage or cranage, canal, toll road, toll bridge, railroad equipment, or navigation business, through their president, general manager, owner, or agent having control of the company's offices in this state."

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 48-5-311, relating to creation of county boards of equalization, duties, review of assessments, and appeals, by revising subparagraph (e)(1)(A) and paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (e.1) as follows:

"(1)(A) Any taxpayer or property owner as of the last date for filing an appeal may elect to file an appeal from an assessment by the county board of tax assessors to:

(i) The county board of equalization as to matters of taxability, uniformity of assessment, and value, and, for residents, as to denials of homestead exemptions pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection;

(ii) An arbitrator as to matters of value pursuant to subsection (f) of this Code section;

(iii) A hearing officer as to matters of value and uniformity of assessment for a parcel of nonhomestead real property with a fair market value in excess of $500,000.00 as shown on the taxpayer's annual notice of current assessment under Code Section 48-5-306, and any contiguous nonhomestead real property owned by the same taxpayer, pursuant to subsection (e.1) of this Code section; ~~or~~

(iv) A hearing officer as to matters of values or uniformity of assessment of one or more account numbers of wireless property as defined in subparagraph (e.1)(1)(B) of this Code section with an aggregate fair market value in excess of $500,000.00 as shown on the taxpayer's annual notice of current assessment under Code Section 48-5-306, pursuant to subsection (e.1) of this Code section; or

(v) A hearing officer as to matters of values or uniformity of assessment of one or more account numbers of any taxable tangible personal property other than wireless property as defined in subparagraph (e.1)(1)(B) of this Code section with an aggregate fair market value in excess of $200,000.00 as shown on the taxpayer's annual notice of current assessment under Code Section 48-5-306, pursuant to subsection (e.1) of this Code section."

"(1)(A) For any dispute involving the value or uniformity of a parcel of nonhomestead real property with a fair market value in excess of $500,000.00 as shown on the taxpayer's annual notice of current assessment under Code Section 48-5-306, at the option of the taxpayer, an appeal may be submitted to a hearing officer in accordance with this subsection. If such taxpayer owns nonhomestead real property contiguous to such qualified nonhomestead real property, at the option of the taxpayer, such contiguous property may be consolidated with the qualified property for purposes of the hearing under this subsection.

(B)(i) As used in this subparagraph, the term 'wireless property' means tangible personal property or equipment used directly for the provision of wireless services by a provider of wireless services which is attached to or is located underneath a

wireless cell tower or at a network data center location but which is not permanently affixed to such tower or data center so as to constitute a fixture.

(ii) For any dispute involving the values or uniformity of one or more account numbers of wireless property ~~as defined in this subparagraph~~ with an aggregate fair market value in excess of $500,000.00 as shown on the taxpayer's annual notice of current assessment under Code Section 48-5-306, at the option of the taxpayer, an appeal may be submitted to a hearing officer in accordance with this subsection.

(C) For any dispute involving the values or uniformity of one or more account numbers of any taxable tangible personal property other than wireless property as defined in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph with an aggregate fair market value in excess of $200,000.00 as shown on the taxpayer's annual notice of current assessment under Code Section 48-5-306, at the option of the taxpayer, an appeal may be submitted to a hearing officer in accordance with this subsection.

(2)(A) Individuals desiring to serve as hearing officers and who are either:

(i) State ~~state~~ certified general real property appraisers or state certified residential real property appraisers as classified by the Georgia Real Estate Commission and the Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board for real property appeals; or ~~are~~

(ii) Designated ~~designated~~ appraisers by a nationally recognized appraiser's organization for wireless property appeals

shall complete and submit an application, a list of counties the hearing officer is willing to serve, a disqualification questionnaire, and a resume and be approved by the Georgia Real Estate Commission and the Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board to serve as a hearing officer. The Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board ~~Such board~~ shall annually publish a list of qualified and approved hearing officers for Georgia.

(B)(i) Any individual who is a former or current Appraiser IV or chief appraiser and desires to serve as a hearing officer for taxable tangible personal property other than wireless property as defined in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of this subsection shall complete and submit an application, a list of counties the hearing officer is willing to serve, a disqualification questionnaire, and a resume to the Georgia Real Estate Commission and the Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board for review and approval to serve as a hearing officer with respect to such taxable tangible personal property appeals provided for in subparagraph (C) of paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(ii) The Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board shall annually publish a list of such qualified and approved hearing officers and a list of counties such hearing officers are willing to serve.

(iii) With respect to this subparagraph and subparagraph (C) of paragraph (1) of this subsection, no Appraiser IV or chief appraiser shall be eligible to serve as a hearing officer for any county for which such person served as an Appraiser IV or chief appraiser."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following amendment was read and adopted:

Representative Martin of the 49th offers the following amendment:

Amend HB 445 (LC 59 0451S) by replacing lines 15 and 16 with the following:
property is less than $5,000.00); all gas, electric light, electric power, private water systems and sewage systems with at least 10,000 connections for services, hydroelectric power, steam heat, refrigerated air, dockage

Representative Martin of the 49th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute, as amended by the House, to HB 445.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 171, nays 1.

The motion prevailed.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the Senate was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 76. By Senators Echols of the 49th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Payne of the 54th, Brass of the 6th, Summers of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to license plates promoting or supporting certain agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations with proceeds disbursed to the general fund and the agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation, so as to establish a specialty license plate benefitting the Georgia Veterans Service Foundation; to provide for related matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and withdrawn:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 12, Title 40, and Code Section 48-5C-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicle emission inspection and maintenance, motor vehicles and traffic, and alternative ad valorem taxation of motor vehicles and title ad valorem tax fee, respectively, so as to provide for an optional five-year motor vehicle registration for certain motor vehicles; to provide for the submission of certificates of emission inspection for such five-year motor vehicle registrations; to authorize electronic notice in certain instances; to prohibit credits or refunds of registration fees; to provide for fees for five-year registration for prestige and specialty license plates; to provide for the submission of certificates of emission inspections to the Department of Revenue; to authorize the adoption of rules and regulations; to repeal the requirement to display a revalidation decal as evidence of annual motor vehicle registration renewal; to authorize the operation of multipurpose off-highway vehicles on certain highways; to revise and provide for definitions; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicle emission inspection and maintenance, is amended in Code Section 12-9-45, relating to certificate of emission inspection, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) A certificate of emission inspection shall be valid for one inspection term. The owner of each responsible motor vehicle subject to subsection (a) of this Code section is required to obtain a new certificate of emission inspection on or before the date the current certificate of emission inspection expires or prior to the ~~vehicle registration date~~ conclusion of the registration period, as such term is defined in Code Section 40-2-21, in the year following the expiration of the certificate, as determined by the board."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 12-9-51, relating to emission inspection required for motor vehicle registration, operation without registration, and improper reuse, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) Beginning July 1, 1992, it shall be unlawful for any county to and no county shall register any responsible motor vehicle subject to any requirement under Code Section 12-9-45 pursuant to or subject to the requirements of Chapter 2 of Title 40 without proof of a valid certificate of emission inspection issued pursuant to Code Section 12-9-48 indicating that such responsible motor vehicle satisfied all applicable requirements of Code ~~Section~~ Sections 12-9-45 and ~~Code Section~~ 12-9-48. In applying for a motor vehicle registration for a responsible motor vehicle subject to any requirement under Code Section 12-9-45, the application shall be accompanied by proof of the issuance of a certificate of emission inspection issued pursuant to Code Section 12-9-48. A valid certificate of emission inspection shall be submitted during each inspection term of a five-year motor vehicle registration. Any county which registers any responsible motor vehicle without proof of a certificate of emission inspection or fails to suspend a five-year registration of a responsible motor vehicle without proof of a certificate of emission inspection during an inspection term shall be in violation of this article."

SECTION 3.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 12-9-55, relating to prohibited acts, registration of vehicle by county without proof of inspection, penalty, and withholding of funding, by revising subsection (i) as follows:

"(i) If it is determined that any county has registered responsible motor vehicles or failed to suspend a five-year registration of responsible motor vehicles without receiving proof from the owners that the responsible motor vehicles satisfy all applicable requirements of Code Sections 12-9-45 and 12-9-48, the director shall notify the commissioner of transportation that such an unlawful act has occurred. Upon such notification, the State Transportation Board may at its discretion withhold Department of Transportation funding assistance from any such county."

SECTION 4.

Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, is amended in Code Section 40-1-9, relating to electronic notifications and communications by Department of Revenue, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(b.1)(1) Notice required by the department upon an owner failing to comply with emission inspection certification requirements pursuant to Code Section 40-2-137 shall be satisfied by electronic means when:

(A) The owner has elected to register his or her vehicle for a term of five years; and

(B) The department provides notifications and communications electronically to the owner 30 days, 20 days, and ten days prior to the date of any suspension.

(2) The department shall provide for notice of the use of electronic notifications and communications authorized by this subsection at the time of registration and in a statement which reads:

'BY ELECTING A FIVE-YEAR VEHICLE REGISTRATION, YOU AGREE TO RECEIVE ELECTRONIC NOTIFICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS RELATING TO FAILURE TO SUBMIT REQUIRED EMISSIONS INSPECTION CERTIFICATIONS AND ANY POSSIBLE MOTOR VEHICLE SUSPENSION THAT MAY RESULT FROM SUCH FAILURE.'"

SECTION 5.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-1, relating to definitions relative to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(3.3) 'Eligible motor vehicle' means a motor vehicle for which required state and local ad valorem taxes have been paid in accordance with the alternative ad valorem tax set forth in Code Section 48-5C-1. Such term shall not include a commercial motor vehicle or an alternative fueled vehicle, as such term is defined in paragraph (7) of subsection (l) of Code Section 40-2-86.1."

SECTION 6.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-4, relating to manufacture, sale, or issuance of license plate or revalidation decal prohibited, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) Except as otherwise provided for in Article 2B of this chapter, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to make, sell, or issue any license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~."

SECTION 7.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-8, relating to operation of unregistered vehicle or vehicle without current license plate, revalidation decal, or county decal, as follows:

"40-2-8.

(a) No person shall own, rent, lease, or operate any vehicle required to be registered pursuant to Code Section 40-2-20 upon a highway in this state without registering such

vehicle. Any person who becomes a resident of this state shall register his or her vehicle within 30 days of becoming a resident. Any person who fails to comply with this subsection shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished by a fine of $100.00 for each day in which the vehicle is in violation.

(b)(1) It shall be unlawful and punishable as for a misdemeanor to operate any vehicle required to be registered in this state pursuant to Code Section 40-2-20 without a valid numbered license plate ~~properly validated with a current revalidation decal~~, unless such operation is otherwise permitted under this chapter; and provided, further, that the purchaser of a new vehicle or a used vehicle from a dealer of new or used motor vehicles who displays a temporary operating permit issued as provided by Code Section 40-2-8.1 may operate such vehicle on the highways of this state without a current valid license plate during the period authorized by Code Sections 40-2-8.1 and 40-2-20. An owner acquiring a motor vehicle from an entity that is not a new or used vehicle dealer shall register such vehicle as provided for in Code Section 40-2-29 unless such vehicle is to be registered under the International Registration Plan pursuant to Article 3A of this chapter.

(2) The purchaser and operator of a vehicle shall not be subject to the penalties set forth in this Code section during the period allowed for the registration of such vehicle.

(c) It shall be unlawful and punishable as for a misdemeanor to operate any vehicle required to be registered in this state without a valid county name decal designating the county where the vehicle was last registered, unless such operation is otherwise permitted under this chapter. A county name decal shall not be required if there is no space provided for a county name decal on the current license plate. ~~Any person convicted of a violation of this subsection shall be subject to a fine not to exceed $25.00 if that person shows to the court having jurisdiction of the offense that the proper revalidation decal had been obtained prior to the time of the offense.~~

(d) No violation of this Code section shall have occurred upon presentation of evidence that the owner had properly applied for the registration of such vehicle, but that the license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~ had not been delivered to such owner at the time the uniform traffic citation was issued.

(e) The commissioner is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Code section."

SECTION 8.

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"40-2-10.1.

In no case shall an owner be entitled to a credit or refund for any payment of fees for a registration issued under this chapter upon the cancellation, termination, transfer, suspension, or revocation of such registration or upon the removal of a license plate for any other reason from a vehicle registered in this state."

SECTION 9.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-2-20, relating to registration and license requirements, certificate of registration and temporary operating permit, and two-year registration option for new motor vehicles, as follows:

"40-2-20.

(a)(1)(A) Except as ~~provided in subsections (b) and (d) of~~ otherwise provided in this Code section and subsection (a) of Code Section 40-2-47, every owner of a motor vehicle, including a tractor or motorcycle, and every owner of a trailer shall, during the owner's registration period ~~in each year~~, register such vehicle as provided in this chapter ~~and~~ to obtain ~~a license plate or revalidation decal~~ authority to operate it ~~for the 12 month period~~ until such person's next registration period.

(B)(i) The purchaser or other transferee owner of every new or used motor vehicle, including tractors and motorcycles, or trailer shall register such vehicle as provided in Code Section 40-2-8 and obtain or transfer as provided in this chapter a license to operate it for the period remaining until such person's next registration period which immediately follows such initial registration period, without regard to whether such next registration period occurs in the same calendar year as the initial registration period or how soon such next registration period follows the initial registration period; provided, however, that this registration and licensing requirement does not apply to a dealer which acquires a new or used motor vehicle and holds it for resale. ~~The commissioner may provide by rule or regulation for one 30-day extension of such initial registration period which may be granted by the county tag agent if the transferor has not provided such purchaser or other transferee owner with a title to the motor vehicle more than five business days prior to the expiration of such initial registration period. The county tag agent shall grant an extension of the initial registration period when the transferor, purchaser, or transferee can demonstrate by affidavit in a form provided by the commissioner that title has not been provided to the purchaser or transferee due to the failure of a security interest or lienholder to timely release a security interest or lien in accordance with Code Section 40-3-56.~~

(ii) No person, company, or corporation, including, but not limited to, used motor vehicle dealers and auto auctions, shall sell or transfer a motor vehicle without providing to the purchaser or transferee of such motor vehicle the last certificate of registration on such vehicle at the time of such sale or transfer; provided, however, that, in the case of a salvage motor vehicle or a motor vehicle which is stolen but subsequently recovered by the insurance company after payment of a total loss claim, the salvage dealer or insurer, respectively, shall not be required to provide the certificate of registration for such vehicle; and provided, further, that in the case of a repossessed motor vehicle or a court ordered sale or other involuntary transfer, the lienholder or the transferor shall not be required to provide the certificate of registration for such vehicle but shall, prior to the sale of such vehicle, surrender the license plate of such vehicle to the commissioner or the county tag agent by personal delivery or by certified mail or statutory overnight delivery for cancellation.

~~(C) Upon application for renewal of a vehicle registration, the county tag agent may issue a temporary operating permit for any vehicle that fails to comply with applicable federal emission standards, provided that the owner of such vehicle has provided verification of the existence of minimum motor vehicle liability insurance coverage and paid all applicable taxes, penalties, insurance lapse fees, and fees other than the registration fee. Such temporary operating permit shall be valid for 30 days and shall not be renewable.~~

(2) An application for the registration of a motor vehicle may not be submitted separately from the application for a certificate of title for such motor vehicle, unless a certificate of title has been issued in the owner's name, such title has been applied for in the owner's name, or the motor vehicle is not required to be titled. An application for a certificate of title for a motor vehicle may be submitted separately from the application for the registration of such motor vehicle.

(b) Subsection (a) of this Code section shall not apply:

(1) To any motor vehicle or trailer owned by the state or any municipality or other political subdivision of this state except to the extent provided by Code Section 40-2-37;

(2) To any tractor or three-wheeled motorcycle used only for agricultural purposes;

~~(2.1)~~(3) To any vehicle or equipment used for transporting cargo or containers between and within wharves, storage areas, or terminals within the facilities of any port under the jurisdiction of the Georgia Ports Authority when such vehicle or equipment is being operated upon any public road not part of The Dwight D. Eisenhower System of Interstate and Defense Highways by the owner thereof or his or her agent within a radius of ten miles of the port facility of origin and accompanied by an escort vehicle equipped with one or more operating amber flashing lights that are visible from a distance of 500 feet;

~~(3)~~(4) To any trailer which has no springs and which is being employed in hauling unprocessed farm products to their first market destination;

~~(4)~~(5) To any trailer which has no springs, which is pulled from a tongue, and which is used primarily to transport fertilizer to a farm;

~~(5)~~(6) To any electric powered personal transportation vehicle;

~~(6)~~(7) To any moped; or

~~(7)~~(8) To any golf car.

~~(c) Any person who fails to register a new or used motor vehicle as required in subsection (a) of this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding $100.00.~~

~~(d) Upon the payment of the requisite fee, the purchaser of a new motor vehicle which is a passenger car, for which such purchaser has paid state and local title ad valorem taxes, may choose to register such passenger car for an initial period of two years instead of the annual registration provided for in this Code section, provided that the motor vehicle owner does not elect a prestige or special license plate. Thereafter, such passenger car shall be subject to the annual registration requirements of this Code section.~~

(c) On and after July 1, 2027, an owner of an eligible motor vehicle who has complied with all other requirements of this chapter shall be authorized to register or renew a registration for such eligible vehicle annually or for a period of five years. In addition to the applicable license fee set forth in Code Section 40-2-151, an owner of an eligible motor vehicle with a prestige or special license plate shall pay any applicable registration renewal fees for such license plate. Any owner of an eligible motor vehicle who elects a five-year registration shall not be relieved of any applicable emission inspection certification requirements under Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 12.

(d) Upon application for renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the county tag agent shall be authorized to issue a temporary operating permit for any vehicle that fails to comply with emission inspection certification requirements under Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 12, provided that the owner of such vehicle has provided verification of the existence of minimum motor vehicle liability insurance coverage and paid all applicable taxes, penalties, insurance lapse fees, and fees other than the registration fee. Such temporary operating permit shall be valid for 30 days and shall not be renewable.

(e) The commissioner shall be authorized to promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Code section and the issuance of five-year registrations."

SECTION 10.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-21, relating to registration periods, by adding a new paragraph to subsection (a) and revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(.01) 'Eligible motor vehicle registration term' means every fifth registration period for an owner of an eligible motor vehicle who elects a five-year registration renewal option."

"(b) The owner of every vehicle registered in ~~the previous calendar year~~ this state shall ~~register~~ renew such registration ~~and obtain a license to operate such vehicle~~ not later than the last day of the owner's registration period for an annual motor vehicle registration or the last day of an eligible motor vehicle registration term for a five-year motor vehicle registration."

SECTION 11.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-2-30, relating to purchase by mail, as follows:

"40-2-30.

An applicant may purchase a vehicle license plate or ~~revalidation decal~~ required registration renewal ~~by mail,~~ by mailing a properly completed application form to the tag agent of the county of his or her residence along with a bank check or money order in the amount of the license fee and all ad valorem taxes due thereon plus an additional fee of $1.00."

SECTION 12.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-31, relating to license plate design, retention of manufacturing and delivery costs, revalidation, county, and "In God We Trust" decals, by revising subsections (b.1) through (g) as follows:

"(b.1) Notwithstanding the provisions of Code Sections 40-2-131 and 48-2-17, the commissioner shall retain the costs of manufacturing and delivery of license plates~~,~~ ~~revalidation decals,~~ and county name decals from the registration fee as set forth in Code Section 40-2-151; provided, however, that this subsection shall not apply to license plates issued pursuant to Article 2B of this chapter.

(c) Except for license plates issued pursuant to Article 2B of this chapter, the face of the license plate to be displayed shall be treated completely with a retroreflective material which will increase the nighttime visibility and legibility of the plate. The department shall prepare the specifications which such retroreflective material shall meet.

(d) ~~In those years in which a new license plate is not issued and the license plate was not issued pursuant to Article 2B of this chapter, a revalidation decal with a distinctive serial number shall be issued and affixed in the space provided on the license plate issued to the applicant which shall indicate the year and month through which the registration of the vehicle shall be valid; provided, however, that, if the commissioner determines that it is necessary, two revalidation decals shall be issued for each license plate to reflect the required information. When an applicant is issued a revalidation decal and such applicant registered the vehicle in another county the previous year, the applicant shall also be issued a new county decal which shall be properly affixed to the license plate and shall replace the other county decal.~~

~~(e) The commissioner shall furnish without cost to each tag agent reflective adhesive decals in sufficient number, upon which there shall be printed the name of the agent's county. Such a decal shall be issued with each metal license plate and shall be affixed in the space provided on the license plate without obscuring any number or other information required to be present on the plate. A tag agent shall offer, upon such issuance of a new metal license plate, the option of obtaining a county decal or a decal providing for the nation's motto, 'In God We Trust.'~~

~~(f)~~ A county tag agent shall issue a county name decal, upon request, for the agent's county only if:

(1) The applicant is a resident of or a business located in the county named on the decal;

(2) The applicant is registering a new vehicle in such county, is renewing a current vehicle registration, or is transferring registration of a vehicle to the county named on the decal;

(3) The application for registration of the vehicle is being made in the county named on the decal; and

(4) The license plate was not issued pursuant to Article 2B of this chapter.

~~(g)~~(e) The commissioner shall furnish without cost to each tag agent reflective adhesive decals in sufficient number, upon which there shall be printed the nation's motto, 'In God We Trust.' A tag agent shall offer, upon such issuance of a new metal license plate, the

option of obtaining a county decal or a decal providing for the nation's motto, 'In God We Trust.' Such a decal shall be issued, upon request and free of charge, by a county tag agent with each new metal license plate."

SECTION 13.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-33, relating to issuance of license plates and decals, transfer of registration to a digital license plate, compensation of tag agents, and required identification, by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) and subsection (b) as follows:

"(a)(1) Upon compliance with the provisions of this chapter and the payment of the license fee required by law, the tag agent shall accept the application for registration and, except as otherwise provided for in this chapter, if the license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~ applied for is in such tag agent's inventory, he or she shall issue the appropriate plate ~~or revalidation decal~~."

"(b) Except as provided for in Code Section 40-2-22, the amount of commission permitted as compensation to tag agents under this Code section shall be $1.00 per license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~ issued or registration renewal processed during any calendar year. Twenty-five cents for each license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~ sold or registration renewal processed in excess of 4,000 during any one calendar year shall become the property of the county and shall be turned over to the fiscal authorities of the county by the tag agent. The remaining portion of such commissions shall be disposed of as provided in Code Section 40-2-34."

SECTION 14.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-40, relating to registration of delinquent vehicles and collection and disposition of penalties, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) All applications for the registration of a delinquent vehicle shall, before being accepted by a tag agent, be first endorsed by a sheriff or a deputy sheriff, a chief of police or his or her designated representative, a state law enforcement officer, a tax commissioner, or a tax collector. The officer endorsing the delinquent application shall indicate, with his or her endorsement on the application, the total amount of the prescribed registration fee together with the 25 percent penalty provided in this Code section, and the full total of such amount shall be paid to the tag agent before any license plate or ~~revalidation decal~~ registration renewal as provided for in this chapter shall be assigned to the applicant."

SECTION 15.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-41.1, relating to authentic historical Georgia license plates, by revising subsections (b) through (d) as follows:

"(b) The owner of any antique motor vehicle manufactured in 1989 or earlier shall be authorized to display in lieu of and in the same manner as the license plate otherwise required under Code Section 40-2-41 an authentic historical Georgia license plate which clearly represents the model year within four years of any such antique motor vehicle,

provided that the owner has properly registered such antique motor vehicle for the current year as otherwise required under this chapter and has obtained a current license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~ for such antique motor vehicle. Such currently valid license plate shall be kept in such antique motor vehicle at all times but need not be displayed in a manner to be visible from outside the vehicle.

(c) For purposes of this Code section, the authentic historical Georgia license plate shall be furnished by the owner of any such antique motor vehicle.

(d) ~~No later than January 1, 2006, the~~ The commissioner shall have installed within the department's computer information system applicable to the registration of motor vehicles the necessary program which ~~will~~ shall include in the information relating to the current license plate or ~~revalidation decal~~ registration renewal issued for an antique motor vehicle the information relating to the authentic historical Georgia license plate authorized to be displayed on such antique motor vehicle."

SECTION 16.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-2-42, relating to transfer of license plates and revalidation decals, as follows:

"40-2-42.

(a) A license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~, when issued, shall be transferred from one vehicle to another vehicle of the same class acquired by the same person as provided in this chapter. Any use of a license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~ by any other person or persons in any manner not provided for in this chapter shall be a violation of this chapter.

(b) The commissioner shall provide by rules and regulations appropriate procedures whereby, upon the payment of a fee of $5.00, and, upon preparation and filing of an appropriate application therefor, currently valid ~~annual and five-year~~ license plates ~~and revalidation decals~~ shall be transferred from one vehicle to another vehicle of the same class of which ownership is acquired following that person's or those persons' ceasing to own or operate on the public roads the vehicle for which such plate was originally issued and during the initial registration period for the acquired vehicle. If such acquired vehicle is of a different class than the vehicle no longer owned or operated by such person, he or she shall submit the license plate currently issued to him or her for cancellation and, upon payment of any additional fee for registering such acquired vehicle, the commissioner shall issue a new license plate to such person for use on such acquired vehicle. License plates ~~and revalidation decals~~ may be transferred in accordance with the provisions of this subsection at any time after issuance or renewal thereof and until the expiration of the period for which issued.

(c) The commissioner shall provide appropriate procedures whereby, when the registered owner of a jointly owned motor vehicle is deceased, the license plate issued for the motor vehicle may, upon appropriate application and payment of fees, be transferred to the surviving owner's name, provided that the surviving owner acquires a new certificate of title under subsection (d) or paragraph (1) of subsection (e) of Code Section 40-3-34 and makes the payment of appropriate ad valorem taxes."

SECTION 17.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-2-44, relating to reporting of theft, loss, or mutilation of license plates or revalidation decals and issuance of duplicates or replacements, as follows:

"40-2-44.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, the owner of a motor vehicle shall immediately report the theft, loss, or mutilation of a license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~ to the appropriate law enforcement agency or official, including but not limited to a municipal or county police department or officer, the county sheriff, the Department of Public Safety, or the Georgia State Patrol. ~~Said~~ Such owner shall obtain a copy of the police report and shall submit such copy to the commissioner with a fee of $8.00 to obtain a duplicate license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~. Alternatively, the copy of the police report may be submitted to the applicant's county tag agent with a fee of $8.00 in which case the county tag agent is authorized to issue a replacement license plate ~~or decal~~. In those instances in which a vehicle owner is unable to obtain a police report of such theft, loss, or mutilation of a license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~, the owner shall be authorized to submit to the appropriate law enforcement agency or official and to either the commissioner or to the county tag agent a sworn affidavit as to such theft, loss, or mutilation in lieu of a police report and obtain a replacement license plate ~~or decal~~. The county tag agent shall be entitled to retain as compensation for issuance of a replacement license plate ~~or decal~~ the same commission as provided for issuance of a new license plate ~~or decal~~ under the terms and conditions provided in subsection (b) of Code Section 40-2-33.

(b) If the license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~ is mutilated but still legible and if such license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~ is surrendered with the application for the duplicate, the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section, relating to reporting the theft, loss, or mutilation of a license plate ~~or decal~~ and submitting a copy of a police report, shall not apply.

(c) A duplicate county decal when the original has been lost, defaced, or destroyed may be obtained from the commissioner at no cost. A replacement license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~ when the original has been lost in the mail prior to receipt by the registered owner shall be issued by the commissioner without charge upon application and completion of the form and affidavit prescribed by the commissioner setting forth the circumstances of nonreceipt of the license plate ~~or decal~~. The owner shall report the nonreceipt or loss of the license plate ~~or decal~~ to the appropriate law enforcement agency or official, including, but not limited to, a municipal or county police department or officer, the county sheriff, or the Department of Public Safety. ~~Said~~ Such owner shall obtain a copy of the police report on which the license plate ~~or decal number~~ is listed and shall submit such copy to the commissioner. The owner shall not be charged a fee by the Department of Public Safety or the local law enforcement agency or official for a copy of such police report.

(d) The commissioner is authorized to establish procedures and promulgate rules and regulations for carrying out this Code section."

SECTION 18.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-45, relating to transferring license plate or revalidation decal for "salvage", "rebuilt", damaged, or demolished motor vehicles, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) No person shall transfer a license plate ~~or decal~~ from one vehicle to any other motor vehicle which is a 'salvage' or 'rebuilt' motor vehicle as provided in Chapter 3 of this title unless the owner of such vehicle submits satisfactory proof to the commissioner that the motor vehicle inspection required by Code Section 40-3-37 has been performed and such vehicle has been determined to be in full compliance with the law."

SECTION 19.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-53, relating to license plates for fleet motor vehicles, by revising subsections (b) and (c) as follows:

"(b) Fleet motor vehicle license plates shall be similar in design to regular license plates issued under Code Section 40-2-31~~, except that such fleet motor vehicle license plates shall contain such words or symbols, in addition to the numbers and letters otherwise prescribed by law, so as to distinctively identify the motor vehicles on which they are placed as fleet motor vehicles. Such motor vehicle license plates shall contain the word 'FLEET' in the location of and in lieu of the revalidation decal required under Code Section 40-2-8 so as to distinctly identify the motor vehicle as part of an enrolled fleet~~.

(c) License plates issued under this Code section shall be renewed ~~annually~~ prior to the end of the registration period and upon payment of a renewal fee to the department. ~~Such fee shall be the same amount that would be charged for a revalidation decal for such vehicle.~~"

SECTION 20.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-57, relating to application for digital license plate, renewals, and fees, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) A motor vehicle owner with a digital license plate shall renew the registration ~~annually~~ as provided by this chapter. The department shall notify the digital license plate provider upon satisfactory renewal. ~~Evidence of such renewal shall be displayed upon the digital license plate in a manner that indicates the year and month through which the registration of the vehicle shall be valid. Compliance with this subsection shall satisfy the revalidation decal requirements of this chapter.~~"

SECTION 21.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-60, relating to prestige license plates, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) Motor vehicle owners who are residents of Georgia, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and, except as provided in subsection (c) of this Code section, upon the payment of a fee of $35.00 in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee, shall be issued special personalized prestige license plates by the commissioner. Special personalized license plates issued

pursuant to this Code section shall be subject to an additional annual registration fee of $35.00 as a condition of ~~obtaining an annual revalidation decal for~~ annual renewal of such registration or an additional registration fee of $175.00 as a condition of a five-year renewal of such registration for such license plate ~~which fee~~. The fees required by this Code section shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34."

SECTION 22.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-60.1, relating to standardized administrative process for special license plates, designs, fees, and application process, by revising paragraph (5) of subsection (c) as follows:

"(5) 'Special license plate renewal fee' means ~~a $35.00 fee~~ the fee required to be paid at the time a special license plate is renewed ~~and a revalidation decal is issued~~. For an annual renewal of a registration, such fee shall be $35.00, and for a five-year renewal of a registration, such fee shall be $175.00."

SECTION 23.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-2-61, relating to license plates for U.S. Senators and Congressmen, state constitutional officers, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Justices of Supreme Court, Judges of Court of Appeals, and Public Service Commission members, as follows:

"40-2-61.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'state constitutional officer' means the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, State School Superintendent, Commissioner of Insurance, Commissioner of Agriculture, or Commissioner of Labor.

(b) The commissioner shall design and issue distinctive license plates to each United States Senator and Congressman elected from the State of Georgia, each state constitutional officer, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, each Justice of the Supreme Court and each Judge of the Court of Appeals, and each member of the Public Service Commission to be placed on such official's personal motor vehicle. Each such distinctive license plate shall indicate the individual's elected office and no county name decal need be affixed to such plate as required pursuant to Code Section 40-2-9. The special license plate authorized by this Code section shall be issued to such elected official upon application and payment of a manufacturing fee of $25.00 and upon compliance with the state laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and shall be transferred as provided in Code Section 40-2-80. Distinctive license plates issued pursuant to this Code section shall be ~~renewed annually, and revalidation decals shall be issued upon compliance with the laws relating to registration and licensing and upon payment of~~ subject to an additional registration fee of $35.00 ~~which shall~~ as a condition of an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $175.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this Code section shall be collected by the county tag agent at

the time for collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34. ~~For purposes of this Code section, the term 'state constitutional officer' means the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, State School Superintendent, Commissioner of Insurance, Commissioner of Agriculture, or Commissioner of Labor.~~"

SECTION 24.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-2-62, relating to license plates for current and former members of the General Assembly, as follows:

"40-2-62.

The commissioner shall mail special and distinctive license plates printed for members of the General Assembly and former members of the General Assembly who are hereby deemed to have emeritus status after having served in the General Assembly eight or more years to the local tag agent in the counties wherein such members or former members reside on or before the owner's registration period each year. Such special and distinctive license plates shall be issued only upon applications made to the local tag agent and payment of a $25.00 manufacturing fee. License plates may be issued by the local tag agent upon a proper application and in accordance with the terms of this chapter. License plates issued pursuant to this Code section need not contain a place for the county name decal as required pursuant to Code Section 40-2-9, and no county name decal need be affixed to a license plate issued pursuant to this Code section. Special and distinctive license plates issued pursuant to this Code section shall be ~~renewed annually, and revalidation decals shall be issued upon compliance with the laws relating to registration and licensing and upon payment of~~ subject to an additional registration fee of $35.00 ~~which~~ as a condition of an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $175.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this Code section shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time for collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34. The special license plates issued pursuant to this Code section shall be transferred to another vehicle as provided in Code Section 40-2-80."

SECTION 25.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-2-63, relating to license plates for sheriffs, as follows:

"40-2-63.

The commissioner shall mail to the local tag agents special and distinctive license plates for the elected sheriffs in the counties of this state on or before the owner's registration period of each sheriff. The sheriffs shall make application with the local tag agent and shall pay a fee of $25.00. Special sheriffs' license plates issued pursuant to this Code section shall be ~~renewed annually, and revalidation decals shall be issued upon compliance with the laws relating to registration and licensing and upon payment of an additional registration fee of $25.00 which~~ subject to an additional registration fee of

$25.00 as a condition of obtaining an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $125.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this Code section shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34. License plates shall be issued by the local tag agents upon proper application and in accordance with the terms of Article 2 of this chapter. Only one special and distinctive license plate shall be issued to each elected sheriff; however, a sheriff may choose to use the sheriff's distinctive license plate either on the law enforcement vehicle assigned to such sheriff or on his or her personal vehicle."

SECTION 26.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-63.1, relating to license plates for public safety first responders injured in the line of duty, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) License plates issued pursuant to this Code section need not contain a place for the county name decal as required pursuant to Code Section 40-2-9, and a county name decal need not be affixed to a license plate issued pursuant to this Code section. Special and distinctive license plates issued pursuant to this Code section shall be renewed annually~~, and free revalidation decals shall be issued upon compliance with the laws relating to registration and licensing~~ without payment of an annual renewal fee. The special license plates issued pursuant to this Code section shall be transferred to another vehicle as provided in Code Section 40-2-80."

SECTION 27.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-64, relating to license plates for honorary consuls, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) Honorary consuls shall be issued license plates as prescribed in Code Section 40-2-31 in duplicate for use on their official or private passenger automobiles, upon application and compliance with the state motor vehicle laws relative to the registration and licensing of motor vehicles, payment of the regular license fees for license plates as provided by law, payment of a manufacturing fee of $25.00, and payment of an additional annual registration fee of $25.00 ~~which fee~~ as a condition of obtaining an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $125.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this Code section shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted as provided in Code Section 40-2-34~~, shall be issued license plates as prescribed in Code Section 40-2-31 in duplicate for use on their official or private passenger automobiles~~. Such license plates shall be fastened to both the front and the rear of the vehicle. No more than two sets of honorary consular corps license plates shall be issued to any country. Such plates shall not be used by any person after his or her appointment has ended."

SECTION 28.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-64.1, relating to license plates for official representatives of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representatives Office, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) Upon application and compliance with the state motor vehicle laws relating to the registration and licensing of motor vehicles and the payment of any registration fees, including the $25.00 manufacturing fee and the $35.00 special license plate fee ~~or the $35.00 special license plate renewal fee, as applicable~~, official representatives of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representatives Office in the United States who maintain a presence in Georgia shall be issued Foreign Organization license plates as prescribed in Code Section 40-2-31 in duplicate. License plates issued pursuant to this Code section shall be subject to an additional annual registration fee of $35.00 as a condition of obtaining an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $175.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this Code section be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34. Such license plates shall be fastened to both the front and the rear of the vehicle."

SECTION 29.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-65, relating to license plates for active and retired reservists and certain members of the National Guard, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a)(1) Motor vehicle owners who are assigned or attached members of troop program units of any branch of the active reserve components of the United States inside or outside the State of Georgia shall be eligible to receive free motor vehicle license plates for private passenger cars, motorcycles, or trucks used for personal transportation. Motor vehicle owners who are members of any National Guard unit in a state adjoining the State of Georgia and for whom there is no National Guard unit in the county of their residence shall be eligible to receive free motor vehicle plates for private passenger cars, motorcycles, or trucks used for personal transportation to identify such vehicle owner as a reservist. Such license plates shall be issued in compliance with the state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles as prescribed in Article 2 of this chapter. No person shall be entitled to more than one free motor vehicle license plate for any calendar year; provided, however, that, upon payment of the regular license fee provided for in Code Section 40-2-151 and a manufacturing fee of $25.00, a reservist shall be entitled to receive one additional such license plate. For each additional license plate for which an initial $25.00 fee was required, there shall be an additional annual registration fee of $25.00~~, which fee~~ as a condition of obtaining an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $125.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this paragraph shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in

Code Section 40-2-34. Additional words or symbols in addition to numbers and letters prescribed by law shall be inscribed upon such license plates so as to identify distinctively the owner as a member of one of the following branches of the United States military reserve: Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Space Force, or Coast Guard. The commanding officer of each active reserve component program unit or the adjutant general of the National Guard unit of each neighboring state shall, upon request of any reserve member or National Guard member of that unit, respectively, furnish to that member approved documentation supporting the member's current membership in the respective reserve or National Guard unit. This documentation shall be presented ~~annually~~ to the tax commissioner of the county in which the reserve member or National Guard member applies for the special license plate under this Code section ~~and upon subsequent reregistration for each succeeding year~~.

(2) Motor vehicle owners who are retired from any branch of the active reserve components whose active reservists are eligible to obtain free motor vehicle license plates under paragraph (1) of this subsection, upon application for license plates and upon compliance with the state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles as prescribed under Article 2 of this chapter, shall be issued, free of charge, a license plate as prescribed in that article for private passenger cars, motorcycles, or trucks used for personal transportation. Each such retired member shall be entitled to no more than one such free plate for any calendar year; provided, however, that, upon payment of the regular license fee provided for in Code Section 40-2-151 and a manufacturing fee of $25.00, a retired member shall be entitled to receive one additional such license plate. For each additional license plate for which an initial $25.00 fee was required, there shall be an additional annual registration fee of $25.00~~,~~ ~~which fee~~ as a condition of obtaining an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $125.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this paragraph shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34. The license plates issued pursuant to this paragraph shall, in addition to the numbers and letters prescribed by law, be identical to those issued pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection to members of the branch of the active reserve component from which that person retired. The commanding officer of each active reserve component program unit shall, upon request of any retired reserve member from that unit, furnish to that retired member approved documentation supporting the retired member's current retired membership status from that reserve unit. This documentation shall be presented to the tax commissioner of the county in which the retired reserve member applies for the special license plate under this Code section.

(3) The license plates issued pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection shall contain the word 'RETIRED' in the location of and in lieu of the name of the county of issuance."

SECTION 30.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-66, relating to license plates for active and retired members of the Georgia National Guard, by revising paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(a)(1) Motor vehicle owners who are members of the Georgia National Guard, upon application for license plates and upon compliance with the state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles as prescribed under Article 2 of this chapter, shall be issued, free of charge, a license plate, as prescribed in that article for private passenger cars, motorcycles, or trucks used for personal transportation. Each member of the Georgia National Guard shall be entitled to no more than one such free plate at a time; provided, however, that, upon payment of the regular license fee provided for in Code Section 48-10-2 and a manufacturing fee of $25.00, a member shall be entitled to one additional such license plate. For each additional license plate for which an initial $25.00 fee was required, there shall be an additional annual registration fee of $25.00 ~~which fee~~ as a condition of obtaining an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $125.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this paragraph shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34. Additional words or symbols, in addition to the numbers and letters prescribed by law, shall be inscribed upon such license plates so as to identify distinctively the owner as a member of the Georgia National Guard. The adjutant general of Georgia shall, upon request of any member of that National Guard unit, furnish to that member approved documentation supporting the member's current membership in that National Guard unit. This documentation shall be presented ~~annually~~ to the tax commissioner of the county in which the National Guard member applies for the special license plate under this Code section ~~and upon subsequent reregistration for each succeeding year~~.

(2) Motor vehicle owners who are retired members of the Georgia National Guard, upon application for license plates and upon compliance with the state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles as prescribed under Article 2 of this chapter, shall be issued, free of charge, a license plate as prescribed in that article for private passenger cars, motorcycles, or trucks used for personal transportation. Each retired member of the Georgia National Guard shall be entitled to no more than one such free plate at a time; provided, however, that, upon payment of the regular license fee provided for in Code Section 48-10-2 and a manufacturing fee of $25.00, a member shall be entitled to one additional such license plate. For each additional license plate for which an initial $25.00 fee was required, there shall be an additional annual registration fee of $25.00 ~~which fee~~ as a condition of obtaining an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $125.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this paragraph shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34. The license plates issued pursuant to this paragraph shall, in

addition to the numbers and letters prescribed by law, be identical to those issued pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection. The adjutant general of Georgia shall, upon request of any member retired from that National Guard unit, furnish to that retired member approved documentation supporting the member's retired membership status in that National Guard unit. This documentation shall be presented ~~annually~~ to the tax commissioner of the county in which the retired National Guard member applies for the special license plate under this Code section ~~and upon subsequent reregistration for each succeeding year~~."

SECTION 31.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-67, relating to license plates for state commanders of nationally chartered veterans' organizations, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) The state commanders of nationally chartered veterans' organizations shall be issued license plates as prescribed in Code Section 40-2-31 for use on their official or private passenger automobiles, upon application and compliance with the state motor vehicle laws relative to the registration and licensing of motor vehicles, upon payment of the regular license fees for license plates as provided by law, and upon the payment of an additional initial fee of $25.00 and an additional annual registration fee of $25.00 ~~which fee~~ as a condition of obtaining an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $125.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this subsection shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted as provided in Code Section 40-2-34~~, shall be issued license plates as prescribed in Code Section 40-2-31 for use on their official or private passenger automobiles, upon which~~,. For a license plate issued under this Code section, in lieu of the numbers prescribed by ~~said Code section,~~ Code Section 40-2-31, there shall be such figures or symbols indicative of the office held by such individuals as may be prescribed by the commissioner."

SECTION 32.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-2-81, relating to license plates for members of the Georgia State Defense Force, as follows:

"40-2-81.

(a) For purposes of this Code section, the term 'Georgia State Defense Force' means that organization established pursuant to Part 3 of Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 38.

(b)(1) Motor vehicle and trailer owners who are members of the Georgia State Defense Force shall be eligible to receive special and distinctive vehicle license plates for private passenger cars, trucks, motorcycles, or recreational vehicles used for personal transportation. Such license plates shall be issued in compliance with the state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles as prescribed in Article 2 of this chapter.

(2)(A) Motor vehicle and trailer owners who are members of the Georgia State Defense Force shall be issued, upon application for and upon compliance with the state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, a Georgia State Defense Force member license plate. One such license plate shall be issued without the requisite registration fee, manufacturing fee, or annual registration fee.

(B) Each member of the Georgia State Defense Force shall be entitled to no more than one such free license plate at a time; provided, however, that, upon payment of a manufacturing fee of $25.00, a member shall be entitled to one additional such license plate. For each additional license plate for which a $25.00 manufacturing fee is required, there shall be an additional annual registration fee of $25.00 ~~which fee~~ as a condition of obtaining an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $125.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this Code section shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34.

(c) The commissioner shall design a Georgia State Defense Force member license plate. The commissioner shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to enforce compliance with all state license laws relating to the use and operation of private passenger cars, trucks, motorcycles, and trailers before issuing these license plates in lieu of the regular Georgia license plates. ~~The manufacturing fee for such special and distinctive license plates shall be $25.00.~~ The commissioner is specifically authorized to promulgate all rules and regulations necessary to ensure compliance in instances where such vehicles have been transferred or sold. ~~Such~~ Except as provided in subsection (e) of this Code section, such plates shall be nontransferable.

(d) The special and distinctive vehicle license plates shall be as prescribed in Article 2 of this chapter for private passenger cars, trucks, motorcycles, and trailers used for personal transportation. Such plates shall contain such words or symbols, in addition to the numbers and letters prescribed by law, so as to identify distinctively the owners as members of the Georgia State Defense Force.

(e) The license plate issued pursuant to this Code section may be transferred between vehicles as provided in Code Section 40-2-80.

(f) ~~Special license plates issued under this Code section, except as provided in subparagraph (b)(2)(A) of this Code section, shall be renewed annually with a revalidation decal as provided in Code Section 40-2-31 without payment of an additional $25.00 annual registration fee.~~

~~(g)~~ Should a member of the Georgia State Defense Force who has been issued a license plate or license plates be discharged or otherwise separated from the Georgia State Defense Force, the member shall forward his or her Georgia State Defense Force member license plate or plates to the commissioner along with a certificate to the effect that such person has been discharged or otherwise separated from the Georgia State Defense Force, and thereupon the commissioner shall issue a regular license plate, at no additional

charge, to such former member of the Georgia State Defense Force to replace the Georgia State Defense Force member plate or plates."

SECTION 33.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-84, relating to license plates for Purple Heart recipients, by revising subsection (e) as follows:

"(e) For each additional special license plate issued under this Code section there shall be an additional $25.00 ~~annual~~ registration fee ~~which fee~~ as a condition of obtaining an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $125.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this Code section shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34."

SECTION 34.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-85, relating to license plates for veterans who survived attack on Pearl Harbor, by revising subsection (e) as follows:

"(e) Special license plates issued under this Code section shall be ~~renewed annually with a revalidation decal as provided in Code Section 40-2-31. It shall be a requirement that a county name decal shall be affixed and displayed on license plates issued under this Code section~~ subject to an additional annual registration fee of $25.00 as a condition of obtaining an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $125.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this Code section shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34."

SECTION 35.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-85.1, relating to license plates for certain veterans, by revising subparagraph (b)(2)(B) and subsections (e.1) and (f) as follows:

"(B) Each member or former member of the armed forces of the United States listed in this subsection shall be entitled to no more than one such free license plate at a time; provided, however, that, upon payment of a manufacturing fee of $25.00, a member shall be entitled to one additional such license plate. For each additional license plate for which a $25.00 manufacturing fee is required, there shall be an additional annual registration fee of $25.00~~, and such fee~~ as a condition of obtaining an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $125.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this subparagraph shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34."

"~~(e.1)~~(f) The spouse of any person eligible to be issued a special license plate under this Code section shall also be eligible for such license plate, provided that no motor vehicle

is registered in the name of the eligible person and all other requirements relating to registration and licensing relative to motor vehicles as prescribed in Article 2 of this chapter have been satisfied.

~~(f)~~(g) Special license plates issued under this Code section, except as provided in subparagraph (b)(2)(A) of this Code section, shall be ~~renewed annually with a revalidation decal as provided in Code Section 40-2-31 without payment of an additional $25.00 annual registration fee~~ subject to an additional annual registration fee of $25.00 as a condition of obtaining an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $125.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this Code section shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34."

SECTION 36.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-85.2, relating to license plates for veterans of the Chosin Reservoir Campaign, by revising subsection (e) as follows:

"(e) Special license plates issued under this Code section shall be ~~renewed annually with a revalidation decal, as provided in Code Section 40-2-31, without payment of an additional $25.00 annual registration fee~~ subject to an additional annual registration fee of $25.00 as a condition of obtaining an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $125.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this Code section shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34.

(f) Special license plates issued under this Code section shall be transferred between vehicles as provided in Code Section 40-2-80."

SECTION 37.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-85.3, relating to license plates for Gold Star family members, by revising subsections (d) through (g) as follows:

"(d) Any motor vehicle owner who is a resident of Georgia, other than one registering under the International Registration Plan, upon complying with state laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles shall be issued such a special license plate upon application therefor. ~~Special license plates issued under this Code section shall be renewed annually with a revalidation decal as provided in Code Section 40-2-31.~~ Upon payment of all ad valorem taxes and other fees due at registration of a motor vehicle, an eligible family member may apply for a Gold Star license plate. In order to qualify as an eligible family member for purposes of this Code section, the person must be related to the fallen service member as a spouse, mother, father, sibling, child, stepparent, or surviving spouse of such service member's sibling. ~~Up to two free license plates shall be allowed for any eligible family member and they may purchase additional license plates for each motor vehicle they register in this state. If a Gold Star license plate is lost, damaged, or stolen, the eligible family member must pay the reasonable cost, to be~~

~~established by the department, but not to exceed the cost of other specialty license plates, to replace the Gold Star license plate~~ An eligible family member shall be entitled to no more than two free license plates at a time; provided, however, that an eligible family member shall be entitled to additional license plates upon payment of a manufacturing fee of $25.00. For each additional license plate for which a $25.00 manufacturing fee is required, there shall be an additional annual registration fee of $35.00 as a condition of obtaining an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $175.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this Code section shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34.

(e) Whether a service member is deemed to have been killed in action shall be determined by the classification of death as listed by the United States Department of Defense and may be verified from documentation directly from the Department of Defense.

(f) Free Gold Star license plates shall be issued only to eligible family members who resided in Georgia at the time of the death of the service member~~. However,~~; provided, however, that an eligible family member who was not a resident of Georgia at the time of the death of the service member ~~may purchase a Gold Star license plate, at a cost to be established by the department, not to exceed the cost of other specialty license plates~~ shall be entitled to such license plate upon payment of a manufacturing fee of $25.00.

(g) ~~Renewal decals shall be issued at no cost to any person that received a free license plate under the provisions of this Code section upon the payment of ad valorem taxes and other registration fees, provided that the renewal is applied for on or within 30 days prior to the renewal date of the eligible person. If the eligible person fails to renew within such time, he or she shall pay a standard renewal fee and be subject to the standard penalties for late payment of ad valorem taxes due on the motor vehicle~~ A special license plate issued to an eligible family member pursuant to this Code section shall be renewed at no cost. Any special license plate issued pursuant to this Code section for a fee shall be subject to an additional annual registration fee of $35.00 as a condition of obtaining an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $175.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this Code section shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34."

SECTION 38.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 40-2-86, relating to license plates promoting or supporting certain agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations with proceeds disbursed to the general fund and the agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation, by revising subparagraph (a)(1)(C), subsection (d), and subsection (f) as follows:

"(C) 'Special license plate renewal fee' means ~~a $35.00 fee~~ the fee required to be paid at the time ~~a revalidation decal is issued~~ the registration for a special license plate is

renewed. For an annual renewal of a registration, such fee shall be $35.00 and for a five-year renewal of a registration, such fee shall be $175.00."

"(d) Any Georgia resident who is the owner of a motor vehicle, except a vehicle registered under the International Registration Plan, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and upon the payment of the appropriate fees in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee shall be able to apply for a special license plate listed in this Code section. ~~Revalidation decals shall be issued for special license plates in the same manner as provided for general issue license plates.~~"

"(f) An applicant may request a special license plate any time during the applicant's registration period~~. If such a license plate is to replace a current valid license plate, the special license plate shall be issued with appropriate decals attached~~ upon payment of the manufacturing fee and the special license plate renewal fee."

SECTION 39.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-86.1, relating to license plates promoting or supporting certain agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations or issued to qualified motor vehicles or owners with proceeds deposited in the general fund, by revising subsections (d) and (g) and subparagraph (l)(9)(B) as follows:

"(d) Any Georgia resident who is the owner of a motor vehicle, except a vehicle registered under the International Registration Plan, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and upon the payment of a manufacturing fee of $25.00 and a special license plate fee of $35.00, in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee, shall be able to apply for a special license plate listed in subsection (l) of this Code section. ~~Revalidation decals shall be issued for special license plates in the same manner as provided for general issue license plates, with the addition of a~~ A $35.00 special license plate renewal fee shall be required as a condition of obtaining an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $175.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate, provided that special license plates issued pursuant to paragraph (9) of subsection (l) of this Code section shall be exempt from such special license plate renewal fee."

"(g) An applicant may request a special license plate any time during the applicant's registration period~~. If such a license plate is to replace a current valid license plate, the special license plate shall be issued with appropriate decals attached,~~ upon the payment of any applicable registration fees, the manufacturing fee, and the special license plate fee."

"(B) Should a certified firefighter or volunteer firefighter who has been issued a special and distinctive license plate be separated from such firefighter's department for any reason other than retirement from employment, the separated firefighter shall, within 14 days of such separation, return such special and distinctive license plate to the issuing county tag agent. Upon receipt of such special and distinctive license plate, a county tag agent shall reissue a regular license plate ~~and the appropriate~~

~~revalidation decal~~ for the applicable registration period, at no additional charge, to such former firefighter to replace the special and distinctive license plate. Should a firefighter return to service with the same or another fire department, the chief of the fire department employing such firefighter shall secure the regular license plate of such person and return same to the commissioner, along with a certificate to the effect that such person has become a member of the fire department, and the effective date thereof, whereupon the commissioner shall, upon application and upon the payment of a $35.00 manufacturing fee and all other applicable registration and licensing fees at the time of registration, reissue a special and distinctive license plate to such new member to replace the returned regular license plate."

SECTION 40.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-135, relating to revocation and seizure of license plates and renewal decals, by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c) Any state or county law enforcement officer or any special agent or enforcement officer appointed under Code Section 40-2-134 may, upon the direction or request of the commissioner, go upon public or private property to seize a license plate ~~or renewal decal~~ which has been revoked as provided in subsection (a) of this Code section."

SECTION 41.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-151, relating to annual license fees for operation of vehicles, fee for permanent licensing of certain trailers, and fee for new passenger car with paid title ad valorem taxes, by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c) ~~The fee for a new motor vehicle which is a passenger car for which the purchaser has paid state and local title ad valorem taxes and that is being registered as provided in subsection (d) of Code Section 40-2-20 shall be $40.00 for the two-year registration period.~~ Upon the election of a five-year motor vehicle registration by an owner of an eligible motor vehicle, the fees for the licensing of the operation of such eligible motor vehicle shall be five times the applicable amount set forth in subsection (a) of this Code section for the five-year registration period."

SECTION 42.

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"40-2-139.

(a) For purposes of aiding in the enforcement of any emission inspection certification requirements under Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 12, any emission inspection station holding a valid certificate of authorization from the Department of Natural Resources shall electronically transmit notice of the issuance of an emission inspection certification to the department within seven days of such issuance. Such notice shall include the name and contact information of the emission inspection station, the vehicle identification number to which such certificate has been issued, and the make and model year of such motor vehicle. The department shall prescribe the form and manner of electronic transmission for the purposes of complying with this Code section.

(b) The department shall identify when a motor vehicle owner is required to comply with emission inspection certification requirements under Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 12, and no motor vehicle registration or renewal thereof shall be issued without notice to the department pursuant to this Code section that an emission inspection certification has been issued for such vehicle.

(c)(1) The department shall monitor the reporting by emission inspection stations of the issuance of emission inspection certifications. When a five-year registration has been issued by the department for a vehicle identification number recorded in the department's motor vehicle records that is required to comply with emission certification requirements under Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 12, the department shall annually verify that the required emission inspection certification notice has been transmitted. The department shall notify the owner of a motor vehicle with a five-year registration period that lacks the required annual emission inspection certification. The department shall send such notice to the address of the owner of the motor vehicle shown in the records of the department unless such owner has consented to electronic notifications and communications pursuant to Code Section 40-1-9.

(2) It shall be the duty of the owner of a motor vehicle receiving notice pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection to obtain an emission inspection certification and provide proof of such certification to the department within 30 days of receipt of such notice. If proof of an emission inspection certification is not provided within the time period specified in this paragraph, the owner's motor vehicle registration shall be suspended immediately by operation of law by the department. When such proof is provided and the owner pays a $60.00 restoration fee, the suspension shall terminate. If any restoration fee provided for in this Code section is paid to the county tax commissioner, the county shall retain $10.00 thereof as a collection fee."

SECTION 43.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-6-362, relating to operating low-speed and multipurpose off-highway vehicles on highways, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) Multipurpose off-highway vehicles shall ~~be operated only on highways that are part of a county road system and shall be authorized to cross highways that are part of a municipal street system or are part of the state highway system~~ only be authorized to be operated on highways with a maximum speed limit of 60 miles per hour or less."

SECTION 44.

Code Section 48-5C-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alternative ad valorem taxation of motor vehicles and title ad valorem tax fee, is amended by revising paragraph (5) of subsection (d) as follows:

"(5) Any motor vehicle subject to state and local title ad valorem tax fees under paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section shall continue to be subject to the title, license plate, ~~revalidation decal,~~ and registration requirements and applicable fees as otherwise provided in Title 40 in the same manner as motor vehicles which are not

subject to state and local title ad valorem tax fees under paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section."

SECTION 45.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2027.

SECTION 46.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 12, Title 40, and Code Section 48-5C-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicle emission inspection and maintenance, motor vehicles and traffic, and alternative ad valorem taxation of motor vehicles and title ad valorem tax fee, respectively, so as to provide for an optional five-year motor vehicle registration for certain motor vehicles; to provide for the submission of certificates of emission inspection for such five-year motor vehicle registrations; to authorize electronic notice in certain instances; to prohibit credits or refunds of registration fees; to provide for fees for five-year registration for prestige and specialty license plates; to provide for the submission of certificates of emission inspections to the Department of Revenue; to authorize the adoption of rules and regulations; to repeal the requirement to display a revalidation decal as evidence of annual motor vehicle registration renewal; to provide for additional military medal awards eligible for special veteran license plates; to provide for a specialty license plate for United States Navy submarine service members; to authorize the operation of multipurpose off-highway vehicles on certain highways; to revise and provide for definitions; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicle emission inspection and maintenance, is amended in Code Section 12-9-45, relating to certificate of emission inspection, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) A certificate of emission inspection shall be valid for one inspection term. The owner of each responsible motor vehicle subject to subsection (a) of this Code section is required to obtain a new certificate of emission inspection on or before the date the current certificate of emission inspection expires or prior to the ~~vehicle registration date~~ conclusion of the registration period, as such term is defined in Code Section 40-2-21, in the year following the expiration of the certificate, as determined by the board."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 12-9-51, relating to emission inspection required for motor vehicle registration, operation without registration, and improper reuse, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) Beginning July 1, 1992, it shall be unlawful for any county to and no county shall register any responsible motor vehicle subject to any requirement under Code Section 12-9-45 pursuant to or subject to the requirements of Chapter 2 of Title 40 without proof of a valid certificate of emission inspection issued pursuant to Code Section 12-9-48 indicating that such responsible motor vehicle satisfied all applicable requirements of Code ~~Section~~ Sections 12-9-45 and ~~Code Section~~ 12-9-48. In applying for a motor vehicle registration for a responsible motor vehicle subject to any requirement under Code Section 12-9-45, the application shall be accompanied by proof of the issuance of a certificate of emission inspection issued pursuant to Code Section 12-9-48. A valid certificate of emission inspection shall be submitted during each inspection term of a five-year motor vehicle registration. Any county which registers any responsible motor vehicle without proof of a certificate of emission inspection or fails to suspend a five-year registration of a responsible motor vehicle without proof of a certificate of emission inspection during an inspection term shall be in violation of this article."

SECTION 3.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 12-9-55, relating to prohibited acts, registration of vehicle by county without proof of inspection, penalty, and withholding of funding, by revising subsection (i) as follows:

"(i) If it is determined that any county has registered responsible motor vehicles or failed to suspend a five-year registration of responsible motor vehicles without receiving proof from the owners that the responsible motor vehicles satisfy all applicable requirements of Code Sections 12-9-45 and 12-9-48, the director shall notify the commissioner of transportation that such an unlawful act has occurred. Upon such notification, the State Transportation Board may at its discretion withhold Department of Transportation funding assistance from any such county."

SECTION 4.

Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, is amended in Code Section 40-1-9, relating to electronic notifications and communications by Department of Revenue, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(b.1)(1) Notice required by the department upon an owner failing to comply with emission inspection certification requirements pursuant to Code Section 40-2-137 shall be satisfied by electronic means when:

(A) The owner has elected to register his or her vehicle for a term of five years; and

(B) The department provides notifications and communications electronically to the owner 30 days, 20 days, and ten days prior to the date of any suspension.

(2) The department shall provide for notice of the use of electronic notifications and communications authorized by this subsection at the time of registration and in a statement which reads:

'BY ELECTING A FIVE-YEAR VEHICLE REGISTRATION, YOU AGREE TO RECEIVE ELECTRONIC NOTIFICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS RELATING TO FAILURE TO SUBMIT REQUIRED EMISSIONS INSPECTION CERTIFICATIONS AND ANY POSSIBLE MOTOR VEHICLE SUSPENSION THAT MAY RESULT FROM SUCH FAILURE.'"

SECTION 5.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-1, relating to definitions relative to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(3.3) 'Eligible motor vehicle' means a motor vehicle for which required state and local ad valorem taxes have been paid in accordance with the alternative ad valorem tax set forth in Code Section 48-5C-1. Such term shall not include a commercial motor vehicle or an alternative fueled vehicle, as such term is defined in paragraph (7) of subsection (l) of Code Section 40-2-86.1."

SECTION 6.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-4, relating to manufacture, sale, or issuance of license plate or revalidation decal prohibited, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) Except as otherwise provided for in Article 2B of this chapter, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to make, sell, or issue any license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~."

SECTION 7.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-8, relating to operation of unregistered vehicle or vehicle without current license plate, revalidation decal, or county decal, as follows:

"40-2-8.

(a) No person shall own, rent, lease, or operate any vehicle required to be registered pursuant to Code Section 40-2-20 upon a highway in this state without registering such vehicle. Any person who becomes a resident of this state shall register his or her vehicle within 30 days of becoming a resident. Any person who fails to comply with this subsection shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished by a fine of $100.00 for each day in which the vehicle is in violation.

(b)(1) It shall be unlawful and punishable as for a misdemeanor to operate any vehicle required to be registered in this state pursuant to Code Section 40-2-20 without a valid numbered license plate ~~properly validated with a current revalidation decal~~, unless such operation is otherwise permitted under this chapter; and provided, further, that the purchaser of a new vehicle or a used vehicle from a dealer of new or used motor vehicles who displays a temporary operating permit issued as provided by Code Section 40-2-

8.1 may operate such vehicle on the highways of this state without a current valid license plate during the period authorized by Code Sections 40-2-8.1 and 40-2-20. An owner acquiring a motor vehicle from an entity that is not a new or used vehicle dealer shall register such vehicle as provided for in Code Section 40-2-29 unless such vehicle is to be registered under the International Registration Plan pursuant to Article 3A of this chapter.

(2) The purchaser and operator of a vehicle shall not be subject to the penalties set forth in this Code section during the period allowed for the registration of such vehicle.

(c) It shall be unlawful and punishable as for a misdemeanor to operate any vehicle required to be registered in this state without a valid county name decal designating the county where the vehicle was last registered, unless such operation is otherwise permitted under this chapter. A county name decal shall not be required if there is no space provided for a county name decal on the current license plate. ~~Any person convicted of a violation of this subsection shall be subject to a fine not to exceed $25.00 if that person shows to the court having jurisdiction of the offense that the proper revalidation decal had been obtained prior to the time of the offense.~~

(d) No violation of this Code section shall have occurred upon presentation of evidence that the owner had properly applied for the registration of such vehicle, but that the license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~ had not been delivered to such owner at the time the uniform traffic citation was issued.

(e) The commissioner is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Code section."

SECTION 8.

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"40-2-10.1.

In no case shall an owner be entitled to a credit or refund for any payment of fees for a registration issued under this chapter upon the cancellation, termination, transfer, suspension, or revocation of such registration or upon the removal of a license plate for any other reason from a vehicle registered in this state."

SECTION 9.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-2-20, relating to registration and license requirements, certificate of registration and temporary operating permit, and two-year registration option for new motor vehicles, as follows:

"40-2-20.

(a)(1)(A) Except as ~~provided in subsections (b) and (d) of~~ otherwise provided in this Code section and subsection (a) of Code Section 40-2-47, every owner of a motor vehicle, including a tractor or motorcycle, and every owner of a trailer shall, during the owner's registration period ~~in each year~~, register such vehicle as provided in this chapter ~~and~~ to obtain ~~a license plate or revalidation decal~~ authority to operate it ~~for the 12 month period~~ until such person's next registration period.

(B)(i) The purchaser or other transferee owner of every new or used motor vehicle, including tractors and motorcycles, or trailer shall register such vehicle as provided in Code Section 40-2-8 and obtain or transfer as provided in this chapter a license to operate it for the period remaining until such person's next registration period which immediately follows such initial registration period, without regard to whether such next registration period occurs in the same calendar year as the initial registration period or how soon such next registration period follows the initial registration period; provided, however, that this registration and licensing requirement does not apply to a dealer which acquires a new or used motor vehicle and holds it for resale. ~~The commissioner may provide by rule or regulation for one 30-day extension of such initial registration period which may be granted by the county tag agent if the transferor has not provided such purchaser or other transferee owner with a title to the motor vehicle more than five business days prior to the expiration of such initial registration period. The county tag agent shall grant an extension of the initial registration period when the transferor, purchaser, or transferee can demonstrate by affidavit in a form provided by the commissioner that title has not been provided to the purchaser or transferee due to the failure of a security interest or lienholder to timely release a security interest or lien in accordance with Code Section 40-3-56.~~

(ii) No person, company, or corporation, including, but not limited to, used motor vehicle dealers and auto auctions, shall sell or transfer a motor vehicle without providing to the purchaser or transferee of such motor vehicle the last certificate of registration on such vehicle at the time of such sale or transfer; provided, however, that, in the case of a salvage motor vehicle or a motor vehicle which is stolen but subsequently recovered by the insurance company after payment of a total loss claim, the salvage dealer or insurer, respectively, shall not be required to provide the certificate of registration for such vehicle; and provided, further, that in the case of a repossessed motor vehicle or a court ordered sale or other involuntary transfer, the lienholder or the transferor shall not be required to provide the certificate of registration for such vehicle but shall, prior to the sale of such vehicle, surrender the license plate of such vehicle to the commissioner or the county tag agent by personal delivery or by certified mail or statutory overnight delivery for cancellation.

~~(C) Upon application for renewal of a vehicle registration, the county tag agent may issue a temporary operating permit for any vehicle that fails to comply with applicable federal emission standards, provided that the owner of such vehicle has provided verification of the existence of minimum motor vehicle liability insurance coverage and paid all applicable taxes, penalties, insurance lapse fees, and fees other than the registration fee. Such temporary operating permit shall be valid for 30 days and shall not be renewable.~~

(2) An application for the registration of a motor vehicle may not be submitted separately from the application for a certificate of title for such motor vehicle, unless a certificate of title has been issued in the owner's name, such title has been applied for in the owner's name, or the motor vehicle is not required to be titled. An application

for a certificate of title for a motor vehicle may be submitted separately from the application for the registration of such motor vehicle.

(b) Subsection (a) of this Code section shall not apply:

(1) To any motor vehicle or trailer owned by the state or any municipality or other political subdivision of this state except to the extent provided by Code Section 40-2-37;

(2) To any tractor or three-wheeled motorcycle used only for agricultural purposes;

~~(2.1)~~(3) To any vehicle or equipment used for transporting cargo or containers between and within wharves, storage areas, or terminals within the facilities of any port under the jurisdiction of the Georgia Ports Authority when such vehicle or equipment is being operated upon any public road not part of The Dwight D. Eisenhower System of Interstate and Defense Highways by the owner thereof or his or her agent within a radius of ten miles of the port facility of origin and accompanied by an escort vehicle equipped with one or more operating amber flashing lights that are visible from a distance of 500 feet;

~~(3)~~(4) To any trailer which has no springs and which is being employed in hauling unprocessed farm products to their first market destination;

~~(4)~~(5) To any trailer which has no springs, which is pulled from a tongue, and which is used primarily to transport fertilizer to a farm;

~~(5)~~(6) To any electric powered personal transportation vehicle;

~~(6)~~(7) To any moped; or

~~(7)~~(8) To any golf car.

~~(c) Any person who fails to register a new or used motor vehicle as required in subsection (a) of this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding $100.00.~~

~~(d) Upon the payment of the requisite fee, the purchaser of a new motor vehicle which is a passenger car, for which such purchaser has paid state and local title ad valorem taxes, may choose to register such passenger car for an initial period of two years instead of the annual registration provided for in this Code section, provided that the motor vehicle owner does not elect a prestige or special license plate. Thereafter, such passenger car shall be subject to the annual registration requirements of this Code section.~~

(c) On and after July 1, 2027, an owner of an eligible motor vehicle who has complied with all other requirements of this chapter shall be authorized to register or renew a registration for such eligible vehicle annually or for a period of five years. In addition to the applicable license fee set forth in Code Section 40-2-151, an owner of an eligible motor vehicle with a prestige or special license plate shall pay any applicable registration renewal fees for such license plate. Any owner of an eligible motor vehicle who elects a five-year registration shall not be relieved of any applicable emission inspection certification requirements under Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 12.

(d) Upon application for renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the county tag agent shall be authorized to issue a temporary operating permit for any vehicle that fails to comply with emission inspection certification requirements under Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 12, provided that the owner of such vehicle has provided verification of the

existence of minimum motor vehicle liability insurance coverage and paid all applicable taxes, penalties, insurance lapse fees, and fees other than the registration fee. Such temporary operating permit shall be valid for 30 days and shall not be renewable.

(e) The commissioner shall be authorized to promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Code section and the issuance of five-year registrations."

SECTION 10.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-21, relating to registration periods, by adding a new paragraph to subsection (a) and revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(.01) 'Eligible motor vehicle registration term' means every fifth registration period for an owner of an eligible motor vehicle who elects a five-year registration renewal option."

"(b) The owner of every vehicle registered in ~~the previous calendar year~~ this state shall ~~register~~ renew such registration ~~and obtain a license to operate such vehicle~~ not later than the last day of the owner's registration period for an annual motor vehicle registration or the last day of an eligible motor vehicle registration term for a five-year motor vehicle registration."

SECTION 11.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-2-30, relating to purchase by mail, as follows:

"40-2-30.

An applicant may purchase a vehicle license plate or ~~revalidation decal~~ required registration renewal ~~by mail,~~ by mailing a properly completed application form to the tag agent of the county of his or her residence along with a bank check or money order in the amount of the license fee and all ad valorem taxes due thereon plus an additional fee of $1.00."

SECTION 12.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-31, relating to license plate design, retention of manufacturing and delivery costs, revalidation, county, and "In God We Trust" decals, by revising subsections (b.1) through (g) as follows:

"(b.1) Notwithstanding the provisions of Code Sections 40-2-131 and 48-2-17, the commissioner shall retain the costs of manufacturing and delivery of license plates~~,~~ ~~revalidation decals,~~ and county name decals from the registration fee as set forth in Code Section 40-2-151; provided, however, that this subsection shall not apply to license plates issued pursuant to Article 2B of this chapter.

(c) Except for license plates issued pursuant to Article 2B of this chapter, the face of the license plate to be displayed shall be treated completely with a retroreflective material which will increase the nighttime visibility and legibility of the plate. The department shall prepare the specifications which such retroreflective material shall meet.

(d) ~~In those years in which a new license plate is not issued and the license plate was not issued pursuant to Article 2B of this chapter, a revalidation decal with a distinctive serial number shall be issued and affixed in the space provided on the license plate issued to the applicant which shall indicate the year and month through which the registration of the vehicle shall be valid; provided, however, that, if the commissioner determines that it is necessary, two revalidation decals shall be issued for each license plate to reflect the required information. When an applicant is issued a revalidation decal and such applicant registered the vehicle in another county the previous year, the applicant shall also be issued a new county decal which shall be properly affixed to the license plate and shall replace the other county decal.~~

~~(e) The commissioner shall furnish without cost to each tag agent reflective adhesive decals in sufficient number, upon which there shall be printed the name of the agent's county. Such a decal shall be issued with each metal license plate and shall be affixed in the space provided on the license plate without obscuring any number or other information required to be present on the plate. A tag agent shall offer, upon such issuance of a new metal license plate, the option of obtaining a county decal or a decal providing for the nation's motto, 'In God We Trust.'~~

~~(f)~~ A county tag agent shall issue a county name decal, upon request, for the agent's county only if:

(1) The applicant is a resident of or a business located in the county named on the decal;

(2) The applicant is registering a new vehicle in such county, is renewing a current vehicle registration, or is transferring registration of a vehicle to the county named on the decal;

(3) The application for registration of the vehicle is being made in the county named on the decal; and

(4) The license plate was not issued pursuant to Article 2B of this chapter.

~~(g)~~(e) The commissioner shall furnish without cost to each tag agent reflective adhesive decals in sufficient number, upon which there shall be printed the nation's motto, 'In God We Trust.' A tag agent shall offer, upon such issuance of a new metal license plate, the option of obtaining a county decal or a decal providing for the nation's motto, 'In God We Trust.' Such a decal shall be issued, upon request and free of charge, by a county tag agent with each new metal license plate."

SECTION 13.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-33, relating to issuance of license plates and decals, transfer of registration to a digital license plate, compensation of tag agents, and required identification, by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) and subsection (b) as follows:

"(a)(1) Upon compliance with the provisions of this chapter and the payment of the license fee required by law, the tag agent shall accept the application for registration and, except as otherwise provided for in this chapter, if the license plate ~~or revalidation~~

~~decal~~ applied for is in such tag agent's inventory, he or she shall issue the appropriate plate ~~or revalidation decal~~."

"(b) Except as provided for in Code Section 40-2-22, the amount of commission permitted as compensation to tag agents under this Code section shall be $1.00 per license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~ issued or registration renewal processed during any calendar year. Twenty-five cents for each license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~ sold or registration renewal processed in excess of 4,000 during any one calendar year shall become the property of the county and shall be turned over to the fiscal authorities of the county by the tag agent. The remaining portion of such commissions shall be disposed of as provided in Code Section 40-2-34."

SECTION 14.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-40, relating to registration of delinquent vehicles and collection and disposition of penalties, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) All applications for the registration of a delinquent vehicle shall, before being accepted by a tag agent, be first endorsed by a sheriff or a deputy sheriff, a chief of police or his or her designated representative, a state law enforcement officer, a tax commissioner, or a tax collector. The officer endorsing the delinquent application shall indicate, with his or her endorsement on the application, the total amount of the prescribed registration fee together with the 25 percent penalty provided in this Code section, and the full total of such amount shall be paid to the tag agent before any license plate or ~~revalidation decal~~ registration renewal as provided for in this chapter shall be assigned to the applicant."

SECTION 15.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-41.1, relating to authentic historical Georgia license plates, by revising subsections (b) through (d) as follows:

"(b) The owner of any antique motor vehicle manufactured in 1989 or earlier shall be authorized to display in lieu of and in the same manner as the license plate otherwise required under Code Section 40-2-41 an authentic historical Georgia license plate which clearly represents the model year within four years of any such antique motor vehicle, provided that the owner has properly registered such antique motor vehicle for the current year as otherwise required under this chapter and has obtained a current license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~ for such antique motor vehicle. Such currently valid license plate shall be kept in such antique motor vehicle at all times but need not be displayed in a manner to be visible from outside the vehicle.

(c) For purposes of this Code section, the authentic historical Georgia license plate shall be furnished by the owner of any such antique motor vehicle.

(d) ~~No later than January 1, 2006, the~~ The commissioner shall have installed within the department's computer information system applicable to the registration of motor vehicles the necessary program which ~~will~~ shall include in the information relating to the current license plate or ~~revalidation decal~~ registration renewal issued for an antique motor

vehicle the information relating to the authentic historical Georgia license plate authorized to be displayed on such antique motor vehicle."

SECTION 16.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-2-42, relating to transfer of license plates and revalidation decals, as follows:

"40-2-42.

(a) A license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~, when issued, shall be transferred from one vehicle to another vehicle of the same class acquired by the same person as provided in this chapter. Any use of a license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~ by any other person or persons in any manner not provided for in this chapter shall be a violation of this chapter.

(b) The commissioner shall provide by rules and regulations appropriate procedures whereby, upon the payment of a fee of $5.00, and, upon preparation and filing of an appropriate application therefor, currently valid ~~annual and five-year~~ license plates ~~and revalidation decals~~ shall be transferred from one vehicle to another vehicle of the same class of which ownership is acquired following that person's or those persons' ceasing to own or operate on the public roads the vehicle for which such plate was originally issued and during the initial registration period for the acquired vehicle. If such acquired vehicle is of a different class than the vehicle no longer owned or operated by such person, he or she shall submit the license plate currently issued to him or her for cancellation and, upon payment of any additional fee for registering such acquired vehicle, the commissioner shall issue a new license plate to such person for use on such acquired vehicle. License plates ~~and revalidation decals~~ may be transferred in accordance with the provisions of this subsection at any time after issuance or renewal thereof and until the expiration of the period for which issued.

(c) The commissioner shall provide appropriate procedures whereby, when the registered owner of a jointly owned motor vehicle is deceased, the license plate issued for the motor vehicle may, upon appropriate application and payment of fees, be transferred to the surviving owner's name, provided that the surviving owner acquires a new certificate of title under subsection (d) or paragraph (1) of subsection (e) of Code Section 40-3-34 and makes the payment of appropriate ad valorem taxes."

SECTION 17.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-2-44, relating to reporting of theft, loss, or mutilation of license plates or revalidation decals and issuance of duplicates or replacements, as follows:

"40-2-44.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, the owner of a motor vehicle shall immediately report the theft, loss, or mutilation of a license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~ to the appropriate law enforcement agency or official, including but not limited to a municipal or county police department or officer, the county sheriff, the Department of Public Safety, or the Georgia State Patrol. ~~Said~~ Such owner shall obtain a copy of the police report and shall submit such copy to the commissioner with a fee of

\$8.00 to obtain a duplicate license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~. Alternatively, the copy of the police report may be submitted to the applicant's county tag agent with a fee of \$8.00 in which case the county tag agent is authorized to issue a replacement license plate ~~or decal~~. In those instances in which a vehicle owner is unable to obtain a police report of such theft, loss, or mutilation of a license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~, the owner shall be authorized to submit to the appropriate law enforcement agency or official and to either the commissioner or to the county tag agent a sworn affidavit as to such theft, loss, or mutilation in lieu of a police report and obtain a replacement license plate ~~or decal~~. The county tag agent shall be entitled to retain as compensation for issuance of a replacement license plate ~~or decal~~ the same commission as provided for issuance of a new license plate ~~or decal~~ under the terms and conditions provided in subsection (b) of Code Section 40-2-33.

(b) If the license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~ is mutilated but still legible and if such license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~ is surrendered with the application for the duplicate, the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section, relating to reporting the theft, loss, or mutilation of a license plate ~~or decal~~ and submitting a copy of a police report, shall not apply.

(c) A duplicate county decal when the original has been lost, defaced, or destroyed may be obtained from the commissioner at no cost. A replacement license plate ~~or revalidation decal~~ when the original has been lost in the mail prior to receipt by the registered owner shall be issued by the commissioner without charge upon application and completion of the form and affidavit prescribed by the commissioner setting forth the circumstances of nonreceipt of the license plate ~~or decal~~. The owner shall report the nonreceipt or loss of the license plate ~~or decal~~ to the appropriate law enforcement agency or official, including, but not limited to, a municipal or county police department or officer, the county sheriff, or the Department of Public Safety. ~~Said~~ Such owner shall obtain a copy of the police report on which the license plate ~~or decal number~~ is listed and shall submit such copy to the commissioner. The owner shall not be charged a fee by the Department of Public Safety or the local law enforcement agency or official for a copy of such police report.

(d) The commissioner is authorized to establish procedures and promulgate rules and regulations for carrying out this Code section."

SECTION 18.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-45, relating to transferring license plate or revalidation decal for "salvage", "rebuilt", damaged, or demolished motor vehicles, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) No person shall transfer a license plate ~~or decal~~ from one vehicle to any other motor vehicle which is a 'salvage' or 'rebuilt' motor vehicle as provided in Chapter 3 of this title unless the owner of such vehicle submits satisfactory proof to the commissioner that the motor vehicle inspection required by Code Section 40-3-37 has been performed and such vehicle has been determined to be in full compliance with the law."

SECTION 19.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-53, relating to license plates for fleet motor vehicles, by revising subsections (b) and (c) as follows:

"(b) Fleet motor vehicle license plates shall be similar in design to regular license plates issued under Code Section 40-2-31~~, except that such fleet motor vehicle license plates shall contain such words or symbols, in addition to the numbers and letters otherwise prescribed by law, so as to distinctively identify the motor vehicles on which they are placed as fleet motor vehicles. Such motor vehicle license plates shall contain the word 'FLEET' in the location of and in lieu of the revalidation decal required under Code Section 40-2-8 so as to distinctly identify the motor vehicle as part of an enrolled fleet~~.

(c) License plates issued under this Code section shall be renewed ~~annually~~ prior to the end of the registration period and upon payment of a renewal fee to the department. ~~Such fee shall be the same amount that would be charged for a revalidation decal for such vehicle.~~"

SECTION 20.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-57, relating to application for digital license plate, renewals, and fees, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) A motor vehicle owner with a digital license plate shall renew the registration ~~annually~~ as provided by this chapter. The department shall notify the digital license plate provider upon satisfactory renewal. ~~Evidence of such renewal shall be displayed upon the digital license plate in a manner that indicates the year and month through which the registration of the vehicle shall be valid. Compliance with this subsection shall satisfy the revalidation decal requirements of this chapter.~~"

SECTION 21.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-60, relating to prestige license plates, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) Motor vehicle owners who are residents of Georgia, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and, except as provided in subsection (c) of this Code section, upon the payment of a fee of $35.00 in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee, shall be issued special personalized prestige license plates by the commissioner. Special personalized license plates issued pursuant to this Code section shall be subject to an additional annual registration fee of $35.00 as a condition of ~~obtaining an annual revalidation decal for~~ annual renewal of such registration or an additional registration fee of $175.00 as a condition of a five-year renewal of such registration for such license plate ~~which fee~~. The fees required by this Code section shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34."

SECTION 22.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-60.1, relating to standardized administrative process for special license plates, designs, fees, and application process, by revising paragraph (5) of subsection (c) as follows:

"(5) 'Special license plate renewal fee' means ~~a $35.00 fee~~ the fee required to be paid at the time a special license plate is renewed ~~and a revalidation decal is issued~~. For an annual renewal of a registration, such fee shall be $35.00, and for a five-year renewal of a registration, such fee shall be $175.00."

SECTION 23.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-2-61, relating to license plates for U.S. Senators and Congressmen, state constitutional officers, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Justices of Supreme Court, Judges of Court of Appeals, and Public Service Commission members, as follows:

"40-2-61.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'state constitutional officer' means the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, State School Superintendent, Commissioner of Insurance, Commissioner of Agriculture, or Commissioner of Labor.

(b) The commissioner shall design and issue distinctive license plates to each United States Senator and Congressman elected from the State of Georgia, each state constitutional officer, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, each Justice of the Supreme Court and each Judge of the Court of Appeals, and each member of the Public Service Commission to be placed on such official's personal motor vehicle. Each such distinctive license plate shall indicate the individual's elected office and no county name decal need be affixed to such plate as required pursuant to Code Section 40-2-9. The special license plate authorized by this Code section shall be issued to such elected official upon application and payment of a manufacturing fee of $25.00 and upon compliance with the state laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and shall be transferred as provided in Code Section 40-2-80. Distinctive license plates issued pursuant to this Code section shall be ~~renewed annually, and revalidation decals shall be issued upon compliance with the laws relating to registration and licensing and upon payment of~~ subject to an additional registration fee of $35.00 ~~which shall~~ as a condition of an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $175.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this Code section shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time for collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34. ~~For purposes of this Code section, the term 'state constitutional officer' means the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, State School Superintendent, Commissioner of Insurance, Commissioner of Agriculture, or Commissioner of Labor.~~"

SECTION 24.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-2-62, relating to license plates for current and former members of the General Assembly, as follows:

"40-2-62.

The commissioner shall mail special and distinctive license plates printed for members of the General Assembly and former members of the General Assembly who are hereby deemed to have emeritus status after having served in the General Assembly eight or more years to the local tag agent in the counties wherein such members or former members reside on or before the owner's registration period each year. Such special and distinctive license plates shall be issued only upon applications made to the local tag agent and payment of a $25.00 manufacturing fee. License plates may be issued by the local tag agent upon a proper application and in accordance with the terms of this chapter. License plates issued pursuant to this Code section need not contain a place for the county name decal as required pursuant to Code Section 40-2-9, and no county name decal need be affixed to a license plate issued pursuant to this Code section. Special and distinctive license plates issued pursuant to this Code section shall be ~~renewed annually, and revalidation decals shall be issued upon compliance with the laws relating to registration and licensing and upon payment of~~ subject to an additional registration fee of $35.00 ~~which~~ as a condition of an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $175.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this Code section shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time for collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34. The special license plates issued pursuant to this Code section shall be transferred to another vehicle as provided in Code Section 40-2-80."

SECTION 25.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-2-63, relating to license plates for sheriffs, as follows:

"40-2-63.

The commissioner shall mail to the local tag agents special and distinctive license plates for the elected sheriffs in the counties of this state on or before the owner's registration period of each sheriff. The sheriffs shall make application with the local tag agent and shall pay a fee of $25.00. Special sheriffs' license plates issued pursuant to this Code section shall be ~~renewed annually, and revalidation decals shall be issued upon compliance with the laws relating to registration and licensing and upon payment of an additional registration fee of $25.00 which~~ subject to an additional registration fee of $25.00 as a condition of obtaining an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $125.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this Code section shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34. License plates shall be issued by the local tag agents upon proper application and in accordance with the terms of Article 2 of

this chapter. Only one special and distinctive license plate shall be issued to each elected sheriff; however, a sheriff may choose to use the sheriff's distinctive license plate either on the law enforcement vehicle assigned to such sheriff or on his or her personal vehicle."

SECTION 26.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-63.1, relating to license plates for public safety first responders injured in the line of duty, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) License plates issued pursuant to this Code section need not contain a place for the county name decal as required pursuant to Code Section 40-2-9, and a county name decal need not be affixed to a license plate issued pursuant to this Code section. Special and distinctive license plates issued pursuant to this Code section shall be renewed annually~~, and free revalidation decals shall be issued upon compliance with the laws relating to registration and licensing~~ without payment of an annual renewal fee. The special license plates issued pursuant to this Code section shall be transferred to another vehicle as provided in Code Section 40-2-80."

SECTION 27.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-64, relating to license plates for honorary consuls, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) Honorary consuls shall be issued license plates as prescribed in Code Section 40-2-31 in duplicate for use on their official or private passenger automobiles, upon application and compliance with the state motor vehicle laws relative to the registration and licensing of motor vehicles, payment of the regular license fees for license plates as provided by law, payment of a manufacturing fee of $25.00, and payment of an additional annual registration fee of $25.00 ~~which fee~~ as a condition of obtaining an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $125.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this Code section shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted as provided in Code Section 40-2-34~~, shall be issued license plates as prescribed in Code Section 40-2-31 in duplicate for use on their official or private passenger automobiles~~. Such license plates shall be fastened to both the front and the rear of the vehicle. No more than two sets of honorary consular corps license plates shall be issued to any country. Such plates shall not be used by any person after his or her appointment has ended."

SECTION 28.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-64.1, relating to license plates for official representatives of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representatives Office, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) Upon application and compliance with the state motor vehicle laws relating to the registration and licensing of motor vehicles and the payment of any registration fees, including the $25.00 manufacturing fee and the $35.00 special license plate fee ~~or the $35.00 special license plate renewal fee, as applicable~~, official representatives of the

Taipei Economic and Cultural Representatives Office in the United States who maintain a presence in Georgia shall be issued Foreign Organization license plates as prescribed in Code Section 40-2-31 in duplicate. License plates issued pursuant to this Code section shall be subject to an additional annual registration fee of $35.00 as a condition of obtaining an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $175.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this Code section be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34. Such license plates shall be fastened to both the front and the rear of the vehicle."

SECTION 29.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-65, relating to license plates for active and retired reservists and certain members of the National Guard, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a)(1) Motor vehicle owners who are assigned or attached members of troop program units of any branch of the active reserve components of the United States inside or outside the State of Georgia shall be eligible to receive free motor vehicle license plates for private passenger cars, motorcycles, or trucks used for personal transportation. Motor vehicle owners who are members of any National Guard unit in a state adjoining the State of Georgia and for whom there is no National Guard unit in the county of their residence shall be eligible to receive free motor vehicle plates for private passenger cars, motorcycles, or trucks used for personal transportation to identify such vehicle owner as a reservist. Such license plates shall be issued in compliance with the state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles as prescribed in Article 2 of this chapter. No person shall be entitled to more than one free motor vehicle license plate for any calendar year; provided, however, that, upon payment of the regular license fee provided for in Code Section 40-2-151 and a manufacturing fee of $25.00, a reservist shall be entitled to receive one additional such license plate. For each additional license plate for which an initial $25.00 fee was required, there shall be an additional annual registration fee of $25.00~~, which fee~~ as a condition of obtaining an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $125.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this paragraph shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34. Additional words or symbols in addition to numbers and letters prescribed by law shall be inscribed upon such license plates so as to identify distinctively the owner as a member of one of the following branches of the United States military reserve: Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Space Force, or Coast Guard. The commanding officer of each active reserve component program unit or the adjutant general of the National Guard unit of each neighboring state shall, upon request of any reserve member or National Guard member of that unit, respectively, furnish to that member approved documentation supporting the member's current membership in the

respective reserve or National Guard unit. This documentation shall be presented ~~annually~~ to the tax commissioner of the county in which the reserve member or National Guard member applies for the special license plate under this Code section ~~and upon subsequent reregistration for each succeeding year~~.

(2) Motor vehicle owners who are retired from any branch of the active reserve components whose active reservists are eligible to obtain free motor vehicle license plates under paragraph (1) of this subsection, upon application for license plates and upon compliance with the state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles as prescribed under Article 2 of this chapter, shall be issued, free of charge, a license plate as prescribed in that article for private passenger cars, motorcycles, or trucks used for personal transportation. Each such retired member shall be entitled to no more than one such free plate for any calendar year; provided, however, that, upon payment of the regular license fee provided for in Code Section 40-2-151 and a manufacturing fee of $25.00, a retired member shall be entitled to receive one additional such license plate. For each additional license plate for which an initial $25.00 fee was required, there shall be an additional annual registration fee of $25.00~~,~~ ~~which fee~~ as a condition of obtaining an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $125.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this paragraph shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34. The license plates issued pursuant to this paragraph shall, in addition to the numbers and letters prescribed by law, be identical to those issued pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection to members of the branch of the active reserve component from which that person retired. The commanding officer of each active reserve component program unit shall, upon request of any retired reserve member from that unit, furnish to that retired member approved documentation supporting the retired member's current retired membership status from that reserve unit. This documentation shall be presented to the tax commissioner of the county in which the retired reserve member applies for the special license plate under this Code section.

(3) The license plates issued pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection shall contain the word 'RETIRED' in the location of and in lieu of the name of the county of issuance."

SECTION 30.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-66, relating to license plates for active and retired members of the Georgia National Guard, by revising paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(a)(1) Motor vehicle owners who are members of the Georgia National Guard, upon application for license plates and upon compliance with the state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles as prescribed under Article 2 of this chapter, shall be issued, free of charge, a license plate, as prescribed in that article for private passenger cars, motorcycles, or trucks used for personal transportation. Each

member of the Georgia National Guard shall be entitled to no more than one such free plate at a time; provided, however, that, upon payment of the regular license fee provided for in Code Section 48-10-2 and a manufacturing fee of $25.00, a member shall be entitled to one additional such license plate. For each additional license plate for which an initial $25.00 fee was required, there shall be an additional annual registration fee of $25.00 ~~which fee~~ as a condition of obtaining an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $125.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this paragraph shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34. Additional words or symbols, in addition to the numbers and letters prescribed by law, shall be inscribed upon such license plates so as to identify distinctively the owner as a member of the Georgia National Guard. The adjutant general of Georgia shall, upon request of any member of that National Guard unit, furnish to that member approved documentation supporting the member's current membership in that National Guard unit. This documentation shall be presented ~~annually~~ to the tax commissioner of the county in which the National Guard member applies for the special license plate under this Code section ~~and upon subsequent reregistration for each succeeding year~~.

(2) Motor vehicle owners who are retired members of the Georgia National Guard, upon application for license plates and upon compliance with the state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles as prescribed under Article 2 of this chapter, shall be issued, free of charge, a license plate as prescribed in that article for private passenger cars, motorcycles, or trucks used for personal transportation. Each retired member of the Georgia National Guard shall be entitled to no more than one such free plate at a time; provided, however, that, upon payment of the regular license fee provided for in Code Section 48-10-2 and a manufacturing fee of $25.00, a member shall be entitled to one additional such license plate. For each additional license plate for which an initial $25.00 fee was required, there shall be an additional annual registration fee of $25.00 ~~which fee~~ as a condition of obtaining an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $125.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this paragraph shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34. The license plates issued pursuant to this paragraph shall, in addition to the numbers and letters prescribed by law, be identical to those issued pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection. The adjutant general of Georgia shall, upon request of any member retired from that National Guard unit, furnish to that retired member approved documentation supporting the member's retired membership status in that National Guard unit. This documentation shall be presented ~~annually~~ to the tax commissioner of the county in which the retired National Guard member applies for the special license plate under this Code section ~~and upon subsequent reregistration for each succeeding year~~."

SECTION 31.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-67, relating to license plates for state commanders of nationally chartered veterans' organizations, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) The state commanders of nationally chartered veterans' organizations shall be issued license plates as prescribed in Code Section 40-2-31 for use on their official or private passenger automobiles, upon application and compliance with the state motor vehicle laws relative to the registration and licensing of motor vehicles, upon payment of the regular license fees for license plates as provided by law, and upon the payment of an additional initial fee of $25.00 and an additional annual registration fee of $25.00 ~~which fee~~ as a condition of obtaining an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $125.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this subsection shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted as provided in Code Section 40-2-34~~, shall be issued license plates as prescribed in Code Section 40-2-31 for use on their official or private passenger automobiles, upon which,~~. For a license plate issued under this Code section, in lieu of the numbers prescribed by ~~said Code section,~~ Code Section 40-2-31, there shall be such figures or symbols indicative of the office held by such individuals as may be prescribed by the commissioner."

SECTION 32.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-2-81, relating to license plates for members of the Georgia State Defense Force, as follows:

"40-2-81.

(a) For purposes of this Code section, the term 'Georgia State Defense Force' means that organization established pursuant to Part 3 of Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 38.

(b)(1) Motor vehicle and trailer owners who are members of the Georgia State Defense Force shall be eligible to receive special and distinctive vehicle license plates for private passenger cars, trucks, motorcycles, or recreational vehicles used for personal transportation. Such license plates shall be issued in compliance with the state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles as prescribed in Article 2 of this chapter.

(2)(A) Motor vehicle and trailer owners who are members of the Georgia State Defense Force shall be issued, upon application for and upon compliance with the state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, a Georgia State Defense Force member license plate. One such license plate shall be issued without the requisite registration fee, manufacturing fee, or annual registration fee.

(B) Each member of the Georgia State Defense Force shall be entitled to no more than one such free license plate at a time; provided, however, that, upon payment of a manufacturing fee of $25.00, a member shall be entitled to one additional such license plate. For each additional license plate for which a $25.00 manufacturing fee

is required, there shall be an additional annual registration fee of $25.00 ~~which fee~~ as a condition of obtaining an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $125.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this Code section shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34.

(c) The commissioner shall design a Georgia State Defense Force member license plate. The commissioner shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to enforce compliance with all state license laws relating to the use and operation of private passenger cars, trucks, motorcycles, and trailers before issuing these license plates in lieu of the regular Georgia license plates. ~~The manufacturing fee for such special and distinctive license plates shall be $25.00.~~ The commissioner is specifically authorized to promulgate all rules and regulations necessary to ensure compliance in instances where such vehicles have been transferred or sold. ~~Such~~ Except as provided in subsection (e) of this Code section, such plates shall be nontransferable.

(d) The special and distinctive vehicle license plates shall be as prescribed in Article 2 of this chapter for private passenger cars, trucks, motorcycles, and trailers used for personal transportation. Such plates shall contain such words or symbols, in addition to the numbers and letters prescribed by law, so as to identify distinctively the owners as members of the Georgia State Defense Force.

(e) The license plate issued pursuant to this Code section may be transferred between vehicles as provided in Code Section 40-2-80.

(f) ~~Special license plates issued under this Code section, except as provided in subparagraph (b)(2)(A) of this Code section, shall be renewed annually with a revalidation decal as provided in Code Section 40-2-31 without payment of an additional $25.00 annual registration fee.~~

~~(g)~~ Should a member of the Georgia State Defense Force who has been issued a license plate or license plates be discharged or otherwise separated from the Georgia State Defense Force, the member shall forward his or her Georgia State Defense Force member license plate or plates to the commissioner along with a certificate to the effect that such person has been discharged or otherwise separated from the Georgia State Defense Force, and thereupon the commissioner shall issue a regular license plate, at no additional charge, to such former member of the Georgia State Defense Force to replace the Georgia State Defense Force member plate or plates."

SECTION 33.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-84, relating to license plates for Purple Heart recipients, by revising subsection (e) as follows:

"(e) For each additional special license plate issued under this Code section there shall be an additional $25.00 ~~annual~~ registration fee ~~which fee~~ as a condition of obtaining an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $125.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this Code section shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection

of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34."

SECTION 34.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-85, relating to license plates for veterans who survived attack on Pearl Harbor, by revising subsection (e) as follows:

"(e) Special license plates issued under this Code section shall be ~~renewed annually with a revalidation decal as provided in Code Section 40-2-31. It shall be a requirement that a county name decal shall be affixed and displayed on license plates issued under this Code section~~ subject to an additional annual registration fee of $25.00 as a condition of obtaining an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $125.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this Code section shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34."

SECTION 35.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-85.1, relating to license plates for certain veterans, by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a), subparagraph (b)(2)(B), and subsections (e.1) and (f) as follows:

"(1) 'Military medal award' means the following medals, decorations, or other recognition of honor for military service awarded by a branch of the United States military:

(A) Medal of Honor;
(B) Bronze Star Medal;
(C) Silver Star Medal;
(D) Distinguished Service Cross;
(E) Navy Cross;
(F) Air Force Cross;
(G) Defense Distinguished Service Medal;
(H) Homeland Security Distinguished Service Medal;
(I) Distinguished Service Medal;
(J) Navy Distinguished Service Medal;
(K) Air Force Distinguished Service Medal;
(L) Coast Guard Distinguished Service Medal;
(M) Defense Superior Service Medal;
(N) Legion of Merit;
(O) Distinguished Flying Cross;
(P) Purple Heart;
(Q) Air Medal;
(R) Soldier's Medal; ~~and~~
(S) Meritorious Service Medal;
(T) Navy Corps Medal;

(U) Marine Corps Medal;
(V) Airman's Medal;
(W) Coast Guard Medal; and
(X) Combat Infantryman Badge."

"(B) Each member or former member of the armed forces of the United States listed in this subsection shall be entitled to no more than one such free license plate at a time; provided, however, that, upon payment of a manufacturing fee of $25.00, a member shall be entitled to one additional such license plate. For each additional license plate for which a $25.00 manufacturing fee is required, there shall be an additional annual registration fee of $25.00~~, and such fee~~ as a condition of obtaining an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $125.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this subparagraph shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34."

"~~(e.1)~~(f) The spouse of any person eligible to be issued a special license plate under this Code section shall also be eligible for such license plate, provided that no motor vehicle is registered in the name of the eligible person and all other requirements relating to registration and licensing relative to motor vehicles as prescribed in Article 2 of this chapter have been satisfied.

~~(f)~~(g) Special license plates issued under this Code section, except as provided in subparagraph (b)(2)(A) of this Code section, shall be ~~renewed annually with a revalidation decal as provided in Code Section 40-2-31 without payment of an additional $25.00 annual registration fee~~ subject to an additional annual registration fee of $25.00 as a condition of obtaining an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $125.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this Code section shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34."

SECTION 36.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-85.2, relating to license plates for veterans of the Chosin Reservoir Campaign, by revising subsection (e) as follows:

"(e) Special license plates issued under this Code section shall be ~~renewed annually with a revalidation decal, as provided in Code Section 40-2-31, without payment of an additional $25.00 annual registration fee~~ subject to an additional annual registration fee of $25.00 as a condition of obtaining an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $125.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this Code section shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34.

(f) Special license plates issued under this Code section shall be transferred between vehicles as provided in Code Section 40-2-80."

SECTION 37.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-85.3, relating to license plates for Gold Star family members, by revising subsections (d) through (g) as follows:

"(d) Any motor vehicle owner who is a resident of Georgia, other than one registering under the International Registration Plan, upon complying with state laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles shall be issued such a special license plate upon application therefor. ~~Special license plates issued under this Code section shall be renewed annually with a revalidation decal as provided in Code Section 40-2-31.~~ Upon payment of all ad valorem taxes and other fees due at registration of a motor vehicle, an eligible family member may apply for a Gold Star license plate. In order to qualify as an eligible family member for purposes of this Code section, the person must be related to the fallen service member as a spouse, mother, father, sibling, child, stepparent, or surviving spouse of such service member's sibling. ~~Up to two free license plates shall be allowed for any eligible family member and they may purchase additional license plates for each motor vehicle they register in this state. If a Gold Star license plate is lost, damaged, or stolen, the eligible family member must pay the reasonable cost, to be established by the department, but not to exceed the cost of other specialty license plates, to replace the Gold Star license plate~~ An eligible family member shall be entitled to no more than two free license plates at a time; provided, however, that an eligible family member shall be entitled to additional license plates upon payment of a manufacturing fee of $25.00. For each additional license plate for which a $25.00 manufacturing fee is required, there shall be an additional annual registration fee of $35.00 as a condition of obtaining an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $175.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this Code section shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34.

(e) Whether a service member is deemed to have been killed in action shall be determined by the classification of death as listed by the United States Department of Defense and may be verified from documentation directly from the Department of Defense.

(f) Free Gold Star license plates shall be issued only to eligible family members who resided in Georgia at the time of the death of the service member~~. However,~~; provided, however, that an eligible family member who was not a resident of Georgia at the time of the death of the service member ~~may purchase a Gold Star license plate, at a cost to be established by the department, not to exceed the cost of other specialty license plates~~ shall be entitled to such license plate upon payment of a manufacturing fee of $25.00.

(g) ~~Renewal decals shall be issued at no cost to any person that received a free license plate under the provisions of this Code section upon the payment of ad valorem taxes and other registration fees, provided that the renewal is applied for on or within 30 days prior to the renewal date of the eligible person. If the eligible person fails to renew within such time, he or she shall pay a standard renewal fee and be subject to the standard penalties for late payment of ad valorem taxes due on the motor vehicle~~ A special license plate issued to an eligible family member pursuant to this Code section shall be renewed at no

cost. Any special license plate issued pursuant to this Code section for a fee shall be subject to an additional annual registration fee of $35.00 as a condition of obtaining an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $175.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this Code section shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34."

SECTION 38.

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"40-2-85.5.

(a)(1) Motor vehicle owners who are members of the United States Navy submarine service shall be eligible to receive special and distinctive vehicle license plates for private passenger cars, trucks, motorcycles, or recreational vehicles used for personal transportation. Such license plates shall be issued in compliance with the state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles as prescribed in Article 2 of this chapter.

(2) Motor vehicle owners who are retired members of the United States Navy submarine service shall be eligible to receive special and distinctive vehicle license plates for private passenger cars, trucks, motorcycles, or recreational vehicles used for personal transportation. Such license plates shall be issued in compliance with the state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles as prescribed in Article 2 of this chapter.

(3) The special and distinctive vehicle license plates issued pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection shall contain the word 'RETIRED' in the location of and in lieu of the name of the county of issuance.

(b) A person who qualifies for the special and distinctive license plate pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section shall make application therefor with the commissioner and include the requisite fee. The commissioner shall design a distinctive license plate as provided in subsection (c) of this Code section and issue the distinctive license plates to qualifying applicants. There shall be no minimum required number of applicants for such distinctive license plate. The commissioner shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to enforce compliance with all state license laws relating to the use and operation of private passenger cars and trucks before issuing these license plates in lieu of the regular Georgia license plates. The additional manufacturing fee for such special and distinctive license plates shall be $25.00. The commissioner is specifically authorized to promulgate all rules and regulations necessary to ensure compliance in instances where such vehicles have been transferred or sold.

(c) The special and distinctive vehicle license plates issued by this Code section shall be as prescribed in Article 2 of this chapter for private passenger cars, trucks, motorcycles, or recreational vehicles used for personal transportation, except that the commissioner shall include a special design to identify the owner as a member of the United States Navy submarine service.

(d) The license plate issued pursuant to this Code section shall be transferred between vehicles as provided in Code Section 40-2-80."

SECTION 39.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 40-2-86, relating to license plates promoting or supporting certain agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations with proceeds disbursed to the general fund and the agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation, by revising subparagraph (a)(1)(C), subsection (d), and subsection (f) as follows:

"(C) 'Special license plate renewal fee' means ~~a $35.00 fee~~ the fee required to be paid at the time ~~a revalidation decal is issued~~ the registration for a special license plate is renewed. For an annual renewal of a registration, such fee shall be $35.00 and for a five-year renewal of a registration, such fee shall be $175.00."

"(d) Any Georgia resident who is the owner of a motor vehicle, except a vehicle registered under the International Registration Plan, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and upon the payment of the appropriate fees in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee shall be able to apply for a special license plate listed in this Code section. ~~Revalidation decals shall be issued for special license plates in the same manner as provided for general issue license plates.~~"

"(f) An applicant may request a special license plate any time during the applicant's registration period~~. If such a license plate is to replace a current valid license plate, the special license plate shall be issued with appropriate decals attached~~ upon payment of the manufacturing fee and the special license plate renewal fee."

SECTION 40.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-86.1, relating to license plates promoting or supporting certain agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations or issued to qualified motor vehicles or owners with proceeds deposited in the general fund, by revising subsections (d) and (g) and subparagraph (l)(9)(B) as follows:

"(d) Any Georgia resident who is the owner of a motor vehicle, except a vehicle registered under the International Registration Plan, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and upon the payment of a manufacturing fee of $25.00 and a special license plate fee of $35.00, in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee, shall be able to apply for a special license plate listed in subsection (l) of this Code section. ~~Revalidation decals shall be issued for special license plates in the same manner as provided for general issue license plates, with the addition of a~~ A $35.00 special license plate renewal fee shall be required as a condition of obtaining an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $175.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate, provided that special license plates issued pursuant to paragraph (9) of subsection (l) of this Code section shall be exempt from such special license plate renewal fee."

"(g) An applicant may request a special license plate any time during the applicant's registration period~~. If such a license plate is to replace a current valid license plate, the special license plate shall be issued with appropriate decals attached,~~ upon the payment of any applicable registration fees, the manufacturing fee, and the special license plate fee."

"(B) Should a certified firefighter or volunteer firefighter who has been issued a special and distinctive license plate be separated from such firefighter's department for any reason other than retirement from employment, the separated firefighter shall, within 14 days of such separation, return such special and distinctive license plate to the issuing county tag agent. Upon receipt of such special and distinctive license plate, a county tag agent shall reissue a regular license plate ~~and the appropriate revalidation decal~~ for the applicable registration period, at no additional charge, to such former firefighter to replace the special and distinctive license plate. Should a firefighter return to service with the same or another fire department, the chief of the fire department employing such firefighter shall secure the regular license plate of such person and return same to the commissioner, along with a certificate to the effect that such person has become a member of the fire department, and the effective date thereof, whereupon the commissioner shall, upon application and upon the payment of a $35.00 manufacturing fee and all other applicable registration and licensing fees at the time of registration, reissue a special and distinctive license plate to such new member to replace the returned regular license plate."

SECTION 41.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-135, relating to revocation and seizure of license plates and renewal decals, by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c) Any state or county law enforcement officer or any special agent or enforcement officer appointed under Code Section 40-2-134 may, upon the direction or request of the commissioner, go upon public or private property to seize a license plate ~~or renewal decal~~ which has been revoked as provided in subsection (a) of this Code section."

SECTION 42.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-151, relating to annual license fees for operation of vehicles, fee for permanent licensing of certain trailers, and fee for new passenger car with paid title ad valorem taxes, by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c) ~~The fee for a new motor vehicle which is a passenger car for which the purchaser has paid state and local title ad valorem taxes and that is being registered as provided in subsection (d) of Code Section 40-2-20 shall be $40.00 for the two-year registration period.~~ Upon the election of a five-year motor vehicle registration by an owner of an eligible motor vehicle, the fees for the licensing of the operation of such eligible motor vehicle shall be five times the applicable amount set forth in subsection (a) of this Code section for the five-year registration period."

SECTION 43.

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"40-2-139.

(a) For purposes of aiding in the enforcement of any emission inspection certification requirements under Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 12, any emission inspection station holding a valid certificate of authorization from the Department of Natural Resources shall electronically transmit notice of the issuance of an emission inspection certification to the department within seven days of such issuance. Such notice shall include the name and contact information of the emission inspection station, the vehicle identification number to which such certificate has been issued, and the make and model year of such motor vehicle. The department shall prescribe the form and manner of electronic transmission for the purposes of complying with this Code section.

(b) The department shall identify when a motor vehicle owner is required to comply with emission inspection certification requirements under Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 12, and no motor vehicle registration or renewal thereof shall be issued without notice to the department pursuant to this Code section that an emission inspection certification has been issued for such vehicle.

(c)(1) The department shall monitor the reporting by emission inspection stations of the issuance of emission inspection certifications. When a five-year registration has been issued by the department for a vehicle identification number recorded in the department's motor vehicle records that is required to comply with emission certification requirements under Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 12, the department shall annually verify that the required emission inspection certification notice has been transmitted. The department shall notify the owner of a motor vehicle with a five-year registration period that lacks the required annual emission inspection certification. The department shall send such notice to the address of the owner of the motor vehicle shown in the records of the department unless such owner has consented to electronic notifications and communications pursuant to Code Section 40-1-9.

(2) It shall be the duty of the owner of a motor vehicle receiving notice pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection to obtain an emission inspection certification and provide proof of such certification to the department within 30 days of receipt of such notice. If proof of an emission inspection certification is not provided within the time period specified in this paragraph, the owner's motor vehicle registration shall be suspended immediately by operation of law by the department. When such proof is provided and the owner pays a $60.00 restoration fee, the suspension shall terminate. If any restoration fee provided for in this Code section is paid to the county tax commissioner, the county shall retain $10.00 thereof as a collection fee."

SECTION 44.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-6-362, relating to operating low-speed and multipurpose off-highway vehicles on highways, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) Multipurpose off-highway vehicles shall ~~be operated only on highways that are part of a county road system and shall be authorized to cross highways that are part of a~~

~~municipal street system or are part of the state highway system~~ only be authorized to be operated on highways with a maximum speed limit of 60 miles per hour or less."

SECTION 45.

Code Section 48-5C-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alternative ad valorem taxation of motor vehicles and title ad valorem tax fee, is amended by revising paragraph (5) of subsection (d) as follows:

"(5) Any motor vehicle subject to state and local title ad valorem tax fees under paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section shall continue to be subject to the title, license plate, ~~revalidation decal,~~ and registration requirements and applicable fees as otherwise provided in Title 40 in the same manner as motor vehicles which are not subject to state and local title ad valorem tax fees under paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section."

SECTION 46.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2027.

SECTION 47.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to, by substitute.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
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Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	N Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	N Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94

Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 168, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following Bills of the House were taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 659. By Representatives Greene of the 154th, Taylor of the 173rd, Hawkins of the 27th, Jasperse of the 11th and Hagan of the 156th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 34 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical professionals for rural assistance, so as to expand medical education funding and the service cancelable loan program to include optometrists; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate amendment was read:

The Senate moves to *amend HB 659 (LC 52 0789) by replacing lines 1 through 4 with the following:*
To amend Chapters 7 and 34 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation and construction of hospitals and other health care facilities and medical professionals for rural assistance, respectively, so as to permit administration of certain medications to residents of personal care homes and assisted living facilities; to expand medical education funding and the service cancelable loan program to include optometrists; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By inserting between lines 6 and 7 the following:

Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation and construction of hospitals and other health care facilities, is amended by revising subparagraph (h)(4)(B) of Code Section 31-7-12, relating to personal care homes, licensing and registration, requirements, exemptions, and enforcement, as follows:

"(B) Administer insulin, epinephrine, GLP-1, and B12 pursuant to physician direction and protocol;"

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subparagraph (g)(7)(B) of Code Section 31-7-12.2, relating to assisted living communities, licensing and regulation, medication aides, certification, and requirements, as follows:

"(B) Administer insulin, epinephrine, GLP-1, and B12 pursuant to physician direction and protocol;"

SECTION 3.

By redesignating Sections 2, 3, 4, and 5 as Sections 4, 5, 6, and 7, respectively.

Representative Greene of the 154th moved that the House agree to the Senate amendment to HB 659.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	N Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	E Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	N Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn

Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	N Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	N Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
N Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 164, nays 8.

The motion prevailed.

HB 297. By Representatives Anderson of the 10th, Rhodes of the 124th, Meeks of the 178th, Williams of the 148th, Huddleston of the 72nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-1-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to revise the definition of "multipurpose off-highway vehicle"; to amend Article 10 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of motor vehicles and motor homes, so as to define "multipurpose off-highway vehicle" and subclassify such vehicles for ad valorem taxation purposes; to provide that such vehicles shall not be returned or taxed for ad valorem taxation purposes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Titles 12, 32, 36, 40, 45, 48, and 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to conservation and natural resources, highways, bridges, and ferries, local government, motor vehicles and traffic, public officers and employees, revenue and taxation, and state government, respectively, so as to abolish the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority; to change the name, jurisdiction, governance, and powers of the Atlanta-region Transit Link "ATL" Authority; to transfer all assets, obligations, liabilities, and employees of such authorities to the Georgia Transportation Efficiency Authority; to provide a board for such authority; to provide for meetings; to provide for powers and duties of such authority; to authorize the delegation of certain powers of the Governor relative to designated recipients of federal funds for transit projects, state-wide transportation plans, and transportation improvement programs to such authority in certain

instances; to provide for approval of developments of regional impact in certain instances; to provide for annual reports; to revise provisions relative to the multicounty transportation special purpose local option sales tax and the transit special purpose local option sales and use tax; to abolish the Governor's Development Council; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended by repealing in its entirety Chapter 32, relating to the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority, and designating said chapter as reserved.

SECTION 1-2.

Said title is further amended by repealing Chapter 39, relating to the Atlanta-region Transit Link "ATL" Authority, and reenacting said chapter as follows:

"CHAPTER 39
ARTICLE 1

50-39-1.
This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the 'Georgia Transportation Efficiency Authority Act.'

50-39-2.
As used in this chapter, the term:
(1) 'Authority' means the Georgia Transportation Efficiency Authority.
(2) 'Board' means the board of directors for the authority created pursuant to Code Section 50-39-5.
(3) 'Clean Air Act' means the federal Clean Air Act, as amended in 1990 and codified at 42 U.S.C. Sections 7401 through 7671q.
(4) 'Compliance zone county' means a county within a nonattainment area.
(5) 'Cost of a project' or 'cost of any project' means:
(A) All costs of acquisition, by purchase or otherwise, construction, assembly, installation, modification, renovation, extension, rehabilitation, operation, or maintenance incurred in connection with any project of the authority or any part thereof;
(B) All costs of real property or rights in property, fixtures, or personal property used in or in connection with or necessary for any project of the authority or for any facilities related thereto, including but not limited to the cost of all land, interests in

land, estates for years, easements, rights, improvements, water rights, and connections for utility services; the cost of fees, franchises, permits, approvals, licenses, and certificates; the cost of securing any such franchises, permits, approvals, licenses, or certificates; the cost of preparation of any application therefor; and the cost of all fixtures, machinery, equipment, furniture, and other property used in or in connection with or necessary for any project of the authority;

(C) All costs of engineering, surveying, planning, environmental assessments, financial analyses, and architectural, legal, and accounting services and all expenses incurred by engineers, surveyors, planners, environmental scientists, fiscal analysts, architects, attorneys, accountants, and any other necessary technical personnel in connection with any project of the authority;

(D) All expenses for inspection of any project of the authority;

(E) All fees of any type charged by the authority in connection with any project of the authority;

(F) All expenses of or incidental to determining the feasibility or practicability of any project of the authority;

(G) All costs of plans and specifications for any project of the authority;

(H) All costs of title insurance and examinations of title with respect to any project of the authority;

(I) Repayment of any loans for the advance payment of any part of any of the foregoing costs, including interest thereon and any other expenses of such loans; and

(J) Administrative expenses of the authority and such other expenses as may be necessary or incidental to any project of the authority or the financing thereof or the placing of any project of the authority in operation.

(6) 'County' means any county created under the Constitution or laws of this state.

(7) 'Local government' or 'local governing authority' means any municipal corporation or county or any state or local authority, board, or political subdivision created by the General Assembly or pursuant to the Constitution and laws of this state.

(8) 'Metropolitan planning organization' means the forum for cooperative transportation decision making for a metropolitan planning area.

(9) 'Metropolitan transportation plan' means the official intermodal transportation plan that is developed and adopted through the metropolitan transportation planning process for a metropolitan planning area.

(10) 'Municipal corporation' means any city or town in this state.

(11) 'Nonattainment area' means any county designated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency in the Code of Federal Regulations on December 31, 1998, as a county which is included in whole or in part within a nonattainment area under the federal Clean Air Act and which has been subsequently designated by the board, through resolution or regulation, as a county having a history of excess levels of ozone, carbon monoxide, or particulate matter.

(12) 'Obligation' means any bond, revenue bond, note, lease, contract, evidence of indebtedness, debt, or other obligation of the authority, the state, or local governments

which is authorized to be issued under this chapter or under the Constitution or other laws of this state, including refunding bonds.

(13) 'Office of profit or trust under the state' means any office created by or under the provisions of the Constitution, but does not include elected officials of county or local governments.

(14) 'Project' means the acquisition, construction, installation, modification, renovation, repair, extension, renewal, replacement, or rehabilitation of land, interest in land, buildings, structures, facilities, or other improvements and the acquisition, installation, modification, renovation, repair, extension, renewal, replacement, rehabilitation, or furnishing of fixtures, machinery, equipment, furniture, or other property of any nature whatsoever used on, in, or in connection with any such land, interest in land, building, structure, facility, or other improvement, all for the essential public purpose of providing facilities and services to aid in the accomplishment of the purposes of the authority.

(15) 'Transit' means regular, continuing shared-ride or shared-use surface transportation services that are made available by or funded by a public entity or quasi-public entity and are open to the general public or open to a segment of the general public defined by age, disability, or low income. Such term includes services or systems operated by or under contract with the state, a state agency or authority, a local government, a community improvement district, or any other similar entity of this state and all accompanying infrastructure and services necessary to provide access to these modes of transportation. Such term excludes charter or sightseeing services; school bus services; courtesy shuttle and intrafacility or terminal services; limousine carriers; and ride share network services, transportation referral services, and taxi services as such terms are defined in Chapter 1 of Title 40 and which are not paid for by a public entity.

(16) 'Transportation improvement program' means a staged, multiyear, intermodal program as defined in 23 C.F.R. Section 450.104 and consisting of transportation projects which is consistent with the metropolitan transportation plan.

50-39-3.

(a) There is created the Georgia Transportation Efficiency Authority as a body corporate and politic, which shall be deemed an instrumentality of the State of Georgia and a public corporation thereof, for purposes of managing or causing to be managed transit within this state; and by that name, style, and title such body may contract and be contracted with and bring and defend actions in all courts of this state. Upon designation by the Governor and pursuant to this chapter, such authority shall serve as the entity for approval of state-wide transportation plans and transportation improvement programs prepared by transportation management areas. The authority shall have perpetual existence. Any change in the name or composition of the authority shall in no way affect the vested rights of any person under this chapter or impair the obligations of any contracts existing under this chapter.

(b) This Code section shall not be deemed to impair or interfere in any manner with any existing rights under a contract entered into prior to December 1, 2018, or any federal

grants or agreements awarded or entered into prior to December 1, 2018. This Code section shall not be applicable to projects or services provided for under the terms of a contract entered into as of December 1, 2018, under the authority granted pursuant to a local constitutional amendment set out at Ga. L. 1964, p. 1008, and the planning, funding, coordination, and delivery of such projects or services shall be as provided for by such contract or contracts.

50-39-4.

(a) All assets, property, and legal rights and obligations, including, but not limited to, all bonded indebtedness, of the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority shall devolve by operation of law upon the Georgia Transportation Efficiency Authority on the effective date of this Act. The Atlanta-region Transit Link 'ATL' Authority shall continue to be a body corporate and politic and an instrumentality and public corporation of the state to be known as the 'Georgia Transportation Efficiency Authority.' It shall have perpetual existence.

(b) The rights, privileges, entitlements, and duties of parties to contracts, leases, agreements, and other transactions, including commitments related to federal funds, entered into before the effective date of this Act by the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority and the Atlanta-region Transit Link 'ATL' Authority shall continue to exist, and none of these rights, privileges, entitlements, and duties are impaired or diminished by reason of the transfer of the functions to the authority. In all such instances, the authority shall be substituted for the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority and the Atlanta-region Transit Link 'ATL' Authority and the authority shall succeed to the rights and duties under such contracts, leases, agreements, and other transactions, including commitments related to federal funds.

(c) All persons employed by the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority and the Atlanta-region Transit Link 'ATL' Authority shall, on the effective date of this Act, become employees of the authority in similar capacities, as determined by the executive director. Such employees shall be subject to the employment practices and policies of the authority on and after the effective date of this Act, but the compensation and benefits of such transferred employees shall not be reduced as a result of such transfer. Employees who are subject to the rules of the State Personnel Board and thereby under the State Personnel Administration and who are transferred to the authority shall retain all existing rights under the State Personnel Administration. Retirement rights of such transferred employees existing under the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia or other public retirement systems on the day before the effective date of this Act shall not be impaired or interrupted by the transfer of such employees, and membership in any such retirement system shall continue in the same status possessed by the transferred employees on the day before the effective date of this Act. Accrued annual and sick leave possessed by the transferred employees on the day before the effective date of this Act shall be retained by such employees as employees of the authority.

(d) On the effective date of this Act, the authority shall receive custody of the real property in the custody of the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority and the

Atlanta-region Transit Link 'ATL' Authority on the day before the effective date of this Act.

(e) All equipment or other tangible property in the possession of the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority and the Atlanta-region Transit Link 'ATL' Authority which is used or held exclusively or principally by personnel transferred under this Code section shall be transferred to the authority as of the effective date of this Act.

50-39-5.

(a) The management of the business and affairs of the authority shall be vested in a board, subject to the provisions of this chapter and to the provisions of bylaws adopted by the board as authorized by this chapter. For purposes of the initial appointment of members of the board pursuant to this Code section and until any board action is taken, the Governor shall be authorized to designate a county as a compliance zone county in accordance with the purposes of this chapter.

(b) The board shall be composed of the following members:

(1) Eight individuals appointed by the Governor, at least five of whom shall reside within a compliance zone county;

(2) Two individuals appointed by the President of the Senate, at least one of whom shall reside within a compliance zone county;

(3) Two individuals appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, at least one of whom shall reside within a compliance zone county; and

(4) The commissioner of transportation.

(c) All appointed members of the board and their successors shall each serve a term of four years and until the appointment and qualification of a successor except as otherwise provided in this Code section. No person holding any other office of profit or trust under the state, other than the commissioner of transportation, shall serve upon the board. The chairperson of the board shall be appointed by the Governor, and a vice chairperson shall be selected annually from among the members by majority vote of those members present and voting. Vacancies in office shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. A person appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve for the unexpired term. No vacancy on the board shall impair the right of the quorum of the remaining members then in office to exercise all rights and perform all duties of the board.

(d) Members of the board shall be entitled to and shall be reimbursed for their actual travel expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties and, for each day actually spent in the performance of their duties, shall receive the same per diem as do members of the General Assembly.

(e) Members of the board shall be subject to removal by the appointing authority for misfeasance, malfeasance, nonfeasance, failure to attend three successive meetings of the board without good and sufficient cause, abstention from voting unless authorized under subsection (e) of Code Section 50-39-6, or upon a finding of a violation of Code Section 45-10-3 pursuant to the procedures applicable to such Code section. A violation of Code Section 45-10-3 may also subject a member of the board to the penalties provided

in subparagraphs (a)(1)(A), (a)(1)(B), and (a)(1)(C) of Code Section 45-10-28, pursuant to subsection (b) of such Code section.
(f) Members of the board shall be subject to the applicable provisions of Chapter 10 of Title 45, including without limitation Code Sections 45-10-3 through 45-10-5. Members of the board shall be public officers who are members of a state board for purposes of the financial disclosure requirements of Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 21. The members of the board shall be accountable in all respects as trustees. The board shall keep suitable books and records of all actions and transactions and shall submit such books together with a statement of the authority's financial position to the state auditor on or about the close of the state's fiscal year. The books and records shall be inspected and audited by the state auditor at least once each year.

50-39-6.
(a) The board shall make bylaws governing its own operation and shall have the power to make bylaws, rules, and regulations for the government of the authority and the operation, management, and maintenance of such projects as the board may determine appropriate to undertake from time to time.
(b) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a majority of the members of the board then in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The vote of a majority of the members of the board present at the time of the vote, if a quorum is present at such time, shall be the act of the board unless the vote of a greater number is required by law or by the bylaws of the board.
(c) No vacancy on the board shall impair the right of a majority of the appointed members of the board from exercising all rights and performing all duties of the authority.
(d) Meetings of the board, regular or special, shall be held at the time and place fixed by or under the bylaws, with no less than five days' public notice for regular meetings as prescribed in the bylaws and such notice as the bylaws may prescribe for special meetings. Each member shall be given written notice of all meetings as prescribed in the bylaws. Meetings of the board may be called by the chairperson or by such other person or persons as the bylaws may authorize.
(e) No member of the board may abstain from a vote other than for reasons constituting disqualification to the satisfaction of a majority of a quorum of the board on a record vote.

50-39-7.
(a) An executive director shall be appointed by the board as the administrative head of the authority and shall serve at the pleasure of the board. The board shall set the salary of the executive director. The executive director of the State Road and Tollway Authority shall serve as the temporary executive director of the authority until the board is constituted and an executive director is appointed by such board. The executive director shall hire officers, agents, and employees, prescribe their duties and qualifications and fix their compensation, and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the

authority. Such officers, agents, and employees shall serve at the pleasure of the executive director.
(b) The authority is assigned to the Department of Transportation for administrative purposes only.

ARTICLE 2

50-39-10.
(a) This chapter shall operate uniformly throughout the state.
(b) Except for the purpose of reviewing proposed transportation improvement programs prepared by metropolitan planning organizations in accordance with requirements specifically placed upon the Governor by federal law, the jurisdiction of the authority shall not extend to the territory and facilities of any airport as defined in Code Section 6-3-20.1 and which is certified under 14 C.F.R. Part 139. In no event shall the authority have jurisdiction to design, construct, repair, improve, expand, own, maintain, or operate any such airport or any facilities of such airport.
(c) Any county which provided no transit services or was provided no transit services by a state authority on or before January 1, 2026, shall be prohibited from initiating any transit services within such county without passage of a resolution authorizing transit services by the board of commissioners of such county; provided, however, that, if such county is a compliance zone county, additional approval shall be required from the voters in a county-wide referendum called for such purpose.

50-39-11.
The authority shall have the following general powers and duties:
(1) To sue and be sued in all courts of this state, the original jurisdiction and venue of any such action being the superior court of any county wherein a substantial part of the business was transacted, the tortious act, omission, or injury occurred, or the real property is located;
(2) To have a seal and alter the same at its pleasure;
(3) To plan, design, acquire, construct, add to, extend, improve, equip, operate, and maintain transit systems and transit projects which are included within a state-wide transportation plan or transportation improvement program, and to contract with any state, regional, or local government, authority, or department or with any private person, firm, or corporation, for those purposes, and to enter into contracts and agreements with the Department of Transportation, county and local governments, and transit system operators for those purposes;
(4) To make and execute contracts, lease agreements, and all other instruments necessary or convenient to exercise the powers of the authority or to further the public purpose for which the authority is created;
(5) To acquire by purchase, lease, or otherwise and to hold, lease, and dispose of real or personal property of every kind and character, or any interest therein, in furtherance of the public purpose of the authority, in compliance, where required, with applicable

federal law including without limitation the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, 42 U.S.C. Section 4601, et seq., 23 C.F.R. Section 1.23, and 23 C.F.R. Section 713(c);

(6) To appoint an executive director who shall be executive officer and administrative head of the authority;

(7) To extend grants for all or part of the cost or expense of any project of a political subdivision or other entity for the furtherance of the purposes of the authority upon such terms and conditions as the authority may deem necessary or desirable; and to adopt rules, regulations, and procedures for making such grants;

(8) To collect fees and charges in connection with its commitments, management services, and servicing including, but not limited to, reimbursements of costs of financing, as the authority shall determine to be reasonable and as shall be approved by the authority;

(9) To acquire or contract to acquire from any person, firm, corporation, local government, federal or state agency, or corporation by grant, purchase, or otherwise, leaseholds, real or personal property, or any interest therein; and to sell, assign, exchange, transfer, convey, lease, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of or encumber the same;

(10) To provide advisory, technical, consultative, training, educational, and project assistance services to the state and local government and to enter into contracts with the state and local government to provide such services. The state and local governments are authorized to enter into contracts with the authority for such services and to pay for such services as may be provided them;

(11) To apply for and to accept any gifts or grants or loan guarantees or loans of funds or property or financial or other aid in any form from the federal government or any agency or instrumentality thereof, or from the state or any agency or instrumentality thereof, or from any other source for any or all of the purposes specified in this chapter and to comply, subject to the provisions of this chapter, with the terms and conditions thereof;

(12) To lease to local governments any authority owned facilities or property;

(13) To contract with state agencies or any local government for the use by the authority of any property, project, facilities, or services of the state or any such state agency or local government or for the use by any state agency or local government of any property, project, facilities, or services of the authority, and such state agencies and local governments are authorized to enter into such contracts;

(14) To receive and use the proceeds of any tax levied to pay all or any part of the cost of any project or for any other purpose for which the authority may use its own funds pursuant to this chapter;

(15) To use income earned on any investment for such corporate purposes of the authority as the authority in its discretion shall determine, including, but not limited to, the use of repaid principal and earnings on funds;

(16) To cooperate and act in conjunction with industrial, commercial, medical, scientific, public interest, or educational organizations; with agencies of the federal

government and this state and local government; with other states and their political subdivisions; and with joint agencies thereof, and such state agencies, local government, and joint agencies are authorized and empowered to cooperate and act in conjunction and to enter into contracts or agreements with the authority and local government to achieve or further the purposes of the authority;

(17) To assist in planning in relation to the authority's transit services among all state, regional, and local authorities charged with planning responsibilities for such purposes by state or federal law;

(18) To the extent permissible under federal law, to operate as a receiver of federal grants, loans, and other moneys intended to be used for the provision of transit services;

(19) To exercise any power granted by the laws of this state to public or private corporations which is not in conflict with the public purpose of the authority;

(20) To procure insurance against any loss in connection with its property and other assets or obligations;

(21) To accept and use federal funds; to enter into any contracts or agreements with the United States or its agencies or subdivisions relating to the planning, financing, construction, improvement, operation, and maintenance of the authority's transit services or transit projects; and to do all things necessary, proper, or expedient to achieve compliance with the provisions and requirements of all applicable federal aid acts and programs. Nothing in this chapter is intended to conflict with any federal law; and, in case of such conflict, such portion as may be in conflict with such federal law is declared of no effect to the extent of the conflict;

(22) To coordinate with metropolitan planning organizations and the Department of Transportation to include projects funded by the authority in whole or in part with federal aid funds in approved transportation improvement programs adopted and approved by designated metropolitan planning organizations and the Governor and in any transit plan adopted and approved by the designated metropolitan planning organization in compliance with the requirements of relevant portions of the regulations implementing the Clean Air Act including without limitation 40 C.F.R. Section 93.105(c)(1)(ii) and 40 C.F.R. Section 93.122(a)(1), where such inclusion, approval, designation, or compliance is required by applicable federal law or regulation;

(23) To provide planning and assistance to local authorities for purposes of grants issued prior to the effective date of this Act;

(24) To appoint and select officers, agents, and employees, including engineering, architectural, and construction experts and attorneys, and to fix their compensation; and

(25) To do all things necessary or convenient to carry out the powers conferred by this chapter.

50-39-12.

The provision of local government services and the utilization of funding mechanisms therefor consistent with the terms of this chapter shall not be subject to the provisions of Chapter 70 of Title 36; provided, however, that the authority shall, where practicable, provide for coordination and consistency between the provision of such services pursuant

to the terms of this chapter and the provision of such services pursuant to Chapter 70 of Title 36.

50-39-13.
(a) The Governor may delegate to the authority, by executive order, his or her powers under applicable federal transportation planning laws and regulations, including without limitation the power to serve as the designated recipient of federal funds for purposes of transit funding for capital projects and for financing and directly providing public transportation under 49 U.S.C. Sections 5302 through 5304 for compliance zone counties.
(b) The authority shall formulate an annual report of transit operated by the authority which shall be submitted by December 1 of each year to the Senate and House Transportation Committees. Such report shall include information on the utilization of the authority's transit services, public funding subsidies for operations based upon a per passenger and per funding source, and operating metrics which include customer satisfaction, on-time performance, safety and security issues, and administrative efficiencies of the authority.

50-39-14.
(a) The Governor may delegate to the authority, by executive order, his or her powers under applicable federal transportation planning laws and regulations, including without limitation the power to resolve revision disputes between metropolitan planning organizations of compliance zone counties and the Department of Transportation under 40 C.F.R. Section 93.105, the power to approve state-wide transportation improvement programs under 23 U.S.C. Section 134 and 23 C.F.R. Sections 450.312(b), 450.324(b), and 450.328(a), and the power of approval and responsibilities for public involvement under 23 C.F.R. Section 450.216(a).
(b) In exercising the authority's delegated powers concerning proposed state-wide transportation plans and transportation improvement programs prepared by metropolitan planning organizations of compliance zone counties or by the Department of Transportation:
(1) Transportation plans and transportation improvement programs subject to the authority's delegated review powers shall be approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the board to a motion made for that purpose;
(2) The authority may request modification of such a plan or program and approve such proposal for modification of a plan or program by the affirmative vote of a majority of the board to a motion made for that purpose;
(3) The board may set a date certain as a deadline for submission of any such plan or program to the authority for review; and
(4) If any such plan or program is not timely submitted for review in compliance with a deadline set by the board, the authority may exercise its delegated power to disapprove such plan or program upon the affirmative vote of the majority of the board to a motion made for that purpose.

50-39-15.
In any case where a development of regional impact, as determined by the Department of
Community Affairs pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 50, is planned within a compliance zone county which requires the expenditure of state or federal funds by the state or any political subdivision, agency, authority, or instrumentality thereof, any expenditure of such funds shall be prohibited unless and until the plan for such development and such expenditure is reviewed and approved by the authority. The decision of the authority to allow or disallow the expenditure of such funds shall be final and nonreviewable, except that such decision shall be reversed where a resolution for such purpose is passed by vote of three-fourths of the authorized membership of the county commission of the county in which the development of regional impact is planned or, if such development is within a municipality, by vote of three-fourths of the authorized membership of the city council.

50-39-16.
The authority shall have all rights afforded the state by virtue of the Constitution of the United States, and nothing in this chapter shall be construed to remove any such rights.

50-39-17.
Neither the members of the board nor any officer or employee of the authority acting on behalf thereof, while acting within the scope of his or her authority, shall be subject to any liability resulting from:

(1) The construction, ownership, maintenance, or operation of any project financed with the assistance of the authority;

(2) The construction, ownership, maintenance, or operation of any project authorized by the authority and owned by a local government; or

(3) Carrying out any of the powers expressly given in this chapter.

ARTICLE 3

50-39-30.
In accomplishing its purposes pursuant to this chapter, the authority may utilize, unless otherwise prohibited by law, any combination of the following funding resources:

(1) Funds obtained for the purposes of providing transit services and transit projects by contract with, between, and among local governments;

(2) Such federal funds as may from time to time be made available to the authority or for purposes coincident with the purposes of the authority; and

(3) Such grants or contributions from persons, firms, corporations, or other entities as the authority may receive from time to time.

50-39-31.
The authority may serve as the entity to discharge all duties imposed on the state by any act of Congress allotting federal funds to be expended for transit projects and purposes. Unless designated otherwise by the federal government, the authority shall be designated as the proper and sole authority to receive any of the federal transit funds apportioned by the federal government for compliance zone counties and may disburse such funds in accordance with the purposes of this article. This Code section shall not be deemed to impair or interfere in any manner with any existing rights under a contract entered into prior to December 1, 2018, or any federal grants or agreements awarded or entered into prior to December 1, 2018. This Code section shall not be applicable to projects or services provided for under the terms of a contract entered into as of December 1, 2018, under the authority granted pursuant to a local constitutional amendment set out at Ga. L. 1964, p. 1008; and the planning, funding, coordination, and delivery of such projects or services shall be as provided for by such contract or contracts.

50-39-32.
It is found, determined, and declared that the creation of this authority and the carrying out of its corporate purposes is in all respects for the benefit of the people of the state and that the authority is an institution of purely public charity and will be performing an essential governmental function in the exercise of the power conferred upon it by this chapter. For such reasons, the authority shall not be required to pay any taxes or assessments imposed by the state or any of its counties, municipal corporations, political subdivisions, or taxing districts upon any property acquired by the authority or under its jurisdiction, control, possession, or supervision or leased by it to others, or upon its activities in the operation or maintenance of any such property or on any income derived by the authority in the form of fees, recording fees, rentals, charges, purchase price, installments, or otherwise. The tax exemption provided in this chapter shall include an exemption from sales and use tax on property purchased by the authority or for use by the authority. The exemptions provided for by this Code section shall not apply to the sale or use of motor fuel as such term is defined in Code Section 48-9-2.

ARTICLE 4

50-39-40.
(a) For the purposes of this Code section, the term 'lease agreement' shall mean and include a lease, operating lease rental agreement, usufruct, sale and lease back, or any other lease agreement having a term of not more than 50 years and concerning real, personal, or mixed property, any right, title, or interest therein by and between the state, the authority, a local government, or any combination thereof.
(b) A local government by resolution of its governing body may enter into a lease agreement for the provision of transit service or transit projects utilizing facilities owned by the authority upon such terms and conditions as the authority shall determine to be

reasonable, including, but not limited to, the reimbursement of all costs of construction and financing and claims arising therefrom.

(c) Any lease agreement may provide for the construction of such transit project by the local government as agent for the authority. In such event, all contracts for such construction shall be let by such local government in accordance with the provisions of law otherwise applicable to the letting of such contracts by such local government and with the provisions of state law pertaining to prevailing wages, labor standards, and working hours. Any such lease agreement may contain provisions by which such local government shall indemnify the authority against any and all damages resulting from acts or omissions to act on the part of such local government or its officers, agents, or employees in constructing such facility or facilities, in letting any contracts in connection therewith, or in operating and maintaining the same.

(d) Any lease agreement directly between the state or authority and a local government may contain provisions requiring the local government to perform any or all of the following:

(1) In the case of a transit service or transit project, to establish and collect rates, fees, and charges so as to produce revenues sufficient to pay all or a portion of:

(A) The costs of operation, maintenance, renewal, replacement, and repairs of the transit project of such local government; and

(B) Outstanding bonds, notes, or other obligations incurred for the purposes of such transit project and to provide for the payment of all amounts as they shall become due and payable under the terms of such lease agreement, including amounts for the creation and maintenance of any required reserves;

(2) To create and maintain reasonable reserves or other special funds; or

(3) To create and maintain a special fund or funds as additional security for the punctual payment of any rentals due under such lease agreement and for the deposit therein of such revenues as shall be sufficient to pay said lease rentals and any other amounts becoming due under such lease agreements as the same shall become due and payable.

50-39-41.

(a) The authority may make grants to a local government to pay all or any part of the cost of a project. The authority and a local government may enter into such agreements as may be determined appropriate by the authority.

(b) The authority may require as a condition of any grant to a local government that such local government shall perform any or all of the following:

(1) In the case of grants for transit services or transit projects, establish and collect rates, fees, and charges so as to produce revenues sufficient to pay all or a specified portion of:

(A) Costs of operation, maintenance, replacement, renewal, and repairs; and

(B) Outstanding indebtedness incurred for the purposes of such service or project, including the principal of and interest on the bonds, revenue bonds, notes, or other obligations issued by the local government, as the same shall become due and payable, and to create and maintain any required reserves;

(2) Create and maintain such other special funds as may be required by the authority; and

(3) Perform such other acts, including the conveyance of real and personal property together with all right, title, or interest therein to the authority, or take other actions as may be deemed necessary or desirable by the authority to secure the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds, revenue bonds, notes, or other obligations and to provide for the remedies of the authority in the event of any default by such local government in such payment.

(c) All local governments issuing and selling bonds, revenue bonds, notes, or other obligations to the authority are authorized to perform such acts, take such action, adopt such proceedings, and to make and carry out such contracts with the authority as may be contemplated by this chapter.

ARTICLE 5

50-39-50.

This chapter, being for the welfare of this state and its inhabitants, shall be liberally construed to effect the purposes specified in this chapter.

50-39-51.

No provision of Article 3 of Chapter 1 of Title 40 shall apply to any bus, other motor vehicle, or rapid rail system of the authority which provides transit services."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Article 5B of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special districts for transit purposes sales and use tax (Transit SPLOST), is amended by revising Code Section 48-8-269.40, relating to definitions, as follows:

"48-8-269.40.

As used in this article, the term:

~~(1) 'Authority' means the Atlanta-region Transit Link 'ATL' Authority created pursuant to Chapter 39 of Title 50.~~

~~(2)~~(1) 'County' means any county created under the Constitution or laws of this state.

~~(3)~~(2) 'Dealer' shall have the same meaning as ~~provided for in paragraph (8) of~~ set forth in Code Section 48-8-2.

~~(4)~~(3) 'Intergovernmental agreement' means a contract entered into pursuant to Article IX, Section III, Paragraph I of the Constitution.

~~(5)~~(4) 'Nonattainment area' means those counties currently having or previously designated as having excess levels of ozone, carbon monoxide, or particulate matter in violation of the standards in the federal Clean Air Act, as amended in 1990 and codified at 42 U.S.C.A. Sections 7401 to 7671q, and which have been designated by the board

of the Georgia Transportation Efficiency Authority, through resolution or regulation, as counties having excess levels of ozone, carbon monoxide, or particulate matter ~~and which fall under the jurisdiction exercised by the Atlanta region Transit Link 'ATL' Authority or any predecessor authority as described in Article 2 of Chapter 39 of Title 50~~.

~~(6)~~(5) 'Qualified municipality' means a qualified municipality as ~~defined in paragraph (4) of~~ set forth in Code Section 48-8-110 and which is located wholly or partly within a special district.

~~(7) 'Regional transit plan' means the official multiyear plan for transit services and facilities adopted pursuant to Code Section 50-39-12.~~

~~(8)~~(6) 'Transit' means regular, continuing shared-ride or shared-use surface transportation services that are made available by a public entity and are open to the general public or open to a segment of the general public defined by age, disability, or low income. Such term includes services or systems operated by or under contract with the state, a public agency or authority, a county or municipality, a community improvement district, or any other similar public entity of this state and all accompanying infrastructure and services necessary to provide access to these modes of transportation. Such term excludes charter or sightseeing services, school bus services, courtesy shuttle and intra-facility or terminal services, limousine carriers, and ride share network services, transportation referral services, and taxi services not paid for by a public entity.

~~(9)~~(7) 'Transit projects' means and includes purposes to establish, enhance, operate, and maintain, or improve access to transit, including general obligation debt and other multiyear obligations issued to finance such projects, the operations and maintenance of such projects once constructed, and the contracted purchase of transit services from providers without direct capital investment."

SECTION 2-2.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 48-8-269.45, relating to notice, meeting, and resolution authorizing referendum, as follows:

"48-8-269.45.

(a)(1) Any county qualified to levy a tax pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of Code Section 48-8-269.41 shall deliver or mail a written notice to the mayor or chief elected official in each qualified municipality located within the special district prior to the issuance of the call for the referendum. Such notice shall contain the date, time, place, and purpose of a meeting at which the governing authorities of the county and of each qualified municipality are to meet to discuss possible transit projects ~~from the regional transit plan~~ for inclusion in the referendum and the rate of tax. The notice shall be delivered or mailed at least ten days prior to the date of the meeting. The meeting shall be held at least 60 days prior to any issuance of the call for the referendum.

(2) At the meeting the county and all qualified municipalities may ~~select~~ develop a list of potential transit projects for the county ~~from the regional transit plan~~ to be funded by the proceeds of the tax authorized by this article.

~~(b) Following the meeting required by subsection (a) of this Code section, the county shall deliver or mail a written notice to the authority of the intent to call for a referendum to impose the tax authorized by this article. Such notice shall include a list of transit projects located within such county chosen from the regional transit plan which the county intends to fund with proceeds from the tax authorized under this article and the proposed operator of any such transit projects if such project or projects are services which require an operator.~~

~~(c) Upon receipt of such notice from a county, the authority shall approve or deny any or all projects within a submitted transit project list and the proposed operator of any transit projects if such project or projects are services which require an operator. In making a determination upon whether to approve transit projects, the authority shall take into consideration any other transit projects the authority has approved for any neighboring counties, any transit projects in progress in any neighboring counties, and any additional federal or state funding that may be available for any projects. The authority shall make a determination and send notification to a county approving or denying the submitted transit projects and operators, if applicable, no later than 20 days from the receipt of such list.~~

~~(d)~~(b)(1) As soon as practicable after ~~receipt of notice from the authority~~ the meeting required by subsection (a) of this Code section, the governing authority of the county desiring to call for a referendum shall, by a majority vote on a resolution offered for such purpose, submit the list of transit projects and the question of whether the tax should be approved to electors of the special district in the next scheduled election and shall notify the county election superintendent within the special district by forwarding to the superintendent a copy of such resolution calling for the imposition of the tax. Such list, or a digest thereof, shall be available during regular business hours in the office of the county clerk.

(2) The resolution authorized by paragraph (1) of this subsection shall describe or identify:

(A) The specific transit projects to be funded ~~which shall have been selected from the regional transit plan and approved by the authority~~;

(B) The approximate cost of such transit projects;

(C) The operator selected for any transit project or projects proposed if such project or projects are services which require an operator; and

(D) The maximum period of time, to be stated in calendar years, for which the tax may be imposed and the rate thereof. The maximum period of time for the imposition of the tax shall not exceed 30 years."

SECTION 2-3.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 48-8-269.57, relating to exclusive use of tax proceeds, audits, and payment of debt, by revising subsection (f) as follows:

"(f)(1)(A)(i) If the proceeds of the tax are specified to be used solely for the purpose of payment of general obligation debt issued in conjunction with the imposition of the tax authorized to be levied pursuant to Part 2 of this article, then any net proceeds

of the tax in excess of the amount required for final payment of such debt may be used for additional transit projects, provided that a subsequent intergovernmental agreement meeting the requirements set forth in subsection (b) of Code Section 48-8-269.43 has been entered into. If a subsequent intergovernmental agreement required by this division is not entered into, then such excess proceeds shall be subject to and applied as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection.

(ii) If the proceeds of the tax are specified to be used solely for the purpose of payment of general obligation debt issued in conjunction with the imposition of the tax authorized to be levied pursuant to Part 3 of this article, then any net proceeds of the tax in excess of the amount required for final payment of such debt ~~may be used for additional transit projects, provided that such projects are selected from the regional transit plan and approved by the authority. If approval from the authority regarding additional transit projects to be funded with any excess net proceeds is not obtained, then such excess proceeds~~ shall be subject to and applied as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection.

(B)(i) If the special district receives from the tax net proceeds in excess of the maximum cost of the transit projects stated in the resolution calling for the imposition of the tax or in excess of the actual cost of such projects when the tax was authorized to be levied pursuant to Part 2 of this article, then such excess proceeds may be used for additional transit projects, provided that a subsequent intergovernmental agreement meeting the requirements set forth in subsection (b) of Code Section 48-8-269.43 has been entered into. If a subsequent intergovernmental agreement required by this division is not entered into, then such excess proceeds shall be subject to and applied as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection.

(ii) If the special district receives from the tax net proceeds in excess of the maximum cost of the transit projects stated in the resolution calling for the imposition of the tax or in excess of the actual cost of such projects when the tax was authorized to be levied pursuant to Part 3 of this article, then such excess proceeds ~~may be used for additional transit projects, provided that such projects are selected from the regional transit plan and approved by the authority. If approval from the authority regarding additional transit projects to be funded with any excess net proceeds is not obtained, then such excess proceeds~~ shall be subject to and applied as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection.

(2) Except as provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection, excess proceeds shall be used solely for the purpose of reducing any indebtedness of any county within the special district other than indebtedness incurred pursuant to this article. If there is no such other indebtedness or if the excess proceeds exceed the amount of any such other indebtedness, then the excess proceeds shall next be paid into the general fund of such county, it being the intent that any funds so paid into the general fund of such county be used for the purpose of reducing ad valorem taxes."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to solid waste management, is amended in Code Section 12-8-31, relating to state solid waste management plan and reporting, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) ~~The state solid waste management plan shall be submitted to the Governor's Development Council and shall serve as the guide for the development of local plans and regional plans for solid waste management~~ Reserved."

SECTION 3-2.

Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to highways, bridges, and ferries, is amended in Code Section 32-6-51, relating to unauthorized devices and structures within right of way or visible from public road, bus shelters, and commercial advertisements by transit agency, by revising subparagraph (g)(1)(C) as follows:

"(C) 'Transit agency' means any public agency, public corporation, or public authority existing under the laws of this state that is authorized by any general, special, or local law to provide any type of transit services within any area of this state, including, but not limited to, the Department of Transportation, the ~~Atlanta-region Transit Link 'ATL' Authority~~ Georgia Transportation Efficiency Authority, and the Georgia Rail Passenger Authority."

SECTION 3-3.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 32-9-11, relating to transit services with local governments, as follows:

"32-9-11.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Local government' means any county, municipality, or political subdivision of this state, or any combination thereof.

(2) 'Nonattainment area' ~~means those counties currently having or previously deemed to have excess levels of ozone, carbon monoxide, or particulate matter in violation of the standards in the federal Clean Air Act, as amended in 1990 and codified at 42 U.S.C.A. Sections 7401 to 7671q and which fall under the jurisdiction exercised by the Atlanta-region Transit Link 'ATL' Authority or any predecessor authority as described in Article 2 of Chapter 39 of Title 50~~ shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 50-39-2.

(3) 'Transit agency' means any public agency, public corporation, or public authority existing under the laws of this state that is authorized by any general, special, or local law to provide any type of transit services within any area of this state but shall not include the Department of Transportation, the ~~Atlanta-region Transit Link 'ATL' Authority,~~ Georgia Transportation Efficiency Authority, or the Georgia Rail Passenger Authority.

(4) 'Transit facilities' means everything necessary and appropriate for the conveyance and convenience of passengers who utilize transit services.

(5) 'Transit services' means all modes of transportation serving the general public which are appropriate to transport people and their personal effects by highway or other ground conveyance but does not include rail conveyance.

(b)(1) Any transit agency may, by contract with any local government for any period not exceeding 50 years, provide transit services or transit facilities for, to, or within that local government or between that local government and any area in which such transit agency provides transit services or transit facilities, except that if such services or facilities are to be funded wholly or partially by fees, assessments, or taxes levied and collected within a special district created pursuant to Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VI of the Constitution, such contract may only become effective if a majority of the qualified voters residing within the special district to be taxed authorize such contract or tax by referendum in a special election which shall be called and conducted for that purpose by the election superintendent of such local government.

(2)(A) Any services provided in a county outside a nonattainment area by a transit agency pursuant to a contract authorized by this subsection shall be conditioned upon such services being included in a plan for transit services adopted or approved by the governing authority of the county and by the governing authorities of any municipalities within which transit services are to be provided as provided in the plan.

(B) Any services provided by a transit agency in a county within a nonattainment area pursuant to a contract authorized by this subsection and entered into on or after January 1, 2019, shall be for services~~:~~

~~(i) Approved~~ approved by a local governing authority~~;~~

~~(ii) Included in the regional transit plan adopted pursuant to Code Section 50-39-12; and~~

~~(iii) Through agreement with the Atlanta-region Transit Link 'ATL' Authority~~.

(c) The purpose of this Code section is to facilitate the exercise of the power to provide public transportation services conferred by Article IX, Section II, Paragraph III of the Constitution. This Code section does not repeal any other law conferring the power to provide public transportation services or prescribing the manner in which such power is to be exercised. This Code section does not restrict the power of the Department of Transportation, ~~the Atlanta-region Transit Link 'ATL' Authority~~ the Georgia Transportation Efficiency Authority, or the Georgia Rail Passenger Authority to contract with any local government to provide transit services or transit facilities, including but not limited to rail transit services and facilities, pursuant to Article IX, Section III, Paragraph I of the Constitution."

SECTION 3-4.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 32-9-13, relating to definitions relative to the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority, by repealing in its entirety paragraph (7).

SECTION 3-5.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 32-9-15, relating to procedures, conditions, and limitations for levy of additional retail sales and use tax by Fulton County for MARTA services and transit oriented development, by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c) Following the meeting required by subsection (b) of this Code section and prior to any tax being imposed under this Code section, the qualified municipalities and governing authority representing at least 70 percent of the population of Fulton County outside the boundaries of the city may execute an intergovernmental agreement memorializing their agreement to the levy of a tax and the rate of such tax; provided, however, that no tax shall be authorized to be imposed under this Code section if no such intergovernmental agreement is entered into. An intergovernmental agreement authorized by this subsection shall, at a minimum, include:

(1) ~~If such tax is to be levied after January 1, 2019, a list of the projects proposed to be funded from the tax which shall be from the regional transit plan and approved by the Atlanta regional Transit Link 'ATL' Authority;~~

~~(2)~~ The rate of tax to be imposed upon approval of a referendum; and

~~(3)~~(2) The duration of the tax to be imposed upon approval of a referendum."

SECTION 3-6.

Said title is further amended by repealing in its entirety Code Section 32-9-17, relating to logo and branding by MARTA, and designating it as reserved.

SECTION 3-7.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 32-9-19, relating to transportation services contracts with MARTA, as follows:

"32-9-19.

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of the MARTA Act, any county, municipality, special tax or community improvement district, political subdivision of this state within the metropolitan area, or any combination thereof may execute a transportation services contract with the authority to provide public transportation services, facilities, or both, for, to, or within such county, municipality, district, subdivision, or combination thereof. A transportation services contract executed pursuant to this subsection:

(1) Shall not be a rapid transit contract subject to the conditions established therefor in Code ~~Sections~~ Section 32-9-20 ~~and 32-9-22~~ or Section 24 of the MARTA Act;

(2) May not utilize a method of financing those public transportation services or facilities provided under the contract which involves:

(A) The issuance of bonds under subsection (c) of Section 24 of the MARTA Act;

(B) The levy of the special retail sales and use tax described and authorized in Section 25 of the MARTA Act; or

(C) Both methods described in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of this paragraph; and

(3) Shall require that the costs of any transportation services and facilities contracted for, as determined by the board on the basis of reasonable estimates, allocations of costs and capital, and projections, shall be borne by one or more of the following:

(A) Fares;

(B) Other revenues generated by such services or facilities;

(C) Any subsidy provided, directly or indirectly, by or on behalf of the public entity with which the authority contracted for the services and facilities; or

(D) A special retail sales and use tax described and authorized in Article 5B of Chapter 8 of Title 48~~; and~~

~~(4) Shall be for services on the regional transit plan and approved by the Atlanta-regional Transit Link 'ATL' Authority~~.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of the MARTA Act, any county, municipality, special tax or community improvement district, political subdivision of this state outside the metropolitan area, or any combination thereof may execute a transportation services contract with the authority to provide public transportation services, facilities, or both, for, to, or within such county, municipality, district, subdivision, or combination thereof. Under a transportation services contract executed pursuant to this subsection:

(1) The services and facilities shall be provided pursuant to a transportation services contract meeting the requirements therefor under subsection (a) of this Code section; and

(2) The contract shall not authorize the construction of any extension of or addition to the authority's existing rapid rail system."

SECTION 3-8.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 32-9-20, relating to rapid transit contract between MARTA and Gwinnett County, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) The board of commissioners of Gwinnett County, subject to the conditions provided in this Code section, shall be authorized to enter into a rapid transit contract for and on behalf of the county with the authority for the provision of the aforesaid services and extension of the existing system to and from and within said county subject to approval by a majority of the qualified voters within said county voting in a referendum as provided for in subsection (c) of this Code section. ~~As a condition precedent to the board of commissioners of Gwinnett County holding such referendum, if a rapid transit contract is entered into after January 1, 2019, the rapid transit service to be provided through the execution of a rapid transit contract shall be from the regional transit plan and approved by the Atlanta-regional Transit Link 'ATL' Authority.~~"

SECTION 3-9.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 32-9-23, relating to retail sales and use tax in Gwinnett County, rate, proceeds, and utilization, by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (c) as follows:

"(3) The effective date of the tax authorized to be levied pursuant to this Code section shall be the first day of the first calendar month following approval of the tax in the referendum required by Code ~~Sections~~ Section 32-9-20 ~~and 32-9-22~~ unless a later effective date shall have been specified in the resolution or ordinance providing for the levy of the tax; provided, however, that, with respect to services which are regularly

billed on a monthly basis, the tax shall become effective with the first regular billing period coinciding with or following the effective date of the tax."

SECTION 3-10.

Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government, is amended in Code Section 36-1-27, relating to referendum approval required prior to expenditure of public funds for establishment of fixed guideway transit, definitions, submission of the question to qualified voters, and ballot language, by revising paragraph (4) of subsection (a) and subsection (b) as follows:

"(4) 'Mass transportation regional system participant' means any county within a special district created pursuant to Article 5 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 in which mass transportation is provided within such special district, to such special district, or from such special district by a multicounty regional transportation authority created by an Act of the General Assembly, including but not limited to ~~the Atlanta-region Transit Link 'ATL' Authority or~~ the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority.

(b) Prior to an expenditure of any public funds for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of a fixed guideway transit in any county that is a mass transportation regional system participant, the governing authority of such county shall obtain approval from~~:~~

~~(1) The Atlanta-region Transit Link 'ATL' Authority that such project is on the regional transit plan adopted by such authority pursuant to Code Section 50-39-12; and~~

~~(2) A~~ a majority of qualified voters of the county in a separate referendum question as provided for in this Code section."

SECTION 3-11.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 36-80-26, relating to multi-county community improvement districts for transit projects, as follows:

"36-80-26.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'County' means any county created under the Constitution or laws of this state.

(2) ~~'Regional transit plan' means the official multiyear plan for transit services and facilities adopted pursuant to Code Section 50-39-12.~~

~~(3)~~ 'Transit' means regular, continuing shared-ride or shared-use surface transportation services that are made available by a public entity and are open to the general public or open to a segment of the general public defined by age, disability, or low income. Such term includes services or systems operated by or under contract with the state, a public agency or authority, a county or municipality, a community improvement district, or any other similar public entity of this state and all accompanying infrastructure and services necessary to provide access to these modes of transportation. Such term excludes charter or sightseeing services, school bus services, courtesy shuttle and intra-facility or terminal services, limousine carriers, and ride share network services, transportation referral services, and taxi services not paid for by a public entity.

~~(4)~~(3) 'Transit projects' means and includes purposes to establish, enhance, operate, and maintain, or improve access to transit, including general obligation debt and other multiyear obligations issued to finance such projects.

(b) A community improvement district for the purpose of the provision of transit projects which are wholly or partially located in more than one county may be created under the authority granted in and consistent with the processes set forth in Section VII of Article IX of the Georgia Constitution. Any such multicounty community improvement district may be authorized to be created upon the passage of a local act of the General Assembly by each county in which such community improvement district is to be wholly or partially located. ~~The transit projects to be provided by such community improvement district shall be projects included in the regional transit plan and through agreement with the Atlanta region Transit Link 'ATL' Authority.~~ The administrative body of any such community improvement district shall include one member appointed by the governing authority of each county or municipality which is located wholly or partially within such community improvement district."

SECTION 3-12.

Part 2 of Article 3 of Chapter 1 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certification of motor carriers, is amended in Code Section 40-1-100, relating to definitions, by revising paragraphs (9) and (10) as follows:

"(9) 'Government endorsed rideshare program' means a vanpool, carpool, or similar rideshare operation conducted by or under the auspices of a state or local governmental transit instrumentality, ~~such as GRTA,~~ a transportation management association, or a community improvement district, or conducted under the auspices of such transit agencies, including through any form of contract between such transit instrumentality and private persons or businesses.

(10) ~~'GRTA' means the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority, which is itself exempt from regulation as a carrier under Code Section 50-32-71~~ Reserved."

SECTION 3-13.

Chapter 12 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Governor, is amended by repealing in its entirety Article 6, relating to planning and development, and designating said article as reserved.

SECTION 3-14.

Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, is amended in Code Section 48-8-243, relating to criteria for development of investment list of projects and programs, report, and gridlock relative to special district transportation sales and use tax, by revising subsection (b) of as follows:

"(b) With regard to any area of a special district that is not part of an MPO, following receipt of the report provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section, and after receiving comments, if any, from members of the General Assembly whose districts lie wholly or partially within such area, the local governments in such area may submit projects to the

director to assemble a list of example investments for such special district that comport with the special district's investment criteria. With regard to any area of a special district that is part of an MPO, following receipt of the report provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section, and after receiving comments, if any, from members of the General Assembly whose districts lie wholly or partially within such area, the local governments may submit projects to the director and to the MPO for the director to use to assemble a list of example investments for such special district that comport with the special district's investment criteria. The list of example investments for each special district shall not be required to be fiscally constrained within the budget of the revenues projected to be generated by each special district's sales and use tax and shall be submitted to the executive committee for each regional transportation roundtable for consideration. The executive committee in collaboration with the director shall choose from the list of example investments to create the draft investment list, which shall be approved by majority vote of the executive committee. Such draft investment list shall be fiscally constrained within the ranges of revenues projected to be generated by the special district sales and use tax, as determined by the state fiscal economist. The special district's draft investment list as approved by the executive committee shall be considered by the regional transportation roundtable. The director shall deliver the draft investment list to the local governments, MPO's, and members of the General Assembly whose districts lie wholly or partially within each special district for each special district not later than August 15, 2011. The director shall include in the draft investment list a statement of the specific public benefits to be expected upon the completion of each project on the investment list and how the special district's investment criteria are furthered by each project. Examples of specific public benefits include, but are not limited to, congestion mitigation, increased lane capacity, public safety, and economic development. The director shall include in such delivery notice of the date, time, and location of each district's executive committee meeting and final regional transportation roundtable. Prior to holding the final regional transportation roundtable, the executive committee shall hold, after proper notice to the public, at least two public meetings in the region for the purpose of receiving public comment on the draft regional investment list. The executive committee shall prepare and deliver to all members of the regional roundtable and the director a summary of the public comment on the regional investment list. The local governments, MPO's, and members of the General Assembly whose districts lie wholly or partially within such special district may submit comments on the draft investment list addressed to both the director and the executive committee no later than two weeks prior to the dates of the final regional transportation roundtable and the executive committee meeting, respectively, for the special district. At the final regional transportation roundtable, the draft investment list approved by the executive committee shall be considered for approval by a majority vote of the representatives present at the roundtable. Should the roundtable reject the draft investment list approved by the executive committee, the roundtable then may negotiate amendments that meet the district's investment criteria to the draft investment list, which shall be chosen from the list of example investments for each special district, each voted on separately and

requiring a majority vote of the representatives present at the roundtable for approval. Upon consideration of all offered amendments, upon motion, the roundtable shall vote as to the approval of the amended draft list, requiring a majority vote of the representatives present at the roundtable. The approved investment list, if any, shall be provided to the director. On or before October 15, 2011, the director shall deliver such list to the commission, the commissioner of transportation, ~~the executive director of the Atlanta-region Transit Link 'ATL' Authority,~~ local governments, MPO's, and members of the General Assembly whose districts lie wholly or partially within each special district for each special district. The approved investment list shall include:

(1) The specific transportation projects to be funded;

(2) The anticipated schedule of such projects;

(3) The approximate cost of such projects; and

(4) The estimated amount of net proceeds to be raised by the tax including the amount of proceeds to be distributed to local governments pursuant to subsection (e) of Code Section 48-8-249.

If a roundtable does not approve the original draft investment list or an amended draft investment list on or before October 15, 2011, then a special district gridlock shall be declared by the director and no election shall be held in such special district. The question of levying the tax shall not be submitted to the voters of the special district until after 24 months immediately following the month in which the special district gridlock was reached."

SECTION 3-15.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 48-8-249, relating to use of proceeds within special district exclusively for projects on approved investment list and contracts, by revising subsections (b) and (c) of as follows:

"(b) The commission shall be responsible for the proper application of the proceeds received from the tax authorized by this article for the approved investment list for each special district. The commission shall delegate the management of the budget, schedule, execution, and delivery of the projects contained in the approved investment list ~~as follows:~~

~~(1) The commission~~ and shall contract with the Department of Transportation for all transportation projects except bus and rail mass transit systems and passenger rail in any special district ~~the boundaries of which are not wholly contained within a single MPO; and~~

~~(2) The commission shall contract with the Atlanta-region Transit Link 'ATL' Authority only for projects that are bus and rail mass transit systems and passenger rail within any special district the boundaries of which are wholly contained within a single MPO~~.

Upon entering into contracts with the Department of Transportation ~~or the Atlanta-region Transit Link 'ATL' Authority as provided above~~, the commission shall dispense funds upon the request of the commissioner of transportation ~~or the executive director of the Atlanta-region Transit Link 'ATL' Authority~~, which request shall include certification of

the completion of the project or project element for which funds are requested. Payment shall be made promptly upon approval by the construction division or the financing and investment division of the commission, and such payments shall not require any other official action by the commission. The use of funds so dispensed shall be subject to review and audit by the construction division and the financing and investment division of the commission and action by the commission upon receipt of complaint or if otherwise warranted. The Department of Transportation ~~and Atlanta-region Transit Link 'ATL' Authority~~ shall consult with the commission on at least a quarterly basis regarding the progress and performance in the execution, schedule, and delivery of projects on the approved investment list.

(c) In managing the execution, schedule, and delivery of the projects on the approved investment list for a special district, the Department of Transportation ~~or Atlanta-region Transit Link 'ATL' Authority, as appropriate,~~ shall determine whether a project should be designed and constructed by the Department of Transportation, by a local government, or by another public or private entity. In making such determination the following shall be considered:

(1) Whether such project is on the state-wide transportation improvement program, the state-wide strategic transportation plan, or a transportation improvement program;

(2) The type and estimated cost of the project;

(3) The location of the project and whether it encompasses multiple jurisdictions;

(4) The experience of a local government or governments or a public or private entity in designing and constructing such project as set forth in an application in a form to be provided by the commissioner of transportation ~~or the executive director of the Atlanta-region Transit Link 'ATL' Authority~~; and

(5) The recommendation of the MPO, if any, for such special district.

Following the decision, the Department of Transportation, the local government or governments, or another public or private entity as determined under this subsection shall contract for implementing the projects in accordance with applicable state and federal requirements."

SECTION 3-16.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 48-8-250, relating to report, as follows:

"48-8-250.

Not later than December 15 of each year, the state revenue commissioner shall publish, on the website created pursuant to paragraph (3) of subsection (c) of Code Section 48-8-245, a simple, nontechnical report which shows for each project in the investment list approved by the director the original estimated cost, the current estimated cost if it is not the original estimated cost, amounts expended in prior years, and amounts expended in the current year with respect to each such project. The report shall also include a statement of what corrective action the commissioner of transportation ~~and the executive director of the Atlanta-region Transit Link 'ATL' Authority intend~~ intends to implement

with respect to each project which is underfunded or behind schedule and a statement of any surplus funds which have not been expended for a project."

SECTION 3-17.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 48-8-251, relating to Citizens Review Panel, membership, vacancy, recommendations, and report, by revising subsection (f) as follows:

"(f) The panel shall be charged with review of the administration of the projects and programs included on the approved investment list. The panel may make such recommendations to and require such reports from the Department of Transportation, ~~the Atlanta region Transit Link 'ATL' Authority,~~ any other agency or instrumentality of the state, any political subdivision of the state, and any agency or instrumentality of such political subdivisions as it may deem appropriate and necessary from time to time in the interest of the region."

SECTION 3-18.

Said title is further amended, in Code Section 48-13-140, relating to definitions relative to excise tax on for-hire grand transportation, by revising paragraph (6) as follows:

"(6) 'Transit provider' means the Department of Transportation, ~~the Atlanta region Transit Link 'ATL' Authority~~ the Georgia Transportation Efficiency Authority, or a system providing transit or a jurisdiction operating such a system that receives federal transit formula funding."

SECTION 3-19.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 48-13-143, relating to quarterly reporting requirement, as follows:

"48-13-143.

Each for-hire ground transport service provider shall submit a quarterly report that identifies the number of for-hire ground transport trips provided by county of origin and destination to the department~~, the Atlanta region Transit Link 'ATL' Authority,~~ and the Department of Transportation. All such reports shall be treated as confidential and shall not be subject to Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50, relating to open records."

SECTION 3-20.

Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended in Code Section 50-8-35, relating to powers and duties of regional commissions, by revising paragraph (5) of subsection (c) as follows:

"(5) A commission may establish within its comprehensive plan goals, objectives, policies, and recommendations consistent with those established by the ~~Governor's Development Council or by the~~ department, for its region; and"

SECTION 3-21.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 50-18-72, relating to when public disclosure not required for state records, by revising paragraph (51) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(51) Reports submitted to the Department of Revenue~~, the Atlanta-region Transit Link 'ATL' Authority,~~ or the Department of Transportation by a for-hire ground transport service provider as required pursuant to Code Section 48-13-143."

SECTION 3-22.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 50-23-4, relating to definitions relative to the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority, by revising paragraph (12) as follows:

"(12) 'Project' means~~:~~

~~(A) The~~ the acquisition, construction, installation, modification, renovation, repair, extension, renewal, replacement, or rehabilitation of land, interest in land, buildings, structures, facilities, or other improvements and the acquisition, installation, modification, renovation, repair, extension, renewal, replacement, rehabilitation, or furnishing of fixtures, machinery, equipment, furniture, or other property of any nature whatsoever used on, in, or in connection with any such land, interest in land, building, structure, facility, or other improvement, all for the essential public purpose of providing environmental facilities and services so as to meet public health and environmental standards, protect the state's valuable natural resources, or aid the development of trade, commerce, industry, agriculture, and employment opportunities, including, but not limited to, any project as defined by Code Section 12-5-471~~;~~

~~(B) Projects authorized by the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority created by Chapter 32 of this title and as defined in such chapter, where such authority has been directed to issue revenue bonds, bonds, notes, or other obligations to finance such project or the cost of a project in whole or in part, provided that such authority's power with respect to such projects authorized by the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority shall be limited to providing such financing and related matters as authorized by the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority; and~~

~~(C) Projects authorized by the Atlanta-region Transit Link 'ATL' Authority created pursuant to Chapter 39 of this title and as defined in such chapter, where such authority has been directed to issue revenue bonds, bonds, notes, or other obligations to finance such project or the cost of a project in whole or in part, provided that such authority's power with respect to such projects authorized by the Atlanta-region Transit Link 'ATL' Authority shall be limited to providing such financing and related matters as authorized by the Atlanta-region Transit Link 'ATL' Authority~~."

PART IV
SECTION 4-1.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 4-2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following amendment was read and adopted:

Representative Silcox of the 53rd offers the following amendment:

Amend the substitute to HB 297 (HB 297/SCSFA) by replacing line 13 with the following:
reports; to extend the sunset for authority of local governing bodies to collect a retail sales and use tax for purposes of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority; to revise provisions relative to the multicounty transportation special purpose local

By inserting between lines 766 and 767 the following:
Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:
"32-9-13.1.
Notwithstanding any provision of Section 25 of the MARTA Act to the contrary, the retail sales and use tax levied pursuant to the authority granted by the MARTA Act shall be levied until and including June 30, 2067."

SECTION 3-6.

By renumbering the remaining sections accordingly.

Representative Anderson of the 10th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute, as amended by the House, to HB 297.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	N Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Alexander	N Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
N Au	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	N Scott
N Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	N Holly	N Momtahan	Y Silcox
N Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	N Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	N Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
N Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	N Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
N Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	N Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	N Park	N Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130

Y Camp	Y Flournoy	N Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	N Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	N Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	N Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	E Gaines	Y LaHood	N Reese	N Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, A
N Carter	N Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	E Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	N Griffin	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 131, nays 40.

The motion prevailed.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the Senate was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 556. By Senators Payne of the 54th, Still of the 48th, Williams of the 25th, Sims of the 12th and Hickman of the 4th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-157 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to uniform reporting system for certain purposes, dual credit courses, and academic eligibility requirements to receive HOPE scholarship, so as to provide for the inclusion of advanced placement and international baccalaureate fine arts courses in the calculation of grade point averages for determining student eligibility for the HOPE scholarships and other scholarships; to provide for applicability; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and withdrawn:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 20-2-157 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to uniform reporting system for certain purposes, dual credit courses, and academic eligibility requirements to receive HOPE scholarship, so as to provide for the inclusion of advanced fine arts courses in the calculation of grade point averages for determining student eligibility for the HOPE scholarships and other scholarships; to provide for applicability; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 20-2-157 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to uniform reporting system for certain purposes, dual credit courses, and academic eligibility requirements to receive HOPE scholarship, is amended by revising subsection (a.1), paragraph (3.1) of subsection (b), and paragraph (3) of subsection (c) as follows:

"(a.1) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Dual ~~'dual~~ credit course' shall have the same meaning as in Code Section 20-2-161.3.

(2) 'Advanced fine arts' means an advanced fine arts course that includes a standardized end-of-course assessment written and graded by a third party and for which the Department of Education has designated a unique course number and name indicating that such course is classified as advanced."

"(3.1) For students otherwise qualified and enrolling in the ninth grade for the first time during the 2008-2009 school year and thereafter, the Georgia Student Finance Commission shall calculate grade point averages for determining eligibility for the HOPE scholarship and other scholarships referenced in this Code section by equating each grade for a student in attempted coursework in English, mathematics, science, social studies, advanced fine arts, and foreign language during the student's ninth, tenth, eleventh, or twelfth grade year to a grade on a 4.0 scale, such that a grade of 'A' = 4.0, a grade of 'B' = 3.0, a grade of 'C' = 2.0, a grade of 'D' = 1.0, and a grade of 'F' = 0. Grades for coursework that is classified as advanced placement, a dual credit course, or international baccalaureate shall be weighted uniformly by the Georgia Student Finance Commission in calculating the overall grade point averages for students, provided that the weighting of such course grades is uniformly applied to all students in this state taking the specified coursework. The sum of the equated grades shall be divided by the number of course grades, adjusted for term length, to yield a grade point average on a 4.0 scale; and"

"(3) The Georgia Student Finance Commission shall calculate a grade point average for the purpose of determining eligibility for the HOPE scholarship from these electronic transcripts and shall notify students of their potential eligibility and high schools as to the potential eligibility of students; provided, however, that the Georgia Student Finance Commission shall not include advanced fine arts course grades in the calculation of any grade point average for any student who graduated from high school before July 1, 2026."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Titles 20, 31, 47, 48, and 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, health, retirement and pensions, revenue and taxation, and state government, respectively, so as to amend various provisions relating to higher education; to establish the DREAMS scholarship; to provide for policies; to provide for eligibility; to create an endowment fund for such scholarship; to provide for reports; to provide for the inclusion of advanced fine arts courses in the calculation of grade point averages for determining student eligibility for the HOPE scholarships and other scholarships; to provide for an exception; to require the possession of opioid antagonists by institutions within the University System of Georgia and units within the Technical College System of Georgia; to provide for definitions; to provide for possession of opioid antagonists by certain individuals; to require the maintenance of a stock supply of opioid antagonists; to provide for the use and location of opioid antagonist storage compartments; to authorize certain personnel to administer opioid antagonists and carry opioid antagonists; to provide for immunity; to provide that neither civil liability nor professional discipline shall accrue to personnel, the systems, or institutions or units thereof; to make conforming changes; to establish a scholarship for students enrolled medical school; to provide for eligibility; to provide terms and conditions; to modify the maximum contribution limit for savings trust accounts under the Georgia Higher Education Savings Plan; to create a deduction from taxable net income for contributions to certain qualified tuition programs; to provide for publication of list of qualified tuition programs; to exclude part-time students from membership in the Georgia Defined Contribution Plan; to modify provisions relating to the minimum reserve amount of the lottery shortfall reserve; to provide for effective dates and applicability; to provide definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education is amended in Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3, relating to the Georgia Student Finance Authority, by adding a new subpart to read as follows:

"Subpart 2B

20-3-367.
As used in this subpart, the term:

(1) 'Academic year,' 'first professional degree program,' 'matriculated status,' 'quarter hours,' and 'semester hours' shall have the same meanings as set forth in Code Section 20-3-519.

(2) 'Cost of attendance' means the estimate of a student's educational expenses as calculated by the eligible postsecondary institution at which such student is enrolled pursuant to Title IV.

(3) 'DREAMS scholarship' or 'scholarship' means the Dedicating Resources to Educationally Advance More Students (DREAMS) scholarship provided for in this subpart.

(4) 'DREAMS Scholarship Endowment Fund' or 'endowment fund' means the DREAMS Scholarship Endowment Fund provided for in Code Section 20-3-367.2.

(5) 'Eligible postsecondary institution' means:

(A) An institution of the University System of Georgia; and

(B) A unit of the Technical College System of Georgia.

(6) 'Financial aid' means all scholarships and grants awarded to a student, excluding the DREAMS scholarship.

(7) 'Grade point average' means the grade point average calculated by the commission for purposes of the HOPE scholarship provided for in Part 7 of this article.

(8) 'Student aid index' means the student aid index calculated in accordance with Title IV.

(9) 'Title IV' means Title IV of the federal Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, 20 U.S.C. Section 1070, et seq.

(10) 'Unmet financial need' means the amount of the cost of attendance remaining after the student aid index and all other financial aid received by the student have been applied.

20-3-367.1.

(a) To be eligible for a DREAMS scholarship, a student seeking an undergraduate degree at an eligible postsecondary institution shall:

(1) Meet the requirements provided for in paragraph (1) of subsection (a) and subsection (b) of Code Section 20-3-519.1;

(2) Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA);

(3) Meet enrollment standards by being admitted, enrolled, and classified as an undergraduate student in a matriculated status;

(4) Be enrolled for not less than six semester hours, or the equivalent quarter hours, in any given semester or quarter;

(5) Have not yet earned a baccalaureate or first professional degree; and

(6) Have unmet financial need.

(b) To maintain eligibility for a scholarship under this subpart, a student shall:

(1) Continue to meet the eligibility requirements provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section; and

(2) Maintain a minimum 2.0 grade point average and satisfactory academic progress in accordance with the standards and practices used for Title IV programs by the institution at which such student is enrolled.

(c) Using moneys from the endowment fund, the authority shall provide scholarships to eligible students in accordance with the following conditions:

(1) The maximum award amount per student per academic year shall be $3,000.00; provided, however, that no student shall be awarded an amount that is more than such student's unmet financial need; and

(2) No student shall receive a scholarship award for more than eight semesters or 12 quarters.

(d) Each student who is awarded a scholarship shall:

(1) Complete a financial literacy course; and

(2) Be engaged in paid or unpaid work at least part-time, which may include, but shall not be limited to, employment, an internship or externship, volunteer work, or military service.

20-3-367.2.

(a) There is created the DREAMS Scholarship Endowment Fund as a separate fund in the state treasury. The endowment fund shall be administered by the authority. Moneys in the endowment fund shall be used only as provided for in this subpart. All appropriations made by the General Assembly for the scholarship and all public or private grants, gifts, donations, or contributions received for the scholarship shall be credited to the endowment fund. Unless specifically designated otherwise, all moneys credited to the endowment fund shall be credited to the principal account. All moneys appropriated or otherwise paid or credited to the endowment fund shall be presumptively concluded to have been committed to the purpose for which they have been appropriated, paid, or credited and shall not lapse.

(b) Three separate accounts shall be created within the endowment fund:

(1) The principal account shall constitute the permanent endowment corpus. Except as otherwise provided in this Code section, moneys credited to such account shall not be appropriated, transferred, expended, encumbered, or otherwise diverted. The authority shall determine the minimum amount of moneys needed in the principal account in order to produce sufficient funds to sustain scholarship awards;

(2) The scholarship account shall consist of moneys allocated to such account pursuant to the spending policy adopted by the authority. Moneys in such account shall be used to provide scholarship awards in accordance with this subpart; and

(3) The transitional scholarship account shall consist of funds appropriated for scholarship awards during the first two fiscal years of the scholarship. Moneys in such account shall be used to provide scholarships in accordance with this subpart.

(c) The authority shall adopt an investment policy which provides for the investment of moneys in the principal account as a pooled portfolio in accordance with prudent investor standards applicable to public trust funds. Such investment policy shall include

provisions to preserve and grow the long-term value of the principal account while promoting the stability and sustainability of scholarship awards.

(d) In the event of a shortfall in moneys available for scholarship awards compared with projected expenditures for scholarship awards over the same period, and if such shortfall will have a materially adverse effect on scholarship awards, the authority shall be authorized to adopt an emergency stabilization authorization to allow the distribution or transfer of moneys from the principal account so as to mitigate any reduction in such awards. Such authorization shall:

(1) Require a two-thirds' majority vote of the board of the authority for adoption;

(2) Be limited to the minimum amount necessary to mitigate any reduction in awards;

(3) Not be used to permanently increase award levels;

(4) Provide for the principal account to be replenished to not less than the minimum amount determined by the authority pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section; and

(5) Expire within one year; provided, however, that this shall not prohibit consecutive emergency stabilization authorizations.

(e) The authority shall adopt a spending policy which provides for the allocation of earnings to the principal account and to the scholarship account at the end of each fiscal year. Such spending policy shall:

(1) Require that earnings allocated to the principal account shall be used to grow the permanent endowment corpus in accordance with the investment policy; and

(2) Require that earnings allocated to the scholarship account shall be used to provide scholarships in accordance with Code Section 20-3-367.1

(f) During the first two fiscal years following capitalization of the endowment fund, scholarship awards shall be paid from the transitional scholarship account. The transitional scholarship account shall terminate at the end of the second fiscal year following capitalization of the fund, and any remaining moneys shall be transferred to the principal account. In the third fiscal year following capitalization of the fund and each fiscal year thereafter, scholarship awards shall be paid from the scholarship account.

(g) Not later than December 1 of the second fiscal year following capitalization of the fund and each fiscal year thereafter, the authority shall prepare and publish on its website an annual report regarding the endowment fund for the immediately preceding fiscal year. Such report shall include the endowment fund's market value, investment performance, scholarship distributions, any distributions or transfers from the principal account, and confirmation of compliance with the requirements of this Code section and the policies adopted pursuant to this Code section.

20-3-367.3.

Not later than December 1 each year, the authority shall provide a report on the DREAMS scholarship and the endowment fund to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, the chairpersons of the House Committee on Higher Education and the Senate Higher Education Committee, the chancellor of the

University System of Georgia, and the commissioner of the Technical College System of Georgia."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 20-2-157, relating to uniform reporting system for certain purposes, dual credit courses, and academic eligibility requirements to receive HOPE scholarship, by revising subsection (a.1), paragraph (3.1) of subsection (b), and paragraph (3) of subsection (c) as follows:

"(a.1) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Dual ~~'dual~~ credit course' shall have the same meaning as in Code Section 20-2-161.3.

(2) 'Advanced fine arts' means an advanced fine arts course that includes a standardized end-of-course assessment written and graded by a third party and for which the Department of Education has designated a unique course number and name indicating that such course is classified as advanced."

"(3.1) For students otherwise qualified and enrolling in the ninth grade for the first time during the 2008-2009 school year and thereafter, the Georgia Student Finance Commission shall calculate grade point averages for determining eligibility for the HOPE scholarship and other scholarships referenced in this Code section by equating each grade for a student in attempted coursework in English, mathematics, science, social studies, advanced fine arts, and foreign language during the student's ninth, tenth, eleventh, or twelfth grade year to a grade on a 4.0 scale, such that a grade of 'A' = 4.0, a grade of 'B' = 3.0, a grade of 'C' = 2.0, a grade of 'D' = 1.0, and a grade of 'F' = 0. Grades for coursework that is classified as advanced placement, a dual credit course, or international baccalaureate shall be weighted uniformly by the Georgia Student Finance Commission in calculating the overall grade point averages for students, provided that the weighting of such course grades is uniformly applied to all students in this state taking the specified coursework. The sum of the equated grades shall be divided by the number of course grades, adjusted for term length, to yield a grade point average on a 4.0 scale; and"

"(3) The Georgia Student Finance Commission shall calculate a grade point average for the purpose of determining eligibility for the HOPE scholarship from these electronic transcripts and shall notify students of their potential eligibility and high schools as to the potential eligibility of students; provided, however, that the Georgia Student Finance Commission shall not include advanced fine arts course grades in the calculation of any grade point average for any student who graduated from high school before July 1, 2026."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

Said title is further amended in Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 3, relating to university system, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-3-88.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Automated external defibrillator' means a defibrillator which:

(A) Is capable of cardiac rhythm analysis;

(B) Will charge and be capable of being activated to deliver a countershock after electrically detecting the presence of certain cardiac dysrhythmias; and

(C) Is capable of continuous recording of the cardiac dysrhythmia at the scene with a mechanism for transfer and storage or for printing for review subsequent to use.

(2) 'Community funding source' means local sources of capital provided by local banking institutions, including credit unions, community foundations, county or municipal governments, businesses, or residents. Such funding sources may include grants, gifts, contracts, monetary donations, or loans.

(3) 'Institution' means any college, school, academy, university, or experiment station at any particular location which forms a part of the university system.

(4) 'Opioid antagonist' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 26-4-116.2.

(5) 'Opioid antagonist storage compartment' means the structure in which opioid antagonists may be stored.

(6) 'University system' means the University System of Georgia.

(b) No student, visitor, or university system employee shall be prohibited from possessing an opioid antagonist on university system property or at a university system sponsored activity.

(c) Subject to available funding from community funding sources, each institution shall acquire and maintain a supply of opioid antagonists in any secure location in such a quantity to be used for multiple opioid overdose events; provided, however, that, if there occurs a shortage of opioid antagonists, the institution shall make a reasonable effort to maintain its supply of opioid antagonists. Any such supply shall be maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

(d) Subject to available funding from community funding sources, each institution maintaining one or more automated external defibrillators shall maintain opioid antagonists in an opioid antagonist storage compartment which shall be located within three feet of such defibrillators or as close as space reasonably allows.

(e) Any university system personnel may administer an opioid antagonist to any person who the university system personnel believes in good faith to be experiencing an opioid overdose:

(1) While at an institution;

(2) While at a university system sponsored activity;

(3) While under the supervision of university system personnel; or

(4) Before or after normal institution activities.

(f) Any university system personnel who in good faith administers or chooses not to administer an opioid antagonist shall be immune from civil liability or professional

discipline for any act or omission to act related to the administration of an opioid antagonist, except that such immunity shall not apply to an act of willful or wanton misconduct.

(g) Neither civil liability nor professional discipline shall accrue to university system personnel and no civil liability shall accrue to the university system or to any institution of such system due to the removal or misuse of an opioid antagonist or antagonists; provided, however, that immunity shall not apply to an act of willful or wanton misconduct."

SECTION 3-2.

Said title is further amended in Article 2 of Chapter 4, relating to technical and adult education, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-4-39.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Automated external defibrillator' means a defibrillator which:

(A) Is capable of cardiac rhythm analysis;

(B) Will charge and be capable of being activated to deliver a countershock after electrically detecting the presence of certain cardiac dysrhythmias; and

(C) Is capable of continuous recording of the cardiac dysrhythmia at the scene with a mechanism for transfer and storage or for printing for review subsequent to use.

(2) 'Community funding source' means local sources of capital provided by local banking institutions, including credit unions, community foundations, county or municipal governments, businesses, or residents. Such funding sources may include grants, gifts, contracts, monetary donations, or loans.

(3) 'Opioid antagonist' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 26-4-116.2.

(4) 'Opioid antagonist storage compartment' means the structure in which opioid antagonist may be stored.

(5) 'Technical college system' means the Technical College System of Georgia.

(6) 'Unit' means any institution, college, school, academy, or experiment station at any particular location which forms a part of the technical college system.

(b) No student, visitor, or technical college system employee shall be prohibited from possessing an opioid antagonist on technical college system property or at a technical college system sponsored activity.

(c) Subject to available funding from community funding sources, each unit shall acquire and maintain a supply of opioid antagonists in any secure location in such a quantity to be used for multiple opioid overdose events; provided, however, that, if there occurs a shortage of opioid antagonists, the unit shall make a reasonable effort to maintain its supply of opioid antagonists. Any such supply shall be maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

(d) Subject to available funding from community funding sources, each unit maintaining one or more automated external defibrillators shall maintain opioid antagonists in an

opioid antagonist storage compartment which shall be located within three feet of such defibrillators or as close as space reasonably allows.

(e) Any technical college system personnel may administer an opioid antagonist to any person who the technical college system personnel believes in good faith to be experiencing an opioid overdose:

(1) While at a unit;

(2) While at a technical college system sponsored activity;

(3) While under the supervision of technical college system personnel; or

(4) Before or after normal unit activities.

(f) Any technical college system personnel who in good faith administers or chooses not to administer an opioid antagonist pursuant to this Code section shall be immune from civil liability or professional discipline for any act or omission to act related to the administration of an opioid antagonist, except that such immunity shall not apply to an act of willful or wanton misconduct.

(g) Neither civil liability nor professional discipline shall accrue to technical college system personnel and no civil liability shall accrue to the technical college system or any unit of such system due to the removal or misuse of an opioid antagonist or antagonists; provided, however, that immunity shall not apply to an act of willful or wanton misconduct."

SECTION 3-3.

Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, is amended in Code Section 31-2A-20, relating to accessibility to opioid antagonists in government buildings and courthouses, guidelines and training, and limitations on liability, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Automated external defibrillator' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 31-11-53.1.

(2) 'Courthouse' means a building occupied by judicial courts and containing rooms in which judicial proceedings are held, provided that such building contains an automated external defibrillator.

(3) 'Government entity' means any state board, commission, agency, or department, or the governing authority of any county, municipality, or consolidated government, but such term shall not include local school systems, public schools, charter schools, ~~or university buildings~~ the University System of Georgia, or the Technical College System of Georgia.

(4) 'Opioid antagonist' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 26-4-116.2.

(5) 'Opioid related overdose' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 26-4-116.2.

(6) 'Qualified government building' means a building in which a government entity is housed or meets in its official capacity, including the portion occupied by a government entity of any building that is not publicly owned, provided that such building contains

an automated external defibrillator, but such term shall not include a university building.

(7) 'University building' means any building which forms a part of the University System of Georgia, including any college or university under the government, control, and management of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, or any building under the control of the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia."

PART IV
SECTION 4-1.

Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended in Part 6 of Article 7 of Chapter 3, relating to medical scholarships, by designating the existing provisions of said part as Subpart 2, by replacing "this part" and "This part" with "this subpart" and "This subpart", respectively, everywhere such terms occur in the new Subpart 2, and by adding a new subpart to read as follows:

"Subpart 1

20-3-505.

As used in this subpart, the term:

(1) 'Academic year' and 'full-time' shall have the same meanings as set forth in Code Section 20-3-519.

(2) 'Applicant' means an individual who applies for a scholarship under this subpart.

(3) 'Authority' means the Georgia Student Finance Authority.

(4) 'Cost of attendance' means the estimate of a student's educational expenses as calculated by the eligible postsecondary institution at which such student is enrolled pursuant to Title IV.

(5) 'Eligible applicant' means an applicant who meets the eligibility criteria provided for in this subpart.

(6) 'Eligible medical school' means a medical school in the University System of Georgia.

(7) 'Scholarship' means a scholarship provided for in this subpart.

(8) 'Title IV' means Title IV of the federal Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, 20 U.S.C. Section 1070, et seq.

20-3-506.

(a) To be eligible for a scholarship under this subpart, an applicant seeking a medical degree at an eligible medical school shall:

(1) Meet the requirements provided for in paragraph (1) of subsection (a) and subsection (b) of Code Section 20-3-519.1;

(2) Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA);

(3) Meet enrollment standards by being enrolled full-time in an eligible medical school and making satisfactory academic progress in accordance with the standards and

practices used for Title IV programs by the medical school at which such student is enrolled;

(4) Have not yet earned a medical degree; and

(5) Submit an application for such scholarship.

(b) Subject to appropriations, the authority shall award scholarships to eligible applicants in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

(1) The maximum award amount per applicant per academic year shall not exceed such student's cost of attendance;

(2) No applicant shall receive a scholarship award for more than eight semesters; and

(3) Each scholarship awarded pursuant to this subpart shall be conditional upon the applicant agreeing that the full amount of the scholarship shall be repaid to the State of Georgia in services to be rendered by such applicant by practicing medicine in this state for not less than four years after graduation from an eligible medical school.

(c) Before being awarded a scholarship, each eligible applicant shall enter into a contract with the authority agreeing to the terms and conditions upon which such scholarship is granted, including such terms and conditions as set forth in this subpart. Each such contract shall provide that, in the event such recipient does not complete medical school and fails to receive a medical degree, fails to obtain licensure from the Georgia Composite Medical Board to practice medicine, or fails to practice medicine in this state in accordance with the requirements of this subpart, the recipient shall repay any and all scholarship awards received pursuant to this subpart; provided, however that for each year of practicing medicine in this state, such applicant shall receive credit for the amount of the scholarship received during any one year in an eligible medical school."

PART V
SECTION 5-1.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 20-3-634, relating to savings trust accounts, availability, and terms and provisions relative to the Georgia Higher Education Savings Plan, by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (b) as follows:

"(1) The maximum and minimum contribution allowed on behalf of each beneficiary for the payment of qualified higher education expenses at eligible institutions as defined in Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or other applicable federal law; provided, however, that no additional contributions may be made to a savings trust account when the total account balance for all accounts for the beneficiary equals or exceeds ~~$235,000.00~~ $550,000.00;"

SECTION 5-2.

Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, is amended in Code Section 48-7-27, relating to computation of taxable net income, by adding a new paragraph to subsection (a) to read as follows:

"(11.5)(A)(i) As used in this paragraph, the term 'qualified tuition program' means a qualified tuition program established and maintained by a state or agency or

instrumentality thereof which is exempt from taxation pursuant to Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, other than the qualified tuition program established pursuant to Article 11 of Chapter 3 of Title 20. Such term shall not include a qualified tuition program established or maintained by another state or agency or instrumentality thereof unless such state grants an income tax deduction or tax credit similar to the deduction provided for in this paragraph or in paragraph (11.1) for contributions made to the qualified tuition program established pursuant to Article 11 of Chapter 3 of Title 20.

(ii) The department shall annually publish a list of qualified tuition programs on its website.

(B) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, and ending on or before December 31, 2030, an amount equal to the amount of contributions to a qualified tuition program, but not exceeding $2,000.00 per beneficiary;

(C) If the contributor files a separate return or single return, the sum of contributions constituting deductions on the contributor's return under this paragraph shall not exceed $2,000.00 per beneficiary; provided, however, that the sum of contributions constituting deductions on such contributor's return under this paragraph and paragraph (11.1) shall not exceed $4,000.00 per beneficiary;

(D) If the contributor files a joint return, the sum of contributions constituting deductions on the contributor's return under this paragraph shall not exceed $4,000.00 per beneficiary; provided, however, that the sum of contributions constituting deductions on such contributor's return under this paragraph and paragraph (11.1) shall not exceed $8,000.00 per beneficiary; and

(E) For purposes of this paragraph, contributions or payments for any such taxable year may be made during or after such taxable year but on or before the deadline for making contributions to an individual retirement account under federal law for such taxable year;"

PART VI
SECTION 6-1.

Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to retirement and pensions, is amended by revising Code Section 47-22-1, relating to definitions regarding the Georgia Defined Contribution Plan, as follows:

"47-22-1.

As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) 'Accumulated contributions' means the sum of all amounts deducted from the compensation of a member's salary and credited to such member's individual account in this plan, together with earnings thereon as provided in this chapter.

(2) 'Board' means the Board of Trustees of the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia.

(3) 'Defined contribution plan' means a plan which provides for an individual account for each participant and for benefits based solely on the amount contributed to the

participant's account; any income, expenses, gains, and losses; and any forfeiture of accounts of other participants which may be allocated to such participant's account, which plan is intended to be qualified under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, 42 U.S.C. Section 401(a).

(4) 'Employee' means any employee of an employer who is not a member of any public retirement or pension system created pursuant to this title; provided, however, that the following persons shall not be considered employees under this paragraph:

(A) A person performing services for an institution in which such person is duly enrolled as a part-time or full-time student;

(B) A person performing services for an employer pursuant to a contract as a bona fide independent contractor; or

(C) Members of any state board or commission.

(5) 'Employer' means the state or any department, bureau, institution, board, or commission of the state, the State Board of Education, and the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia.

(6) 'Member' means any employee included in the membership of the plan.

(7) 'Plan' means the Georgia Defined Contribution Plan created by this chapter.

(8) 'Plan year' means the 12 month period beginning July 1 of each year."

PART VII
SECTION 7-1.

Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended in Code Section 50-27-13, relating to disposition of lottery proceeds, budget report by Governor, appropriations by General Assembly, and shortfall reserve subaccount, by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (b) as follows:

"(3)(A) As used in this paragraph, the term 'base lottery spend' means expenditures from lottery proceeds for voluntary pre-kindergarten and for tuition grants, scholarships, or loans to citizens of this state to enable such citizens of this state to attend colleges and universities located within this state, regardless of whether such colleges and universities are owned or operated by the board of regents or to attend institutions operated under the authority of the Technical College System of Georgia. Such term shall not include expenditures from excess reserve funds required to be appropriated for educational purposes and programs pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this paragraph.

(B) A ~~Beginning in Fiscal Year 2025, a~~ shortfall reserve shall be maintained within the Lottery for Education Account in an amount equal to at least 50 percent of the average amount of net proceeds deposited into or base lottery spend from such account for the preceding three fiscal years, whichever is greater, hereinafter referred to as the minimum reserve. Beginning in Fiscal Year 2025 and for each fiscal year thereafter, if on the last day of the preceding fiscal year the total reserve fund balance exceeds the minimum reserve, an amount equal to 10 percent of the excess reserve

funds, meaning the amount that the total reserve fund balance exceeds the minimum reserve, shall be appropriated for educational purposes and programs.

~~(B)~~(C) If the net proceeds paid into the Lottery for Education Account in any year are not sufficient to meet the amount appropriated for educational purposes and programs, the shortfall reserve may be drawn upon to meet the deficiency and any amount so drawn may count for purposes of appropriations in subparagraph ~~(A)~~ (B) of this paragraph.

~~(C)~~(D) If the shortfall reserve is drawn upon and falls below 50 percent of the average amount of net proceeds deposited into or base lottery spend from such account for the preceding three fiscal years, whichever is greater, the shortfall reserve shall be replenished to the level required by subparagraph ~~(A)~~ (B) of this paragraph in the next fiscal year and the lottery funded programs shall be reviewed and adjusted accordingly."

PART VIII
SECTION 8-1.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026.
(b) Part V of this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.
(c) Parts I and IV of this Act shall apply to all academic years beginning with the 2026-2027 academic year.
(d) Part VII of this Act shall apply to all fiscal years beginning in Fiscal Year 2027.

PART IX
SECTION 9-1.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to, by substitute.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	E Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	E Momtahan	Y Silcox

Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	E Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 167, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 2086. By Representative Gilliard of the 162nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Clifton Baptist Church; and for other purposes.

HR 2087. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Lumsden of the 12th, Gambill of the 15th, Kelley of the 16th, Momtahan of the 17th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission upon its 65th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 2088. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Lumsden of the 12th and Barton of the 5th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the 2026 Heart of Community Award of Honor recipient Jeb Arp; and for other purposes.

HR 2089. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Lumsden of the 12th and Barton of the 5th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the 2026 Heart of Community Award of Honor recipient Gail Veal; and for other purposes.

HR 2090. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Lumsden of the 12th and Barton of the 5th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the 2026 Heart of Community Board of Governors Award recipients Rick and Sundai Stevenson; and for other purposes.

HR 2091. By Representatives Lumsden of the 12th, Barton of the 5th and Dempsey of the 13th:

A RESOLUTION commending Tyler Bradley, Coosa High School's 2026 STAR Teacher; and for other purposes.

HR 2092. By Representatives Lumsden of the 12th, Barton of the 5th and Dempsey of the 13th:

A RESOLUTION commending Kelly Goldin, Model High School's 2026 STAR Teacher; and for other purposes.

HR 2093. By Representatives Gilliard of the 162nd, Bell of the 75th, Jackson of the 68th and Tran of the 80th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Jacob "Jake" Hutchings; and for other purposes.

HR 2094. By Representative Jones of the 25th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Mr. Tim Thomas; and for other purposes.

HR 2095. By Representative Bell of the 75th:

A RESOLUTION commending Dem Franchize Boyz for their significant contributions to Atlanta's musical culture and their role in popularizing snap music; and for other purposes.

HR 2096. By Representatives Donatucci of the 105th and Burns of the 159th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Donatucci family for their unwavering support, dedication, and sacrifice in devotion to public service; and for other purposes.

HR 2097. By Representatives Stinson of the 150th, Olaleye of the 59th, Jackson of the 68th, Dawson of the 65th and Flournoy of the 74th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Center for Employment Opportunities Atlanta; and for other purposes.

HR 2098. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Meeks of the 178th, Smith of the 18th and Scoggins of the 14th:

A RESOLUTION commending Vernon Lee; and for other purposes.

HR 2099. By Representative Gilliard of the 162nd:

A RESOLUTION commending Reverend Gilbert Hall; and for other purposes.

HR 2100. By Representative Herring of the 145th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Carolyn H. Rambert; and for other purposes.

HR 2101. By Representative Moore of the 91st:

A RESOLUTION commending Maha Ahmad; and for other purposes.

HR 2102. By Representative Lumsden of the 12th:

A RESOLUTION commending Julie Lane, Chattooga County High School's 2026 STAR Teacher; and for other purposes.

HR 2103. By Representative Lumsden of the 12th:

A RESOLUTION commending Will Groce, Trion High School's 2026 STAR Student; and for other purposes.

HR 2104. By Representative Lumsden of the 12th:

A RESOLUTION commending Josh Smith, Trion High School's 2026 STAR Teacher; and for other purposes.

HR 2105. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Lumsden of the 12th and Barton of the 5th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the 2026 Heart of Community Award of Honor recipient Ghee Wilson; and for other purposes.

HR 2106. By Representative Carson of the 46th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of William Edward "Ed" Davis; and for other purposes.

HR 2107. By Representative Beckles of the 96th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Barbara Anna Barker; and for other purposes.

HR 2108. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Lumsden of the 12th, Barton of the 5th, Greene of the 154th and Powell of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and legacy of former Representative Eugene Milton "Buddy" Childers; and for other purposes.

HR 2109. By Representatives Stinson of the 150th, Reese of the 140th, Kahaian of the 81st, Herring of the 145th and Mathis of the 133rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Brenda Sue Pike Oglesby; and for other purposes.

HR 2110. By Representatives Lumsden of the 12th, Dempsey of the 13th and Barton of the 5th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the 2026 Heart of Community Award of Honor recipient Traci Tillery; and for other purposes.

HR 2111. By Representative Lumsden of the 12th:

A RESOLUTION commending Camden Cosper, Coosa High School's 2026 STAR Student; and for other purposes.

HR 2112. By Representative Lumsden of the 12th:

A RESOLUTION commending Kim Owens, Coosa High School's 2026 STAR Teacher; and for other purposes.

HR 2113. By Representative Kendrick of the 95th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Reverend Dr. William E. Thomas Jr.; and for other purposes.

HR 2114. By Representative Kendrick of the 95th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending New Bethel A.M.E. Church on the occasion of its 37th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 2115. By Representatives Lumsden of the 12th, Dempsey of the 13th and Barton of the 5th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the 2026 Heart of Community Award of Honor recipient Sarah Huffman; and for other purposes.

HR 2116. By Representative Lumsden of the 12th:

A RESOLUTION commending Alexandria Dilbeck, Chattooga County High School's 2026 STAR Student; and for other purposes.

HR 2117. By Representatives Lumsden of the 12th, Barton of the 5th and Dempsey of the 13th:

A RESOLUTION commending Brynn Proctor, Model High School's 2026 STAR Student; and for other purposes.

HR 2118. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Davis of the 87th, Scott of the 76th and Burnough of the 77th:

A RESOLUTION commemorating the 130th anniversary of the incorporation of the City of College Park; and for other purposes.

HR 2119. By Representative Baker of the 64th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Vicki Pilgrim for her outstanding service and contributions to the Georgia Golden Olympics and the National Senior Games Association; and for other purposes.

HR 2120. By Representative Jones of the 25th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Rowen Foundation, Governor Brian P. Kemp, Gwinnett County, and key state partners for their collaborative leadership in advancing innovation, economic development, and workforce excellence in the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 2121. By Representative Jones of the 25th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the transformative impact of blockchain technology; and for other purposes.

HR 2122. By Representative Herring of the 145th:

A RESOLUTION commending the remarkable career and lifelong dedication of Amy Morton for her exemplary service in advocacy, leadership, and community organizing within Macon-Bibb County and the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 2123. By Representative Griffin of the 149th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Mrs. Nathalie Huffman Griffin, retired educator, on the occasion of her 60th wedding anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 2124. By Representatives Greene of the 154th, Yearta of the 152nd, Cheokas of the 151st, Taylor of the 173rd and Hawkins of the 27th:

A RESOLUTION commending Tracie Naylor-Griffin; and for other purposes.

HR 2125. By Representative Burns of the 159th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dorothy Glisson; and for other purposes.

HR 2126. By Representative Smith of the 18th:

A RESOLUTION honoring and recognizing the Atlanta's John Marshall Law School Law Journal; and for other purposes.

HR 2127. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th and Burnough of the 77th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Central United Methodist Church on the occasion of its 160th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 2128. By Representatives Lumsden of the 12th, Dempsey of the 13th and Barton of the 5th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the 2026 Heart of Community Young Heart Award recipient Leah Mayo; and for other purposes.

HR 2129. By Representative Lumsden of the 12th:

A RESOLUTION commending Hari Akrayee, Coosa High School's 2026 STAR Student; and for other purposes.

HR 2130. By Representatives Momtahan of the 17th, Ford of the 170th, Kahaian of the 81st, New of the 40th, O'Steen of the 169th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Wellspring Living on the occasion of its 25th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 2131. By Representative Santos of the 117th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Khalilah Jackson; and for other purposes.

HR 2132. By Representatives Smith of the 70th and Bonner of the 73rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Elm Street Elementary School upon its 70th anniversary; and for other purposes.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the following Bill of the Senate be withdrawn from the Rules Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Rules:

SB 475. By Senators Kemp of the 38th, Dixon of the 45th, Payne of the 54th, Halpern of the 39th, Howard of the 35th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-2068.1, relating to charter school funding, so as to require local boards of education to treat local charter schools no less favorably than other local schools with respect to the expenditure of the proceeds of a special purpose local option sales tax for education; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

The Speaker announced the House in recess until 1:45 o'clock, this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Speaker called the House to order.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the House:

HB 1404. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Hitchens of the 161st and Gilliard of the 162nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Pooler to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1558. By Representatives Glaize of the 67th and Dawson of the 65th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Palmetto ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of the full assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 65 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1559. By Representatives Glaize of the 67th and Dawson of the 65th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Palmetto, approved March 2, 1966 (Ga. L. 1966, p. 2771), as amended, so as to revise provisions related to the qualifications, terms, powers, and duties of the mayor, councilmembers, and city manager; to revise provisions for departments and employees of the city government; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1560. By Representatives Burns of the 159th and Hitchens of the 161st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the City of Springfield, Georgia, to exercise all redevelopment and other powers provided for under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Georgia Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide for effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1562. By Representative Camp of the 135th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from all Pike County ad valorem taxes for county purposes for certain residents of that county who are totally disabled, approved May 13, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 5732), so as to increase the amount of the homestead exemption for residents of Pike County who are totally disabled; to provide for increased amounts of homestead exemptions for certain residents who have resided in the county for a certain amount of time; to provide for a referendum; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1563. By Representative Camp of the 135th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from Pike County ad valorem taxes for county purposes for certain residents of that county who are 65 years of age or over, approved May 13, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 5736), so as to increase the amount of the homestead exemption for residents of Pike County who are senior citizens; to provide for increased amounts of homestead exemptions for certain residents who have resided in the county for a certain amount of time; to provide for a referendum; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1564. By Representative Yearta of the 152nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Lee County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of the full assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 67 years of age or older, and only for such ad valorem taxes to pay interest on and to retire county school district bonded indebtedness; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum,

effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1565. By Representative Yearta of the 152nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Lee County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of the full assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 80 years of age or older and whose income does not exceed $40,000.00; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1566. By Representatives Burchett of the 176th and Corbett of the 174th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Ware County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of the full assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 75 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1568. By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Parsons of the 44th, Jones of the 47th, Jasperse of the 11th, Scoggins of the 14th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act reincorporating and re-creating the City of Woodstock, approved April 17, 1975 (Ga. L. 1975, p. 4160), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 12, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 5404), so as to change the corporate limits of the city; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1569. By Representatives Santos of the 117th and Kahaian of the 81st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Municipal Court of the City of McDonough; to identify

the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1573. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th and Persinger of the 119th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Statham ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of $20,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 62 years of age or older; to provide an additional homestead exemption from City of Statham ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of $10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 67 years of age or older; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1575. By Representatives Sainz of the 180th and Corbett of the 174th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a homestead exemption from all City of Kingsland ad valorem taxes for any city purposes, approved April 7, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 5686), so as to apply the homestead exemption to residents who are 62 years of age or older; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1576. By Representative Sainz of the 180th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Kingsland ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1580. By Representatives Holly of the 116th, Douglas of the 78th, Santos of the 117th, Lewis-Ward of the 115th and Flournoy of the 74th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Henry County Airport Authority, approved May 3, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 4389), as amended, so as to repeal and replace all current operative provisions related to such authority; to authorize the issuance of refunding bonds, securities or other obligations; to provide that such bonds, securities or other obligations be validated as

authorized by the Article 3 of Chapter 82 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A, the "Revenue Bond Law" as now or hereafter amended; to authorize the Authority to exercise the power of condemnation; to provide for all matters relative thereto; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1581. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Mathiak of the 82nd, Jackson of the 68th and Bazemore of the 69th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Fayetteville ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in a floating proportional amount based upon any increased property tax collections that exceed the value of property taxes collected in tax year 2025; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1582. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Mathiak of the 82nd, Jackson of the 68th and Bazemore of the 69th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Fayette County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in a floating proportional amount based upon any increased property tax collections that exceed the value of property taxes collected in tax year 2025; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1583. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Mathiak of the 82nd, Jackson of the 68th and Bazemore of the 69th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act provide for residents of specified ages a homestead exemption from certain ad valorem taxes levied by Fayette County for county purposes and to provide a homestead exemption from certain Fayette County School District ad valorem taxes for educational purposes, approved April 15, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 4453), so as to provide a new exemption in a floating proportional amount based upon any increased property

tax collections that exceed the value of property taxes collected in tax year 2025 to each resident of the county from ad valorem taxes for county purposes; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1587. By Representatives Sanchez of the 42nd, Wilkerson of the 38th, Jones of the 60th, Campbell of the 35th, Ridley of the 22nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to abolish the office of elected county surveyor of Cobb County; to provide for the appointment of a county surveyor by the governing authority of the county after January 1, 2029; to provide for successors; to provide for qualifications; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1588. By Representatives Cummings of the 39th, Wilkerson of the 38th, Smith of the 41st, Campbell of the 35th, Adesanya of the 43rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act changing the compensation of the clerk of the superior court, the sheriff, and the judge of the Probate Court of Cobb County from the fee system to the salary system, approved February 9, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, p. 427), as amended, so as to provide that the salaries of the chief deputy sheriff, the assistant chief deputy sheriff, and the executive assistant to the sheriff shall be determined by the sheriff of Cobb County; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1594. By Representatives Williams of the 168th and DeLoach of the 167th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Riceboro, approved February 19, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 4614), as amended, so as to revise the corporate limits of the city; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1595. By Representatives Frye of the 122nd, Rhodes of the 124th, Gaines of the 120th and Gisler of the 121st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to grant to residents of Clarke County and the Clarke County School District, upon their homesteads, an exemption of $10,000.00 from certain ad valorem taxes levied by the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, and levied by, for, or on behalf of the Clarke County School District, approved April 13, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 6241), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 18, 2022 (Ga. L.

2022, p. 5504), so as to revise how the income cap is calculated related to the low-income base year assessed value homestead exemption from certain ad valorem taxes levied by the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County for unified government purposes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1598. By Representative Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Laurens County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of the full assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 80 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1599. By Representative Jackson of the 128th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create the Sandersville School Building Authority, approved March 6, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 3508), so as to revise qualification for members of the authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1601. By Representatives Dubnik of the 29th, Hawkins of the 27th, Cox of the 28th and McCollum of the 30th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Gainesville ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of $10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1602. By Representatives Dubnik of the 29th, Hawkins of the 27th, Cox of the 28th and McCollum of the 30th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Gainesville independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational

purposes in the amount of $10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Representative McDonald of the 26th District, Chairman of the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Legislation has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 609	Do Pass	SB 618	Do Pass
SB 622	Do Pass	SB 625	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ McDonald of the 26th
Chairman

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bills of the House:

HB 1138. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Jones of the 47th, Ballard of the 147th, Rice of the 139th, Reeves of the 99th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the O.C.G.A., relating to practice of pharmacy, so as to authorize pharmacists in certain circumstances to dispense self-administered hormonal contraceptives or administer injectable hormonal contraceptives; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions regarding insurance generally, so as to provide minimum amounts of certain contraceptives that shall be provided by insurers; to amend Article 1 of Chapter

34 of Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the Georgia Composite Medical Board, so as to waive civil liability, criminal culpability, and professional discipline under certain circumstances; to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the O.C.G.A., relating to medical assistance generally; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1277. By Representatives Barton of the 5th, Jasperse of the 11th, Campbell of the 171st, Hagan of the 156th and McDonald III of the 26th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 16 of Title 12 and Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to environmental policy and highways, bridges, and ferries, respectively, so as to increase the project cost threshold for public roads or airports requiring environmental evaluations; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1344. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Burns of the 159th, Lumsden of the 12th, Kelley of the 16th, Hugley of the 141st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 33 and 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to insurance and motor vehicles and traffic, respectively, so as to strengthen the enforcement authority of the Commissioner of Insurance and to clarify regulations on insurance, insurance fraud, uninsured motorists, excluded drivers, premium tax, insurance rates, claims processing, and uninsured or unregistered motor vehicles; to provide for related matters; to provide for short titles; to provide for legislative purposes; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the Senate was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 513. By Senators Dickerson of the 21st, Walker III of the 20th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Hickman of the 4th, Dixon of the 45th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 and Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to elementary and secondary education and drivers' licenses, respectively, so as to revise requirements for public school policies and procedures relative to student attendance; to provide for multi-tier supports and interventions; to revise provisions relative to attendance review teams; to provide for attendance intervention plans; to provide for consequences for chronically unexcused students, such as ineligibility for interscholastic and extracurricular activities and potential ineligibility to be

issued an instruction permit or driver's license by the Department of Driver Services; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 and Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education and drivers' licenses, respectively, so as to revise requirements for public school policies and procedures relative to student attendance; to provide for multi-tier supports and interventions; to revise provisions relative to attendance review teams; to provide for attendance intervention plans; to provide for consequences for chronically unexcused students, such as ineligibility for interscholastic and extracurricular activities and potential ineligibility to be issued an instruction permit or driver's license by the Department of Driver Services; to provide for an exception; to make conforming changes; to provide for definitions; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Every Day Counts Act."

SECTION 2.

Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, is amended in Part 15 of Article 6, relating to miscellaneous provisions under the "Quality Basic Education Act," by revising subsection (f) of Code Section 20-2-320, relating to state-wide comprehensive educational information system and identification of data to implement Quality Basic Education Program, as follows:

"(f) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Department of Education is authorized to and shall obtain and provide to the Department of Driver Services, in a form to be agreed upon between the Department of Education and the Department of Driver Services, enrollment, expulsion, ~~and~~ suspension, and noncompliance with attendance intervention plan information regarding minors 15 through 17 years of age reported pursuant to Code Sections 20-2-690, 20-2-690.3, and 20-2-697, to be used solely for the purposes set forth in subsection (a.1) of Code Section 40-5-22."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended in Subpart 2 of Part 1 of Article 16, relating to compulsory attendance, by revising Code Section 20-2-690.3, relating to chronically absent students and attendance review teams, as follows:

"20-2-690.3.

(a) As used in this subpart, the term:

(1) 'Attendance intervention plan' or 'plan' means a plan approved by an attendance review team for a chronically unexcused student.

~~(1)~~(2) 'Attendance review team' means a team of individuals provided for in subsection (c) of this Code section.

~~(2)~~(3) 'Chronically absent' means the attendance status of a student whose total number of absences, whether excused or unexcused, at any time during a school year is equal to or greater than 10 percent of the total number of school days that such student has been enrolled at the same school or within the same local school system during the current school year excepting such student's first day of enrollment.

~~(3) 'Local school system chronic absenteeism rate' means the number of students enrolled in a local school system who were chronically absent during the previous school year divided by the total number of students enrolled in such local school system during such school year.~~

(4) 'Chronically unexcused student' means a student whose total number of unexcused absences:

(A) Exceeds five during the first 50 days of the school year; or

(B) After the 50th school day, is equal to or greater than 10 percent of the total number of school days that have occurred during the school year to date.

(5) 'Extracurricular activities' means public school-sponsored activities in which students take part on a voluntary basis; which do not offer or provide school or course credits; which are generally conducted outside regular school hours or, if conducted in whole or in part during regular school hours, at times agreed to by the participants and approved by a school official; and which are managed and operated under the guidance of a teacher, other school employee, or other adult approved by a school official. Such term shall not include any activity designated by the local school system or public school as a cocurricular activity.

(6) 'Interscholastic activities' means extracurricular activities, public school-sponsored athletic programs, and other public school-sponsored programs that are sanctioned or supported by a state-wide interscholastic activities governing body, including but not limited to an athletic association.

~~(4)~~(7) 'School chronic absenteeism rate' means the number of students enrolled in a school who were chronically absent during the previous school year divided by the total number of students enrolled in such school during such school year.

(b)(1) Each local school system shall establish policies and procedures to effectively and continuously identify and provide appropriate supports and incentives to all students, including, but not limited to, students who are chronically absent or at risk of

becoming chronically absent.~~, including, but not limited to,~~ Such policies and procedures shall, at a minimum, provide for:

(A) A multi-tier framework to provide appropriate supports and incentives to student attendance with:

(i) Tier 1 providing for school-wide supports and strategies to promote good attendance for all students and their families;

(ii) Tier 2 providing for targeted supports for students who are at risk of becoming chronically unexcused students and their families; and

(iii) Tier 3 providing for individualized attendance intervention plans for chronically unexcused students;

(B) Attendance ~~for attendance~~ review teams;

(C) Attendance intervention ~~and for intervention~~ plans for ~~such~~ chronically unexcused students. ~~and their parents or guardians~~ Such plans shall be in writing and shall be developed by an attendance review team. The attendance review team shall seek input from the student and his or her parent or guardian before approving a plan. The student shall be required to sign a receipt acknowledging the plan, and a copy of the plan and such receipt shall be provided to the student and his or her parent or guardian;

(D) Designating chronically unexcused students as ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities and interscholastic activities until such time as the student and his or her parent or guardian have met in person or virtually with the local school system attendance review team or the school attendance review team, if the school has an attendance review team, for the purpose of developing and entering into an attendance intervention plan or modifying an existing plan;

(E) Regularly updating student attendance records with current information regarding a student's compliance or noncompliance with an attendance intervention plan; and

(F) Submitting a notice of noncompliance with an attendance intervention plan to the Department of Education for each chronically unexcused student who has failed to comply with a plan that was approved by an attendance review team and provided in writing to the student and his or her parent or guardian in accordance with subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(2) Each local school system ~~that~~ shall:

(A) ~~Has a local school system chronic absenteeism rate of 10 percent or higher shall establish~~ Establish an attendance review team for the local school system; and

(B) ~~Has~~ Establish an attendance review team for each school ~~one or more schools~~ with a school chronic absenteeism rate of 15 percent or higher ~~shall establish an attendance review team for each such school~~.

(c)(1) Each attendance review team established under ~~the~~ this Code section shall meet at least once monthly and shall be responsible for reviewing the individual cases of students who are chronically absent and developing attendance intervention plans for such students ~~and their parents or guardians~~; provided, however, that a local school system attendance review team shall be authorized to work in conjunction with school attendance review teams.

(2) Attendance review teams established under this subsection may consist of school administrators, school counselors, school social workers, teachers, other school personnel, and the parents or guardians of such students who are chronically absent.

(d) By July 1, 2027, the State Board of Education shall approve model policies and guidance materials to assist local school systems and public schools with establishing policies and procedures that meet the requirements of subsection (b) of this Code section. Such guidance materials shall address common scenarios and frequently asked questions for attendance review teams.

(e) This Code section shall not apply to students enrolled in a completion special school established pursuant to Article 31C of this chapter."

SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended in said subpart by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-697, relating to cooperation of principals and teachers in public schools with visiting teachers and attendance officers, attendance reports and records kept by public schools, and letter indicating enrollment, as follows:

"(a) Visiting teachers and attendance officers shall receive the cooperation and assistance of all teachers and principals of public schools in the local school systems within which they are appointed to serve. It shall be the duty of the principals or local school site administrators and of the teachers of all public schools to report, in writing, to the visiting teacher or attendance officer of the local school system the names, ages, and residences of all students in attendance at their schools and classes within 30 days after the beginning of the school term or terms and to make such other reports of attendance in their schools or classes as may be required by rule or regulation of the State Board of Education. All public schools shall keep daily records of attendance, verified by the teachers certifying such records. Such reports shall be open to inspection by the visiting teacher, attendance officer, or duly authorized representative at any time during the school day. Any such attendance records and reports which identify students by name shall be used only for the purpose of providing necessary attendance information required by the state board or by law, except with the permission of the parent or guardian of a child, pursuant to the subpoena of a court of competent jurisdiction, or for verification of enrollment and compliance with attendance intervention plans by the Department of Driver Services for the purposes set forth in subsection (a.1) of Code Section 40-5-22. Such attendance records shall also be maintained in a format which does not identify students by name, and in this format shall be a part of the data collected for the student record component of the state-wide comprehensive educational information system pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-320."

SECTION 5.

Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to drivers' licenses, is amended in Article 2, relating to issuance, expiration, and renewal of licenses, by revising subsection (a.1) of Code Section 40-5-22, relating to issuance of instruction

permit or driver's license to person under 18 years of age and persons not to be licensed, as follows:

"(a.1)(1) The department shall not issue an instruction permit or driver's license to a person who is younger than 18 years of age unless at the time such minor submits an application for an instruction permit or driver's license the applicant presents acceptable proof that he or she has received a high school diploma, a state approved high school equivalency (HSE) diploma, a special diploma, or a certificate of high school completion or has terminated his or her secondary education and is enrolled in a postsecondary school, is pursuing a state approved high school equivalency (HSE) diploma, or the records of the department indicate that said applicant:

(A) Is enrolled in and not under expulsion from a public or private school; ~~or~~

(B) Is not the subject of an attendance intervention plan provided for in Code Section 20-2-690.3, or, if he or she is the subject of such a plan, he or she is currently compliant with such plan; or

(C) Is enrolled in a home education program that satisfies the reporting requirements of all state laws governing such program.

The department shall notify such minor of his or her ineligibility for an instruction permit or driver's license at the time of such application.

(2) The State Board of Education and the commissioner of driver services are authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this subsection. Such rules and regulations promulgated by the commissioner of driver services shall require the department to accept a notarized school enrollment certification form as proof that an applicant meets the requirements set forth in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (1) of this subsection. Such school enrollment certification form shall be made available by the department on its website by July 1, 2027.

(3) The Technical College System of Georgia shall be responsible for compliance and noncompliance data for students pursuing a state approved high school equivalency (HSE) diploma."

SECTION 6.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2027.

SECTION 7.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Pursuant to Rule 133, Representative Neal of the 79th was excused from voting on SB 513.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	N Sainz
N Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	N Sampson
N Adeyina	N Cox	Y Hawkins	N McCollum	N Sanchez
N Alexander	N Crawford	N Herring	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	N Meeks	Y Scoggins
N Au	N Davis	N Holcomb	N Miller	N Scott
N Baker	N Dawson	N Holland	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	N DeLoach	N Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
N Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	N Moore	Y Smith, L
N Barrett	Y Dickey	N Horner	N Myles	N Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Neal	N Smith, TP
N Bazemore	N Douglas	N Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
N Beckles	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
E Bell	N Drenner	N Hugley	N Okoye	Y Stinson
N Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Taylor, D
N Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	N Taylor, R
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	N Jasperse	N Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	N Jenkins	N Paris	Y Townsend
N Burnough	N Evans	N Jones, A	N Park	N Tran
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	N Jones, S	E Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	N Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	N Petrea	Y Wade
N Campbell, L	N Franklin	Y Kelley	N Powell	N Washburn
Y Cannon, C	N Frye	N Kendrick	E Prince	N Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	N Reese	N Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	N Gilliard	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, A
N Carter	N Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	N Griffin	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	N Willis
N Clark, J	E Gullett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 80, nays 90.

The Bill, having failed to receive the requisite constitutional majority, was lost.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House reconsider its action in failing to give the requisite constitutional majority to the SB 513.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	N Sampson
N Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez

N Alexander	N Crawford	N Herring	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
N Au	N Davis	N Holcomb	N Miller	N Scott
N Baker	N Dawson	N Holland	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
N Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	N Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Myles	N Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Neal	Y Smith, TP
N Bazemore	N Douglas	N Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
N Beckles	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
N Bell	N Drenner	N Hugley	N Okoye	Stinson
N Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	N Taylor, R
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Townsend
N Burnough	N Evans	N Jones, A	N Park	N Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	N Jones, S	E Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	N Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
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Y Cannon, C	N Frye	N Kendrick	E Prince	Y Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	N Reese	N Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	N Gilliard	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, A
N Carter	N Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	N Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	N Willis
N Clark, J	E Gullett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 96, nays 75.

The motion prevailed.

Representative McDonald III of the 26th moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the Local Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local:

HB 1534. By Representatives Westbrook of the 163rd, Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th, Jackson of the 165th and Hitchens of the 161st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Chatham County, approved December 18, 1819 (Ga. L. 1819, p. 16), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 30, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 3667), so as to provide for an additional judge of the State Court of Chatham County; to provide for the election, powers, duties, jurisdiction, privileges,

immunities, and compensation of such additional judge; to authorize the governing authority of Chatham County to provide facilities, office space, supplies, equipment, and personnel for such judge; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Jackson of the 68th moved that the following Bill of the House be removed from the Local Calendar and voted on separately:

HB 1567. By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Cannon of the 172nd, Taylor of the 173rd, Dickey of the 134th and Ford of the 170th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act to amend, consolidate, and supersede the several Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia pertaining to the City of Quitman in the County of Brooks, approved March 3, 1962 (Ga. L. 1962, p. 2894), as amended; to provide for transfer of duties and obligations to Brooks County; to provide for transfer of all legal rights, privileges, and assets to Brooks County; to establish a special tax and service district for outstanding bonded indebtedness and other obligations; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	E Cooper	N Hagan	N Mathis	N Sainz
Y Adesanya	N Corbett	N Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	N Cox	N Hawkins	N McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	N McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	N Crowe	N Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
N Anderson	Y Cummings	N Hitchens	N Meeks	N Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	N Seabaugh
N Ballard	N DeLoach	Y Holly	N Momtahan	N Silcox
Y Barnes	N Dempsey	N Hong	Y Moore	N Smith, L
N Barrett	N Dickey	N Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
N Barton	N Donatucci	N Howard, J	Y Neal	N Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	N New	N Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	N Huddleston	N Newton	N Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	E Stinson
Y Berry	N Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	N Tarvin
N Blackmon	N Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	N Oliver	N Taylor, D
N Bonner	N Efstration	Y Jackson, M	N O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	N Ehrhart	N Jasperse	Y Panitch	N Thomas
N Burchett	N Erwin	N Jenkins	Y Paris	N Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
N Byrd	N Fincher	N Jones, J	N Parrish	VACANT 94
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N Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	N Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	N Rice	Y Williams, MF
N Chastain	Y Glaize	N Lumsden	N Richardson	N Williams, N
N Cheokas	N Greene	Y Lupton	N Ridley, Jas	N Williamson
N Clark, D	Y Griffin	N Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	N Gullett	N Martinez	Y Roberts	N Yearta
N Clifton	N Gunter	N Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 75, nays 97.

The motion was lost.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the House and Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 609. By Senators Jackson of the 41st, Harrell of the 40th, Mangham of the 55th and Parent of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create and establish in DeKalb County, Georgia, districts from which the members of the County Board of Education of DeKalb County shall be elected, approved April 12, 1963 (Ga. L. 1963, p. 3424), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 14, 1984 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 4192), an Act approved May 10, 2021 (Ga. L. 2021, p. 4256), and an Act approved May 13, 2025 (Ga. L. 2025, p. 4069), so as to revise provisions related to changes in boundaries of the DeKalb County school district following certain annexations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

SB 618. By Senator Parent of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Municipal Court of the City of Decatur; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

SB 622. By Senators Jackson of the 41st, Anderson of the 43rd, Harrell of the 40th and Parent of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the City of Tucker, approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 3897), as amended, so as to provide for the annexation of certain territory into the boundaries of the city; to provide for related matters; to provide for a referendum; to provide for a contingent effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

SB 625. By Senator Parent of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the City of Decatur Public Facilities Authority, approved March 17, 2017 (Ga. L. 2017, p. 3516), so as to require a referendum for issuing revenue bonds for certain projects requested by the City Schools of Decatur; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the House were taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 1500. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Hong of the 103rd, Clark of the 100th, Park of the 107th, Beckles of the 96th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Suwanee, approved April 9, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 3729), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 3, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 4425), so as to change the corporate limits of such city; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Suwanee, approved April 9, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 3729), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 3, 2023 (Ga. L.

2023, p. 4425), so as to change the corporate limits of such city; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act creating a new charter for the City of Suwanee, approved April 9, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 3729), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 3, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 4425), is amended in Section 1.11 by adding new subsections to read as follows:

"(f) Any other provisions of this section to the contrary notwithstanding, the following described property is included within the boundaries of the City of Suwanee as described in the records of the Gwinnett County Tax Assessor on the effective date of this subsection:

7168 001, 7168 001A, 7168 019, 7195 002, 7195 062, 7195 068, and all of the unincorporated portions of the right-of-way of McGinnis Ferry Road as follows: beginning at the southernmost point of parcel 7168 021 which is the point of beginning, proceed southwest 160 feet to edge of the right-of-way of McGinnis Ferry Road, then proceed northwest along the southern boundary of the right-of-way of McGinnis Ferry approximately 3,780 feet Road to the southernmost point of parcel number 7195 051 which is the existing Suwanee city limits, then proceed northeast approximately 190 feet to the northern side of the right-of-way of McGinnis Ferry Road, then proceed southeast along the edge of the right-of-way of McGinnis Ferry Road approximately 4,040 feet to the point of beginning. Said areas specifically include the intersections of McGinnis Ferry Road and Wildwood Road, Satellite Boulevard, and Northholt Parkway.

Said area consists of approximately 93 acres.

(g) Any other provisions of this section to the contrary notwithstanding, the following described property is removed from the boundaries of the City of Suwanee as described in the records of the Gwinnett County Tax Assessor on the effective date of this subsection: 7152 004A and any adjacent right-of-way of McGinnis Ferry Road and I-85. Said area consists of approximately 8 acres."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

HB 1567. By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Cannon of the 172nd, Taylor of the 173rd, Dickey of the 134th and Ford of the 170th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act to amend, consolidate, and supersede the several Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia pertaining to the City of Quitman in the County of Brooks, approved March 3, 1962 (Ga. L. 1962, p. 2894), as amended; to provide for transfer of duties and obligations to Brooks County; to provide for transfer of all legal rights, privileges, and assets to Brooks County; to establish a special tax and service

district for outstanding bonded indebtedness and other obligations; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To repeal, under certain conditions, an Act to amend, consolidate, and supersede the several Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia pertaining to the City of Quitman in the County of Brooks, approved March 3, 1962 (Ga. L. 1962, p. 2894), as amended; to provide for a referendum on the concept of consolidating the governments of the City of Quitman and Brooks County; to provide for definitions; to provide for the appointment of the members of the Quitman-Brooks County Charter and Unification Commission; to provide for the organizational meeting of said commission and for the election of a chairperson; to provide for the powers and duties of said commission; to provide that said commission shall be authorized to employ a staff to assist it in carrying out its powers and duties; to provide for the expenses of said commission and for the payment of those expenses by the governing authorities of the City of Quitman and the County of Brooks; to provide that said commission shall be authorized to study all matters relating to the governments of the County of Brooks and the City of Quitman, and all matters relating to the establishment of a unified government with powers and jurisdiction throughout the territorial limits of the City of Quitman and unincorporated Brooks County; to provide for transfer of duties and obligations to Brooks County; to provide for transfer of all legal rights, privileges, and assets to Brooks County; to establish a special tax and service district for outstanding bonded indebtedness and other obligations; to mandate that Brooks County assume certain obligations and duties of the city; to provide for legislative intent; to authorize an advisory panel; to provide for transfer of all federal and state permits and licenses; to provide for the transfer of ongoing judicial actions; to provide for the continuation of zoning and land use regulations; to provide for future proceeds of special and regular local option sales taxes; to provide for the designation of the Historic Quitman Community; to expressly exclude the municipalities of Barwick, Pavo, and Morven from this Act; to provide for referendums, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART 1.
SECTION 1-1.

(a) It shall be the duty of the election superintendent of Brooks County to call a special election for approval or rejection of the concept of consolidating the government of the

City of Quitman and Brooks County. The election superintendent shall conduct that election on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November, 2026, and shall issue the call and conduct that election as provided by general law. The election superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of Brooks County. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the following:

"( ) YES Are you in favor of consolidating the governments of the City of Quitman and Brooks County so as to provide for a new unified government for the areas now included within the City of Quitman and unincorporated Brooks County?"
( ) NO

(b) All persons desiring to vote for approval of the concept of consolidation of the City of Quitman and Brook County shall vote "Yes," and those persons desiring to vote for rejection of the concept of such a consolidation shall vote "No." The votes cast on such question by the qualified voters of Brooks County residing within the corporate limits of the City of Quitman and the votes cast on such question by the qualified voters of unincorporated Brooks County shall be counted separately. If more than one-half of the votes cast by the qualified voters of the City of Quitman are for approval and if more than one-half of the total votes cast by the qualified voters residing within the unincorporated areas of Brooks County are for approval of the concept of consolidating the City of Quitman and Brooks County, then Part 2 of this Act shall become effective on December 1, 2026. Otherwise, it shall be void and of no force and effect. The expense of such election shall be borne equally by the City of Quitman and the County of Brooks.

(c) The special election shall be conducted pursuant to Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia Election Code," except to the extent specifically provided otherwise by this part.

(d) A qualified voter, as used in this part, shall mean a voter of Brooks County qualified to vote for members of the General Assembly of Georgia. The election superintendent shall certify the returns to the Secretary of State. The election superintendent shall also furnish a certified copy of the charter to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State shall issue his or her proclamation showing and declaring the result of the election on the approval or rejection of the charter. One copy of the proclamation shall be attached to the copy of the charter certified to the Secretary of State. One copy of the proclamation shall be delivered to the secretary or clerk of the governing authority of the City of Quitman, who shall attach the same to the copy of the charter previously certified to him or her. One copy of the proclamation shall be delivered to the clerk of the governing authority of the County of Brooks, who shall attach the same to the copy of the charter previously certified to him or her.

(e) The provisions of this section shall be mandatory upon the election superintendent and are not intended as directory. If the election superintendent fails or refuses to comply with this section, any elector of the City of Quitman or unincorporated Brooks County may apply for a writ of mandamus to compel the election superintendent to perform his or her duties under this section. If the court finds that the election superintendent has not complied

with this section, the court shall fashion appropriate relief requiring the election superintendent to call and conduct such election on the date required by this section or on the next date authorized for special elections provided for in Code Section 21-2-540 of the O.C.G.A.

PART 2.

SECTION 2-1.

This part shall be known and may be cited as the "Quitman-Brooks County Charter and Unification Commission Act" and is enacted pursuant to the authority granted by Article IX, Section III, Paragraph II of the Constitution of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 2-2.

As used in this part, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(1) "Charter and unification commission" or "commission" means the Quitman-Brooks County Charter and Unification Commission provided for in this part.

(2) "Governing authority of the City of Quitman" means the mayor and city council of the City of Quitman, a municipal corporation of the State of Georgia.

(3) "Governing authority of the County of Brooks" means the Board of Commissioners of Brooks County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 2-3.

(a) There is created the Quitman-Brooks County Charter and Unification Commission, which shall consist of nine members to be appointed within 45 days of the effective date of this part as provided in this section.

(b) Within 30 days of the effective date of this part as provided in this section, the governing authority of the City of Quitman shall appoint two members to the charter and unification commission who shall be citizens of the City of Quitman at the time of such appointment and for the duration of their respective terms as members of such commission.

(c) Within 30 days of the effective date of this part as provided in this section, the governing authority of the County of Brooks shall appoint four members to the charter and unification commission who shall be citizens of unincorporated Brooks County at the time of such appointment and for the duration of their respective terms as members of such commission.

(d) Within 30 days of the effective date of this part as provided in this section, the members of the Georgia Senate representing all or part of Brooks County shall appoint one member to the charter and unification commission who shall be a citizen of any part of Brooks County at the time of such appointment and for the duration of his or her respective term as a member of such commission.

(e) Within 30 days of the effective date of this part as provided in this section, the members of the Georgia House of Representatives representing all or part of Brooks County shall appoint one member to the charter and unification commission who shall be a citizen of

any part of Brooks County at the time of such appointment and for the duration of his or her respective term as a member of such commission.

(f) Within 30 days of the effective date of this part as provided in this section, the Sheriff of Brooks County shall appoint one member to the charter and unification commission who shall be a citizen of any part of Brooks County at the time of such appointment and for the duration of his or her respective term as a member of such commission.

(g) If an appointing authority or the commission refuses or fails to appoint a member of the commission as required by this section, the senior superior court judge of the Southern Judicial Circuit shall make such appointment within ten days following the expiration of the 45 day period allowed for appointments provided for in subsection (a) of this section.

(h) No member of the charter and unification commission shall hold any other elective public office.

(i) To be eligible for appointment as a member of the charter and unification commission, a person must be at least 21 years of age and shall have been a resident of the State of Georgia for a period of at least five years and registered as an elector to vote in Brooks County for a period of at least two years prior to his or her appointment.

(j) If a member of the charter and unification commission should die, become disabled, remove his or her residence and place of domicile to a place outside the territorial limits of the appointing jurisdiction, resign, or become unable or decline to serve for any reason whatever as a member of the charter and unification commission, said commission shall declare a vacancy in his or her office as a member of such commission and within 15 days thereafter the appointing authority that appointed that member or the commission shall appoint a successor promptly to fill such vacancy.

(k) A certificate of appointment shall be issued by the appointing authority of each member of the charter and unification commission and filed in the office of the Probate Court of Brooks County with a duplicate original of such certificate being transmitted to, and filed with, the chairperson or the secretary of the charter and unification commission.

(l) A majority of the members of the charter and unification commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Such quorum shall not be applicable with respect to any committees or subcommittees which, at the discretion of the charter and unification commission, may be appointed. A majority of the members of each such committee or subcommittee shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of its business.

(m) The charter and unification commission may appoint advisory committees or subcommittees from among the general populace to advise it with respect to its work; provided, however, that the charter and unification commission may not delegate any of the duties, powers, or obligations imposed upon the commission and granted to it by this part to any such advisory committee or subcommittee. Any such advisory committee or subcommittee so appointed shall serve at the discretion of the commission and shall serve subject to such terms, conditions, and charges as may be imposed upon it by the commission.

(n) All persons who shall, from time to time, serve as members of the charter and unification commission or its committees or subcommittees and all agents, employees, and staff appointed or hired by the charter and unification commission from time to time shall

be afforded coverage and shall be included in the insured class, under the provision of such policies, riders, or other insurance contracts from time to time in force and held by the governing authority of the County of Brooks, extending to members of such governing authority of the County of Brooks, and what is commonly referred to as "public official's liability insurance coverage," to the same extent and as nearly as practicable with identical coverage and limits as afforded to the individual members of the governing authority of the County of Brooks. Any and all additional premium amounts payable by the County of Brooks due to the extension of such coverage to the members of the charter and unification commission and its appointees, agents, employees, and staff shall be paid, when due and payable, one-half by the County of Brooks and one-half by the City of Quitman, which payments shall be made in addition to all other amounts otherwise payable under the provisions of this part.

(o) The governing authority of the County of Brooks, the governing authority of the City of Quitman, and the governing authority of any unified government created under a charter adopted pursuant to this part are authorized and directed to expend funds for fees, costs, and expenses incurred in providing for the defense of the members of the charter and unification commission arising out of their activity as members of such commission and in providing for the defense of any proposed charter submitted by the commission, whether prior to the referendum thereon or after the referendum thereon is conducted.

SECTION 2-4.

(a) The charter and unification commission shall hold an organizational meeting not less than 30 days nor more than 45 days after the date this part becomes effective. Any three or more members of the charter and unification commission, composed of at least one member appointed by the governing authority of the City of Quitman and one member appointed by the governing authority of the County of Brooks, shall call such organizational meeting. The call of such organizational meeting shall designate the time, date, and place that such organizational meeting shall be held.

(b) The charter and unification commission shall be authorized to elect a secretary, who need not be a member of the commission, and such other officers from the membership of the charter and unification commission as it shall deem necessary. The charter and unification commission shall be further authorized to employ such staff as may be required to assist it in studying all matters relating to the governments of the City of Quitman and the County of Brooks and in drafting a charter. The charter and unification commission shall not employ any person who holds any elective public office.

(c) The members of the charter and unification commission shall not receive per diem or other compensation for their services, but the members shall be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred by them in carrying out their duties. The staff employed by the commission shall be paid compensation as determined by the commission within the limits of funds available to it. The governing authority of the City of Quitman and the governing authority of the County of Brooks are authorized to expend public funds in carrying out the provisions of this part and shall share equally the expense thereof. The governing authority of the City of Quitman and the governing authority of the County of Brooks shall

initially appropriate up to $5,000.00 for the charter and unification commission and the treasurer or other fiscal authority of each of those governing authorities shall honor, from time to time, vouchers or warrants signed by the chairperson of the charter and unification commission for amounts up to an aggregate total of such amount. The governing authorities shall appropriate such additional funds in equal amounts as may be necessary to meet the expenses of the charter and unification commission, provided that such additional expenditures shall be first approved by each of the governing authorities.

(d) The charter and unification commission is also authorized to solicit, receive, and expend contributions, grants, gifts, and other funds from other sources to be utilized by it in the conduct of its business.

(e) All public officials and employees of the City of Quitman and the County of Brooks upon request shall furnish the charter and unification commission with all documents, books, records, data, and information necessary or appropriate in the opinion of the charter and unification commission for it to carry out its duties, except for information that is confidential or privileged by law; shall furnish such other assistance and aid to the commission as it shall request; and shall appear and give testimony, at the request of the commission, before the commission or before any of its committees, subcommittees, or advisory committees.

SECTION 2-5.

The commission shall be authorized to study all matters relating to the governments of the City of Quitman and the County of Brooks and all matters relating to the establishment of a unified government with powers and jurisdiction throughout the territorial limits of the former City of Quitman and unincorporated Brooks County. The commission shall upon completion of its study issue a written report of its findings, conclusions, and recommendations. If, after conducting such study, the charter and unification commission shall deem it to be in the best interests of the governments proposed to be affected, the commission shall draft a proposed charter creating a unified government, and if such charter is approved by the voters under the provisions of this part, then the newly created unified government shall supersede and replace the existing governments of the City of Quitman and the County of Brooks and may also supersede and replace any public authorities and special service districts located and operating within Brooks County. If the charter and unification commission does not deem it to be in the best interests of the governments proposed to be affected to recommend the establishment of a unified government but concludes from its study that it is feasible to consolidate specific governmental services, programs, and activities, then the commission may issue such findings, conclusions, and recommendations in writing together with reasons why such recommendations will make government operations more efficient.

SECTION 2-6.

(a) The charter so drafted shall be submitted to the qualified voters of Brooks County for approval or rejection of the referendum provided for in Section 2-10 of this part.

(b) The General Assembly delegates its powers to the charter and unification commission to draft such a charter which may include any provisions necessary to effectuate its purposes. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the proposed charter may provide for any one or more of the items listed below. Where it is indicated that an item shall be included, the inclusion of that particular item shall be mandatory:

(1) The charter shall provide for the abolishment of the existing governments of the City of Quitman and the County of Brooks and for the creation of a new unified government which may have all powers formerly exercised by the City of Quitman and the County of Brooks and such other powers as may be necessary or desirable. The new unified government may be given, and may have, such rights, privileges, exemptions, preferences, discretions, immunities, powers, duties, and liabilities as are now or hereafter granted to, or vested in, municipalities or counties or both by the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia. The form and composition of the new government shall be as the charter shall provide;

(2) The charter may authorize the new government to continue to be eligible to have, hold, enjoy, and be entitled to any assistance, credits, benefits, moneys, grants, grants-in-aid, funds, loans, aid, appropriations, and matching funds to the same extent that any municipality or county of the State of Georgia now or may hereafter enjoy or possess under the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia or by other provisions of law or under any present or future state or federal programs;

(3) The charter may provide for the abolishment, modification, consolidation, or merger of any court unless otherwise prohibited by the Constitution or general law;

(4) The charter may provide for the abolishment, modification, consolidation, or merger of any public authorities and special service districts located within Brooks County created by law and for the transfer of any powers, duties, and obligations of such authorities and districts to the new unified government or to any agency thereof or from one such authority or special service district to another in such manner as the charter shall provide unless otherwise prohibited by the Constitution or general law;

(5) The charter may provide for the abolishment, modification, consolidation, or merger of any one or more public offices or positions of public employment of any municipality merged in the unified government and the County of Brooks and any public authorities or special service districts located or operating within Brooks County unless otherwise prohibited by the Constitution or general law. The charter may provide for administrative division or changes with reference to the duties and responsibilities of any public office or official as the charter and unification commission shall deem necessary for the efficient functioning of the new unified government;

(6) The charter shall provide for the creation of the governing authority of the new unified government, including the number of members of the governing authority, their powers, duties, terms of office, manner, and time of election or appointment, compensation, method of removal, and all other matters incidental or necessary to the creation of the unified governing authority. The charter shall provide for the name or names of the new unified government and governing authority;

(7) The charter may provide for the creation of the various departments, boards, bureaus, offices, commissions, and positions of public employment of the new unified government and for any matters necessary or incidental thereto;

(8) The charter shall provide for the creation of special tax districts consisting of the territory lying within the former boundaries of the affected governments for the purpose of the successor unified government levying a tax therein sufficient to retire any bonded indebtedness of such governments which is outstanding on the effective date of the abolishment of such government, including, but not limited to, any contractual obligations owed by the City of Quitman pursuant to its existing contracts with the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia and the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia;

(9) The charter may provide for the assumption by the new government of all bonded indebtedness and all other obligations of whatever kind of all governmental units, public authorities, and special service districts which are altered by the charter and a method by which the new unified government shall assume the payment of any obligations issued under Article 3 of Chapter 82 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Revenue Bond Law," or other similar legislation;

(10) The charter may provide for the transfer to the new unified government of assets, contracts, and franchises of all governmental units and any public authorities and special service districts which are merged with the new unified government or are altered by the charter and shall provide for the transfer of all contracts between any governmental unit and the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia or the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia and for the acceptance by the unified government of it becoming a party to such contracts in place of the City of Quitman;

(11) The charter may provide the purposes for which the new unified government or governing authority or any agency thereof may levy taxes;

(12) The charter shall provide for the method or methods by which it may be amended. The General Assembly expressly reserves the right to amend any charter adopted pursuant to this part. The charter may provide for an additional method or methods by which the charter may be amended and shall provide for any amendments adopted by any such other method or methods to be filed with the Secretary of State so that they may be published in the *Georgia Laws*;

(13) The charter shall provide for the repeal of conflicting laws; and

(14) The charter may contain such other provisions as are necessary and needful to achieve the objectives of consolidation of the governments and functions of the City of Quitman and the County of Brooks and the creation of a successor government.

(c) The following additional provisions shall govern proceedings of the charter and unification commission and any successor unified government created by a charter drafted by the commission:

(1) The charter and unification commission is authorized to contract with any public or private institution or body, including the Carl Vinson Institute of Government, for any special studies or assistance it deems necessary, subject to the limitation that any expenditure therefor shall be within the limits of the funds made available to the commission by the respective governing authorities; and

(2) Any successor government created and established shall, without the necessity or formality of deed, bill of sale, or other instrument of transfer, be and become the owner of all property, assets, and rights previously belonging to the City of Quitman and the County of Brooks and any other authorities or special service districts merged into the new government.

(d) The charter and unification commission shall have all the powers of the superior courts to compel the attendance of witnesses before the commission and any of its committees, subcommittees, or advisory committees; to compel witnesses to testify thereat; and to subpoena any person or entity and all such books, records, data, papers, documents, and other tangible items which may be deemed by the commission to be material to any question or issue deemed by it to be relevant to the duties or prerogatives imposed upon or granted to the commission by this part. Such subpoenas shall be issued in the name of the commission, shall be signed by either the chairperson or the secretary of the commission, and shall be served in the manner provided by law for the service of subpoenas in civil cases pending in the superior courts. Witnesses subject to such subpoenas shall be entitled to the same compensation as witnesses attending superior court, which compensation shall be collected in the same manner as that of witnesses in the superior courts except that such compensation shall be paid from funds of the commission. Should any such subpoenaed person or witness fail or refuse to answer questions propounded or fail or refuse to produce any books, records, data, papers, documents, or other tangible items required to be produced by the commission, except upon a legal excuse which would relieve such person of such obligation in a civil case pending in the superior court, the person so failing or refusing shall be guilty of contempt and may be cited by the commission to appear before a judge of the Southern Judicial Circuit. The judge of such court shall have the same power and jurisdiction to punish the person cited for contempt and to require and compel the attendance, the giving of testimony, or the production of items as in cases of contempt committed in the presence of the court and as in cases pending before the court.

(e) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this part, the charter and unification commission and the charter proposed by the commission and subsequently adopted may not:

(1) Alter or affect the status of the Brooks County School System or the Brooks County Board of Education or any provision of the Constitution or laws of the State of Georgia by which the Brooks County School System is constituted, empowered, or preserved or to transfer any of its powers, duties, or obligations;

(2) Impair or diminish any pension or retirement rights; or

(3) Abolish the office of sheriff, clerk of court, judge of probate court, or tax commissioner.

(f) None of the foregoing limitations shall be construed as prohibiting the General Assembly from exercising any legislative power with respect to any municipality electing to be excluded as provided in this part or the school district, board of education, industrial development authority, office of sheriff, clerk of superior court, judge of probate court, or tax commissioner, pension rights, and homestead exemptions which existed prior to the adoption of this part.

(g) The powers granted in this part to the charter and unification commission by the General Assembly are remedial in nature and shall be liberally construed to effectuate their purpose.

SECTION 2-7.

(a) The charter and unification commission shall be required to hold at least three public hearings to determine the sentiment of the citizens of the City of Quitman and the County of Brooks regarding the work of the charter and unification commission. The first public hearing shall be held within 30 days of the issuance of the commission's final written report on the feasibility of establishing a unified government within Brooks County, and a third public hearing shall be held within 15 days of the submission of any proposed charter for such consolidated government to the Brooks County Board of Elections. The charter and unification commission is authorized to hold more than three public hearings if it determines that additional public hearings are desirable. The charter and unification commission shall cause the date, time, and place of each such hearing to be advertised in the official organ of Brooks County once a week for two consecutive weeks during the two weeks next preceding the week in which the public hearing is held. The charter and unification commission shall cause to be made a transcript of each public hearing held and shall file the same in its minutes and records.

(b) Following issuance of the commission's final written report, the governing authorities of the City of Quitman and the County of Brooks shall each hold and conduct a public hearing to determine the sentiments of their citizens regarding the work of the charter and unification commission. Notice of such hearings shall be advertised in the same manner as required for hearings held by the charter and unification commission. Representatives of the charter and unification commission shall be invited to present the final report to such governing authorities.

SECTION 2-8.

(a) The charter and unification commission shall complete its studies and shall prepare, complete, and file any proposed charter no later than August 31, 2027; provided, however, that the above-described time period may be extended for such additional periods of time as may be authorized by resolutions duly adopted by the governing authority of the City of Quitman and the governing authority of the County of Brooks and may also be extended by any part of the General Assembly and shall be automatically extended for a period of time equal to the period of time that any proposed charter shall be under consideration by any courts.

(b) Certified copies of the charter shall be filed by the charter and unification commission with the clerks or secretaries of the governing authorities of the City of Quitman and the County of Brooks and shall be authenticated by the signature of the chairperson of the charter and unification commission. Such copies shall be public records and shall be available for inspection or examination by any interested person.

(c) The charter and unification commission shall also make available a copy of the charter to every daily or weekly newspaper published in Brooks County and to each radio or

television station operating within the county. The commission shall take such other steps, within the limitation of its available funds, as it deems reasonable and appropriate to inform the public throughout the county of the contents of the proposed charter. The charter and unification commission shall also cause a summary of the proposed charter to be printed in pamphlets or booklets and made available for general distribution throughout the county.
(d) The charter and unification commission is authorized to adopt such rules and regulations as it deems necessary or desirable to carry out its powers and perform its duties and functions.

SECTION 2-9.

(a) A certified copy of the proposed charter shall be submitted by the commission to the election superintendent of Brooks County, and it shall be the duty of such superintendent to call and hold a referendum election for ratification or rejection of the proposed charter as provided in Section 2-10 of this part.
(b) The charter and unification commission shall be abolished by operation of law at midnight of the day the results of the special referendum election on the proposed charter become final and effective pursuant to the laws of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 2-10.

(a) As soon as practicable after receipt of the certified copy of the proposed charter, it shall be the duty of the election superintendent of Brooks County to call a special election for approval or rejection of the proposed charter. The election superintendent shall set the date of the election for the earliest date therefor permissible under general law after the filing of any proposed charter as provided for in Section 2-8 of this part; provided, however, that such special election shall be held no later than the Tuesday following the first Monday in November, 2027. The election superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two calendar weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of Brooks County. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the following:

"( ) YES Shall the charter reorganizing and consolidating the governments of the City of Quitman and Brooks County and creating a unified government to
( ) NO supersede and replace those governments be approved?"

(b) All persons desiring to vote for approval of the charter shall vote "Yes," and those persons desiring to vote for rejection of the charter shall vote "No." The votes cast on such question by the qualified voters of Brooks County residing within the corporate limits of the City of Quitman and the votes cast on such question by the qualified voters of unincorporated Brooks County shall be counted separately. If more than one-half of the votes cast by the qualified voters of the City of Quitman are for approval of the charter and if more than one-half of the total votes cast by the qualified voters residing within the unincorporated areas of Brooks County are for approval of the charter, then the charter shall become effective as to the City of Quitman and Brooks County and Part 3 of this Act shall stand repealed. Otherwise, such charter shall be void and of no force and effect and

Part 3 of this Act shall go into effect as provided for in Part 4 of this Act. The expense of such election shall be borne equally by the City of Quitman and the County of Brooks.

(c) The special election shall be conducted pursuant to Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia Election Code," except to the extent specifically provided otherwise by this part.

(d) A qualified voter, as used in this part, shall mean a voter of Brooks County qualified to vote for members of the General Assembly of Georgia. The election superintendent shall certify the returns to the Secretary of State. The election superintendent shall also furnish a certified copy of the charter to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State shall issue his or her proclamation showing and declaring the result of the election on the approval or rejection of the charter. One copy of the proclamation shall be attached to the copy of the charter certified to the Secretary of State. One copy of the proclamation shall be delivered to the secretary or clerk of the governing authority of the City of Quitman, who shall attach the same to the copy of the charter previously certified to him or her. One copy of the proclamation shall be delivered to the clerk of the governing authority of the County of Brooks, who shall attach the same to the copy of the charter previously certified to him or her.

(e) Whenever a charter for the consolidation of the governments of the City of Quitman and the County of Brooks has been adopted, the above-certified copies thereof, with the proclamation of the Secretary of State of Georgia attached thereto, shall be deemed duplicate original copies of the charter of the consolidated government for all purposes. The certified copy of the charter and proclamation deposited with the secretary or clerk of the governing authority of the City of Quitman and the certified copy of the charter and proclamation deposited with the clerk of the governing authority of the County of Brooks shall subsequently be delivered by them to the successor government. The successor government may issue certified copies of the charter, and any copy so certified shall be deemed a duplicate original copy of the charter of the consolidated government for all purposes. The Secretary of State is authorized to issue certified copies of the charter on file with him or her, and copies so certified by him or her shall be deemed duplicate original copies of the charter of the consolidated government for all purposes.

(f) The provisions of this section shall be mandatory upon the election superintendent and are not intended as directory. If the election superintendent fails or refuses to comply with this section, any elector of the City of Quitman or unincorporated Brooks County may apply for a writ of mandamus to compel the election superintendent to perform his or her duties under this section. If the court finds that the election superintendent has not complied with this section, the court shall fashion appropriate relief requiring the election superintendent to call and conduct such election on the date required by this section or on the next date authorized for special elections provided for in Code Section 21-2-540 of the O.C.G.A.

SECTION 2-11.

In the event the proposed unified government charter is approved by voters as provided in Section 2-10 of this part, an election shall be held in accordance with the provisions of the

charter to elect the members of the governing authority of the unified government. Upon the election of the members of the governing authority and their taking office as the governing authority of the unified government; the governing authorities of the City of Quitman and the County of Brooks shall stand abolished, all in accordance with the provisions of the charter of the new unified government.

PART 3.

SECTION 3-1.

An Act to amend, consolidate, and supersede the several Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia pertaining to the City of Quitman in the County of Brooks, approved March 3, 1962 (Ga. L. 1962, p. 2894), as amended, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

SECTION 3-2.

Brooks County, Georgia, shall be vested with full authority to provide all governmental services within that area comprising the former jurisdictional boundary of the City of Quitman, including, but not limited to, and to the maximum extent provided, any powers of the City of Quitman pursuant to Title 46 of the O.C.G.A., relating to electrical or natural gas services. To the maximum extent authorized by law, Brooks County shall be successor in right and obligation to all contracts, bonds, and other obligations of the City of Quitman relating to electrical and natural gas services and shall assume all powers of such city relating to such obligations and shall become a party to any such contracts replacing the City of Quitman. All ordinances, rules, and regulations of Brooks County shall apply within that area as they do in other unincorporated areas of the county, and the appropriate courts of Brooks County shall have jurisdiction to enforce such ordinances, provided that this transition shall not impact any vested rights accrued prior to the effective date of this part.

SECTION 3-3.

Upon the effective date of this part, the existence of any local authority created by or for the City of Quitman shall likewise terminate on the same date; provided, however, that any joint authority of which the City of Quitman was a part shall be modified by operation of law to remove the City of Quitman, and that authority shall continue in existence with its remaining members. The assets and liabilities of any authority terminated pursuant to this section shall be treated in the same manner as assets and liabilities of the City of Quitman under this part.

SECTION 3-4.

(a) There is hereby created a special tax and service district to be known as the Quitman Services District which shall correspond to and be coterminous with the corporate limits of the City of Quitman as those corporate limits existed on the effective date of this part. Upon the completion of the purposes provided in this part for such service district, the tax and service district may be abolished by resolution of the governing authority of Brooks County.

(b) Brooks County may establish an advisory panel composed of residents and taxpayers of the special tax and service district established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section to advise said county on the provisions of services within such special district. The members of such advisory panel shall be appointed by the governing authority of Brooks County, and the number of such panel members and the terms of such members shall be provided for by said governing authority.

SECTION 3-5.

(a) Except as provided herein, all legal rights, privileges, and assets of the City of Quitman and all records of such assets shall pass to Brooks County without the necessity or formality of a deed, bill of sale, or other instrument of transfer. The assets that shall transfer include all real property assets of the City of Quitman of any nature, including, without limitation, freehold estates, easements, life estates, future interests, and co-owned interests; all tangible and intangible personal property assets of the City of Quitman of any nature, including, without limitation, vehicles, heavy equipment, office equipment, and software; all accounts receivable, rights to payment under contracts fully performed by the City of Quitman, and similar financial assets of the City of Quitman of any nature; and all digital and electronic papers and records of the City of Quitman. Expressly excluded from this section are any rights or assets that derive from executory contracts of the City of Quitman addressed in Section 3-6 of this part.

(b) Those amounts in any general fund for the City of Quitman shall be immediately transferred to the general fund of Brooks County and segregated by Brooks County for the provision of services within the Quitman Services District.

(c) Those amounts in any special or enterprise fund for the City of Quitman shall immediately be transferred to a special fund of Brooks County and segregated by Brooks County for their designated special purpose.

SECTION 3-6.

(a) Except as specifically provided in this part, neither Brooks County nor the State of Georgia nor any political subdivision of the State of Georgia shall bear any responsibility or liability for obligations, amounts, claims, debts, causes of action, judgments, or liabilities that have accrued to the City of Quitman or its local public authorities, up to and including the effective date of this part. Nothing in this part shall in any manner obligate Brooks County to provide continued employment for any employee of the City of Quitman or any local public authority of the city.

(b) Any bonded indebtedness of the City of Quitman shall become the debt and obligation of the special tax and service district established pursuant to Section 3-4 of this part. Brooks County shall be the successor to the City of Quitman for all purposes relating to such bonded indebtedness, including the enforcement of rights and remedies of bondholders. The county shall be required to levy a special district tax, fee, or assessment within the Quitman Services District for the purpose of paying the amounts due on such bonded debt and any amounts due to the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia or the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia pursuant to its existing contracts with the City of

Quitman. It is the specific intent of the General Assembly that the special tax and service district established pursuant to Section 3-4 of this part shall assume all outstanding obligations, amounts, claims, debts, causes of action, judgments, and liabilities that have accrued to the City of Quitman or its local public authorities relating to the provisions of electrical or natural gas services, including, but not limited to, any contracts the city has entered into with the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia, the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia, any other political subdivision of this state providing electrical or natural gas services, and the holders of any bonds or obligations issued by such authority or political subdivisions, and that Brooks County, on behalf of such special district, shall be empowered and required to undertake any and all actions the City of Quitman was authorized to undertake to ensure that such responsibilities and obligations are maintained, kept, and performed in full.

(c) Other than those bonded debts provided for in subsection (b) of this section and Section 3-11 of this part, Brooks County, on behalf of the special tax and service district established pursuant to Section 3-4 of this part, shall assume the rights and duties of any executory contract of the City of Quitman in effect as of the effective date of this part, including obligations pursuant to existing contracts between the City of Quitman and the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia, the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia, or any other debt provider. If assumed, any rights and obligations of such contracts that by their nature are personal to the city shall be deemed to apply to the personnel, services, and assets formerly belonging to the city so as to reasonably fulfill the basic purpose and bargain of the original contract. The county shall be authorized but not required to levy a special district tax, fee, or assessment within the Quitman Services District for the purpose of paying the amounts due under contracts assumed pursuant to this subsection, to the extent that the financial obligations under such contracts cannot be fully funded by funds and assets devolved to the county from the City of Quitman; provided, however, that the county shall be required to levy a special district tax, to the extent necessary, to pay obligations owed to the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia, the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia, or any other debt provider pursuant to its existing contracts with the City of Quitman.

(d) Financial assets and property devolved to Brooks County that are deemed by the county to be excess for purposes of serving the Quitman Services District shall be used to satisfy any obligations and retire any indebtedness of the City of Quitman.

SECTION 3-7.

To the maximum extent permitted by law, all federal and state permits and licenses issued to the City of Quitman or its local authorities shall be transferred by operation of law to Brooks County, and Brooks County may succeed to any rights, duties, contracts, or other obligations of the City of Quitman pursuant to Title 46 of the O.C.G.A., relating to electrical or natural gas services.

SECTION 3-8.

Notwithstanding any provisions of this part to the contrary, on the effective date of this part, if any person is held in the custody of the City of Quitman, such person may be transferred over to the custody of the Brooks County Sheriff's Office or other appropriate law enforcement agency.

SECTION 3-9.

All cases pending in the Municipal Court for the City of Quitman shall be automatically transferred to the Brooks County Magistrate Court or the appropriate court of competent jurisdiction in Brooks County if jurisdiction does not lie in the magistrate court. Any transfer of law enforcement jurisdiction to Brooks County shall not in and of itself abate any pending prosecution of any violation of any ordinance of the City of Quitman, and the county shall be entitled to enforce such city ordinance as if a violation occurred while the city ordinances were in effect. As for any other lawsuits involving the City of Quitman in the Georgia judicial system, the city shall cease to exist and therefore shall no longer be a proper party to any legal action.

SECTION 3-10.

The zoning and land use regulations of the City of Quitman shall be deemed Brooks County ordinances and shall apply within the Quitman Services District only, unless and until Brooks County adopts zoning and land use regulations covering the properties within the Quitman Services District.

SECTION 3-11.

Brooks County shall be entitled to receive the City of Quitman's share of proceeds of any special purpose local option sales tax imposed pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the O.C.G.A. and shall use those proceeds to complete the city projects authorized by the applicable referendum or otherwise abandon the projects in accordance with general law. To the extent that any intergovernmental agreement has been approved between Brooks County and its qualified municipalities in connection with such special purpose local option sales tax, the county shall have the power to act in place of the City of Quitman for purposes of that agreement.

SECTION 3-12.

Brooks County and its qualified municipalities shall divide the City of Quitman's share of proceeds of any local option sales tax in accordance with the provisions of Code Section 48-8-89.2 of the O.C.G.A.

SECTION 3-13.

There is hereby designated a Historic Quitman Community which shall correspond to and be coterminous with the corporate limits of the City of Quitman as those corporate limits existed on the effective date of this part. Brooks County is authorized to provide appropriate signage so as to mark the boundaries of such historic community.

PART 4.

SECTION 4-1.

Nothing contained in this Act shall be construed so as to amend, modify, or repeal:

(1) An Act to provide a new charter for the City of Barwick, approved April 26, 2016 (Ga. L. 2016, p. 3699;

(2) An Act to provide a new charter for the City of Pavo, approved May 3, 2018 (Ga. L. 2018, p. 3577); and

(3) An Act to reincorporate the City of Morven in the County of Brooks, approved April 11, 1979 (Ga. L. 1979, p. 3716).

SECTION 4-2.

(a) This part and Part 1 of this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

(b) Part 2 of this Act shall become effective as provided for in Section 1-1 of this Act.

(c) Except as provided for in Section 2-10 of this Act, Part 3 of this Act shall become effective:

(1) On May 31, 2027, if Part 2 of this Act does not go into effect; provided, however, that Part 3 of this Act shall not go into effect on such date if on such date the state auditor certifies that the City of Quitman is in compliance with all of the audit requirements provided for in Chapter 81 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A. for all fiscal years of such city from 2018 to 2023;

(2) On June 30, 2027, if the certification conditions in paragraph (1) of this subsection are met; provided, however, that Part 3 of this Act shall not go into effect on such date if on such date the state auditor certifies that the City of Quitman is in compliance with all of the audit requirements provided for in Chapter 81 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A. for all fiscal years of such city since 2017; or

(3) On January 1, 2028, if the charter provided for in Part 2 of this Act is not approved as provided for in Section 2-10 of this Act; provided, however, that Part 3 of this Act shall not go into effect on such date if on such date the state auditor certifies that the City of Quitman is in compliance with all of the audit requirements provided for in Chapter 81 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A. for all fiscal years of such city since 2017.

The state auditor shall make such certifications no later than 30 days prior to the applicable date provided for in paragraph (1), (2), or (3) of this subsection and shall provide certified copies of such certifications to the governing authority of the City of Quitman, the governing authority of Brooks County, the Secretary of State, and the Office of Legislative Counsel.

SECTION 4-3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

By unanimous consent, the following roll call vote was made applicable to the previously read Bills.

On the passage of the Bills, and on the agreement to the Senate substitutes, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	N Sampson
N Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	N Miller	N Scott
N Baker	N Dawson	N Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	N Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Myles	N Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Neal	Y Smith, TP
N Bazemore	N Douglas	N Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
N Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
N Bell	Y Drenner	N Hugley	N Okoye	E Stinson
N Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	N Taylor, R
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Townsend
N Burnough	N Evans	N Jones, A	N Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	N Jones, S	E Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	N Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
N Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	N Frye	Y Kendrick	N Prince	Y Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	N Reese	N Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	N Gilliard	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, A
N Carter	N Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	N Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bills, and on the agreement to the Senate substitutes, the ayes were 110, nays 63.

The Bills, having received the requisite constitutional majority, were passed, and the House has agreed to the Senate substitutes.

Representative Hilton of the 48th moved that the following Bill of the Senate be recommitted to the Committee on Rules:

SB 513. By Senators Dickerson of the 21st, Walker III of the 20th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Hickman of the 4th, Dixon of the 45th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 and Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to elementary and secondary education and drivers' licenses, respectively, so as to revise requirements for public school policies and procedures relative to student attendance; to provide for multi-tier supports and interventions; to revise provisions relative to attendance review teams; to provide for attendance intervention plans; to provide for consequences for chronically unexcused students, such as ineligibility for interscholastic and extracurricular activities and potential ineligibility to be issued an instruction permit or driver's license by the Department of Driver Services; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the Senate was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 440. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Hatchett of the 50th, Watson of the 1st, Echols of the 49th, Brass of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 16, 19, 31, 48, and 49 of the O.C.G.A., relating to crimes and offenses, domestic relations, health, revenue and taxation, and social services, respectively, so as to modernize and update provisions relative to duties or functions of the Department of Public Health; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and withdrawn:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Titles 16, 19, 31, 48, and 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, domestic relations, health, revenue and taxation, and social services, respectively, so as to modernize and update provisions relative to duties or functions of the Department of Public Health; to eliminate certain powers of state regulatory boards governing prescribers relative to the prescription drug monitoring program database; to eliminate certain requirements of the Department of Public Health relative to the testing and certification of such database; to repeal provisions relative to the Electronic Database Review Advisory Committee; to add an exception to the classification of ivermectin as a dangerous drug; to provide for requirements and rules for dispensing of ivermectin under such exception; to repeal provisions relative to the preparation and distribution of informational materials regarding AIDS, HIV, testing for sickle cell disease,

and marriage; to revise provisions relative to hearing screenings of newborns; to eliminate reporting requirements of certain entities permitted to administer auto-injectable epinephrine; to eliminate certain duties of the Department of Public Health relative to establishing requirements for the storage and oversight of such drugs; to repeal provisions relative to a pilot program for home visitation during pregnancy and early childhood; to revise certain reporting requirements of the Department of Public Health regarding a program providing healthcare services to low-income residents; to revise certain reporting requirements of such department relative to certified stroke centers; to condition reporting requirements of the Office of Cardiac Care on appropriations; to eliminate certain reporting requirements of the Department of Public Health relative to infants born with neonatal abstinence syndrome; to repeal provisions relative to the Cancer Advisory Committee; to eliminate the cancer control officer position; to revise certain duties of the commissioner relative to a program for cancer prevention, control, and treatment; to repeal the "Osteoporosis Prevention and Treatment Education Act"; to revise provisions related to the establishment of a network of postnatal tissue and fluid banks; to repeal provisions relative to the Georgia Commission for Saving the Cure; to eliminate optional taxpayer contributions to stem cell research; to repeal provisions relative to the Arthritis Prevention and Control Program; to transfer certain duties of the Department of Community Health relative to programs for home delivered meals to the Department of Public Health; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, is amended by revising Code Section 16-13-57, relating to a program to record prescription information into electronic data base and administration and oversight, as follows:

"16-13-57.

(a) As used in this part, the term:

(1) 'Department' means the Department of Public Health.

(2) 'PDMP' means the prescription drug monitoring program ~~data base~~ database.

(b) Subject to funds as may be appropriated by the General Assembly or otherwise available for such purpose, the department shall, in consultation with members of the Georgia Composite Medical Board, the State Board of Pharmacy, and the agency, establish and maintain a program to electronically record into an electronic PDMP prescription information resulting from the dispensing of Schedule II, III, IV, or V controlled substances and to electronically review such prescription information that has been entered into such ~~data base~~ database. The purpose of such PDMP shall be to assist in the reduction of the abuse of controlled substances; to improve, enhance, and encourage a better quality of healthcare by promoting the proper use of medications to treat pain and terminal illness; to reduce duplicative prescribing and overprescribing of

controlled substance practices for health oversight purposes; and to gather data for epidemiological research. The PDMP shall be administered by the department.

(c)(1) Each prescriber who has a DEA registration number shall enroll to become a user of the PDMP as soon as possible, and no later than January 1, 2018; provided, however, that prescribers who attain a DEA registration number after such date shall enroll within 30 days of attaining such credentials. A prescriber who violates this subsection shall be held administratively accountable to the state regulatory board governing such prescriber for such violation.

~~(2) Any state regulatory board governing prescribers shall have the discretion to rescind any consent orders or other disciplinary actions that were entered into or imposed prior to April 26, 2019, for a violation of paragraph (1) of this subsection after review based on, but not limited to, the following factors: subsequent compliance with paragraph (1) of this subsection; compliance with the terms of the consent order or other disciplinary action; and whether such prescriber has had previous infractions of other laws or regulations relating to his or her licensure. The authority granted under this paragraph shall expire on December 31, 2019.~~

~~(3)~~(2) ~~On and after April 26, 2019, for~~ For purposes of this subsection, the term 'administratively accountable' shall mean a warning or the imposition of a fine, but any such fine shall not be considered a disciplinary action against the licensee.

~~(d) Between January 1, 2018, and May 31, 2018, the department shall randomly test the PDMP to determine if it is accessible and operational 99.5 percent of the time. If the department determines that the PDMP meets such standard, then between June 1, 2018, and June 20, 2018, the department shall certify in writing to each board that governs prescribers that it is operational. Each board that governs prescribers shall publish such information on its website.~~"

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 16-13-61, relating to Electronic Database Review Advisory Committee, members, terms, officers, procedure, and compensation, as follows:

"16-13-61.

~~(a) There is established an Electronic Database Review Advisory Committee for the purposes of consulting with and advising the department on matters related to the establishment, maintenance, and operation of how prescriptions are electronically reviewed pursuant to this part. This shall include, but shall not be limited to, data collection, regulation of access to data, evaluation of data to identify benefits and outcomes of the reviews, communication to prescribers and dispensers as to the intent of the reviews and how to use the PDMP, and security of data collected.~~

~~(b) The advisory committee shall consist of 12 members as follows:~~

~~(1) A representative from the agency;~~

~~(2) A representative from the Georgia Composite Medical Board;~~

~~(3) A representative from the Georgia Board of Dentistry;~~

~~(4) A representative with expertise in personal privacy matters, appointed by the president of the State Bar of Georgia;~~
~~(5) A representative from a specialty profession that deals in addictive medicine, appointed by the Georgia Composite Medical Board;~~
~~(6) A pain management specialist, appointed by the Georgia Composite Medical Board;~~
~~(7) An oncologist, appointed by the Georgia Composite Medical Board;~~
~~(8) A representative from a hospice or hospice organization, appointed by the Georgia Composite Medical Board;~~
~~(9) A representative from the State Board of Optometry;~~
~~(10) The consumer member appointed by the Governor to the State Board of Pharmacy pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 26-4-21;~~
~~(11) A pharmacist from the State Board of Pharmacy; and~~
~~(12) A representative from the Department of Public Health.~~
~~(c) Each member of the advisory committee shall serve a three-year term or until the appointment and qualification of such member's successor.~~
~~(d) The advisory committee shall elect a chairperson and vice chairperson from among its membership to serve a term of one year. The vice chairperson shall serve as the chairperson at times when the chairperson is absent.~~
~~(e) The advisory committee shall meet at the call of the chairperson or upon request by at least three of the members and shall meet at least one time per year. Five members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.~~
~~(f) The members shall receive no compensation or reimbursement of expenses from the state for their services as members of the advisory committee.~~ Reserved."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended by revising paragraph (a)(2) of Code Section 16-13-63, relating to liability, review of PDMP data when filing certain prescriptions, and cause of action for civil damages, as follows:

"(2)(A) On and after July 1, 2018, when a prescriber is prescribing a controlled substance listed in paragraph (1) or (2) of Code Section 16-13-26 or benzodiazepines, he or she shall seek and review information from the PDMP the first time he or she issues such prescription to a patient and thereafter at least once every 90 days, unless the:

(i) Prescription is for no more than a three-day supply of such substance and no more than 26 pills;

(ii) Patient is in a hospital or healthcare facility, including, but not limited to, a nursing home, an intermediate care home, a personal care home, or a hospice program, which provides patient care and prescriptions to be administered and used by a patient on the premises of the facility;

(iii) Patient has had outpatient surgery at a hospital or ambulatory surgical center and the prescription is for no more than a ten-day supply of such substance and no more than 40 pills;

(iv) Patient is terminally ill or under the supervised care of an outpatient hospice program; or

(v) Patient is receiving treatment for cancer.

~~(B) This paragraph shall not become effective unless the department's certification required by subsection (d) of Code Section 16-13-57 has been issued.~~

~~(C)~~(B) A prescriber who violates this paragraph shall be held administratively accountable to the state regulatory board governing such prescriber but shall not be held civilly liable for damages to any person in any civil or administrative action or criminally responsible for injury, death, or loss to person or property on the basis that such prescriber did or did not seek or obtain information from such ~~data base~~ database when prescribing such substance."

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended by revising paragraph (12.1) of subsection (c) of Code Section 16-13-71, relating to dangerous drug, as follows:

"(12.1) Ivermectin —

(A) When used with a strength of 0.5 percent or less in a topical lotion; or

(B) When dispensed by a pharmacist to a patient 18 years of age or older, and following a good-faith patient assessment that includes screening for contraindications, current medications, and potential drug interactions, as a product in finished dosage formulation in its original container that has been approved by and labeled in compliance with the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Such product shall be classified as a behind-the-counter medication and shall not be available for self-service. The State Board of Pharmacy shall adopt rules governing the dispensing of ivermectin under this subparagraph;"

SECTION 5.

Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to domestic relations, is amended by revising Code Section 19-3-35.1, relating to AIDS brochures, listing of HIV test sites, and acknowledgment of receipt, as follows:

"19-3-35.1.

~~(a) Any term used in this Code section and defined in Code Section 31-22-9.1 shall have the meaning provided for such term in Code Section 31-22-9.1.~~

~~(b) The Department of Public Health shall prepare a brochure describing AIDS, HIV, and the dangers, populations at risk, risk behaviors, and prevention measures relating thereto. That department shall also prepare a listing of sites at which confidential and anonymous HIV tests are provided without charge. That department shall further prepare a form for acknowledging that the brochures and listings have been received, as required by subsection (c) of this Code section. The brochures, listings, and forms prepared by the Department of Public Health (formerly known as the Department of Human Resources for these purposes) under this subsection shall be prepared and furnished to the office of each judge of the probate court no later than October 1, 1988.~~

~~(c) On and after October 1, 1988, each person who makes application for a marriage license shall receive from the office of the probate judge at the time of the application the AIDS brochure and listing of HIV test sites prepared and furnished pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section. On and after October 1, 1988, no marriage license shall be issued unless both the proposed husband and the proposed wife sign a form acknowledging that both have received the brochure and listing.~~ Reserved."

SECTION 6.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 19-3-40, relating to blood test for sickle cell disease and information to be provided, as follows:

"19-3-40.

~~(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'blood test for sickle cell disease' means a blood test for sickle cell anemia, sickle cell trait, and other detectable abnormal hemoglobin.~~

~~(b) The Department of Public Health shall prepare information for public dissemination on the department's website describing the importance of obtaining a blood test for sickle cell disease and explaining the causes and effects of such disease. Such information shall recommend that each applicant applying for a marriage license obtain a blood test for sickle cell disease prior to obtaining a marriage license. Such information may also be provided as a brochure or other document. The department shall make such information available in electronic format to the probate courts of this state which shall disseminate such information to all persons applying for marriage licenses.~~ Reserved."

SECTION 7.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 19-3-41, relating to Department of Public Health marriage manual, distribution, and rules and regulations, as follows:

"19-3-41.

~~(a) The Department of Public Health shall prepare a marriage manual for distribution by the judge of the probate court or his clerk to all applicants for a marriage license. The manual shall include, but shall not be limited to, material on family planning.~~

~~(b) The manual provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section shall be issued by the judge of the probate court or his clerk to applicants for a marriage license at the same time the marriage license is issued.~~

~~(c) The Department of Public Health shall promulgate rules and regulations to implement this Code section.~~

~~(d) In order to be nonsectarian, the manual will include resource referral information for those who might have questions regarding religious beliefs in the areas covered by the marriage manual.~~ Reserved."

SECTION 8.

Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, is amended by revising subsection (e) of Code Section 31-1-3.2, relating to hearing screenings for newborns, as follows:

"(e) It is the intent of the General Assembly that~~, by July 1, 2002,~~ newborn hearing screening be conducted on no fewer than 95 percent of all newborn infants born in hospitals in this state, using procedures established by rule ~~and~~ or regulation of the ~~Board of Public Health after review of any recommendations of the advisory committee on hearing in newborn infants, created in former subsection (d) of this Code section. Toward that end, on and after July 1, 2001, every~~ department. Every licensed or certified hospital and physician shall educate the parents of newborn infants born in such hospitals of the importance of screening the hearing of newborn infants and follow-up care. Education shall not be considered a substitute for the hearing screening described in this subsection. Every licensed or permitted hospital shall report annually to the Department of Public Health concerning the ~~following~~ number of newborn infants:

(1) Born ~~The number of newborn infants born~~ in the hospital;

(2) Screened ~~The number of newborn infants screened~~;

(3) Who ~~The number of newborn infants who~~ passed the screening, if administered; and

(4) Who ~~The number of newborn infants who~~ did not pass the screening, if administered."

SECTION 9.

Said title is further amended by repealing subsections (f) and (g) of Code Section 31-1-15, relating to use of auto-injectable epinephrine by authorized entities.

SECTION 10.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 31-2A-19, relating to pilot program for home visitation during pregnancy and early childhood, reporting, and funding requirement, as follows:

"31-2A-19.

~~(a) The Department of Public Health shall conduct a pilot program to provide home visiting in at-risk and underserved rural communities during pregnancy and early childhood to improve birth outcomes, reduce preterm deliveries, and decrease infant and maternal mortality.~~

~~(b) No later than December 31, 2024, the department shall submit a detailed written report on the implementation and effectiveness of the pilot program to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, and the chairpersons of the House Committee on Public Health and the Senate Health and Human Services Committee. Such report shall also include recommendations as to expansion of the pilot program state wide.~~

~~(c) This Code section shall be contingent upon appropriations made by the General Assembly specifically for the department for such purposes.~~ Reserved."

SECTION 11.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 31-8-198, relating to annual report, as follows:

"31-8-198.

Annually, the department shall report to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the minority leaders of each house, and chairpersons of the House Public and Community Health ~~and Human Services~~ Committee and the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, summarizing the ~~efficacy of access and treatment outcomes~~ access points of service and utilization data with respect to providing ~~health care~~ healthcare services for low-income persons pursuant to this article."

SECTION 12.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (d) of Code Section 31-11-114, relating to grants and report, as follows:

"(d) Subject to appropriations, the ~~The~~ department shall annually prepare and submit to the Governor, the ~~President of the Senate~~ Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairpersons of the House Committee on Public and Community Health ~~and Human Services~~ and the Senate Health and Human Services Committee for distribution to its committee members a report indicating the total number of hospitals that have applied for grants pursuant to this Code section, the number of applicants that have been determined by the department to be eligible for such grants, the total number of grants to be awarded, the name and address of each grantee hospital, the amount of the award to each grantee, and the amount of each award to be disbursed to the grantee."

SECTION 13.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (d) of Code Section 31-11-135, relating to grants to hospitals and reporting, as follows:

"(d) Subject to appropriations, the ~~The~~ office shall annually prepare and submit to the Office of Health Strategy and Coordination a report indicating the total number of hospitals that have applied for grants pursuant to this Code section, the number of applicants that have been determined by the office to be eligible for such grants, the total number of grants to be awarded, the name and address of each grantee, and the amount of the award to each grantee."

SECTION 14.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (a.1) of Code Section 31-12-2, relating to required reporting of certain health conditions that may pose substantial risk and required reporting of neonatal abstinence syndrome, as follows:

"(a.1)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'neonatal abstinence syndrome' means a group of physical problems that occur in a newborn infant who was exposed to addictive illegal or prescription drugs while in the mother's womb.

(2) The department shall require notice and reporting of incidents of neonatal abstinence syndrome. A ~~health care~~ healthcare provider, coroner, or medical examiner, or any other person or entity the department determines has knowledge of diagnoses or health outcomes related, directly or indirectly, to neonatal abstinence syndrome shall

report incidents of neonatal abstinence syndrome to the department. ~~The department shall provide an annual report to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the chairperson of the House Committee on Health and Human Services, and the chairperson of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee. Such annual report shall include any department findings and recommendations on how to reduce the number of infants born with neonatal abstinence syndrome.~~"

SECTION 15.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 31-15-3, relating to Cancer Advisory Committee, as follows:

"31-15-3.

~~(a) The Governor shall appoint a Cancer Advisory Committee to advise the department in the administration of this chapter. The committee shall establish priorities and recommend relative budgets for the various purposes of this chapter as described below.~~

~~(b) The Cancer Advisory Committee shall consist of 18 members appointed by the Governor as follows:~~

~~(1) Four members representing medical schools as follows: The term of office of those two members appointed from a list of names submitted to the Governor by the deans of the medical schools located within this state, which members are serving as such on June 30, 1985, shall expire on that date and upon the appointment and qualification of the first two members appointed by the Governor in 1985 pursuant to this paragraph. On and after July 1, 1985, four membership positions on the committee shall represent the four medical schools, whether public or private, located within this state. The deans of those schools shall each submit to the Governor a list of three names and the Governor shall appoint one member from each of those four lists;~~

~~(2) Two members shall be appointed by the Governor from a list of six names submitted to him by the chief executive officers of the hospitals or cancer clinics located within Georgia which are equipped to provide modern treatment for patients suffering from cancer;~~

~~(3) Two members shall be appointed by the Governor from a list of six names submitted to him by the Medical Association of Georgia;~~

~~(4) Two members shall be appointed by the Governor from a list of six names submitted to him by the American Cancer Society, Georgia Division;~~

~~(5) The term of office of the two members appointed from the list of names submitted to the Governor by the Georgia Cancer Management Network, Inc., shall expire upon July 1, 1985, and such two membership positions shall thereafter be abolished;~~

~~(6) One member shall be appointed by the Governor from a list of three names submitted to him by the Georgia Claims Association and the Georgia Chapter of the Health Insurance Association of America;~~

~~(7) One member shall be appointed by the Governor from a list of three names submitted to him by the director of the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency;~~

~~(8) Two members shall be selected by the Governor from the general public;~~

~~(9) One member shall be appointed by the Governor from a list of three names submitted to him by the Georgia Nurses Association;~~

~~(10) One member shall be appointed by the Governor from a list of three names submitted to him by the Georgia Association of Pathologists;~~

~~(11) One member shall be appointed by the Governor from a list of three names submitted to him by the Georgia State Medical Association; and~~

~~(12) One member shall be appointed by the Governor from a list of three names submitted to him by the Georgia Pharmaceutical Association.~~

~~(c) The persons whose names are submitted to the Governor by the medical colleges, the hospitals, the Medical Association of Georgia, the Georgia State Medical Association, and the Georgia Association of Pathologists shall all be physicians licensed to practice medicine under the laws of Georgia, and the persons whose names are submitted by the Medical Association of Georgia and the Georgia State Medical Association shall all be actively engaged in the practice of medicine. The persons whose names are submitted to the Governor by the Georgia Nurses Association shall all be registered professional nurses licensed to practice nursing under the laws of Georgia. All persons whose names are submitted to the Governor by the Georgia Pharmaceutical Association shall be registered pharmacists licensed to practice pharmacy under the laws of Georgia.~~

~~(d) The Governor shall appoint the initial members for staggered terms as follows: three shall be appointed for terms to expire on December 31, 1977; three shall be appointed for terms to expire on December 31, 1978; three shall be appointed for terms to expire on December 31, 1979; and six shall be appointed for terms to expire on December 31, 1980. Thereafter, their successors shall be appointed for terms of four years, and until their successors are appointed and qualified, to begin on the expiration of the respective terms of office. In the event of a vacancy for any reason, the Governor shall fill said vacancy for the unexpired term in the same manner that other appointments are made. Those initial members added to the committee in 1985 shall be appointed for initial terms beginning July 1, 1985, and expiring December 31, 1989, and upon the appointment and qualification of their respective successors. Thereafter, their successors shall be appointed for terms of four years and until their respective successors are appointed and qualified, such terms to begin on the expiration of the respective terms of office.~~

~~(e) The Cancer Advisory Committee shall meet as often as the commissioner deems necessary but not less than twice each year.~~ Reserved."

SECTION 16.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 31-15-4, relating to cancer control officer, as follows:

"31-15-4.

~~The commissioner shall appoint a cancer control officer. The cancer control officer shall be a physician licensed to practice medicine under Chapter 34 of Title 43 and shall be knowledgeable in the field of medicine covered by this chapter. He or she shall administer the cancer program for the Department of Public Health in compliance with~~

~~this chapter. He or she shall be provided an office with clerical and administrative assistance to carry out this program.~~ Reserved."

SECTION 17.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 31-15-5, relating to duties of commissioner, as follows:

"31-15-5.

The commissioner~~, with the advice of the Cancer Advisory Committee,~~ shall:

(1) Develop standards for determining eligibility of patients for care and treatment under this program~~, set standards for the equipping and staffing of cancer clinics located strategically throughout the state and so placed that patients requiring treatment will not have to travel more than 75 miles to secure such treatment. When the clinics meet such standards, they shall be certified by the department. Patients treated at uncertified cancer clinics shall not be eligible for state aid for reimbursement~~;

(2) In the event that federal grant programs become available for patient care, the commissioner may allocate state matching funds in whatever department of state government they may be administered so as to maximize the total funds available and to obtain funding needed by the specific patient population which is declared eligible~~. These programs include but are not restricted to Medicaid, crippled children's services, and vocational rehabilitation~~;

(3) Extend financial aid to persons suffering from cancer to enable them to obtain the medical, nursing, pharmaceutical, and technical services necessary in caring for such disease. Criteria and procedures for financial aid will be developed by the ~~Division of Physical Health in accordance with the principle that pauperization of a functional family unit will subvert the rehabilitative purposes of this program and will be more costly to the state in the long run~~ department;

(4) Assist in the development and expansion, by grant or by contract, of programs for the care and treatment of persons suffering from cancer so that the most efficient and effective treatment may be offered to the patients certified as eligible;

(5) Assist in the development of programs for the prevention of cancer;

(6) Assist in the development and execution of programs for the early detection of cancer, such as breast self-examination for breast cancer and the Papanicolaou test for cancer of the cervix;

(7) Institute and support, directly or through health organizations such as the American Cancer Society and the Georgia ~~Cancer Management Network~~ Center for Oncology Research and Education, educational programs for physicians, ~~providers of health care~~ healthcare providers, and the public concerning cancer, including the dissemination of information regarding prevention, early detection, and treatment; and

(8) Support a state-wide registry of all patients ~~treated in certified cancer clinics~~ diagnosed with cancer in order to evaluate the nature and extent of the incidence of cancer and the effectiveness of treatment."

SECTION 18.

Said title is further amended by repealing and reserving Chapter 42, the "Osteoporosis Prevention and Treatment Education Act."

SECTION 19.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 31-46-3, relating to Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Bank for postnatal tissue and fluid, creation, and donations and information concerning donations, as follows:

"31-46-3.

(a) Public ~~Not later than June 30, 2008, the Georgia Commission for Saving the Cure, as created in Code Section 31-46-4, shall establish a network of postnatal tissue and fluid banks in partnership with one or more public~~ or private colleges or universities, public or private hospitals, nonprofit organizations, or private firms in this state may establish a network of postnatal tissue and fluid banks for the purpose of collecting and storing postnatal tissue and fluid. The bank network, which shall be known as the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Bank, shall make such tissue and fluid available for medical research and treatment in accordance with this chapter.

~~(b) The Georgia Commission for Saving the Cure shall develop a program to educate pregnant patients with respect to the banking of postnatal tissue and fluid. The program shall include:~~

~~(1) Notice of the existence of the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Bank;~~

~~(2) An explanation of the difference between public and private banking programs;~~

~~(3) The medical process involved in the collection and storage of postnatal tissue and fluid;~~

~~(4) The current and potential future medical uses of stored postnatal tissue and fluid;~~

~~(5) The benefits and risks involved in the banking of postnatal tissue and fluid; and~~

~~(6) The availability and cost of storing postnatal tissue and fluid in public and private umbilical cord blood banks.~~

~~(c)~~(b) Beginning June 30, 2009, all physicians and hospitals in this state shall inform pregnant patients of the full range of options for donation of postnatal tissue and fluids no later than 30 days from the commencement of the patient's third trimester of pregnancy or at the first consultation between the attending physician or the hospital, whichever is later; provided, however, that this subsection shall not be construed to require the participation of any physician who objects to the transfusion or transplantation of blood on the basis of bona fide religious beliefs.

~~(d)~~(c) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to prohibit a person from donating postnatal tissue or fluid to a private blood and tissue bank or storing postnatal tissue or fluid with a private blood and tissue bank.

~~(e)~~(d) Any college or university, hospital, nonprofit organization, or private firm participating in the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Bank shall have or be subject to an institutional review board which shall be available on an ongoing basis to review the research procedures and conduct of any person desiring to conduct research with postnatal tissue and fluid from the bank. The institutional review board shall establish

procedures to protect and ensure the privacy rights of postnatal tissue and fluid donors consistent with applicable federal guidelines."

SECTION 20.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 31-46-4, relating to Georgia Commission for Saving the Cure, creation, membership, appointment, terms of office, and duties, as follows:

"31-46-4.

~~(a) There is created the Georgia Commission for Saving the Cure which shall consist of 15 members appointed as provided in this Code section. The commission shall be assigned to the Department of Public Health for administrative purposes only, as prescribed in Code Section 50-4-3.~~

~~(b) Seven members shall be appointed by the Governor. The Governor shall appoint four members to serve initial terms of three years and three members to serve initial terms of two years. Thereafter, successors to such initial appointees shall serve terms of three years. The Governor shall designate one of the persons so appointed to be the chairperson of the commission. If the chief executive officer of the Georgia Research Alliance is not appointed by the Governor or any other appointing authority to serve on the commission, he or she shall serve as an advisory member.~~

~~(c) Four members shall be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor or, if the Lieutenant Governor belongs to a political party other than the political party to which a majority of the members of the Senate belong, by the Senate Committee on Assignments. Of these four members, there shall be at least one of each of the following: a physician licensed to practice medicine in this state; a recognized medical ethicist with an accredited degree in medicine, medical ethics, or theology; a medical researcher in permitted stem cell research; and an attorney with experience in health policy law. The Lieutenant Governor or Senate Committee on Assignments shall appoint two members to serve initial terms of three years and two members to serve initial terms of two years. Thereafter, successors to such initial appointees shall serve terms of three years.~~

~~(d) Four members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Of these four members, there shall be at least one of each of the following: a physician licensed to practice medicine in this state; a recognized medical ethicist with an accredited degree in medicine, medical ethics, or theology; a medical researcher in permitted stem cell research; and an attorney with experience in health policy law. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members to serve initial terms of three years and two members to serve initial terms of two years. Thereafter, successors to such initial appointees shall serve terms of three years.~~

~~(e) Members of the commission shall be eligible to succeed themselves. The initial terms of office shall begin on July 1, 2007. Appointments shall be made by the respective appointing authorities no later than June 15, 2007. Thereafter, appointments of successors shall be made by the respective appointing authority no later than June 1 of the year in which the member's term of office expires. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term by the respective appointing authority.~~

~~(f) The commission shall meet at least four times per year at the call of the chairperson or upon the request of at least seven of its members.~~

~~(g) The commission shall have the following duties and responsibilities:~~

~~(1) To investigate the implementation of this chapter and to recommend any improvements to the General Assembly;~~

~~(2) To make available to the public the records of all meetings of the commission and of all business transacted by the commission;~~

~~(3) To oversee the operations of the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Bank established in Code Section 31-46-3, including approving all fees established to cover administration, collection, and storage costs;~~

~~(4) To undertake the Saving the Cure initiative by promoting awareness of the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Bank and encouraging donation of postnatal tissue and fluid to the bank;~~

~~(5) To ensure the privacy of persons who donate postnatal tissue and fluid to the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Bank pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 31-46-3 consistent with applicable federal guidelines;~~

~~(6) To develop a plan for making postnatal tissue and fluid collected under the Saving the Cure initiative available for medical research and treatment and to ensure compliance with all relevant national practice and quality standards relating to such use;~~

~~(7) To develop a plan for private storage of postnatal tissue and fluid for medical treatment or to make potential donors aware of private storage options for said tissue and fluid as deemed in the public interest;~~

~~(8) To participate in the National Cord Blood Program and to register postnatal tissue and fluid collected with registries operating in connection with the program;~~

~~(9) To make grants and enter into agreements to support permitted stem cell research with immediate and clinical medical applications;~~

~~(10) To employ such staff and to enter into such contracts as may be necessary to fulfill its duties and responsibilities under this chapter subject to funding by the General Assembly; and~~

~~(11) To report annually to the General Assembly in December of each year concerning the activities of the commission with recommendations for any legislative changes or funding necessary or desirable to fulfill the goals of this chapter.~~

~~(h) The commission shall provide for protection from disclosure of the identity of persons making donations to the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Bank pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 31-46-3.~~

~~(i) The commission may request additional funding from any additional source including, but not limited to, federal and private grants.~~

~~(j) The commission may establish a separate not for profit organization or foundation for the purposes of supporting the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Bank established pursuant to Code Section 31-46-3.~~ Reserved."

SECTION 21.

Said title is further amended by repealing and reserving Chapter 47, relating to Arthritis Prevention and Control Program.

SECTION 22.

Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, is amended by revising Code Section 48-7-63, relating to optional taxpayer contributions to permitted stem cell research through income tax payment and refund process, as follows:

"48-7-63.

~~(a) Each Georgia income tax return form for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2007, shall contain appropriate language, to be determined by the commissioner, offering the taxpayer the opportunity to contribute to permitted stem cell research, as defined in Code Section 31-46-2, through the Georgia Commission for Saving the Cure by donating either all or any part of any tax refund due, by authorizing a reduction in the refund check otherwise payable, or by contributing any amount over and above any amount of tax owed by adding that amount to the taxpayer's payment. The instructions accompanying the income tax return form shall contain a description of the purposes for which the commission was established and the intended use of moneys received from the contributions. Each taxpayer required to file a state income tax return who desires to contribute to the commission may designate such contribution as provided in this Code section on the appropriate income tax return form.~~

~~(b) The Department of Revenue shall determine annually the total amount so contributed and shall transmit such amount to the Georgia Commission for Saving the Cure.~~ Reserved."

SECTION 23.

Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to social services, is amended by revising Code Section 49-1-7, relating to home delivered meals, transportation, services for the elderly, and preschool children with special needs fund, as follows:

"49-1-7.

(a) The General Assembly finds that it is in the best interest of the state to provide for programs for home delivered meals, transportation services for the elderly, and preschool children with special needs, including but not limited to disabled children, troubled children, school readiness programs, and other similar needs for the benefit of the citizens of Georgia. In addition to and as a supplement to traditional financing mechanisms for such programs, it is the policy of this state to enable and encourage citizens voluntarily to support such programs.

(b) To support programs for home delivered meals, transportation services for the elderly, and preschool children with special needs which programs have been established or approved by the department or the Department of ~~Community~~ Public Health, the department may, without limitation, promote and solicit voluntary contributions through the income tax return contribution mechanism established in subsection (f) of this Code section, through offers to match contributions by any person with moneys appropriated

or contributed to the department or the Department of ~~Community~~ Public Health for such programs, or through any fund raising or other promotional techniques deemed appropriate by the department or the Department of ~~Community~~ Public Health.

(c) There is established a special fund to be known as the 'Home Delivered Meals, Transportation Services for the Elderly, and Preschool Children with Special Needs Fund.' This fund shall consist of all moneys contributed under subsection (b) of this Code section, all moneys transferred to the department under subsection (f) of this Code section, and any other moneys contributed to this fund or to the home delivered meals, transportation services for the elderly, or preschool children with special needs programs of the department or the Department of ~~Community~~ Public Health and all interest thereon. All balances in the fund shall be deposited in an interest-bearing account identifying the fund and shall be carried forward each year so that no part thereof may be deposited in the general treasury. The fund shall be administered and the moneys held in the fund shall be expended by the department through the Division of Aging Services in furtherance of home delivered meals and transportation services to the elderly programs and by the Department of ~~Community~~ Public Health in furtherance of preschool children with special needs programs.

(d) Following the transmittal of contributions to the department for deposit in the fund pursuant to subsection (f) of this Code section, the expenditure of moneys in the fund shall be allocated as follows:

(1) Fifty percent of the contributions to the fund shall be used for home delivered meals and transportation services to the elderly programs; and

(2) Fifty percent of the contributions to the fund shall be transferred to the Department of ~~Community~~ Public Health to be used for preschool children with special needs programs.

(e) Contributions to the fund shall be deemed supplemental to and shall in no way supplant funding that would otherwise be appropriated for these purposes. Contributions shall only be used for benefits and services and shall not be used for personnel or administrative positions. The department and the Department of ~~Community~~ Public Health shall each prepare, by February 1 of each year, an accounting of the funds received and expended from the fund and a review and evaluation of all expended moneys of the fund. The reports shall be made available to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the members of the Board of Human Services, and, upon request, to members of the public.

(f)(1) Unless an earlier date is deemed feasible and established by the Governor, each Georgia income tax return form for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1993, shall contain appropriate language, to be determined by the state revenue commissioner, offering the taxpayer the opportunity to contribute to the Home Delivered Meals, Transportation Services for the Elderly, and Preschool Children with Special Needs Fund established in subsection (c) of this Code section by either donating all or any part of any tax refund due, by authorizing a reduction in the refund check otherwise payable, or by contributing any amount over and above any amount of tax owed by adding that amount to the taxpayer's payment. The instructions accompanying the income tax

return form shall contain a description of the purposes for which this fund was established and the intended use of moneys received from the contributions. Each taxpayer required to file a state income tax return who desires to contribute to such fund may designate such contribution as provided in this Code section on the appropriate income tax return form.

(2) The Department of Revenue shall determine annually the total amount so contributed, shall withhold therefrom a reasonable amount for administering this voluntary contribution program, and shall transmit the balance to the department for deposit in the fund established in subsection (c) of this Code section; provided, however, that the amount retained for administrative costs, including implementation costs, shall not exceed $50,000.00 per year. If, in any tax year, the administrative costs of the Department of Revenue for collecting contributions pursuant to this Code section exceed the sum of such contributions, the administrative costs which the Department of Revenue is authorized to withhold from such contributions shall not exceed the sum of such contributions."

SECTION 24.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026.

SECTION 25.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Titles 16, 19, 31, 48, and 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, domestic relations, health, revenue and taxation, and social services, respectively, so as to modernize and revise provisions relative to duties or functions of the Department of Public Health; to eliminate certain powers of state regulatory boards governing prescribers relative to the prescription drug monitoring program database; to eliminate certain requirements of the Department of Public Health relative to the testing and certification of such database; to repeal provisions relative to the Electronic Database Review Advisory Committee; to add an exception to the classification of ivermectin as a dangerous drug; to provide for requirements and rules for dispensing of ivermectin under such exception; to repeal provisions relative to the preparation and distribution of informational materials regarding AIDS, HIV, testing for sickle cell disease, and marriage; to revise provisions relative to hearing screenings of newborns; to eliminate reporting requirements of certain entities permitted to administer auto-injectable epinephrine; to eliminate certain duties of the Department of Public Health relative to establishing requirements for the storage and oversight of such drugs; to repeal provisions relative to a pilot program for home visitation during pregnancy and early childhood; to

revise certain reporting requirements of the Department of Public Health regarding a program providing healthcare services to low-income residents; to revise certain reporting requirements of such department relative to certified stroke centers; to condition reporting requirements of the Office of Cardiac Care on appropriations; to eliminate certain reporting requirements of the Department of Public Health relative to infants born with neonatal abstinence syndrome; to repeal provisions relative to the Cancer Advisory Committee; to eliminate the cancer control officer position; to revise certain duties of the commissioner relative to a program for cancer prevention, control, and treatment; to repeal the "Osteoporosis Prevention and Treatment Education Act"; to revise provisions related to the establishment of a network of postnatal tissue and fluid banks; to repeal provisions relative to the Georgia Commission for Saving the Cure; to eliminate optional taxpayer contributions to stem cell research; to repeal provisions relative to the Arthritis Prevention and Control Program; to transfer certain duties of the Department of Community Health relative to programs for home delivered meals to the Department of Public Health; to make conforming changes; to amend Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, so as to require health insurers to implement a standardized credentialing application; to provide for health insurers to approve credentialing applications within a certain time frame; to provide for the Department of Insurance and the Department of Community Health to coordinate with stakeholders to establish a standardized credentialing application; to provide for health insurers to utilize such application; to provide for rules and regulations; to amend Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mental health, so as to add a member to the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council; to establish a parity compliance review panel; to provide for its composition and duties; to require health care providers to report suspected mental health parity violations to the panel; to provide for evaluation of complaints; to provide for recommendations for punitive actions; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, is amended in Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 13, relating to prescripton drug monitoring program data base, by revising Code Section 16-13-57, relating to a program to record prescription information into electronic data base and administration and oversight, as follows:

"16-13-57.

(a) As used in this part, the term:

(1) 'Department' means the Department of Public Health.

(2) 'PDMP' means the prescription drug monitoring program ~~data base~~ database.

(b) Subject to funds as may be appropriated by the General Assembly or otherwise available for such purpose, the department shall, in consultation with members of the Georgia Composite Medical Board, the State Board of Pharmacy, and the agency, establish and maintain a program to electronically record into an electronic PDMP prescription information resulting from the dispensing of Schedule II, III, IV, or V controlled substances and to electronically review such prescription information that has been entered into such ~~data base~~ database. The purpose of such PDMP shall be to assist in the reduction of the abuse of controlled substances; to improve, enhance, and encourage a better quality of healthcare by promoting the proper use of medications to treat pain and terminal illness; to reduce duplicative prescribing and overprescribing of controlled substance practices for health oversight purposes; and to gather data for epidemiological research. The PDMP shall be administered by the department.

(c)(1) Each prescriber who has a DEA registration number shall enroll to become a user of the PDMP as soon as possible, and no later than January 1, 2018; provided, however, that prescribers who attain a DEA registration number after such date shall enroll within 30 days of attaining such credentials. A prescriber who violates this subsection shall be held administratively accountable to the state regulatory board governing such prescriber for such violation.

~~(2) Any state regulatory board governing prescribers shall have the discretion to rescind any consent orders or other disciplinary actions that were entered into or imposed prior to April 26, 2019, for a violation of paragraph (1) of this subsection after review based on, but not limited to, the following factors: subsequent compliance with paragraph (1) of this subsection; compliance with the terms of the consent order or other disciplinary action; and whether such prescriber has had previous infractions of other laws or regulations relating to his or her licensure. The authority granted under this paragraph shall expire on December 31, 2019.~~

~~(3)~~(2) For ~~On and after April 26, 2019, for~~ purposes of this subsection, the term 'administratively accountable' shall mean a warning or the imposition of a fine, but any such fine shall not be considered a disciplinary action against the licensee.

~~(d) Between January 1, 2018, and May 31, 2018, the department shall randomly test the PDMP to determine if it is accessible and operational 99.5 percent of the time. If the department determines that the PDMP meets such standard, then between June 1, 2018, and June 20, 2018, the department shall certify in writing to each board that governs prescribers that it is operational. Each board that governs prescribers shall publish such information on its website.~~"

SECTION 1-2.

Said title is further amended in said part by revising Code Section 16-13-61, relating to Electronic Database Review Advisory Committee, members, terms, officers, procedure, and compensation, as follows:

"16-13-61.

~~(a) There is established an Electronic Database Review Advisory Committee for the purposes of consulting with and advising the department on matters related to the~~

~~establishment, maintenance, and operation of how prescriptions are electronically reviewed pursuant to this part. This shall include, but shall not be limited to, data collection, regulation of access to data, evaluation of data to identify benefits and outcomes of the reviews, communication to prescribers and dispensers as to the intent of the reviews and how to use the PDMP, and security of data collected.~~

~~(b) The advisory committee shall consist of 12 members as follows:~~

~~(1) A representative from the agency;~~

~~(2) A representative from the Georgia Composite Medical Board;~~

~~(3) A representative from the Georgia Board of Dentistry;~~

~~(4) A representative with expertise in personal privacy matters, appointed by the president of the State Bar of Georgia;~~

~~(5) A representative from a specialty profession that deals in addictive medicine, appointed by the Georgia Composite Medical Board;~~

~~(6) A pain management specialist, appointed by the Georgia Composite Medical Board;~~

~~(7) An oncologist, appointed by the Georgia Composite Medical Board;~~

~~(8) A representative from a hospice or hospice organization, appointed by the Georgia Composite Medical Board;~~

~~(9) A representative from the State Board of Optometry;~~

~~(10) The consumer member appointed by the Governor to the State Board of Pharmacy pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 26-4-21;~~

~~(11) A pharmacist from the State Board of Pharmacy; and~~

~~(12) A representative from the Department of Public Health.~~

~~(c) Each member of the advisory committee shall serve a three-year term or until the appointment and qualification of such member's successor.~~

~~(d) The advisory committee shall elect a chairperson and vice chairperson from among its membership to serve a term of one year. The vice chairperson shall serve as the chairperson at times when the chairperson is absent.~~

~~(e) The advisory committee shall meet at the call of the chairperson or upon request by at least three of the members and shall meet at least one time per year. Five members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.~~

~~(f) The members shall receive no compensation or reimbursement of expenses from the state for their services as members of the advisory committee.~~ Reserved."

SECTION 1-3.

Said title is further amended in said part by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 16-13-63, relating to liability, review of PDMP data when filing certain prescriptions, and cause of action for civil damages, as follows:

"(2)(A) On and after July 1, 2018, when a prescriber is prescribing a controlled substance listed in paragraph (1) or (2) of Code Section 16-13-26 or benzodiazepines, he or she shall seek and review information from the PDMP the first time he or she issues such prescription to a patient and thereafter at least once every 90 days, unless the:

(i) Prescription is for no more than a three-day supply of such substance and no more than 26 pills;

(ii) Patient is in a hospital or healthcare facility, including, but not limited to, a nursing home, an intermediate care home, a personal care home, or a hospice program, which provides patient care and prescriptions to be administered and used by a patient on the premises of the facility;

(iii) Patient has had outpatient surgery at a hospital or ambulatory surgical center and the prescription is for no more than a ten-day supply of such substance and no more than 40 pills;

(iv) Patient is terminally ill or under the supervised care of an outpatient hospice program; or

(v) Patient is receiving treatment for cancer.

~~(B) This paragraph shall not become effective unless the department's certification required by subsection (d) of Code Section 16-13-57 has been issued.~~

~~(C)~~(B) A prescriber who violates this paragraph shall be held administratively accountable to the state regulatory board governing such prescriber but shall not be held civilly liable for damages to any person in any civil or administrative action or criminally responsible for injury, death, or loss to person or property on the basis that such prescriber did or did not seek or obtain information from such ~~data base~~ database when prescribing such substance."

SECTION 1-4.

Said title is further amended in Article 3 of said chapter, relating to dangerous drugs, by revising paragraph (12.1) of subsection (c) of Code Section 16-13-71, relating to dangerous drug, as follows:

"(12.1) Ivermectin —

(A) When used with a strength of 0.5 percent or less in a topical lotion; or

(B) When dispensed by a pharmacist to a patient 18 years of age or older, and following a good-faith patient assessment that includes screening for contraindications, current medications, and potential drug interactions, as a product in finished dosage formulation in its original container that has been approved by and labeled in compliance with the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Such product shall be classified as a behind-the-counter medication and shall not be available for self-service. The State Board of Pharmacy shall adopt rules governing the dispensing of ivermectin under this subparagraph;"

SECTION 1-5.

Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to domestic relations, is amended in Article 2 of Chapter 3, relating to license and ceremony, by revising Code Section 19-3-35.1, relating to AIDS brochures, listing of HIV test sites, and acknowledgment of receipt, as follows:

"19-3-35.1.

~~(a) Any term used in this Code section and defined in Code Section 31-22-9.1 shall have the meaning provided for such term in Code Section 31-22-9.1.~~

~~(b) The Department of Public Health shall prepare a brochure describing AIDS, HIV, and the dangers, populations at risk, risk behaviors, and prevention measures relating thereto. That department shall also prepare a listing of sites at which confidential and anonymous HIV tests are provided without charge. That department shall further prepare a form for acknowledging that the brochures and listings have been received, as required by subsection (c) of this Code section. The brochures, listings, and forms prepared by the Department of Public Health (formerly known as the Department of Human Resources for these purposes) under this subsection shall be prepared and furnished to the office of each judge of the probate court no later than October 1, 1988.~~

~~(c) On and after October 1, 1988, each person who makes application for a marriage license shall receive from the office of the probate judge at the time of the application the AIDS brochure and listing of HIV test sites prepared and furnished pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section. On and after October 1, 1988, no marriage license shall be issued unless both the proposed husband and the proposed wife sign a form acknowledging that both have received the brochure and listing.~~ Reserved."

SECTION 1-6.

Said title is further amended in said article by revising Code Section 19-3-40, relating to blood test for sickle cell disease and information to be provided, as follows:

"19-3-40.

~~(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'blood test for sickle cell disease' means a blood test for sickle cell anemia, sickle cell trait, and other detectable abnormal hemoglobin.~~

~~(b) The Department of Public Health shall prepare information for public dissemination on the department's website describing the importance of obtaining a blood test for sickle cell disease and explaining the causes and effects of such disease. Such information shall recommend that each applicant applying for a marriage license obtain a blood test for sickle cell disease prior to obtaining a marriage license. Such information may also be provided as a brochure or other document. The department shall make such information available in electronic format to the probate courts of this state which shall disseminate such information to all persons applying for marriage licenses.~~ Reserved."

SECTION 1-7.

Said title is further amended in said article by revising Code Section 19-3-41, relating to Department of Public Health marriage manual, distribution, and rules and regulations, as follows:

"19-3-41.

~~(a) The Department of Public Health shall prepare a marriage manual for distribution by the judge of the probate court or his clerk to all applicants for a marriage license. The manual shall include, but shall not be limited to, material on family planning.~~

~~(b) The manual provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section shall be issued by the judge of the probate court or his clerk to applicants for a marriage license at the same time the marriage license is issued.~~

~~(c) The Department of Public Health shall promulgate rules and regulations to implement this Code section.~~

~~(d) In order to be nonsectarian, the manual will include resource referral information for those who might have questions regarding religious beliefs in the areas covered by the marriage manual.~~ Reserved."

SECTION 1-8.

Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, is amended in Chapter 1, relating to general provisions, by revising subsection (e) of Code Section 31-1-3.2, relating to hearing screenings for newborns, as follows:

"(e) It is the intent of the General Assembly that~~, by July 1, 2002,~~ newborn hearing screening be conducted on no fewer than 95 percent of all newborn infants born in hospitals in this state, using procedures established by rule ~~and~~ or regulation of the ~~Board of Public Health after review of any recommendations of the advisory committee on hearing in newborn infants, created in former subsection (d) of this Code section. Toward that end, on and after July 1, 2001, every~~ department. Every licensed or certified hospital and physician shall educate the parents of newborn infants born in such hospitals of the importance of screening the hearing of newborn infants and follow-up care. Education shall not be considered a substitute for the hearing screening described in this subsection. Every licensed or permitted hospital shall report annually to the Department of Public Health concerning the ~~following~~ number of newborn infants:

(1) Born ~~The number of newborn infants born~~ in the hospital;

(2) Screened ~~The number of newborn infants screened~~;

(3) Who ~~The number of newborn infants who~~ passed the screening, if administered; and

(4) Who ~~The number of newborn infants who~~ did not pass the screening, if administered."

SECTION 1-9.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by repealing subsections (f) and (g) of Code Section 31-1-15, relating to use of auto-injectable epinephrine by authorized entities.

SECTION 1-10.

Said title is further amended in Article 1 of Chapter 2A, relating to Department of Public Health, by revising Code Section 31-2A-19, relating to pilot program for home visitation during pregnancy and early childhood, reporting, and funding requirement, as follows:

"31-2A-19.

~~(a) The Department of Public Health shall conduct a pilot program to provide home visiting in at-risk and underserved rural communities during pregnancy and early~~

~~childhood to improve birth outcomes, reduce preterm deliveries, and decrease infant and maternal mortality.~~

~~(b) No later than December 31, 2024, the department shall submit a detailed written report on the implementation and effectiveness of the pilot program to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, and the chairpersons of the House Committee on Public Health and the Senate Health and Human Services Committee. Such report shall also include recommendations as to expansion of the pilot program state wide.~~

~~(c) This Code section shall be contingent upon appropriations made by the General Assembly specifically for the department for such purposes.~~ Reserved."

SECTION 1-11.

Said title is further amended in Article 8 of Chapter 8, relating to "health share" volunteers in medicine, by revising Code Section 31-8-198, relating to annual report, as follows:

"31-8-198.

Annually, the department shall report to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the minority leaders of each house, and chairpersons of the House Public and Community Health ~~and Human Services~~ Committee and the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, summarizing the ~~efficacy of access and treatment outcomes~~ access points of service and utilization data with respect to providing ~~health care~~ healthcare services for low-income persons pursuant to this article."

SECTION 1-12.

Said title is further amended in Article 6 of Chapter 11, relating to system of certified stoke centers, by revising subsection (d) of Code Section 31-11-114, relating to grants and report, as follows:

"(d) Subject to appropriations, the ~~The~~ department shall annually prepare and submit to the Governor, the ~~President of the Senate~~ Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairpersons of the House Committee on Public and Community Health ~~and Human Services~~ and the Senate Health and Human Services Committee for distribution to its committee members a report indicating the total number of hospitals that have applied for grants pursuant to this Code section, the number of applicants that have been determined by the department to be eligible for such grants, the total number of grants to be awarded, the name and address of each grantee hospital, the amount of the award to each grantee, and the amount of each award to be disbursed to the grantee."

SECTION 1-13.

Said title is further amended in Article 7 of Chapter 11, relating to emergency cardiac care centers, by revising subsection (d) of Code Section 31-11-135, relating to grants to hospitals and reporting, as follows:

"(d) Subject to appropriations, the ~~The~~ office shall annually prepare and submit to the Office of Health Strategy and Coordination a report indicating the total number of

hospitals that have applied for grants pursuant to this Code section, the number of applicants that have been determined by the office to be eligible for such grants, the total number of grants to be awarded, the name and address of each grantee, and the amount of the award to each grantee."

SECTION 1-14.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 12, relating to control of hazardous conditions, preventable diseases, and metabolic disorders, by revising subsection (a.1) of Code Section 31-12-2, relating to required reporting of certain health conditions that may pose substantial risk and required reporting of neonatal abstinence syndrome, as follows:

"(a.1)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'neonatal abstinence syndrome' means a group of physical problems that occur in a newborn infant who was exposed to addictive illegal or prescription drugs while in the mother's womb.

(2) The department shall require notice and reporting of incidents of neonatal abstinence syndrome. A ~~health care~~ healthcare provider, coroner, or medical examiner, or any other person or entity the department determines has knowledge of diagnoses or health outcomes related, directly or indirectly, to neonatal abstinence syndrome shall report incidents of neonatal abstinence syndrome to the department. ~~The department shall provide an annual report to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the chairperson of the House Committee on Health and Human Services, and the chairperson of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee. Such annual report shall include any department findings and recommendations on how to reduce the number of infants born with neonatal abstinence syndrome.~~"

SECTION 1-15.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 15, relating to care and treatment of cancer patients, by revising Code Section 31-15-3, relating to Cancer Advisory Committee, as follows:

"31-15-3.

~~(a) The Governor shall appoint a Cancer Advisory Committee to advise the department in the administration of this chapter. The committee shall establish priorities and recommend relative budgets for the various purposes of this chapter as described below.~~

~~(b) The Cancer Advisory Committee shall consist of 18 members appointed by the Governor as follows:~~

~~(1) Four members representing medical schools as follows: The term of office of those two members appointed from a list of names submitted to the Governor by the deans of the medical schools located within this state, which members are serving as such on June 30, 1985, shall expire on that date and upon the appointment and qualification of the first two members appointed by the Governor in 1985 pursuant to this paragraph. On and after July 1, 1985, four membership positions on the committee shall represent the four medical schools, whether public or private, located within this state. The deans of those schools shall each submit to the Governor a list of three names and the Governor shall appoint one member from each of those four lists;~~

~~(2) Two members shall be appointed by the Governor from a list of six names submitted to him by the chief executive officers of the hospitals or cancer clinics located within Georgia which are equipped to provide modern treatment for patients suffering from cancer;~~

~~(3) Two members shall be appointed by the Governor from a list of six names submitted to him by the Medical Association of Georgia;~~

~~(4) Two members shall be appointed by the Governor from a list of six names submitted to him by the American Cancer Society, Georgia Division;~~

~~(5) The term of office of the two members appointed from the list of names submitted to the Governor by the Georgia Cancer Management Network, Inc., shall expire upon July 1, 1985, and such two membership positions shall thereafter be abolished;~~

~~(6) One member shall be appointed by the Governor from a list of three names submitted to him by the Georgia Claims Association and the Georgia Chapter of the Health Insurance Association of America;~~

~~(7) One member shall be appointed by the Governor from a list of three names submitted to him by the director of the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency;~~

~~(8) Two members shall be selected by the Governor from the general public;~~

~~(9) One member shall be appointed by the Governor from a list of three names submitted to him by the Georgia Nurses Association;~~

~~(10) One member shall be appointed by the Governor from a list of three names submitted to him by the Georgia Association of Pathologists;~~

~~(11) One member shall be appointed by the Governor from a list of three names submitted to him by the Georgia State Medical Association; and~~

~~(12) One member shall be appointed by the Governor from a list of three names submitted to him by the Georgia Pharmaceutical Association.~~

~~(c) The persons whose names are submitted to the Governor by the medical colleges, the hospitals, the Medical Association of Georgia, the Georgia State Medical Association, and the Georgia Association of Pathologists shall all be physicians licensed to practice medicine under the laws of Georgia, and the persons whose names are submitted by the Medical Association of Georgia and the Georgia State Medical Association shall all be actively engaged in the practice of medicine. The persons whose names are submitted to the Governor by the Georgia Nurses Association shall all be registered professional nurses licensed to practice nursing under the laws of Georgia. All persons whose names are submitted to the Governor by the Georgia Pharmaceutical Association shall be registered pharmacists licensed to practice pharmacy under the laws of Georgia.~~

~~(d) The Governor shall appoint the initial members for staggered terms as follows: three shall be appointed for terms to expire on December 31, 1977; three shall be appointed for terms to expire on December 31, 1978; three shall be appointed for terms to expire on December 31, 1979; and six shall be appointed for terms to expire on December 31, 1980. Thereafter, their successors shall be appointed for terms of four years, and until their successors are appointed and qualified, to begin on the expiration of the respective terms of office. In the event of a vacancy for any reason, the Governor shall fill said vacancy for the unexpired term in the same manner that other appointments are made. Those~~

~~initial members added to the committee in 1985 shall be appointed for initial terms beginning July 1, 1985, and expiring December 31, 1989, and upon the appointment and qualification of their respective successors. Thereafter, their successors shall be appointed for terms of four years and until their respective successors are appointed and qualified, such terms to begin on the expiration of the respective terms of office.~~

~~(e) The Cancer Advisory Committee shall meet as often as the commissioner deems necessary but not less than twice each year.~~ Reserved."

SECTION 1-16.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising Code Section 31-15-4, relating to cancer control officer, as follows:

"31-15-4.

~~The commissioner shall appoint a cancer control officer. The cancer control officer shall be a physician licensed to practice medicine under Chapter 34 of Title 43 and shall be knowledgeable in the field of medicine covered by this chapter. He or she shall administer the cancer program for the Department of Public Health in compliance with this chapter. He or she shall be provided an office with clerical and administrative assistance to carry out this program.~~ Reserved."

SECTION 1-17.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising Code Section 31-15-5, relating to duties of commissioner, as follows:

"31-15-5.

The commissioner~~, with the advice of the Cancer Advisory Committee,~~ shall:

(1) Develop standards for determining eligibility of patients for care and treatment under this program~~, set standards for the equipping and staffing of cancer clinics located strategically throughout the state and so placed that patients requiring treatment will not have to travel more than 75 miles to secure such treatment. When the clinics meet such standards, they shall be certified by the department. Patients treated at uncertified cancer clinics shall not be eligible for state aid for reimbursement~~;

(2) In the event that federal grant programs become available for patient care, the commissioner may allocate state matching funds in whatever department of state government they may be administered so as to maximize the total funds available and to obtain funding needed by the specific patient population which is declared eligible~~. These programs include but are not restricted to Medicaid, crippled children's services, and vocational rehabilitation~~;

(3) Extend financial aid to persons suffering from cancer to enable them to obtain the medical, nursing, pharmaceutical, and technical services necessary in caring for such disease. Criteria and procedures for financial aid will be developed by the ~~Division of Physical Health in accordance with the principle that pauperization of a functional family unit will subvert the rehabilitative purposes of this program and will be more costly to the state in the long run~~ department;

(4) Assist in the development and expansion, by grant or by contract, of programs for the care and treatment of persons suffering from cancer so that the most efficient and effective treatment may be offered to the patients certified as eligible;

(5) Assist in the development of programs for the prevention of cancer;

(6) Assist in the development and execution of programs for the early detection of cancer, such as breast self-examination for breast cancer and the Papanicolaou test for cancer of the cervix;

(7) Institute and support, directly or through health organizations such as the American Cancer Society and the Georgia ~~Cancer Management Network~~ Center for Oncology Research and Education, educational programs for physicians, ~~providers of health care~~ healthcare providers, and the public concerning cancer, including the dissemination of information regarding prevention, early detection, and treatment; and

(8) Support a state-wide registry of all patients ~~treated in certified cancer clinics~~ diagnosed with cancer in order to evaluate the nature and extent of the incidence of cancer and the effectiveness of treatment."

SECTION 1-18.

Said title is further amended by repealing and reserving Chapter 42, the "Osteoporosis Prevention and Treatment Education Act."

SECTION 1-19.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 46, relating to Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Bank, by revising Code Section 31-46-3, relating to Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Bank for postnatal tissue and fluid, creation, and donations and information concerning donations, as follows:

"31-46-3.

(a) Public ~~Not later than June 30, 2008, the Georgia Commission for Saving the Cure, as created in Code Section 31-46-4, shall establish a network of postnatal tissue and fluid banks in partnership with one or more public~~ or private colleges or universities, public or private hospitals, nonprofit organizations, or private firms in this state may establish a network of postnatal tissue and fluid banks for the purpose of collecting and storing postnatal tissue and fluid. The bank network, which shall be known as the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Bank, shall make such tissue and fluid available for medical research and treatment in accordance with this chapter.

~~(b) The Georgia Commission for Saving the Cure shall develop a program to educate pregnant patients with respect to the banking of postnatal tissue and fluid. The program shall include:~~

~~(1) Notice of the existence of the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Bank;~~

~~(2) An explanation of the difference between public and private banking programs;~~

~~(3) The medical process involved in the collection and storage of postnatal tissue and fluid;~~

~~(4) The current and potential future medical uses of stored postnatal tissue and fluid;~~

~~(5) The benefits and risks involved in the banking of postnatal tissue and fluid; and~~

~~(6) The availability and cost of storing postnatal tissue and fluid in public and private umbilical cord blood banks.~~

~~(c)~~(b) Beginning June 30, 2009, all physicians and hospitals in this state shall inform pregnant patients of the full range of options for donation of postnatal tissue and fluids no later than 30 days from the commencement of the patient's third trimester of pregnancy or at the first consultation between the attending physician or the hospital, whichever is later; provided, however, that this subsection shall not be construed to require the participation of any physician who objects to the transfusion or transplantation of blood on the basis of bona fide religious beliefs.

~~(d)~~(c) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to prohibit a person from donating postnatal tissue or fluid to a private blood and tissue bank or storing postnatal tissue or fluid with a private blood and tissue bank.

~~(e)~~(d) Any college or university, hospital, nonprofit organization, or private firm participating in the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Bank shall have or be subject to an institutional review board which shall be available on an ongoing basis to review the research procedures and conduct of any person desiring to conduct research with postnatal tissue and fluid from the bank. The institutional review board shall establish procedures to protect and ensure the privacy rights of postnatal tissue and fluid donors consistent with applicable federal guidelines."

SECTION 1-20.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising Code Section 31-46-4, relating to Georgia Commission for Saving the Cure, creation, membership, appointment, terms of office, and duties, as follows:

"31-46-4.

~~(a) There is created the Georgia Commission for Saving the Cure which shall consist of 15 members appointed as provided in this Code section. The commission shall be assigned to the Department of Public Health for administrative purposes only, as prescribed in Code Section 50-4-3.~~

~~(b) Seven members shall be appointed by the Governor. The Governor shall appoint four members to serve initial terms of three years and three members to serve initial terms of two years. Thereafter, successors to such initial appointees shall serve terms of three years. The Governor shall designate one of the persons so appointed to be the chairperson of the commission. If the chief executive officer of the Georgia Research Alliance is not appointed by the Governor or any other appointing authority to serve on the commission, he or she shall serve as an advisory member.~~

~~(c) Four members shall be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor or, if the Lieutenant Governor belongs to a political party other than the political party to which a majority of the members of the Senate belong, by the Senate Committee on Assignments. Of these four members, there shall be at least one of each of the following: a physician licensed to practice medicine in this state; a recognized medical ethicist with an accredited degree in medicine, medical ethics, or theology; a medical researcher in permitted stem cell research; and an attorney with experience in health policy law. The Lieutenant Governor~~

~~or Senate Committee on Assignments shall appoint two members to serve initial terms of three years and two members to serve initial terms of two years. Thereafter, successors to such initial appointees shall serve terms of three years.~~

~~(d) Four members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Of these four members, there shall be at least one of each of the following: a physician licensed to practice medicine in this state; a recognized medical ethicist with an accredited degree in medicine, medical ethics, or theology; a medical researcher in permitted stem cell research; and an attorney with experience in health policy law. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members to serve initial terms of three years and two members to serve initial terms of two years. Thereafter, successors to such initial appointees shall serve terms of three years.~~

~~(e) Members of the commission shall be eligible to succeed themselves. The initial terms of office shall begin on July 1, 2007. Appointments shall be made by the respective appointing authorities no later than June 15, 2007. Thereafter, appointments of successors shall be made by the respective appointing authority no later than June 1 of the year in which the member's term of office expires. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term by the respective appointing authority.~~

~~(f) The commission shall meet at least four times per year at the call of the chairperson or upon the request of at least seven of its members.~~

~~(g) The commission shall have the following duties and responsibilities:~~

~~(1) To investigate the implementation of this chapter and to recommend any improvements to the General Assembly;~~

~~(2) To make available to the public the records of all meetings of the commission and of all business transacted by the commission;~~

~~(3) To oversee the operations of the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Bank established in Code Section 31-46-3, including approving all fees established to cover administration, collection, and storage costs;~~

~~(4) To undertake the Saving the Cure initiative by promoting awareness of the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Bank and encouraging donation of postnatal tissue and fluid to the bank;~~

~~(5) To ensure the privacy of persons who donate postnatal tissue and fluid to the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Bank pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 31-46-3 consistent with applicable federal guidelines;~~

~~(6) To develop a plan for making postnatal tissue and fluid collected under the Saving the Cure initiative available for medical research and treatment and to ensure compliance with all relevant national practice and quality standards relating to such use;~~

~~(7) To develop a plan for private storage of postnatal tissue and fluid for medical treatment or to make potential donors aware of private storage options for said tissue and fluid as deemed in the public interest;~~

~~(8) To participate in the National Cord Blood Program and to register postnatal tissue and fluid collected with registries operating in connection with the program;~~

~~(9) To make grants and enter into agreements to support permitted stem cell research with immediate and clinical medical applications;~~

~~(10) To employ such staff and to enter into such contracts as may be necessary to fulfill its duties and responsibilities under this chapter subject to funding by the General Assembly; and~~

~~(11) To report annually to the General Assembly in December of each year concerning the activities of the commission with recommendations for any legislative changes or funding necessary or desirable to fulfill the goals of this chapter.~~

~~(h) The commission shall provide for protection from disclosure of the identity of persons making donations to the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Bank pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 31-46-3.~~

~~(i) The commission may request additional funding from any additional source including, but not limited to, federal and private grants.~~

~~(j) The commission may establish a separate not for profit organization or foundation for the purposes of supporting the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Bank established pursuant to Code Section 31-46-3.~~ Reserved."

SECTION 1-21.

Said title is further amended by repealing and reserving Chapter 47, relating to Arthritis Prevention and Control Program.

SECTION 1-22.

Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, is amended in Article 3 of Chapter 7, relating to returns and furnishing of information, by revising Code Section 48-7-63, relating to optional taxpayer contributions to permitted stem cell research through income tax payment and refund process, as follows:

"48-7-63.

~~(a) Each Georgia income tax return form for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2007, shall contain appropriate language, to be determined by the commissioner, offering the taxpayer the opportunity to contribute to permitted stem cell research, as defined in Code Section 31-46-2, through the Georgia Commission for Saving the Cure by donating either all or any part of any tax refund due, by authorizing a reduction in the refund check otherwise payable, or by contributing any amount over and above any amount of tax owed by adding that amount to the taxpayer's payment. The instructions accompanying the income tax return form shall contain a description of the purposes for which the commission was established and the intended use of moneys received from the contributions. Each taxpayer required to file a state income tax return who desires to contribute to the commission may designate such contribution as provided in this Code section on the appropriate income tax return form.~~

~~(b) The Department of Revenue shall determine annually the total amount so contributed and shall transmit such amount to the Georgia Commission for Saving the Cure.~~ Reserved."

SECTION 1-23.

Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to social services, is amended in Chapter 1, relating to general provisions, by revising Code Section 49-1-7, relating to home delivered meals, transportation, services for the elderly, and preschool children with special needs fund, as follows:

"49-1-7.

(a) The General Assembly finds that it is in the best interest of the state to provide for programs for home delivered meals, transportation services for the elderly, and preschool children with special needs, including but not limited to disabled children, troubled children, school readiness programs, and other similar needs for the benefit of the citizens of Georgia. In addition to and as a supplement to traditional financing mechanisms for such programs, it is the policy of this state to enable and encourage citizens voluntarily to support such programs.

(b) To support programs for home delivered meals, transportation services for the elderly, and preschool children with special needs which programs have been established or approved by the department or the Department of ~~Community~~ Public Health, the department may, without limitation, promote and solicit voluntary contributions through the income tax return contribution mechanism established in subsection (f) of this Code section, through offers to match contributions by any person with moneys appropriated or contributed to the department or the Department of ~~Community~~ Public Health for such programs, or through any fund raising or other promotional techniques deemed appropriate by the department or the Department of ~~Community~~ Public Health.

(c) There is established a special fund to be known as the 'Home Delivered Meals, Transportation Services for the Elderly, and Preschool Children with Special Needs Fund.' This fund shall consist of all moneys contributed under subsection (b) of this Code section, all moneys transferred to the department under subsection (f) of this Code section, and any other moneys contributed to this fund or to the home delivered meals, transportation services for the elderly, or preschool children with special needs programs of the department or the Department of ~~Community~~ Public Health and all interest thereon. All balances in the fund shall be deposited in an interest-bearing account identifying the fund and shall be carried forward each year so that no part thereof may be deposited in the general treasury. The fund shall be administered and the moneys held in the fund shall be expended by the department through the Division of Aging Services in furtherance of home delivered meals and transportation services to the elderly programs and by the Department of ~~Community~~ Public Health in furtherance of preschool children with special needs programs.

(d) Following the transmittal of contributions to the department for deposit in the fund pursuant to subsection (f) of this Code section, the expenditure of moneys in the fund shall be allocated as follows:

(1) Fifty percent of the contributions to the fund shall be used for home delivered meals and transportation services to the elderly programs; and

(2) Fifty percent of the contributions to the fund shall be transferred to the Department of ~~Community~~ Public Health to be used for preschool children with special needs programs.

(e) Contributions to the fund shall be deemed supplemental to and shall in no way supplant funding that would otherwise be appropriated for these purposes. Contributions shall only be used for benefits and services and shall not be used for personnel or administrative positions. The department and the Department of ~~Community~~ Public Health shall each prepare, by February 1 of each year, an accounting of the funds received and expended from the fund and a review and evaluation of all expended moneys of the fund. The reports shall be made available to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the members of the Board of Human Services, and, upon request, to members of the public.

(f)(1) Unless an earlier date is deemed feasible and established by the Governor, each Georgia income tax return form for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1993, shall contain appropriate language, to be determined by the state revenue commissioner, offering the taxpayer the opportunity to contribute to the Home Delivered Meals, Transportation Services for the Elderly, and Preschool Children with Special Needs Fund established in subsection (c) of this Code section by either donating all or any part of any tax refund due, by authorizing a reduction in the refund check otherwise payable, or by contributing any amount over and above any amount of tax owed by adding that amount to the taxpayer's payment. The instructions accompanying the income tax return form shall contain a description of the purposes for which this fund was established and the intended use of moneys received from the contributions. Each taxpayer required to file a state income tax return who desires to contribute to such fund may designate such contribution as provided in this Code section on the appropriate income tax return form.

(2) The Department of Revenue shall determine annually the total amount so contributed, shall withhold therefrom a reasonable amount for administering this voluntary contribution program, and shall transmit the balance to the department for deposit in the fund established in subsection (c) of this Code section; provided, however, that the amount retained for administrative costs, including implementation costs, shall not exceed $50,000.00 per year. If, in any tax year, the administrative costs of the Department of Revenue for collecting contributions pursuant to this Code section exceed the sum of such contributions, the administrative costs which the Department of Revenue is authorized to withhold from such contributions shall not exceed the sum of such contributions."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, is amended in Article 1 of Chapter 24, relating to general provisions, by revising Code Section 33-24-37, which is reserved, as follows:

"33-24-37.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Complete credentialing application' means the submission of a credentialing application and any supporting documents for a healthcare provider to a health insurer.

(2) 'Credentialing' means to collect, verify, and assess whether a healthcare provider meets relevant licensing, education, and training requirements.

(b) Every health insurer shall approve complete credentialing applications from healthcare providers within 45 days of receipt of any such application if submitted in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the department.

(c) The department and the Department of Community Health shall coordinate with stakeholders to establish a standardized credentialing application for use in credentialing healthcare providers, which may be based on acceptance of data from or integration with the credentialing verification system used by the state Medicaid program to verify the qualifications, licenses, education, training, and professional history of healthcare providers.

(d) No later than July 1, 2027, every health insurer shall utilize the standardized credentialing application established pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section.

(e) No later than January 1, 2027, the department shall promulgate rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Code section. ~~Reserved.~~"

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mental health, is amended in Article 1 of Chapter 2, relating to general provisions regarding the administration of mental health, developmental disabilities, addictive diseases, and other disability services, by revising Code Section 37-2-4, relating to the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council and its membership, meetings, and obligations, by revising subsections (a) and (c.1) and by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(a) There is created the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council. The council shall consist of the commissioner of behavioral health and developmental disabilities; the commissioner of early care and learning; the commissioner of community health; the commissioner of public health; the commissioner of human services; the commissioner of juvenile justice; the commissioner of corrections; the commissioner of veterans service; the commissioner of community supervision; the commissioner of community affairs; the commissioner of the Technical College System of Georgia; the Commissioner of Labor; the State School Superintendent; the Commissioner of Insurance; the chairperson of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles; a behavioral health expert employed by the University System of Georgia, designated by the chancellor of the university system; two members, appointed by the Governor; the ombudsman appointed pursuant to Code Section 37-2-32; the Child Advocate for the Protection of Children; an expert on early childhood mental health, appointed by the Governor; an expert on child and adolescent health, appointed by the Governor; a pediatrician, appointed by the

Governor; an adult consumer of public behavioral health services, appointed by the Governor; a family member of a consumer of public behavioral health services, appointed by the Governor; a parent of a child receiving public behavioral health services, appointed by the Governor; a member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and a member of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate."

"(c.1) The commissioner of behavioral health and developmental disabilities, the commissioner of early care and learning, the commissioner of community health, the commissioner of public health, the commissioner of human services, the commissioner of juvenile justice, the commissioner of corrections, the commissioner of veterans service, the commissioner of community supervision, the commissioner of community affairs, the commissioner of the Technical College System of Georgia, the Commissioner of Labor, the State School Superintendent, the Commissioner of Insurance, and the chairperson of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles shall each be authorized to be represented by a delegate or agent at any meeting of the council or subcommittee meeting. Any such delegate or agent shall be counted toward a quorum, shall have all voting privileges as the member's delegate or agent, and shall not be considered an absence of the member."

"(j) The council shall serve in an advisory role for the parity compliance review panel established pursuant to Code Section 37-2-12."

SECTION 3-2.

Said title is further amended in said article by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"37-2-12.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Health care provider' means any health care professional licensed under Title 43 or any hospital or other health care facility licensed or regulated under Chapter 7 of Title 31 or under this title.

(2) 'Panel' means the parity compliance review panel established pursuant to this Code section.

(b) There is established a parity compliance review panel within the council to be composed of:

(1) The following members of the council:

(A) The commissioner of community health, or his or her designee;

(B) The commissioner of behavioral health and developmental disabilities, or his or her designee;

(C) The commissioner of human services, or his or her designee; and

(D) The Commissioner of Insurance, or his or her designee; and

(2) The following appointed members:

(A) Two mental health clinicians, appointed by the Governor;

(B) Two senior executives of facilities or systems providing mental health care, appointed by the Governor;

(C) One mental health advocate, appointed by the President of the Senate; and

(D) One mental health advocate, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(c) Health care providers shall be required to report suspected violations by health insurers of the mental health parity requirements contained in Code Sections 33-1-27 and 33-21A-13.

(d) The panel shall establish a simple and intuitive process to receive complaints reported by health care providers pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section. The panel shall evaluate submitted complaints to determine whether a health insurer is in violation of mental health parity laws. Based on such evaluation, the panel shall make recommendations as to appropriate punitive actions, if any, that may be warranted for a health insurer to the Commissioner of Insurance for violations of Code Section 33-1-27 and to the commissioner of community health for violations of Code Section 33-21A-13.

(e) The panel shall be authorized to:

(1) Receive and analyze required reports from insurance companies and health care providers;

(2) Request additional information from health insurers regarding potential mental health parity violations, including determinations of medical necessity;

(3) Create and review educational materials for consumers and health care providers relating to compliance with mental health parity laws. Such educational materials shall include information on the concept of mental health parity, individuals' rights, and the complaint processes established pursuant to subsection (e) of Code Section 33-1-27, subsection (e) of Code Section 33-21A-13, and subsection (d) of this Code section. All such educational materials shall be culturally and linguistically sensitive, to the extent practicable; available in multiple languages; widely distributed; and offered in various formats, such as on a public website, in a brochure, and in written documentation; and

(4) Consult and coordinate with the Governor's office, the Department of Community Health, and the office of the Commissioner of Insurance to establish criteria and procedures for the panel in formulating recommendations relating to punitive action for insurance companies that are not compliant with mental health parity laws.

(f) Subject to available funds, the panel shall establish a team to support the work of the panel, including, but not limited to, research, report preparation, and creation of educational materials."

PART IV
SECTION 4-1.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026.

SECTION 4-2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to, by substitute.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	N Sampson
N Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Alexander	N Crawford	N Herring	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
N Au	N Davis	N Holcomb	N Miller	N Scott
N Baker	Y Dawson	N Holland	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
N Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	N Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Myles	N Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Neal	Y Smith, TP
N Bazemore	N Douglas	N Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
N Beckles	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
N Bell	N Drenner	N Hugley	N Okoye	N Stinson
N Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	N Taylor, R
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	E Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Townsend
N Burnough	N Evans	N Jones, A	N Park	N Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	N Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
N Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	N Frye	N Kendrick	N Prince	Y Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	N Reese	N Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	N Gilliard	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, A
N Carter	N Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	N Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 98, nays 76.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following messages were received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has agreed to the House substitute as amended by the Senate to the following bill of the Senate:

SB 586. By Senators Williams of the 25th and Robertson of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-11-107 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to interfering with, harming of, or aggravated harming of a public safety animal or search and rescue animal, so as to provide for commendations of public safety animals and search and rescue animals that are injured or killed in the line of duty; to provide for related matters; to provide a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bill of the House:

HB 334. By Representatives Crawford of the 89th, Oliver of the 84th, Au of the 50th, Willis of the 55th, Westbrook of the 163rd and others:

A BILL To be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to require the Department of Community Health to conduct an annual review of medications and treatment for sickle cell disease for Medicaid recipients; to provide for public input; to provide for an annual report; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bill of the House:

HB 447. By Representatives Gullett of the 19th, Jones of the 25th, Evans of the 57th, Chastain of the 7th and Barrett of the 24th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 9 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fraud and related offenses, so as to provide for the crimes of gift card theft, gift card forgery, and gift card fraud; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties for violations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has agreed to the House substitute as amended by the Senate to the following bill of the Senate:

SB 173. By Senators McLaurin of the 14th, Tillery of the 19th, Strickland of the 42nd, Esteves of the 35th, Parent of the 44th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pleadings and motions, so as to authorize movants to file notices of uncontested motions in superior courts and state courts; to provide for uncontested motions to be deemed granted; to provide for review by chief judge of any judge with two uncontested motions deemed granted on his or her docket; to require management reports regarding each such review; to provide for construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Bills of the House and Senate were taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 1116. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Burns of the 159th, Efstration of the 104th, Hatchett of the 155th, Cannon of the 172nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapters 5 and 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of property and sales and use taxes, respectively, so as to provide for the acceptance of tax digests in the event of a publication error made by a newspaper; to amend Part 4 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to financing under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to exclude amounts attributable to certain exemptions from ad valorem taxation from the equalized adjusted school property tax digest for the purpose of calculating the local five mill share and equalization grants; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 81 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government budgets and audits; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Titles 20, 21, 36, and 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, elections, local government, and revenue and taxation, respectively, so as to provide for property tax reform; to establish a Local Homestead Option Sales Tax (LHOST); to provide for imposition, collection, and distribution of proceeds; to provide for definitions; to exclude amounts attributable to certain exemptions from ad valorem taxation from the equalized adjusted school property tax digest for the purpose of

calculating the local five mill share and equalization grants; to increase the cap on reserve funds for local school systems; to require the proposed annual operating budget resolution of a local board of education to be approved in a referendum election if such resolution would increase certain revenues raised by the local board of education by a certain amount; to provide that certain proposed increases in revenue collections by local governments must be approved by the voters of such local government; to limit the dates of a special election presenting a question by a local government to increase revenues; to require the production of certain information upon request of a tax assessor for the assessment of income-producing property; to revise provisions relating to certification of assessed taxable value of property and method of computation, resolution or ordinance required for millage rate, and advertisement of intent to increase property tax; to require municipal and school officials to submit certain information relating to ad valorem taxes; to prohibit the retroactive assessment of additional ad valorem taxes to a taxpayer due to an improperly or mistakenly applied homestead exemption at no fault of the taxpayer; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for short titles; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Homeownership Opportunity and Market Equalization Act of 2026."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sales and use tax, is amended in Code Section 48-8-6, relating to prohibition of political subdivisions from imposing various taxes, ceiling on local sales and use taxes, and taxation of mobile telecommunications, by revising subparagraph (a)(1)(C) as follows:

"(C) Up to 1 percent in aggregate of any sales and use taxes authorized under Code Section 48-8-96, Code Section 48-8-97, Article 2B of this chapter, Article 2C of this chapter, Part 3 of Article 3 of this chapter, and Article 4 of this chapter."

SECTION 2-2.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 2C

48-8-109.50.

(a) This article shall be known and may be cited as the 'Local Homestead Option Sales Tax' (LHOST).

(b) As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Eligible local government' means any county, consolidated government, or municipality for which a homestead exemption is in effect by local Act in accordance with Code Section 48-8-109.52 and whose governing authority levied and derived revenue from an ad valorem tax on homestead property within the special district at a net millage rate of greater than zero in the tax year preceding the effective date of such local Act. Such term excludes any local government that levies the tax authorized under Article 4 of this chapter.

(2) 'Homestead property' means homestead as defined and qualified in Code Section 48-5-40, with the additional limitation that such term shall include:

(A) Only the primary residence and not more than five contiguous acres of land immediately surrounding such residence; or

(B) If the property is assessed pursuant to Code Section 48-5-7.4 or 48-5-7.7, only the primary residence and the portion of the underlying property that is excluded from the benefit of such assessment pursuant to subparagraph (a)(1)(B) of Code Section 48-5-7.4 or subparagraph (b)(2)(B) of Code Section 48-5-7.7.

(3) 'Local Homestead Option Sales Tax' or 'LHOST' means any special sales and use tax levied under this article to fund homestead exemptions granted by local Act for eligible local governments in accordance with this article.

48-8-109.51.

(a) Pursuant to the authority granted by Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VI of the Constitution of this state, there are created within this state 159 special districts. The geographical boundary of each county shall correspond with and shall be conterminous with the geographical boundary of one of the 159 special districts.

(b) The territory of each special district shall include all of the territory within the county, including all municipalities, to the extent the municipal boundaries lie within the geographical boundaries of the county.

(c) The territory of each special district shall exclude any territory within which the tax provided for in Article 4 of this chapter is levied.

48-8-109.52.

(a) Subject to the requirements of this article and the sales tax rate limitations imposed by Code Section 48-8-6, beginning January 1, 2028, there shall be imposed within any special district a special sales and use tax to be levied and collected to fund homestead exemptions from ad valorem taxes imposed by eligible local governments on homestead property within the special district. Any such tax shall be known as an 'LHOST.'

(b) An LHOST shall begin to be levied and collected in a given special district on the first day of the next succeeding calendar quarter which begins more than 50 days after certification of the result of the election approving the local Act granting a homestead

exemption in accordance with this article and applicable to the county or consolidated government that is conterminous with the special district.

(c) Each local Act enacted pursuant to this article shall:

(1) Be adopted and approved by local referendum in accordance with Article VII, Section II, Paragraph II(a)(2) of the Constitution;

(2) Incorporate, by reference to this article, the terms and conditions specified under this article;

(3) Exempt homestead property within the special district from all ad valorem taxes imposed by the governing authority of the local government for all purposes in an amount to be determined annually based upon the net proceeds of the sales and use tax collected under this article within the special district;

(4) Provide that such homestead exemption shall be allowed in addition to and not in lieu of any other homestead exemption applicable to the homestead property;

(5) Provide that such homestead exemption shall become effective on January 1 of the year subsequent to the approval of the local Act in the requisite referendum;

(6) Include only those portions of real property located within the applicable special district established pursuant to this article; and

(7) Provide that the homestead exemption shall not apply to or affect any ad valorem taxes other than those levied by the governing authority of the local government to which the local Act applies.

(d) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of Article 2B of this chapter or any resolution, ordinance, intergovernmental agreement, or referendum related thereto, a tax in effect within a special district conterminous with a county pursuant to Article 2B of this chapter shall terminate at the last moment of the day prior to the commencement of the levy of an LHOST pursuant to this article in the special district conterminous with such county.

48-8-109.53.

(a) When the imposition of a local sales and use tax is authorized according to the procedures provided in this article within a special district, the county whose geographical boundary is conterminous with that of the special district shall levy a local sales and use tax at the rate of 1 percent.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this article, the LHOST shall correspond to the tax imposed by Article 1 of this chapter, and no item or transaction which is not subject to taxation under Article 1 of this chapter shall be subject to a tax imposed under this article; provided, however, that a tax imposed under this article shall apply to sales of motor fuels as prepaid local tax as defined in Code Section 48-8-2 and shall be applicable to the sale of food and food ingredients and alcoholic beverages as provided for in Code Section 48-8-3. The levy of such tax upon sales of motor fuels as defined in Code Section 48-9-2 shall only be imposed on the retail sales price of the motor fuel which is not more than $3.00 per gallon.

(c) With respect to services that are regularly billed on a monthly basis, an LHOST shall apply to the first regular billing period coinciding with or following the effective date of the LHOST.

48-8-109.54.
(a) The tax shall cease to be imposed on the final day of the maximum period of time, which shall not exceed ten years, as specified in the local Act granting the homestead exemption for the county or consolidated government.
(b) The tax may be renewed for any special district in the same manner and under the same conditions as for an initial imposition of the tax. Such newly authorized tax shall not be imposed until the expiration of the tax then in effect.

48-8-109.55.
(a) Each LHOST shall be exclusively administered and collected by the commissioner for the use and benefit of the special district imposing the tax. Such administration and collection shall be accomplished in the same manner and subject to the same applicable provisions, procedures, and penalties provided in Article 1 of this chapter except that the LHOST shall be applicable to sales of motor fuels as prepaid local tax as defined in Code Section 48-8-2; provided, however, that all moneys collected from each taxpayer by the commissioner shall be applied first to such taxpayer's liability for taxes owed the state; and provided, further, that the commissioner may rely upon a representation by or on behalf of the county government or the Secretary of State that such a tax has been validly imposed, and the commissioner and the commissioner's agents shall not be liable to any person for collecting any such tax which was not validly imposed.
(b) Dealers, as defined in Code Section 48-8-2, shall be allowed a percentage of the amount of the tax due and accounted for and shall be reimbursed in the form of a deduction in submitting, reporting, and paying the amount due if such amount is not delinquent at the time of payment. Such dealer deduction shall be at the rate and subject to the requirements specified under subsections (b) through (f) of Code Section 48-8-50.
(c) Each sales and use tax return remitting sales and use taxes collected under this article shall separately identify the location of each retail establishment at which any of the sales and use taxes remitted were collected and shall specify the amount of sales and the amount of taxes collected at each establishment for the period covered by the return to facilitate the determination by the commissioner that all sales and use taxes imposed by this article are collected and distributed according to situs of sale.

48-8-109.56.
(a) The proceeds of the tax collected by the commissioner under this article shall be disbursed as soon as practicable after collection directly to the county whose boundary is conterminous with the boundary of the special district to be held in trust for the special district in an interest-bearing account and distributed thereafter by such county among the eligible local governments within the special district in accordance with the provisions of Code Section 48-8-109.57 and Code Section 48-8-109.58.

(b) No funds other than the annual LHOST proceeds, and interest accrued thereon, shall be placed in such accounts. The funds within such accounts shall not be commingled with any other funds of the county.

48-8-109.57.

(a) Following the adoption of millage rates each year by all eligible local governments and prior to the printing of ad valorem tax bills, the county tax commissioner shall calculate the amount of the assessed value to be exempted for homestead property within the special district for which any local Acts are in effect under this article. The amount of the assessed value of each homestead property that shall be exempted shall be calculated each tax year based on the total value of all homestead property of the special district, the net millage rates adopted by each eligible local government for such tax year, and the net proceeds of the LHOST which are available in the trust account as of August 1 of such year.

(b) For an LHOST imposed within a special district which has a single eligible local government, the county tax commissioner shall calculate the maximum amount of assessed value of homestead property which may be exempted from all ad valorem taxes imposed by such single eligible local government on homestead property within the special district, which calculation shall be based upon the proceeds of the LHOST available in the trust account as of August 1 of such year, the total assessed value of all homestead property in the special district, and the net millage rates imposed by such single eligible local government on such homestead property.

(c) For an LHOST imposed within a special district which has one or more eligible local governments, following the adoption of millage rates each year by all such eligible local governments, but not later than September 2, the county tax commissioner shall calculate the single, maximum amount of assessed value which may be exempted throughout the special district for all homestead property from all applicable ad valorem taxes imposed by the eligible local governments within the special district, which calculation shall be based upon the proceeds of the LHOST available in the trust account as of August 1 of such year, the total assessed value of all homestead property in the special district, and the net millage rates imposed by each such eligible local government on the homestead property within its territory within the special district.

(d) In the event that the proceeds collected for a special district exceed the amount necessary to exempt all homestead property from all ad valorem taxes imposed by all eligible local governments on homestead property within the special district, the excess proceeds shall be calculated by the county tax commissioner and applied in a manner to reduce the net millage rates in effect on property within the special district by an equal percentage across all eligible local governments in the special district for such tax year.

(e) For the purposes of subsection (c) of this Code section, in the event an eligible local government fails to submit its adopted millage rates by September 1, the county tax commissioner shall use 90 percent of such eligible local government's prior year's net millage rates applicable to homestead property in the special district in the calculation under this Code section and the county shall only disburse, under Code Section 48-8-

109.58, the lesser of such amount and the net millage rate actually levied by such eligible local government in the current year.

48-8-109.58.
(a) Prior to mailing ad valorem tax bills for homestead property, the tax collector for each eligible local government shall apply the homestead exemption calculated by the county tax commissioner under subsection (b) or (c) of Code Section 48-8-109.57 to each ad valorem property tax bill for homestead property. Each ad valorem tax bill for homestead property shall reflect the taxpayer's gross ad valorem tax savings which resulted from the LHOST homestead exemption.
(b) In the event of excess proceeds described in subsection (d) of Code Section 48-8-109.57, prior to mailing ad valorem tax bills, the tax collector for each eligible local government shall apply the reduction calculated under subsection (d) of Code Section 48-8-109.57 to each ad valorem property tax bill. If applicable, each ad valorem tax bill shall reflect the taxpayer's gross ad valorem tax savings which resulted from such LHOST millage rate reduction.
(c) Within 30 days of an eligible local government's mailing of its ad valorem tax bill for a given tax year, the county shall disburse LHOST funds from the trust account to each eligible local government in the amount of ad valorem property tax revenue that the given eligible local government did not collect due to the amount of the homestead exemption determined under Code Section 48-8-109.57, applied pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section, and as granted through the local Act required under this article and, if applicable, the county shall also disburse the amount of revenue foregone due to the reduction of the eligible local government's millage rates provided for in subsection (d) of Code Section 48-8-109.57 and subsection (b) of this Code section.
(d) No disbursement shall be made to any governing authority until such governing authority has mailed ad valorem tax bills for a given year.

48-8-109.59.
Where a local sales and use tax has been paid with respect to tangible personal property by the purchaser either in another local tax jurisdiction within the state or in a tax jurisdiction outside the state, the tax may be credited against the tax authorized to be imposed by this article upon the same property. If the amount of sales and use tax so paid is less than the amount of such tax due under this article, the purchaser shall pay an amount equal to the difference between the amount paid in the other tax jurisdiction and the amount due under this article. The commissioner may require such proof of payment in another local tax jurisdiction as the commissioner deems necessary and proper. No credit shall be granted, however, against the tax imposed under this article for tax paid in another jurisdiction if the tax paid in such other jurisdiction is used to obtain a credit against any other local sales and use tax levied in the special district or any other political subdivision within the special district; and taxes so paid in another jurisdiction shall be credited against the tax levied under Article 2 of this chapter, if applicable, then against the tax levied under Part 1 of Article 3 of this chapter, if applicable, then against the tax

levied under Part 2 of Article 3 of this chapter, if applicable, and then against the tax levied under this article.

48-8-109.60.
No tax provided for in this article shall be imposed upon the sale of tangible personal property which is ordered by and delivered to the purchaser at a point outside the geographical area of the special district in which the tax is imposed regardless of the point at which title passes, if the delivery is made by the seller's vehicle, and including United States mail or common carrier or by a private or contract carrier licensed by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration or the Georgia Department of Public Safety.

48-8-109.61.
No tax provided for in this article shall be imposed upon the sale or use of buildings and construction materials when the contract for which the materials are purchased or used was advertised for bid prior to the local referendum held for the local Act required to initiate the levy of the tax and the contract was entered into as a result of a bid actually submitted in response to the advertisement prior to approval of such local Act.

48-8-109.62.
The commissioner shall have the power and authority to promulgate such rules and regulations as shall be necessary for the effective and efficient administration and enforcement of the collection of the tax authorized by this article.

48-8-109.63.
Except as otherwise provided in this article or Code Section 48-8-6, the tax authorized by this article shall be in addition to any other local sales and use tax. The imposition of any other local sales and use tax within a county, municipality, or special district shall not affect the authority of a county, municipality, or special district to impose the tax authorized by this article and the imposition of the tax authorized by this article shall not affect the imposition of any otherwise authorized local sales and use tax within a county, municipality, or special district."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

Part 4 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to financing under the "Quality Basic Education Act," is amended in Code Section 20-2-164, relating to local five mill share funds, by revising subsection (g) as follows:

"(g) For purposes of calculation under this Code section and Code Section 20-2-165, the equalized adjusted school property tax digest, adjusted by paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Code section, shall be reduced by the sum of the following ~~products~~:

(1) The product of the number of constitutional homestead exemptions for owner occupied homes pursuant to Code Section 48-5-44 granted for that year, exclusive of those homestead exemptions provided pursuant to Code Sections 48-5-47, 48-5-48, and 48-5-52, multiplied by the amount per exemption authorized under Code Section 48-5-44; provided, further, that, in any city operating an independent school system which provides a homestead exemption through local legislation comparable to that provided in Code Section 48-5-44, the product calculated in this paragraph shall represent the number of homestead exemptions provided through the applicable local legislation multiplied by the amount per exemption authorized in Code Section 48-5-44, or by the amount per exemption authorized in the applicable local legislation, whichever is less; and provided, further, that, if the amount per exemption authorized in Code Section 48-5-44 has been changed subsequent to the year of the applicable digest, the more recently adopted amount per exemption shall be used for the product calculated in this paragraph;

(2) The product of the number of constitutional homestead exemptions for disabled veterans pursuant to Code Section 48-5-48 granted for that year, multiplied by the amount per exemption authorized under that Code section; provided, further, that, in any city operating an independent school system which provides a homestead exemption through local legislation comparable to that provided in Code Section 48-5-48, the product calculated in this paragraph shall represent the number of homestead exemptions provided through the applicable local legislation multiplied by the amount per exemption authorized in the applicable local legislation, whichever is less; and provided, further, that, if the amount per exemption authorized in Code Section 48-5-48 has been changed subsequent to the year of the applicable digest, the more recently adopted amount per exemption shall be used for the product calculated in this paragraph;

(3) The product of the estimated number of persons age 65 or older residing in the local school system during that year multiplied by 5,000;

(4) The product which results from the following calculations:

(A) Subtract the estimated state-wide percentage that persons age 65 or older is of the total population, excluding military personnel and institutional population, from the respective percentage for the local school system. If the respective percentage for the local school system is less than the state-wide percentage, a difference of zero shall be used in the calculations in this paragraph;

(B) Multiply the difference which results from subparagraph (A) of this paragraph by 1,000; and

(C) Multiply the product which results from subparagraph (B) of this paragraph by the estimated number of persons age 65 or older residing in the local school system during that year; ~~and~~

(5) The product which results from the following calculations:

(A) Divide the amount reported in paragraph (4) of subsection (e) of this Code section by the average ratio of assessed value to true value used to calculate the most recent equalized adjusted school property tax digest pursuant to Code Section 48-5-274; and

(B) Multiply the quotient which results from subparagraph (A) of this paragraph by .4;

(6) The difference between the assessed value and the net taxable assessed value of all properties for which an exemption pursuant to Code Section 48-5-44.2 was granted for that year; and

(7) The difference between the assessed value and the net taxable assessed value of all properties for which an exemption authorized pursuant to a local constitutional amendment or Article VII, Section II, Paragraph II(a) of the Constitution was granted in that year."

SECTION 3-2.

Said part is further amended in paragraph (5) of subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-167, relating to funding for direct instructional, media center, and staff development costs, computerized uniform budget and accounting system, submission of local budget to state board, and provision of certain information by local boards, by striking "15 percent" and replacing it with "25 percent".

SECTION 3-3.

Said part is further amended in Code Section 20-2-167.1, relating to public meetings on proposed annual operating budget, notice, electronic copies, and exception for certain nonprofits, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b)(1) Each governing body shall hold at least two public meetings, which shall not occur within the same week, for the purpose of providing an opportunity for public input on its proposed annual operating budget before adopting any budget; provided, however, that any other public meeting or hearing held that is related to the budget as required by law shall satisfy all or a portion of such requirement. The governing body of a charter school with a state-wide attendance zone and students residing in 25 percent or more of Georgia's counties or in three or more counties which are not geographically contiguous shall conduct one such public meeting virtually and one such public meeting in the county in which its primary business office is located. The public meetings shall be advertised in a local newspaper of general circulation which shall be the same newspaper in which other legal announcements of the board of education are advertised.

(2)(A)(i) On and after January 1, 2027, no proposed annual operating budget resolution that would result in an increase in the revenues raised by the local board of education from the levy and collection of ad valorem property taxes by an amount that exceeds the greater of 3 percent or the percent change in the rate of economic inflation on individual taxpayers as determined under the Consumer Price Index, as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor, of the amount of such revenues raised by the local board of education which would be raised by the local board of education from the levy of its roll-back rate calculated pursuant to Code Section 48-5-32.1 shall go into effect unless the General Assembly enacts a local Act authorizing such increase or the electors of the local school system have approved such budget resolution in a referendum election. In calculating

whether a proposed annual operating budget resolution would result in such an increase in the revenues raised by the local board of education, increases in revenue attributable to economic growth and the levies of ad valorem property tax for costs incurred pursuant to a state of emergency declared by any federal, state, or local emergency management agency, official, or authority shall not be counted.

(ii) The call for and conduct of any such election shall be in the manner authorized under Code Section 21-2-540. The costs of any referendum held pursuant to this paragraph shall be paid by the local board of education. The exact ballot language shall be prescribed by the local board of education but shall contain, at a minimum, the projected amount of revenue to be generated by the budget resolution; the amount of revenue received by the local board of education in the previous fiscal year; and a statement as to whether or not such projected revenue increase is the result of an increase in the levy or rate of ad valorem property taxes. All persons desiring to vote in favor of the budget resolution shall vote 'Yes' and all persons opposed to the budget resolution shall vote 'No.' If more than one-half of the votes cast are in favor of the budget resolution, then the budget resolution shall go into effect as provided by law; otherwise, the budget resolution shall either:

(I) Not go into effect and the local board of education shall prepare a new proposed budget which is projected not to increase the revenues raised by the local board of education by an amount that exceeds the 3 percent limitation provided for in this subparagraph; or

(II) Go into effect and the local board of education shall be required to reduce its proposed budget for the subsequent year by an amount corresponding to the unapproved increase exceeding the 3 percent limitation.

(B) A local board of education shall not be required to hold either or both of the public meetings required under paragraph (1) of this subsection after a proposed annual operating budget resolution has been approved in a referendum election required under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph.

(C) Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to require that the public meetings of a local board of education required under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be held at any particular time either prior to or following the referendum election required under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph."

SECTION 3-4.

Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government, is amended in Code Section 36-81-3, relating to establishment of fiscal year, requirement of annual balanced budget, adoption of budget ordinances or resolutions generally, budget amendments, and uniform chart of accounts, by revising subsection (d) as follows:

"(d) Nothing contained in this Code section shall preclude a local government from amending its budget so as to adapt to changing governmental needs during the budget period; provided, however, that, on and after January 1, 2027, no such amendment shall result in an increase in the revenues raised by the unit of local government from the levy and collection of ad valorem property taxes by an amount that exceeds the greater of 3

percent or the percent change in the rate of economic inflation on individual taxpayers as determined under the Consumer Price Index, as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor, of the amount of such revenues which would be raised by the unit of local government from the levy of its roll-back rate calculated pursuant to Code Section 48-5-32.1; provided, further, that this calculation shall not include increases in a proposed budget attributable to economic growth and costs incurred pursuant to a state of emergency declared by any federal, state, or local emergency management agency, official, or authority. Amendments shall be made as follows, unless otherwise provided by charter or local law:

(1) Any increase in appropriation at the legal level of control of the local government, whether accomplished through a change in anticipated revenues in any fund or through a transfer of appropriations among departments, shall require the approval of the governing authority. Such amendment shall be adopted by ordinance or resolution;

(2) Transfers of appropriations within any fund below the local government's legal level of control shall require only the approval of the budget officer; and

(3) The governing authority of a local government may amend the legal level of control to establish a more detailed level of budgetary control at any time during the budget period. Said amendment shall be adopted by ordinance or resolution."

SECTION 3-5.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 36-81-6, relating to adoption of budget ordinance or resolution and form of budget, as follows:

"36-81-6.

(a)(1) On a date after the conclusion of the hearing required in subsection (f) of Code Section 36-81-5, the governing authority shall adopt a budget ordinance or resolution making appropriations in such sums as the governing authority may deem sufficient, whether greater or less than the sums presented in the proposed budget. The budget ordinance or resolution shall be adopted at a public meeting which shall be advertised in accordance with the procedures set forth in subsection (e) of Code Section 36-81-5 at least one week prior to the meeting, except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection.

(2)(A) On and after January 1, 2027, if such budget ordinance is projected to result in an increase in the revenues raised by the unit of local government from the levy and collection of ad valorem property taxes by an amount that exceeds the greater of 3 percent or the percent change in the rate of economic inflation on individual taxpayers as determined under the Consumer Price Index, as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor, of the amount of such revenues raised by the unit of local government which would be raised by the unit of local government from the levy of its roll-back rate calculated pursuant to Code Section 48-5-32.1, then such budget ordinance shall not go into effect unless the General Assembly enacts a local Act authorizing such increase or the electors of the unit of local government have approved such budget ordinance in a referendum election. In calculating whether a proposed annual operating budget resolution would

result in such an increase in the revenues raised by the unit of local government, increases in revenue attributable to economic growth and costs incurred pursuant to a state of emergency declared by any federal, state, or local emergency management agency, official, or authority shall not be counted.

(B) The call for and conduct of any such election shall be in the manner authorized under Code Section 21-2-540. The costs of any referendum held pursuant to this paragraph shall be paid by the unit of local government adopting such budget ordinance. The exact ballot language shall be prescribed by the governing authority adopting the budget ordinance but shall contain, at a minimum, the projected amount of revenue to be generated by the budget ordinance; the amount of revenue received by the unit of local government in the previous fiscal year; and a statement as to whether or not such projected revenue increase is the result of an increase in the levy or rate of ad valorem property taxes. All persons desiring to vote in favor of the budget ordinance shall vote 'Yes' and all persons opposed to the budget ordinance shall vote 'No.' If more than one-half of the votes cast are in favor of the budget ordinance, then the budget ordinance shall go into effect as provided by law; otherwise, the budget ordinance shall either:

(i) Not go into effect and the unit of local government shall prepare a new proposed budget pursuant to Code Section 36-81-5 which is projected not to increase the revenues raised by the unit of local government by an amount that exceeds the 3 percent limitation provided for in this subsection; or

(ii) Go into effect and the unit of local government shall be required to reduce its proposed budget for the subsequent year by an amount corresponding to the unapproved increase exceeding the 3 percent limitation.

(b) The budget may be prepared in any form that the governing authority deems most efficient in enabling it to make the fiscal policy decisions embodied in the budget, but such budget shall be subject to the provisions of this article."

PART IV
SECTION 4-1.

Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections, is amended in subsection (c) of Code Section 21-2-540, relating to conduct and timing of special primaries and special elections generally, by revising paragraph (2) and adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary and except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2.1) of this subsection, a special election to present a question to the voters shall be held only on one of the following dates which is at least 29 days after the date of the call for the special election:

(A) In odd-numbered years, any such special election shall only be held on the third Tuesday in March or on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November; and

(B) In even-numbered years, any such special election shall only be held on:

(i) The date of and in conjunction with the presidential preference primary if one is held that year;

~~(ii) The third Tuesday in March; provided, however, that such special election shall occur prior to July 1, 2024, and present a question to the voters on sales and use taxes authorized by Articles 5, 5A, and 5B of Chapter 8 of Title 48;~~

~~(iii)~~(ii) The date of the general primary; or

~~(iv)~~(iii) The Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

(2.1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a special election to present a question or other measure to the voters relating to an increase in revenue by a local governing authority, including a question or measure that could result in an increase in taxes shall be held only:

(A) In odd-numbered years, on:

(i) The third Tuesday in March; or

(ii) The Tuesday after the first Monday in November; and

(B) In even-numbered years, on:

(i) The date of the general primary; or

(ii) The Tuesday after the first Monday in November."

PART V
SECTION 5-1.

Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of property, is amended in Code Section 48-5-2, relating to definitions, by repealing paragraph (2.1), redesignating paragraph (.1) as paragraph (.2), revising the introductory language of paragraph (3), and adding new paragraphs to read as follows:

"(.1) 'Actual income and expense data' means income, vacancies, collection losses, lease terms, and operating expenses for the prior calendar year, as documented in a taxpayer's official records and certified as complete and accurate by such taxpayer or such taxpayer's authorized representative."

"(3) 'Fair market value of property' means the amount a knowledgeable buyer would pay for the property and a willing seller would accept for the property at an arm's length, bona fide sale. The income approach~~, if data are available,~~ shall be considered in determining the fair market value of income-producing property. Upon request of a county board of tax assessors, ~~If~~ actual income and expense data ~~are voluntarily~~ shall be supplied by ~~the property~~ an owner~~, such data shall be considered in such determination~~ of income-producing property or by a duly appointed authorized agent of such owner on or before the deadline specified in Code Section 48-5-18. Such requests shall be governed by the provisions of Code Section 48-5-300. Actual income and expense data submitted to a county board of tax assessors pursuant to such requests shall be confidential and shall not be subject to inspection, pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 48-5-314. With respect to the valuation of equipment, machinery, and fixtures when no ready market exists for the sale of the equipment, machinery, and fixtures, fair market value may be determined by resorting to any reasonable, relevant,

and useful information available, including, but not limited to, the original cost of the property, any depreciation or obsolescence, and any increase in value by reason of inflation. Each tax assessor shall have access to any public records of the taxpayer for the purpose of discovering such information."

"(7) 'Income-producing property' means nonhomestead real property owned and operated by any corporation, association, partnership, or other private legal entity organized under the laws of this state, the United States, the District of Columbia, or any other state, territory, or dependency of the United States or under the laws of a foreign country that is used primarily for the purpose of generating income. Such term shall not include an organization which maintains nonprofit status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or tax-exempt status under Code Section 48-7-25."

SECTION 5-2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 48-5-32.1, relating to certification of assessed taxable value of property and method of computation, resolution or ordinance required for millage rate, and advertisement of intent to increase property tax, as follows:

"48-5-32.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Ad valorem tax' or 'property tax' means a tax imposed upon the assessed value of real property.

(2) 'Certified tax digest' means the total net assessed value on the annual property tax digest certified by the tax commissioner of a taxing jurisdiction to the department and authorized by the commissioner for the collection of taxes, or, in the case where the governing authority of a county whose digest has not been approved by the commissioner has petitioned the superior court of the county for an order authorizing the immediate and temporary collection of taxes, the temporary digest so authorized.

(3) 'Levying authority' means a county, a municipality, or a consolidated city-county governing authority or other governing authority of a political subdivision of this state that exercises the power to levy ad valorem taxes to carry out the governing authority's purposes.

(4) 'Mill' means one one-thousandth of a United States dollar.

(5) 'Millage' or 'millage rate' means the levy, in mills, which is established by the governing authority for purposes of financing, in whole or in part, the taxing jurisdiction's expenses for its fiscal year.

(6) 'Millage equivalent' means the number of mills which would result when the total net assessed value added by reassessments is divided by the certified tax digest and the result is multiplied by the previous year's millage rate.

(7) 'Net assessed value' means the taxable assessed value of property after all exemptions.

(8) 'Recommending authority' means a county, independent, or area school board of education that exercises the power to cause the levying authority to levy ad valorem taxes to carry out the purposes of such board of education.

(9) 'Roll-back rate' means the previous year's millage rate minus the millage equivalent of the total net assessed value added by reassessments:

(A) As calculated and certified to the commissioner by the tax commissioner for county and educational tax purposes; and

(B) As calculated by the collecting officer of the municipality for municipal tax purposes.

(10) 'Taxing jurisdiction' means all the real property subject to the levy of a specific levying authority or the recommended levy of a specific recommending authority.

(11) 'Total net assessed value added by reassessments' means the total net assessed value added to the certified tax digest as a result of revaluation of existing real property that has not been improved since the previous tax digest year.

(b) At the time of certification of the digest, the tax receiver or tax commissioner shall also certify to the recommending authority and levying authority of each taxing jurisdiction the total net assessed value added by reassessments contained in the certified tax digest for that tax digest year of the taxing jurisdiction.

(c)(1) Whenever a recommending authority or levying authority shall propose to adopt a millage rate which does not exceed the roll-back rate, it shall adopt that millage rate at an advertised public meeting and at a time and place which is convenient to the taxpayers of the taxing jurisdiction, in accordance with the procedures specified under Code Section 48-5-32.

(2) In those instances in which the recommending authority or levying authority proposes to establish a general maintenance and operation millage rate which would require increases beyond the roll-back rate, the recommending authority or levying authority shall:

(A) Advertise ~~advertise~~ its intent to do so and shall conduct at least three public hearings thereon, at least one of which shall commence between the hours of 6:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M., inclusive, on a business weekday. The recommending authority or levying authority shall place an advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation serving the residents of the unit of local government and post such advertisement on the website of the recommending or levying authority, which shall read as follows:

'NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The (name of recommending authority or levying authority) has tentatively adopted a millage rate which will require an increase in property taxes by (percentage increase over roll-back rate) percent.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing on this tax increase to be held at (place of meeting) on (date and time).

Times and places of additional public hearings on this tax increase are at (place of meeting) on (date and time).

This tentative increase will result in a millage rate of (proposed millage rate) mills, an increase of (millage rate increase above the roll-back rate) mills. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than (roll-back millage rate) mills. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of (average home value from previous year's digest rounded to the nearest $25,000.00) is approximately $(increase) and the proposed tax increase for nonhomestead property with a fair market value of (average nonhomestead property value from previous year's digest rounded to nearest $25,000.00) is approximately $(increase).'

Simultaneously with this notice the recommending authority or levying authority shall provide a press release to the local media; and

(B) Notify each taxpayer with property in the taxing jurisdiction, by mail directed to the taxpayer's last known address, of the proposed intent to exceed the roll-back rate at least ten days in advance of the first public hearing. Alternatively, the recommending authority or levying authority may transmit the notice to the taxpayer by electronic means at least ten days in advance of the first public hearing, if such taxpayer and county clerk have consented in writing to service by electronic means. The county clerk shall consolidate the required information for all taxing subdivisions relevant to the taxpayer's property on one notice. The notice shall include, but not be limited to:

(i) The roll-back rate;

(ii) The proposed property tax revenue needed to fund the proposed budget;

(iii) The proposed millage rate based upon the proposed budget and the current year's total assessed valuation;

(iv) The millage rate and property tax of the taxing jurisdiction on the taxpayer's property from the previous year's tax statement;

(v) The proposed percent change in the millage rate between the previous year's tax rate and the proposed tax rate for the current year;

(vi) The appraised value and assessed value of the taxpayer's property for the current year;

(vii) The estimates of the tax for the current tax year on the taxpayer's property based on the roll-back rate and the proposed millage rate; and

(viii) The dates, times, and locations of the public hearings.

(3) The advertisement shall appear at least one week prior to each hearing, be prominently displayed, not be less than 30 square inches, and not be placed in that section of the newspaper where legal notices appear and shall be posted on the appropriate website at least one week prior to each hearing. In addition to the advertisement specified under this paragraph, the levying or recommending authority may include in the notice reasons or explanations for such tax increase.

(4) The recommending authority or levying authority shall provide interested taxpayers of the taxing jurisdiction desiring to be heard an opportunity to present oral testimony within reasonable time limits and without unreasonable restriction on the number of individuals allowed to make public comment.

~~(4)~~(5) No recommending authority shall recommend and no levying authority shall levy a millage rate in excess of the proposed millage rate as established pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection without beginning anew the procedures and hearings required by this Code section and those required by Code Section 48-5-32.

~~(5)~~(6) Any notice or hearing required under this Code section may be combined with any notice or hearing required under Article 1 of Chapter 81 of Title 36 or Code Section 48-5-32.

(d) Nothing contained in this Code section shall serve to extend or authorize any millage rate in excess of the maximum millage rate permitted by law or to prevent the reduction of the millage rate.

(e) The commissioner shall not accept a digest for review or issue an order authorizing the collection of taxes if the recommending authority or levying authority other than municipal governing authorities has established a millage rate that is in excess of the correct rollback without complying fully with the procedures required by this Code section. In the event a digest is not accepted for review by the commissioner pursuant to this subsection, it shall be accepted for review upon satisfactory submission by such authorities of such evidence. The levies of each of the levying authorities other than the county governing authority shall be invalid and unenforceable until such time as the provisions of this Code section have been met.

(f) Any recommending authority or levying authority that does not comply with the provisions of subsection (c) of this Code section shall refund to taxpayers any property taxes over-collected based on the amount of the levy that was in excess of the roll-back rate. The provisions of this subsection shall not be construed as prohibiting any other remedies available under the law.

~~(f)~~(g) The commissioner shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the administration of this Code section."

SECTION 5-3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 48-5-302, relating to time for completion of revision and assessment of returns and submission of completed digest to commissioner, as follows:

"48-5-302.

Each county board of tax assessors, each municipal official responsible for collecting municipal ad valorem property taxes, and each school official responsible for collecting ad valorem property taxes for a local school system shall complete its revision and assessment of the returns of taxpayers in its respective ~~county~~ jurisdiction by July 15 of each year, except that, in all ~~counties~~ jurisdictions providing for the collection and payment of ad valorem taxes in installments, such date shall be June 1 of each year. The tax receiver or tax commissioner shall then immediately forward one copy of the completed digest to the commissioner for examination and approval."

SECTION 5-4.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 48-5-303, relating to correction of mistakes in county tax digests and notification of correction, as follows:

"48-5-303.

(a)(1) The county board of tax assessors shall have authority to correct factual errors in the tax digest when discovered within three years and when such corrections are of benefit to the taxpayer. Such corrections, after approval of the county board of tax assessors, shall be communicated to the taxpayer and notice shall be provided to the tax commissioner.

(2) If the county board of tax assessors discovers a factual error in the tax digest which is not of benefit to the taxpayer and which relates to an improperly or mistakenly applied homestead exemption that was not due to any intentional misrepresentation or fraudulent act on the part of the taxpayer, the tax receiver or tax commissioner shall be prohibited from retroactively assessing the taxpayer the difference in ad valorem taxes actually paid by the taxpayer and the amount of ad valorem taxes that would have been assessed on the taxpayer but for the improperly or mistakenly applied homestead exemption.

(b) If a tax receiver or tax commissioner makes a mistake in the digest which is not corrected by the county board of tax assessors or county board of equalization, the commissioner, with the sanction of the Governor, shall correct the mistake by making the necessary entries in the digest furnished the commissioner. The commissioner shall notify the county governing authority and the tax collector of the county from which the digest comes of the mistake and correction."

PART VI

SECTION 6-1.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 6-2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following amendment was read and adopted:

Representatives Blackmon of the 146th and Burns of the 159th offer the following amendment:

Amend the substitute to HB 1116 (LC 59 0475S) by deleting lines 1 through the end and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

To amend Titles 20, 21, 36, and 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, elections, local government, and revenue and taxation, respectively, so as to

provide for property tax reform; to provide for distribution and use of special district option sales and use tax proceeds (FLOST); to establish a Local Homestead Option Sales Tax (LHOST); to provide for imposition, collection, and distribution of proceeds; to provide for definitions; to exclude amounts attributable to certain exemptions from ad valorem taxation from the equalized adjusted school property tax digest for the purpose of calculating the local five mill share and equalization grants; to increase the cap on reserve funds for local school systems; to require the proposed annual operating budget resolution of a local board of education to be approved in a referendum election if such resolution would increase certain revenues raised by the local board of education by a certain amount; to provide that certain proposed increases in revenue collections by local governments must be approved by the voters of such local government; to limit the dates of a special election presenting a question by a local government to increase revenues; to revise provisions relating to certification of assessed taxable value of property and method of computation, resolution or ordinance required for millage rate, and advertisement of intent to increase property tax; to make the state-wide base year homestead exemption mandatory for all political subdivisions; to revise definitions, limits, and procedures related to the state-wide base year homestead exemption; to require municipal and school officials to submit certain information relating to ad valorem taxes; to prohibit the retroactive assessment of additional ad valorem taxes to a taxpayer due to an improperly or mistakenly applied homestead exemption at no fault of the taxpayer; to provide for the holding of a nonbinding, advisory referendum election to determine whether the qualified electors of the State of Georgia desire that the Georgia General Assembly allow Georgians to decide whether to authorize new finance procedures for local governments and school systems for the purpose of providing complete property tax relief for homeowners; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for short titles; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Homeownership Opportunity and Market Equalization Act of 2026."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sales and use tax, is amended in Code Section 48-8-6, relating to prohibition of political subdivisions from imposing various taxes, ceiling on local sales and use taxes, and taxation of mobile telecommunications, by revising subparagraph (a)(1)(C) as follows:

"(C) Up to 1 percent in aggregate of any sales and use taxes authorized under Code Section 48-8-96, Code Section 48-8-97, Article 2B of this chapter, Article 2C of this chapter, Part 3 of Article 3 of this chapter, and Article 4 of this chapter."

SECTION 2-2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 48-8-109.42, relating to use of tax proceeds, property tax relief requirements, and noncompliance, as follows:

"(a) Any proceeds received by a political subdivision from the tax authorized by this article shall be used by such political subdivision exclusively for tax relief and in conjunction with all limitations provided in the intergovernmental agreement authorizing the tax for such political subdivision as follows:

(1) With respect to the proceeds of the tax received by a political subdivision prior to July 1 of a given calendar year in which the tax is imposed under this article for such political subdivision, the governing authority of such political subdivision shall apply such proceeds to reduce homestead ad valorem property taxes for such year; and

(2) With respect to the proceeds of the tax received by a political subdivision on or after July 1 of a given calendar year in which the tax is imposed under this article for such political subdivision, the governing authority of such political subdivision shall apply such proceeds to reduce homestead ad valorem property taxes for the subsequent year."

SECTION 2-3.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 2C

48-8-109.50.

(a) This article shall be known and may be cited as the 'Local Homestead Option Sales Tax' (LHOST).

(b) As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Eligible local government' means any county, consolidated government, or municipality for which a homestead exemption is in effect by local Act in accordance with Code Section 48-8-109.52 and whose governing authority levied and derived revenue from an ad valorem tax on homestead property within the special district at a net millage rate of greater than zero in the tax year preceding the effective date of such local Act. Such term excludes any local government that levies the tax authorized under Article 4 of this chapter.

(2) 'Homestead property' means homestead as defined and qualified in Code Section 48-5-40, with the additional limitation that such term shall include:

(A) Only the primary residence and not more than five contiguous acres of land immediately surrounding such residence; or

(B) If the property is assessed pursuant to Code Section 48-5-7.4 or 48-5-7.7, only the primary residence and the portion of the underlying property that is excluded from the benefit of such assessment pursuant to subparagraph (a)(1)(B) of Code Section 48-5-7.4 or subparagraph (b)(2)(B) of Code Section 48-5-7.7.

(3) 'Local Homestead Option Sales Tax' or 'LHOST' means any special sales and use tax levied under this article to fund homestead exemptions granted by local Act for eligible local governments in accordance with this article.

48-8-109.51.

(a) Pursuant to the authority granted by Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VI of the Constitution of this state, there are created within this state 159 special districts. The geographical boundary of each county shall correspond with and shall be conterminous with the geographical boundary of one of the 159 special districts.

(b) The territory of each special district shall include all of the territory within the county, including all municipalities, to the extent the municipal boundaries lie within the geographical boundaries of the county.

(c) The territory of each special district shall exclude any territory within which the tax provided for in Article 4 of this chapter is levied.

48-8-109.52.

(a) Subject to the requirements of this article and the sales tax rate limitations imposed by Code Section 48-8-6, beginning January 1, 2028, there shall be imposed within any special district a special sales and use tax to be levied and collected to fund homestead exemptions from ad valorem taxes imposed by eligible local governments on homestead property within the special district. Any such tax shall be known as an 'LHOST.'

(b) An LHOST shall begin to be levied and collected in a given special district on the first day of the next succeeding calendar quarter which begins more than 50 days after certification of the result of the election approving the local Act granting a homestead exemption in accordance with this article and applicable to the county or consolidated government that is conterminous with the special district.

(c) Each local Act enacted pursuant to this article shall:

(1) Be adopted and approved by local referendum in accordance with Article VII, Section II, Paragraph II(a)(2) of the Constitution;

(2) Incorporate, by reference to this article, the terms and conditions specified under this article;

(3) Exempt homestead property within the special district from all ad valorem taxes imposed by the governing authority of the local government for all purposes in an amount to be determined annually based upon the net proceeds of the sales and use tax collected under this article within the special district;

(4) Provide that such homestead exemption shall be allowed in addition to and not in lieu of any other homestead exemption applicable to the homestead property;

(5) Provide that such homestead exemption shall become effective on January 1 of the year subsequent to the approval of the local Act in the requisite referendum;

(6) Include only those portions of real property located within the applicable special district established pursuant to this article; and
(7) Provide that the homestead exemption shall not apply to or affect any ad valorem taxes other than those levied by the governing authority of the local government to which the local Act applies.

48-8-109.53.
(a) When the imposition of a local sales and use tax is authorized according to the procedures provided in this article within a special district, the county whose geographical boundary is conterminous with that of the special district shall levy a local sales and use tax at the rate of 1 percent.
(b) Except as otherwise provided in this article, the LHOST shall correspond to the tax imposed by Article 1 of this chapter, and no item or transaction which is not subject to taxation under Article 1 of this chapter shall be subject to a tax imposed under this article; provided, however, that a tax imposed under this article shall apply to sales of motor fuels as prepaid local tax as defined in Code Section 48-8-2 and shall be applicable to the sale of food and food ingredients and alcoholic beverages as provided for in Code Section 48-8-3. The levy of such tax upon sales of motor fuels as defined in Code Section 48-9-2 shall only be imposed on the retail sales price of the motor fuel which is not more than $3.00 per gallon.
(c) With respect to services that are regularly billed on a monthly basis, an LHOST shall apply to the first regular billing period coinciding with or following the effective date of the LHOST.

48-8-109.54.
(a) The tax shall cease to be imposed on the final day of the maximum period of time, which shall not exceed ten years, as specified in the local Act granting the homestead exemption for the county or consolidated government.
(b) The tax may be renewed for any special district in the same manner and under the same conditions as for an initial imposition of the tax. Such newly authorized tax shall not be imposed until the expiration of the tax then in effect.

48-8-109.55.
(a) Each LHOST shall be exclusively administered and collected by the commissioner for the use and benefit of the special district imposing the tax. Such administration and collection shall be accomplished in the same manner and subject to the same applicable provisions, procedures, and penalties provided in Article 1 of this chapter except that the LHOST shall be applicable to sales of motor fuels as prepaid local tax as defined in Code Section 48-8-2; provided, however, that all moneys collected from each taxpayer by the commissioner shall be applied first to such taxpayer's liability for taxes owed the state; and provided, further, that the commissioner may rely upon a representation by or on behalf of the county government or the Secretary of State that such a tax has been validly

imposed, and the commissioner and the commissioner's agents shall not be liable to any person for collecting any such tax which was not validly imposed.
(b) Dealers, as defined in Code Section 48-8-2, shall be allowed a percentage of the amount of the tax due and accounted for and shall be reimbursed in the form of a deduction in submitting, reporting, and paying the amount due if such amount is not delinquent at the time of payment. Such dealer deduction shall be at the rate and subject to the requirements specified under subsections (b) through (f) of Code Section 48-8-50.
(c) Each sales and use tax return remitting sales and use taxes collected under this article shall separately identify the location of each retail establishment at which any of the sales and use taxes remitted were collected and shall specify the amount of sales and the amount of taxes collected at each establishment for the period covered by the return to facilitate the determination by the commissioner that all sales and use taxes imposed by this article are collected and distributed according to situs of sale.

48-8-109.56.
(a) The proceeds of the tax collected by the commissioner under this article shall be disbursed as soon as practicable after collection directly to the county whose boundary is conterminous with the boundary of the special district to be held in trust for the special district in an interest-bearing account and distributed thereafter by such county among the eligible local governments within the special district in accordance with the provisions of Code Section 48-8-109.57 and Code Section 48-8-109.58.
(b) No funds other than the annual LHOST proceeds, and interest accrued thereon, shall be placed in such accounts. The funds within such accounts shall not be commingled with any other funds of the county.

48-8-109.57.
(a) Following the adoption of millage rates each year by all eligible local governments and prior to the printing of ad valorem tax bills, the county tax commissioner shall calculate the amount of the assessed value to be exempted for homestead property within the special district for which any local Acts are in effect under this article. The amount of the assessed value of each homestead property that shall be exempted shall be calculated each tax year based on the total value of all homestead property of the special district, the net millage rates adopted by each eligible local government for such tax year, and the net proceeds of the LHOST which are available in the trust account as of August 1 of such year.
(b) For an LHOST imposed within a special district which has a single eligible local government, the county tax commissioner shall calculate the maximum amount of assessed value of homestead property which may be exempted from all ad valorem taxes imposed by such single eligible local government on homestead property within the special district, which calculation shall be based upon the proceeds of the LHOST available in the trust account as of August 1 of such year, the total assessed value of all homestead property in the special district, and the net millage rates imposed by such single eligible local government on such homestead property.

(c) For an LHOST imposed within a special district which has one or more eligible local governments, following the adoption of millage rates each year by all such eligible local governments, but not later than September 2, the county tax commissioner shall calculate the single, maximum amount of assessed value which may be exempted throughout the special district for all homestead property from all applicable ad valorem taxes imposed by the eligible local governments within the special district, which calculation shall be based upon the proceeds of the LHOST available in the trust account as of August 1 of such year, the total assessed value of all homestead property in the special district, and the net millage rates imposed by each such eligible local government on the homestead property within its territory within the special district.

(d) In the event that the proceeds collected for a special district exceed the amount necessary to exempt all homestead property from all ad valorem taxes imposed by all eligible local governments on homestead property within the special district, the excess proceeds shall be calculated by the county tax commissioner and applied in a manner to reduce the net millage rates in effect on property within the special district by an equal percentage across all eligible local governments in the special district for such tax year.

(e) For the purposes of subsection (c) of this Code section, in the event an eligible local government fails to submit its adopted millage rates by September 1, the county tax commissioner shall use 90 percent of such eligible local government's prior year's net millage rates applicable to homestead property in the special district in the calculation under this Code section and the county shall only disburse, under Code Section 48-8-109.58, the lesser of such amount and the net millage rate actually levied by such eligible local government in the current year.

48-8-109.58.

(a) Prior to mailing ad valorem tax bills for homestead property, the tax collector for each eligible local government shall apply the homestead exemption calculated by the county tax commissioner under subsection (b) or (c) of Code Section 48-8-109.57 to each ad valorem property tax bill for homestead property. Each ad valorem tax bill for homestead property shall reflect the taxpayer's gross ad valorem tax savings which resulted from the LHOST homestead exemption.

(b) In the event of excess proceeds described in subsection (d) of Code Section 48-8-109.57, prior to mailing ad valorem tax bills, the tax collector for each eligible local government shall apply the reduction calculated under subsection (d) of Code Section 48-8-109.57 to each ad valorem property tax bill. If applicable, each ad valorem tax bill shall reflect the taxpayer's gross ad valorem tax savings which resulted from such LHOST millage rate reduction.

(c) Within 30 days of an eligible local government's mailing of its ad valorem tax bill for a given tax year, the county shall disburse LHOST funds from the trust account to each eligible local government in the amount of ad valorem property tax revenue that the given eligible local government did not collect due to the amount of the homestead exemption determined under Code Section 48-8-109.57, applied pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section, and as granted through the local Act required under this article

and, if applicable, the county shall also disburse the amount of revenue foregone due to the reduction of the eligible local government's millage rates provided for in subsection (d) of Code Section 48-8-109.57 and subsection (b) of this Code section.
(d) No disbursement shall be made to any governing authority until such governing authority has mailed ad valorem tax bills for a given year.

48-8-109.59.
Where a local sales and use tax has been paid with respect to tangible personal property by the purchaser either in another local tax jurisdiction within the state or in a tax jurisdiction outside the state, the tax may be credited against the tax authorized to be imposed by this article upon the same property. If the amount of sales and use tax so paid is less than the amount of such tax due under this article, the purchaser shall pay an amount equal to the difference between the amount paid in the other tax jurisdiction and the amount due under this article. The commissioner may require such proof of payment in another local tax jurisdiction as the commissioner deems necessary and proper. No credit shall be granted, however, against the tax imposed under this article for tax paid in another jurisdiction if the tax paid in such other jurisdiction is used to obtain a credit against any other local sales and use tax levied in the special district or any other political subdivision within the special district; and taxes so paid in another jurisdiction shall be credited against the tax levied under Article 2 of this chapter, if applicable, then against the tax levied under Part 1 of Article 3 of this chapter, if applicable, then against the tax levied under Part 2 of Article 3 of this chapter, if applicable, and then against the tax levied under this article.

48-8-109.60.
No tax provided for in this article shall be imposed upon the sale of tangible personal property which is ordered by and delivered to the purchaser at a point outside the geographical area of the special district in which the tax is imposed regardless of the point at which title passes, if the delivery is made by the seller's vehicle, and including United States mail or common carrier or by a private or contract carrier licensed by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration or the Georgia Department of Public Safety.

48-8-109.61.
No tax provided for in this article shall be imposed upon the sale or use of buildings and construction materials when the contract for which the materials are purchased or used was advertised for bid prior to the local referendum held for the local Act required to initiate the levy of the tax and the contract was entered into as a result of a bid actually submitted in response to the advertisement prior to approval of such local Act.

48-8-109.62.
The commissioner shall have the power and authority to promulgate such rules and regulations as shall be necessary for the effective and efficient administration and enforcement of the collection of the tax authorized by this article.

48-8-109.63.

Except as otherwise provided in this article or Code Section 48-8-6, the tax authorized by this article shall be in addition to any other local sales and use tax. The imposition of any other local sales and use tax within a county, municipality, or special district shall not affect the authority of a county, municipality, or special district to impose the tax authorized by this article and the imposition of the tax authorized by this article shall not affect the imposition of any otherwise authorized local sales and use tax within a county, municipality, or special district."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

Part 4 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to financing under the "Quality Basic Education Act," is amended in Code Section 20-2-164, relating to local five mill share funds, by revising subsection (g) as follows:

"(g) For purposes of calculation under this Code section and Code Section 20-2-165, the equalized adjusted school property tax digest, adjusted by paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Code section, shall be reduced by the sum of the following ~~products~~:

(1) The product of the number of constitutional homestead exemptions for owner occupied homes pursuant to Code Section 48-5-44 granted for that year, exclusive of those homestead exemptions provided pursuant to Code Sections 48-5-47, 48-5-48, and 48-5-52, multiplied by the amount per exemption authorized under Code Section 48-5-44; provided, further, that, in any city operating an independent school system which provides a homestead exemption through local legislation comparable to that provided in Code Section 48-5-44, the product calculated in this paragraph shall represent the number of homestead exemptions provided through the applicable local legislation multiplied by the amount per exemption authorized in Code Section 48-5-44, or by the amount per exemption authorized in the applicable local legislation, whichever is less; and provided, further, that, if the amount per exemption authorized in Code Section 48-5-44 has been changed subsequent to the year of the applicable digest, the more recently adopted amount per exemption shall be used for the product calculated in this paragraph;

(2) The product of the number of constitutional homestead exemptions for disabled veterans pursuant to Code Section 48-5-48 granted for that year, multiplied by the amount per exemption authorized under that Code section; provided, further, that, in any city operating an independent school system which provides a homestead exemption through local legislation comparable to that provided in Code Section 48-5-48, the product calculated in this paragraph shall represent the number of homestead exemptions provided through the applicable local legislation multiplied by the amount per exemption authorized in the applicable local legislation, whichever is less; and provided, further, that, if the amount per exemption authorized in Code Section 48-5-48 has been changed subsequent to the year of the applicable digest, the more recently

adopted amount per exemption shall be used for the product calculated in this paragraph;

(3) The product of the estimated number of persons age 65 or older residing in the local school system during that year multiplied by 5,000;

(4) The product which results from the following calculations:

(A) Subtract the estimated state-wide percentage that persons age 65 or older is of the total population, excluding military personnel and institutional population, from the respective percentage for the local school system. If the respective percentage for the local school system is less than the state-wide percentage, a difference of zero shall be used in the calculations in this paragraph;

(B) Multiply the difference which results from subparagraph (A) of this paragraph by 1,000; and

(C) Multiply the product which results from subparagraph (B) of this paragraph by the estimated number of persons age 65 or older residing in the local school system during that year; ~~and~~

(5) The product which results from the following calculations:

(A) Divide the amount reported in paragraph (4) of subsection (e) of this Code section by the average ratio of assessed value to true value used to calculate the most recent equalized adjusted school property tax digest pursuant to Code Section 48-5-274; and

(B) Multiply the quotient which results from subparagraph (A) of this paragraph by .4;

(6) The difference between the assessed value and the net taxable assessed value of all properties for which an exemption pursuant to Code Section 48-5-44.2 was granted for that year; and

(7) The difference between the assessed value and the net taxable assessed value of all properties for which an exemption authorized pursuant to a local constitutional amendment or Article VII, Section II, Paragraph II(a) of the Constitution was granted in that year."

SECTION 3-2.

Said part is further amended in paragraph (5) of subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-167, relating to funding for direct instructional, media center, and staff development costs, computerized uniform budget and accounting system, submission of local budget to state board, and provision of certain information by local boards, by striking "15 percent" and replacing it with "25 percent".

SECTION 3-3.

Said part is further amended in Code Section 20-2-167.1, relating to public meetings on proposed annual operating budget, notice, electronic copies, and exception for certain nonprofits, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b)(1) Each governing body shall hold at least two public meetings, which shall not occur within the same week, for the purpose of providing an opportunity for public input on its proposed annual operating budget before adopting any budget; provided,

however, that any other public meeting or hearing held that is related to the budget as required by law shall satisfy all or a portion of such requirement. The governing body of a charter school with a state-wide attendance zone and students residing in 25 percent or more of Georgia's counties or in three or more counties which are not geographically contiguous shall conduct one such public meeting virtually and one such public meeting in the county in which its primary business office is located. The public meetings shall be advertised in a local newspaper of general circulation which shall be the same newspaper in which other legal announcements of the board of education are advertised.

(2)(A)(i) On and after July 1, 2027, no proposed annual operating budget resolution that would result in an increase in the revenues raised by the local board of education from the levy and collection of ad valorem property taxes by an amount that exceeds an aggregate total of 9 percent over any three-year period or the greater of 3 percent or the percent change in the rate of economic inflation on individual taxpayers annually as determined under the Consumer Price Index, as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor, of the amount of such revenues raised by the local board of education shall go into effect unless the General Assembly enacts a local Act authorizing such increase or the electors of the local school system have approved such budget resolution in a referendum election. In calculating whether a proposed annual operating budget resolution would result in such an increase in the revenues raised by the local board of education, increases in revenue attributable to the levies of sales and use taxes collected for the purpose of providing property tax relief shall be counted, but increases in revenue attributable to any assessments other than those included in the determination of total net assessed value added by reassessments, as such term is defined in Code Section 48-5-32.1, and the levies of ad valorem property tax for costs incurred pursuant to a state of emergency declared by any federal, state, or local emergency management agency, official, or authority shall not be counted.

(ii) The call for and conduct of any such election shall be in the manner authorized under paragraph (2.1) of subsection (c) of Code Section 21-2-540. The costs of any referendum held pursuant to this paragraph shall be paid by the local board of education. The exact ballot language shall be prescribed by the local board of education but shall contain, at a minimum, the projected amount of revenue to be generated by the budget resolution; the amount of revenue received by the local board of education in the previous fiscal year; and a statement as to whether or not such projected revenue increase is the result of an increase in the levy or rate of ad valorem property taxes. All persons desiring to vote in favor of the budget resolution shall vote 'Yes' and all persons opposed to the budget resolution shall vote 'No.' If more than one-half of the votes cast are in favor of the budget resolution, then the budget resolution shall go into effect as provided by law; otherwise, the budget resolution shall either:

(I) Not go into effect and the local board of education shall prepare a new proposed budget which is projected not to increase the revenues raised by the local

board of education by an amount that exceeds the 3 or 9 percent limitations provided for in this subparagraph; or

(II) Go into effect and the local board of education shall be required to reduce its proposed budget for the subsequent year by an amount corresponding to the unapproved increase exceeding the 3 or 9 percent limitations provided for in this subparagraph.

(B) A local board of education shall not be required to hold either or both of the public meetings required under paragraph (1) of this subsection after a proposed annual operating budget resolution has been approved in a referendum election required under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph.

(C) Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to require that the public meetings of a local board of education required under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be held at any particular time either prior to or following the referendum election required under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph."

SECTION 3-4.

Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government, is amended in Code Section 36-81-3, relating to establishment of fiscal year, requirement of annual balanced budget, adoption of budget ordinances or resolutions generally, budget amendments, and uniform chart of accounts, by revising subsection (d) as follows:

"(d) Nothing contained in this Code section shall preclude a local government from amending its budget so as to adapt to changing governmental needs during the budget period; provided, however, that, on and after July 1, 2027, no such amendment shall result in an increase in the revenues raised by the unit of local government from the levy and collection of ad valorem property taxes by an amount that exceeds an aggregate total of 9 percent over any three-year period or the greater of 3 percent or the percent change in the rate of economic inflation on individual taxpayers annually as determined under the Consumer Price Index, as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor, of the amount of such revenues which would be raised by the unit of local government; provided, further, that, in calculating whether a proposed amendment would result in such an increase in the revenues raised by the unit of local government, increases in revenue attributable to the levies of sales and use taxes collected for the purpose of providing property tax relief shall be counted, but increases in revenue attributable to any assessments other than those included in the determination of total net assessed value added by reassessments, as such term is defined in Code Section 48-5-32.1, and the levies of ad valorem property tax for costs incurred pursuant to a state of emergency declared by any federal, state, or local emergency management agency, official, or authority shall not be counted. Amendments shall be made as follows, unless otherwise provided by charter or local law:

(1) Any increase in appropriation at the legal level of control of the local government, whether accomplished through a change in anticipated revenues in any fund or through a transfer of appropriations among departments, shall require the approval of the governing authority. Such amendment shall be adopted by ordinance or resolution;

(2) Transfers of appropriations within any fund below the local government's legal level of control shall require only the approval of the budget officer; and

(3) The governing authority of a local government may amend the legal level of control to establish a more detailed level of budgetary control at any time during the budget period. Said amendment shall be adopted by ordinance or resolution."

SECTION 3-5.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 36-81-6, relating to adoption of budget ordinance or resolution and form of budget, as follows:

"36-81-6.

(a)(1) On a date after the conclusion of the hearing required in subsection (f) of Code Section 36-81-5, the governing authority shall adopt a budget ordinance or resolution making appropriations in such sums as the governing authority may deem sufficient, whether greater or less than the sums presented in the proposed budget. The budget ordinance or resolution shall be adopted at a public meeting which shall be advertised in accordance with the procedures set forth in subsection (e) of Code Section 36-81-5 at least one week prior to the meeting, except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection.

(2)(A) On and after July 1, 2027, if such budget ordinance or resolution is projected to result in an increase in the revenues raised by the unit of local government from the levy and collection of ad valorem property taxes by an amount that exceeds an aggregate total of 9 percent over any three-year period or the greater of 3 percent or the percent change in the rate of economic inflation on individual taxpayers annually as determined under the Consumer Price Index, as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor, of the amount of such revenues raised by the unit of local government, then such budget ordinance or resolution shall not go into effect unless the General Assembly enacts a local Act authorizing such increase or the electors of the unit of local government have approved such budget ordinance or resolution in a referendum election. In calculating whether a proposed budget ordinance or resolution would result in such an increase in the revenues raised by the unit of local government, increases in revenue attributable to the levies of sales and use taxes collected for the purpose of providing property tax relief shall be counted, but increases in revenue attributable to any assessments other than those included in the determination of total net assessed value added by reassessments, as such term is defined in Code Section 48-5-32.1, and the levies of ad valorem property tax for costs incurred pursuant to a state of emergency declared by any federal, state, or local emergency management agency, official, or authority shall not be counted.

(B) The call for and conduct of any such election shall be in the manner authorized under paragraph (2.1) of subsection (c) of Code Section 21-2-540. The costs of any referendum held pursuant to this paragraph shall be paid by the unit of local government adopting such budget ordinance. The exact ballot language shall be prescribed by the governing authority adopting the budget ordinance but shall contain, at a minimum, the projected amount of revenue to be generated by the budget

ordinance; the amount of revenue received by the unit of local government in the previous fiscal year; and a statement as to whether or not such projected revenue increase is the result of an increase in the levy or rate of ad valorem property taxes. All persons desiring to vote in favor of the budget ordinance shall vote 'Yes' and all persons opposed to the budget ordinance shall vote 'No.' If more than one-half of the votes cast are in favor of the budget ordinance, then the budget ordinance shall go into effect as provided by law; otherwise, the budget ordinance shall either:

(i) Not go into effect and the unit of local government shall prepare a new proposed budget pursuant to Code Section 36-81-5 which is projected not to increase the revenues raised by the unit of local government by an amount that exceeds the 3 or 9 percent limitations provided for in this subsection; or

(ii) Go into effect and the unit of local government shall be required to reduce its proposed budget for the subsequent year by an amount corresponding to the unapproved increase exceeding the 3 or 9 percent limitations provided for in this subsection.

(b) The budget may be prepared in any form that the governing authority deems most efficient in enabling it to make the fiscal policy decisions embodied in the budget, but such budget shall be subject to the provisions of this article."

PART IV
SECTION 4-1.

Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections, is amended in subsection (c) of Code Section 21-2-540, relating to conduct and timing of special primaries and special elections generally, by revising paragraph (2) and adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary and except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2.1) of this subsection, a special election to present a question to the voters shall be held only on one of the following dates which is at least 29 days after the date of the call for the special election:

(A) In odd-numbered years, any such special election shall only be held on the third Tuesday in March or on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November; and

(B) In even-numbered years, any such special election shall only be held on:

(i) The date of and in conjunction with the presidential preference primary if one is held that year;

~~(ii) The third Tuesday in March; provided, however, that such special election shall occur prior to July 1, 2024, and present a question to the voters on sales and use taxes authorized by Articles 5, 5A, and 5B of Chapter 8 of Title 48;~~

~~(iii)~~(ii) The date of the general primary; or

~~(iv)~~(iii) The Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

(2.1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a special election to present a question or other measure to the voters relating to an increase in revenue

by a local governing authority, including a question or measure that could result in an increase in taxes shall be held only:

(A) In odd-numbered years, on:

(i) The third Tuesday in March; or

(ii) The Tuesday after the first Monday in November; and

(B) In even-numbered years, on:

(i) The date of the general primary; or

(ii) The Tuesday after the first Monday in November."

PART V
SECTION 5-1.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 48-5-32.1, relating to certification of assessed taxable value of property and method of computation, resolution or ordinance required for millage rate, and advertisement of intent to increase property tax, as follows:

"48-5-32.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Ad valorem tax' or 'property tax' means a tax imposed upon the assessed value of real property.

(2) 'Certified tax digest' means the total net assessed value on the annual property tax digest certified by the tax commissioner of a taxing jurisdiction to the department and authorized by the commissioner for the collection of taxes, or, in the case where the governing authority of a county whose digest has not been approved by the commissioner has petitioned the superior court of the county for an order authorizing the immediate and temporary collection of taxes, the temporary digest so authorized.

(3) 'Levying authority' means a county, a municipality, or a consolidated city-county governing authority or other governing authority of a political subdivision of this state that exercises the power to levy ad valorem taxes to carry out the governing authority's purposes.

(4) 'Mill' means one one-thousandth of a United States dollar.

(5) 'Millage' or 'millage rate' means the levy, in mills, which is established by the governing authority for purposes of financing, in whole or in part, the taxing jurisdiction's expenses for its fiscal year.

(6) 'Millage equivalent' means the number of mills which would result when the total net assessed value added by reassessments is divided by the certified tax digest and the result is multiplied by the previous year's millage rate.

(7) 'Net assessed value' means the taxable assessed value of property after all exemptions.

(8) 'Recommending authority' means a county, independent, or area school board of education that exercises the power to cause the levying authority to levy ad valorem taxes to carry out the purposes of such board of education.

(9) 'Roll-back rate' means the previous year's millage rate minus the millage equivalent of the total net assessed value added by reassessments:

(A) As calculated and certified to the commissioner by the tax commissioner for county and educational tax purposes; and

(B) As calculated by the collecting officer of the municipality for municipal tax purposes.

(10) 'Taxing jurisdiction' means all the real property subject to the levy of a specific levying authority or the recommended levy of a specific recommending authority.

(11) 'Total net assessed value added by reassessments' means the total net assessed value added to the certified tax digest as a result of revaluation of existing real property that has not been improved since the previous tax digest year.

(b) At the time of certification of the digest, the tax receiver or tax commissioner shall also certify to the recommending authority and levying authority of each taxing jurisdiction the total net assessed value added by reassessments contained in the certified tax digest for that tax digest year of the taxing jurisdiction.

(c)(1) Whenever a recommending authority or levying authority shall propose to adopt a millage rate which does not exceed the roll-back rate, it shall adopt that millage rate at an advertised public meeting and at a time and place which is convenient to the taxpayers of the taxing jurisdiction, in accordance with the procedures specified under Code Section 48-5-32.

(2) In those instances in which the recommending authority or levying authority proposes to establish a general maintenance and operation millage rate which would require increases beyond the roll-back rate, the recommending authority or levying authority shall:

(A) Advertise ~~advertise~~ its intent to do so and shall conduct at least three public hearings thereon, at least one of which shall commence between the hours of 6:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M., inclusive, on a business weekday. The recommending authority or levying authority shall place an advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation serving the residents of the unit of local government and post such advertisement on the website of the recommending or levying authority, which shall read as follows:

'NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The (name of recommending authority or levying authority) has tentatively adopted a millage rate which will require an increase in property taxes by (percentage increase over roll-back rate) percent.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing on this tax increase to be held at (place of meeting) on (date and time).

Times and places of additional public hearings on this tax increase are at (place of meeting) on (date and time).

This tentative increase will result in a millage rate of (proposed millage rate) mills, an increase of (millage rate increase above the roll-back rate) mills. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than (roll-back millage rate) mills. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of (average

home value from previous year's digest rounded to the nearest $25,000.00) is approximately $(increase) and the proposed tax increase for nonhomestead property with a fair market value of (average nonhomestead property value from previous year's digest rounded to nearest $25,000.00) is approximately $(increase).'

Simultaneously with this notice the recommending authority or levying authority shall provide a press release to the local media; and

(B) Notify each taxpayer with property in the taxing jurisdiction, by mail directed to the taxpayer's last known address, of the proposed intent to exceed the roll-back rate at least ten days in advance of the first public hearing. Alternatively, the recommending authority or levying authority may transmit the notice to the taxpayer by electronic means at least ten days in advance of the first public hearing, if such taxpayer and county clerk have consented in writing to service by electronic means. The county clerk shall consolidate the required information for all taxing subdivisions relevant to the taxpayer's property on one notice. The notice shall include, but not be limited to:

(i) The roll-back rate;

(ii) The proposed property tax revenue needed to fund the proposed budget;

(iii) The proposed millage rate based upon the proposed budget and the current year's total assessed valuation;

(iv) The millage rate and property tax of the taxing jurisdiction on the taxpayer's property from the previous year's tax statement;

(v) The proposed percent change in the millage rate between the previous year's tax rate and the proposed tax rate for the current year;

(vi) The appraised value and assessed value of the taxpayer's property for the current year;

(vii) The estimates of the tax for the current tax year on the taxpayer's property based on the roll-back rate and the proposed millage rate; and

(viii) The dates, times, and locations of the public hearings.

(3) The advertisement shall appear at least one week prior to each hearing, be prominently displayed, not be less than 30 square inches, and not be placed in that section of the newspaper where legal notices appear and shall be posted on the appropriate website at least one week prior to each hearing. In addition to the advertisement specified under this paragraph, the levying or recommending authority may include in the notice reasons or explanations for such tax increase.

(4) The recommending authority or levying authority shall provide interested taxpayers of the taxing jurisdiction desiring to be heard an opportunity to present oral testimony within reasonable time limits and without unreasonable restriction on the number of individuals allowed to make public comment.

~~(4)~~(5) No recommending authority shall recommend and no levying authority shall levy a millage rate in excess of the proposed millage rate as established pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection without beginning anew the procedures and hearings required by this Code section and those required by Code Section 48-5-32.

~~(5)~~(6) Any notice or hearing required under this Code section may be combined with any notice or hearing required under Article 1 of Chapter 81 of Title 36 or Code Section 48-5-32.

(d) Nothing contained in this Code section shall serve to extend or authorize any millage rate in excess of the maximum millage rate permitted by law or to prevent the reduction of the millage rate.

(e) The commissioner shall not accept a digest for review or issue an order authorizing the collection of taxes if the recommending authority or levying authority other than municipal governing authorities has established a millage rate that is in excess of the correct rollback without complying fully with the procedures required by this Code section. In the event a digest is not accepted for review by the commissioner pursuant to this subsection, it shall be accepted for review upon satisfactory submission by such authorities of such evidence. The levies of each of the levying authorities other than the county governing authority shall be invalid and unenforceable until such time as the provisions of this Code section have been met.

(f) Any recommending authority or levying authority that does not comply with the provisions of subsection (c) of this Code section shall refund to taxpayers any property taxes over-collected based on the amount of the levy that was in excess of the roll-back rate. The provisions of this subsection shall not be construed as prohibiting any other remedies available under the law.

~~(f)~~(g) The commissioner shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the administration of this Code section."

SECTION 5-2.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 48-5-44.2, relating to base year homestead exemption, by repealing subsections (h) and (i), revising paragraphs (2), (3), and (7) of subsection (a), and revising subsections (d) and (e) as follows:

"(2) 'Adjusted base year assessed value' means the sum of:

(A) The previous adjusted base year assessed value;

(B) An amount equal to the difference between the current year assessed value of the homestead and the base year assessed value of the homestead, provided that such amount shall not exceed the total of the previous adjusted base year assessed value of the homestead multiplied by the inflation rate for the prior year; and

(C) The value of any substantial property change, provided that no ~~such value added improvements to the homestead~~ substantial property change shall be duplicated as to the same addition, ~~or~~ improvement, or removal of real property.

(3) 'Base year assessed value' means:

(A) With respect to an exemption under this Code section which is first granted to a person on such person's homestead for the 2025 taxable year, the assessed value for taxable year 2024, including any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311, of the homestead after adjustment due to any substantial property change which occurred during or after taxable year 2024, provided that no

such adjustment shall be duplicated as to the same addition, improvement, or removal of real property; or

(B) In all other cases, the assessed value, including any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311, of the homestead from the taxable year immediately preceding the taxable year in which the exemption under this Code section is first granted to the applicant for such homestead after adjustment due to any substantial property change which occurred during or after the taxable year used to establish the base year assessed value for that homestead, provided that no such adjustment shall be duplicated as to the same addition, improvement, or removal of real property."

"(7) 'Substantial property change' means any increase or decrease in the assessed value of a homestead derived from additions or improvements to, or the removal of real property from, the homestead which occurred during or after the year ~~in which~~ used to establish the base year assessed value ~~is determined~~ for the homestead. The assessed value of the substantial property changes shall be established following any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311."

"(d) No person shall receive the exemption granted by subsection (b) of this Code section unless such person or person's agent files an application with the tax receiver or tax commissioner of his or her respective local government or governments charged with the duty of receiving returns of property for taxation, giving such information relative to receiving such exemption as will enable such tax receiver or tax commissioner to make a determination regarding the initial and continuing eligibility of such person for such exemption; provided, however, that any person who had previously applied for a homestead exemption, was allowed such homestead exemption for the ~~2024~~ immediately preceding tax year, and remains eligible for a homestead exemption for that same homestead property in the ~~2025~~ current tax year shall be automatically allowed the exemption granted under subsection (b) of this Code section for that homestead without further application. Such tax receiver or tax commissioner shall provide application forms for this purpose.

(e)(1) The exemption granted by subsection (b) or (c) of this Code section shall be claimed and returned as provided in Code Section 48-5-50.1. Such exemption shall be automatically renewed from year to year so long as the owner occupies the residence as a homestead. After a person or a person's agent has filed the proper application or is automatically granted the homestead exemption as provided in subsection (d) of this Code section, it shall not be necessary for such person or such person's surviving spouse to make application thereafter for any year, and the exemption shall continue to be allowed to such person or such person's surviving spouse. It shall be the duty of any person granted the homestead exemption under subsection (b) or (c) of this Code section to notify the tax receiver or tax commissioner of the local government or governments in the event such person for any reason becomes ineligible for such exemption.

(2) In the event that an applicant becomes ineligible for the homestead exemption granted under subsection (b) or (c) of this Code section with respect to a particular

homestead property and, thereafter, the applicant becomes eligible and applies for the homestead exemption on such property, the base year assessed value for such homestead shall be calculated in accordance with subparagraph (a)(3)(B) of this Code section as if the applicant were a new applicant who had not been previously granted an exemption under this Code section for such homestead."

SECTION 5-3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 48-5-302, relating to time for completion of revision and assessment of returns and submission of completed digest to commissioner, as follows:

"48-5-302.

Each county board of tax assessors, each municipal official responsible for collecting municipal ad valorem property taxes, and each school official responsible for collecting ad valorem property taxes for a local school system shall complete its revision and assessment of the returns of taxpayers in its respective ~~county~~ jurisdiction by July 15 of each year, except that, in all ~~counties~~ jurisdictions providing for the collection and payment of ad valorem taxes in installments, such date shall be June 1 of each year. The tax receiver or tax commissioner shall then immediately forward one copy of the completed digest to the commissioner for examination and approval."

SECTION 5-4.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 48-5-303, relating to correction of mistakes in county tax digests and notification of correction, as follows:

"48-5-303.

(a)(1) The county board of tax assessors shall have authority to correct factual errors in the tax digest when discovered within three years and when such corrections are of benefit to the taxpayer. Such corrections, after approval of the county board of tax assessors, shall be communicated to the taxpayer and notice shall be provided to the tax commissioner.

(2) If the county board of tax assessors discovers a factual error in the tax digest which is not of benefit to the taxpayer and which relates to an improperly or mistakenly applied homestead exemption that was not due to any intentional misrepresentation or fraudulent act on the part of the taxpayer, the tax receiver or tax commissioner shall be prohibited from retroactively assessing the taxpayer the difference in ad valorem taxes actually paid by the taxpayer and the amount of ad valorem taxes that would have been assessed on the taxpayer but for the improperly or mistakenly applied homestead exemption.

(b) If a tax receiver or tax commissioner makes a mistake in the digest which is not corrected by the county board of tax assessors or county board of equalization, the commissioner, with the sanction of the Governor, shall correct the mistake by making the necessary entries in the digest furnished the commissioner. The commissioner shall notify the county governing authority and the tax collector of the county from which the digest comes of the mistake and correction."

PART VI
SECTION 6-1.

(a) It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to issue the call for a nonbinding, advisory referendum election to determine whether the qualified electors of the State of Georgia desire that the Georgia General Assembly allow Georgians to decide whether to authorize new finance procedures for local governments and school systems for the purpose of providing complete property tax relief for homeowners. The Secretary of State shall conduct the referendum election as provided in this section on the date of the November, 2026, general election. The Secretary of State shall issue the call and conduct that referendum election as provided by general law.
(b) The ballot at the referendum election provided under this section shall have displayed or printed thereon the following:

"( ) YES Should the Georgia General Assembly allow Georgians to decide whether to authorize new finance procedures for local governments and school systems for the purpose of providing complete property tax relief for homeowners?"
( ) NO

(c) It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to tabulate and certify the results of the referendum election and report said results to the Governor and the General Assembly immediately following such certification.

PART VII
SECTION 7-1.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 7-2.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Blackmon of the 146th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute, as amended by the House, to HB 1116.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	N Sampson
N Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Alexander	N Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
N Au	N Davis	N Holcomb	N Miller	N Scott
N Baker	Y Dawson	N Holland	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
N Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	N Moore	Y Smith, L

Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Myles	N Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Neal	Y Smith, TP
N Bazemore	N Douglas	N Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
N Beckles	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
N Bell	N Drenner	N Hugley	N Okoye	Y Stinson
N Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	N Taylor, R
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Townsend
N Burnough	N Evans	N Jones, A	N Park	N Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	N Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
N Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	N Frye	N Kendrick	N Prince	Y Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	N Reese	N Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	N Gilliard	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, A
N Carter	N Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	N Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 102, nays 73.

The motion prevailed.

HB 463. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Burns of the 159th, Hatchett of the 155th, Gilliard of the 162nd, Stephens of the 164th and others:

A BILL To be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax exemptions, so as to provide for a state-wide homestead exemption from ad valorem taxes for certain senior citizens who volunteer with local governments in an amount to be determined by such local governments; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for approval and identification of additional terms and conditions by local governing authorities; to provide for related matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for contingent repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to income taxes, so as to reduce the personal income tax rate; to revise provisions relative to annual reductions of the income tax; to reduce the rates of taxation on corporate and partnership income; to increase the amount of the standard deduction from state taxable income for individuals; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to income taxes, is amended by revising subsection (a.1) of Code Section 48-7-20, relating to individual tax rates, credit for withholding and other payments, and applicability to estates and trusts, as follows:

"(a.1)(1) ~~On and after January 1, 2025, the~~ The tax imposed pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section shall be ~~5.19 percent for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025; provided, however, that such rate shall be reduced by 0.10 percent annually beginning on January 1, 2026, until the rate reaches 4.99 percent, provided that such annual reductions in the tax rate shall be subject to delays as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection~~ as follows:

(A) For the taxable year beginning on January 1, 2026, 4.99 percent;

(B) For the taxable year beginning on January 1, 2027, 4.49 percent; and

(C) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2028, 3.99 percent,

provided that such annual reductions in the tax rate shall be subject to delays as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection.

(2) Each prospective annual reduction in the tax rate that would otherwise occur as provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be delayed by one year for each year that any of the following are true as of December 1:

(A) The Governor's revenue estimate for the succeeding fiscal year is not at least ~~3~~ 1 percent above the Governor's revenue estimate for the present fiscal year;

(B) The prior fiscal year's net revenue collection was not higher than each of the preceding three fiscal years' net tax revenue collection; or

(C) The Revenue Shortfall Reserve provided for in Code Section 45-12-93 does not contain a sum that exceeds the amount of the decrease in state revenue projected to occur as a result of the prospective reduction in the tax rates set to occur the following year.

(3) The Office of Planning and Budget shall make the determinations necessary to implement the provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection and shall report its determinations by December 1 of each year to the department, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, and the chairpersons of the House Appropriations Committee, the House Ways and Means Committee, the Senate

Appropriations Committee, and the Senate Finance Committee. This paragraph shall not be applicable after the ~~final~~ reduction to the rate of ~~4.99~~ 3.99 percent occurs."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended by revising subsection (a) and division (b)(7)(C)(ii) of Code Section 48-7-21, relating to taxation of corporations, as follows:

"(a) Every domestic corporation and every foreign corporation shall pay annually an income tax ~~on~~ equivalent to 4.99 percent of its Georgia taxable net income ~~at the same rate of the tax imposed on individuals under subsection (a.1) of Code Section 48-7-20 for the corresponding taxable year~~. Georgia taxable net income of a corporation shall be the corporation's taxable income from property owned or from business done in this state. A corporation's taxable income from property owned or from business done in this state shall consist of the corporation's taxable income as defined in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, with the adjustments provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section and allocated and apportioned as provided in Code Section 48-7-31."

"(ii) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, an electing Subchapter 'S' corporation, with respect to a taxable period, shall pay an income tax ~~on~~ equivalent to 4.99 percent of its net income ~~at the same rate of the tax imposed on individuals under subsection (a.1) of Code Section 48-7-20 for the corresponding taxable year~~ as computed pursuant to this Code section, and allocated and apportioned pursuant to Code Section 48-7-31, for such taxable period, and such shareholders shall not recognize their respective share of the portion of income on which tax was actually paid pursuant to this subparagraph."

SECTION 3.

Said article is further amended by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (b) of Code Section 48-7-23, relating to taxation of partnerships, computation of net income, disallowance of charitable contributions, individual liability of partners, individual returns of distributive shares, taxable years, and elections, as follows:

"(3) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this Code section, an electing partnership with respect to a taxable period shall pay an income tax ~~on~~ equivalent to 4.99 percent of its net income ~~at the same rate of the tax imposed on individuals under subsection (a.1) of Code Section 48-7-20 for the corresponding taxable year~~ as computed pursuant to this Code ~~Section~~ section, and allocated and apportioned pursuant to Code Section 48-7-31, for such taxable period, and such partners shall not recognize their respective share of the portion of income on which tax was actually paid pursuant to this subsection."

SECTION 4.

Said article is further amended by revising the introductory language and paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 48-7-27, relating to computation of taxable net income, as follows:

"(a) Georgia taxable net income of an individual shall be the taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income, as defined in the ~~United States~~ Internal Revenue Code of 1986, less:

(1) At the taxpayer's election, either:

(A) The sum of all itemized nonbusiness deductions used in computing such taxpayer's federal taxable income; or

(B) A standard deduction in an amount as follows:

(i) In the case of a married couple filing a joint return, ~~$24,000.00~~ $32,000.00; or

(ii) In the case of a single taxpayer, head of household, or married taxpayer filing a separate return, ~~$12,000.00~~ $16,000.00;"

SECTION 5.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

SECTION 6.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following amendment was read and adopted:

Representatives Blackmon of the 146th and Williamson of the 112th offer the following amendment:

Amend the substitute to HB 463 (LC 59 0316S) by deleting lines 1 through the end and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

To amend Title 33 and Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance and revenue and taxation, respectively, so as to reduce the personal income tax rate; to revise provisions relative to annual reductions of the income tax; to reduce the rates of taxation on corporate and partnership income; to increase the amounts of the standard and dependent deductions from state taxable income for individuals; to provide for an increase in the amount of retirement income that may be excluded from state taxable income for individuals 65 or older; to exclude a portion of overtime compensation and cash tips from taxation; to provide for reporting by employers; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for prospective annual increases in the amounts of such deductions; to repeal income tax credits for manufacturers of medical equipment and supplies, pharmaceuticals, medicine, and personal protective equipment, alternative fuel, low-emission, and zero-emission vehicles and electric vehicle chargers, businesses headquartered in this state, businesses engaged in manufacturing cigarettes for exportation, business enterprises that purchase or lease a motor vehicle to provide transportation for employees, base year port traffic increases, and teleworking expenses; to repeal the state sales tax and use exemptions for the rental of videotape or motion picture film, printed advertising inserts or supplements, machinery or equipment used to reduce air or water pollution, high-technology company computer equipment, data center equipment, sales of machinery, equipment, and materials used in the construction or operation of certain buildings; to allow for the continued use of a certificate of exemption

issued prior to the date of repeal relating to the sale of machinery and equipment used for the primary purpose of reducing or eliminating air or water pollution; to amend Part 1 of Article 4 of Chapter 12 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to management of budgetary and financial affairs, so as to change provisions relative to surplus funds of the Revenue Shortfall Reserve; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Georgia Economic Growth and Tax Relief Act of 2026."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, is amended in Code Section 48-7-20, relating to individual tax rates, credit for withholding and other payments, and applicability to estates and trusts, by revising subsection (a.1) as follows:

"(a.1)(1) On and after January 1, ~~2025~~ 2026, the tax imposed pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section shall be ~~5.19 percent~~ 4.99 percent for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, ~~2025~~ 2026; provided, however, that such rate shall be reduced by ~~0.10~~ 0.125 percent annually beginning on January 1, ~~2026~~ 2027, until the rate reaches ~~4.99 percent,~~ 3.99 percent; provided that such annual reductions in the tax rate shall be ~~subject to delays as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection~~ delayed by one year for each year that prospective annual reductions in the standard deduction are delayed for any of the reasons provided in paragraph (1.1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 48-7-27.

~~(2) Each prospective annual reduction in the tax rate that would otherwise occur as provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be delayed by one year for each year that any of the following are true as of December 1:~~

~~(A) The Governor's revenue estimate for the succeeding fiscal year is not at least 3 percent above the Governor's revenue estimate for the present fiscal year;~~

~~(B) The prior fiscal year's net revenue collection was not higher than each of the preceding three fiscal years' net tax revenue collection; or~~

~~(C) The Revenue Shortfall Reserve provided for in Code Section 45-12-93 does not contain a sum that exceeds the amount of the decrease in state revenue projected to occur as a result of the prospective reduction in the tax rates set to occur the following year.~~

~~(3) The Office of Planning and Budget shall make the determinations necessary to implement the provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection and shall report its determinations by December 1 of each year to the department, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, and the chairpersons of the House Committee on Appropriations Committee, the House Committee on Ways and Means Committee, the Senate Appropriations Committee, and the Senate Finance Committee. This paragraph shall not be applicable after the final reduction to the rate of 4.99 percent occurs.~~"

SECTION 2-2.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 48-7-26, relating to personal exemptions, as follows:

"(b) Each taxpayer shall be allowed as a deduction in computing his or her Georgia taxable income a personal exemption in the amount of ~~$4,000.00~~ $5,000.00 for each dependent of such taxpayer; provided, however, that such deduction shall be increased by $125.00 annually beginning on January 1, 2027, until such deduction reaches $6,000.00, provided that such increases in such deduction shall be subject to the same delays as those applied to standard deductions as provided in paragraph (1.1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 48-7-27."

SECTION 2-3.

Said title is further amended in subsection (a) of Code Section 48-7-27, relating to computation of taxable net income, by revising the introductory language and paragraph (1), by adding a new paragraph and a new division, and by revising divisions (a)(5)(A)(xii) and (a)(5)(A)(xiii) as follows:

"(a) Georgia taxable net income of an individual shall be the taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income, as defined in the ~~United States~~ Internal Revenue Code of 1986, less:

(1) At the taxpayer's election, either:

(A) The sum of all itemized nonbusiness deductions used in computing such taxpayer's federal taxable income; or

(B) A standard deduction in an amount as follows:

(i) In the case of a married couple filing a joint return, ~~$24,000.00~~ $30,000.00; provided, however, that such deduction shall be increased by $750.00 annually beginning on January 1, 2027, until such deduction reaches $36,000.00, provided that such increases in such deduction shall be subject to delays as provided in paragraph (1.1) of this subsection; or

(ii) In the case of a single taxpayer, head of household, or married taxpayer filing a separate return, ~~$12,000.00~~ $15,000.00; provided, however, that such deduction shall be increased by $375.00 annually beginning on January 1, 2027, until such deduction reaches $18,000.00, provided that such increases in such deduction shall be subject to delays as provided in paragraph (1.1) of this subsection;

(1.1)(A) Each prospective increase in the standard deduction that would otherwise occur as provided in divisions (i) and (ii) of subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of this

subsection shall be delayed by one year for each year that any of the following are true as of December 1:

(i) The Governor's revenue estimate for the succeeding fiscal year is not at least 3 percent above the Governor's revenue estimate for the present fiscal year;

(ii) The prior fiscal year's net revenue collection was not higher than each of the preceding three fiscal years' net tax revenue collection; or

(iii) The Revenue Shortfall Reserve provided for in Code Section 45-12-93 does not contain a sum that exceeds the amount of the decrease in state revenue projected to occur as a result of the prospective reduction in the tax rates set to occur the following year.

(B) The Office of Planning and Budget shall make the determinations provided in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph and shall report its determinations by December 1 of each year to the department, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, and the chairpersons of the House Committee on Appropriations, the House Committee on Ways and Means, the Senate Appropriations Committee, and the Senate Finance Committee. This paragraph shall not be applicable after the final increases in the standard deductions provided under divisions (i) and (ii) of subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of this subsection occur;"

"(xii) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2008, and prior to January 1, 2012, retirement income from any source not to exceed an exclusion amount of $35,000.00; ~~and~~

(xiii) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2012, and ending on or before December 31, 2026, retirement income from any source not to exceed an exclusion amount of $35,000.00 for each taxpayer meeting the eligibility requirement set forth in division (i) or (ii) of subparagraph (D) of this paragraph or an amount of $65,000.00 for each taxpayer meeting the eligibility requirement set forth in division (iii) of subparagraph (D) of this paragraph; and

(xiv) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2027, retirement income from any source not to exceed an exclusion amount of $35,000.00 for each taxpayer meeting the eligibility requirement set forth in division (i) or (ii) of subparagraph (D) of this paragraph or an amount of $70,000.00 for each taxpayer meeting the eligibility requirement set forth in division (iii) of subparagraph (D) of this paragraph."

SECTION 2-4.

Said title is further amended in subsection (a) of Code Section 48-7-27, relating to computation of taxable net income, by striking "and" at the end of paragraph (14), by replacing the period at the end of paragraph (15) with a semicolon, and by adding new paragraphs to read as follows:

"(16)(A) For all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, and ending on December 31, 2028, any amount of qualified overtime compensation, as such term is defined in Section 225 of the Internal Revenue Code, up to $1,750.00 received by a full-time employee paid by an hourly wage.

(B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, for employers governed by the federal National Railway Labor Act, the exemption provided in this paragraph shall apply to hourly component overtime compensation as defined in applicable collective bargaining agreements.

(C) For each tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2026, and ending on December 31, 2028, each employer shall submit to the department, on forms prescribed by the department, the total amount of qualified overtime compensation received by full-time employees paid by an hourly wage and the total number of employees to which such compensation was paid. The data shall be provided monthly or quarterly and shall be due no later than the due date for the corresponding monthly or quarterly withholding tax returns, except that such data may be provided at the end of the year for the 2026 tax year.

(D) The department may require additional information of employers and shall be authorized to adopt rules and regulations to provide for the administration of this paragraph.

(E) This paragraph shall stand repealed and reserved on December 31, 2028; and

(17)(A) For all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, any amount up to $1,750.00 received in cash tips.

(B) For each tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2026, each employer shall submit to the department, on forms prescribed by the department, the total amount received by employees in cash tips and the total number of employees to which such compensation was paid. The data shall be provided monthly or quarterly and shall be due no later than the due date for the corresponding monthly or quarterly withholding tax returns, except that such data may be provided at the end of the year for the 2026 tax year.

(C) The department may require additional information of employers and shall be authorized to adopt rules and regulations to provide for the administration of this paragraph.

(D) As used in this paragraph, the term:

(i) 'Cash tips' means cash received by an individual in an occupation that customarily and regularly receives tips, including tips received from customers that are paid in cash or charged and, in the case of an employee, tips received under any tip-sharing arrangement, but only if such amount is paid voluntarily without any consequence in the event of nonpayment, is not the subject of negotiation, and is determined by the payor.

(ii) 'Occupation that customarily and regularly receives tips' means any occupation which has been designated as such and given a Treasury Tipped Occupation Code as set forth in the Federal Register by the secretary of the treasury of the United States. Occupations excluded under Section 63 of the Internal Revenue Code shall also be excluded for purposes of this paragraph.

(E) This paragraph shall stand repealed and reserved on December 31, 2028."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

The collection of funds set aside for taxpayer relief pursuant to this part shall be known and may be cited as the "Taxpayer Relief Fund."

SECTION 3-2.

Part 1 of Article 4 of Chapter 12 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to management of budgetary and financial affairs, is amended by revising Code Section 45-12-93, relating to revenue shortfall reserve, reservation of surplus state funds, appropriation and release of funds, and limitations, as follows:

"45-12-93.

(a) There shall be a reserve of state funds known as the 'Revenue Shortfall Reserve.'

(b) The amount of all surplus in state funds existing as of the end of each fiscal year shall be reserved and added to the Revenue Shortfall Reserve. Funds in the Revenue Shortfall Reserve shall carry forward from fiscal year to fiscal year, without reverting to the general fund at the end of a fiscal year. The Revenue Shortfall Reserve shall be maintained, accumulated, appropriated, and otherwise disbursed only as provided in this Code section.

(c) For each existing fiscal year, the General Assembly may appropriate from the Revenue Shortfall Reserve an amount up to 1 percent of the net revenue collections of the preceding fiscal year for funding increased K-12 needs.

(d) The Governor may release for appropriation by the General Assembly a stated amount from funds in the Revenue Shortfall Reserve that are in excess of 4 8 percent of the net revenue of the preceding fiscal year.

(e) As of the end of each fiscal year, an amount shall be released from the Revenue Shortfall Reserve to the general fund to cover any deficit by which total expenditures and contractual obligations of state funds authorized by appropriation exceed net revenue and other amounts in state funds made available for appropriation.

(f) ~~The combined Revenue Shortfall Reserve and the Midyear Adjustment Reserve existing on May 9, 2005, shall become the Revenue Shortfall Reserve provided for in this Code section.~~

~~(g) Any other provision of law notwithstanding, the General Assembly is authorized to appropriate $7 million for State Fiscal Year 2005 from the Revenue Shortfall Reserve.~~

~~(h)~~ The Revenue Shortfall Reserve shall not exceed ~~15~~ 20 percent of the previous fiscal year's net revenue for any given fiscal year. Any amount of undesignated surplus funds in excess of 20 percent of the previous fiscal year's net revenue may be used for tax relief pursuant to Acts of the General Assembly."

PART IV
SECTION 4-1.

Said title is further amended by repealing and reserving Code Section 48-7-29.11, relating to tax credits for eligible teleworking expenses.

SECTION 4-2.

Said title is further amended by repealing Code Section 48-7-40.1A, relating to tax credits for personal protective equipment manufacturers.

SECTION 4-3.

Said title is further amended by repealing Code Section 48-7-40.1B, relating to tax credits for manufacturers of medical equipment and supplies, pharmaceuticals, and medicine.

SECTION 4-4.

Said title is further amended by repealing and reserving Code Section 48-7-40.15, relating to tax credits for base year port traffic increases.

SECTION 4-5.

Said title is further amended by repealing Code Section 48-7-40.15A, relating to tax credit for employer with base year port traffic increases.

SECTION 4-6.

Said title is further amended by repealing and reserving Code Section 48-7-40.16, relating to tax credits for alternative fuel, low-emission, and zero-emission vehicles and electric vehicle chargers.

SECTION 4-7.

Said title is further amended by repealing and reserving Code Section 48-7-40.18, relating to tax credits for businesses headquartered in state and full-time jobs.

SECTION 4-8.

Said title is further amended by repealing and reserving Code Section 48-7-40.20, relating to tax credits for businesses engaged in manufacturing cigarettes for exportation.

SECTION 4-9.

Said title is further amended by repealing and reserving Code Section 48-7-40.22, relating to tax credits for business enterprises that purchase or lease a motor vehicle to provide transportation for employees.

SECTION 4-10.

Said title is further amended by repealing and reserving paragraphs (24), (61), and (69), repealing paragraph (33.1), and repealing and reenacting paragraph (36) of Code Section 48-8-3, relating to exemptions relative to state sales and use taxes, to read as follows:

"(36) After the effective date of this Act, no new certificates of exemption from sales and use tax for the sale of machinery and equipment or repair, replacement, or

component parts for such machinery and equipment which is used for the primary purpose of reducing or eliminating air or water pollution shall be issued pursuant to the former provisions of this paragraph as such provisions existed prior to the effective date of this Act; provided, however, that any certificate of exemption issued prior to the effective date of this Act shall continue to be governed by the provisions of this paragraph as such provisions existed immediately prior to the effective date of this Act;"

PART V
SECTION 5-1.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

SECTION 5-2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Blackmon of the 146th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute, as amended by the House, to HB 463.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	N Sampson
N Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Alexander	N Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
N Au	N Davis	N Holcomb	N Miller	N Scott
N Baker	Y Dawson	N Holland	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
N Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	N Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Myles	N Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
N Bazemore	N Douglas	N Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
N Beckles	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
N Bell	N Drenner	N Hugley	Y Okoye	N Stinson
N Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	N Taylor, R
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Townsend
N Burnough	N Evans	N Jones, A	N Park	N Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	N Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
N Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	N Frye	N Kendrick	N Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	N Reese	N Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson

Y Carson	Y Gilliard	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, A
N Carter	N Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	N Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 104, nays 71.

The motion prevailed.

SB 503. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Walker III of the 20th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Robertson of the 29th, Still of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to kinds of insurance, limits of risks, and reinsurance, so as to exempt rental home marketplace guarantees from the definition of property insurance; to require certain language; to provide for compliance with certain registration requirements; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate amendment was read:

The Senate moves to *amend the House substitute to SB 503 (LC 52 1103S) by replacing lines 1 through the end with the following:*

To amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance generally, so as to require health benefit plans, policies, or contracts executed by the state to cover medically necessary orthotic devices and prosthetic devices and their materials and components; to revise a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for contingent effectiveness upon appropriation of funds; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance generally, is amended in Code Section 33-24-59.35, relating to required coverage orthotic devices and prosthetic devices, reporting, and regulation, by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(3) 'Health benefit policy' means any individual or group plan, policy, or contract for healthcare services issued, delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state by an

insurer that provides major medical benefits. On or after January 1, 2027, such ~~Such~~ term shall ~~not~~ include any plans, policies, or contracts executed by the state to provide healthcare coverage on behalf of state employees, public school teachers and employees, and members and employees of the Board of Regents and their retirees and dependents ~~under Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45, and shall not apply to the provision of healthcare services pursuant to a contract entered into by an insurer and the Department of Community Health for recipients of Medicaid~~. Such term shall not include self-funded, employer sponsored health insurance plans subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as codified and amended at 29 U.S.C. Section 1001, et seq."

SECTION 2.

(a) This Act shall become effective only if funds are specifically appropriated for purposes of this Act in an appropriations Act enacted by the General Assembly.

(b) If funds are so appropriated, then this Act shall become effective on the later of:

(1) The date on which such appropriations Act becomes effective; or

(2) The beginning date of the fiscal year for which such appropriations are made.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Reeves of the 99th moved that the House agree to the Senate amendment to the House substitute to SB 503.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
E Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
N Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
E Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	N Scott
N Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
N Barnes	Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	E Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94

Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion the ayes were 160, nays 6.

The motion prevailed.

HB 1396. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th and Jones of the 25th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to the Department of Community Affairs, so as to require certain privately funded organizations that operate a shelter or provide outreach services to homeless individuals within 1,000 feet of schools, public parks, public playgrounds, or certain child care facilities to participate in the Georgia Homeless Management Information System (HMIS); to provide violations and for noncriminal citations; to provide for exceptions; to provide for a territory of applicability; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate amendment was read:

The Senate moves to *amend HB 1396 (LC 56 0608) by striking lines 61-62, and replacing with the following:*

SECTION 3.

Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"50-18-79.

(a) If any claim of an unlawful employment practice made against the General Assembly, the House of Representatives, the Senate, or any member, office, or employee thereof, including, but not limited to, a claim of sexual harassment, discriminatory harassment, discrimination, or retaliation, is resolved in whole or in part by a settlement agreement, a memorandum of agreement or understanding, or

other similar document, however denominated, such agreement shall be subject to public disclosure with the claimant's identity redacted. For purposes of this subsection exclusively, the General Assembly shall be an agency. This subsection shall be applied retroactively.

(b) Except as provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section, nothing in this Code section shall be construed or applied so as to subject the General Assembly to the provisions of Code Sections 50-18-70 through 50-18-78 or Chapter 14 of this title."

SECTION 4.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The Speaker Pro Tem assumed the Chair.

The following amendment was read and adopted:

Representative Efstration of the 104th et al. offer the following amendment:

Amend the Senate substitute to HB 1396 (LC 56 0608) and all applicable amendments thereto by replacing line 1 through the end with the following:

To amend Titles 20, 38, and 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, military, emergency services, and veterans affairs, and state government, respectively, so as to require all schools that receive state funding with students in any of grades three through five to provide instruction in cursive handwriting to all students by no later than third grade; to provide for content standards for digital literacy instruction; to require students in kindergarten through twelfth grade to receive grade level appropriate instruction in digital literacy; to require the Department of Education to develop and publish model programs; to publish an annual report assessing the reach and impact of online safety education efforts; to provide for minimum content standards for financial literacy instruction; to require such content standards to address the risks of gambling; to allow for students grades 9 through 12 to complete the high school graduation financial literacy course requirement; to require students in kindergarten through eighth grade to receive grade level appropriate instruction in financial literacy; to prohibit public schools from partnering with or accepting donations or utilizing material from individuals or entities who operate any gambling enterprise, activity, or event; to authorize the Department of Education to provide technical support, guidance, and optional instructional resources subject to certain conditions; to provide for home study students and private school students to enroll in college and career academies located in certain RESA service areas and adjacent local school systems; to revise what courses are available to such

students; to revise provisions for public school panic alert systems; to require local school systems to provide certain personnel with wearable panic alert devices; to provide for the capabilities of such devices; to provide for training; to provide for accuracy verification of school mapping data; to remove the requirement of having a licensed physician in automated external defibrillator programs; to provide instruction and procedures related to bleeding control kits; to require local boards of education and other public school governing bodies to establish and provide for security measures to detect weapons and to aid in the prevention of individuals attempting to unlawfully possess or carry weapons in certain school buildings; to provide for exceptions; to authorize the use of funding; to establish the Georgia Charter School Facilities Authority for the purpose of enabling charter schools to obtain revolving loan funds and other public financing assistance for purposes of constructing, renovating, and rehabilitating educational facilities for such schools; to provide for definitions; to provide for the composition, duties, and powers of such authority; to assign such authority to the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission for administrative purposes; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 17 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission Act," so as to provide for responsibilities of the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended in Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2, relating to competencies and core curriculum, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-140.2.

All schools with students in any of grades three through five which receive in any manner funds from the state shall provide instruction in cursive handwriting to students by no later than third grade. Such instruction may be provided within the framework of existing coursework offered by the school."

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended in said part by revising Code Section 20-2-149, relating to programs for educating students regarding online internet safety, as follows:

"20-2-149.

(a) The State Board of Education shall adopt grade level appropriate content standards for instruction in digital literacy to support digital citizenship competencies through critical thinking, responsible technology use, and independent learning across academic subjects for students in kindergarten through grade 12. Such content standards shall address, at a minimum:

(1) Online safety and digital citizenship;

(2) Responsible and effective internet use;

(3) Evaluation of digital information and sources, including, but not limited to, information using or generated by artificial intelligence;
(4) Digital communication and collaboration;
(5) Foundational computer and device skills;
(6) Productivity and organizational tools; and
(7) Basic data and information management skills.

(b) Beginning with the 2027-2028 school year and each school year thereafter, each local board of education and other public school governing body shall provide grade level appropriate instruction in digital literacy to students in kindergarten through grade 12. Such instruction shall be based on the content standards prescribed pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section and may utilize the model programs developed by the Department of Education pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section. Such instruction may be provided within the framework of existing coursework offered by a local school system.

~~(a)~~(c)(1) The Department of Education shall develop model programs for educating students regarding digital literacy and online safety while using the internet, taking into consideration educational materials on this topic developed by other states as well as any other materials suggested by education experts, child psychologists, and technology companies that promote child digital literacy and online safety ~~issues~~.

(2) The model programs provided for in this subsection shall include one or more model programs for students in ~~grades six through~~ kindergarten through grade 12 which:

(A) Shall include instruction regarding:
(i) The social, emotional, and physical effects of social media on users;
(ii) The effects of social media on the mental health of users, particularly teenagers;
(iii) The distribution of disinformation and misinformation on social media;
(iv) How social media influences thoughts and behaviors;
(v) The permanency and risks of sharing materials online;
(vi) The dangers of viewing material harmful to minors;
(vii) Age verification procedures on websites and social media;
(viii) Responsible and discerning use of artificial intelligence and generative artificial intelligence;
(ix) How to maintain personal security and identify cyberbullying, predatory behavior, and human trafficking on the internet and social media; ~~and~~
~~(vii)~~(x) How to report suspicious behavior encountered on the internet and social media to appropriate persons and authorities; and
(xi) How to be a competent and discerning digital citizen; and

(B) May include information regarding the benefits of social media use, such as supporting career readiness for future academic or employment opportunities, sharing information with familiar family and friends, and safely connecting with other users with similar interests.

(3) The Department of Education shall periodically update the model programs provided for in this subsection to reflect changes in internet and social media use,

emergent technologies, social and psychological research, and information concerning new threats to teenagers and young adults using social media platforms and other online communication technologies.

(4) The Department of Education shall publish on its website information relating to the digital literacy content standards and digital literacy and online safety model programs provided for in this Code section, including recommended curricula and instructional materials as updated periodically as provided in this ~~subsection~~ Code section. The Department of Education shall provide technical assistance in addition to such model programs and recommended curricula and instructional materials to aid any local board of education that ~~may elect to incorporate~~ incorporates one or more components of ~~internet and social media~~ digital literacy and online safety into its instructional program.

(d) By December 1 each year, the Department of Education shall prepare a report assessing the reach and impact of online safety education efforts provided for in this Code section. Such report shall be submitted to the chairpersons of the House Committee on Education and the Senate Education and Youth Committee.

~~(b)~~(e) Each local board of education may incorporate into its instructional program a component on online ~~internet~~ safety, including social media safety, to be taught on a schedule as determined by the local board of education."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended in said part by revising Code Section 20-2-149.4, relating to financial literacy instruction and curriculum, as follows:

"20-2-149.4.

(a) The State Board of Education shall adopt grade level appropriate content standards for ~~a minimum course of~~ instruction in financial literacy ~~to be completed by students in eleventh or twelfth grade~~. Such content standards shall address, at a minimum:

(1) For grades nine through 12:

(A) Personal budgeting and money management;

(B) Banking, credit, and debt;

(C) Saving and investing principles;

(D) Risk assessment and long-term financial planning;

(E) Digital finance, fraud prevention, and consumer protection; and

(F) Risks associated with gambling, including:

(i) Probability, odds, and the concept of house advantage;

(ii) The distinction between investing and gambling;

(iii) Psychological and behavioral risks, including addiction and loss-chasing;

(iv) Financial consequences such as debt, credit damage, and family impact;

(v) Evaluation of gambling advertising, endorsements, and risk-free claims; and

(vi) Overview of this state's gambling laws and consumer protections;

(2) For grades six through eight:

(A) Budgeting;

(B) Digital money use; and

(C) Introductory gambling risk awareness; and

(3) For kindergarten through grade five:

(A) Saving and spending; and

(B) Probability and games of chance versus effort.

(b) Beginning in the ~~2024-2025~~ 2026-2027 school year, each local board of education and other public school governing body shall require all students, as a condition of graduation, ~~during their eleventh or twelfth grade years~~ to complete at least a half-credit course in financial literacy ~~which implements the minimum course of instruction~~ based on the content standards prescribed pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section. Such course of instruction shall be completed by students in ninth, tenth, eleventh, or twelfth grade. Such course of instruction may be provided within the framework of existing coursework offered by a local school system, provided that such instruction includes in-depth treatment of real-world financial scenarios and gambling risk analysis. Such course of instruction shall be eligible to count toward a mathematics, social studies, or elective unit of credit requirement for graduation.

(c) Beginning in the 2027-2028 school year, each local board of education and other public school governing body shall provide grade level appropriate instruction in financial literacy to students in kindergarten through eighth grade. Such instruction shall be based on the content standards prescribed pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section. Such instruction may be provided within the framework of existing coursework offered by a local school system.

(d) No local board of education or other public school governing body, local school system, or public school shall:

(1) Partner with any individual or entity who operates any sort of gambling enterprise, activity, or event;

(2) Accept any funding, materials, sponsorships, or other donation from any individual or entity who operates any sort of gambling enterprise, activity, or event; or

(3) Use as part of any instruction promotional materials developed or made available by any individual or entity who operates any sort of gambling enterprise, activity, or event.

(e) The Department of Education shall be authorized to develop and provide technical assistance, guidance, and optional instructional resources to local school systems and public schools and professional development resources for educators, provided that no such resources or materials are developed or made available by any individual or entity who operates any sort of gambling enterprise, activity, or event."

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended in Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2, relating to other education programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," by revising Code Section 20-2-319.5, relating to enrolling home study and private school students in college and career courses, as follows:

"20-2-319.5.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'College and career academy' has the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 20-4-37.

(2) 'Course' means ~~a course~~ an eligible CTAE course, as such term is set forth in Code Section 20-2-161.3, offered by a college and career academy to public school students enrolled in such college and career academy.

(3) 'Home study student' means a student in a home study program which meets the requirements of subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-690.

(4) 'Private school student' means a student in a private school which meets the requirements of subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-690.

(5) 'Resident school system' means the local school system in which a home study student or a private school student would be enrolled by virtue of his or her residence.

(b) Local school systems are authorized to enroll home study students and private school students in one or more courses at a college and career academy which is geographically located within the student's resident school system, the same regional educational service agency (RESA) service area as the student's residence, or a local school system that is adjacent to the student's resident school system irrespective of whether such adjacent local school system is in the same RESA service area as the student's residence, so long as space is available in such course or courses.

(c) The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the provisions of this Code section, which may include, but not limited to:

(1) Forms for use by local school systems to enroll a home study student or a private school student;

(2) Timelines for enrolling and withdrawing from a course;

(3) Procedures for reporting academic progress and grades to the student's parent or guardian and the student's home study program or private school;

(4) Procedures for handling disciplinary issues that arise relating to home study students and private school students while attending the courses;

(5) Procedures for reporting disciplinary issues to the student's parent or guardian; and

(6) Any other procedures or requirements deemed necessary by the state board.

(d) Home study students and private school students enrolled in courses in college and career academies pursuant to this Code section shall meet all of the same requirements for enrollment and participation in a course; shall be subject to all rules, including the school's code of conduct; and shall be subject to any fees for a course which are applicable to the public school students enrolled in the college and career academy.

(e) Home study students and private school students shall be responsible for transportation to and from the college and career academy.

(f) A local board of education shall earn FTE funds for each home study student and private school student enrolled in one or more courses pursuant to this Code section at a college and career academy that has a charter with such local board of education. Such funds shall be earned in accordance with Code Section 20-2-160 for any one-sixth segment of the day or its block scheduling equivalent that each such student attends in a manner similar to nonresident students, or in accordance with State Board of Education guidelines established for such purpose. A local board of education shall not charge

home study students or private school students tuition to enroll in a course pursuant to this Code section."

SECTION 5.

Said title is further amended in Article 11 of Chapter 2, relating to public school property and facilities, by revising Code Section 20-2-591, relating to mobile panic alert system, as follows:

"20-2-591.

(a) Not later than July 1, 2026, each public school shall implement a ~~mobile~~ wearable panic alert system capable of:

(1) Connecting disparate emergency services technologies to ensure real-time coordination between multiple local and state law enforcement and first responder agencies. Such system shall be known as 'Alyssa's Alert' and shall integrate with the technology used in each local public safety answering point, including, but not limited to, Next Generation 9-1-1, as such term is defined in Code Section 38-3-181, to transmit 9-1-1 calls and mobile activations; ~~and~~

(2) Integrating with the school mapping data required in Code Section 38-3-154; and

(3) Initiating emergency notifications through each school campus. Such notifications shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

(A) Automated visual strobes with colors that are mapped to emergency protocols;

(B) An automated, direct connection to each school campus intercom or public announcement infrastructure that is mapped to emergency protocols; and

(C) An automated computer display takeover message that is mapped to emergency protocols.

(b) In addition to the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section, each local school system may implement additional strategies or systems to ensure real-time coordination between multiple first responder agencies in the event of a school security emergency.

(c)(1) Each local school system shall provide each school administrator, teacher, and other school personnel with a wearable panic alert device. Each wearable panic alert device shall be capable of transmitting communications throughout each school campus independently of any Wi-Fi or cellular connectivity to enable contact with local and state law enforcement and first responder agencies.

(2) Upon the activation of an alert through the wearable panic alert system, each wearable panic alert device shall provide accurate location information at the room and floor level inside facilities located on each school campus and to specific areas of the grounds of each school campus.

(d) Each local school system shall, prior to the start of each school year, ensure all school administrators, teachers, and other school personnel receive training on emergency protocols, the wearable panic alert system, and appropriate use of wearable panic alert devices.

~~(c)~~(e) No local school system shall be required to procure or implement new or additional capabilities if, as of July 1, 2026, such local school system has a functioning mobile panic

alert system in place with capabilities that meet the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section."

SECTION 6.

Said title is further amended in Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2, relating to health, by revising Code Section 20-2-775, relating to automated external defibrillators required in high schools, requirements, and funding, as follows:

"20-2-775.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Automated external defibrillator' means a defibrillator which:

(A) Is capable of cardiac rhythm analysis;

(B) Will charge and be capable of being activated to deliver a countershock after electrically detecting the presence of certain cardiac dysrhythmias; and

(C) Is capable of continuously recording cardiac dysrhythmia at the scene with a mechanism for transfer and storage or for printing for review subsequent to use.

(2) 'Bleeding control kit' means a kit used to stop or slow bleeding in emergencies that is approved by the American College of Surgeons and may be obtained through the Georgia Trauma Commission Bleeding Control Kit Program.

~~(2)~~(3) 'Emergency action plan' means the plan established pursuant to paragraph ~~(5)~~ (7) of subsection (c) of this Code section to provide for an emergency response to ~~a~~ any person in cardiac arrest or experiencing severe bleeding.

~~(3)~~(4) 'Internal response team' means the team of school personnel established pursuant to paragraph ~~(7)~~ (9) of subsection (c) of this Code section responsible for oversight of an emergency response to ~~a~~ any person in cardiac arrest or experiencing severe bleeding and implementation of the emergency action plan.

~~(4)~~(5) 'School' means a public school in this state which provides K-12 education.

(b) No later than July 1, 2025, each school in this state shall have at least one functional automated external defibrillator on site at such school at all times and easily accessible during all school hours and during any school related function, including athletic practices, athletic competitions, and other occasions where students and others will be present, for use during emergencies.

(c) Each school shall:

(1) Ensure that each member of the internal response team and any other expected users of the automated external defibrillator receive American Heart Association or American Red Cross training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillator use or complete an equivalent nationally recognized course;

(2) Ensure that each member of the internal response team and any other expected users of the bleeding control kit utilize an instructional or training program established by the American College of Surgeons for stopping bleeding and the use of a bleeding control kit;

~~(2)~~(3) Notify the appropriate emergency medical services system of the existence and location of each automated external defibrillator prior to ~~said~~ such automated external defibrillator being placed in use;

(4) Notify the appropriate emergency medical services system of the existence and location of each bleeding control kit prior to such bleeding control kit being placed in use;

~~(3)~~(5) Ensure that the automated external defibrillator is maintained and tested according to the manufacturer's operational guidelines;

~~(4) Ensure that there is involvement of a licensed physician or other person authorized by the Georgia Composite Medical Board in the site's automated external defibrillator program to ensure compliance with requirements for training, notification, and maintenance;~~

(6) Ensure that the bleeding control kit is maintained and replenished after use;

~~(5)~~(7) Establish a written emergency action plan that adheres to nationally recognized standards and that establishes specific steps to take during ~~a cardiac emergency~~ emergencies in a school setting which involve either cardiac arrest or severe bleeding. Such plan shall be designed to:

(A) Provide ~~provide~~ for an effective system for communication between members of the internal response team and other school officials, ensuring that the internal response team or other designated personnel activate the emergency medical services system as soon as reasonably possible after any person renders emergency care or treatment to a person in cardiac arrest by using an automated external defibrillator and ~~report any clinical use of the automated external defibrillator to the licensed physician or other person authorized by the Georgia Composite Medical Board who is supervising the program, and~~ ensuring that emergency medical services personnel are led directly to the exact location of the person in cardiac arrest; and

(B) Provide for an effective system for communication between members of the internal response team and other school officials, ensuring that the internal response team or other designated personnel activate the emergency medical services system as soon as reasonably possible after any person renders emergency care or treatment to a person experiencing severe bleeding by using a bleeding control kit and ensuring that emergency medical services personnel are led directly to the exact location of the person experiencing severe bleeding;

~~(6)~~(8) Beginning in the ~~2025-2026~~ 2026-2027 school year and each school year thereafter, conduct a minimum of two emergency action plan practice drills per school year, with at least one per semester. One such practice drill may be a tabletop drill to walk through a hypothetical scenario and the courses of action a school will need to take before, during, and after ~~a~~ any cardiac emergency or severe bleeding emergency. The emergency action plan practice drills shall include various locations on school grounds and responses to different hypothetical situations;

~~(7)~~(9) Establish a designated internal response team composed of:

(A) At least five school staff members;

(B) One or more designated team leads trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, ~~and~~ automated external defibrillator use, and bleeding control kit use, and who shall be responsible for oversight of an emergency response;

(C) One or more designated cardiopulmonary resuscitation and bleeding control kit leads trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, ~~and~~ automated external defibrillator use, and bleeding control kit use;

(D) One or more designated automated external defibrillator and bleeding control kit leads who shall be responsible for knowing the location of automated external defibrillators, retrieving automated external defibrillators, and maintenance of automated external defibrillators and who shall also be responsible for knowing the location of bleeding control kits, retrieving bleeding control kits, and maintenance of bleeding control kits; and

(E) One or more designated communication leads responsible for activating the emergency medical services system, facilitating directions to ~~the~~ any person in cardiac arrest or experiencing severe bleeding for emergency medical services personnel upon arrival at the school, and coordinating communications with the designated team lead or leads; and

~~(8)~~(10) Apprise all school personnel of the location of automated external defibrillators and bleeding control kits and the identities of the members of the internal response team.

(d) Subject to appropriations by the General Assembly, the Department of Education shall provide funds to local school systems to assist in the purchase of automated external defibrillators pursuant to this Code section.

(e) The department and local school systems shall consult as necessary with the Georgia Trauma Commission Bleeding Control Kit Program and Regional Trauma Advisory Committee coordinators to obtain bleeding control kits and to provide training on bleeding control kit use to meet the requirements of this Code section.

~~(e)~~(f) The department and local school systems shall use diligent efforts to identify private sources of funding or donation of funding and equipment for cardiopulmonary resuscitation, automated external defibrillator use, and bleeding control kit use to meet the requirements of this Code section."

SECTION 7.

Said title is further amended in Article 27 of Chapter 2, relating to loitering at or disrupting schools, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-1187.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'weapon' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-11-127.1.

(b)(1) Each local board of education and other public school governing body shall implement a weapon detection system and shall adopt policies, rules, regulations, and procedures as necessary to establish and provide for security measures to:

(A) Detect, through electronic, analytical, visual, olfactory, or other means, the presence of weapons; and

(B) Aid in the prevention of any individual attempting to unlawfully possess or carry a weapon in any permanent building that is owned by or leased to a local board of

education or other public school governing body where students are present in accordance with routine school operations and procedures.

(2) Such system, policies, rules, regulations, and procedures shall, at a minimum, require that such security measures are utilized at all main points of entry to such permanent buildings, as provided in school safety plans required under Code Section 20-2-1185; provided, however, that such security measures shall not be required for any point of entry to or exit from such permanent buildings that routinely remains locked, is equipped with an alarm that sounds when the point of entry or exit is accessed, and is not intended for student use or is intended for student use only on an emergency basis.

(c) Each local board of education and other public school governing body shall be authorized to use available grants and other funding to meet the requirements of this Code section."

SECTION 8.

Said title is further amended in Article 31B of Chapter 2, relating to charter school capital finance, by designating Code Sections 20-2-2095 through 20-2-2095.5 as Part 1, by replacing the term "article" with the term "part" wherever the former term appears in any of such Code sections, and by adding a new part to read as follows:

"Part 2

20-2-2095.20.

As used in this part, the term:

(1) 'Authority' means the Georgia Charter School Facilities Authority created in this part.

(2) 'Charter school' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 20-2-2095.1.

(3) 'Cost of project' or 'cost of any project' means:

(A) All costs of acquisition, by purchase or otherwise, construction, assembly, installation, modification, renovation, extension, or rehabilitation incurred in connection with any project or any part of any project;

(B) All costs of real property, fixtures, or personal property used in or in connection with or necessary for any project or for any facilities related thereto, including, but not limited to, the costs of all land, interests in land, estates for years, easements, rights, improvements, water rights, and connections for utility services; the costs of fees, franchises, permits, approvals, licenses, and certificates; the costs of securing any such franchises, permits, approvals, licenses, or certificates; the costs of preparation of any application therefor; and the costs of all fixtures, machinery, equipment, furniture, and other property used in or in connection with or necessary for any project;

(C) All financing charges and loan or loan guarantee fees and all interest on notes of the authority which accrue or are paid prior to and during the period of construction

of a project and during such additional period as the authority may reasonably determine to be necessary to place such project in operation;

(D) All costs of engineering, surveying, planning, environmental assessments, financial analyses, and architectural, legal, and accounting services and all expenses incurred by engineers, surveyors, planners, environmental scientists, fiscal analysts, architects, attorneys, accountants, and any other necessary technical personnel in connection with any project;

(E) All expenses for inspection of any project;

(F) All fees and all other costs and expenses incurred relative to the issuance of any notes for any project;

(G) All fees of any type charged by the authority in connection with any project;

(H) All expenses of or incidental to determining the feasibility or practicability of any project;

(I) All costs of plans and specifications for any project;

(J) All costs of title insurance and examinations of title with respect to any project;

(K) Repayment of any loans for the advance payment of any part of any of the foregoing costs, including interest thereon and any other expenses of such loans;

(L) Administrative expenses of the authority, including, but not limited to, personnel and operational costs, and such other expenses as may be necessary or incidental to any project or the financing thereof or the placing of any project in operation; and

(M) The establishment of a fund or funds as the authority may approve with respect to the financing and operation of any project and as may be authorized by any instrument or agreement pursuant to the provisions of which the issuance of any notes of the authority may be authorized.

Any cost, obligation, or expense incurred for any of the purposes specified in this paragraph shall be a part of the cost of the project and may be paid or reimbursed as such out of the proceeds of notes issued by the authority.

(4) 'Educational facilities' shall include buildings, fixtures, and equipment necessary for the effective and efficient operation of charter schools, which, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, shall include: classrooms; libraries; rooms and space for physical education; space for fine arts; restrooms; specialized laboratories; cafeterias; media centers; building equipment; building fixtures; furnishings; career, technical, and agricultural education labs and facilities to support industry credentialing; related exterior facilities; landscaping and paving; and similar items which the State Board of Education may determine necessary. The following facilities are specifically excluded: swimming pools, tracks, stadiums, and other facilities or portions of facilities used primarily for athletic competition.

(5) 'Project' means the acquisition, construction, installation, modification, renovation, repair, extension, renewal, replacement, or rehabilitation of land, interest in land, buildings, structures, facilities, or other improvements and the acquisition, installation, modification, renovation, repair, extension, renewal, replacement, rehabilitation, or furnishing of fixtures, machinery, equipment, furniture, or other property of any nature whatsoever used on, in, or in connection with any such land, interest in land, building,

structure, facility, or other improvement, all for the essential public purpose of providing educational facilities.
(6) 'Qualified charter school organization' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 20-2-2095.1.
(7) 'Renovation' or 'modernization' or both refers to construction projects which consist of the installation or replacement of major building components including lighting, heating, air-conditioning, plumbing, roofing, electrical, electronic, or flooring systems; millwork; cabinet work and fixed equipment; energy retrofit packages; or room-size modifications within an existing facility, but excluding routine maintenance and repair items or operations.

20-2-2095.21.
(a) There is created a body corporate and politic to be known as the Georgia Charter School Facilities Authority which shall be deemed an instrumentality of the state and a public corporation; and by that name, style, and title such body may contract and be contracted with and bring and defend actions in all courts of this state. The authority shall consist of 15 members: the State School Superintendent, ex officio; the chairperson of the State Board of Education, ex officio; the state property officer, ex officio; the state auditor, ex officio; the executive director of the State Charter Schools Commission, ex officio; the director of the Office of Charter School Compliance, ex officio; three members to be appointed by the Governor; three members to be appointed by the President of the Senate; and three members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each appoint one member to serve until July 1, 2028, and two members to serve until July 1, 2030. Upon the expiration of each such initial terms, the terms of all succeeding members shall be for four years.
(b) A majority of the members of the authority shall constitute a quorum. No vacancy on the authority shall impair the right of a majority of the appointed members from exercising all rights and performing all duties of the authority.
(c) The members of the authority shall be accountable in all respects as trustees. The authority shall keep suitable books and records of all actions and transactions and shall submit such books together with a statement of the authority's financial position to an independent auditing firm selected by the authority on or about the close of the state's fiscal year for the purpose of obtaining a certified audit of the authority's finances.
(d) The authority shall make rules and regulations for its own government. The authority shall have perpetual existence. Any change in the name or composition of the authority shall in no way affect the vested rights of any person under this part or impair the obligations of any contracts existing under this part.
(e) The Attorney General shall provide legal services for the authority and in connection therewith Code Sections 45-15-13 through 45-15-16 shall be fully applicable.
(f) The members of the commission shall not be compensated for their services on the commission but may be reimbursed for per diem and travel expenses in the same manner as provided for in Code Section 45-7-21.

(g) Until such time as proceeds generated from the issuance of notes are adequate to cover the personnel and operational costs of the authority, the authority may withhold up to 5 percent of the authority's total appropriation to cover personnel and operational costs.
(h) The authority is assigned to the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission for administrative purposes, which shall include providing .the authority with facilities, office space, telephones, furniture, office equipment, supplies, and such personnel as may be considered necessary to the proper functioning of the authority.

20-2-2095.22.
(a) The corporate purpose and the general nature of the business of the authority shall be assistance in constructing, extending, rehabilitating, repairing, replacing, and renewing educational facilities necessary for educational purposes or necessary or incidental to such purposes by providing loans and other forms of financial and technical assistance to qualified charter school organizations to finance any project or pay the cost of any project.
(b) The authority shall have power:
(1) To have a seal and alter the same at its pleasure;
(2) To adopt bylaws governing the conduct of business by the authority, the election and duties of officers of the authority, and other matters which the authority determines to deal with in its bylaws;
(3) To designate three or more of its number to constitute an executive committee who, to the extent provided in such resolution or in the bylaws of the authority, shall have and may exercise the powers of the authority in the management of the affairs and property of the authority and the exercise of its powers;
(4) To make and execute contracts, lease agreements, and all other instruments necessary or convenient to exercise the powers of the authority or to further the public purpose for which the authority is created, such contracts, leases, or instruments to include contracts for construction, operation, management, or maintenance of projects and facilities owned by a charter school organization, a local government, the authority, or by the state or any state authority; and any and all local governments, departments, institutions, authorities, or agencies of the state are authorized to enter into contracts, leases, agreements, or other instruments with the authority upon such terms and to transfer real and personal property to the authority for such consideration and for such purposes as the authority deems advisable;
(5) To acquire by purchase, lease, or otherwise and to hold, lease, and dispose of real or personal property of every kind and character, or any interest therein, in furtherance of the public purpose of the authority;
(6) To make loans to qualified charter school organizations to finance projects and to pay the cost of any project by qualified charter school organizations and to adopt rules, regulations, and procedures for making such loans, including to fund a revolving loan fund;
(7) To make loans to any qualified charter school organization for the cost or expense of any project or any part of the cost or expense of any project, which loans may be

evidenced or secured by trust indentures, loan agreements, notes, mortgages, deeds to secure debt, trust deeds, security agreements, or assignments, on such terms and conditions as the authority shall determine to be reasonable in connection with such loans, including provision for the establishment and maintenance of reserve funds; and, in the exercise of powers granted by this part in connection with any project, the authority shall have the right and power to require the inclusion in any such trust indentures, loan agreement, note, mortgage, deed to secure debt, trust deed, security agreement, assignment, or other instrument such provisions or requirements for guaranty of any obligations, insurance, construction, use, operation, maintenance, and financing of a project and such other terms and conditions as the authority may deem necessary or desirable;

(8) To finance projects by loan, loan guarantee, lease, or otherwise, and to pay the cost of any project from any funds of the authority or from any contributions or loans by persons, corporations, partnerships, whether limited or general, or other entities, all of which the authority is authorized to receive, accept, and use;

(9) To collect fees and charges in connection with its loans, loan guarantees, commitments, management services, and servicing including, but not limited to, reimbursements of costs of financing, as the authority shall determine to be reasonable and as shall be approved by the authority;

(10) To lease to qualified charter school organizations any authority owned facilities or property or any state owned facilities or property which the authority is managing under contract with the state;

(11) To acquire or contract to acquire from any person, firm, corporation, local government, federal or state agency, or corporation by grant, purchase, or otherwise, leaseholds, real or personal property, or any interest therein; and to sell, assign, exchange, transfer, convey, lease, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of or encumber the same; and qualified charter school organization is authorized to grant, sell, or otherwise alienate leaseholds, real and personal property, or any interest therein to the authority;

(12) To apply for and to accept any gifts or grants or loan guarantees or loans of funds or property or financial or other aid in any form from the federal government or any agency or instrumentality thereof, or from the state or any agency or instrumentality thereof, or from any other source for any or all of the purposes specified in this part and to comply, subject to the provisions of this part, with the terms and conditions thereof;

(13) To contract with state agencies or any qualified charter school organization for the use by the authority of any property or facilities or services of the state or any such state qualified charter school organization or for the use by any state agency or qualified charter school organization of any facilities or services of the authority and such state agencies and qualified charter school organizations are authorized to enter into such contracts;

(14) As security for repayment of any obligations of the authority, to pledge, lease, mortgage, convey, assign, hypothecate, or otherwise encumber any property of the authority including, but not limited to, real property, fixtures, personal property, and other funds and to execute any lease, trust indenture, trust agreement, agreement for the

sale of the authority's obligations, loan agreement, mortgage, deed to secure debt, trust deed, security agreement, assignment, or other agreement or instrument as may be necessary or desirable, in the judgment of the authority, to secure any such obligations, which instruments or agreements may provide for foreclosure or forced sale of any property of the authority upon default in any obligation of the authority, either in payment of principal, premium, if any, or interest or in the performance of any term or condition contained in any such agreement or instrument;

(15) To use income earned on any investment for such corporate purposes of the authority as the authority in its discretion shall determine;

(16) To incorporate one or more nonprofit corporations as subsidiary corporations of the authority for the purpose of carrying out any of the powers of the authority and to accomplish any of the purposes of the authority. Any such subsidiary corporation shall be a nonprofit corporation, a public body corporate and politic, a political subdivision of the state, and an instrumentality of the state and shall exercise essential governmental functions. Any subsidiary corporations created pursuant to this power shall be created pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 14, the 'Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code,' and the Secretary of State shall be authorized to accept such filings. Upon dissolution of any subsidiary corporation of the authority, any assets shall revert to the authority or to any successor to the authority or, failing such succession, to the State of Georgia. The authority shall not be liable for the debts or obligations of any subsidiary corporation or for the actions or omissions to act of any subsidiary corporation unless the authority expressly so consents;

(17) To cooperate and act in conjunction with educational organizations; with agencies of the federal government and this state and local government; with other states and their political subdivisions; and with joint agencies thereof, and such state agencies, local government, and joint agencies are authorized and empowered to cooperate and act in conjunction and to enter into contracts or agreements with the authority and qualified charter school organizations to achieve or further the policies of the state declared in this part;

(18) To procure insurance against any loss in connection with its property and other assets or obligations or to establish cash reserves to enable it to act as self-insurer against any and all such losses;

(19) To lend any of the securities of the type described in this subsection;

(20) To transfer to the state any funds of the authority determined by the authority to be in excess of those needed for its corporate purposes;

(21) To make loan commitments and loans to qualified charter school organizations for educational facilities projects;

(22) To exercise any power granted by the laws of this state to public or private corporations which is not in conflict with the public purpose of the authority;

(23) To do all things necessary or convenient to carry out the powers conferred by this part; and

(24) To promulgate and adopt rules and regulations to carry out the purposes of this part.

(c) The authority shall not have the power of eminent domain.

20-2-2095.23.

(a) The authority may make loans to a qualified charter school organization to pay all or any part of the cost of:

(1) A project, up to a maximum of the lesser of 20 percent of the project total or $2 million, except as provided for in paragraph (2) of this subsection; and

(2) A renovation or modernization project, up to a maximum of $200,000.00.

(b) The authority shall not enter into any loan or loan commitment with a qualified charter school organization for a term that exceeds the earlier of the expiration date of such qualified charter school organization's current charter agreement with the State Board of Education or five years.

(c) The authority and a qualified charter school organization may enter into such loan or other loan commitments as may be determined appropriate by the authority.

(d) The authority may require as a condition of any loan to a qualified charter school organization that such qualified charter school organization shall perform any or all of the following:

(1) Create and maintain a special fund or funds as additional security for the payment of any amounts becoming due under any agreement as shall be sufficient to make such payment as the same shall become due and payable;

(2) Create and maintain such other special funds as may be required by the authority; and

(3) Such other acts, including the conveyance of real and personal property together with all right, title, or interest therein to the authority, as may be deemed necessary or desirable by the authority to secure the payment of the principal of and interest on notes or obligations and to provide for the remedies of the authority in the event of any default by such qualified charter school organization in such payment.

(e) All qualified charter school organizations are authorized to perform such acts, take such action, adopt such proceedings, and make and carry out such contracts with the authority as may be contemplated by this part.

(f) In connection with the making of any loan authorized by this part, the authority may fix and collect such fees and charges, including, but not limited to, the reimbursement of all costs of financing by the authority, as the authority shall determine to be reasonable.

20-2-2095.24.

(a) For the purposes of this Code section, the term 'lease agreement' means and includes a lease, operating lease rental agreement, usufruct, sale and lease back, or any other lease agreement having a term of not more than 50 years and concerning real, personal, or mixed property, any right, title, or interest therein by and between the state, the authority, a qualified charter school organization, or any combination thereof.

(b) A qualified charter school organization may enter into a lease agreement for the provision of educational facilities owned by the authority upon such terms and conditions

as the authority shall determine to be reasonable including, but not limited to, the reimbursement of all costs of construction and financing and claims arising therefrom.

(c) No lease agreement shall be deemed to be a contract subject to any law requiring that a contract shall be let only after receipt of competitive bids.

(d) Any lease agreement may provide for the construction of an educational facility by the qualified charter school organization as agent for the authority. In such event, all contracts for such construction shall be let by such qualified charter school organization in accordance with the provisions of law otherwise applicable to the letting of such contracts by such qualified charter school organization and with the provisions of state law pertaining to prevailing wages, labor standards, and working hours. Any such lease agreement may contain provisions by which such qualified charter school organization shall indemnify the authority against any and all damages resulting from acts or omissions to act on the part of such qualified charter school organization or its officers, agents, or employees in constructing such facility or facilities, in letting any contracts in connection therewith, or in operating and maintaining the same.

(e) Any lease agreement directly between the state or authority and a qualified charter school organization may contain provisions requiring the qualified charter school organization to perform any or all of the following:

(1) Create and maintain a special fund or funds as additional security for the payment of any amounts becoming due under any agreement as shall be sufficient to make such payment as the same shall become due and payable;

(2) Create and maintain such other special funds as may be required by the authority; and

(3) Such other acts and take such other action as may be deemed necessary and desirable by the authority to secure the complete and punctual performance by such qualified charter school organization of such lease agreements and to provide for the remedies of the authority in the event of a default by such qualified charter school organization in such payment.

20-2-2095.25.

Neither the members of the authority nor any officer or employee of the authority acting on behalf thereof, while acting within the scope of his or her authority, shall be subject to any liability resulting from:

(1) The construction, ownership, maintenance, or operation of any project financed with the assistance of the authority; or

(2) Carrying out any of the powers expressly given in this part.

20-2-2095.26.

No notice, proceeding, or publication except those required in this part shall be necessary to the performance of any act authorized in this part; nor shall any such act be subject to referendum.

20-2-2095.27.
No obligations of and no indebtedness incurred by the authority shall constitute an indebtedness or obligation or a pledge of the faith and credit of the State of Georgia or of its agencies; nor shall any act of the authority in any manner constitute or result in the creation of an indebtedness of the state or its agencies or a cause of action against the state or its agencies.

20-2-2095.28.
It is found, determined, and declared that the creation of this authority and the carrying out of its corporate purposes is in all respects for the benefit of the people of the state and that the authority is an institution of purely public charity and will be performing an essential governmental function in the exercise of the power conferred upon it by this part. For such reasons, the state covenants with the holders from time to time of obligations issued under this part that the authority shall not be required to pay any taxes or assessments imposed by the state or any of its counties, municipal corporations, political subdivisions, or taxing districts upon any property acquired by the authority or under its jurisdiction, control, possession, or supervision or leased by it to others, or upon its activities in the operation or maintenance of any such property or on any income derived by the authority in the form of fees, recording fees, rentals, charges, purchase price, installments, or otherwise, and that the notes of the authority, their transfer, and the income therefrom shall at all times be exempt from taxation within the state. The tax exemption provided in this part shall not include any exemption from sales and use tax on property purchased by the authority or for use by the authority.

20-2-2095.29.
The authority shall have all rights afforded the state by virtue of the Constitution of the United States, and nothing in this part shall be construed to remove any such rights.

20-2-2095.30.
This part, being for the welfare of this state and its inhabitants, shall be liberally construed to effect the purposes specified in this part.

20-2-2095.31.
(a) In the event of a failure of any qualified charter school organization to collect and remit in full all amounts due to the authority and all amounts due to others which involve the authority, on the date such amounts are due under the terms of any note of the qualified charter school organization, it shall be the duty of the authority to notify the state treasurer who shall withhold all funds of the state and all funds administered by the state and its agencies, boards, and instrumentalities allotted to such qualified charter school organization until such qualified charter school organization has collected and remitted in full all sums due and cured or remedied all defaults on any such note.
(b) Nothing contained in this Code section shall mandate the withholding of funds allocated to a qualified charter school organization which would violate contracts to

which the state is a party, the requirements of federal law imposed on the state, or judgments of any court binding the state."

SECTION 9.

Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to military, emergency management, and veterans affairs, is amended in Article 10 of Chapter 3, relating to statewide first responder building mapping information system, by revising Code Section 38-3-154, relating to school mapping data and immunity from liability, as follows:

"38-3-154.

(a) Not later than July 1, 2026, each public school shall procure school mapping data which shall:

(1) Be in formats that conform to and integrate with software platforms utilized in local public safety answering points and by local, state, and federal public safety agencies that respond to emergencies at schools and that do not require such agencies to purchase additional software or provide payment in order to view or access such data;

(2) Be in formats capable of being printed, shared electronically, and, if requested, digitally integrated into interactive mobile platforms;

(3) Be verified for accuracy by July 1 each year by relevant public safety agencies, school safety personnel, school administrators, or the entity producing such school mapping data by means of an in-person inspection of each school;

(4) Identify and label access points of each building interior, including, but not limited to, rooms, doors, stairwells, and hallways, each of which shall include any identifiers or names utilized by staff and students;

(5) Identify and label locations of critical utilities, key boxes, automated external defibrillators, and trauma kits or other emergency response aids; and

(6) Identify and label areas at or near each school, including parking areas, athletic fields, surrounding roads, outbuildings, and neighboring properties.

(b) Any future updates to school mapping data provided for in this Code section shall conform to and integrate with software platforms utilized in local public safety answering points and by local, state, and federal public safety agencies that provide emergency services to each school.

(c) The agency shall be authorized to develop rules and regulations for the requirements for school mapping data, including, but not limited to, standards for the use of school mapping data, encryption of such data, and transmission of such data over secure methods to law enforcement officers, firefighters, and other authorized emergency first responders.

(d) Local school systems shall collaborate with and receive concurrence from its primary local law enforcement agency prior to procuring school mapping data to ensure such school mapping data meets the requirements of this Code section.

(e) Information provided to the agency under this Code section shall be exempt from public disclosure to the extent provided in Code Section 50-18-72.

(f)(1) Local boards of education, local school systems, public schools, and local governments and agencies shall be immune from civil liability for any damages arising out of the creation and use of the school mapping data.

(2) Employees of local boards of education, local school systems, and local governments and agencies shall be immune from civil liability for any damages arising out of the creation and use of the school mapping data unless it is shown that such employee acted with gross negligence or bad faith."

SECTION 10.

Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended in Article 2 of Chapter 17, the "Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission Act," by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 50-17-22, relating to the State Financing and Investment Commission, as follows:

"(a) **Responsibilities**. Subject to the limitations contained in this article, the commission shall be responsible for the issuance of all public debt incurred hereunder, for the proper application of the proceeds of such debt to the purposes for which it is incurred, for the proper application of an appropriation to the commission for capital outlay to the purpose for which it is appropriated, and for the application and administration of this article; provided, however, that the proceeds of guaranteed revenue obligations shall be paid to the issuer thereof, and such proceeds and the application thereof shall be the responsibility of the issuer. The commission shall also be responsible for the proper disbursement of an appropriation to it for public school capital outlay, including charter school capital outlay, and the commission and the State Board of Education will be concurrently responsible for its proper application. The commission shall be responsible for the issuance of guaranteed revenue debt, except that bonds themselves evidencing such debt shall be in the name of the instrumentality of this state issuing the same and shall be issued and executed in accordance with the laws relative to such instrumentality and the applicable provisions of this article."

SECTION 11.

(a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026.

(b) Section 6 of this Act shall become effective only if funds are specifically appropriated for purposes of this Act in an appropriations Act enacted by the General Assembly. If funds are so appropriated, then Section 6 of this Act shall become effective on the later of:

(1) The date on which such appropriations Act becomes effective; or

(2) The beginning date of the fiscal year for which such appropriations are made.

(c) Section 7 of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2028.

SECTION 12.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House agree to the Senate amendment, as amended by the House, to HB 1396.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
E Adesanya	E Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	N Sampson
N Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Alexander	N Crawford	N Herring	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
N Au	N Davis	N Holcomb	N Miller	N Scott
N Baker	N Dawson	N Holland	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
N Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	N Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Myles	N Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	E Neal	Y Smith, TP
N Bazemore	N Douglas	N Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
N Beckles	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
N Bell	N Drenner	N Hugley	N Okoye	N Stinson
N Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	Y Tarvin
E Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	N Taylor, R
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Townsend
N Burnough	N Evans	N Jones, A	N Park	N Tran
N Byrd	Y Fincher	P Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	N Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
N Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	N Frye	N Kendrick	N Prince	Y Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	N Reese	N Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, A
N Carter	N Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	N Griffin	Y Martin	E Ridley, Jor	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 93, nays 75.

The motion prevailed.

HB 1238. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Hawkins of the 27th, Cameron of the 1st, Crawford of the 89th and Cooper of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally,

so as to direct the Department of Community Health to submit a waiver request to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to authorize the qualification of certain caregivers for Medicaid reimbursement for the provision of respite care and related services; to provide for implementation upon approval; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to direct the Department of Community Health to submit a waiver request to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to authorize the qualification of certain caregivers for Medicaid reimbursement for the provision of respite care and related services; to provide for implementation upon approval; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"49-4-142.6.

(a) Not later than December 31, 2026, the department shall submit a waiver request to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to authorize the qualification of caregivers of those recipients of medical assistance who are under the age of 21 and at risk for out of home placement or residential treatment due to complex behavioral health conditions for Medicaid reimbursement for the provision of respite care and related services in the least restrictive, most family-like setting possible to meet the recipient's needs.

(b) Upon approval of the waiver provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section, the department shall take all necessary steps to provide for payment of such care and services with Medicaid funds."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following amendment was read and adopted:

Representative Dempsey of the 13th offers the following amendment:

Amend the substitute to HB 1238 (LC 52 1088S) by replacing line 6 with the following:
to amend Article 1 of Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding juvenile code, so as to establish procedures for children who remain in certain clinical facilities after inpatient medical necessity has been met due to the absence of an immediate and safe discharge placement; to authorize facilities to make referrals to MATCH and provide notice to the Division of Family and Children Services; to require the Division of Family and Children Services to file a petition alleging dependency within 45 days of notice; to establish an intensive care coordinator; to provide for construction; to amend Article 6 of Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to programs and protection for children, so as to require the Division of Family and Children Services to file a petition alleging dependency within 45 days of notice; to provide expedited reunification services for children; to provide for reports; to provide for related matters; to provide for contingent effectiveness; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By inserting between lines 22 and 23 the following:
Article 1 of Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding juvenile code, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"15-11-42.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Child' means a minor enrolled in a Medicaid health plan or considered underinsured or uninsured.

(2) 'Clinically appropriate level of care' means a service that is recommended by a treatment team with knowledge about the child's current clinical presentation.

(3) 'Crisis stabilization unit' means a short-term residential program designed to provide psychiatric stabilization and detoxification services.

(4) 'Evidence based services' means programs, therapies, and interventions that are scientifically validated to reduce recidivism, improve long-term outcomes of youth, and prevent deeper involvement in the juvenile justice system.

(5) 'Home setting' means a residential setting that is not a licensed clinical facility.

(6) 'Licensed clinical facility' means any facility that admits children only upon a determination of medical necessity by a treating clinician. This includes psychiatric residential treatment facilities and crisis stabilization units.

(7) 'MATCH' means the Multi-Agency Treatment for Children (MATCH) team within the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities as established pursuant to Code Section 37-1-20.

(8) 'Psychiatric residential treatment facility' means a subacute residential alternative to acute psychiatric hospitalization.

(9) 'Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse' means an initiative of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, established under the federal Family First Prevention Services Act, that reviews and rates child welfare programs.

(b) When a hospital, psychiatric hospital, or licensed clinical facility determines that a child is ready to discharge but remains in the facility due to the absence of an immediate and safe discharge placement, the facility may submit a referral to MATCH. The facility's referral shall include a clinical recommendation of what the clinically appropriate level of care to which the child can safely be discharged. MATCH shall follow typical protocols, including attempting engagement with family and legal guardians to identify family-specific recommendations of service providers to meet the needs identified by the child's clinicians. MATCH shall submit written recommendations to the referring facility.

(c)(1) The facility may notify the Division of Family and Children Services intake when the parents or legal guardians of a child ready to discharge do not agree to promptly provide the child a home setting or consent to treatment in a clinically appropriate level of care and:

(A) The facility has recommended discharge to a clinically appropriate level of care as the least restrictive setting in which the child can safely be served; and

(B) MATCH has identified home and community based supports and services the family can access.

(2) Upon such notification and documentation that reasonable efforts to engage the parents in a clinically recommended discharge plan have occurred, the Division of Family and Children Services shall file a dependency petition within 45 days of receiving notice from a hospital, psychiatric hospital, psychiatric hospital, or licensed clinical facility that a child remains in the facility after medical necessity has been met.

(3) During the course of the investigation or upon filing the petition, the Division of Family and Children Services investigator in charge of the case shall begin focused case management activities, including assigning a customized intensive care coordinator to facilitate clinical discharge planning, treatment coordination, parent, guardian, or legal custodian engagement, and transition services for the purpose of preventing unnecessary foster care placement and supporting safe reunification.

(d) To facilitate reunification and prevent unnecessary termination of parental rights, the Division of Family and Children Services shall provide expedited access to evidence based in-home parent skill-based programs and services approved by the Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse.

(e) Nothing in this Code section shall prohibit the Division of Family and Children Services from assuming protective custody of a child or seeking appropriate orders of the juvenile court when necessary to protect the health or safety of the child.

(f) A child meeting the criteria described in subsection (c) of this Code section shall not be deemed abandoned solely because a parent, guardian, or legal custodian lacks the clinical capacity, financial resources, treatment access, or placement options necessary to immediately resume custody.

(g) The court shall review the Division of Family and Children Services' reasonable and diligent efforts to support engagement and prevent foster care placement at each review hearing, including, but not limited to:

(1) Referrals to evidence based services;

(2) Assistance with transportation, visitation, or treatment access;

(3) Coordination of clinical discharge and placement planning; and

(4) Communication with the parent, guardian, or legal custodian.

(h) Except where allowed by the federal Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997, in effect on January 1, 2026, termination of parental rights shall not be sought solely on the basis of treatment complexity, placement availability, or lack of an immediate and safe discharge placement."

SECTION 3.

Article 6 of Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to programs and protection for children, is amended by adding a new part to read as follows:

"Part 4

49-5-158.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse' means an initiative of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, established under the federal Family First Prevention Services Act, that reviews and rates child welfare programs.

(b) The Division of Family and Children Services shall file a dependency petition within 45 days of receiving notice from a hospital, psychiatric hospital, or licensed clinical facility that a child remains in the facility after medical necessity has been met.

(c) The Division of Family and Children Services shall provide expedited reunification services to children subject to this Code section, including evidence based in-home parent skill-based programs and services approved by the Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse.

(d) The Department of Human Services shall report to the House Appropriations Committee and the Senate Appropriations Committee regarding:

(1) The number of children identified under this Code section and not served;

(2) The average duration of hospital boarding of a child after such child is medically ready for discharge;

(3) Permanency outcomes, including reunification and termination of parental rights; and

(4) Utilization of evidence based in-home parent skill-based programs and services approved by the Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse."

SECTION 4.

(a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026.

(b) Sections 2 and 3 of this Act shall become effective only if state funds are specifically appropriated for the purposes of such sections in an appropriations Act enacted by the General Assembly.

(c) If funds are so appropriated, then this Act shall become effective on the later of:

(1) The date on which such appropriations Act becomes effective; or

(2) The beginning date of the fiscal year for which such appropriations are made.

SECTION 5.

Representative Dempsey of the 13th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute, as amended by the House, to HB 1238.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
E Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	E Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
N Byrd	Y Fincher	P Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 165, nays 2.

The motion prevailed.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bills of the House:

HB 52. By Representatives Rice of the 139th, O'Steen of the 169th, Reeves of the 99th, Cannon of the 172nd and Bonner of the 73rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to homestead exemption by qualified disabled veteran, filing requirements, periodic substantiation of eligibility, persons eligible without application, and retroactive award, so as to extend a homestead exemption for unremarried surviving spouses or minor children of a disabled veteran to include any future homestead; to clarify language; to provide for related matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1409. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Persinger of the 119th, Dempsey of the 13th, Hatchett of the 155th, Rice of the 139th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to provisions relative to parent and child relationship generally, so as to revise mandated reporting of child abuse; to provide for definitions; to provide for reporting requirements; to provide for the use of a secure web based reporting platform; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1434. By Representatives Jenkins of the 136th, Crowe of the 118th, Jasperse of the 11th and McDonald III of the 26th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to powers of local governments as to air facilities, so as to provide for the identification of airport affected areas; to provide for public notice and public hearing; to require the adoption, administration, and enforcement of regulations relative to the use of land in

airport affected areas; to provide for standards for adoption of such regulations; to provide for consultation with the Department of Transportation; to provide for the adoption of local methods of enforcing regulations relative to airport area affected areas; to provide for a method for requesting variances; to provide for penalties; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed as amended, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bills of the House:

HB 295. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Leverett of the 123rd, Crowe of the 118th, Jones of the 47th, Anderson of the 10th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, so as to provide procedures for real property owners to make claims for compensation from local governments for loss of property value or expenses incurred due to the local government's failure to comply with or nonenforcement of certain laws, ordinances, and resolutions or due to the local government maintaining a public nuisance; and for other purposes.

HB 1295. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Stephens of the 164th, Hawkins of the 27th, Au of the 50th, LaHood of the 175th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to physician assistants, so as to enter into an interstate compact known as the "PA Licensure Compact"; to revise provisions relating to the Georgia Composite Medical Board; to provide for date of implementation, withdrawal, and amendment; to provide for construction and severability; to provide for effect of the compact; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bill of the House:

HB 1187. By Representatives Hong of the 103rd, Gambill of the 15th, Seabaugh of the 34th, Wade of the 9th, Gunter of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 8 of Chapter 11 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to provisional and final remedies and special proceedings, so as to prohibit as contrary to the public policy of this state any contract or agreement that has the purpose or effect of concealing the

details relating to a claim of childhood sexual abuse; to provide for the confidentiality of identifying information of victims of childhood sexual abuse; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Bill of the House was taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 1247. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Powell of the 33rd, Tarvin of the 2nd, Horner of the 3rd, Donatucci of the 105th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions, so as to prohibit courts and administrative officers from deferring to agency interpretations of laws and regulations; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Titles 15, 31, 48, and 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, health, revenue and taxation, and state government, respectively, so as to prohibit courts and administrative officers from deferring to agency interpretations of laws and regulations; to provide for construction; to provide for conforming changes; to revise procedures concerning the adoption of administrative rules; to revise procedures within the General Assembly concerning objections to proposed administrative rules; to provide for periodic review and automatic sunset of agency rules; to provide for notice to agencies subject to review; to require that agencies review and report upon rules and regulatory requirements in preparation for review; to provide for forms and reporting procedures; to provide for public hearings; to provide a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for short titles; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

This part shall be known and may be cited as the "Georgia Bureaucratic Deference Elimination Act."

SECTION 1-2.

Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, is amended in Chapter 1, relating to general provisions, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"15-1-24.

(a) When interpreting this state's Constitution, statutes, or published rules, a court, or an officer hearing an administrative action, shall not defer to a state agency's determination or interpretation of such authorities, whether such determination or interpretation is written or unwritten.

(b) This Code section shall not be construed to alter any standards of judicial review expressly established by statute."

SECTION 1-3.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 5B, relating to tax courts, by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 15-5B-16, relating to conduct of trials, as follows:

"(a) Trials in proceedings before the court shall be de novo and without a jury. All questions of law decided by the court, including interpretations of constitutional, statutory, and regulatory provisions, shall be made without any deference to any determination or interpretation, whether written or unwritten, that may have been made on the matter by the department~~, except such requirement shall have no effect on the judicial standard of deference accorded to rules promulgated pursuant to Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'~~. Hearings shall be open to the public, but on motion of any party, if such party shows good cause to protect certain information from being disclosed to the public, the court judge may issue a protective order or an order closing part or all of a hearing to the public."

SECTION 1-4.

Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, is amended in Chapter 2, relating to state administrative organization, administration, and enforcement, by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 48-2-18, relating to State Board of Equalization and duties, as follows:

"(c) As chairperson and chief administrative officer of the board, the commissioner shall furnish to the board all necessary records and files and in this capacity may compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books and records or other documents as the commissioner is empowered to do in the administration of the tax laws. After final approval by the State Board of Equalization of the digest of proposed assessments made by the commissioner and after any adjustments by the board as authorized by this Code section are made, the commissioner shall notify within 30 days each taxpayer in writing of the proposed assessment of its property. At the same time, the commissioner shall notify in writing the board of tax assessors of such county, as outlined in Code Section 48-5-511, of the total proposed assessment of the property located within the county of taxpayers who are required to return their property to the commissioner. If any such taxpayer notifies the commissioner and the board of tax assessors in any such county of its intent to dispute a portion of the proposed assessment within 20 days after receipt of

the notice, the county board of tax assessors shall include in the county digest only the undisputed amount of the assessment, and the taxpayer may challenge the commissioner's proposed assessment in an appeal filed in the Superior Court of Fulton County or with the Georgia Tax Court in accordance with Chapter 5B of Title 15, the 'Georgia Tax Court Act of 2025,' within 30 days of receipt of the notice. In any such appeal to the superior court, the taxpayer shall have the right of discovery as provided in Chapter 11 of Title 9, the 'Georgia Civil Practice Act.' In any such appeal to the Georgia Tax Court, discovery shall be as provided in Chapter 5B of Title 15, the 'Georgia Tax Court Act of 2025.' All questions of law decided by a court or the Georgia Tax Court pursuant to this subsection, including interpretations of constitutional, statutory, and regulatory provisions, shall be made without any deference to any determination or interpretation, whether written or unwritten, that may have been made on the matter by the department~~, except such requirement shall have no effect on the judicial standard of deference accorded to rules promulgated pursuant to the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act~~. Upon conclusion of the appeal, the taxpayer shall remit to the appropriate counties any additional taxes owed, with interest at the rate provided by law for judgments. Such interest shall accrue from the date the taxes would have been due absent the appeal to the date the additional taxes are remitted."

SECTION 1-5.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising paragraph (7) of subsection (c) of Code Section 48-2-35, relating to refunds, claims, and notice to political subdivision designee, as follows:

"(7) In an action for a refund pursuant to paragraph (4) of this subsection, all questions of law decided by a court or the Georgia Tax Court, including interpretations of constitutional, statutory, and regulatory provisions, shall be made without any deference to any determination or interpretation, whether written or unwritten, that may have been made on the matter by the department~~, except such requirement shall have no effect on the judicial standard of deference accorded to rules promulgated pursuant to Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'~~."

SECTION 1-6.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising subsection (e) of Code Section 48-2-59, relating to appeals, payment of taxes admittedly owed, bond, and costs, as follows:

"(e) In an action pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section, all questions of law decided by a court or the Georgia Tax Court, including interpretations of constitutional, statutory, and regulatory provisions, shall be made without any deference to any determination or interpretation, whether written or unwritten, that may have been made on the matter by the department~~, except such requirement shall have no effect on the judicial standard of deference accorded to rules promulgated pursuant to Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'~~."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

This part shall be known and may be cited as the "Red Tape Rollback Act of 2026."

SECTION 2-2.

Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, is amended in Code Section 31-6-21.1, relating to procedures for rulemaking by the Department of Community Health, by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c) Any rule or part thereof to which an objection is made by both committees within the 30 day objection period under subsection (b) of this Code section shall not be adopted by the department and shall be invalid if so adopted. A rule or part thereof thus prohibited from being adopted shall be deemed to have been withdrawn by the department unless the department, within the first 15 days of the next regular session of the General Assembly, transmits written notification to each member of the objecting committees that the department does not intend to withdraw that rule or part thereof but intends to adopt the specified rule or part ~~effective the day~~ following adjournment sine die of that regular session. A resolution objecting to such intended adoption may be introduced in either ~~branch~~ house of the General Assembly after the fifteenth day but before the thirtieth day of the session in which occurs the notification of intent not to withdraw a rule or part thereof. In the event the resolution is adopted by the ~~branch~~ house of the General Assembly in which the resolution was introduced, it shall be immediately transmitted to the other ~~branch~~ house of the General Assembly. It shall be the duty of the presiding officer of the other ~~branch~~ house to have that ~~branch~~ house, within five days after receipt of the resolution, consider the resolution for purposes of objecting to the intended adoption of the rule or part thereof. Upon such resolution being adopted by ~~two-thirds~~ a majority of the vote of each ~~branch~~ house of the General Assembly, the rule or part thereof objected to in that resolution shall be disapproved and not adopted by the department. If the resolution is adopted by a majority ~~but by less than two-thirds of the vote~~ of each such ~~branch~~ house, the resolution shall be submitted to the Governor for his or her approval or veto. ~~In the event of a veto, or if no resolution is introduced objecting to the rule, or if the resolution introduced is not approved by at least a majority of the vote of each such branch, the rule shall automatically become adopted the day following adjournment sine die of that regular session. In the event of the Governor's approval of the resolution, the rule shall be disapproved and not adopted by the department."~~

SECTION 2-3.

Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended in Code Section 50-13-4, relating to procedural requirements for adoption, amendment, or repeal of rules, emergency rules, limitations on action to contest rule, and legislative override, by revising subsections (a) and (f) as follows:

"(a) Prior to the adoption, amendment, or repeal of any rule, other than interpretive rules or general statements of policy, the agency shall consider the economic impact of the proposed rule and shall:

(1) Give at least 30 days' notice of its intended action. The notice shall include an exact copy of the proposed rule, ~~and~~ a synopsis of the proposed rule, and the agency's statement as to the economic impact of the proposed rule. An agency shall presumptively be found to have considered the economic impact of a proposed rule by including an economic analysis of such proposed rule with a copy of such proposed rule and its synopsis. The synopsis shall be distributed with and in the same manner as the proposed rule. The synopsis shall contain a statement of the purpose and the main features of the proposed rule, and, in the case of a proposed amendatory rule, the synopsis also shall indicate the differences between the existing rule and the proposed rule. The notice shall also include the exact date on which the agency shall consider the adoption of the proposed rule and shall include the time and place in order that interested persons may present their views thereon. The notice shall also contain a citation of the authority pursuant to which the rule is proposed for adoption and, if the proposal is an amendment or repeal of an existing rule, the existing rule shall be clearly identified. The notice shall be mailed to all persons who have requested in writing that they be placed upon a mailing list which shall be maintained by the agency for advance notice of its rule-making proceedings and who have tendered the actual cost of such mailing as from time to time estimated by the agency;

(2) Afford to all interested persons reasonable opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments, orally or in writing. In the case of substantive rules, opportunity for oral hearing must be granted if requested by 25 persons who will be directly affected by the proposed rule, by a governmental subdivision, or by an association having not less than 25 members. The agency shall consider fully all written and oral submissions respecting the proposed rule. Upon adoption of a rule, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person either prior to adoption or within 30 days thereafter, shall issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption;

(3) In the formulation and adoption of any rule which will have an economic impact on businesses in the state, reduce the economic impact of the rule on small businesses which are independently owned and operated, are not dominant in their field, and employ 100 employees or less by implementing one or more of the following actions when it is legal and feasible in meeting the stated objectives of the statutes which are the basis of the proposed rule:

(A) Establish ~~differing~~ reduced compliance or reporting requirements ~~or~~ and differing timetables for small businesses;

(B) Clarify, consolidate, or simplify the compliance and reporting requirements under the rule for small businesses;

(C) Establish performance rather than design standards for small businesses; or

(D) Exempt small businesses from any or all requirements of the rules;

(4) In the formulation and adoption of any rule which places administrative burdens on charitable organizations in this state, including, but not limited to, any rule that would require any new or expanded filing or reporting requirements or that would limit the ability of charitable organizations to solicit or collect funds~~, the agency or official shall~~:

(A) Absent the showing of a compelling state interest, not impose any annual filing or reporting requirements on an organization regulated or specifically exempted from regulation under Chapter 17 of Title 43, the 'Georgia Charitable Solicitations Act of 1988,' that are more burdensome than the requirements authorized by applicable law, and any such filing or reporting requirements shall be narrowly tailored to achieve such compelling state interest. The requirements of this subparagraph shall not apply to the state's direct spending programs; and

(B) Email the notice provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection to each chairperson of any standing committee in each house as shown on the General Assembly's website.

For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'charitable organization' means a nonprofit charitable organization which is exempt from taxation under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code; and

(5) In the formulation and adoption of any rule, ~~an agency shall~~ choose an alternative that does not impose excessive regulatory costs on any regulated person or entity which costs could be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the stated objectives of the statutes which are the basis of the proposed rule."

"(f)(1) In the event a standing committee to which a notice is assigned as provided in subsection (e) of this Code section ~~files an objection~~ objects to a proposed rule prior to its adoption and the agency adopts the proposed rule over the objection, the rule may be considered by the ~~branch~~ house of the General Assembly whose committee objected to its adoption by the introduction of a resolution for the purpose of overriding the rule at any time within the first 30 days of the next regular session of the General Assembly. It shall be the duty of any agency which adopts a proposed rule over such objection so to notify the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives, the chairpersons of the Senate and House committees to which the rule was referred, and the legislative counsel within ten days after the adoption of the rule. In the event the resolution is adopted by such ~~branch~~ house of the General Assembly, it shall be immediately transmitted to the other ~~branch~~ house of the General Assembly. It shall be the duty of the presiding officer of the other ~~branch~~ house of the General Assembly to have such ~~branch~~ house, within five days after the receipt of the resolution, to consider the resolution for the purpose of overriding the rule. In the event the resolution is adopted by ~~two-thirds~~ a majority of the votes of each ~~branch~~ house of the General Assembly, the rule shall be void on the day after the adoption of the resolution by the second ~~branch~~ house of the General Assembly. In the event the resolution is ratified by less than two-thirds of the votes of either ~~branch~~ house, the resolution shall be submitted to the Governor for his or her approval or veto. In the event of his or her veto, the rule shall remain in effect. In the event of his or her approval, the rule shall be void on the day after the date of his or her approval.

(2) In the event each standing committee to which a notice is assigned as provided in subsection (e) of this Code section files an objection to a proposed rule prior to its adoption by a ~~two-thirds'~~ majority of the vote of the members of the committee who were voting members on the tenth day of the current session, after having given public notice of the time, place, and purpose of such vote at least 48 hours in advance, as well as the opportunity for members of the public including the promulgating agency, to have a reasonable time to comment on the proposed committee action at the hearing, the effectiveness of such rule shall be stayed until the next legislative session at which time the rule may be considered by the General Assembly by the introduction of a resolution in either branch of the General Assembly for the purpose of overriding the rule at any time within the first 30 days of the next regular session of the General Assembly. In the event the resolution is adopted by the ~~branch~~ house of the General Assembly in which it was introduced, it shall be immediately transmitted to the other ~~branch~~ house of the General Assembly. It shall be the duty of the presiding officer of the other ~~branch~~ house of the General Assembly to have such ~~branch~~ house, within five days after the receipt of the resolution, to consider the resolution for the purpose of overriding the rule. In the event the resolution is adopted by ~~two-thirds~~ a majority of the votes of each ~~branch~~ house of the General Assembly, the rule shall be void on the day after the adoption of the resolution by the second ~~branch~~ house of the General Assembly. In the event the resolution is ratified by less than two-thirds of the votes of either ~~branch~~ house, the resolution shall be submitted to the Governor for his or her approval or veto. In the event of ~~his or her~~ the Governor's veto, the rule shall remain in effect. In the event of ~~his or her~~ the Governor's approval, the rule shall be void on the day after the date of his or her approval. If, after the thirtieth legislative day of the legislative session of which the challenged rule was to be considered, the General Assembly has not considered an override of the challenged rule pursuant to this subsection, the rule shall then immediately take effect."

SECTION 2-4.

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"50-13-24.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this Code section and subject to appropriations, on or before July 1, 2027, and at the end of each five-year period ending on July 1 thereafter, each agency shall prepare and submit to the director of the Office of Planning and Budget a report containing an analysis of each rule of such agency.

(b) A rule shall not be subject to the periodic reporting requirement provided under subsection (a) of this Code section if such rule:

(1) Was promulgated pursuant to a federal government mandate;

(2) States the general course and methodology of an agency's operations and the methods whereby the public may obtain information or make submissions or requests; or

(3) Is a rule of practice setting forth the nature and requirements of all formal and informal procedures made available by an agency, including a description of all forms and instructions used by such agency.

(c) On or before January 1 of the year a report required under subsection (a) of this Code section becomes due, the Office of Planning and Budget shall, in consultation with the Budget and Research Office of the House of Representatives and the Budget and Evaluation Office of the Senate, establish and publish directions for the form and content of such report, including, but not limited to, provisions requiring:

(1) Analysis of the impact, cost, effectiveness, and streamlining of agency rules; and

(2) Identification of rules an agency has consolidated, repealed, or updated since such agency's last report submitted under subsection (a) of this Code section.

(d) In the year succeeding the date on which a report prepared pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section becomes due to the director of the Office of Planning and Budget, the Governor shall, in the budget report prepared and submitted to the General Assembly under Code Section 45-12-74, include a statement informing the General Assembly whether each agency has complied, in whole or in part, with the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section.

(e) The Governor may consider an agency's noncompliance with subsection (a) of this Code section in making recommendations for the budget units of such agency provided under paragraph (5) of Code Section 45-12-75.

(f) A member of the General Assembly may submit a written inquiry to an agency in connection with a report submitted under subsection (a) of this Code section. An agency in receipt of such inquiry shall submit a written response to the member within 30 calendar days of receipt of such inquiry; provided, however, that an agency's noncompliance with this subsection shall not delay consideration of the general appropriations bill under Code Section 28-5-4.

(g) The director of the Office of Planning and Budget shall publish on its website final reports prepared pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section as soon as feasible after receipt of such reports."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following amendment was read:

Representatives Reeves of the 99th and Efstration of the 104th offer the following amendment:

Amend the Senate substitute to HB 1247/SCSFA by replacing lines 1 and 2 with the following:

To amend Titles 15, 28, 31, 48, and 50 of the Official Code of Georgia, relating to courts, the General Assembly, health, revenue and taxation, and state government, respectively, so as to prohibit

By inserting after "changes" *on line 4 the following:*
to make portions of certain records of the General Assembly subject to public disclosure; to provide jurisdiction for enforcement; to provide for attorney's fees and litigation expenses; to provide for good faith reliance as defense to action; to provide penalties for violations; to provide procedure for commencement of prosecution; to provide for application; to provide for construction;

By inserting after "titles;" *on line 11 the following:*
to provide for an effective date;

By inserting between lines 98 and 99 the following:
Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the General Assembly, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"28-1-18.

(a) If any claim of an unlawful employment practice made against a member of the General Assembly, including, but not limited to, a claim of sexual harassment, discriminatory harassment, discrimination, or retaliation, is resolved, in whole or in part, by a settlement agreement, a memorandum of agreement or understanding, or other similar document, however denominated, such agreement shall be subject to public disclosure with the identity of the claimant and any other party thereto redacted, except for the identity of the member. This subsection shall be applicable to any claims made on or after January 1, 2019. The provisions of Code Section 28-4-3.1 shall not be construed to prohibit the disclosure of such documents.

(b) Requests for public disclosure of documents described by subsection (a) of this Code section shall be made to the Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, if such request relates to a member of the House of Representatives, or shall be made to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor and the Office of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, if such request relates to a member of the Senate. All documents responsive to a request made pursuant to this Code section shall be produced within three business days of receipt of a request.

(c)(1) The superior courts of this state shall have jurisdiction to hear actions against the Speaker of the House of Representatives, for documents related to members of the House of Representatives, and against the President of the Senate or the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, for documents relating to members of the Senate, to enforce compliance with the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this Code section. Such actions may be brought by any person, firm, corporation, or other entity. The Attorney General shall also have authority to bring such actions as may be necessary to enforce compliance with subsections (a) and (b) of this Code section to seek civil penalties or criminal penalties or both.

(2) Either party may move to recover reasonable attorneys fees and costs in any action brought pursuant to this subsection in which the court finds that the nonmoving party acted without substantial justification for complying with subsections (a) or (b) of this Code section or in instituting the litigation Whether the position of the moving party was substantially justified shall be determined on the basis of the record of the proceeding before the court.

(3) Any officer of the General Assembly listed in paragraph (1) of this subsection that knowingly and willfully violates the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this Code section by failing or refusing to provide access to records requested pursuant to such subsections within three days of receiving the request or by frustrating or attempting to frustrate access to the records by intentionally making records difficult to obtain shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine not to exceed $1,000.00 for the first violation. Negligent violation of subsections (a) and (b) of this subsection shall result in a penalty not to exceed $1,000.00. A second or subsequent willful violation within a 12 month period shall be a felony with a maximum fine of $2,500.00. It shall be a defense to any criminal action made pursuant to this Code section that an officer has acted in good faith. Any persons, officers, or entities that destroy records for the purpose of preventing their disclosure pursuant to this Code section may be subject to additional criminal penalties pursuant to Code Section 45-11-1.

(d) The General Assembly and its members, officers, staff, committees, commissions, and offices are not subject to the provisions of Code Section 50-18-70 through 50-18-78 or Chapter 14 of Title 50 and nothing in this Code section shall be construed or applied to the contrary."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

By redesignating Sections 2-2, 2-3, and 2-4 as Sections 3-2, 3-3, and 3-4, respectively.

By replacing lines 239 through 246 with the following:

resolution is ratified by ~~less than two-thirds~~ a majority of the votes of either ~~branch~~ house, the resolution shall be submitted to the Governor for his or her approval or veto. ~~In the event of his or her veto, the rule shall remain in effect. In the event of his or her approval, the rule shall be void on the day after the date of his or her approval. If after the thirtieth legislative day of the legislative session of which the challenged rule was to be considered the General Assembly has not considered an override of the challenged rule pursuant to this subsection, the rule shall then immediately take effect.~~"

By replacing "2027" *on line 251 with* "2028".

By inserting after "mandate" *on line 256 the following:*

, authorization, or a dual supervisory regime

By striking "or" *on line 258.*

By replacing "agency." *on line 261 with the following:*

agency; or

(4) Is promulgated by the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Natural Resources, the Environmental Protection Division, or the Public Service Commission.

By inserting after line 287 the following:

PART IV

SECTION 4-1.

The General Assembly finds that:

(1) Individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness in metro Atlanta are entitled to compassionate, coordinated, and accountable delivery of services and are within proximity to multiple providers of such services. The state has a substantial interest in ensuring that such individuals are treated with dignity and respect and that services provided to them are delivered in a manner that promotes stability, recovery, and long-term well-being;

(2) Many unsheltered individuals experience co-occurring mental health disorders, substance use disorders, adverse physical health conditions, or trauma related needs requiring therapeutic intervention and structured support. The state has a compelling interest in ensuring that public resources directed toward these populations facilitate meaningful access to appropriate therapeutic assistance and that service delivery systems are coordinated to reduce duplication, fragmentation, and gaps in care;

(3) Effective tracking and evaluation of services provided to unsheltered homeless individuals advances the public health, safety, and general welfare of both the individuals served and the broader community. Transparent data collection and outcome measurement enable state and local authorities to assess whether services are reducing chronic homelessness, mitigating risks associated with untreated behavioral health conditions, and promoting safer and healthier communities; and

(4) The state appropriates substantial public funds to support homelessness outreach, housing stabilization, and behavioral health services in metro Atlanta. The state has a legitimate and compelling interest in ensuring that such appropriations are expended efficiently and effectively, that funded services produce measurable outcomes, and that data-driven oversight mechanisms are implemented to promote accountability, eliminate waste, and maximize the positive impact of taxpayer resources.

SECTION 4-2.

Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended in Chapter 8, relating to the Department of Community Affairs, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"50-8-19.

(a) As used in the Code section, the term 'outreach services' means providing medical care, clothing, food, or shelter.

(b)(1) Each privately funded organization that operates a shelter or provides outreach services to homeless individuals within 1,000 feet in any direction of the property of an elementary or secondary school; university, college, or technical college; child care learning center, as such term is defined in Code Section 20-1A-2; public park; or public playground shall be required to participate as an authorizing agency for purposes of the Georgia Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

(2) The owner or operator of any such organization that violates this subsection shall be issued a citation by a law enforcement officer for such violation and the violation shall be deemed noncriminal.

(c) The provisions of subsection (b) of this Code section shall not apply to any privately funded and operated organization that provided outreach services, employment, or social services to fewer than ten individuals during the preceding 12 months.

(d) This Code section shall only apply to properties provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section that are located within a ten-mile radius of a municipal corporation that is located in more than one county, that levies a sales tax for the purposes of a metropolitan area system of public transportation, and that has within its boundaries an independent school system."

By replacing lines 288 through 290 with the following:

PART V

SECTION 5-1.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 5-2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the amendment, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	E Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
E Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	N Sampson
N Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Alexander	N Crawford	E Herring	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
N Au	N Davis	N Holcomb	N Miller	N Scott
N Baker	N Dawson	N Holland	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
N Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	N Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Myles	N Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Neal	Y Smith, TP
N Bazemore	E Douglas	N Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V

N Beckles	Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
N Bell	N Drenner	N Hugley	N Okoye	N Stinson
N Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	N Taylor, R
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Townsend
N Burnough	N Evans	N Jones, A	N Park	N Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	P Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	N Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Wade
N Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	N Frye	N Kendrick	N Prince	Y Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	N Reese	E Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, A
N Carter	N Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	N Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the adoption of the amendment, the ayes were 96, nays 69.

The amendment was adopted.

Representative Reeves of the 99th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute, as amended by the House, to HB 1247.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
E Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	N Sampson
N Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Alexander	N Crawford	E Herring	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
N Au	N Davis	N Holcomb	N Miller	N Scott
N Baker	N Dawson	N Holland	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
N Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	N Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Myles	N Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Neal	Y Smith, TP
N Bazemore	E Douglas	N Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
N Beckles	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
N Bell	N Drenner	N Hugley	Y Okoye	N Stinson
N Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	N Taylor, R
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Townsend

N Burnough	N Evans	N Jones, A	N Park	N Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	P Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	N Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
N Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	N Frye	N Kendrick	N Prince	Y Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	N Reese	E Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Gilliard	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, A
N Carter	N Gisler	N Lim	Rice	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	N Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 98, nays 70.

The motion prevailed.

The Speaker Pro Tem announced the House in recess until 7:30 o'clock, this evening.

The Speaker called the House to order.

The following messages were received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has agreed to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the following bill of the House:

HB 999. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Oliver of the 84th, Evans of the 57th, Gunter of the 8th, New of the 40th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 10 of Title 15 the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fees and costs of magistrate courts, so as to revise provisions related to magistrate courts collecting sums and fees authorized by law; to amend an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to magistrate courts, so as to provide for nonpartisan election of magistrates, approved May 14, 2025 (Ga. L. 2025, p. 780), so as to correct a scrivener's error in the automatic repealer in said Act related to a constitutional amendment for the nonpartisan election of judges of the probate court; to provide legislative intent; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has adopted by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following resolution of the House:

HR 1300. By Representatives Ford of the 170th, Cannon of the 172nd, Hatchett of the 155th, Jones of the 47th, Greene of the 154th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Honorable Penny Houston and dedicating a roundabout in her honor; and for other purposes.

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bill of the House:

HB 1131. By Representatives Hong of the 103rd, Smith of the 18th, Sainz of the 180th, Reeves of the 99th and Scoggins of the 14th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 4 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to warrants for arrest, so as to provide for personal service of process for notice of a warrant application hearing; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bill of the House:

HB 1272. By Representatives Jones of the 25th, Hilton of the 48th, Douglas of the 78th, Williamson of the 112th, Mitchell of the 88th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to banking and finance, so as to provide for use of certain terms in the advertisement and place of business of licensed payment stablecoin issuers; to provide for licensing of payment stablecoin issuers; to provide for third-party examination or investigation; to provide for payment of certain fees and costs of examination and investigation; to provide for suspension or revocation of a license and procedures therefor; to provide for cease and desist orders; to provide for removal of certain officers and members; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative purpose and intent; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Representative McDonald of the 26th District, Chairman of the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Legislation has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 601	Do Pass	SB 614	Do Pass
SB 616	Do Pass	SB 619	Do Pass
SB 620	Do Pass	SB 621	Do Pass
SB 627	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ McDonald of the 26th
Chairman

Pursuant to HR 2027, the House commended First Lady Marty Kemp.

The Speaker called the House to order for the purpose of receiving the Governor of Georgia, the Honorable Brian P. Kemp.

The Honorable Brian P. Kemp appeared upon the floor of the House and addressed the members.

The Speaker called the House to order.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the Senate was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 411. By Senators Still of the 48th, Watson of the 1st and Kirkpatrick of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, so as to provide for dry needling to be performed by certain licensed professionals; to provide for definitions; to restrict certain representations and advertisements related to the performance of dry needling; to provide for education and training requirements for occupational therapists to perform dry needling; to provide for disciplinary action; to provide for training requirements for acupuncturists; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and withdrawn:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, so as to provide for dry needling to be performed by certain licensed professionals; to provide for definitions; to restrict certain representations and advertisements related to the performance of dry needling; to provide for education and training requirements for occupational therapists to perform dry needling; to provide for disciplinary action; to provide for training requirements for acupuncturists; to amend Chapter 15 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professional engineers and land surveyors, so as to authorize the Georgia Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Board to retain certain incidental funds generated by certain fees; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, is amended in Chapter 1, relating to general provisions, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"43-1-37.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Advertisement' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 43-1-33.

(2) 'Deceptive or misleading terms or false representations' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 43-1-33.

(3) 'Dry needling' means a skilled technique using filiform needles to penetrate the skin and underlying tissues to effect change in body structures and functions for the evaluation and management of neuromusculoskeletal conditions, pain, movement impairments, and disability for preventive and therapeutic purposes.

(b) No person shall perform dry needling unless such person is duly licensed as a physician, acupuncturist, occupational therapist, or physical therapist and has completed education and training requirements for the performance of such technique as established by the respective licensing board of such profession.

(c) No person shall use deceptive or misleading terms or false representations in the advertisement of the performance of dry needling regarding their qualifications, the treatment, or the expected outcome. Any advertisement for dry needling shall identify the type of license held by the healthcare practitioner performing such service and use appropriate licensure titles, initials, or other authorized designations and shall not use titles, initials, or other designations that are deceptive or misleading terms or false representations.

(d) A healthcare practitioner who intentionally violates any provision of this Code section may be subject to disciplinary action by such healthcare practitioner's professional licensing board. Notwithstanding the imposition of any sanction, the healthcare practitioner's professional licensing board may seek an injunction or other

legal means as appropriate against such healthcare practitioner violating this Code section.

(e) A violation of this Code section shall not constitute a private cause of action; provided, however, that nothing in this Code section shall be construed to limit or preclude any other available remedy at law or equity."

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 28, relating to occupational therapists, by revising paragraph (12) of Code Section 43-28-3, relating to definitions, as follows:

"(12) 'Physical agent modalities' means occupational therapy treatment techniques, both superficial and deep tissue, which may, but are not required to utilize the following agents: thermal, mechanical, electromagnetic, water, ~~and~~ light, and dry needling for a specific therapeutic effect to promote functional outcomes."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising Code Section 43-28-8, relating to license requirements for therapy techniques involving physical agent modalities, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(a.1) No occupational therapist shall perform dry needling unless such individual has:

(1) Consulted with an individual licensed pursuant to Article 2 or Article 4 of Chapter 34 of this title; and

(2) Successfully completed a minimum of 50 hours of instruction or training on dry needling and passed a competency assessment of achievement in its curriculum with documented proof of such completion submitted to the board."

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended in Article 3 of Chapter 34, relating to acupuncture, by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 43-34-64, relating to licensure requirements, as follows:

"(c) ~~Before any person licensed to practice acupuncture under this article, who has less than one year of postgraduate clinical experience, may practice on his or her own, such person must engage in one year of active practice under the supervision of a licensed acupuncturist with a minimum of four years active licensed clinical practice. Such supervising acupuncturist may be licensed in Georgia or any other state or country with licensing requirements substantially equal to Georgia's licensing requirements and may accumulate the required four years of active licensed clinical practice in any combination of states so long as the licensing requirements of such other states or countries are substantially equal to Georgia's licensing requirements~~ Reserved."

SECTION 5.

Chapter 15 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professional engineers and land surveyors, is amended by revising Code Section 43-15-6.1, relating to fees and funding, as follows:

"43-15-6.1.

(a) To pay the expenses of the board's office and operations and the enforcement of this chapter, the board by rule or regulation shall be authorized to charge an examination fee, license fee, license renewal fee, or similar fee and may establish the amount of the fee to be charged by rule or regulation. Fees shall be reasonable and shall be determined in such a manner that the total amount of fees charged by the board shall approximate the total of the direct and indirect costs for the operation of the board. Fees may be refunded for good cause, as determined by the executive director.

(b) All fees collected pursuant to subsection (a) of this ~~chapter~~ Code section shall be deposited by the board into the state treasury. Out of the funds thus arising shall be paid the expenses contemplated in this chapter for the administration and enforcement of this chapter. All expenditures authorized by the board shall be paid from the funds received pursuant to this chapter. The expenses of the board must always be kept within the income collected and deposited in accordance with this ~~chapter~~ subsection, and the expense thereof shall not be supported or paid from any other state fund.

(c) In addition to the fees provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section, the board is authorized to charge and collect fees to defray costs associated with providing license verifications, certificates, plaques, and identification cards. The board is also authorized to retain funds received as collection fees for use in defraying the cost of collection of fees required under this chapter. The incidental revenues collected pursuant to this subsection may be retained by the board pursuant to Code Section 45-12-92.1."

SECTION 6.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 7.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 31-8-9.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax credit for contributions to certain rural hospital organizations and hospital eligibility and requirements, so as to revise the definition of "rural hospital organization"; to amend Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, so as to provide for the certification of community health workers; to provide for definitions; to provide for the establishment of the Georgia Community Health Worker Certification Committee; to provide for membership, powers, and duties of the committee; to provide for committee abolishment and transfer of powers and duties to the Department of Public Health; to provide for administrative support; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for

standards; to provide for the approval of training programs; to provide for application procedures; to provide for requirements; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date conditioned on appropriations; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 31-8-9.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax credit for contributions to certain rural hospital organizations and hospital eligibility and requirements, is amended by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(3) 'Rural hospital organization' means an acute care hospital or rural freestanding emergency department licensed by the department pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter 7 of this title that:

(A) Has its primary campus ~~Provides inpatient hospital services at a facility~~ located in a rural county or is a critical access hospital;

(B) Participates in both Medicaid and ~~medicare~~ Medicare and accepts both Medicaid and ~~medicare~~ Medicare patients;

(C) Provides health care services to indigent patients;

(D) Is licensed by the department to provide maternal and newborn services or has ~~Has~~ at least ~~10~~ 5 percent of its annual net revenue categorized as indigent care, charity care, or bad debt;

(E) Annually files IRS Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax, with the department, or for any hospital not required to file IRS Form 990, the department will provide a form that collects the same information to be submitted to the department on an annual basis;

(F) Is operated by a county or municipal authority pursuant to Article 4 of Chapter 7 of this title or is designated as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; and

(G) Is current with all audits and reports required by law~~; and~~

~~(H) Has a three-year average patient margin, as a percent of expense, less than one standard deviation above the state-wide three-year average of organizations defined in subparagraphs (A) through (G) of this paragraph, as calculated by the department. As used in this subparagraph, the term 'patient margin' means gross patient revenues less contractual adjustments, bad debt, indigent and charity care, other uncompensated care, and total expenses~~."

SECTION 2.

Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, is amended by revising Chapter 31, which is reserved, as follows:

"CHAPTER 31

31-31-1.

As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) 'Certified community health worker' means an individual to whom the committee has issued a certificate to serve as a certified community health worker based on standards and requirements approved by the department.

(2) 'Commissioner' means the commissioner of public health.

(3) 'Committee' means the Georgia Community Health Worker Certification Committee established by Code Section 31-31-2.

(4) 'Community health worker' means a frontline public health worker who is a trusted member of a community or has a demonstrated knowledge of a community and individuals served and:

(A) Provides culturally appropriate health education, information, and outreach in community based settings such as homes, schools, clinics, shelters, local businesses, and community centers;

(B) Bridges or culturally mediates between individuals, communities, and health and human services, including actively building individual and community capacity;

(C) Assures that community members access the services they need;

(D) Provides direct services, such as informal counseling, social support, care coordination, and health screenings;

(E) Advocates for individual and community needs with an emphasis on healthcare needs; and

(F) Provides any additional services that may emerge in the development of community health worker practice.

(5) 'Core competencies' means the knowledge and skills a certified community health worker is expected to demonstrate in order to carry out the mission and goals of the profession. Such term includes, but is not limited to, communication skills; interpersonal and relationship-building skills; service coordination and navigation skills; capacity-building skills; patient advocacy skills; education and facilitation skills; individual and community assessment skills; community outreach and engagement skills; evaluation and research skills; and knowledge base.

(6) 'Department' means the Department of Public Health.

(7) 'Training program' means an education and training program that meets the curriculum and training required for a community health worker to be eligible for certification and that has been approved by the department based on standards and requirements recommended by the committee. ~~Reserved.~~

31-31-2.

(a) There is established the Georgia Community Health Worker Certification Committee. The commissioner shall appoint the 11 voting members of the committee as follows:

(1) One licensed physician with a specialization in primary care or family medicine;

(2) One licensed physician with a specialization in maternal and child health;
(3) One licensed physician with a specialization in geriatrics;
(4) One licensed social worker;
(5) Three representatives of community health worker employers, one of whom shall represent hospitals, one of whom shall represent a federally qualified health center, and one of whom shall represent a community based organization;
(6) One person with experience and training in public health policy, with special consideration given to an active member of the Georgia Community Health Worker Advocacy Coalition;
(7) Two practicing community health workers, provided that such persons are eligible for certification as community health workers in this state and shall obtain such certification within a time frame specified in bylaws adopted by the committee; and
(8) One active member of the Georgia Community Health Worker Advisory Board.

(b) The commissioner shall appoint two department representatives to serve as nonvoting members of the committee.

(c) Any voting member of the committee shall serve a two-year term, and no such member shall serve on the committee for more than two consecutive full terms. A member appointed for less than a full term may serve two consecutive full terms, and a former member shall be eligible again for appointment after a lapse of one or more years.

(d) If there is a vacancy on the committee, such position shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. Members of the committee may be removed from office by the commissioner under the same conditions for removal from office of members of professional licensing boards provided in Code Section 43-1-17.

(e) Members shall serve without compensation, but they may be reimbursed by the department, subject to fund availability, in the same manner as state officials and employees for travel and other expenses actually incurred by them in carrying out their duties as members of the committee.

(f) The committee shall be abolished June 30, 2030, and the powers and duties of the committee shall transfer to the department upon such abolishment.

31-31-3.

(a) The committee shall meet at least quarterly and may meet at such other times at the call of the chairperson or by a majority of the members as necessary to transact its business. Such meetings may be conducted in person, by telephone, by virtual means, or any combination thereof.

(b) The committee shall elect a chairperson, vice chairperson, and secretary from among its membership. Such officers shall serve for terms of two years.

(c) A majority of the members of the committee shall constitute a quorum and shall have the authority to act upon any matter properly brought before the committee. The committee shall follow all policies and procedures of Chapter 14 of Title 50, relating to open and public meetings.

(d) The committee shall have the following powers and duties:

(1) To make recommendations to the department on the standards and requirements for approval of training programs and a means for programs providing education and training to community health workers prior to July 1, 2027, to become approved training programs;
(2) To make recommendations to the department on the standards and requirements for the certification of community health workers and a means for individuals employed or engaged as community health workers prior to July 1, 2027, to become certified community health workers;
(3) To make recommendations to the department on the standards and a means to assess the mastery of core competencies necessary for an individual to become a certified community health worker;
(4) To provide for an expedited means for a community health worker duly certified in another jurisdiction to become a certified community health worker in this state;
(5) To make recommendations to the department on the establishment of tiered levels of practice for certified community health workers and requirements for each established level, including a level that qualifies a certified community health worker to act as an educator or trainer in an approved training program;
(6) To establish a process for the receipt, review, approval, and denial of applications for certification;
(7) To establish a process for the receipt and review of complaints related to the practice of certified community health workers;
(8) To establish disciplinary procedures and actions, including revocation or denial of a certificate issued, or a combination of the foregoing; and
(9) To perform such other functions and duties in order to protect public health, safety, and welfare as may be required to carry out this chapter.

(e) The department shall provide reasonably necessary administrative support for committee activities.

(f) The department shall be authorized to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this article, including recommendations from the committee.

31-31-4.

(a) All training programs in this state shall satisfy the requirements established by the department. No entity shall hold itself out as providing training and education for certified community health workers in this state unless its training program has been approved by the committee.

(b) The department shall post on its website the requirements and the application form for a training program to become approved and for the renewal of such approvals. Such requirements shall include 45 hours of core competency training, of which 16 hours shall include training on specific health topics.

(c) An applicant for an approved training program shall submit an application to the committee demonstrating satisfaction of the requirements for a training program and pay a fee set by the department; provided, however, that, if an applicant provided education and training to community health workers prior to July 1, 2027, such applicant shall

submit an application to the committee demonstrating satisfaction of requirements for such program, pay a fee set by the department, and provide a list of students who successfully completed such program at any time from January 1, 2016, to July 1, 2027.
(d) An application is not complete until the committee has received all the required materials. The committee shall notify the applicant within 15 calendar days after receipt of an application whether such application is complete or incomplete and identify any materials that are needed to complete such application. When the applicant fails to provide the required documentation within 120 calendar days of notification, the committee may administratively close such application or deny the application. An applicant whose application is administratively closed or denied may reapply and submit a new application and a new application fee.
(e) The approvals of training programs under this Code section shall be valid for up to two years and shall expire biennially unless renewed. Suspension and revocation of approvals shall be subject to the administrative procedures contained in Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'

31-31-5.
(a) The title 'certified community health worker' shall only be used by individuals who have met the requirements and qualifications for certification as a community health worker as established by the committee and have been duly certified by the committee. An individual certified as a community health worker shall identify himself or herself as a certified community health worker during any patient interactions and shall not utilize any other titles that such individual is not certified or licensed to use.
(b) The department shall post on its website the requirements and the application form for a community health worker to become certified and for the renewals of such certificates.
(c) An applicant for a certified community health worker shall submit an application to the committee demonstrating satisfaction of the requirements for a certified community health worker and pay a fee set by the department. A certified community health worker shall:
(1) Be 18 years of age or older;
(2) Possess a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent;
(3) Not be ineligible for certification on grounds established by the committee;
(4) Provide professional references, one of which shall be a current or former supervisor, with direct knowledge of the applicant's work and ability in the core competencies for community health workers;
(5)(A) Have received satisfactory results from criminal background checks. The committee is authorized to conduct and receive criminal background checks, including, but not limited to, by the submission of fingerprints or other identifying information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation through the Georgia Crime Information Center. In order to determine an applicant's suitability for certification as a community health worker, the committee shall require the applicant to furnish

the committee with a full set of fingerprints or other identifying information as may be necessary to enable criminal background checks to be conducted.

(B) The committee shall submit the fingerprints or other identifying information furnished by an applicant to the Georgia Crime Information Center. The Georgia Crime Information Center is authorized to submit such fingerprints or information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal background check. The Georgia Crime Information Center shall notify the committee in writing of its findings, including, but not limited to, the inability to identify a criminal record. Any findings received by the committee shall be used for the exclusive purpose of carrying out its responsibilities under this Code section, shall not be public records, shall be confidential, and shall not be disclosed to any other person or agency, except to any person or agency which otherwise has a legal right to inspect such data. Any records obtained in furtherance of this Code section shall be maintained by the committee pursuant to laws regarding such records and the rules and regulations of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Georgia Crime Information Center as applicable.

(C) By applying for a license under this article, an applicant consents to the performance of criminal background checks as provided for in this paragraph. The applicant shall be responsible for any fees associated with the performance of such background checks;

(6) Submit proof of successful completion of an approved training program and 2,000 hours of employment as a community health worker within ten years of the date of application; and

(7) Satisfy any other requirements established by rules and regulations promulgated by the department.

(d) An applicant may satisfy the requirement provided in paragraph (6) of subsection (c) of this Code section if such applicant submits an application prior to July 1, 2028, and proof of:

(1) Successful completion of an education and training program for community health workers completed between July 1, 2016, and July 1, 2027, and 2,000 hours of employment as a community health worker within ten years of the date of application as established by the committee; or

(2) At least 4,000 hours of employment as a community health worker within ten years of the date of application and an attestation from an employer that such applicant performed duties that included core competencies and is competent to perform activities as a certified community health worker as established by the committee.

(e) An application for a certified community health worker is not complete until the committee has received all the required materials. The committee shall notify the applicant within 15 calendar days after receipt of an application whether such application is complete or incomplete and identify any materials that are needed to complete such application. When the applicant fails to provide the required documentation within 120 calendar days of notification, the committee may administratively close such application or deny the application. An applicant whose application is administratively closed or denied may reapply and submit a new application and a new application fee.

(f) Certificates issued pursuant to this Code section shall be valid for up to two years and shall expire biennially unless renewed. Suspension and revocation of certificates shall be subject to the administrative procedures contained in Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'"

SECTION 3.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026.

(b)(1) Section 2 of this Act shall become effective only if funds are specifically appropriated for the purposes of this Act in an appropriations Act enacted by the General Assembly.

(2) If funds are so appropriated, then this Act shall become effective on the later of:

(A) The date on which such appropriations Act becomes effective; or

(B) The beginning date of the fiscal year for which such appropriations are made.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to, by substitute.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	E Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	N Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade

Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 166, nays 5.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE SUPPLEMENTAL RULES CALENDAR
THURSDAY, APRIL 02, 2026

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 40th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

SB 214 Elections and Primaries; electors to cast physical absentee on-request ballots as an alternative to using other authorized means of casting in-person votes; authorize (Substitute)(GAff-Anderson-10th) Burns-23rd
(Rules Committee Substitute LC 47 4318S)

SB 527 Sheriffs; candidates for the office of sheriff are certified peace officers at the time of qualifying as a candidate; require (PS&HS-Gullett-19th) Robertson-29th

SB 565 Peace Officers; the definition of law enforcement unit and peace officer to include members of police forces of nonprofit private colleges and universities; revise (PS&HS-Ballard-147th) Robertson-29th

HR 1670 RESCUER initiative; recognize importance of voluntary community based resource recovery efforts; encourage counties to explore voluntary resource recovery programs (T&II-Adeyina-110th)

HR 1889 Termed and perpetual conservation easements; important tools for promoting conservation practices; express support (SRules-Cannon-172nd)

HR 1948 State and local authorities; transfer operation of Georgia Capitol Museum from University System of Georgia to Georgia Building Authority; urge (SRules-Gambill-15th)

SR 624 Officer Drew Haynes Brown Memorial Intersection; Cobb County; dedicate (Substitute)(Trans-Jasperse-11th) Setzler-37th

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the Senate was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 214. By Senators Burns of the 23rd, Williams of the 25th, Moore of the 53rd, Harbin of the 16th, Gooch of the 51st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to authorize electors to cast physical absentee on-request ballots as an alternative to using other authorized means of casting in-person votes; to provide procedures for form, collection, and tabulation of such ballots; to revise reporting provisions to reference such ballots; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and withdrawn:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as so as to provide for the provision by the state of new voting equipment as of January 1, 2028; to provide for ballot on demand printing; to revise and provide for definitions; to provide for the design, review, and record keeping of ballots printed by ballot on demand printing equipment; to provide for storage, programming, testing, and custody of ballot on demand printing equipment; to provide that a certain number of electronic ballot marking devices are ready for use at each election day and advance voting location for voters with disabilities; to provide for provisions related to official ballot for vote tabulation of optical scanned ballots; to provide for preferential

treatment during advance voting to certain voters accompanied by children two years of age or younger; to revise provisions related to certain voters who need assistance; to provide for preferential treatment during certain hours on election day to certain voters accompanied by children two years of age or younger; to revise provisions related to certain voters who need assistance; to provide that ballot scanners at precincts and at advance voting locations be programmed to reject ballots with overvotes to allow for electors to review their overvoted ballot prior to acceptance; to revise provisions related to the posting of certain digital images following an election; to revise provisions related to a pilot program for auditing paper ballots; to making conforming changes; to revise provisions related to certain offenses to include references to ballot on demand printing equipment; to amend an Act relating to elections and primaries approved May 6, 2024 (Ga. L. 2024, p. 1028), SB 189, so as to revise an effective date; to provide for related matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, is amended in Code Section 21-2-2, relating to definitions, by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(2.05) 'Ballot on demand printing' means a system that prints ballots for each ballot style within a county or municipality."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 21-2-283, relating to printing and safekeeping of ballots and labels by superintendent, as follows:

"21-2-283.

In any primary or election, the superintendent or municipal governing authority shall cause all the ballots and ballot labels to be printed accurately and in the form prescribed by this chapter, and the superintendent or municipal governing authority shall be responsible for the safekeeping of the same while in his or her or its possession or that of his or her or its agent. The superintendent or municipal governing authority shall keep a record of the number of official ballots printed prior to the election and furnished to each precinct at each primary and election and the number of stubs where used, unused ballots, spoiled, and canceled ballots subsequently returned therefrom. The superintendent or municipal governing authority shall keep a record of the number of official ballots created by ballot on demand printing equipment at each primary or election and the number of stubs where used, unused ballots, spoiled, and canceled ballots subsequently returned."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 21-2-283.1, relating to ballot proof check and review procedures, by revising subsections (b) and (c) as follows:

"(b) In any primary, special primary, election, or special election ~~occurring after January 1, 2025,~~ prior to the printing of the final official ballots, the final programming of any ballot on demand printing equipment, or the final programming of the display of the official ballot on electronic ballot markers pursuant to Code Section 21-2-379.25, the superintendent shall check the ballot proof to ensure the accuracy of the official ballot by verifying that:

(1) The ballots for each precinct contain the correct contests for the voters in that precinct and no other contests;

(2) The ballots for each precinct contain the correct ballot questions for the voters in that precinct and no other questions; and

(3) The name, political party or political body designation, incumbency status, and other identifying information for each candidate appearing on such ballots are properly displayed.

(c) After the superintendent has completed the ballot review and proofing procedures provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section, and has made any needed corrections, but before the ballots have been approved and sent to print, for final programming of any ballot on demand printing, or for final programming pursuant to Code Section 21-2-379.25, the superintendent shall make available the final set of approved ballot proofs, clearly marked as ballot proofs, to any candidate appearing on the ballot, or such candidate's agent, using at least one of the following procedures:

(1) By email, if the candidate has provided an email address at the time of qualifying; or

(2) By making physical copies available for review at the office of the superintendent during normal business hours.

The ballot proof review procedures to be used in an election are at the sole discretion of the superintendent."

SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 21-2-286, relating to printing specifications, numbering, and binding of ballots, by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (b) as follows:

"(3) Ballots printed by an electronic ballot marker or ballot on demand printing equipment shall be designed as prescribed by the Secretary of State to ensure ease of reading by electors, provided that each ballot shall have the name and designation of the precinct printed at the top."

SECTION 5.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 21-2-294, relating to responsibility of superintendent for recording number of ballots furnished and number of stubs, unused ballots, and canceled ballots returned, as follows:

"21-2-294.

The superintendent shall keep a record of the number of official ballots printed and furnished to each precinct at each primary and election and of the number of stubs where

used, unused ballots, spoiled, and canceled ballots subsequently returned therefrom. The superintendent shall keep a record of the number of official ballots created by ballot on demand printing equipment at each primary or election and the number of stubs where used, unused ballots, spoiled, and canceled ballots subsequently returned."

SECTION 6.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 21-2-300, relating to provision of new voting equipment by state, uniform system using ballot scanners, pilot programs, county obligations, and use of physical ballots, as follows:

"21-2-300.

(a)(1) The equipment used for casting and counting votes in county, state, and federal elections shall be the same in each county in this state and shall be provided to each county by the state, as determined by the Secretary of State.

(2) ~~As soon as possible, once~~ Once such equipment is certified by the Secretary of State as safe and practicable for use, but no earlier than February 1, 2027, all federal, state, and county general primaries and general elections as well as special primaries and special elections in the State of Georgia occurring after December 31, 2027, shall be conducted with the use of scanning ballots marked by electronic ballot markers ~~and~~ that do not print QR codes or bar codes for use in tabulation or an optical scanning voting system utilizing paper ballots and ballot on demand printing equipment. Ballots shall be tabulated by using ballot scanners that also create scanned images of tabulated ballots for voting at the polls and for absentee ballots cast in person, unless otherwise authorized by law; provided, however, that electronic ballot markers that do not print QR codes or bar codes for use in tabulation shall be available and accessible at each polling place and advance voting location for individuals with disabilities and that any such electronic ballot markers system shall produce paper ballots which are marked with the elector's choices in a format readable by the elector.

(3) The state shall furnish a uniform system of election equipment for use in each county as soon as possible after February 1, 2027. Additionally, if such uniform system uses optical scanning voting systems utilizing paper ballots and ballot on demand printing the state shall furnish a uniform system of electronic ballot markers ~~and ballot scanners~~ in sufficient numbers to comply with Code Section 21-2-379.21 for use in each county as soon as possible. ~~Such equipment~~ Any electronic ballot markers and ballot scanners shall be certified by the United States Election Assistance Commission prior to purchase, lease, or acquisition. At its own expense, the governing authority of a county may purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire additional optical scanning voting system and ballot on demand printing equipment, electronic ballot markers, and ballot scanners of the type furnished by the state~~,~~ if the governing authority so desires. Additionally, at its own expense, the governing authority of a municipality may choose to acquire its own optical scanning voting system, ballot on demand printing equipment, electronic ballot markers, and ballot scanners by purchase, lease, or other procurement process.

(3.1)(A) As of February 1, 2027, to assist the Secretary of State in certifying a new uniform system of election equipment pursuant to this Code section, an advisory committee shall be established and shall comprise the following members:

(i) Two electors of the state to be appointed by the Governor;

(ii) One member of the Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate;

(iii) One member of the Senate to be appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

(iv) One member of the Senate to be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

(v) One member of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(vi) One member of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives;

(vii) One member of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives;

(viii) One county election official to be appointed by the Secretary of State from a list of at least five nominees, provided by the Georgia Association of Voter Registration and Election Officials, of county election officials from counties having 500,000 or more registered electors; and

(ix) One county election official to be appointed by the Secretary of State from a list of at least five nominees, provided by the Georgia Association of Voter Registration and Election Officials, of county election officials from counties other than those provided for in division (viii) of this subparagraph.

(B) The Secretary of State shall be the chairperson of the advisory committee and shall call and organize any meeting of the committee; provided, however, that a meeting may also be called by seven members of the committee.

(C) This subsection shall stand repealed on July 1, 2029.

(4) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, as of February 1, 2027, the Secretary of State is authorized to conduct pilot programs to test and evaluate the use of an optical scanning voting system, ballot on demand printing equipment, electronic ballot markers, and ballot scanners in primaries and elections in this state.

(b) Each county shall, prior to being provided with voting equipment by the state, provide polling places that are adequate for the operation of such equipment including, if necessary, the placement within the polling places of a sufficient number of electrical outlets and telephone lines.

(c) Each county shall, prior to being provided with voting equipment by the state, provide or contract for adequate technical support for the installation, set up, and operation of such voting equipment for each primary, election, and special primary and special election as the Secretary of State shall determine by rule or regulation.

(d) The Secretary of State shall be responsible for the development, implementation, and provision of a continuing program to educate voters, election officials, and poll workers in the proper use of such voting equipment. Each county shall bear the costs, including transportation, subsistence, and lodging, incurred by its election and registration officials in attending courses taught by or arranged by the Secretary of State for instruction in the use of the voting equipment.

(e)(1) Counties shall be authorized to contract with municipal governments for the use of such voting equipment in municipal elections under terms and conditions specified by the Secretary of State to assure that the equipment is properly used and kept secure.
(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of Code Section 21-2-45, counties may not levy a fee for use of state owned voting equipment but may require municipalities to reimburse the county for the actual expenses related to the election or elections that are subject to the county and municipal contract.
~~(f)(1) Notwithstanding any provision of this Code section to the contrary, provided that the county election superintendent has petitioned and received the approval of the State Election Board at least 10 days prior to the beginning of advance voting, in any election with less than 5,000 registered electors, such superintendent may provide the electors physical ballots on the same type of ballot that is used for absentee ballots pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 21-2-383 and allow electors to mark their ballot using a pen, pencil, or similar non-electronic writing tool as an alternative to using electronic ballot marking devices.~~
~~(2) Such physical ballots may only be used to conduct:~~
~~(A) Special primaries, special elections, or runoffs thereof for county offices; or~~
~~(B) Special elections to present a question to the voters of a county.~~
~~Furthermore, such primary, special primary, election, or special election shall occur independently and apart from a presidential preference primary, state-wide general primary, state-wide special primary, state-wide general election, or state-wide special election.~~"

SECTION 7.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:
"21-2-374.1.
(a) The superintendent of each county or municipality shall cause the proper ballot designs and styles to be programmed for ballot on demand printing equipment which is to be used in any precinct within such county or municipality, shall cause such equipment to be placed in proper order for voting, and shall examine such equipment before it is sent to a polling place for use in a primary or election, to verify that such equipment produces proper ballots.
(b) The superintendent of each county or municipality may appoint, with the approval of the county or municipal governing authority, as appropriate, a custodian of ballot on demand printing equipment, and deputy custodians as may be necessary, whose duty shall be to prepare such equipment to be used in the county or municipality at the primaries and elections to be held therein. Each custodian and deputy custodian shall receive from the county or municipality such compensation as shall be fixed by the governing authority of such county or municipality. Such custodian shall, under the direction of such superintendent, have charge of and shall represent the superintendent during the preparation of the ballot on demand printing equipment as required by this chapter. Each custodian and deputy custodian shall serve at the pleasure of such

superintendent and each shall take an oath of office prepared by the Secretary of State before each primary or election, which shall be filed with the superintendent.

(c) On or before the third day preceding a primary or election, including special primaries, special elections, and referendum elections, the superintendent of each county or municipality shall have ballot on demand printing equipment tested to ensure that it correctly produces a ballot as required by this chapter. Public notice of the time and place of such test shall be made at least five days prior thereto. Such superintendent shall publish such notice on the homepage of the county's or municipality's publicly accessible website associated with elections, if the county or municipality maintains such a website, and in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or municipality and by posting in a prominent location within the county or municipality. Such notice shall state the date, time, and place or places where preparation and testing of the ballot on demand printing equipment for use in the primary or election will commence, that such preparation and testing shall continue from day to day until complete, and that representatives of political parties and bodies, news media, and the public shall be permitted to observe such tests. The superintendent shall also provide such notice to the Secretary of State who shall publish on its website the information received from superintendents stating the dates, times, and place or places for preparation and testing of ballot on demand printing equipment. However, such representatives of political parties and bodies, news media, and the public shall not in any manner interfere with the preparation and testing of such equipment. The advertisement in the newspaper of general circulation shall be prominently displayed, shall not be less than 30 square inches, and shall not be placed in the section of the newspaper where legal notices appear."

SECTION 8.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 21-2-377, relating to custody and storage when not in use, as follows:

"21-2-377.

(a) The superintendent shall designate a person or persons who shall have custody of the ballot on demand printing equipment and ballot scanners of the county or municipality when they are not in use at a primary or election and shall provide for his or her compensation and for the safe storage and care of ~~the ballot~~ such equipment and scanners.

(b) All ballot on demand printing equipment and ballot scanners, when not in use, shall be properly ~~covered and~~ stored and secured under conditions as shall be specified by the State Election Board ~~in a suitable place or places~~."

SECTION 9.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 21-2-379.21, relating to access to optical scanning voting systems for disabled, as follows:

"21-2-379.21.

Each polling place in this state utilizing optical scanning voting systems shall be equipped with at least one electronic ballot marker that meets the requirements as set forth in this part and in Code Section 21-2-300 that is accessible to individuals with disabilities."

SECTION 10.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 21-2-379.23, as becomes effective on July 1, 2026, relating to requirements for ballot display and official ballot for vote tabulation, recount, and audit, by revising subsection (d) as follows:

"(d) The ~~text portion of the~~ paper ballot marked ~~and~~ by the elector or printed by the electronic ballot marker indicating the elector's selection shall constitute the official ballot and shall constitute the official vote for purposes of vote tabulation, any recount conducted pursuant to Code Section 21-2-495, and any audit conducted pursuant to Code Section 21-2-498. The official tabulation count of any ballot scanner shall be based upon the ~~text portion or the machine mark, provided that such mark clearly denotes the elector's selection and does not use a QR code, bar code, or similar coding, of such ballots and not any machine coding that may be printed on such ballots~~ elector's marked selection; provided, however, that nothing in this chapter shall be deemed to prohibit or prevent the use of timing marks by optical scanning voting systems to determine the elector's marked selection."

SECTION 11.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 21-2-379.24, relating to examination of electronic ballot markers, revocation of approval, penalty to vendors for inappropriate sale, improvements or changes to devices, prohibition on pecuniary interest, and limitation on public inspection, by revising subsection (g) as follows:

"(g) Documents or information that, if made public, would endanger the security of any voting system used or being considered for use in this state, or any component thereof, including, but not limited to, electronic ballot markers, DREs, ballot on demand printing equipment, ballot scanners, pollbooks, and software or ~~data bases~~ databases used for voter registration, shall not be open for public inspection except upon order of a court of competent jurisdiction."

SECTION 12.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 21-2-383, relating to preparation and delivery of ballots, form of ballots, casting ballot in person using DRE unit, and casting ballot in person or as absentee using electronic ballot markers, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code section to the contrary, in jurisdictions in which an optical scanning voting system with ballot scanners is used in the polling places on election day, such scanners, along with any ballot on demand equipment, shall be used for casting absentee ballots in person at a registrar's or absentee ballot clerk's office or in accordance with Code Section 21-2-382, providing for additional sites."

SECTION 13.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 21-2-385.1, relating to preferential treatment for older and disabled voters, as follows:

"21-2-385.1.

During the period of advance voting established pursuant to subsection (d) of Code Section 21-2-385, each elector who is 75 years of age or older, who is accompanied by one or more children two years of age or younger, or who is disabled ~~and requires assistance in casting an absentee ballot in person at the registrar's office, absentee ballot clerk's office, or other locations as provided for in Code Section 21-2-382~~ such that standing in line would be impracticable shall, upon request to a designated office employee or other individual, be authorized to vote immediately at the next available voting compartment or booth without having to wait in line if such location utilizes direct recording electronic voting systems or be authorized to go to the head of any line necessary to cast a written absentee ballot. Notice of the provisions of this Code section shall be prominently displayed in the registrar's office or absentee ballot clerk's office and at the voting location."

SECTION 14.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 21-2-409.1, relating to voting by electors who are 75 years of age or older or disabled electors without having to wait in line, as follows:

"21-2-409.1.

On election day between the hours of 9:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., each elector who is 75 years of age or older, who is accompanied by one or more children two years of age or younger, or who is disabled ~~and requires assistance in voting as authorized by Code Section 21-2-409,~~ such that standing in line would be impracticable shall, upon request to a poll officer, be authorized at any primary or election to vote immediately at the next available voting compartment or booth without having to wait in line. Notice of the provisions of this Code section shall be prominently displayed ~~in~~ at the voting ~~place~~ location."

SECTION 15.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 21-2-481, relating to design, size, and stock of ballots, as follows:

"21-2-481.

(a) Ballots in a precinct using optical scanning voting equipment shall be ~~of suitable design, size, and stock to permit processing by a tabulating machine and shall be printed in black ink on white or colored material. A serially numbered strip shall be attached to each ballot to be counted by a central count tabulator~~ in the same form as required by Code Section 21-2-372.

(b) In primaries and elections in which optical scanning voting equipment is used at the precinct or advance voting location, each ballot scanner shall be programmed to initially reject any ballot on which an overvote or other error is detected and allow the elector the opportunity for such elector to review and correct any ballot so rejected prior to such ballot scanner accepting such ballot. The State Election Board is authorized to prescribe

by rule or regulation the procedures necessary for the implementation of the requirements of this subsection at each precinct or advance voting location."

SECTION 16.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 21-2-482, relating to absentee ballots for precincts using optical scanning voting equipment, as follows:

"21-2-482.

Ballots in a precinct using optical scanning voting equipment for voting by absentee electors shall either be prepared sufficiently in advance by the superintendent and shall be delivered to the board of registrars as provided in Code Section 21-2-384, or shall be printed using ballot on demand printing equipment. Such ballots shall be marked 'Official ~~Absentee~~ Ballot' and shall be in substantially the form for ballots required by Article 8 of this chapter, except that in counties or municipalities using voting machines, direct recording electronic (DRE) units, or ballot scanners, the ballots may be in substantially the form for the ballot labels required by Article 9 of this chapter or in such form as will allow the ballot to be machine tabulated. Every such ballot shall have printed on the face thereof the following:

'I understand that the offer or acceptance of money or any other object of value to vote for any particular candidate, list of candidates, issue, or list of issues included in this election constitutes an act of voter fraud and is a felony under Georgia law.'

The form for either ballot shall be determined and prescribed by the Secretary of State and shall have printed at the top the name and designation of the precinct."

SECTION 17.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 21-2-483, relating to counting of ballots, public accessibility to tabulating center and precincts, execution of ballot recap forms, procedure for torn, bent, or otherwise defective ballots, and preparation of duplicate ballots, by revising subsections (a) and (b) as follows:

"(a) In primaries and elections in which optical scanners are used, the ballots shall be counted at the precinct, advance voting location, or tabulating center under the direction of the superintendent. All persons who perform any duties at the tabulating center shall be deputized by the superintendent, and only persons so deputized shall touch any ballot, container, paper, or machine utilized in the conduct of the count or be permitted to be inside the area designated for officers deputized to conduct the count.

(b) All proceedings at the tabulating center, advance voting location, and precincts shall be open to the view of the public, but no person except one employed and designated for the purpose by the superintendent or the superintendent's authorized deputy shall touch any ballot or ballot container."

SECTION 18.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 21-2-493, relating to computation, canvassing, and tabulation of returns, investigation of discrepancies in vote counts, recount procedure, posting of digital images of scanned paper ballots, certification of returns, and

change in returns, by revising subsection (j.1) and adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(h.1) Notwithstanding any provision of this Code section related to paper ballots to the contrary, in precincts in which optical scanning voting equipment has been used, the superintendent shall verify the computation of votes cast in such precinct by examining and comparing reports produced by the optical scanning voting equipment, ballot on demand system if used, the state's voter registration system, and all pertinent information reported by the poll managers on recapitulation forms. If, upon consideration by the superintendent of the reports and forms from any precinct, it appears that the total votes returned for any single candidate or the total votes returned for any combination of candidates for the same office or nomination or on any question exceeds the number of electors in such precinct or exceeds the total number of persons who voted in such precinct or the total number of ballots cast therein, such excess shall be deemed a discrepancy and palpable error and shall be investigated by the superintendent. Such excess shall authorize the summoning of the poll officers to appear immediately with any primary or election papers in their possession. The superintendent shall then examine all the registration and primary or election documents relating to such precinct in the presence of representatives of each party, body, and interested candidate. Such examination may include a recount or recanvass of the votes of that precinct if deemed necessary by the superintendent. Upon investigating any excess pursuant to this subsection, the superintendent shall immediately notify the Secretary of State. If any discrepancies are discovered, the superintendent shall investigate the discrepancy and, if necessary, correct the results."

"(j.1) The Secretary of State shall create and maintain a state-wide program for the posting of digital images of the scanned paper ballots created by the voting system. All such scans shall have a resolution of no less than 200 dots per inch. Digital images of the scanned ballots created as part of the preliminary tabulation process, cast vote records, and system log files of central tabulators shall be posted no later than 5:00 P.M. on the second Friday following the day of the election, and such postings shall be supplemented by the posting of any additional ballot images created in the tabulation process through final certification of such election."

SECTION 19.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 21-2-498.1, relating to pilot program to audit paper ballots using optical character recognition, as follows:

"21-2-498.1.

The ~~Secretary of State~~ State Election Board shall create a pilot program for the auditing of paper ballot images using optical character recognition technology or other related technology which shall verify the human-readable text portion of the ballot. Such auditing program shall not be based on or tabulate any QR code, bar code, or similar machine coding that may be printed on such ballots. Such audits shall include all ballot types, and the audit findings shall be reported prior to final certification of the election.

Any similar pilot program being conducted by the Secretary of State on the effective date of this Code section shall be immediately terminated."

SECTION 20.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 21-2-566, relating to interference with primaries and elections generally, as follows:

"21-2-566.

Any person who:

(1) Willfully prevents or attempts to prevent any poll officer from holding any primary or election under this chapter;

(2) Uses or threatens violence in a manner that would prevent a reasonable poll officer, election official, or poll watcher or actually prevents a poll officer, election official, or poll watcher~~,~~ as provided for by Code Section 21-2-408, from the execution of his or her duties or materially interrupts or improperly and materially interferes with the execution of a poll officer, election official, or poll watcher's, as provided for by Code Section 21-2-408, duties;

(3) Willfully blocks or attempts to block the avenue to the door of any polling place;

(4) Uses or threatens violence in a manner that would prevent a reasonable elector from voting or actually prevents any elector from voting;

(5) Willfully prepares or presents to any poll officer a fraudulent voter's certificate not signed by the elector whose certificate it purports to be;

(6) Knowingly deposits fraudulent ballots in the ballot box;

(7) Knowingly registers fraudulent votes upon any voting machine; or

(8) Willfully tampers with any electors list, voter's certificate, numbered list of voters, ballot box, voting machine, direct recording electronic (DRE) equipment, electronic ballot marker, optical scanning voting system, ballot on demand printing equipment, or tabulating machine,

shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to imprisonment for not less than one nor more than ten years or to pay a fine not to exceed $100,000.00, or both."

SECTION 21.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 21-2-580, relating to tampering with, damaging, improper preparation of, or prevention of proper operation of voting machines or electronic ballot markers or tabulating machines, as follows:

"21-2-580.

Any person who:

(1) Unlawfully opens, tampers with, or damages any voting machine, ~~or~~ electronic ballot marker, optical scanning voting system, ballot on demand printing equipment, ballot scanner, or tabulating machine to be used or being used at any primary or election;

(2) Willfully prepares a voting machine, ~~or an~~ electronic ballot marker, optical scanning voting system, ballot on demand printing equipment, ballot scanner, or tabulating machine for use in a primary or election in improper order for voting; or

(3) Prevents or attempts to prevent the correct operation of such voting machine, electronic ballot marker, optical scanning voting system, ballot on demand printing equipment, ballot scanner, or tabulating machine ~~or voting machine,~~

shall be guilty of a felony."

SECTION 22.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 21-2-582, relating to tampering with, damaging, or preventing of proper operation of direct recording electronic equipment or electronic ballot marker or tabulating machine or device, as follows:

"21-2-582.

Any person who tampers with or damages any direct recording electronic (DRE) equipment, ~~or~~ electronic ballot marker, optical scanning voting system, ballot on demand printing equipment, ballot scanner, or tabulating machine or device to be used or being used at or in connection with any primary or election or who prevents or attempts to prevent the correct operation of any direct recording electronic (DRE) equipment, ~~or~~ electronic ballot marker, optical scanning voting system, ballot on demand printing equipment, ballot scanner, or tabulating machine or device shall be guilty of a felony."

SECTION 23.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 21-2-582.1, relating to penalty for voting equipment modification, as follows:

"21-2-582.1.

(a) ~~For the purposes of~~ As used in this Code section, the term 'voting equipment' shall mean a voting machine, ballot scanner, tabulating machine, optical scanning voting system, ballot on demand printing equipment, direct recording electronic voting system, or electronic ballot marker.

(b) Any person or entity, including, but not limited to, a manufacturer or seller of voting equipment, who alters, modifies, or changes any aspect of such voting equipment without prior approval of the Secretary of State ~~is~~ shall be guilty of a felony."

SECTION 24.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 21-2-587, relating to frauds by poll officers, as follows:

"21-2-587.

Any poll officer who willfully:

(1) Makes a false return of the votes cast at any primary or election;

(2) Deposits fraudulent ballots in the ballot box or certifies as correct a false return of ballots;

(3) Registers fraudulent votes upon any voting machine or certifies as correct a return of fraudulent votes cast upon any voting machine;

(4) Makes any false entries in the electors list;
(5) Destroys or alters any ballot, voter's certificate, or electors list;
(6) Tampers with any voting machine, direct recording electronic (DRE) equipment, electronic ballot marker, optical scanning voting system, ballot on demand printing equipment, ballot scanner, or tabulating machine or device;
(7) Prepares or files any false voter's certificate not prepared by or for an elector actually voting at such primary or election; or
(8) Fails to return to the officials prescribed by this chapter, following any primary or election, any keys of a voting machine; ballot box; general or duplicate return sheet; tally paper; oaths of poll officers; affidavits of electors and others; record of assisted voters; numbered list of voters; electors list; voter's certificate; spoiled and canceled ballots; ballots deposited, written, or affixed in or upon a voting machine; DRE, electronic ballot marker, ballot scanner, or tabulating machine memory cards; or any certificate or any other paper or record required to be returned under this chapter,

shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to imprisonment for not less than one nor more than ten years or to pay a fine not to exceed $100,000.00, or both."

SECTION 25.

An Act relating to elections and primaries approved May 6, 2024 (Ga. L. 2024, p. 1028), SB 189, is amended by revising subsection (d) of Section 13 as follows:

"(d) Section 7 of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2028."

SECTION 26.

(a) Except as provided for in subsection (b) of this section, this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2027.

(b)(1) This section and Sections 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 25, and 27 of this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

(2) Section 10 of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2028.

SECTION 27.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as so as to provide for the provision by the state of new voting equipment as of January 1, 2028, that may include hand marked paper ballots; to provide for ballot on demand printing; to revise and provide for definitions; to provide

for the design, review, and record keeping of ballots printed by ballot on demand printing equipment; to provide for storage, programming, testing, and custody of ballot on demand printing equipment; to provide that a certain number of electronic ballot marking devices are ready for use at each election day and advance voting location for voters with disabilities; to provide for provisions related to official ballot for vote tabulation of optical scanned ballots; to provide for preferential treatment during advance voting to certain voters accompanied by children two years of age or younger; to revise provisions related to certain voters who need assistance; to provide for preferential treatment during certain hours on election day to certain voters accompanied by children two years of age or younger; to revise provisions related to certain voters who need assistance; to provide that ballot scanners at precincts and at advance voting locations be programmed to reject ballots with overvotes to allow for electors to review their overvoted ballot prior to acceptance; to revise provisions related to data that must be posted with scanned ballots following the closing of the polls; to revise provisions related to the posting of certain digital images following an election; to revise provisions related to a pilot program for auditing paper ballots; to revise provisions related to certain recounts of votes; to making conforming changes; to revise provisions related to certain offenses to include references to ballot on demand printing equipment; to amend an Act relating to elections and primaries approved May 6, 2024 (Ga. L. 2024, p. 1028), SB 189, so as to revise an effective date; to provide for related matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, is amended in Code Section 21-2-2, relating to definitions, by adding new paragraphs to read as follows:

"(2.05) 'Ballot on demand printing' means a system that prints ballots for each ballot style within a county or municipality."

"(8.1) 'Hand marked paper ballot' means a paper ballot that is manually completed by the elector using a nonelectronic ballot marker."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 21-2-283, relating to printing and safekeeping of ballots and labels by superintendent, as follows:

"21-2-283.

In any primary or election, the superintendent or municipal governing authority shall cause all the ballots and ballot labels to be printed accurately and in the form prescribed by this chapter, and the superintendent or municipal governing authority shall be responsible for the safekeeping of the same while in his or her or its possession or that of his or her or its agent. The superintendent or municipal governing authority shall keep a record of the number of official ballots printed prior to the election and furnished to each

precinct at each primary and election and the number of stubs where used, unused ballots, spoiled, and canceled ballots subsequently returned therefrom. The superintendent or municipal governing authority shall keep a record of the number of official ballots created by ballot on demand printing equipment at each primary or election and the number of stubs where used, unused ballots, spoiled, and canceled ballots subsequently returned."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 21-2-283.1, relating to ballot proof check and review procedures, by revising subsections (b) and (c) as follows:

"(b) In any primary, special primary, election, or special election ~~occurring after January 1, 2025,~~ prior to the printing of the final official ballots, the final programming of any ballot on demand printing equipment, or the final programming of the display of the official ballot on electronic ballot markers pursuant to Code Section 21-2-379.25, the superintendent shall check the ballot proof to ensure the accuracy of the official ballot by verifying that:

(1) The ballots for each precinct contain the correct contests for the voters in that precinct and no other contests;

(2) The ballots for each precinct contain the correct ballot questions for the voters in that precinct and no other questions; and

(3) The name, political party or political body designation, incumbency status, and other identifying information for each candidate appearing on such ballots are properly displayed.

(c) After the superintendent has completed the ballot review and proofing procedures provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section, and has made any needed corrections, but before the ballots have been approved and sent to print, for final programming of any ballot on demand printing, or for final programming pursuant to Code Section 21-2-379.25, the superintendent shall make available the final set of approved ballot proofs, clearly marked as ballot proofs, to any candidate appearing on the ballot, or such candidate's agent, using at least one of the following procedures:

(1) By email, if the candidate has provided an email address at the time of qualifying; or

(2) By making physical copies available for review at the office of the superintendent during normal business hours.

The ballot proof review procedures to be used in an election are at the sole discretion of the superintendent."

SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 21-2-286, relating to printing specifications, numbering, and binding of ballots, by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (b) as follows:

"(3) Ballots printed by an electronic ballot marker or ballot on demand printing equipment shall be designed as prescribed by the Secretary of State to ensure ease of

reading by electors, provided that each ballot shall have the name and designation of the precinct printed at the top."

SECTION 5.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 21-2-294, relating to responsibility of superintendent for recording number of ballots furnished and number of stubs, unused ballots, and canceled ballots returned, as follows:

"21-2-294.

The superintendent shall keep a record of the number of official ballots printed and furnished to each precinct at each primary and election and of the number of stubs where used, unused ballots, spoiled, and canceled ballots subsequently returned therefrom. The superintendent shall keep a record of the number of official ballots created by ballot on demand printing equipment at each primary or election and the number of stubs where used, unused ballots, spoiled, and canceled ballots subsequently returned."

SECTION 6.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 21-2-300, relating to provision of new voting equipment by state, uniform system using ballot scanners, pilot programs, county obligations, and use of physical ballots, as follows:

"21-2-300.

(a)(1) The equipment used for casting and counting votes in county, state, and federal elections shall be the same in each county in this state and shall be provided to each county by the state, as determined by the Secretary of State.

(2) ~~As soon as possible, once~~ Once such equipment is certified by the Secretary of State as safe and practicable for use, but no earlier than February 1, 2027, all federal, state, and county general primaries and general elections as well as special primaries and special elections in the State of Georgia occurring after December 31, 2027, shall be conducted with the use of scanning ballots marked by electronic ballot markers ~~and~~ that do not print QR codes or bar codes for use in tabulation or an optical scanning voting system utilizing hand marked paper ballots and ballot on demand printing equipment. Ballots shall be tabulated by using ballot scanners that also create scanned images of tabulated ballots for voting at the polls and for absentee ballots cast in person, unless otherwise authorized by law; provided, however, that electronic ballot markers that do not print QR codes or bar codes for use in tabulation shall be available and accessible at each polling place and advance voting location for individuals with disabilities and that any such electronic ballot markers system shall produce paper ballots which are marked with the elector's choices in a format readable by the elector.

(3) The state shall furnish a uniform system of election equipment for use in each county as soon as possible after February 1, 2027. Additionally, if such uniform system uses optical scanning voting systems utilizing hand marked paper ballots and ballot on demand printing the state shall furnish a uniform system of electronic ballot markers ~~and ballot scanners~~ in sufficient numbers to comply with Code Section 21-2-379.21 for use in each county as soon as possible. ~~Such equipment~~ Any electronic ballot markers

and ballot scanners shall be certified by the United States Election Assistance Commission prior to purchase, lease, or acquisition. At its own expense, the governing authority of a county may purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire additional optical scanning voting system and ballot on demand printing equipment, electronic ballot markers, and ballot scanners of the type furnished by the state, if the governing authority so desires. Additionally, at its own expense, the governing authority of a municipality may choose to acquire its own optical scanning voting system, ballot on demand printing equipment, electronic ballot markers, and ballot scanners by purchase, lease, or other procurement process.

(3.1)(A) As of February 1, 2027, to assist the Secretary of State in certifying a new uniform system of election equipment pursuant to this Code section, an advisory committee shall be established and shall comprise the following members:

(i) Two electors of the state to be appointed by the Governor;

(ii) One member of the Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate;

(iii) One member of the Senate to be appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

(iv) One member of the Senate to be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

(v) One member of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(vi) One member of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives;

(vii) One member of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives;

(viii) One county election official to be appointed by the Secretary of State from a list of at least five nominees, provided by the Georgia Association of Voter Registration and Election Officials, of county election officials from counties having 500,000 or more registered electors;

(ix) One county election official to be appointed by the Secretary of State from a list of at least five nominees, provided by the Georgia Association of Voter Registration and Election Officials, of county election officials from counties other than those provided for in division (viii) of this subparagraph; and

(x) An elector of the state to be appointed by the Secretary of State who is an expert in cybersecurity.

(B) The Secretary of State shall be the chairperson of the advisory committee and shall call and organize any meeting of the committee; provided, however, that a meeting may also be called by seven members of the committee.

(C) This subsection shall stand repealed on July 1, 2029.

(4) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, as of February 1, 2027, the Secretary of State is authorized to conduct pilot programs to test and evaluate the use of an optical scanning voting system, ballot on demand printing equipment, electronic ballot markers, and ballot scanners in primaries and elections in this state.

(b) Each county shall, prior to being provided with voting equipment by the state, provide polling places that are adequate for the operation of such equipment including, if

necessary, the placement within the polling places of a sufficient number of electrical outlets and telephone lines.

(c) Each county shall, prior to being provided with voting equipment by the state, provide or contract for adequate technical support for the installation, set up, and operation of such voting equipment for each primary, election, and special primary and special election as the Secretary of State shall determine by rule or regulation.

(d) The Secretary of State shall be responsible for the development, implementation, and provision of a continuing program to educate voters, election officials, and poll workers in the proper use of such voting equipment. Each county shall bear the costs, including transportation, subsistence, and lodging, incurred by its election and registration officials in attending courses taught by or arranged by the Secretary of State for instruction in the use of the voting equipment.

(e)(1) Counties shall be authorized to contract with municipal governments for the use of such voting equipment in municipal elections under terms and conditions specified by the Secretary of State to assure that the equipment is properly used and kept secure.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of Code Section 21-2-45, counties may not levy a fee for use of state owned voting equipment but may require municipalities to reimburse the county for the actual expenses related to the election or elections that are subject to the county and municipal contract.

~~(f)(1) Notwithstanding any provision of this Code section to the contrary, provided that the county election superintendent has petitioned and received the approval of the State Election Board at least 10 days prior to the beginning of advance voting, in any election with less than 5,000 registered electors, such superintendent may provide the electors physical ballots on the same type of ballot that is used for absentee ballots pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 21-2-383 and allow electors to mark their ballot using a pen, pencil, or similar non-electronic writing tool as an alternative to using electronic ballot marking devices.~~

~~(2) Such physical ballots may only be used to conduct:~~

~~(A) Special primaries, special elections, or runoffs thereof for county offices; or~~

~~(B) Special elections to present a question to the voters of a county.~~

~~Furthermore, such primary, special primary, election, or special election shall occur independently and apart from a presidential preference primary, state-wide general primary, state-wide special primary, state-wide general election, or state-wide special election.~~"

SECTION 7.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 21-2-372, relating to ballot description and watermark required, as follows:

"21-2-372.

Ballots shall be of suitable design, size, and stock to permit processing by a ballot scanner and shall be printed in black ink on ~~clear,~~ white~~, or colored~~ material. Other than ballots delivered electronically to qualified electors who are entitled to vote by absentee ballot under the federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52 U.S.C.

Section 20301, et seq., the ballots shall be printed on security paper that incorporates features which can be used to authenticate the ballot as an official ballot but which do not make the ballot identifiable to a particular elector, provided that at least one such feature is a visible watermark that identifies the ballot as an official Georgia ballot and another such feature is a unique serialized ballot batch identifier number."

SECTION 8.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"21-2-374.1.

(a) The superintendent of each county or municipality shall cause the proper ballot designs and styles to be programmed for ballot on demand printing equipment which is to be used in any precinct within such county or municipality, shall cause such equipment to be placed in proper order for voting, and shall examine such equipment before it is sent to a polling place for use in a primary or election, to verify that such equipment produces proper ballots.

(b) The superintendent of each county or municipality may appoint, with the approval of the county or municipal governing authority, as appropriate, a custodian of ballot on demand printing equipment, and deputy custodians as may be necessary, whose duty shall be to prepare such equipment to be used in the county or municipality at the primaries and elections to be held therein. Each custodian and deputy custodian shall receive from the county or municipality such compensation as shall be fixed by the governing authority of such county or municipality. Such custodian shall, under the direction of such superintendent, have charge of and shall represent the superintendent during the preparation of the ballot on demand printing equipment as required by this chapter. Each custodian and deputy custodian shall serve at the pleasure of such superintendent and each shall take an oath of office prepared by the Secretary of State before each primary or election, which shall be filed with the superintendent.

(c) On or before the third day preceding a primary or election, including special primaries, special elections, and referendum elections, the superintendent of each county or municipality shall have ballot on demand printing equipment tested to ensure that it correctly produces a ballot as required by this chapter. Public notice of the time and place of such test shall be made at least five days prior thereto. Such superintendent shall publish such notice on the homepage of the county's or municipality's publicly accessible website associated with elections, if the county or municipality maintains such a website, and in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or municipality and by posting in a prominent location within the county or municipality. Such notice shall state the date, time, and place or places where preparation and testing of the ballot on demand printing equipment for use in the primary or election will commence, that such preparation and testing shall continue from day to day until complete, and that representatives of political parties and bodies, news media, and the public shall be permitted to observe such tests. The superintendent shall also provide such notice to the Secretary of State who shall publish on its website the information received from superintendents stating the dates, times, and place or places for preparation and testing of ballot on demand printing

equipment. However, such representatives of political parties and bodies, news media, and the public shall not in any manner interfere with the preparation and testing of such equipment. The advertisement in the newspaper of general circulation shall be prominently displayed, shall not be less than 30 square inches, and shall not be placed in the section of the newspaper where legal notices appear."

SECTION 9.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 21-2-377, relating to custody and storage when not in use, as follows:

"21-2-377.

(a) The superintendent shall designate a person or persons who shall have custody of the ballot on demand printing equipment and ballot scanners of the county or municipality when they are not in use at a primary or election and shall provide for his or her compensation and for the safe storage and care of ~~the ballot~~ such equipment and scanners.

(b) All ballot on demand printing equipment and ballot scanners, when not in use, shall be properly ~~covered and~~ stored and secured under conditions as shall be specified by the State Election Board ~~in a suitable place or places~~."

SECTION 10.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 21-2-379.21, relating to access to optical scanning voting systems for disabled, as follows:

"21-2-379.21.

Each polling place in this state utilizing optical scanning voting systems shall be equipped with at least one electronic ballot marker that meets the requirements as set forth in this part and in Code Section 21-2-300 that is accessible to individuals with disabilities."

SECTION 11.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 21-2-379.23, as becomes effective on July 1, 2026, relating to requirements for ballot display and official ballot for vote tabulation, recount, and audit, by revising subsection (d) as follows:

"(d) The ~~text portion of the~~ paper ballot marked ~~and~~ by the elector or printed by the electronic ballot marker indicating the elector's selection shall constitute the official ballot and shall constitute the official vote for purposes of vote tabulation, any recount conducted pursuant to Code Section 21-2-495, and any audit conducted pursuant to Code Section 21-2-498. The official tabulation count of any ballot scanner shall be based upon the ~~text portion or the machine mark, provided that such mark clearly denotes the elector's selection and does not use a QR code, bar code, or similar coding, of such ballots and not any machine coding that may be printed on such ballots~~ elector's marked selection; provided, however, that nothing in this chapter shall be deemed to prohibit or prevent the use of timing marks by optical scanning voting systems to determine the elector's marked selection."

SECTION 12.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 21-2-379.24, relating to examination of electronic ballot markers, revocation of approval, penalty to vendors for inappropriate sale, improvements or changes to devices, prohibition on pecuniary interest, and limitation on public inspection, by revising subsection (g) as follows:

"(g) Documents or information that, if made public, would endanger the security of any voting system used or being considered for use in this state, or any component thereof, including, but not limited to, electronic ballot markers, DREs, ballot on demand printing equipment, ballot scanners, pollbooks, and software or ~~data bases~~ databases used for voter registration, shall not be open for public inspection except upon order of a court of competent jurisdiction."

SECTION 13.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 21-2-383, relating to preparation and delivery of ballots, form of ballots, casting ballot in person using DRE unit, and casting ballot in person or as absentee using electronic ballot markers, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code section to the contrary, in jurisdictions in which an optical scanning voting system with ballot scanners is used in the polling places on election day, such scanners, along with any ballot on demand equipment, shall be used for casting absentee ballots in person at a registrar's or absentee ballot clerk's office or in accordance with Code Section 21-2-382, providing for additional sites."

SECTION 14.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 21-2-385.1, relating to preferential treatment for older and disabled voters, as follows:

"21-2-385.1.

During the period of advance voting established pursuant to subsection (d) of Code Section 21-2-385, each elector who is 75 years of age or older, who is accompanied by one or more children two years of age or younger, or who is disabled ~~and requires assistance in casting an absentee ballot in person at the registrar's office, absentee ballot clerk's office, or other locations as provided for in Code Section 21-2-382~~ such that standing in line would be impracticable shall, upon request to a designated office employee or other individual, be authorized to vote immediately at the next available voting compartment or booth without having to wait in line if such location utilizes direct recording electronic voting systems or be authorized to go to the head of any line necessary to cast a written absentee ballot. Notice of the provisions of this Code section shall be prominently displayed in the registrar's office or absentee ballot clerk's office and at the voting location."

SECTION 15.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 21-2-409.1, relating to voting by electors who are 75 years of age or older or disabled electors without having to wait in line, as follows:

"21-2-409.1.

On election day between the hours of 9:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., each elector who is 75 years of age or older, who is accompanied by one or more children two years of age or younger, or who is disabled ~~and requires assistance in voting as authorized by Code Section 21-2-409,~~ such that standing in line would be impracticable shall, upon request to a poll officer, be authorized at any primary or election to vote immediately at the next available voting compartment or booth without having to wait in line. Notice of the provisions of this Code section shall be prominently displayed ~~in~~ at the voting ~~place~~ location."

SECTION 16.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 21-2-481, relating to design, size, and stock of ballots, as follows:

"21-2-481.

(a) Ballots in a precinct using optical scanning voting equipment shall be ~~of suitable design, size, and stock to permit processing by a tabulating machine and shall be printed in black ink on white or colored material. A serially numbered strip shall be attached to each ballot to be counted by a central count tabulator~~ in the same form as required by Code Section 21-2-372.

(b) In primaries and elections in which optical scanning voting equipment is used at the precinct or advance voting location, each ballot scanner shall be programmed to initially reject any ballot on which an overvote or other error is detected and allow the elector the opportunity for such elector to review and correct any ballot so rejected prior to such ballot scanner accepting such ballot. The State Election Board is authorized to prescribe by rule or regulation the procedures necessary for the implementation of the requirements of this subsection at each precinct or advance voting location."

SECTION 17.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 21-2-482, relating to absentee ballots for precincts using optical scanning voting equipment, as follows:

"21-2-482.

Ballots in a precinct using optical scanning voting equipment for voting by absentee electors shall either be prepared sufficiently in advance by the superintendent and shall be delivered to the board of registrars as provided in Code Section 21-2-384, or shall be printed using ballot on demand printing equipment. Such ballots shall be marked 'Official ~~Absentee~~ Ballot' and shall be in substantially the form for ballots required by Article 8 of this chapter, except that in counties or municipalities using voting machines, direct recording electronic (DRE) units, or ballot scanners, the ballots may be in substantially the form for the ballot labels required by Article 9 of this chapter or in such

form as will allow the ballot to be machine tabulated. Every such ballot shall have printed on the face thereof the following:

'I understand that the offer or acceptance of money or any other object of value to vote for any particular candidate, list of candidates, issue, or list of issues included in this election constitutes an act of voter fraud and is a felony under Georgia law.'

The form for either ballot shall be determined and prescribed by the Secretary of State and shall have printed at the top the name and designation of the precinct."

SECTION 18.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 21-2-483, relating to counting of ballots, public accessibility to tabulating center and precincts, execution of ballot recap forms, procedure for torn, bent, or otherwise defective ballots, and preparation of duplicate ballots, by revising subsections (a) and (b) as follows:

"(a) In primaries and elections in which optical scanners are used, the ballots shall be counted at the precinct, advance voting location, or tabulating center under the direction of the superintendent. All persons who perform any duties at the tabulating center shall be deputized by the superintendent, and only persons so deputized shall touch any ballot, container, paper, or machine utilized in the conduct of the count or be permitted to be inside the area designated for officers deputized to conduct the count.

(b) All proceedings at the tabulating center, advance voting location, and precincts shall be open to the view of the public, but no person except one employed and designated for the purpose by the superintendent or the superintendent's authorized deputy shall touch any ballot or ballot container."

SECTION 19.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 21-2-493, relating to computation, canvassing, and tabulation of returns, investigation of discrepancies in vote counts, recount procedure, posting of digital images of scanned paper ballots, certification of returns, and change in returns, by revising subsection (j.1) and adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(h.1) Notwithstanding any provision of this Code section related to paper ballots to the contrary, in precincts in which optical scanning voting equipment has been used, the superintendent shall verify the computation of votes cast in such precinct by examining and comparing reports produced by the optical scanning voting equipment, ballot on demand system if used, the state's voter registration system, and all pertinent information reported by the poll managers on recapitulation forms. If, upon consideration by the superintendent of the reports and forms from any precinct, it appears that the total votes returned for any single candidate or the total votes returned for any combination of candidates for the same office or nomination or on any question exceeds the number of electors in such precinct or exceeds the total number of persons who voted in such precinct or the total number of ballots cast therein, such excess shall be deemed a discrepancy and palpable error and shall be investigated by the superintendent. Such excess shall authorize the summoning of the poll officers to appear immediately with any

primary or election papers in their possession. The superintendent shall then examine all the registration and primary or election documents relating to such precinct in the presence of representatives of each party, body, and interested candidate. Such examination may include a recount or recanvass of the votes of that precinct if deemed necessary by the superintendent. Upon investigating any excess pursuant to this subsection, the superintendent shall immediately notify the Secretary of State. If any discrepancies are discovered, the superintendent shall investigate the discrepancy and, if necessary, correct the results."

"(j.1) The Secretary of State shall create and maintain a state-wide program for the posting of digital images of the scanned paper ballots created by the voting system. All such scans shall have a resolution of no less than 200 dots per inch. Digital images of the scanned ballots created as part of the preliminary tabulation process, cast vote records, and system log files of central tabulators shall be posted no later than 5:00 P.M. on the second Friday following the day of the election, and such postings shall be supplemented by the posting of any additional ballot images created in the tabulation process through final certification of such election."

SECTION 20.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 21-2-495, relating to procedure for recount or recanvass of votes, losing candidate's right to a recount, and rules and regulations, by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c)(1) Whenever the difference between the number of votes received by a candidate who has been declared nominated for an office in a primary election or who has been declared elected to an office in an election or who has been declared eligible for a runoff primary or election and the number of votes received by any other candidate or candidates not declared so nominated or elected or eligible for a runoff shall be not more than ~~one-half of 1~~ 1 percent of the total votes which were cast for such office therein, any such candidate or candidates receiving a sufficient number of votes so that the difference between his or her vote and that of a candidate declared nominated, elected, or eligible for a runoff is not more than ~~one-half of 1~~ 1 percent of the total votes cast, within a period of two business days following the certification of the election results, shall have the right to a recount of the votes cast, if such request is made in writing by the losing candidate. If the office sought is a federal or state office voted upon by the electors of more than one county, the request shall be made to the Secretary of State who shall direct that the recount be performed in all counties in which electors voted for such office and notify the superintendents of the several counties involved of the request. In all other cases, the request shall be made to the superintendent. The superintendent or superintendents shall order a recount of such votes to be made immediately. If, upon such recount, it is determined that the original count was incorrect, the returns and all papers prepared by the superintendent, the superintendents, or the Secretary of State shall be corrected accordingly and the results recertified.

(2) Whenever the difference between the number of votes for approval or rejection of a constitutional amendment or binding referendum question shall be not more than ~~one-~~

~~half of 1~~ 1 percent of the total votes which were cast on such amendment or question therein, within a period of two business days following the certification of the election results, the Constitutional Amendments Publication Board shall be authorized in its discretion to call for a recount of the votes cast with regard to such amendment or question. In the case of a constitutional amendment or state-wide referendum question or a question voted upon by the electors of more than one county, the board shall direct the Secretary of State to cause a recount to be performed with regard to such amendment or question in all counties involved and notify the superintendents of the recount. In the case of questions voted upon by the electors of only one county or municipality, the board shall direct the Secretary of State to cause a recount to be conducted by the county or municipality involved and the Secretary of State shall notify the superintendent involved of the recount. Upon notification, the superintendent or superintendents shall order a recount of such votes to be made immediately. If, upon such recount, it is determined that the original count was incorrect, the returns and all papers prepared by the superintendent, the superintendents, or the Secretary of State shall be corrected accordingly and the results recertified."

SECTION 21.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 21-2-498.1, relating to pilot program to audit paper ballots using optical character recognition, as follows:

"21-2-498.1.

The ~~Secretary of State~~ State Election Board shall create a pilot program for the auditing of paper ballot images using optical character recognition technology or other related technology which shall verify the human-readable text portion of the ballot. Such auditing program shall not be based on or tabulate any QR code, bar code, or similar machine coding that may be printed on such ballots. Such audits shall include all ballot types, and the audit findings shall be reported prior to final certification of the election. Any similar pilot program being conducted by the Secretary of State on the effective date of this Code section shall be immediately terminated."

SECTION 22.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 21-2-566, relating to interference with primaries and elections generally, as follows:

"21-2-566.

Any person who:

(1) Willfully prevents or attempts to prevent any poll officer from holding any primary or election under this chapter;

(2) Uses or threatens violence in a manner that would prevent a reasonable poll officer, election official, or poll watcher or actually prevents a poll officer, election official, or poll watcher~~,~~ as provided for by Code Section 21-2-408, from the execution of his or her duties or materially interrupts or improperly and materially interferes with the execution of a poll officer, election official, or poll watcher's, as provided for by Code Section 21-2-408, duties;

(3) Willfully blocks or attempts to block the avenue to the door of any polling place;
(4) Uses or threatens violence in a manner that would prevent a reasonable elector from voting or actually prevents any elector from voting;
(5) Willfully prepares or presents to any poll officer a fraudulent voter's certificate not signed by the elector whose certificate it purports to be;
(6) Knowingly deposits fraudulent ballots in the ballot box;
(7) Knowingly registers fraudulent votes upon any voting machine; or
(8) Willfully tampers with any electors list, voter's certificate, numbered list of voters, ballot box, voting machine, direct recording electronic (DRE) equipment, electronic ballot marker, optical scanning voting system, ballot on demand printing equipment, or tabulating machine,

shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to imprisonment for not less than one nor more than ten years or to pay a fine not to exceed $100,000.00, or both."

SECTION 23.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 21-2-580, relating to tampering with, damaging, improper preparation of, or prevention of proper operation of voting machines or electronic ballot markers or tabulating machines, as follows:

"21-2-580.

Any person who:

(1) Unlawfully opens, tampers with, or damages any voting machine, ~~or~~ electronic ballot marker, optical scanning voting system, ballot on demand printing equipment, ballot scanner, or tabulating machine to be used or being used at any primary or election;
(2) Willfully prepares a voting machine, ~~or an~~ electronic ballot marker, optical scanning voting system, ballot on demand printing equipment, ballot scanner, or tabulating machine for use in a primary or election in improper order for voting; or
(3) Prevents or attempts to prevent the correct operation of such voting machine, electronic ballot marker, optical scanning voting system, ballot on demand printing equipment, ballot scanner, or tabulating machine ~~or voting machine~~,

shall be guilty of a felony."

SECTION 24.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 21-2-582, relating to tampering with, damaging, or preventing of proper operation of direct recording electronic equipment or electronic ballot marker or tabulating machine or device, as follows:

"21-2-582.

Any person who tampers with or damages any direct recording electronic (DRE) equipment, ~~or~~ electronic ballot marker, optical scanning voting system, ballot on demand printing equipment, ballot scanner, or tabulating machine or device to be used or being used at or in connection with any primary or election or who prevents or attempts to prevent the correct operation of any direct recording electronic (DRE) equipment, ~~or~~

electronic ballot marker, optical scanning voting system, ballot on demand printing equipment, ballot scanner, or tabulating machine or device shall be guilty of a felony."

SECTION 25.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 21-2-582.1, relating to penalty for voting equipment modification, as follows:

"21-2-582.1.

(a) ~~For the purposes of~~ As used in this Code section, the term 'voting equipment' shall mean a voting machine, ballot scanner, tabulating machine, optical scanning voting system, ballot on demand printing equipment, direct recording electronic voting system, or electronic ballot marker.

(b) Any person or entity, including, but not limited to, a manufacturer or seller of voting equipment, who alters, modifies, or changes any aspect of such voting equipment without prior approval of the Secretary of State ~~is~~ shall be guilty of a felony."

SECTION 26.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 21-2-587, relating to frauds by poll officers, as follows:

"21-2-587.

Any poll officer who willfully:

(1) Makes a false return of the votes cast at any primary or election;

(2) Deposits fraudulent ballots in the ballot box or certifies as correct a false return of ballots;

(3) Registers fraudulent votes upon any voting machine or certifies as correct a return of fraudulent votes cast upon any voting machine;

(4) Makes any false entries in the electors list;

(5) Destroys or alters any ballot, voter's certificate, or electors list;

(6) Tampers with any voting machine, direct recording electronic (DRE) equipment, electronic ballot marker, optical scanning voting system, ballot on demand printing equipment, ballot scanner, or tabulating machine or device;

(7) Prepares or files any false voter's certificate not prepared by or for an elector actually voting at such primary or election; or

(8) Fails to return to the officials prescribed by this chapter, following any primary or election, any keys of a voting machine; ballot box; general or duplicate return sheet; tally paper; oaths of poll officers; affidavits of electors and others; record of assisted voters; numbered list of voters; electors list; voter's certificate; spoiled and canceled ballots; ballots deposited, written, or affixed in or upon a voting machine; DRE, electronic ballot marker, ballot scanner, or tabulating machine memory cards; or any certificate or any other paper or record required to be returned under this chapter,

shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to imprisonment for not less than one nor more than ten years or to pay a fine not to exceed $100,000.00, or both."

SECTION 27.

An Act relating to elections and primaries approved May 6, 2024 (Ga. L. 2024, p. 1028), SB 189, is amended by revising subsection (d) of Section 13 as follows:

"(d) Section 7 of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2028."

SECTION 28.

(a) Except as provided for in subsection (b) of this section, this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2027.

(b)(1) This section and Sections 14, 15, 18, 19, 27, and 29 of this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

(2) Sections 20 and 21 of this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026.

(3) Section 11 of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2028.

SECTION 29.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to, by substitute.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	N Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	N Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
N Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	N Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	N Davis	Y Holcomb	N Miller	N Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	N Momtahan	Y Silcox
N Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	N Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	N Horner	Y Myles	N Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
N Bazemore	N Douglas	N Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Bell	N Drenner	N Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	N Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Townsend
N Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	N Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	N Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn

Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	N Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
N Carter	Y Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	N Griffin	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 132, nays 39.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bills of the House:

HB 309. By Representatives Clifton of the 131st, Gaines of the 120th, Wiedower of the 121st, Gunter of the 8th and Crowe of the 118th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to county police, so as to require adoption of a resolution or ordinance and voter approval prior to abolishment of a police force that was created by such method; to provide for a referendum; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1114. By Representatives Yearta of the 152nd, Dubnik of the 29th, Erwin of the 32nd, Wade of the 9th and Paris of the 142nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to competencies and core curriculum under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to allow for students in ninth and tenth grade to complete the high school graduation financial literacy course requirement; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 601. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Orrock of the 36th, Kemp of the 38th, Parent of the 44th, McLaurin of the 14th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to continue the existence of the Atlanta Independent School System under the management and control of the Atlanta Board of Education, approved June 3, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 4154), as amended, so as to remove residency limitations on qualifications for employment of the executive assistant to the board, chief financial officer, and internal auditor; to revise provisions related to the selection, removal, and supervision of the executive assistant to the board and the internal auditor; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

SB 614. By Senator Davenport of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Hampton ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes for the total amount of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who have resided at such homestead for at least five years; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

SB 616. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Kemp of the 38th, James of the 28th, Orrock of the 36th, McLaurin of the 14th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating one or more community improvement districts in unincorporated Fulton County, approved April 3, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 5460), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 2, 1998 (Ga. L. 1998, p. 4065) and an Act approved April 2, 2014 (Ga. L. 2014, p. 3526), so as to provide for written consent for the creation of community improvement districts; to provide for submission of certain

resolutions; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

SB 619. By Senator Lucas of the 26th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to reconstitute the Board of Education of Hancock County, approved April 5, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 4524), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 6, 2013 (Ga. L. 2013, p. 4322), so as to change the description of the education districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for the continuation in office of current members; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

SB 620. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Cowsert of the 46th and Ginn of the 47th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create the State Court of Barrow County, approved June 29, 2020 (Ga. L. 2020, p. 3591), so as to provide for a full-time solicitor-general of the Barrow County State Court; to provide for the salary of the solicitor-general; to provide for a maximum salary; to provide for assistant solicitors-general and certain other employees; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

SB 621. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Cowsert of the 46th and Ginn of the 47th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Barrow County Public Facilities Authority; to provide for the appointment of members of the Authority; to provide for a short title; to confer powers upon the Authority; to provide for purpose and scope of operations of the Authority; to provide for definitions; to authorize the issuance of revenue bonds of the Authority; to fix and provide the venue and jurisdiction of actions; to provide for moneys received and trust funds; to provide for tort immunity; to provide for tax exemption, rates, charges, and revenues; to provide for effect on other governments; to provide

for construction and severability; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

SB 627. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st and Bearden of the 30th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Dallas ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of $50,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, the following roll call vote was made applicable to the previously read Bills.

On the passage of the Bills, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	Y Sampson
N Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Alexander	N Crawford	N Herring	Y McDonald	E Santos
N Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
N Au	N Davis	N Holcomb	N Miller	N Scott
N Baker	N Dawson	N Holland	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	E Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
N Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	N Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Myles	N Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Neal	Y Smith, TP
N Bazemore	N Douglas	N Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
N Beckles	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
N Bell	N Drenner	N Hugley	N Okoye	N Stinson
N Berry	N Dubnik	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	N Dunahoo	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	N Taylor, R
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Townsend
N Burnough	N Evans	N Jones, A	N Park	N Tran
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94

Y Cameron	Y Fleming	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	E Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
N Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	N Frye	N Kendrick	N Prince	Y Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	N Reese	N Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	N Gilliard	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, A
N Carter	N Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
N Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	N Griffin	Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	N Willis
E Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bills, the ayes were 94, nays 75.

SB 601, SB 616, SB 619, SB 620, and SB 621, having received the requisite constitutional majority, were passed.

SB 614 and SB 627, having failed to receive the requisite constitutional majority, were lost.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House reconsider its action in failing to give the requisite constitutional majority to SB 614 and SB 627.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	N Sampson
N Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Alexander	N Crawford	N Herring	Y McDonald	E Santos
N Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
N Au	N Davis	N Holcomb	N Miller	N Scott
N Baker	N Dawson	N Holland	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
N Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	N Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Myles	N Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Neal	Y Smith, TP
N Bazemore	N Douglas	N Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
N Beckles	Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
N Bell	N Drenner	N Hugley	N Okoye	N Stinson
N Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	N Taylor, R
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Paris	Y Townsend
N Burnough	N Evans	N Jones, A	N Park	N Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177

Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	E Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
N Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	N Frye	N Kendrick	N Prince	Y Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	N Reese	N Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	N Gilliard	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, A
N Carter	N Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	N Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 98, nays 72.

The motion prevailed.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has agreed to the House substitute as amended by the Senate to the following bill of the Senate:

SB 501. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Albers of the 56th, Bearden of the 30th, Brass of the 6th, Still of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 8 and 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to buildings and housing and fire protection and safety, respectively, so as to improve government efficiency by updating provisions of the office of the Safety Fire Commissioner; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Resolution of the Senate was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SR 624. By Senators Setzler of the 37th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Howard of the 35th, Rhett of the 33rd and Albers of the 56th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Officer Drew Haynes Brown and dedicating an intersection in his memory; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A RESOLUTION

Dedicating certain portions of the state highway system; and for other purposes.

PART I

WHEREAS, Officer Drew Haynes Brown was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound principles of law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Officer Brown diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced dramatically by his superlative service as a police officer in Cobb County; and

WHEREAS, a native of Thomaston, Georgia, and graduate of Osborne High School in Cobb County, Officer Brown was the son of Mary Christine Vaughan Brown and Elmore "Buddy" Haynes Brown, who was a detective with the Cobb County Police Department in the 1970s; and

WHEREAS, after attending Kennesaw College to study business law, Officer Brown began his service with the Cobb County Police Department on September 2, 1977, and served as a uniform patrol officer at Precinct 2 in Mableton before joining the then newly created Marietta-Cobb DUI Task Force in 1982; and

WHEREAS, his life was tragically cut short in 1983 after his patrol vehicle was struck by a drunk driver while he was operating radar on Highway 41; and

WHEREAS, Officer Brown led an exceptional career of public service and his inspiring commitment to the welfare of others stands as a shining example of the positive effect law enforcement professionals have on the lives and well-being of others; and

WHEREAS, he exhibited extraordinary devotion to public service, outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all of his duties and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

PART II

WHEREAS, Sheriff Randall Johnson ably served and protected the citizens of this state as Fayette County Sheriff with an exceptional career in law enforcement that spanned nearly 49 years; and

WHEREAS, born in Fayette County on October 13, 1940, and a graduate of Fayette County High School, Sheriff Johnson began his law enforcement career in 1959, when he was sworn in as a Fayette County Deputy Sheriff; and

WHEREAS, in 1961, he went to work for the State of Georgia working at the Capitol in Atlanta, before joining the Georgia Department of Revenue's Division of Alcohol and Tobacco as a special agent two years later; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, he was elected the twenty-third Sheriff of Fayette County and was successfully reelected by the citizens of Fayette County for eight terms; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an intersection in his honor.

PART III

WHEREAS, Mr. Donald Lyn Seabolt has devoted his life to protecting the safety and well-being of the citizens of Dahlonega and Lumpkin County and his decades of leadership and service continue to benefit the community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Seabolt began his distinguished career of public service in 1968 as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the 25th Infantry Division of the United States Army, where he gained the training and discipline that shaped his lifelong commitment to emergency services; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, he became the volunteer fire chief of Lumpkin County and went on to achieve historic milestones, including becoming the county's first paramedic during a time when emergency calls were still managed through local funeral homes; and

WHEREAS, he served as civil defense director and director of the Dahlonega-Lumpkin County Emergency Management Agency; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Seabolt designed and implemented Lumpkin County's emergency 9-1-1 system, ensuring that emergency assistance could be accessed quickly and reliably through a modern communications framework; and

WHEREAS, his leadership and expertise extended state wide through training emergency management professionals, serving as president of the Emergency Management Association of Georgia, earning his emergency management masters certification, and serving on the State 9-1-1 Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Seabolt's more than five decades of service established a lasting foundation of public safety and community resilience and it is abundantly fitting and proper

that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an intersection in his honor.

PART IV

WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Major John Barry Dean was born in Aberdeen, Washington, on August 28, 1949, the beloved son of Eddie and Irene Dean; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from Arab High School in Arab, Alabama, in 1967, and earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Major Dean served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Marine Corps and honorably served this nation for 36 years as an avionics technician until his retirement as the Sergeant Major of the 24th Marine Regiment in 2004; and

WHEREAS, his professional career included work with Boeing, Martin Marietta, Rockwell, and Lockheed Martin, where he served as a quality engineer in the F-22 Raptor program; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Major Dean was elected to the Paulding County School Board in 2018 and served over six years with enthusiasm and a deep love for the students, staff, and schools he represented; and

WHEREAS, he embodied the spirit of service and willingness to find meaning in something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

PART V

WHEREAS, correctional officers Christopher Monica and Curtis Billue were highly regarded by the citizens of their community and state and by local government officials as persons of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound principles of law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Monica began his career with the Georgia Department of Corrections in October, 2009, as a correctional officer at Hancock State Prison before serving as a sergeant with Baldwin State Prison, the transportation unit, and Augusta State Medical Prison; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Billue began his career with the Georgia Department of Corrections in July, 2007, as a correctional officer at the Frank Scott Correctional Facility before serving at the Georgia Diagnostic Classification Prison, Baldwin State Prison, and with the transportation unit; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Monica and Sergeant Billue diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of their time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of their communities and state; and

WHEREAS, their lives were tragically cut short in the line of duty when they were shot and killed by two inmates who escaped during transport; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Monica and Sergeant Billue exhibited extraordinary devotion to public service, outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all of their duties and it is abundantly fitting and proper that these remarkable and distinguished Georgians be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in their memory.

PART VI

WHEREAS, Mr. Richard Keith "Rick" Worley devoted his life and career to the community of Catoosa County and Ringgold, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, a native of Catoosa County and cornerstone to his community, Mr. Worley graduated from Ringgold High School and successfully owned and operated the Rick Worley and Son Autobody shop; and

WHEREAS, after the tragic passing of his son in 2010, Mr. Worley established the Hunter Worley Foundation which assists grieving parents in North Georgia and Tennessee Valley with funeral and burial expenses; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Worley gave selflessly to his local community through his work sponsoring numerous fundraising efforts at Graysville Elementary School and local middle and high schools in Catoosa County; and

WHEREAS, he provided professional services to local police and fire departments and frequently donated equipment and drivers for community parades; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

PART VII

WHEREAS, United States Treasurer Brandon L. Beach has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, he served the people of Georgia with distinction for over two decades, having been elected to the Georgia State Senate in 2013 representing District 21; and

WHEREAS, Treasurer Beach held several influential positions in the Senate, including Chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee, where he was instrumental in advancing transportation and infrastructure reforms critical to Georgia's economic growth and global competitiveness, and Chairman of the Senate Economic Development and Tourism Committee, where he focused on fostering a business friendly environment in this state; and

WHEREAS, Treasurer Beach served as the executive director and founder of the North Fulton Improvement District and has held key leadership roles with the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority, the Georgia Department of Transportation, and the Fulton County Development Authority; and

WHEREAS, he was appointed by President Donald J. Trump to serve as the United States Treasurer, a role in which he oversees the nation's financial operations, manages the U.S. Mint and Fort Knox, and advises on matters of fiscal policy; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his honor.

PART VIII

WHEREAS, Ms. Abigail Savoie grew up in Fayette County, Georgia, playing soccer, cheerleading, swimming, and running; and

WHEREAS, she attended Georgia College & State University in Milledgeville, which she affectionately referred to as "Milli," and was an active member of Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Savoie studied public health and had hopes of joining the Center for Disease Control upon graduation, where she could put her compassion and heart into helping others; and

WHEREAS, she was a people person who cared for the well-being of other people, always the first to help out another in need; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Savoie's life was tragically cut short on October 21, 2022, when returning to school, her vehicle was struck at the intersection of GA 16 and High Falls Road and England Chapel Road near Jackson, Georgia, by a driver who ran a stop sign; and

WHEREAS, although the loss of this smart, energetic, and beautiful soul can never be filled, her death called attention to the other numerous accidents at the intersection where

her vehicle was struck, and resulted in plans to convert the intersection into a safer roundabout, likely saving the lives of other motorists; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a roundabout in her memory.

PART IX

WHEREAS, Dr. James Larry Boss has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Boss was born to a sharecropper during the Great Depression and graduated from McDonough High School, where he was an outstanding football player; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Emory University and Medical College of Georgia, Dr. Boss served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty as a flight surgeon with the United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Boss has been a devoted and dedicated fan of Villa Rica High School's football program and served as the Wildcats team physician providing aid to injured players and fans for decades; and

WHEREAS, his leadership and guidance have been instrumental on numerous boards and organizations, including the Villa Rica City Ethics Board, Bank of Villa Rica, Regions Bank, and the Rapha Clinic; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his honor.

PART X

WHEREAS, former State Representative "Able" Mable Thomas was a fearless activist and legislator whose life and legacy were deeply rooted in Atlanta's Vine City community, where she was born, raised, and later called to serve with unwavering dedication; and

WHEREAS, shaped by Vine City's central role in Atlanta's civil rights history, Representative Thomas carried forward the neighborhood's tradition of resistance, organizing, and community leadership in her lifelong fight for racial justice, equity, and Black political empowerment; and

WHEREAS, throughout her service in the Georgia House of Representatives, Representative Thomas remained firmly grounded in Vine City, using her platform to

speak truth to power and advocate relentlessly for the residents and working families of her community; and

WHEREAS, renaming this intersection in honor of Representative "Able" Mable Thomas permanently recognizes her profound impact on Vine City and Atlanta, ensuring that the legacy of a daughter of the community who became its champion is etched into the very streets she fought to uplift; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an intersection in her honor.

PART XI

WHEREAS, Mr. Jerry Hoy has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hoy was one of the founding leaders of the Castleberry Hill Neighborhood Association in Atlanta, Georgia, and was a central figure in the neighborhood's early revitalization; and

WHEREAS, he played a key role in the development of the Castleberry Hill master plan, hosting planning sessions and helping to shape the zoning, design guidelines, and community vision that laid the foundation for the modern Castleberry Hill Historic District; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hoy's leadership was pivotal during the neighborhood's transition from decades of industrial decline into the vibrant residential and arts community it is today; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished American be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

PART XII

WHEREAS, Mr. Jim S. Briscoe has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Walton County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, born in Between, Georgia, Mr. Briscoe was raised on his family's farm and graduated from Monroe High School; and

WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty in the United States Navy, serving as a machinist in the engine room of a minesweeper during World War II; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of his service to this nation, Mr. Briscoe returned to Between to work on the family farm before his employment with DuPont as a maintenance electrician; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Briscoe made history as the first mayor of Between with his election in 1970; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Briscoe served with honor and distinction as the mayor of Between and his vision and unyielding commitment set the standard for public service; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

PART XIII

WHEREAS, Mr. Raymond Crawford McGhee, Jr., was educated in the Springfield A & I School in the Log Cabin Community of Hancock County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, a talented farmer, Mr. McGhee grew produce that he shared with all and worked for the Sparta Furniture Factory for many years; and

WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced dramatically by his superlative service with the Georgia Department of Transportation, where he served as a foreman for 37 years; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. McGhee was a long time member of the New Hope Powelton Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

PART XIV

WHEREAS, Mr. Hassan Raheem Glasgow was born on March 3, 1993, in Key West, Florida, a beloved son of Darlene Mathis and Edward Glasgow; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Glasgow graduated from King's Fork High School in Suffolk, Virginia, and was employed with Emory University as a computer support specialist; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Glasgow gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his family and friends were admired by others; and

WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he made this world a better place in which to live; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished gentleman be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

PART XV

WHEREAS, Mr. David Oscar Cummings was a lifelong resident of Washington County, Georgia, and graduated from Washington County High School in 1978, where he was the STAR Student of his graduating class; and

WHEREAS, he worked in the product labs at Imerys for over three decades, where his professionalism, generosity, and conscientiousness set the standard for his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, an avid cyclist, Mr. Cummings participated in Randonneuring bicycling events which consist of long distance cycling and he started each year with a century ride of 100 miles on New Year's Day; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cummings life was tragically cut short on April 30, 2018, when he was struck from behind by a motorist while cycling on the outskirts of Sandersville; and

WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he made this world a better place in which to live; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

PART XVI

WHEREAS, Mrs. Victoria Travis Jackson devoted her life to fighting for equity and working alongside some of the most prominent figures in American political and social justice movements; and

WHEREAS, born in 1932 in Atlanta, Georgia, Mrs. Jackson was educated at the historic David T. Howard High School, and at the age of 79, she enrolled at the Atlanta Metropolitan State College to demonstrate that the pursuit of knowledge has no expiration date; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jackson was a central figure in the movement to tear down the "Peyton Wall," a concrete symbol of racial segregation in Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, she transformed the City of Atlanta's education landscape and opportunities by demanding and securing better textbooks and facilities for underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jackson collaborated with numerous civil rights icons and leaders, including Mayor Maynard Jackson and Congressman John Lewis; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jackson's life work serves as an enduring inspiration for current and future generations to continue the vital task of creating a more just and equitable society and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating a road in her memory.

PART XVII

WHEREAS, Mr. Teddy Ray Webb has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Webb was born in Hartwell, Georgia, on October 26, 1956, the beloved son of Ira and Carol Ann Webb; and

WHEREAS, he hailed from a family who dedicated their lives to bridge construction in Georgia and visited worksites at a young age with his grandfather, father, and uncles; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Webb began his career in bridge construction in 1974, and during his illustrious 50 year career he traveled the state and trained numerous workers in a variety of vocational skills related to construction; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Webb worked diligently on projects within his community, including renovations to ball fields and concession stands for the Johnson County Recreation Department and renovations to the press box and weight room of Johnson County High School; and

WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he made this world a better place in which to live; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

PART XVIII

WHEREAS, the Honorable Mandi Lia Ballinger has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Representative Ballinger was born on April 14, 1975, and grew up in Forsyth County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, she served as a victim advocate with the district attorney's offices in Cherokee and Forsyth counties before founding and directing the Child Advocacy Center; and

WHEREAS, she was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 2012, representing the citizens of the 23rd District and was a tireless advocate for justice, children, and survivors of domestic violence and served as chairperson of the House Judiciary Juvenile Committee; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure with the General Assembly, Representative Ballinger championed legislation to protect domestic violence survivors, combat child abuse, and reform the juvenile justice system; and

WHEREAS, Representative Ballinger was a staunch advocate for the Second Amendment, which was recognized with commendations, including the prestigious Defender of Freedom Award from the National Rifle Association and Legislator of the Year from Georgia Carry; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an interchange in her memory.

PART XIX

WHEREAS, Mr. Herman Douglas Everett has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Everett graduated from Sylvester High School and attended the Georgia Institute of Technology and Georgia Southern University; and

WHEREAS, he was the founder and president of Southern Appraisal Company, where he appraised commercial real estate for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Everett's leadership was instrumental to organizations such as the Albany Planning and Zoning Commission and the Albany City Commission, where he served as mayor pro tem for two terms; and

WHEREAS, he was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 1996 before serving on the Georgia Public Service Commission for almost two decades; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

PART XX

WHEREAS, Mayor A.R. "Rick" Roberts III has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced dramatically by his superlative service as mayor of Ball Ground, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Mayor Roberts expanded Ball Ground's sanitary sewer system by increasing the water capacity seven fold; upgraded several city government buildings including a new city hall, fire station, police station, library, senior center, and post office; and revitalized and expanded the many beautiful parks and recreational areas of Ball Ground such as Calvin Farmer Park and Roberts Lake Trail; and

WHEREAS, his vision and leadership lead to Ball Ground obtaining approval for a truck bypass, the widening of Old Dawsonville Road, and the expansion of city sidewalks connecting over 50 percent of residents to downtown, revitalizing the city for citizens and tourists; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his honor.

PART XXI

WHEREAS, Mr. Sidney R. Miles has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Miles began working for the Georgia State Patrol in 1969 as a radio operator at Post 36 Douglas while attending South Georgia College; and

WHEREAS, a second generation trooper, Mr. Miles graduated from the 44th Georgia State Patrol Trooper School in 1974; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Miles's career in law enforcement spanned 30 years and he retired with the rank of Colonel and as Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety; and

WHEREAS, he exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties and was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound principles of law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Miles led an exceptional career of public of service, always putting public safety and the citizens of this state first, and his inspiring commitment to the welfare of others stands as a shining example of the positive effect law enforcement professionals have on the lives and well-being of others; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

PART XXII

WHEREAS, Mr. Eric Wilmarth has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced dramatically by his superlative service as the Ball Ground City Manager; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilmarth's significant organizational and leadership talents, remarkable patience and diplomacy, keen sense of vision, and sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

WHEREAS, under his management, Ball Ground was able to revitalize the sewer systems, supporting both economic and environmental sustainability, while never utilizing the powers of eminent domain; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a roundabout in his honor.

PART XXIII

WHEREAS, Mr. Marvin R. Adams has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Adams diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced dramatically by his superlative service with the Fayette County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Adams served with honor and distinction with the Fayette County Board of Commissioners, and his vision and unyielding commitment helped establish the Fayette County Zoning Department; and

WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this state earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

WHEREAS, for over 50 years, Mr. Adams' farm provided a wonderful place for the citizens of Fayette County and the surrounding areas to shop for fresh produce and fruits; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

PART XXIV

WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Albert "Butch" S. Welch, Jr., served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army and honorably served this nation for two tours of duty in Afghanistan as a combat engineer; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Welch diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced dramatically by his superlative service with the Georgia Department of Transportation, where he served as an engineer for nearly 30 years; and

WHEREAS, he worked on numerous road projects across this state, including improvements along North Druid Hills that significantly enhanced access to hospitals on the east side of Interstate 85; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

PART XXV

WHEREAS, Mr. Darryl W. Jordan has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Clayton County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jordan graduated from Southwest High School in Macon, Georgia, where he served as vice president of his graduating class and drum major for the school's marching band; and

WHEREAS, he attended Grambling State University, where he was a member of the famous Grambling State "Tiger" band that performed around the country and transferred to Mercer University, where he earned bachelor's and master's degrees; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jordan served as an educator in Henry County, dedicating 31 years to teaching and inspiring the next generation of leaders; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, he was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives and served as vice chairperson of the House Committee on Regulated Industries and as a member of the House Committees on Banks and Banking and Transportation; and

WHEREAS, his dedicated public service and vision has been recognized with numerous awards, including the Martin Luther King, Jr., Freedom Award from the Henry County Community; the Teacher Gold Cup, Teacher of the Year Award, and Community Leadership Award from Henry County Middle School; the Community Support Award from the Riverdale Parent Teacher Association; and the Distinguished Leadership in public service award from the Mercer University African American alumni; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his honor.

PART XXVI

WHEREAS, Sheriff Russell Tanner was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound principles of law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Tanner ably served and protected the citizens of this state as Johnson County Sheriff with an exceptional career in law enforcement that spanned 30 years; and

WHEREAS, he served as Deputy Sheriff of Johnson County from January 1, 1962, until July 1984, and was appointed Sheriff of Johnson County by Governor Joe Frank Harris to complete the unexpired term of his predecessor; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Tanner led an exceptional career of public of service, always putting public safety and the citizens of Johnson County first, and his inspiring commitment to the welfare of others stands as a shining example of the positive effect law enforcement professionals have on the lives and well-being of others; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Tanner retired on December 1, 1992, making him the longest serving law enforcement officer in Johnson County history; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

PART XXVII

WHEREAS, Senator Ben Joseph "Joey" Brush, Jr., has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Southern Polytechnic State University, Senator Brush built a respected career as a real estate broker and home builder, contributing to the growth and development of communities throughout Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Senator Brush devoted over a decade to serving the people of Georgia in the General Assembly, first as a member of the Georgia House of Representatives from 1992 to 1993 and from 1995 to 1996, and then as a member of the Georgia State Senate representing District 24 from 1997 to 2004; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure in the Senate, he was appointed chairperson of the Senate Education Committee, where he worked to promote excellence in education across the state and championed policies to strengthen opportunities for Georgia's students; and

WHEREAS, he served on numerous legislative committees and was an advocate for public safety, education, and the interests of his constituents in Columbia County and beyond; and

WHEREAS, he was known for his principled leadership, collaborative spirit, and commitment to public service, earning respect from colleagues and citizens alike; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

PART XXVIII

WHEREAS, Dr. Anthony W. Smith has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia as evidenced dramatically by his superlative service with Clayton County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, as the Superintendent of Clayton County Public Schools, Dr. Smith leads one of the nation's top 100 largest school districts and the sixth largest school system in the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Smith is highly regarded as a dedicated leader with a transformative and innovative approach to education, designed to improve the educational experience and outcomes of all students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Smith was instrumental in the reestablishment of the Clayton County Public Schools Foundation, which has raised millions of dollars used to support students

by providing thousands of scholarships to graduating seniors and sponsoring numerous employee initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Smith further supports his community through civic and social activities including being a member of the Masonic Order at Prince Hall and New Hope Methodist Church as well as participating in the Stockbridge Jonesboro Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, his work has been recognized with the 2015 Outstanding Servant in Educational Leadership Award from the Association of Christian Ministers of Clayton County, a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Clayton County Chamber of Commerce in addition to being named the 2025-2026 Superintendent to Watch by the National School Public Relations Association; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his honor.

PART XXIX

WHEREAS, the Wallace family's connection to Dawson County, Georgia, began in the 1880's when Ertus and Octavia Wallace established their home near present-day State Route 400 and State Route 136; and

WHEREAS, the Wallace family operated a number of important local businesses on the property, including a steam engine-powered sawmill that supplied lumber to the surrounding region, as well as a corn mill, general store, and gasoline pump; and

WHEREAS, the Wallace family operated a general store from their homestead, providing essential goods and services to area residents until the construction of their stand-alone building in the 1920s which became the centerpiece of a thriving community hub that served generations of residents until the store's closure in the 1950s; and

WHEREAS, the Wallace family property was home to four dwelling structures and also served the civic life of the surrounding community, functioning as a voting precinct and polling location until the early 1960s; and

WHEREAS, in the mid-1970s, the Wallace family sold the property to the State of Georgia to allow for the construction of State Route 400, contributing to the transportation infrastructure that now serves thousands of Georgians each day; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable Georgia family be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in memory of Mr. General Wallace.

PART XXX

WHEREAS, Mr. John W. Ralston was born July 4, 1891, a beloved son of John W. Ralston, Sr., and Lavada Stone Ralston; and

WHEREAS, after his family moved to Lumpkin County, Georgia, in 1913, Mr. Ralston went on to become one of Lumpkin County's most influential community leaders particularly in the Mill Creek community; and

WHEREAS, affectionately known as "Big John Ralston," Mr. Ralston and his father "Wash Ralston" shared the same birthday and many friends and family would annually gather for birthday celebrations at the family property that has now been in the Ralston family for over 100 years; and

WHEREAS, he was a member of Mill Creek Baptist Church and served his community as a school bus driver for over 20 years, a justice of the peace, a poll worker, and a member of Georgia Freemasonry and the Etowah Masonic Lodge; and

WHEREAS, in 1922, Mr. Ralston donated a portion of his property for the construction of Highway State Route 9; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

PART XXXI

WHEREAS, Mr. Bryce Alan Johnson graduated as valedictorian and STAR student of 1990 from Tiftarea Academy; and

WHEREAS, he graduated magna cum laude from Brewton-Parker College with a bachelor's degree, earned a master's degree from Valdosta State University, and obtained a law degree from Mercer University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson began his legal career as an assistant district attorney in the Oconee Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office and later served as an associate at the Carter and Richbourg law firm and as assistant solicitor-general of Tift County; and

WHEREAS, he was elected as solicitor-general of Worth County in 2008 and was elected district attorney of the Tifton Judicial Circuit in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson's leadership and vision were instrumental to numerous district and state Republican organizations, including through multiple county chairmanships, two district chairmanships, and participation with the Republican State Committee; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

PART XXXII

WHEREAS, Ms. Huxsie Scott is regarded as one of the greatest jazz and blues artists in the history of Coastal Savannah; and

WHEREAS, a native of Savannah, Ms. Scott began her career as a jazz vocalist in 1973, with a powerful voice that will send chills down your spine; and

WHEREAS, she has performed as the opening act for such jazz icons as Lionel Hampton and McCoy Tyner; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Scott was the original jazz vocalist for the Savannah Jazz Orchestra and is a featured performer in the *Jukebox Journey* musical at the Savannah Theater; and

WHEREAS, her vocal talents extend to gospel and inspirational music, with three of her own gospel recordings and as a staff member in the music ministry of Overcoming By Faith Ministries; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Scott has been recognized with numerous honors, including induction into the Savannah Tribune Gospel Hall of Fame, a bronze medal in the 2004 American Traditions competition, and Best Female Contemporary Gospel Artist by the listeners of WSOK/Clear Channel radio; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in her honor.

PART XXXIII

WHEREAS, Mr. Jimmy "Lord" Brown has long been recognized for his musical talents and unique sound; and

WHEREAS, he is the founding member and master horn player for Brick, a legendary funk and rhythm and blues band whose innovative blend of jazz, funk, and dance has left a lasting impact on American music; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown's energy on the saxophone, flute, trumpet, and trombone created the unmistakable brass-driven energy behind the band's hits, *Dusic*, *Ain't Gonna Hurt Nobody*, and *Happy*; and

WHEREAS, his music stands as a symbol of funk excellence, cultural pride, and musical innovation; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his honor.

PART XXXIV

WHEREAS, Howell and Jane Teasley have long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that they played in leadership and their deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Howell Teasley grew up in Elberton, Georgia, and earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Teasley diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy for 35 years to the contracts department at Lockheed Martin; and

WHEREAS, Jane Teasley grew up in Franklin, North Carolina, and dedicated her time to the field of education at schools such as Awtry Middle School in Acworth, Georgia, and Shiloh Hills Christian School in Kennesaw, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Teasley demonstrated their deep and abiding faith as active members of Morganton Baptist Church, where they helped found Mountain Area Christian Academy; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that these remarkable and distinguished Georgians be appropriately recognized by dedicating an intersection in their memory.

PART XXXV

WHEREAS, State Representative Roger Bruce has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Representative Bruce graduated from Morehouse College, where he served as president of the political science club and reinstituted the Frederick Douglass Tutorial Institute to help high school students prepare for college; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, he was elected to serve the citizens of House District 61 in the Georgia House of Representatives and served as the first African American chairman of the Douglas County delegation for eight years; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure in the House of Representatives, he focused on issues related to children with special needs, aging, education, working families, economic development, voting rights, and criminal justice; and

WHEREAS, he served on the Insurance, Education, Motor Vehicles, MARTOC, Intergovernmental Coordination, Judiciary, Appropriations, Small Business and Job Development, Human Relations and Aging, and Game, Fish and Parks Committees; and

WHEREAS, Representative Bruce's leadership and guidance have been instrumental to numerous organizations, including the Interdenominational Theological Center, Fulton Atlanta Community Action Authority, Inc., and All Children Are Special; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his honor.

PART XXXVI

WHEREAS, Mr. Jerry Barnes was a lifelong resident of the Hinton community in Pickens County, Georgia, and graduated from Pickens High School, where he served as president of the Future Farmers of America; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barnes dedicated his life to uplifting others and supporting the needs of his neighbors and community; and

WHEREAS, he was an advocate for the youth of Pickens County, volunteering countless hours of his time to educating aspiring farmers to care for and show lambs, calves, and pigs; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barnes was a founding member of the Hinton Volunteer Fire Department, helping to protect lives and property and leading annual fundraisers to obtain vehicles and a building for the department; and

WHEREAS, he was a charter member of Pickens Future Farmers of America Alumni, founded the Appalachian Cattleman's Association, and supported numerous organizations such as Pickens 4-H, Leadership Pickens, USDA Farm Services Agency, and Coosawattee Regional Water and Sewage Authority; and

WHEREAS, after retiring as a Georgia Farm Bureau agent, Mr. Barnes continued to serve as the voice of the western part of the county as County Commissioner for Pickens County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barnes was a devoted husband to his wife Marsha, a proud father of Brian and Shelia, and a doting grandfather; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Barnes was an active member of Hinton United Methodist Church, where he served as church chairperson and choir director; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

PART XXXVII

WHEREAS, Mr. William Donaldson "Don" Ballard graduated from Covington High School and earned bachelor's and law degrees from the University of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ballard served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Navy during World War II and trained as an underwater demolitionist, known as amphibs, to destroy manmade, underwater obstacles; and

WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced dramatically by his superlative service as the attorney for Newton County, the Newton County Water and Sewage Authority and the cities of Oxford, Mansfield, Covington, Porterdale, Newborn, Walnut Grove, and Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ballard was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 1957 and served until 1970, when he was elected to the Georgia Senate for District 45; and

WHEREAS, in the Senate, Mr. Ballard served as chairperson of the Secondary Education, Upper Ocmulgee Economic Opportunity, and Industry, Labor, and Tourism Committees; and

WHEREAS, he was elected mayor of Oxford in 2004, where he established a citizen committee that assisted and advised on city planning, paving way for numerous city projects such as the destruction of the utility and work yard, building of the modern utility system, upgrading the city's equipment and personnel; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

PART XXXVIII

WHEREAS, Ms. Mary Davis has long been recognized for her musical talents and unique sound; and

WHEREAS, a native of Savannah, Georgia, Ms. Davis is best known as the original lead vocalist and front woman of the iconic funk and rhythm and blues group, the S.O.S. Band; and

WHEREAS, her smooth and powerful voice helped lead the band to multi-platinum success, selling millions of records world wide; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Davis's voice and direction was a driving force behind the band's hits, "Take Your Time (Do It Right)," "Just Be Good To Me," "Tell Me If You Still Care," "The Finest," and "No One's Gonna Love You"; and

WHEREAS, one of the most sampled and referenced groups in modern soul and hip-hop, the S.O.S. Band's influence extends beyond the 1970s and 1980s to future generations of music lovers; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in her honor.

PART XXXIX

WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the freedom that all United States citizens cherish; and

WHEREAS, United States military veterans of World War I demonstrated a deep personal commitment to protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice their own personal safety and comfort to ensure the well-being of their fellow man; and

WHEREAS, the state of Georgia played a significant role during America's participation in World War I, contributing more than 100,000 men and women to the war effort and holding more training camps than any other state; and

WHEREAS, on Armistice Day, November 11, 1921, more than 1,000 Thomas County citizens and veterans gathered around the newly constructed bridge over Ochlockonee River on State Route 3 ALT for a dedication program to name the bridge "Memorial Bridge" but the bridge dedication was not preserved when the bridge was rebuilt in 1941; and

WHEREAS, it is important that World War I veterans are thanked for their selfless service to this nation and honored for their commitment to protecting the people and ideals of the United States; and

WHEREAS, World War I veterans embodied the spirit of service, finding meaning in something greater than themselves, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments and sacrifices of these remarkable and distinguished Americans be honored appropriately.

PART XXXX

WHEREAS, the Honorable Terry England has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Representative England has spent his entire working life as a farmer and agribusinessman; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, he was elected to serve in the Georgia House of Representatives and diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state with 18 years of superlative service before his retirement in 2023; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure in the House of Representatives, he served as chairperson of the House Appropriations Committee and cochairperson of the Agricultural Education Advisory Commission; and

WHEREAS, he served on the Legislative Services Committee, the Fiscal Affairs Subcommittee, and the House Committees on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs; Education; Natural Resources and Environment; Industry and Labor; and Ways and Means; and

WHEREAS, his leadership and guidance were greatly relied upon by Speaker of the House of Representatives John Burns when Representative England returned to the Gold Dome after his retirement to serve with honor and distinction as chief of staff to the Speaker; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his honor.

PART XXXXI

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Larry Buford Boggs has deep roots in Carroll County, Georgia, as a graduate of Villa Rica High School, where he was a proud member of the school's varsity football team during a time when helmets had no face guard which resulted in a broken nose and the loss of two teeth; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Boggs earned his bachelor's degree from West Georgia College and shortly after was a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Marine Corps, serving in Virginia, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, and Cuba before retiring after 22 years of service with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Boggs began his professional career with United States Gypsum Corporation before founding Benchmark Homes and B&W Properties in 1971; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, more than 3,000 homes were built and commercial and industrial projects exceeding $750 million in value were developed, significantly strengthening the region's tax base and economic vitality; and

WHEREAS, he played an instrumental role in the economic development of this state with the development of Arbor Place Mall in Douglas County, renovation of a 300,000 square foot facility now home to Sugar Foods Corporation, development of industrial sites near Liberty Road in Villa Rica, and the construction of facilities for the Tanner Health System and numerous manufacturing and warehouse projects in Carroll County; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his honor.

PART XXXXII

WHEREAS, Reverend Bennie R. Mitchell, Jr., demonstrated his commitment to teaching the Gospel, witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical, psychological, intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Mitchell was born in Edgefield, South Carolina and earned a bachelor's degree from Benedict College and a master's degree from Interdenominational Theological Center at Morehouse School of Religion; and

WHEREAS, he was called by the Lord in 1974 to lead the congregation of Connor's Temple Baptist Church in Savannah, Georgia, where he was responsible for bringing the congregation to the forefront of the Savannah community; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Mitchell's good works and service to others were recognized through numerous honors, including Omega Man of the Year, the Ivan Allen, Jr., Award for Excellence in Human Relations, WSOK Image Award, and Fannie Lou Hamer Award; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, Reverend Mitchell organized the Martin Luther King, Jr., Observance Day Association in Savannah, which was responsible for the city's first Kingfest, including the first MLK parade, and he helped lead the movement to have a major street in Savannah named for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message of peace and love be recognized be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

PART XXXXIII

WHEREAS, F.H.P. Trooper Charles Eugene "Gene" Campbell was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound principles of law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Campbell ably served as a Florida Highway Patrol Officer with an exceptional career in law enforcement that spanned nine years; and

WHEREAS, his life was tragically cut short on November 16, 1974, after being abducted and taken hostage during a traffic stop in Perry, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Campbell always put public safety first during his exceptional career of public service, and his inspiring commitment to the welfare of others stands as a shining example of the positive effect law enforcement professionals have on the lives and well-being of others; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished public servant be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

PART XXXXIV

WHEREAS, Councilman Alphonso Thomas has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Thomas attended Smith Barnes Elementary School, the Henry County Training School in McDonough, and earned a football scholarship to Fort Valley State University; and

WHEREAS, affectionately known as "Blue," Councilman Thomas served the City of Stockbridge for more than 35 years; and

WHEREAS, he was employed by the Economic Opportunity Authority as a youth organizer at Perry Holmes where he mentored youth, and his commitment to civic engagement also extended through his membership in the Esquire Fraternity and Fort Valley State alumni; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Councilman Thomas was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Thomas was recognized with numerous honors, including the Henry County NAACP Freedom Fund Community Service award, the Eagle Scout Mentor's Pin from Troop #65, and the Zeta Mu Nu Chapter Omega Citizen of the year award; and

WHEREAS, he was known for his principled leadership, collaborative spirit, and commitment to public service, earning respect from colleagues and citizens alike; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

PART XXXXV

WHEREAS, Mr. Don A. Grantham has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he plays in leadership in this state and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, a Georgia native, Mr. Grantham was raised in Augusta and graduated from the Academy of Richmond County before attending Augusta College and ultimately earning a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Grantham and his wife Mrs. Carol Willcox Grantham have built their lives and raised their family, including their daughter Zoe Grantham Gawrych and son Don A. "Dag" Grantham Jr., in their hometown of Augusta, a family that is now blessed with four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, with an abiding devotion to their faith, he and his wife are active members of Trinity on the Hill Global Methodist Church and remain committed to the betterment of not only their hometown and community but also their state and nation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Grantham launched his career in the lumber sector at the Georgia Pacific Corporation and ultimately cofounded the Forest Sales Corporation in 1968, holding the role of President and CEO for 48 years until 2018; and

WHEREAS, an engaged community leader, Mr. Grantham's extensive volunteer service includes his past presidencies of the Exchange Club of Augusta, Augusta Country Club, and Augusta Gold Association and his service with the Boy Scouts of America Advisory Board of Augusta, Metro Augusta Chamber of Commerce, YWCA Board of Directors, Augusta Museum of History Board of Directors, Augusta Arts Council, University Health Foundation Board, and Medical College of Georgia Foundation at Augusta University; and

WHEREAS, comprising more than a half century of gubernatorial appointments and electoral successes, his public service roles include multiple terms on the Georgia Ports Authority Board as well as the Richmond County Commission, the Richmond County Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals, and election to multiple terms on the State Transportation Board representing the 12th Congressional district; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Grantham presently holds the unique distinction of having served as the Chairman of the Georgia Ports Authority Board and subsequently the State Transportation Board leading initiatives to make our state's port a national and international leader as well as significantly advancing regional and state investment in transportation through the implementation of the Transportation Investment Act of 2010 and the Transportation Funding Act of 2015; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an interchange in his honor.

PART XXXXVI

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia continues to mourn the loss of one of the University of Georgia's legends with the passing of Mr. Dan Magill in August of 2014; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Magill was born on January 25, 1921, and was a native of Athens, Georgia, where he began his lifelong affiliation with the University of Georgia athletic program as a bat boy for the baseball team and manager for the tennis team; and

WHEREAS, as an attendee of the University of Georgia, Mr. Magill was an invaluable member of the university's swim and tennis teams, volunteered as an assistant football coach, and was a member of the Chi Psi fraternity before graduating with a degree in journalism in 1942; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Magill served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Marine Corps during World War II and, upon his return home, worked briefly as the prep sports editor with the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*; and

WHEREAS, in 1949, this lifelong Bulldog returned home to his alma mater to serve as the university's sports information director, and later he established *The Georgia Bulldog* newspaper and founded the Bulldog Club; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Magill assumed the role as the head coach of the university's tennis program in 1954, a position he proudly held for 34 years; and

WHEREAS, as head of the tennis program, Mr. Magill oversaw the construction of the university's tennis complex and put Athens on the map as a tennis destination, with the city serving as host to the NCAA tennis tournament 21 times and as home to the hall of fame for the Intercollegiate Tennis Association; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

PART XXXXVII

WHEREAS, the Honorable Nancy Denson has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that she plays in leadership in this state and her deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Denson has been a resident of Athens, Georgia, since 1966, moving from Memphis, Tennessee, and earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, she was elected as the first woman to serve on the Athens City Council in 1980, served as tax commissioner from 1985 to 2010, and served as the mayor from 2011 to 2017; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Denson was active with the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia and the Georgia Municipal Association; and

WHEREAS, her leadership and guidance has been instrumental to numerous civic organizations in Athens; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Denson has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades, including an Athena Award from the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce, a Lifetime Volunteer Award from Athens Junior League, an Action Hero from Action Ministries, and Top Dawg from the University of Georgia Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, her love and support has uplifted the lives of her late husband, Bob; her children Bobby, Diane, Margaret, and Kathleen; and her grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an interchange in her honor.

PART XXXXVIII

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the intersection of U.S. 41/State Route 3 and Creekside Village Parkway NW in Cobb County is dedicated as the Officer Drew Haynes Brown Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 92 and Westbridge Road in Fayette County is dedicated as the Sheriff Randall Johnson Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 9/Highway 19 and Pinetree Way in Lumpkin County is dedicated as the Donald Seabolt Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 92 and Cedarcrest Road in Paulding County is dedicated as the Sgt. Major John Barry Dean Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 16 from New Phoenix Road to Long Shoals Rd/Texas Chapel Road in Putnam County is dedicated as the Christopher Monica and Curtis Billue Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 3/US-41 and Chapman Road in Catoosa County is dedicated as the Richard Keith "Rick" Worley Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 9 from Old Milton Parkway to Mayfield Road in Fulton County is dedicated as the United States Treasurer Brandon L. Beach Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the roundabout of State Route 16 and High Falls Road in Butts County is dedicated as the Abby Savoie Circle of Hope.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 61 from SR 101 to the intersection with Dallas Highway (Villa Rica North Loop Bypass) in Carroll County is dedicated as the Dr. J. Larry Boss Old Town Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 3 (US-19/41) and State Route 8 (US-78/278) in Fulton County is dedicated as the State Representative "Able" Mable Thomas Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 14 from State Route 3 to Haynes Street SW in Fulton County is dedicated as the Jerry Hoy Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 10/US-78 and New Hope Church Road in Walton County is dedicated as the Jim S. Briscoe Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 15 By-Pass bridge over State Route 16 in Hancock County is dedicated as the Raymond C. McGhee, Jr. Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 540 in Washington County from State Route 231 to the Jefferson County line is dedicated as the Hassan Raheem Glasgow Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 540 from Deepstep Road to Linton Road South in Washington County is dedicated as the David Cummings Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 139 from State Route 280 to Fairburn Road in Fulton County is dedicated as the Victoria Travis Jackson Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 7 over Cedar Creek in Crisp County is dedicated as the Teddy Ray Webb Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange of I-575 and State Route 5/Riverstone Parkway in Cherokee County is dedicated as the Representative Mandi L. Ballinger Memorial Interchange.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 133 from State Route 112 to Bridgeboro-Anderson City Road in Worth County is dedicated as the Doug Everett Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 5BU and Gilmer Ferry Road in Cherokee County is dedicated as the Mayor Rick Roberts Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 23 from W.R. Colman Road to Brazells Creek in Tattnall County is dedicated as the Sidney R. Miles Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the State Route 5BU and Howell Bridge Road roundabout in Cherokee County is dedicated as the Eric W. Wilmarth Roundabout.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 54 and Tyrone Road in Fayette County is dedicated as the Marvin R. Adams Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 42 over State Route 403 (I-85) in DeKalb County is dedicated as the Lt. Col. Albert "Butch" S. Welch Jr. Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 3CO (Tara Blvd) and Upper Riverdale Road in Clayton County is dedicated as the Darryl Jordan Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 78 from Gumlog Road to Union Hill Church Road in Johnson County is dedicated as the Sheriff Russell Tanner Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 232/Columbia Road and Louisville Road in Columbia County is dedicated as the Senator Joey Brush Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 314 from Norman Drive to Fayetteville Road in Clayton County is dedicated as the Dr. Anthony Smith Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 400 and State Route 136 in Dawson County is dedicated as the General Wallace Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 9 and Castleberry Bridge Road in Lumpkin County is dedicated as the John W. Ralston Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 520 over Ty Ty Creek at the Worth-Tift county line is dedicated as the Bryce Johnson Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 204 over the CSX railroad (Bridge ID # 0510075) in Chatham County is dedicated as the Huxsie Scott Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 204 and Middleground Road in Chatham County is dedicated as the Jimmy "Lord" Brown Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 515 and the Hemptown Connector in Fannin County is dedicated as the Howell and Jane Teasley Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 6 (Camp Creek Parkway) and State Route 70 (Fulton County Industrial Boulevard SW) in Fulton County is dedicated as the State Representative Roger Bruce Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 53 from 1/4 mile East of the intersection with State Route 136CO to Arrowhead Way in Pickens County is dedicated as the Jerry Barnes Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 81 from East Clark Street to West Richardson Street in Newton County is dedicated as the W.D. "Don" Ballard Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 204 and Tibet Avenue in Chatham County is dedicated as the Mary Davis "S.O.S. Band" Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 3 ALT over the Ochlockonee River in Thomas County is dedicated as the World War I Veterans Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 211 and West Winder Bypass in Barrow County is dedicated as the Honorable Terry England Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of the Villa Rica North Loop Bypass and Dallas Highway in Carroll County is dedicated as the Lt. Col. Larry Boggs Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 307 and State Route 25 (US-17) in Chatham County is dedicated as the Reverend Bennie R. Mitchell Jr. Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 247 from the bridge over Big Indian Creek in Houston County to Buck Creek Road in Pulaski County is dedicated as the F.H.P. Trooper Charles Eugene "Gene" Campbell Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 42/US-23 and East Atlanta Road in Henry County is dedicated as the Councilman Alphonso Thomas Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange of Interstate 20 and Interstate 520 in Augusta-Richmond County is dedicated as the Chairman Don A. Grantham Interchange.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 15AL (S. Milledge Avenue) and Woodlawn Avenue in Athens-Clarke County is dedicated as the Dan Magill Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the western interchange of State Route 10 Loop and State Route 10/US-78 BUS in Athens-Clarke County is dedicated as the Mayor Nancy Denson Interchange.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the fourth undesignated paragraph of Part XXII of Senate Resolution 8, approved May 14, 2025 (Ga. L. 2025, p. 1006), is amended by replacing "State Route 49 from the Milledgeville Bypass SR 29/US 441 to the

Macon Bibb County line in Baldwin County" with "State Route 49 from the Milledgeville Bypass SR 29/US 441 to the Jones County line".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the twelfth undesignated paragraph of Part XXVIII of Senate Resolution 7, approved May 14, 2025 (Ga. L. 2025, p. 983), is amended by replacing "Representative Edward "Mickey" Stephens Memorial Interchange" with "Representative Edward "Mickey" Stephens Memorial Intersection".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the fourth undesignated paragraph of Part VI of Senate Resolution 231, approved May 14, 2025 (Ga. L. 2025 p. 1022), is amended by replacing "Officer Scott Riner Memorial Intersection" with "Officer Scott Riner Memorial Interchange".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that Part XII and the twelfth undesignated paragraph of Part XXII of Senate Resolution 8, approved May 14, 2025 (Ga. L. 2025, p. 1006), are hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the nineteenth undesignated paragraph of Part XXII of Senate Resolution 8, approved May 14, 2025 (Ga. L. 2025, p. 1006), is amended by replacing "Interstate 95 over the Ogeechee River Tributary in Chatham County " with "Interstate 95 over the Ogeechee River in Chatham County ".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that seventeenth undesignated paragraph of Part XIV of House Resolution 7, approved May 14, 2025 (Ga. L. 2025, p. 896), is amended by replacing "Cary Williams, Jr. Highway" with "Carey Williams, Jr. Highway".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facilities named in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Department of Transportation; to Sheriff Randall Johnson, Mr. Donald Lyn Seabolt, United States Treasurer Brandon L. Beach, Dr. James Larry Boss, the Honorable "Able" Mable Thomas, Mayor A.R. "Rick" Roberts III, Mr. Eric Wilmarth, Mr. Darryl W. Jordan, Dr. Anthony W. Smith, Ms. Huxsie Scott, Mr. Jimmy "Lord" Brown, State Representative Roger Bruce, Ms. Mary Davis, the board of commissioners of Thomas County, the Honorable Terry England, Lieutenant Colonel Larry Buford Boggs, Mr. Don A. Grantham, and the Honorable Nancy Denson and to the families of Officer Drew Haynes Brown, Sgt. Major John Barry Dean, correctional officers Christopher Monica and Curtis Billue, Mr. Richard Keith "Rick" Worley, Ms. Abigail Savoie, Mr. Jerry Hoy, Mr. Jim S. Briscoe, Raymond Crawford McGhee, Jr., Mr. Hassan Raheem Glasgow, Mr. David Oscar Cummings, Mrs.

Victoria Travis Jackson, Mr. Teddy Ray Webb, the Honorable Mandi Lia Ballinger, Mr. Herman Douglas Everett, Mr. Sidney R. Miles, Mr. Marvin R. Adams, Lieutenant Colonel Albert "Butch" S. Welch, Jr., Sheriff Russell Tanner, Senator Ben Joseph "Joey" Brush, Jr., Mr. General Wallace, Mr. John W. Ralston, Mr. Bryce Alan Johnson, Howell and Jane Teasley, Mr. Jerry Barnes, Mr. William Donaldson "Don" Ballard, Reverend Bennie R. Mitchell, Jr., F.H.P. Trooper Charles Eugene "Gene" Campbell, Councilman Alphonso Thomas, and Mr. Dan Magill.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the Resolution, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the Resolution, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the adoption of the Resolution, by substitute, the ayes were 173, nays 0.

The Resolution, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted, by substitute.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has agreed to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to the following bill of the House:

HB 445. By Representative Martin of the 49th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to revise the language required to be included in the notices of current assessment; to add hearing officer review for tax assessment of certain business personal property; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has agreed to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to the following bill of the House:

HB 858. By Representatives Cummings of the 39th, Campbell of the 35th, Seabaugh of the 34th, McQueen of the 61st, Ridley of the 22nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Cobb County, approved March 26, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 3211), as amended, so as to change the compensation and number of certain staff of the solicitor-general; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Bills and Resolution of the House were taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 1344. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Burns of the 159th, Lumsden of the 12th, Kelley of the 16th, Hugley of the 141st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 33 and 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to insurance and motor vehicles and traffic, respectively, so as to strengthen the enforcement authority of the Commissioner of Insurance and to clarify regulations on insurance, insurance fraud, uninsured motorists,

excluded drivers, premium tax, insurance rates, claims processing, and uninsured or unregistered motor vehicles; to provide for related matters; to provide for short titles; to provide for legislative purposes; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Titles 9, 15, 23, 33, and 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to civil practice, courts, equity, insurance, and motor vehicles and traffic, respectively, so as to establish certain protections for individuals, titles, and properties, provide for risk mitigation against loss, and strengthen the enforcement authority of the Commissioner of Insurance; to provide for the submission of information on suspected insurance fraud; to provide for certain entities to pay into the Special Insurance Fraud Fund; to authorize the Commissioner to use such funds to employ prosecuting attorneys for the prosecution of insurance fraud; to prohibit the solicitation, release, or sale of automobile accident information; to provide for the recruitment of insurers to this state; to provide for violation and punishment; to provide for the retention of insurers in this state; to provide for timely claims processing after a catastrophic event; to provide for reporting the use of premium tax funds; to provide for refunds and credits; to provide for homeowner protections with regard to insurance companies' use of aerial or satellite images; to provide for definitions; to provide for certain procedures; to require that homeowners be allowed 60 days to correct; to provide for applicability; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for contractual limitations; to provide for exemptions; to provide for storm damage mitigation through the Georgia Storm Mitigation Program; to provide for funding; to provide for matching and nonmatching grants; to provide for eligibility; to provide for mitigation contractors; to provide for increased fees for driving without minimum motor vehicle insurance coverage; to increase the amount of certain monetary penalties; to provide for rental home marketplace guarantees to be excluded from the definition of property insurance; to revise provisions for judicial sales relative to acceptable tenders by purchasers; to permit certain purchasers to submit credit bids; to provide for the protection of personally identifiable data of judges and spouses; to provide for the restriction from disclosure of certain information; to provide for authorized release of certain restricted information; to provide penalties; to provide for construction; to provide for the qualification of special masters in certain quiet title actions; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for short titles; to provide for legislative purposes; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I

Short title and legislative purposes

SECTION 1-1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Georgia Insurance Affordability and Claims Integrity Act."

SECTION 1-2.

(a) The purposes of this Act are to ensure that Georgia consumers, including businesses and individuals, have access to:

(1) Affordable quality insurance coverage without being subjected to unjustified rate hikes or unfair business practices; and

(2) Fair and transparent insurance policies under which claims are processed expeditiously and in compliance with policy provisions and federal and state law.

(b) These purposes shall be accomplished by enhancing the Commissioner of Insurance's authority; providing homeowner protections with regard to insurance companies' use of aerial or satellite images; clarifying the regulation of insurance fraud, uninsured motorists, premium tax, insurance rates, and claims processing; exempting rental home marketplace guarantees from the definition of property insurance; encouraging cooperation among state agencies; and protecting personally identifiable information of current and former judges and their spouses.

PART II

Insurance fraud

SECTION 2-1.

Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, is amended in Chapter 1, relating to general provisions, by revising subsection (f) of Code Section 33-1-16, relating to investigation of fraudulent insurance act, collection of evidence, immunity from liability, public inspection, and enforcement, as follows:

"(f) Any person, other than an insurer, agent, or other person licensed under this title, or an employee thereof, having knowledge of or who believes that a fraudulent insurance act is being or has been committed may send to the Commissioner a report of information pertinent to such knowledge of or belief and such additional information relative thereto as the Commissioner may request. Any insurer, agent, or other person licensed under this title, or an employee thereof, having knowledge of or who believes that a fraudulent insurance act is being or has been committed shall send to the Commissioner a report or information pertinent to such knowledge or belief and such additional information relative thereto as the Commissioner or his or her employees or agents may require. Any insurer that conducts an independent investigation of suspected insurance fraud shall not be required to complete such investigation before sending information pertinent to such investigation to the Commissioner. The Commissioner or his or her employees or agents shall review such information or reports as, in the judgment of the Commissioner or such

employees or agents, may require further investigation. The Commissioner shall then cause an investigation of the facts surrounding such information or report to be made to determine the extent, if any, to which a fraudulent insurance act is being committed and shall report any alleged violations of law which the investigations disclose to the appropriate prosecuting attorney having jurisdiction with respect to any such violation. If prosecution by the prosecuting attorney is not begun within 90 days of the report, the prosecuting attorney shall inform the Commissioner of the reasons for the lack of prosecution."

SECTION 2-2.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 33-1-17, relating to Special Insurance Fraud Fund, as follows:

"(c)(1) The Commissioner shall prepare, on an annual basis, a separate budget request to the General Assembly which sets forth the anticipated cost and expense of funding the investigation and prosecution of insurance fraud in this state for the ensuing 12 months. Such budget request shall set forth the annual cost and expense of the investigation and prosecution of insurance fraud in ~~Georgia~~ this state for the preceding 12 months.

(2) There is imposed upon each foreign, alien, and domestic insurance company doing business in the state an annual assessment under a formula to be established by regulation promulgated by the Commissioner. The formula shall be calculated such that the total proceeds paid or collected from such assessments for any year shall not exceed the amounts appropriated by the General Assembly pursuant to paragraph (3) of this subsection, which appropriation shall be based upon the budget request setting forth the applicable annual cost and expense of the investigation and prosecution of insurance fraud in ~~Georgia~~ this state submitted by the Commissioner. Such assessments may be measured by kind of company, kind of insurance, income, volume of transactions, or such other factors as the Commissioner ~~determines~~ deems appropriate. Assessments based on the annual appropriation shall be due on September 1 of the year of the assessment. Any insurance company which fails to report and pay any such assessment shall be subject to penalties and interest as provided by subsection (d) of Code Section 33-8-6. The Commissioner shall provide by regulation for such other terms and conditions for the payment or collection of such assessments as may be necessary to ensure the proper payment and collection thereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the provisions of this Code section shall not apply to ~~an agency captive insurance company,~~ any certified dormant captive insurance company. Any agency captive insurance company, industrial insured captive insurance company, sponsored captive insurance company (including a protected cell thereof), or pure captive insurance company~~. Foreign and~~ shall pay a fixed amount of $100.00 per year into the Special Insurance Fraud Fund, and any foreign or alien captive insurance ~~companies~~ company doing business in ~~Georgia~~ this state shall~~, however,~~ pay a fixed amount of ~~$100.00~~ $200.00 per year into the Special Insurance Fraud Fund, without regard to the amount of the Georgia premium written by such ~~foreign or alien~~ captive insurance

company. No additional amount shall be assessed against ~~the foreign or alien~~ any captive insurance company for the purpose of funding the investigation and prosecution of insurance fraud.

(3) The General Assembly may appropriate funds to the department for the investigation ~~of insurance fraud~~ and ~~for the funding of the~~ prosecution of insurance fraud. The Commissioner is authorized to use such funds for the investigation of insurance fraud and to reimburse prosecuting attorneys for some or all of the costs of retaining assistant prosecuting attorneys to prosecute insurance fraud ~~cases~~. The Commissioner is further authorized to use such funds to employ prosecuting attorneys for the prosecution of insurance fraud, which the district attorney in each judicial circuit may appoint in the manner as provided in Code Section 15-18-20. The Commissioner shall provide by regulation for such other terms and conditions for the use of the funds for the investigation, reimbursement, and prosecution contemplated by the terms of this paragraph."

SECTION 2-3.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"33-1-9.2.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Capper,' 'runner,' or 'steerer' means a person who receives a pecuniary benefit from a practitioner or healthcare service provider, whether directly or indirectly, to solicit, procure, or attempt to procure a client, patient, or customer at the direction or request of, or in cooperation with, a practitioner or healthcare service provider whose purpose is to obtain benefits under a contract of insurance or to assert a claim against an insured or an insurer for providing services to the client, patient, or customer. Such terms shall not include:

(A) Any insurance company or agent or employee thereof that provides referrals or recommendations to its insureds; or

(B) A practitioner or healthcare service provider that procures clients, patients, or customers through the use of public media or by referrals or recommendations from other practitioners or healthcare service providers.

(2) 'Practitioner' means an attorney, healthcare professional, owner or partial owner of a healthcare practice or facility, or any person employed or acting on behalf of any of the individuals listed in this paragraph.

(3) 'Public media' means telephone directories, professional directories, newspapers and other periodicals, radio and television, billboards, and mailed or electronically transmitted written communications that do not involve in-person contact with a specific prospective client, patient, or customer.

(b) Except as provided for in paragraph (5) of subsection (a) of Code Section 50-18-72, it is unlawful for any person in an individual capacity or in a capacity as a law enforcement officer, law enforcement records staff member, wrecker services staff member, emergency staff member, physician, hospital employee, or attorney to solicit,

release, or sell any information relating to the parties of a motor vehicle collision for personal financial gain. This subsection shall not apply to public media advertisement and solicitation.

(c) It is unlawful for:

(1) Any person in an individual capacity or in a capacity as a public or private employee or any firm, corporation, partnership, or association to act as a capper, runner, or steerer for any practitioner or healthcare service provider. This paragraph shall not prohibit an attorney or healthcare provider from making a referral and receiving compensation as is permitted under applicable professional rules of conduct; and

(2) Any practitioner or healthcare service provider to compensate or give anything of value to a person acting as a capper, runner, or steerer. It is also unlawful for any capper, runner, or steerer to recommend or secure a practitioner's or healthcare service provider's employment by a client, patient, or customer if such practitioner or healthcare service provider obtains or intends to obtain benefits under a contract of insurance or asserts a claim against an insured or an insurer for providing services to the client, patient, or customer.

(d) Any person convicted of a violation of this Code section shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment of not more than ten years and by a fine of not more than $200,000.00 per violation."

SECTION 2-4.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 24, relating to insurance generally, by repealing and reserving Code Section 33-24-53, relating to solicitation, release, or sale of automobile accident information prohibited, definitions, exceptions, and penalties.

PART III

Recruitment and retention of insurers

SECTION 3-1.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 1, relating to general provisions, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"33-1-28.

The Commissioner, in coordination with the Department of Economic Development, is authorized to pursue the recruitment and retention of insurers to keep or change domiciles in or to this state and to locate local, regional, national, and international headquarters and major offices in this state."

PART IV

Timely claims processing and payment

SECTION 4-1.

Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated is further amended in Chapter 3, relating to authorization and general requirements for transaction of insurance, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"33-3-28.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'catastrophic event' means a major natural or human caused event, including, but not limited to, windstorms, cyclones, earthquakes, hurricanes, ice storms, tornadoes, high winds, floods, hail storms, or any other weather events or occurrences, provided that any such event or occurrence has been declared as a disaster or emergency by the President of the United States or the Governor.

(b) After a catastrophic event occurs in this state, the Commissioner is authorized to extend the time period during which insurers require receipt of claims from insureds when, at the sole determination of the Commissioner, a lack of qualified resources are available for insureds to file an accurate claim.

(c) After a catastrophic event occurs in this state, the Commissioner is authorized to issue a directive requiring every insurer to comply with the following requirements relating to processing property claims arising from the catastrophic event:

(1) Within 15 calendar days of receiving notification of a claim, the insurer shall acknowledge the claim and provide necessary claims forms and reasonable instructions to the insured. Notification of a claim provided to an insurer's agent shall constitute notification to the insurer. Acknowledgment of the claim made by any means other than writing shall be noted and dated in the insurer's claim file on the insured. Payment within 15 calendar days of receiving notification of a claim shall satisfy the requirements of this paragraph;

(2) The insurer shall affirm or deny liability on claims for losses arising from catastrophic events within 15 calendar days of receiving the completed proof of loss from the insured under a motor vehicle policy and within 60 calendar days of receiving the completed proof of loss from the insured under all other property insurance policies. If the insurer does not require proof of loss to be completed, a coverage investigation shall take place within 30 calendar days from the day notification the claim was received;

(3) Payment shall be tendered to the insured within ten calendar days after coverage is accepted and the full amount of the claim is determined and not in dispute. In claims where multiple coverages are involved, payment for individual coverages that are not in dispute shall be tendered within ten calendar days after coverage is confirmed if such payment would terminate the insurer's known liability under that individual coverage;

(4) If the insurer needs more time than specified in paragraph (3) of this subsection to determine liability, such insurer shall notify the claimant within five business days after the time limitation has elapsed that more time is needed, the reason more time is needed, and an estimate of additional time needed to establish liability. Notification by any other means than writing shall be noted and dated in the insurer's claim file on the insured; and

(5) The total time the insurer has to affirm or deny liability shall not exceed 60 days from the time the insurer is notified of the claim, unless the insurer has documented in

the claim file that reasonable and necessary information to determine liability has been requested and not been provided by the insured."

PART V

Reporting use of insurance premium tax

SECTION 5-1.

Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated is further amended in Chapter 8, relating to fees and taxes, in Code Section 33-8-8.2, relating to county and municipal corporation taxes on other than life insurance companies, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(f) On or before January 1, 2027, and annually thereafter, any county or municipal corporation receiving allocated taxes collected pursuant to this Code section shall file with the Commissioner an annual report on a form prescribed by the Commissioner demonstrating how funds were expended for purposes authorized by law or, as an alternative for a county, a copy of the budget report required of counties pursuant to Code Section 33-8-8.3."

PART VI

Refunds and credits

SECTION 6-1.

Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, is amended in Chapter 8, relating to fees and taxes regarding insurance, by revising Code Section 33-8-9, relating to granting of refunds and credits by Commissioner, as follows:

"33-8-9.

Refunds and credits of license fees and taxes levied by this chapter shall be made by the Commissioner in accordance with the provisions of Code Sections 33-2-29 through 33-2-31; provided, however, that any claim for a refund of a fee or tax erroneously or illegally assessed and collected under this chapter shall be made by the insurer in writing within three years after the date of payment of such fee or tax to the Commissioner."

PART VII

Insurer use of aerial images

SECTION 7-1.

Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, is amended in Chapter 9, relating to regulation of rates, underwriting rules, and related organizations, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"33-9-45.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Admitted insurer' means an insurance company authorized or licensed to transact insurance business within this state.

(2) 'Adverse underwriting decision' means a cancellation or nonrenewal of an owner occupied residential property insurance coverage in which the basis for such cancellation or nonrenewal relies on the use of aerial images. Such term does not mean placement of coverage with an insurer that is not an admitted insurer or with the Fair Access to Insurance Requirements Plan described in Chapter 33 of this title.

(3) 'Aerial images' means photographs or other images, except for satellite images, of a named insured's owner occupied residential property captured from an aircraft, drone, balloon, or unmanned aerial system.

(4) 'Nonrenewal' means a refusal by an insurer or an affiliate of an insurer to renew. Failure of an insured to pay the premium as required of the insured for renewal, a change in policy terms, or a reduction in coverage after the insurer has manifested a willingness to renew by delivering a renewal policy, renewal certificate, or other evidence of renewal to the named insured or his or her representative or has offered to issue a renewal policy, certificate, or other evidence of renewal or has manifested such intention by any other means shall not be considered a nonrenewal.

(5) Owner-occupied residential property means a home where the title holder lives as his or her primary residence.

(6)(A) 'Renewal' means:

(i) Issuance and delivery by an insurer or an affiliate of such insurer of a policy superseding at the end of the policy period or term a policy previously issued and delivered by the same insurer;

(ii) Issuance and delivery of a certificate or notice extending the term of a policy beyond its policy period or term; or

(iii) The extension of the term of a policy beyond its policy period or term pursuant to a provision for extending the policy by payment of a continuation premium.

(B) Any policy with a policy period or term of less than six months shall be considered to have successive policy periods or terms ending each six months following its original date of issuance and, regardless of its wording, any interim termination by its terms or by refusal to accept premiums shall be a cancellation. Any policy written for a period or term longer than one year or any policy with no fixed expiration date shall be considered as if written for successive policy periods or terms of one year and any termination by an insurer effective on an anniversary date of such policy shall be deemed a refusal to renew.

(7) 'Residential property' means real property occupied as the primary residence of a natural person.

(8) 'Satellite images' means images of a named insured's owner occupied residential property captured from a satellite.

(9)(A) 'Unmanned aerial system' means a powered, aerial vehicle that:

(i) Does not carry a human operator and is operated without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the vehicle;

(ii) Uses aerodynamic forces to provide vehicle lift;

(iii) Can fly autonomously or be piloted remotely;

(iv) Can be expendable or recoverable; and

(v) Has the ability to photograph.

(B) Such term does not include a satellite.

(b) When utilizing aerial images or satellite images produced by an unmanned aerial system or satellite as a basis for the cancellation or nonrenewal of the insurance on an owner occupied residential property, an admitted insurer shall:

(1) Ensure that the notice of an adverse underwriting decision by the insurer includes copies, or instructions as to how to access copies, of the date stamped aerial images or satellite images used as the basis of the adverse underwriting decision and a description of the steps the owner occupied residential property owner may take to reverse the insurer's adverse underwriting decision on such owner's property, including the specific standards that any repairs must adhere to. Such aerial images and satellite images shall have been taken within 12 months of the issuance of the adverse underwriting decision;

(2) Establish a point of contact at the insurer and a process for currently insured property owners to provide documentation of completion of the required work that the insurer communicates to the property owner under paragraph (1) of this subsection. Such documentation shall be used by the insurer in considering whether to uphold or reverse the adverse underwriting decision. Except in circumstances as shall be described in rules and regulations which shall be promulgated by the Commissioner, any images submitted by the property owner to the insurer shall be of equal or greater resolution and quality as the aerial images or satellite images otherwise being relied upon by the insurer to make the adverse underwriting decision;

(3) Establish an appeal process so that the property owner may correct any errors or misunderstandings related to the adverse underwriting decision;

(4) Provide the currently insured property owner a minimum of 60 days to cure the condition or conditions underlying an adverse underwriting decision from the date the insurer identifies the specific condition or conditions, even if the date to cure exceeds the nonrenewal notice period provided for in Code Section 33-24-46. An insurer shall have the right to assess the work used to correct the condition or conditions to ensure that such condition or conditions have been corrected in a manner that meets the standards originally communicated by the insurer under paragraph (1) of this subsection; and

(5) Offer a renewal policy or rescission of the insurer's adverse underwriting decision to a property owner who submits proof that he or she has cured the condition or conditions identified in paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(c) This Code section is applicable to the Fair Access to Insurance Requirements Plan described in Chapter 33 of this title, as such plan relates to residential properties.

(d) The Commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations to enforce this Code section which shall determine the method or methods by which owner occupied residential property owners shall submit proof of the correction of the condition or conditions identified in paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section and set forth the minimum and maximum resolution of the aerial images or satellite images that may be required related to such proof."

PART VIII
Contractual limitations
SECTION 8-1.

Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, is amended in Chapter 24, relating to insurance generally, by repealing and reserving Code Section 33-24-53, relating to solicitation, release, or sale of automobile accident information prohibited, definitions, exceptions, and penalties.

SECTION 8-2.
Said title is further amended in said chapter by adding a new Code section to read as follows:
"33-24-59.37.
(a) No property, casualty, credit, marine and transportation, or vehicle insurance policy providing first-party insurance coverage for loss or damage to any type of real or personal property in this state, or any related contract or instrument to such policy, shall contain a contractual limitation requiring commencement of any suit or action within a specified period of time of less than two years from the date of loss; provided, however, that such limitation shall apply only to the portion or portions of such policies providing first-party property insurance coverage. This subsection shall apply to all such policies issued, delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state on and after July 1, 2027.
(b) Liability coverage and workers' compensation coverage are expressly exempted from the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section."

PART IX
Georgia Storm Damage Mitigation Program
SECTION 9-1.

Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, is amended in Chapter 32, relating to property insurance, by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 3

33-32-20.
This article shall be known and may be cited as the 'Georgia Storm Damage Mitigation Program Act.'

33-32-21.
As used in this article, the term:
(1) 'Program' means the Georgia Storm Damage Mitigation Program.
(2) 'Residential property' means real property used or occupied as the primary residence of a natural person.

33-32-22.
(a) There is established the Georgia Storm Damage Mitigation Program within the department for the purpose of reducing the financial impact of property insurance claims in this state by mitigating losses and lowering repair costs through a comprehensive and coordinated approach to remedy damages due to tornadoes, hurricanes, and windstorms.
(b) The Commissioner shall administer the program and is authorized to appoint a program administrator.
(c) The program shall not create an entitlement for residential property owners or obligate the state in any way to fund the inspection or retrofitting of residential property.

33-32-23.
(a) Implementation of the Georgia Storm Damage Mitigation Program is subject to sufficient funds provided through annual legislative appropriations and other funds as provided for in this Code section.
(b) The program shall be funded through the use of all premium taxes collected from the underwriting association established pursuant to Chapter 33 of this title and through one-tenth of 1 percent of state insurance premium taxes collected annually and remitted to the department pursuant to Code Section 33-8-4.
(c) The Commissioner or the program administrator is authorized to solicit and accept federal funding in support of the program as well as private funding, public grants, in-kind gifts, or any other funding or donations from individuals, private organizations, or foundations.

33-32-24.
(a) The department is authorized to award grants under the program subject to the availability of funds.
(b) Grants may be used for the following improvements to residential property:
(1) Roof deck attachments;
(2) Secondary water barriers;
(3) Roof coverings;
(4) Brace gable ends;
(5) Reinforcement of roof-to-wall connections;
(6) Opening protections;
(7) Exterior doors, including, but not limited to, garage doors;
(8) Tie downs;
(9) Fixing problems associated with weakened trusses, studs, and other structural components;
(10) Inspection and repair or replacement of manufactured home piers, anchors, and tie-down straps; and
(11) Any other mitigation techniques recommended by the Commissioner or the program administrator, as provided in rules and regulations promulgated by the Commissioner.

33-32-25.

(a) Any grants issued pursuant to this Code section shall be used to assist owners of a single-family dwelling or site-built, manufactured, or modular, owner occupied, residential property to retrofit such property to be less vulnerable to hurricanes, tornadoes, hail, windstorms, or flooding damage.

(b) To be eligible for a grant, a residential property shall be:

(1) A single-family dwelling or a site-built, manufactured, or modular residential property owned and occupied by the applicant;

(2) The legal residence of the applicant; and

(3) Covered by a current homeowners or dwelling insurance policy that:

(A) Is issued by an insurer authorized to write insurance in this state, issued by a surplus lines insurer when lawfully placed by a surplus lines broker authorized to do business in this state, or is covered through the underwriting association established pursuant to Chapter 33 of this title;

(B) Provides insurance coverage of the residential property equal to or greater than the fair market value of property as such term is defined in Code Section 48-5-2; and

(C) Has undergone an acceptable wind certification and hurricane mitigation inspection in accordance with program requirements.

(c) The type and amount of grants shall be awarded as follows:

(1) A resilient mitigation award for roof retrofits meeting industry standards and guidelines, such as Georgia Strong Home retrofit guidelines only, and Institute for Business and Home Safety Fortified Roof retrofit guidelines for a residential property, as may be provided for by rules. Such award shall not exceed $6,000.00 for matching grants or $7,500.00 for nonmatching grants;

(2) A sustainable mitigation award for roof retrofits meeting industry standards and guidelines, such as Georgia Strong Home retrofit guidelines, or for window replacement and opening protection retrofits meeting industry standards and guidelines, such as Georgia Strong Home opening protection guidelines for residential property, as may be provided for by rules. Such award shall not exceed $4,000.00 for matching grants or $5,000.00 for nonmatching grants awards; or

(3) A sustainable mitigation award for hurricane shuttering and protective barrier systems meeting industry standards and guidelines, such as Georgia Strong Home opening protection guidelines, as may be provided for by rules. Such award shall not exceed $4,000.00 for either matching or nonmatching grants.

(d) The amount of any nonmatching grant shall be determined based on the cost of the mitigation project and a percentage of the total adjusted household income of the applicant according to their most recent federal income tax return. Applicants for nonmatching grants with a total annual adjusted gross household income that does not exceed the median annual adjusted gross income for households within the county in which the applicant resides may be eligible for the maximum amount of such grant. Applicants for nonmatching grants with a total annual adjusted household income above the median for households within the county in which the applicant resides may be awarded a lower grant amount.

33-32-26.
Matching grants may be made available to local governments and nonprofit entities for projects that reduce storm and hurricane damage to single-family dwelling or a site-built, manufactured, or modular owner occupied, residential property, provided that:
(1) No matching grant for any one local government or nonprofit entity shall exceed $25,000.00 in any fiscal year;
(2) The total amount of matching grants awarded to all local governments and nonprofit entities combined shall not exceed $200,000.00 in any fiscal year;
(3) The difference between $250,000.00 and the total amount of grants awarded to all local governments and nonprofit entities combined in any fiscal year shall be applied to grants to individual residential property owners as provided in Code Section 33-32-25; and
(4) For any project funded, in whole or in part, by a grant pursuant to this Code section, the local government or nonprofit entity shall employ multimedia public education, awareness, and advertising efforts designed to specifically address mitigation techniques, as well as a component to support ongoing consumer resources and referral services.

33-32-27.
(a) The department shall create a process in which mitigation contractors agree to participate and seek reimbursement under the program and homeowners agree to select from a list of participating contractors.
(b) Any mitigation projects shall be based upon the securing of all required local permits and inspections and shall be subject to random reinspection. The Commissioner or the program administrator may reinspect up to 10 percent of all mitigation projects.

33-32-28.
The Commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this article."

PART X
Uninsured motorists lapse fees
SECTION 10-1.

Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, is amended in Chapter 2, relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, by revising subsection (e) of Code Section 40-2-137, relating to notice of insurance coverage and termination, lapses in insurance coverage, and insurance coverage for active duty military personnel, as follows:
"(e)(1) When proof of minimum motor vehicle insurance coverage is provided within the time period specified in this Code section, but there has been a lapse of coverage for a period of more than ten days, the owner shall remit a ~~$25.00~~ $50.00 lapse fee to the department. Failure to remit ~~the lapse~~ such fee ~~to the department~~ within 30 days of

the date of such notice ~~will~~ shall result in the immediate suspension of ~~the~~ such owner's motor vehicle registration by operation of law. If any lapse fee provided for in this Code section is paid to the county tax commissioner, the county shall retain ~~$5.00~~ $10.00 thereof as a collection fee.

(2) If proof is not provided within the time period specified in this Code section that minimum motor vehicle insurance coverage is in effect, the owner's motor vehicle registration shall be suspended immediately by operation of law ~~by the department~~. When such proof is provided and the owner pays a ~~$25.00~~ $50.00 lapse fee and pays a ~~$60.00~~ $125.00 restoration fee, the suspension shall terminate; provided, however, that the commissioner may waive the lapse fee and restoration fee for any owner whose vehicle registration has been suspended pursuant to this paragraph who provides proof of continuous minimum motor vehicle insurance coverage. If any restoration fee provided for in this Code section is paid to the county tax commissioner, the county shall retain ~~$10.00~~ $15.00 thereof as a collection fee.

(3) In the event of a second suspension of the owner's registration under this Code section~~,~~ within a five-year period of a prior suspension, ~~the department by operation of law shall suspend the~~ such owner's motor vehicle registration shall be suspended immediately by operation of law. When proof is provided that minimum motor vehicle insurance coverage is in effect and the owner pays a ~~$25.00~~ $125.00 lapse fee and pays a ~~$60.00~~ $150.00 restoration fee, the suspension shall terminate.

(4) In the event of a third or subsequent suspension of the owner's registration under this Code section~~,~~ within the previous five-year period from the date of the third or subsequent suspension, ~~the department by operation of law shall revoke the~~ such owner's motor vehicle registration shall be revoked immediately by operation of law. When proof is provided that minimum motor vehicle insurance coverage is in effect and the owner pays a ~~$25.00~~ $150.00 lapse fee and pays a ~~$160.00~~ $500.00 restoration fee, the owner may apply for registration of the motor vehicle."

PART XI

Monetary penalties

SECTION 11-1.

Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, is further amended in Chapter 1, relating to general provisions, by revising subsection (e) of Code Section 33-1-9, relating to insurance fraud, venue, penalty, and exemption, as follows:

"(e) A natural person convicted of a violation of this Code section shall be guilty of a felony and shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than two nor more than ten years~~,~~ or by a fine of up to $100,000.00 for each and every act in violation of this Code section ~~not more than $10,000.00~~, or both."

SECTION 11-2.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 33-1-9.1, relating to crimes of staging a collision or filing a fraudulent claim and penalty, as follows:

"(c) A person shall be guilty of the crime of making a fraudulent claim related to a staged collision when such person makes, or assists in making, a claim for insurance benefits of any type or brings, or assists in bringing, a civil lawsuit against another seeking monetary damages with knowledge that the injuries for which insurance benefits or monetary damages are sought resulted from a staged collision, or seeks to obtain any benefit to which such claimant is not legally entitled. Making a fraudulent claim related to a staged collision shall constitute a felony and shall be punishable by no less than one year nor more than five years' imprisonment or by a fine of up to $100,000.00 for each and every act in violation of this subsection, or both."

SECTION 11-3.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 33-1-15, relating to affidavit that insured's motor vehicle stolen, as follows:

"(c) Any person who violates subsection (b) of this Code section shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than five years or by a fine of not more than ~~$10,000.00~~ $20,000.00, or both."

SECTION 11-4.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising subsection (d) of Code Section 33-1-16.1, relating to excessive, fraudulent, or high-tech drug testing of certain individuals as fraudulent insurance act, as follows:

"(d) A natural person convicted of a violation of this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by ~~imprisonment~~ confinement for not more than 12 months, by a fine of not more than ~~$1,000.00~~ $2,500.00 per violation, or both."

SECTION 11-5.

Said title is further amended in said Chapter 6, relating to unfair trade practices, by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 33-6-8, relating to issuance of cease and desist orders, issuance of orders providing for other relief, change in orders, and date on which orders appealable, as follows:

"(a) If, after the hearing provided for in Code Section 33-6-7, the Commissioner shall determine that the person charged has engaged in an unfair method of competition or an unfair or deceptive act or practice, he or she shall reduce his or her findings to writing and shall issue and cause to be served upon the person charged with the violation a copy of the findings and an order requiring such person to cease and desist from engaging in the method of competition, act, or practice; and, if the act or practice is a violation of Code Sections 33-6-4 and 33-6-5, the Commissioner may at his or her discretion order any one or more of the following:

(1) Payment of a monetary penalty of not more than ~~$1,000.00~~ $5,000.00 for each and every act or violation, unless the person knew or reasonably should have known he or she was in violation of this article, in which case the penalty shall be not more than ~~$5,000.00~~ $25,000.00 for each and every act or violation;

(2) Suspension or revocation of the person's license, if he or she knew or reasonably should have known he or she was in violation of this article; or

(3) Any other relief as is reasonable and appropriate."

SECTION 11-6.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising Code Section 33-6-9, relating to penalties for violations of cease and desist orders, as follows:

"33-6-9.

After notice and hearing and upon order of the Commissioner, any person who violates a cease and desist order under Code Section 33-6-8, while the order is in effect may, at the discretion of the Commissioner, be subject to any one or more of the following:

(1) A monetary penalty of not more than ~~$10,000.00~~ $15,000.00 for each and every act or violation;

(2) Suspension or revocation of such person's license; or

(3) Any other relief as is reasonable and appropriate."

SECTION 11-7.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 9, relating to regulation of rates, underwriting rules, and related organizations, by revising Code Section 33-9-38, relating to penalty for failure to comply with final order of Commissioner and penalty for willful violation of provision of chapter, as follows:

"33-9-38.

(a) Any person, insurer, organization, group, or association who fails to comply with a final order of the Commissioner under this chapter shall be liable to the state in an amount not exceeding ~~$50.00~~ $1,000.00; but, if such failure is willful, the person, insurer, organization, group, or association shall be liable to the state in an amount not exceeding ~~$5,000.00~~ $10,000.00. The Commissioner shall collect the amount so payable and may bring an action in the name of the people of the State of Georgia to enforce collection. Such penalties may be in addition to any other penalties provided by law.

(b) Any person who willfully violates this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

SECTION 11-8.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 15, relating to fraternal benefit societies, by revising Code Section 33-15-122, relating to violations and penalties, as follows:

"33-15-122.

(a) Any person, officer, member, or examining physician of any society doing business under this chapter who shall knowingly or willfully make any false or fraudulent statement or representation in or relating to any application for membership or for the

purpose of obtaining money from or a benefit in any society shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed $2,000.00.

(b) Any person who willfully makes a false or fraudulent statement in any verified report or declaration under oath required or authorized by this chapter or of any material fact or thing contained in a sworn statement concerning the death or disability of an insured for the purpose of procuring payment of a benefit named in the certificate shall be guilty of false swearing and shall be subject to the penalties therefor prescribed by Code Section 16-10-71.

(c) Any person who solicits membership for, or in any manner assists in procuring membership in, any society not licensed to do business in this state shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not less than $50.00 nor more than $200.00.

(d) Any person guilty of a willful violation of, or neglect or refusal to comply with, the provisions of this chapter for which a penalty is not otherwise prescribed shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to a fine not to exceed ~~$200.00~~ $2,000.00."

SECTION 11-9.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 22, relating to insurance premium finance companies, by revising subsection (e) of Code Section 33-22-3, relating to requirement of license for transaction of business, fees, change of address, and examination of applicants, as follows:

"(e) Any person who shall engage in the business of financing insurance premiums in this state without obtaining a license as provided in this Code section shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not more than ~~$1,000.00~~ $2,000.00."

SECTION 11-10.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising subsections (c) and (d) of Code Section 33-22-6, relating to grounds and procedure for revocation, suspension, or nonrenewal of license or imposition of probation or fine, as follows:

"(c) In lieu of revoking or suspending the license for any of the causes enumerated in subsection (a) of this Code section, the Commissioner shall have the authority after a hearing to place the premium finance company on probation for a period of time not to exceed one year and may subject such company to a penalty of not more than ~~$1,000.00~~ $2,000.00 for each offense when, in his or her judgment, he or she finds that the public interest would not be harmed by the continued operation of the company.

(d) The Commissioner shall ~~also~~ have the authority after a hearing to subject any person or entity who is acting as a premium finance company in this state without a license, as provided for by this chapter, to a penalty of not more than ~~$1,000.00~~ $2,000.00 for each violation of this chapter. The amount of any such penalty shall be paid by the company, person, or entity to the Commissioner for the use of the state."

SECTION 11-11.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 33-22-14, relating to disposition of unearned premiums upon cancellation of insurance policy, as follows:

"(b)(1) In the event that the crediting of return premiums to the account of the insured results in a surplus over the amount due from the insured, the premium finance company shall refund the excess within ten working days of receipt of the return premium or tender of return premium to the insured via the agent, agency, or broker placing the insurance and shall furnish such agent, agency, or broker, upon a written request, a report setting forth an itemization of the unearned finance charge and other charges under the premium finance agreement; provided, however, there shall be no refund required when the excess due the insured is less than $5.00.

(2) Any insurance premium finance company failing to tender refunds or to furnish any report requested by the agent, agency, or broker as required in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall pay to the insured via the agent, agency, or broker a penalty equal to ~~25~~ 50 percent of the amount of the refund and interest equal to 18 percent per annum until such time as the refund is made~~; provided, however, the maximum amount of such penalty and interest shall not exceed 50 percent of the amount of the refund due~~."

SECTION 11-12.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 23, relating to licensing, by revising paragraph (14) of subsection (d) of Code Section 33-23-12, relating to limited licenses, as follows:

"(14) If a vendor or its employee or authorized representative violates any provision of this subsection, the Commissioner may impose any of the following penalties:

(A) After notice and hearing, fines not to exceed ~~$500.00~~ $1,000.00 per violation or ~~$5,000.00~~ $10,000.00 in the aggregate for such conduct; and

(B) After notice and hearing, other penalties that the Commissioner deems necessary and reasonable to carry out the purpose of this article, including:

(i) Suspending the privilege of transacting portable electronics insurance pursuant to this subsection at specific business locations where violations have occurred; and

(ii) Suspending or revoking the ability of individual employees or authorized representatives to act under the license;"

SECTION 11-13.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 24, relating to insurance generally, by revising subsection (n) of Code Section 33-24-19.1, relating to certificate of insurance forms to be approved by Commissioner, definitions, and required provisions of certificate, as follows:

"(n) Any person ~~who~~ that violates this Code section may be fined up to ~~$5,000.00~~ $10,000.00 per violation."

SECTION 11-14.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 33-24-44, relating to cancellation of policies generally, as follows:

"(c)(1) Any unearned premium which has been paid by the insured shall be refunded to the insured on a pro rata basis as provided in this Code section. If the return does not accompany notice of cancellation, then such return shall be made on or before the cancellation date either directly to the named insured or to the insured's agent of record. In the event the insurer elects to return such unearned premium to the insured via the insured's agent of record, such agent shall return the unearned premium to the insured either in person or by depositing such return in the mail within ten working days of receipt of the unearned premium, or within ten working days of notification from the insurer of the amount of return of unearned premium due, or on the effective date of cancellation, whichever is later. If the insured has an open account with the agent, such return of unearned premium may be applied to any outstanding balance and any remaining unearned premium shall be returned to the insured either in person or by depositing such return in the mail within ten working days of receipt of the unearned premium, or within ten working days of notification from the insurer of the amount of return of unearned premium due, or on the effective date of cancellation, whichever is later.

(2) Paragraph (1) of this subsection shall not apply if an audit or rate investigation is required or if the premiums are financed by a premium finance company. If an audit or rate investigation is required, then the refund of unearned premium shall be made within 30 days after the conclusion of the audit or rate investigation. If the premiums are financed by a premium finance company, any unearned premiums shall be tendered to the premium finance company within ten working days after cancellation.

(3) Any insurer or agent failing to return any unearned premium as prescribed in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection shall pay to the insured a penalty equal to ~~25~~ 50 percent of the amount of the return of the unearned premium and interest equal to 18 percent per annum until such time that proper return has been made, which penalty and interest ~~must~~ shall be paid at the time the return is made~~; provided, however, that the maximum amount of such penalty and interest shall not exceed 50 percent of the amount of the refund due~~. Failure to return any unearned premium shall not invalidate a notice of cancellation given in accordance with subsection (b) of this Code section."

SECTION 11-15.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 31, relating to credit life insurance and credit accident and sickness insurance, by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 33-31-12, relating to promulgation of rules and regulations, enforcement of provisions, and penalties for violations, as follows:

"(b) In addition to any other penalty provided by law, any person who violates an order of the Commissioner after it has become final and while the order is in effect, upon proof of the violation to the satisfaction of the court, shall forfeit and pay to ~~this~~ the state a sum not to exceed ~~$250.00~~ $500.00, which may be recovered in a civil action, except that if such violation is found to be willful, the amount of such penalty shall be a sum not to exceed ~~$1,000.00~~ $2,000.00. The Commissioner, in his or her discretion, may revoke or suspend the license or certificate of authority of the person guilty of such violation. The

order for suspension or revocation shall be subject to judicial review as provided in Chapter 2 of this title."

SECTION 11-16.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 34A, relating to vehicle protection product warranties, by revising subsection (g) of Code Section 33-34A-11, relating to examinations by Commissioner, enforcement, opportunity for a hearing, burden on Commissioner to show justification, and penalty for violations, as follows:

"(g) A person ~~who is~~ found to have violated this chapter or orders or rules of the Commissioner may be ordered to pay to the Commissioner a civil penalty in an amount, determined by the Commissioner, of not more than ~~$500.00~~ $1,000.00 per violation and not more than ~~$10,000.00~~ $20,000.00 in the aggregate for all violations of a similar nature. For purposes of this Code section, violations shall be of a similar nature if the violation consists of the same or similar course of conduct, action, or practice, irrespective of the number of times the conduct, action, or practice ~~that is~~ determined to be a violation of this chapter occurred."

SECTION 11-17.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 36, relating to Georgia Insurers Insolvency Pool, by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 33-36-19, relating to advertisements, announcements, or statements using insolvency pool for purpose of sales, as follows:

"(b) Any person who violates subsection (a) of this Code section may, after notice and hearing and upon order of the Commissioner, be subject to one or both of the following:

(1) A monetary penalty of not more than ~~$1,000.00~~ $2,000.00 for each act or violation, but not to exceed an aggregate penalty of ~~$10,000.00~~ $20,000.00; or

(2) Suspension or revocation of his or her license or certificate of authority."

SECTION 11-18.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 37, relating to insurers rehabilitation and liquidation, by revising subsection (d) of Code Section 33-37-6, relating to cooperation with Commissioner mandated and penalties for failure to cooperate, as follows:

"(d) Any person included within subsection (a) of this Code section who fails to cooperate with the Commissioner, or any person who obstructs or interferes with the Commissioner in the conduct of any delinquency proceeding or any investigation preliminary or incidental thereto, or who violates any order the Commissioner issued validly under this chapter may:

(1) Be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding ~~$10,000.00~~ $20,000.00 or to undergo ~~imprisonment~~ confinement for a term of not more than one year, or both; or

(2) After a hearing, be subject to the imposition by the Commissioner of a civil penalty not to exceed ~~$10,000.00~~ $20,000.00 and shall be subject further to the revocation or suspension of any insurance licenses issued by the Commissioner."

SECTION 11-19.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 33-37-22, relating to responsibility of agent to provide information and penalty for violation, as follows:

"(b) Any agent failing to provide information to the liquidator as required in subsection (a) of this Code section may be subject to payment of a penalty of not more than ~~$1,000.00~~ $2,000.00 and may have his ~~or her~~ licenses suspended, said penalty to be imposed after a hearing held by the Commissioner."

SECTION 11-20.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 33-37-32, relating to premiums due during pendency of liquidation action, penalties for violation, notice, and right to appeal, as follows:

"(b) Upon satisfactory evidence of a violation of this Code section, the Commissioner may pursue either one or both of the following courses of action:

(1) Suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew the licenses of such offending party or parties; or

(2) Impose a penalty of not more than ~~$5,000.00~~ $10,000.00 for each and every act in violation of this Code section by said party or parties."

SECTION 11-21.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 38, relating to Georgia Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association, by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 33-38-21, relating to references to the association in advertisements for insurance, as follows:

"(b) Any person who violates subsection (a) of this Code section may, after notice and hearing and upon order of the Commissioner, be subject to one or more of the following:

(1) A monetary penalty of not more than ~~$1,000.00~~ $2,000.00 for each act or violation, but not to exceed an aggregate penalty of ~~$10,000.00~~ $20,000.00; or

(2) Suspension or revocation of his or her license or certificate of authority."

SECTION 11-22.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 39, relating to collection, use, and disclosure of information gathered by insurance institutions, by revising Code Section 33-39-19, relating to monetary penalty for knowing violations of chapter and monetary penalty for violation of cease and desist order, as follows:

"33-39-19.

(a) In any case where a hearing pursuant to Code Section 33-39-16 results in the finding of a knowing violation of this chapter, the Commissioner may, in addition to the issuance of a cease and desist order as prescribed in Code Section 33-39-18, order payment of a monetary penalty of not more than ~~$500.00~~ $1,000.00 for each violation but not to exceed ~~$10,000.00~~ $20,000.00 in the aggregate for multiple violations.

(b) Any person who violates a cease and desist order of the Commissioner under Code Section 33-39-18 may, after notice and hearing and upon order of the Commissioner, be subject to one or more of the following penalties, at the discretion of the Commissioner:

(1) A monetary fine of not more than ~~$10,000.00~~ $20,000.00 for each violation;

(2) A monetary fine of not more than ~~$50,000.00~~ $100,000.00 if the Commissioner finds that violations have occurred with such frequency as to constitute a general business practice; or

(3) Suspension or revocation of an insurance institution's or agent's license."

SECTION 11-23.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 47, relating to managing general agents, by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 33-47-7, relating to violation of chapter and penalties, as follows:

"(a) If the Commissioner finds, after a hearing conducted in accordance with Chapter 2 of this title, that any person has violated any provision of this chapter, the Commissioner may order:

(1) For each separate violation, a penalty in an amount not to exceed ~~$10,000.00~~ $20,000.00;

(2) Revocation or suspension of the producer's license; and

(3) The managing general agent to reimburse the insurer or the rehabilitator or liquidator of the insurer for any losses incurred by the insurer caused by a violation of this chapter committed by the managing general agent."

SECTION 11-24.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 59, relating to life settlements, by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 33-59-6, relating to filing of annual statement with the Commissioner and confidential information, as follows:

"(a)(1) Each provider shall file with the Commissioner on or before May 1 of each year an annual statement containing such information as the Commissioner may prescribe by rule or regulation in addition to any other requirements for any policy settled within five years of policy issuance. In addition to any other requirements, the annual statement shall specify the total number, aggregate face amount, and life settlement proceeds of policies settled during the immediately preceding calendar year, together with a breakdown of the information by policy issue year. The annual statement shall also include the names of the insurance companies whose policies have been settled and the life settlement brokers that have settled said policies.

(2) Such information shall be limited to only those transactions where the insured is a resident of this state and shall not include individual transaction data regarding the business of life settlements or information that there is a reasonable basis to believe could be used to identify the owner or the insured.

(3) Every provider that willfully fails to file an annual statement as required ~~in~~ by this Code section or willfully fails to reply within 30 days to a written inquiry by the Commissioner in connection therewith, shall, in addition to other penalties provided by

this chapter, be subject, upon due notice and opportunity to be heard, to a penalty of up to ~~$250.00~~ $500.00 per day of delay, not to exceed ~~$25,000.00~~ $50,000.00 in the aggregate, for each such failure."

SECTION 11-25.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising subsections (b) and (c) of Code Section 33-59-16, relating to fraudulent life settlement acts prohibited, criminal and civil penalties, and revocation of license, as follows:

"(b) For criminal liability purposes, a person that commits a fraudulent life settlement act shall be guilty of committing insurance fraud and shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than two nor more than ten years, or by a fine of not more than ~~$10,000.00~~ $20,000.00, or both.

(c) The Commissioner shall be empowered to levy a civil penalty:

(1) Not exceeding ~~$1,000.00~~ $2,000.00 for each and every act in violation of this chapter or, if the person knew or reasonably should have known the acts that he or she committed were in violation of this chapter, the monetary penalty provided for in this subsection may be increased to an amount up to ~~$5,000.00~~ $10,000.00 for each and every act in violation; and

(2) The amount of the claim for each violation upon any person, including those persons and their employees licensed pursuant to this chapter, who is found to have committed a fraudulent life settlement act or violated any other provision of this chapter."

SECTION 11-26.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 63, relating to guaranteed asset protection waivers, by revising Code Section 33-63-9, relating to Commissioner to enforce provisions and penalty for violations, as follows:

"33-63-9.

The Commissioner may take action which is necessary or appropriate to enforce the provisions of this chapter and to protect guaranteed asset protection waiver holders in this state. After proper notice and opportunity for hearing, the Commissioner may:

(1) Order the creditor, administrator, or any other person not in compliance with this chapter to cease and desist from further guaranteed asset protection waiver related operations which are in violation of this chapter; and

(2) Impose a penalty of not more than ~~$500.00~~ $1,000.00 per violation and not more than ~~$10,000.00~~ $20,000.00 in the aggregate for all violations of a similar nature. For purposes of this paragraph, violations ~~must~~ shall be of a similar nature if the violation consists of the same or similar course of conduct, action, or practice, irrespective of the number of times the conduct, action, or practice which is determined to be a violation of this chapter occurred."

SECTION 11-27.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 64, relating to regulation and licensure of pharmacy benefits managers, by revising subsections (i) and (k) of Code Section 33-64-2, relating to license requirements and filing fees, as follows:

"(i) In addition to all other penalties provided for under this title, the Commissioner shall have the authority to assess a monetary penalty against any person, business entity, or other entity acting as a pharmacy benefits manager without a license of up to ~~$2,000.00~~ $4,000.00 for each transaction in violation of this chapter, unless such person, business entity, or other entity knew or reasonably should have known it was in violation of this chapter, in which case the monetary penalty provided for in this subsection may be increased to an amount of up to ~~$10,000.00~~ $20,000.00 for each and every act in violation."

"(k) In addition to all other penalties provided for under this title, the Commissioner shall have the authority to place any pharmacy benefits manager on probation for a period of time not to exceed one year for each and every act in violation of this chapter and shall subject such pharmacy benefits manager to a monetary penalty of up to ~~$2,000.00~~ $4,000.00 for each and every act in violation of this chapter, unless the pharmacy benefits manager knew or reasonably should have known he or she was in violation of this chapter, in which case the monetary penalty provided for in this subsection shall be increased to an amount of up to ~~$10,000.00~~ $20,000.00 for each and every act in violation. In the event a pharmacy benefits manager violates any provision of this chapter while on probation, the Commissioner shall have the authority to suspend ~~the~~ such pharmacy benefits manager's license. For purposes of this subsection, a violation shall be considered to have occurred each time an act in violation of this chapter is committed."

SECTION 11-28.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 65, relating to the "Corporate Governance Annual Disclosure Act," by revising Code Section 33-65-8, relating to failure to file corporate governance annual disclosures and penalty, as follows:

"33-65-8.

Any insurer failing, without just cause, to timely file the corporate governance annual disclosure as required in this chapter shall be required, after notice and hearing, to pay a penalty of ~~$100.00~~ $200.00 for each day's delay, to be recovered by the Commissioner, and the penalty so recovered shall be paid into the general fund of the state treasury. The maximum penalty under this Code section is ~~$10,000.00~~ $20,000.00. The Commissioner may reduce the penalty if the insurer demonstrates to the Commissioner that the imposition of the penalty would constitute a financial hardship to ~~the~~ such insurer."

PART XII

Rental home marketplace guarantees

SECTION 12-1.

Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating insurance, is amended in Code Section 33-7-6, relating to property insurance, contract requirements, rules and regulations, and exemptions, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(g)(1) Property insurance does not include rental home marketplace guarantees, provided that a person, firm, or corporation providing and administering such rental home marketplace guarantees:

(A) Insures rental home marketplace guarantees under a reimbursement insurance policy issued and underwritten by an insurer authorized to transact insurance in this state or a surplus lines insurer, pursuant to which the insurer agrees, for the benefit of rental home marketplace guarantee beneficiaries, to discharge all of the obligations and liabilities of the provider of the rental home marketplace guarantee under the terms of the rental home marketplace guarantee in the event of nonperformance by such provider;

(B) Includes a statement in substantially the following form: 'This agreement is not an insurance contract' within the rental home marketplace guarantee terms;

(C) Clearly specifies the terms and any limitations, exceptions, or exclusions within the rental home marketplace guarantee terms; and

(D) Complies with any registration requirement prescribed by the Commissioner through regulation.

(2) As used in this subsection, the term 'rental home marketplace' means a person, firm or corporation that:

(A) Provides an online application, software, website, system, or other medium through which a property is advertised or is offered to the public as available in this state and that connects platform users to enable them to share property;

(B) Provides, directly or indirectly, or maintains a platform for services by transmitting or otherwise communicating the offer or acceptance of a transaction between two platform users or owning or operating the electronic infrastructure or technology that brings two or more platform users together;

(C) Engages in the sale or offering of a rental home marketplace guarantee only in a manner that is ancillary to the conduct of its primary legitimate business or activity; and

(D) Is not a local or state governmental entity or vendor.

(3) As used in this subsection, the term 'rental home marketplace guarantee' means a contract or agreement issued in connection with a rental home marketplace, whether or not for a separate consideration, to reimburse a user sharing property for any damages for which the renter is responsible under the rental home marketplace's terms of service, with or without an additional provision for incidental payment of indemnity.

(4) As used in this subsection, the term 'provider' means:

(A) A rental home marketplace; or

(B) An affiliate or representative of a rental home marketplace who issues or offers as well as administers, either directly or through a third party, a rental home marketplace guarantee.

(5) In accordance with this subsection, a rental home marketplace guarantee as described herein shall not constitute any other kind of insurance described in this chapter or elsewhere in law."

PART XIII

Judicial sales and clear title

SECTION 13-1.

Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to civil practice, is amended in Part 2 of Article 7 of Chapter 13, relating to conduct and effect relative to judicial sales, by revising Code Section 9-13-166, relating to form of tender, as follows:

"9-13-166.

Purchasers at judicial sales need not tender cash but, as an alternative, may tender a cashier's ~~or certified~~ check or certified funds which is drawn for the amount of the purchase price and which is issued by or certified by any financial institution insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund, or the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation; provided, however, that the holder of the security instrument being foreclosed or its designated representative shall be authorized to submit a credit bid for the purchase price in lieu of cash, a cashier's check, or certified funds."

PART XIV

Personally identifiable information

SECTION 14-1.

Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, is amended in Article 8 of Chapter 5, relating to protection of personally identifiable data of judges and spouses, by revising Code Section 15-5-110, relating to definitions, as follows:

"15-5-110.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Personally identifiable information' means ~~any personal phone number,~~ each home address, ~~or property or tax records~~ the parcel number of each such address, and each personal telephone number of a protected person.

(2) 'Protected person' means any ~~current or former~~:

(A) Current or former judge ~~Judge~~ or justice of this state ~~and his or her spouse~~;

(B) Current or former judge ~~Judge~~ of any county or municipality of this state ~~and his or her spouse~~; ~~and~~

(C) Current or former judge ~~Judge~~ or justice of the United States ~~and his or her spouse~~; and

(D) Spouse of any person who qualifies as a protected person under subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of this paragraph.

(3) 'Publicly available content' means any written or electronic document or record that provides information or that serves as a document or record maintained, controlled, or

in the possession of a state or local government entity that may be obtained by any person from the state or local government entity's ~~public~~ website or from such state or local government agency upon request whether free of charge or for a fee.

(4) 'State or local government entity' means any:

(A) Agency of the executive branch of this state; or

(B) ~~Any county~~ County or municipality of this state, including, but not limited to, any county or municipal court clerk's office, board of elections, board of tax assessors, or board of ethics."

SECTION 14-2.

Said title is further amended in said article by revising Code Section 15-5-112, relating to restriction of judicial personally identifiable information from public disclosure and enforcement, as follows:

"15-5-112.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'restrict from public disclosure' means to conceal from a copy of an original public record or to conceal from an electronic image available for public viewing the personally identifiable information of a protected person contained within such record or image.

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 to the contrary, a state or local government entity shall restrict from public disclosure any personally identifiable information that specifically identifies a protected person as a judge, justice, or spouse thereof. The provisions of this subsection shall include, but shall not be limited to, records or filings in the office of the Secretary of State and the State Ethics Commission.

~~(b)~~(c) Notwithstanding any provision of Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 to the contrary, a state or local government entity that possesses records, filings, or other publicly available content that does not specifically identify a person as a judge, justice, or spouse thereof but that includes personally identifiable information of such a protected person shall, upon request of the protected person, restrict from public disclosure any personally identifiable information. A protected person may request that his or her personally identifiable information be restricted from public disclosure pursuant to this subsection by submitting a request in writing to the state or local government entity on the form provided for in Code Section 15-5-111. A state or local government entity receiving such request shall restrict from public disclosure the personally identifiable information within 30 days of receiving a valid request and shall reflect on any official records index entries affected under this Code section, including, but not limited to, any indices related to the recordation of any instrument or document regarding the conveyance of real property, that personally identifiable information contained within the record has been restricted from public disclosure pursuant to this Code section.

~~(c)~~(d) Any protected person may bring an action in a court of competent jurisdiction against any officer or employee of the state or local government entity in his or her individual capacity for failure to comply with subsection ~~(a) or~~ (b) or (c) of this Code section. Any relief granted by such action shall be limited to injunctive relief.

(e) Any protected person may request access to information restricted from public disclosure within publicly available content maintained by a state or local government entity by submitting to such entity a signed authorization form developed by the Administrative Office of the Courts. Upon receipt of such signed authorization form, the state or local government entity shall provide the authorized protected person access to an unrestricted copy of the documents listed in such signed authorization form.

(f) Any protected person may authorize a third-party individual or entity to access information restricted from public disclosure within publicly available content maintained by a state or local government entity by submitting to such entity a signed authorization form developed by the Administrative Office of the Courts. Upon receipt of such signed authorization form, the state or local government entity shall provide the authorized third-party individual or entity access to an unrestricted copy of the documents listed in such signed authorization form.

(g) A protected person, or his or her attorney in fact or legal representative acting on behalf of such protected person, may submit a written request to release the restriction on publication of such protected person's personally identifiable information. Within 45 days of receipt of a request under this subsection, the state or local government entity shall remove such restriction.

(h) Upon proof of death of a protected person, as verified by a certified copy of a death certificate, the attorney in fact or legal representative of the deceased protected person may request a state or local government entity to release the restriction on publication of such protected person's personally identifiable information unless such release is otherwise prohibited by statute or court order. Such written request shall include a certified copy of the protected person's death certificate.

(i) Any person making a false attestation under this Code section is subject to the penalty of perjury under Code Section 16-10-70.

(j) The provisions of this Code section shall not prohibit any county clerk, register of deeds, tax assessor, treasurer, or any other state or local government office or agency from providing unrestricted copies of recorded instruments affecting title to real property or property tax records that contain protected personally identifiable information to:

(1) A title insurer or title insurance agent;

(2) A licensed attorney representing such title insurer or title insurance agent; or

(3) An agent of such a licensed attorney,

in furtherance of providing title insurance, as described in Code Section 33-7-8, provided that such insurer, agent, attorney, or attorney's agent makes an affirmative representation that they are seeking such information in furtherance of providing title insurance."

PART XV

Special master qualifications in quia timet proceedings

SECTION 15-1.

Title 23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to equity, is amended in Part 2 of Article 3 of Chapter 3, relating to quia timet against all the world, by revising Code Section 23-3-63, relating to submission to special master, as follows:

"23-3-63.

The court, upon receipt of the petition together with the plat and instruments filed therewith, shall submit the same to a special master who shall:

(1) Be an individual ~~be a person~~ who is authorized to practice law in this state ~~and~~;

(2) Be ~~is~~ a resident of the judicial circuit of the United States wherein the action is brought;

(3) Be a citizen of this state for not less than three years; and

(4) Have not less than five years of experience litigating or providing opinions on title to land in this state."

PART XVI

Effective dates, applicability, and repealer

SECTION 16-1.

(a) This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2027, and shall apply to all applicable policies, contracts, and certificates executed, delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state on or after such date.

(b) This Act shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2027.

SECTION 16-2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Reeves of the 99th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 1344.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D

Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 164, nays 3.

The motion prevailed.

HB 413. By Representatives Jenkins of the 136th, Huddleston of the 72nd, Campbell of the 171st, Ridley of the 22nd and Byrd of the 20th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding agriculture, so as to prohibit local ordinances that prohibit the operation of mobile sawmills on agricultural lands; to provide for agricultural products; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 31-10-26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certified copies of vital records, duplicates, and data, so as to provide for vital record access to certain grantee beneficiaries; to amend Chapter 17 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to transfer-on-death deeds, so as to modify certain provisions regarding transfer-on-death deeds; to provide for property of solvent and of insolvent estates; to provide for the acceptance of a real estate transfer; to provide for revocation; to provide for limitations; to provide for curing defects; to amend Chapter 3 of Title 53 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to year's support, so as to provide for

precedence of transfer-on-death deeds; to amend Chapter 1 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to agriculture, so as to prohibit certain local government entities from regulating certain livestock or owners; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 31-10-26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certified copies of vital records, duplicates and data, is amended by revising subparagraph (a)(1)(A) as follows:

"(A) A certified copy of a vital record in that registrar's or custodian's custody or abstract thereof to any applicant having a direct and tangible interest in the vital record, including, but not limited to, any grantee beneficiary designated by a record owner in a deed titling an interest in real estate in a transfer-on-death form as provided in subsection (a) of Code Section 44-17-2;"

SECTION 2.

Chapter 17 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to transfer-on-death deeds, is amended by revising Code Section 44-17-2, relating to requirements, as follows:

"44-17-2.

(a)(1) An interest in real estate may be titled in a transfer-on-death form by recording a deed, signed by the record owner of the interest, designating a grantee beneficiary or beneficiaries of the interest.

(2) The record owner shall have the same legal capacity required to enter into a contract in order to execute a transfer-on-death deed. ~~Such deed shall transfer ownership of such interest upon the death of the record owner.~~

(3) An attorney in fact shall not be authorized to execute a transfer-on-death deed on behalf of a record owner.

(4) A transfer-on-death deed need not be supported by consideration.

(5) In a transfer-on-death deed, the record owner shall be authorized but not restricted to:

(A) Designate one or more alternate grantee beneficiaries whose property interests are contingent upon a primary grantee beneficiary who either predeceases the record owner or dies during the acceptance period before accepting the property; and

(B) Convey a beneficiary interest to an express trust by naming the trustee as a designated grantee beneficiary.

(6) In a transfer-on-death deed, the record owner shall not be authorized to:

(A) Create or declare an express trust pursuant to Code Section 53-12-20; or

(B) Create a beneficial interest in real property pursuant to Article 8 of Chapter 12 of Title 53.

(7) A real estate transfer tax declaration form shall not be filed with a transfer-on-death deed filed by the record owner.

(b) The signature, consent, or agreement of or notice to a grantee beneficiary or beneficiaries of a transfer-on-death deed shall not be required for any purpose during the lifetime of the record owner.

(c)(1) A transfer-on-death deed shall transfer ownership of the record owner's interest in real estate to each grantee beneficiary upon both of the following being complete after the death of the record owner:

(A) Execution of the affidavit required by subsection (d) of this Code section; and

(B) Recording such affidavit as required by subsection (e) of this Code section.

(2) An interest in real estate passing pursuant to a transfer-on-death deed may be accepted by each designated grantee beneficiary who is either a sui juris individual, a trustee, or any other legal entity over which such individual has proper authority. If a designated grantee beneficiary is a ward or minor, a legal guardian or legal conservator may accept such interest in real estate pursuant to a transfer-on-death deed on behalf of such ward or minor.

(3) A designated grantee beneficiary shall not accept such interest in real estate on behalf of another designated grantee beneficiary, except as provided for in paragraph (2) of this subsection.

~~(c)~~(d) Each designated grantee beneficiary wishing to ~~To~~ accept real estate pursuant to a transfer-on-death deed~~, a designated grantee beneficiary~~ shall execute an affidavit affirming:

(1) Verification of the record owner's death;

(2) Whether the record owner and the designated grantee beneficiary were married at the time of the record owner's death; ~~and~~

(3) The deed book and page number of the recorded transfer-on-death deed; and

~~(3)~~(4) A legal description of the real estate.

~~(d)~~(e) The designated grantee beneficiary shall attach a copy of the record owner's death certificate to the affidavit provided for in subsection ~~(c)~~ (d) of this Code section. For a record owner's death occurring on or after July 1, ~~2024~~ 2026, the designated grantee beneficiary shall record such affidavit, real estate transfer tax declaration form, and related documents with the office of the clerk of superior court of the county where the real estate is located ~~within nine months of the record owner's death or the interest in the property shall revert to the deceased record owner's estate; provided, however, that for a record owner's death occurring before July 1, 2024, such recording of the affidavit provided for in subsection (c) of this Code section and related documents by the designated grantee beneficiary or beneficiaries shall not be subject to the nine-month time limitation~~.

(f) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) of subsection (c) of this Code section to the contrary, a designated grantee beneficiary affidavit recorded pursuant to this Code section before July 1, 2026, in which one or more of the named designated grantee beneficiaries of a transfer-on-death deed explicitly accepts the interests being conveyed by such deed on behalf of all or some of the designated grantee beneficiaries named in

the affidavit shall be effective to accept such interests if executed by at least one of the designated grantee beneficiaries accepting such interests.

(g)(1) The personal representative of the estate of a deceased record owner shall provide each designated grantee beneficiary with notice of the transfer-on-death deed in accordance with the same requirements and conditions as provided in Code Section 53-5-8.

(2)(A) The personal representative of the solvent estate of a deceased record owner shall be authorized to incur expenses for mortgage payments, property taxes, and any repairs that render the property in imminent danger of being destroyed if not completed as solely determined by the personal representative or the city or county code enforcement until the interest in such property is accepted by a designated grantee beneficiary or beneficiaries. The estate shall be entitled to repayment of such expenses incurred during such time and shall have a priority special lien against the property for any amount that is not repaid within one year after such acceptance. Such lien shall be inferior to any liens for property taxes or previously recorded security deeds.

(B) If the special lien has not been paid in full at the expiration of the one-year period, the estate shall have 30 days to file a claim of lien in the office of the clerk of superior court of the county where the property is located. The lien shall attach to the property for a period of 365 days from the recording date of the lien in the same manner as provided in Code Section 44-14-367.

(C) No later than two business days after the date the claim of lien is filed of record, the estate shall send a true and accurate copy of the claim of lien by registered mail, certified mail, or statutory overnight delivery to the owner of the property.

(D) The estate shall have the right to commence a foreclosure of the lien prior to its expiration in the same manner as the enforcement of mechanic's liens pursuant to Code Section 44-14-361.

(3) In the event that a property which is part of an insolvent estate is subject to imminent danger of foreclosure, condemnation, or destruction, after receiving notice by a secured lender or government entity, the personal representative of such insolvent estate shall be authorized to record an affidavit of notice in the office of the clerk of superior court of the county where the property is located to which the notice of imminent foreclosure, condemnation, or destruction shall be attached. If no designated grantee beneficiary has completed the requirements of subsections (d) and (e) of this Code section, the estate's personal representative shall have the right to sell the property and pay off all debts, and any remaining proceeds shall revert back to the estate.

(h) Each designated grantee beneficiary shall be deemed as having direct and tangible interest in real estate for the purpose of applying for the issuance of a certified copy of the certificate of death of such record owner pursuant to subparagraph (a)(1)(A) of Code Section 31-10-26."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (a) and by adding a new subsection to Code Section 44-17-4, relating to revocation or amendment, as follows:

"(a) A record owner of an interest in real estate who has titled such interest in a transfer-on-death deed form and designated a beneficiary or beneficiaries in the manner provided in this chapter may revoke such designation of the grantee beneficiary or beneficiaries at any time prior to the death of such record owner, by executing, acknowledging, and recording in the office of the clerk of superior court of the county where the real estate is located an instrument revoking such designation. The instrument of revocation shall refer to the initial transfer-on-death deed, shall be signed by the record owner ~~or such record owner's duly authorized attorney-in-fact~~, and such signature shall be attested by an officer as provided in Code Section 44-2-15 and attested by ~~two~~ one other ~~witnesses~~ witness. ~~Such revocation may be included in another deed or other instrument of conveyance that is recorded.~~ The signature, consent, or agreement of or notice to the designated grantee beneficiary or beneficiaries to the revocation shall not be required."

"(d) In any case where the record owner subsequently sells or conveys an interest in real estate before such record owner's death or conveys an interest in real estate to a trustee of such record owner's express trust, or where the death of a sole designated grantee beneficiary occurs before acceptance, the transfer-on-death deed intended for conveyance to the designated grantee beneficiary is rendered revoked."

SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 44-17-5, relating to grantee beneficiary rights and prior death of designated grantee beneficiary, as follows:

"44-17-5.

(a) A grantee beneficiary or the beneficiaries of a transfer-on-death deed shall take the interest in real estate of the record owner ~~at the death of such record owner~~ upon the acceptance of such interest pursuant to Code Section 44-17-2, free and clear of any claims or interest as to a person who became the spouse of the record owner subsequent to the execution of the transfer-on-death deed, subject to all recorded conveyances, assignments, contracts, mortgages, liens, and security pledges made by the record owner or to which the record owner was subject during the lifetime of such record owner, including, but not limited to, any recorded executory contract of sale, option to purchase, lease, license, easement, mortgage, deed of trust or lien, and to any interest conveyed by the record owner that is less than all of the record owner's interest in the property; provided, however, that a nonconsensual lien against the grantee beneficiary or beneficiaries shall not attach to the property until the recording of the affidavit described in subsections (d) and (e) of Code Section 44-17-2. A transfer-on-death deed takes precedence and priority over all unsecured debts of the record owner's estate filed upon the death of the record owner, unless the property is unredeemed.

(b) If one or more of the designated grantee beneficiaries dies prior to the death of the record owner, the transfer to those beneficiaries who predecease the record owner shall lapse and shall be deemed revoked, and the lapsed interest shall be split evenly among

the remaining designated grantee beneficiaries who are living at the time of the death of the record owner and shall not revert to the estate. Similarly, if one or more of the designated grantee beneficiaries die after the death of the record owner, but before acceptance of the property, the transfer to such beneficiaries who die after the record owner shall lapse and shall be deemed revoked, and the lapsed interest shall be split evenly among the remaining designated grantee beneficiaries who are living at the time of the death of the record owner and shall not revert to the estate. In the event the grantee beneficiary or beneficiaries are designated in the deed to be joint tenants with right of survivorship, the death of one or more of the designated grantee beneficiaries prior to the death of the record owner shall not invalidate an otherwise validly created joint tenancy estate as to those designated grantee beneficiaries who are living at the time of the death of the record owner."

SECTION 5.

Chapter 3 of Title 53 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to year's support, is amended by revising Code Section 53-3-5, relating to filing of petition, as follows:

"53-3-5.

(a) Except as provided by subsection (a) of Code Section 44-17-5, upon ~~Upon~~ the death of any individual leaving an estate solvent or insolvent, the surviving spouse or a guardian or other person acting ~~in~~ on behalf of the surviving spouse or ~~in~~ on behalf of a minor child may file a petition for year's support in the probate court having jurisdiction over the decedent's estate. If the petition is brought by a guardian acting on behalf of a minor child, no additional guardian ad litem shall be appointed for such minor child unless ordered by the court.

(b) The petition shall set forth, as applicable, the full name of the surviving spouse, the full name and ~~birthdate~~ birth date of each surviving minor child, and a schedule of the property, including household furniture, that the petitioner proposes to have set apart as year's support. The petition shall describe fully and accurately any real property the petitioner proposes to have set apart as year's support with a legal description sufficient under the laws of this state to pass title to the real property.

(c) A petition for year's support shall be filed within 24 months of the date of death of the decedent."

SECTION 6.

Chapter 1 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to agriculture, is amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 2-1-6, relating to preemption of local ordinances relating to production of agricultural or farm products, as follows:

"(a) No county, municipality, consolidated government, or other political subdivision of this state shall adopt or enforce any ordinance, rule, regulation, or resolution regulating crop management or animal husbandry practices involved in the production of agricultural or farm products on any private property or any livestock or owner located on any private property or public road as such terms are defined in Chapter 3 of Title 4."

SECTION 7.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 8.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Jenkins of the 136th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 413.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	N Sampson
N Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Alexander	N Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	N Meeks	Y Scoggins
N Au	N Davis	N Holcomb	Y Miller	N Scott
N Baker	Dawson	N Holland	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
N Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	N Moore	Y Smith, L
Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Myles	N Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	E Neal	N Smith, TP
N Bazemore	N Douglas	N Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
N Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
N Bell	N Drenner	N Hugley	N Okoye	Y Stinson
N Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	E Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	N Taylor, R
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Townsend
N Burnough	N Evans	N Jones, A	N Park	N Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
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On the motion, the ayes were 96, nays 70.

The motion prevailed.

HR 1300. By Representatives Ford of the 170th, Cannon of the 172nd, Hatchett of the 155th, Jones of the 47th, Greene of the 154th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Honorable Penny Houston and dedicating a roundabout in her honor; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A RESOLUTION

Dedicating certain portions of the state highway system; and for other purposes.

PART I

WHEREAS, the Honorable Penny Houston was raised in Leary, Georgia, and graduated from Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri, and from the University of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, she was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 1997 and tirelessly represented the interests of her constituents in District 170 for nearly three decades; and

WHEREAS, Representative Houston served as chairperson of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Economic Development and Tourism and on the Ways and Means, Banks and Banking, Economic Development and Tourism, Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight, and Appropriations committees and the House Rural Development Council; and

WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Representative Houston is an active member of the Nashville United Methodist Church and is a board member of the Methodist Home in Macon, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, her leadership and guidance have been instrumental for numerous organizations, including the Nashville Woman's Club and the Berrien, Tift, and Cook County chambers of commerce; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong advocate for children, Representative Houston has been involved with the Georgia Sheriffs' Youth Homes for more than 30 years, is a member emeritus of the Georgia Sheriffs' Boys Ranch Board in Hahira, and serves on the advisory board of the Atlanta Speech School; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating a roundabout in her honor.

PART II

WHEREAS, Mr. John L. Williams has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced dramatically by his work as an entrepreneur in Cook County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams' significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this state earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an interchange in his memory.

PART III

WHEREAS, Mr. John A. Williams was a visionary civic leader, philanthropist, and real estate developer whose leadership and investment profoundly shaped the economic, cultural, and infrastructure development of Cobb County, Fulton County, and the greater metropolitan Atlanta region; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams played a pivotal role in transforming the Cumberland area into one of Georgia's most significant employment and commercial centers, helping to establish the Cumberland Community Improvement District, which has served as a model for public-private cooperation and infrastructure investment throughout this state; and

WHEREAS, through his leadership and advocacy, Mr. Williams helped secure critical funding for transportation and infrastructure improvements along the U.S. Route 41 corridor and throughout the Cumberland area, strengthening connectivity between Cobb and Fulton counties and enhancing regional mobility; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams was instrumental in the creation and success of landmark developments that elevated the quality of life in Cobb County, including his generous $10 million philanthropic contribution to the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre, a premier cultural venue that has become a cornerstone of the region's arts and economic vitality; and

WHEREAS, he demonstrated a deep and abiding commitment to public service, historic preservation, and community investment, including efforts to preserve treasured local assets such as Glover Park in the City of Marietta, ensuring that growth was balanced with respect for history and community character; and

WHEREAS, widely regarded as one of the most influential civic and business leaders in metro Atlanta, Mr. Williams was known for his bipartisan leadership, forward-thinking approach to urban planning, and dedication to strategic infrastructure development that continues to benefit Georgia's citizens and economy; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

PART IV

WHEREAS, Ms. Cara Jaden Atkins was born on April 27, 2002, in Marietta, Georgia, the beloved daughter of Perry and Christy Atkins; and

WHEREAS, an exceptional athlete, Ms. Atkins graduated from Etowah High School and continued her education at Georgia Highlands College, where she excelled academically, graduating with a perfect 4.0 grade point average, earning repeated spots on the Dean's List, and was a member of the prestigious Phi Theta Kappa honor society; and

WHEREAS, she graduated from dental hygienist school and was eagerly pursuing her bachelor's degree in science, driven by her passion for helping others achieve better health and confidence; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Atkins spent her time giving back to local charities and causes that uplifted others in need, including Jamie's Hope, the Cherokee Humane Society, and Locks of Love; and

WHEREAS, she coached gymnastics to young children and touched the lives of many with her smile that was like sunshine, instantly filling any room with warmth, joy, and positivity; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this encouraging, kind, and selfless Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an interchange in her memory.

PART V

WHEREAS, Mr. Andrew "Drew" Keith Slay was born on February 24, 1999, in Austell, Georgia, the beloved son to Amanda and Jerry Slay; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Slay was a talented graphic designer and an accomplished art major at the University of West Georgia when his life was tragically cut short in a traffic accident on April 8, 2023; and

WHEREAS, known for his positive attitude, creativity, and willingness to support others, Mr. Slay gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his family and friends were admired by others; and

WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Slay was deeply loved by all who knew him, from professors to colleagues at the Farmer's Table, where his positive impact was felt; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

PART VI

WHEREAS, Mr. William Brown Lovett was born on October 6, 1824, in Montgomery County, Georgia, the eldest son of Joshua and Elizabeth Lovett; and

WHEREAS, he grew up on the family farm in Adel, Georgia, learning the trade from his parents, spent his life in Lowndes County, Georgia, and later became known as one of the leading farmers of Berrien County, where his talent and efficiency in growing corn was widely recognized; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lovett was united in love and marriage to his wife, Eliza, and was blessed with eight children; and

WHEREAS, an advocate for education, Mr. Lovett had the Lovett School built on his land, which eventually became known as the Pine Bloom School; and

WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an interchange in his memory.

PART VII

WHEREAS, Master Sgt. Gary I. Gordon was born on August 30, 1960, and grew up in Lincoln, Maine, before joining the United States Army at the age of 18; and

WHEREAS, Master Sgt. Gordon was serving as sniper team leader for the United States Army Special Operations Command with Task Force Ranger in Mogadishu, Somalia,

when his unit was subjected to intense enemy fire while attempting to rescue the crew of a downed helicopter; and

WHEREAS, Master Sgt. Gordon volunteered to be inserted to protect four critically wounded personnel, despite the risk to his own safety; and

WHEREAS, he and a fellow sniper fought through intense small arms fire and a maze of shanties and shacks to reach the critically injured crew members; and

WHEREAS, after depleting his ammunition and losing his fellow sniper to enemy fire, Master Sgt. Gordon recovered weapons and ammunition from the crashed helicopter and elected to give the last five rounds of recovered ammunition to the pilot of the crashed helicopter; and

WHEREAS, Master Sgt. Gordon gave the ultimate sacrifice for his fellow man and his selflessness embodied the spirit of service; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished American be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

PART VIII

WHEREAS, Mrs. Edna Sirmans Sessoms was born on October 16, 1892, the beloved daughter of State Senator Frank B. Sirmans and Amanda Strickland Sirmans, and passed away on September 18, 1994; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sessoms grew up on her family's land in Sirmans, Georgia, near Camp Creek Missionary Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, on February 28, 1913, she married Alexander Kelly Sessoms and the couple moved to Cogdell, Georgia, where they opened a large general store; and

WHEREAS, the Sessoms went on to become the largest landowners and operators of naval stores in the entire State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, after her husband's passing in 1944, Mrs. Sessoms continued to oversee the family's timber holdings and business interests; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sessoms was involved in the early pioneering of the modern day forest industry in south Georgia, ensuring that the family's sprawling acreage was improved, contained as one functioning unit, and maintained as sustainable forests for more than five generations; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in her memory.

PART IX

WHEREAS, Zander Trayvon Whatley was born on May 11, 2012, the beloved son of Shareeda Dorsey and Jermaine Whatley, and his life was tragically cut short on April 29, 2024, when he became an innocent bystander in a senseless act of violence within his own home; and

WHEREAS, Zander was 11 years old and a vibrant fifth grade student at Hal Hutchens Elementary School, where he proudly served on the student council; and

WHEREAS, a talented athlete and competitor, Zander excelled at soccer, baseball, and football; and

WHEREAS, Zander had an infectious spirit that shined brightly through his love of the Lord and was demonstrated through his weekly worship; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

PART X

WHEREAS, Representative James A. "Bubber" Epps, Jr., has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he plays in leadership in this state and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Representative Epps served on the Twiggs County Board of Commissioners from 1983 to 1992 and on the Middle Georgia Regional Development Center Board from 1989 to 1992; and

WHEREAS, he served as a member of the Georgia General Assembly from 2009 to 2019, representing the citizens of House District 144, and served as chairman of the House Committee on Motor Vehicles and House Committee on Small Business Development and secretary of the House Committee on Transportation during his tenure; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Representative Epps was appointed to the Middle Georgia Regional Commission Council, where his leadership and guidance earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

WHEREAS, Representative Epps has been known for his collaborative approach, steady leadership, consistent support of the Middle Georgia Regional Commission Council's staff and mission, and his enduring commitment to public service, regional cooperation, and the

advancement of Middle Georgia communities through leadership in both the public and private sectors; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an interchange in his honor.

PART XI

WHEREAS, Reverend James H. Miller has demonstrated his commitment to teaching the Gospel, witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical, psychological, intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Miller attended Turner Theological Seminary at Morris Brown College and the Interdenominational Theological Center Extension in Griffin, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, as a young man, he served as an assistant pastor at Mount Carmel and at Shoal Creek Baptist Church in Locust Grove, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, in 1960, he began his first pastorship at Rocky Mount Baptist Church in Rex, Georgia, where he served for nearly 29 years; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Miller went on to serve as pastor of Holly Grove Baptist Church in Griffin, Georgia; pastor of Zion Grove Baptist Church in Ellenwood, Georgia; and pastor emeritus of both Holly Grove and Zion Grove; and

WHEREAS, whether the task is preparing a sermon, visiting the sick, counseling the troubled, baptizing a new believer, or acting as a theologian, educator, administrator, or humanitarian, Reverend Miller serves as a shining example of God's righteous path; and

WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Reverend Miller is a source of strength and direction for persons in all walks of life and from all economic strata; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his honor.

PART XII

WHEREAS, Mr. Ellis Crook has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Senoia, Georgia, Mr. Crook began working in his father's business, founded in 1913, at the age of 12, which started his distinguished journey as a local businessman and community leader; and

WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army during the Korean War and continued his service as secretary and treasurer of the Senoia Veterans Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crook purchased Crook's Grocery on Highway 16 in Senoia in 1960, founded Crook's Tire & Auto in 1966, and in 1990 founded McIntosh Finance, an installment lending company that has grown to include multiple offices across Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cook's leadership has been instrumental to numerous organizations, including Senoia Methodist Church, Flint River Academy, the Coweta County Zoning Appeals Board, the Coweta County Hospital Authority, the Georgia Food Industry Association, and the Associated Grocers of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, he founded and served as first president of the Senoia Area Business Association, authored *Senoia Boy* and generously donated all of the rights and proceeds to the Senoia Historical Association, and played an instrumental role in raising funds to retire the debt on the community building in Senoia State Park; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his honor.

PART XIII

WHEREAS, Mr. Kevin "Catfish" Jackson graduated from Cartersville High School and attended the University of Georgia where he was a three year letterman on the University of Georgia football team, a member of the 1980 National Championship team, the 1982 and 1983 Southeastern Conference Championship teams, and voted co-captain of the 1983 team; and

WHEREAS, his athleticism and leadership were recognized with the prestigious Wallace Butts Award and he served as a graduate assistant coach under Vince Dooley; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson's vision and guidance were instrumental to numerous organizations, including United Community Bank, Bethesda Academy, CURE for Childhood Cancer, Savannah Technical College, the Savannah Economic Development Authority, and Rotary Club of Savannah; and

WHEREAS, he was honored with numerous awards and recognitions, including the Savannah State Award of Excellence for Noteworthy Entrepreneurship, the Sheriff's Award of Excellence, the Savannah Business Hall of Fame Junior Achievement Award, and Dancing with The Stars "People's Choice Award" for Alzheimer's; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson served on the Georgia Economic Development Board, the Lottery Board, the Georgia Ports Authority Board, and the Department of Natural Resources Board; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

PART XIV

WHEREAS, Mr. Robert Daniel Lockhart was born in Junction City, Georgia, and received his early education at the County Line School of Taylor County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lockhart dedicated 24 years to Central of Georgia Railroad and worked for 26 years with Murphy and Orr, Inc., of Forest Park, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Lockhart was an active member of Forest Chapel Baptist Church, where he served as deacon for more than 50 years, served as assistant chairperson on the board of deacons, sang in the chorus, and served on the trustee board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lockhart was a great supporter of athletics, founding the Atlanta Spartans Athletic Club and helping to lead the Forest Park Braves and Decatur Spartans to years of success; and

WHEREAS, the community of Forest Park was blessed to have Mr. Lockhart's vision and engagement and he worked tirelessly to improve the lives of Forest Park's youth through fund raisers for their extra curricular activities; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

PART XV

WHEREAS, Mr. Jimmy Neal Lawson, Sr., graduated from Swainsboro High School and attended the University of Georgia's College of Pharmacy; and

WHEREAS, he cofounded Lawson & Cromer Pharmacy and dedicated over four decades of his life to serving his customers with professionalism, compassion, and kindness; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lawson was a consistent and consummate presence in the civic life of the City of Forsyth, serving on numerous boards and committees over the years; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Lawson was an active member of Forsyth United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he made this world a better place in which to live; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

PART XVI

WHEREAS, Mrs. Neva Jane Langley Fickling has long been recognized for her musical talent and grace; and

WHEREAS, raised in Lakeland, Florida, Mrs. Fickling began playing the piano at the age of seven and studied music at Florida Southern College and Wesleyan College; and

WHEREAS, at the age of 19 she won the Miss Macon pageant and went on to win Miss Georgia and Miss America in 1953, holding the prestigious honor of being the only woman to win all three titles; and

WHEREAS, after completing her studies at Wesleyan College in 1955, Mrs. Fickling continued sharing her talents on the piano at public performances, including events with the Macon-Wesleyan Symphony Orchestra and the Atlanta Pops Orchestra; and

WHEREAS, she devoted her time and talents to the boards of numerous organizations, including Wesleyan College, Georgia Women of Achievement, the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation, the Gina Bachauer Piano Competition, Keep America Beautiful Commission, Georgia State Clean Community Commission, the State Botanical Garden of Georgia, the Macon Symphony Orchestra, the Community Foundation of Central Georgia, the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, and the Georgia Council for the Arts; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Fickling played a vital role in saving the Grand Opera House in Macon from demolition through her fundraising and public awareness efforts; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating a road in her memory.

PART XVII

WHEREAS, Senator Horacena E. Tate has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that she plays in leadership in this state and her deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Senator Tate graduated from Frederick Douglass High School, earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Georgia, a master's degree from Atlanta University Center, and a Doctor of Education degree from Clark Atlanta University; and

WHEREAS, succeeding her father, the late State Senator Dr. Horace Tate, she served with distinction as the Georgia State Senator for District 38, representing portions of Fulton and Cobb Counties, from 1998 to 2024; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure with the Senate that spanned over two decades, Senator Tate served as member of the Senate Appropriations, Education and Youth, Rules, Reapportionment and Redistricting, State and Local Governmental Operations, and Urban Affairs Committees; and

WHEREAS, her leadership and service has been recognized with numerous awards, including Legislator of the Year from the National Association of Social Workers Georgia Chapter; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an interchange in her honor.

PART XVIII

WHEREAS, Captain Helio Armando Garcia III was a devoted public servant whose life was marked by bravery, integrity, and a steadfast dedication to the safety and well-being of the community; and

WHEREAS, Captain Garcia served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, he played a pivotal role in the South Fulton Police Department's growth and advancement from its inception as one of the founding officers of the department; and

WHEREAS, Captain Garcia exhibited extraordinary devotion to public service, outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all of his duties and was highly regarded as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound principles of law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Captain Garcia led an exceptional career of public of service, always putting public safety and the citizens of South Fulton first, and his inspiring commitment to the welfare of others stands as a shining example of the positive effect law enforcement professionals have on the lives and well-being of others; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an interchange in his memory.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the roundabout at State Route 76 and State Route 37 in Cook County is dedicated as the Representative Penny Houston Roundabout.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange of State Route 401/Interstate 75 and State Route 37 in Cook County is dedicated as the John L. Williams Memorial Interchange.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on U.S. Route 41/State Route 3 over the Chattahoochee River in Cobb County is dedicated as the John A. Williams Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange of Interstate 75 and State Route 92 in Cherokee County is dedicated as the Cara Jaden Atkins Memorial Interchange.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 8CO over I-20 in Douglas County is dedicated as the Andrew "Drew" Keith Slay Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange of State Route 401/I-75 and Barneyville Road in Cook County is dedicated as the William Brown Lovett Memorial Interchange.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of U.S. 78/U.S. 278/State Route 10 from Willhaven Drive eastward to Belfair Lakes Drive in Augusta-Richmond County is dedicated as the Master Sgt. Gary I. Gordon Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 168 over Camp Creek in Clinch County is dedicated as the Edna Sirmans Sessoms Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 92 and Sweetwater Church Road in Paulding County is dedicated as the Zander Trayvon Whatley Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange of I-16 and State Route 96 in Twiggs County is dedicated as the Representative Bubber Epps Interchange.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 155 from State Route 401/I-75 to State Route 42/US-23 in Henry County is dedicated as the Reverend James Miller Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 16 in Coweta County from the roundabout intersection with State Route 54 to the intersection with Broad Street in Senoia is dedicated as the Ellis Crook Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 26/US-80 and Johnny Mercer Boulevard in Chatham County is dedicated as the Kevin "Catfish" Jackson Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 138 Spur and State Route 3 in Clayton County is dedicated as the Robert Daniel Lockhart Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 83 over Tobesofkee Creek in Monroe County is dedicated as the Jimmy N. Lawson, Sr. Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 87 from Elbert Jackson Road to Marvin Circle in Monroe County is dedicated as the Neva Langley Fickling Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange of State Route 402 (I-20) and State Route 407 (I-285) in Fulton County is dedicated as the Senator Horacena E. Tate Interchange.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange of State Route 403 (I-85) and Flat Shoals Road in Fulton County is dedicated as the Captain Helio Armando Garcia III Memorial Interchange.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facilities named in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Department of Transportation; to the Honorable Penny Houston, Representative James A. "Bubber" Epps, Jr., Reverend James H. Miller, Mr. Ellis Crook, and Senator Horacena E. Tate; and to the families of Mr. John L. Williams, Mr. John A. Williams, Ms. Cara Jaden Atkins, Mr. Andrew "Drew" Keith Slay, Mr. William Brown Lovett, Master Sgt. Gary I. Gordon, Mrs. Edna Sirmans Sessoms, Zander Trayvon Whatley, Mr. Kevin "Catfish" Jackson, Mr. Robert Daniel Lockhart, Mr. Jimmy Neal Lawson, Sr., Mrs. Neva Jane Langley Fickling, and Captain Helio Armando Garcia III.

Representative Jasperse of the 11th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HR 1300.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

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Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 171, nays 0.

The motion prevailed.

HB 466. By Representatives Cameron of the 1st, Williams of the 168th, Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th and Reeves of the 99th:

A BILL To be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other state symbols, so as

to designate the marsh tacky horse as the official Georgia heritage horse breed; to provide legislative findings and declarations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other state symbols, so as to designate the marsh tacky horse as the official Georgia heritage horse breed; to designate the pineywoods cattle as the official Georgia heritage cattle breed; to provide legislative findings and declarations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

(1) The presence of the marsh tacky horse in Georgia can be traced back to the 1500s;

(2) The marsh tacky horse has been used by every culture and class of people that encountered it, including Indigenous nations, like the Seminoles, the Creek, the Chickasaw, the Choctaw, and the Cherokee; European settlers; and the Maroon and Gullah communities;

(3) General Francis "Swamp Fox" Marion utilized marsh tacky horses to navigate through rough, swampy terrain during guerilla campaigns against the British;

(4) The marsh tacky horse was the predominant stock horse in the southeastern United States up to the 1930s;

(5) During the Great Depression and Dust Bowl eras, larger cattle were brought in from the West requiring larger horses causing the marsh tacky horse to fall out of use;

(6) The marsh tacky horse is listed as "critical" under the endangered categories by the Livestock Conservancy;

(7) There are less than 2,000 marsh tacky horses in existence;

(8) Despite the number of marsh tacky horses remaining, they are still used in hunting wild game and herding cattle; and

(9) Establishing the marsh tacky horse as the official Georgia heritage horse breed is necessary to fully recognize the importance of the breed and its contributions to Georgia history.

SECTION 2.

Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other state symbols, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"50-3-96.
The marsh tacky horse is designated as the official Georgia heritage horse breed."

SECTION 3.

Said article is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:
"50-3-97.
The pineywoods cattle is designated as the official Georgia heritage cattle breed."

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Cameron of the 1st moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 466.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
E Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	E Reeves	E Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 170, nays 1.

The motion prevailed.

HB 1161. By Representatives Lim of the 98th, Clark of the 108th, Santos of the 117th, Hong of the 103rd, Reeves of the 99th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to provide for proper operation of a motor vehicle upon approach by an authorized emergency vehicle or by a law enforcement vehicle for purposes of a traffic stop; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to provide for proper operation of a motor vehicle upon approach by an authorized emergency vehicle or by a law enforcement vehicle for purposes of a traffic stop; to provide for penalties based on the distance a person fled or otherwise attempted to elude a pursuing vehicle or law enforcement officer performing duties on behalf of the Department of Public Safety; to modify the permissible reduction of light transmission through the application of material and glazing to the windows of certain motor vehicles; to provide for definitions; to prohibit the use of speed detection devices by municipal police departments on certain roadways; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, is amended by revising Code Section 40-6-74, relating to operation of vehicles on approach of authorized emergency vehicles, as follows:

"40-6-74.

(a) Upon the immediate approach of an authorized emergency vehicle ~~or a vehicle belonging to a federal, state, or local law enforcement agency~~ making use of an audible signal and visual signals meeting the requirements of Code Section 40-6-6, the ~~driver~~ operator of every other vehicle in proximity to such approaching vehicle shall yield the right of way to the authorized emergency vehicle and shall immediately ~~drive~~ move the vehicle to a position parallel to, and as close as possible to, the right-hand edge or curb of the roadway clear of any intersection and ~~shall~~ stop and remain in such position until

the authorized emergency vehicle ~~or law enforcement vehicle~~ has passed, except when otherwise directed by a ~~police~~ law enforcement officer.

(b) When an operator of a motor vehicle upon a highway is directed to stop by a law enforcement officer in a law enforcement vehicle marked pursuant to Code Section 40-8-91 and through the use of an audible signal and visual signals meeting the requirements of Code Section 40-6-6, the operator shall immediately move the motor vehicle in a manner so as not to impede the flow of traffic to a position parallel to, and as close as possible to, the right-hand edge or curb of the roadway clear of any intersection and stop and remain in such position until otherwise directed by the law enforcement officer; provided, however, that, when such requirement would result in stopping and remaining in an unsafe location, such operator may display the vehicle's flashing lights or turn signal, observe the maximum posted speed limit, and continue to a reasonably safe location to stop and remain in such position until otherwise directed by the law enforcement officer.

~~(b)~~(c) This Code section shall not operate to relieve the ~~driver~~ operator of any authorized emergency vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons using the highway."

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-6-395, relating to fleeing or attempting to elude police officer and impersonating law enforcement officer, by revising subsections (d) and (e) and adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(d) Any person convicted of violating the provisions of subsection (a) of this Code section with respect to a police vehicle or police officer performing official duties on behalf of the Capitol Police Division, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division, or Uniform Division of the Department of Public Safety shall be sentenced to imprisonment in accordance with subsections (b) and (c) of this Code section; provided, however, that such sentence shall be calculated at a rate of 30 days for each mile the person actually traveled while fleeing or otherwise attempting to elude the police vehicle or police officer; provided, further, that the term of imprisonment shall be within the minimum and maximum sentences set forth in subsections (b) and (c) of this Code section. The trier of fact shall determine beyond a reasonable doubt the distance the person actually traveled while fleeing or otherwise attempting to elude a pursuing police vehicle or police officer after such officer notified the police dispatcher that such person was fleeing or otherwise attempting to elude the police officer. The determination of the distance traveled shall not be an essential element of such offense. If the distance traveled cannot be determined, such distance shall be presumed to be zero miles.

(e) Following adjudication of guilt or imposition of sentence for a violation of subparagraph (b)(1)(D) or subsection (c) of this Code section, the sentence shall not be suspended, probated, deferred, or withheld, and the charge shall not be reduced to a lesser offense, merged with any other offense, or served concurrently with any other offense.

~~(e)~~(f) It shall be unlawful for a person:

(1) To impersonate a sheriff, deputy sheriff, state trooper, agent of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, police officer, or any other authorized law enforcement officer by using a motor vehicle, motorcycle, or blue light designed, equipped, or marked so as to resemble a motor vehicle, motorcycle, or blue light belonging to any federal, state, or local law enforcement agency; or

(2) Otherwise to impersonate any such law enforcement officer in order to direct, stop, or otherwise control traffic."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-8-73.1, relating to tinting of windows or windshields, by revising subsections (a) and (b) and paragraph (6) of subsection (c) as follows:

"(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Front side and door windows' means the side and door windows of a motor vehicle that are directly to the right and left of the driver.

(2) 'Light reflectance' means the ratio of the amount of total light that is reflected outward by a product or material to the amount of total light falling on the product or material.

~~(2)~~(3) 'Light transmission' means the ratio of the amount of total light, expressed in percentages, which is allowed to pass through a surface to the amount of light falling on the surface.

~~(3) 'Manufacturer' means a person who produces or assembles a vehicle glass-coating material or who fabricates, laminates, or tempers a safety glazing material, which material reduces light transmission.~~

(4) 'Material' means any transparent product or substance which reduces light transmission.

(5) 'Multipurpose passenger vehicle' means a motor vehicle designed to carry ten persons or less which is constructed on a truck chassis or with special features for occasional off-road operation.

(6) 'Rear side and door windows' means the side and door windows of a motor vehicle that are not directly to the right and left of the driver.

(b) Except as provided in this Code section, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle in this state:

(1) Which has material and glazing applied or affixed to the front windshield, which material and glazing when so applied or affixed reduce light transmission through the windshield; ~~or~~

(2) Which has material and glazing applied or affixed to ~~the rear windshield or~~ the front side or door windows, which material and glazing when so applied or affixed reduce light transmission through the windshield or window to less than ~~32~~ 28 percent, plus or minus 3 percent, or increase light reflectance to more than 20 percent; or

(3) Which has material and glazing applied or affixed to the rear windshield or the rear side or door windows, which material and glazing when so applied or affixed reduce

light transmission through the windshield or window to less than 15 percent, plus or minus 3 percent, or increase light reflectance to more than 20 percent."

"(6) The rear windshield or the rear side or door windows~~, except those windows to the right and left of the driver~~ of:

(A) A multipurpose passenger vehicle;

(B) A school bus, any other bus used for public transportation, and any bus or van owned or leased by any religious or any nonprofit organization duly incorporated under the laws of this state;

(C) Any limousine owned or leased by a public or private entity; or

(D) Any other vehicle, the windows or windshields of which have been tinted or darkened before factory delivery or permitted by federal law or regulation;"

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-8-91, relating to marking and equipment of law enforcement vehicles and motorist allowed to continue to safe location before stopping for law enforcement officer vehicles, by revising subsections (e) and (f) as follows:

"(e) ~~Whenever a motorist driving on the roadways of this state is directed to stop by a law enforcement officer in a law enforcement vehicle marked as required under this Code section, the motorist may continue to drive until a reasonably safe location for stopping is reached. Such motorist shall indicate to the officer his or her intent to proceed to a safe location by displaying the vehicle's flashing lights or turn signal. In proceeding to a safe location, the motorist shall observe the posted maximum speed limit.~~

~~(f)~~ An otherwise lawful arrest shall not be invalidated or in any manner affected by failure to comply with this Code section."

SECTION 5.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-14-8, relating to when case may be made and conviction had, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(a.1) No city officer shall be allowed to make a case based on the use of any speed detection device on any roadway within such city unless both sides of the right of way of such roadway extends more than 2 miles through the corporate limits of such city."

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following amendment was read and adopted:

Representatives Lim of the 98th and Powell of the 33rd offer the following amendment:

Amend HB 1161 (HB 1161/SCSFA) by replacing lines 1 through the end with the following:
To amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to provide for proper operation of a motor vehicle upon approach by an

authorized emergency vehicle or by a law enforcement vehicle for purposes of a traffic stop; to provide for penalties based on the distance a person fled or otherwise attempted to elude a pursuing vehicle or law enforcement officer performing duties on behalf of the Department of Public Safety; to modify the permissible reduction of light transmission through the application of material and glazing to the windows of certain motor vehicles; to provide for definitions; to revise requirements for the placement of automated traffic enforcement safety devices; to revise application procedure for a permit to operate such devices; to require annual reporting on revenues generated by such devices; to provide standards for notice sent for imposition of a civil monetary penalty and penalties for nonpayment relating to citations issued by such devices; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, is amended by revising Code Section 40-6-74, relating to operation of vehicles on approach of authorized emergency vehicles, as follows:

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(a) Upon the immediate approach of an authorized emergency vehicle ~~or a vehicle belonging to a federal, state, or local law enforcement agency~~ making use of an audible signal and visual signals meeting the requirements of Code Section 40-6-6, the ~~driver~~ operator of every other vehicle in proximity to such approaching vehicle shall yield the right of way to the authorized emergency vehicle and shall immediately ~~drive~~ move the vehicle to a position parallel to, and as close as possible to, the right-hand edge or curb of the roadway clear of any intersection and ~~shall~~ stop and remain in such position until the authorized emergency vehicle ~~or law enforcement vehicle~~ has passed, except when otherwise directed by a ~~police~~ law enforcement officer.

(b) When an operator of a motor vehicle upon a highway is directed to stop by a law enforcement officer in a law enforcement vehicle marked pursuant to Code Section 40-8-91 and through the use of an audible signal and visual signals meeting the requirements of Code Section 40-6-6, the operator shall immediately move the motor vehicle in a manner so as not to impede the flow of traffic to a position parallel to, and as close as possible to, the right-hand edge or curb of the roadway clear of any intersection and stop and remain in such position until otherwise directed by the law enforcement officer; provided, however, that, when such requirement would result in stopping and remaining in an unsafe location, such operator may display the vehicle's flashing lights or turn signal, observe the maximum posted speed limit, and continue to a reasonably safe location to stop and remain in such position until otherwise directed by the law enforcement officer.

~~(b)~~(c) This Code section shall not operate to relieve the ~~driver~~ operator of any authorized emergency vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons using the highway."

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-6-395, relating to fleeing or attempting to elude police officer and impersonating law enforcement officer, by revising subsections (d) and (e) and adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(d) Any person convicted of violating the provisions of subsection (a) of this Code section with respect to a police vehicle or police officer performing official duties on behalf of the Capitol Police Division, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division, or Uniform Division of the Department of Public Safety shall be sentenced to imprisonment in accordance with subsections (b) and (c) of this Code section; provided, however, that such sentence shall be calculated at a rate of 30 days for each mile the person actually traveled while fleeing or otherwise attempting to elude the police vehicle or police officer; provided, further, that the term of imprisonment shall be within the minimum and maximum sentences set forth in subsections (b) and (c) of this Code section. The trier of fact shall determine beyond a reasonable doubt the distance the person actually traveled while fleeing or otherwise attempting to elude a pursuing police vehicle or police officer after such officer notified the police dispatcher that such person was fleeing or otherwise attempting to elude the police officer. The determination of the distance traveled shall not be an essential element of such offense. If the distance traveled cannot be determined, such distance shall be presumed to be zero miles.

(e) Following adjudication of guilt or imposition of sentence for a violation of subparagraph (b)(1)(D) or subsection (c) of this Code section, the sentence shall not be suspended, probated, deferred, or withheld, and the charge shall not be reduced to a lesser offense, merged with any other offense, or served concurrently with any other offense.

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(2) Otherwise to impersonate any such law enforcement officer in order to direct, stop, or otherwise control traffic."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-8-73.1, relating to tinting of windows or windshields, by revising subsections (a) and (b) and paragraph (6) of subsection (c) as follows:

"(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Front side and door windows' means the side and door windows of a motor vehicle that are directly to the right and left of the driver.

(2) 'Light reflectance' means the ratio of the amount of total light that is reflected outward by a product or material to the amount of total light falling on the product or material.

~~(2)~~(3) 'Light transmission' means the ratio of the amount of total light, expressed in percentages, which is allowed to pass through a surface to the amount of light falling on the surface.

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(6) 'Rear side and door windows' means the side and door windows of a motor vehicle that are not directly to the right and left of the driver.

(b) Except as provided in this Code section, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle in this state:

(1) Which has material and glazing applied or affixed to the front windshield, which material and glazing when so applied or affixed reduce light transmission through the windshield; ~~or~~

(2) Which has material and glazing applied or affixed to ~~the rear windshield or~~ the front side or door windows, which material and glazing when so applied or affixed reduce light transmission through the windshield or window to less than ~~32~~ 28 percent, plus or minus 3 percent, or increase light reflectance to more than 20 percent; or

(3) Which has material and glazing applied or affixed to the rear windshield or the rear side or door windows, which material and glazing when so applied or affixed reduce light transmission through the windshield or window to less than 15 percent, plus or minus 3 percent, or increase light reflectance to more than 20 percent."

"(6) The rear windshield or the rear side or door windows~~, except those windows to the right and left of the driver~~ of:

(A) A multipurpose passenger vehicle;

(B) A school bus, any other bus used for public transportation, and any bus or van owned or leased by any religious or any nonprofit organization duly incorporated under the laws of this state;

(C) Any limousine owned or leased by a public or private entity; or

(D) Any other vehicle, the windows or windshields of which have been tinted or darkened before factory delivery or permitted by federal law or regulation;"

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-8-91, relating to marking and equipment of law enforcement vehicles and motorist allowed to continue to safe location before stopping for law enforcement officer vehicles, by revising subsections (e) and (f) as follows:

"(e) ~~Whenever a motorist driving on the roadways of this state is directed to stop by a law enforcement officer in a law enforcement vehicle marked as required under this Code~~

~~section, the motorist may continue to drive until a reasonably safe location for stopping is reached. Such motorist shall indicate to the officer his or her intent to proceed to a safe location by displaying the vehicle's flashing lights or turn signal. In proceeding to a safe location, the motorist shall observe the posted maximum speed limit.~~

~~(f)~~ An otherwise lawful arrest shall not be invalidated or in any manner affected by failure to comply with this Code section."

SECTION 5.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-14-6, relating to warning signs required and signage requirements, by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c) In addition to the signs required under subsections (a) and (b) of this Code section, each law enforcement agency using an automated traffic enforcement safety device as provided for in Code Section 40-14-18 shall erect signs warning of the use of ~~a stationary speed detection~~ an automated traffic enforcement safety device within ~~the~~ an approaching school zone. Such signs shall be at least 24 by 30 inches in area, shall be visible plainly from every lane of traffic, shall be viewable in all traffic conditions, and shall not be placed in such a manner that the view of such sign is subject to being obstructed by any other vehicle on such highway. ~~Such~~ Automated traffic enforcement safety device warning signs shall be placed within 500 feet prior to the warning sign announcing the reduction of the speed limit for the school ~~speed~~ zone. Such signs shall include a sign or device which provides the operator of a motor vehicle approaching such sign with an accurate depiction of the speed of such motor vehicle and lights which flash yellow in accordance with any rule or regulation established by the Department of Transportation when the automated traffic enforcement safety device is authorized to issue citations pursuant to Code Section 40-14-18. There shall be a rebuttable presumption that such signs are properly installed pursuant to this subsection at the time of any alleged violation under this article."

SECTION 6.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-14-11, relating to investigations by commissioner of public safety, issuance of order suspending or revoking permit, and ratio of speeding fines to agency's budget, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(f) The governing body of any county or municipality utilizing automated traffic enforcement safety devices pursuant to this article shall submit an annual report on the revenue generated through the use of such devices to the Department of Public Safety."

SECTION 7.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-14-18, relating to enforcement of speed limit in school zones with recorded images, civil monetary penalty, and consequences for failure to pay penalty, by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (a) and subparagraph (b)(2)(G) as follows:

"(2) Prior to the placement of ~~a~~ an automated traffic enforcement safety device within a school zone, ~~each school within whose school zone~~ the governing body of the county

or municipality whose law enforcement agency is authorized to enforce the speed limit of a school zone where such ~~automated traffic enforcement safety~~ device is to be placed and which holds a valid permit for the operation of speed detection devices issued by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Code Section 40-14-2 shall first apply for and secure a permit from the Department of Transportation for the use of such automated traffic enforcement safety device. Such permit shall be awarded based upon need; provided, however, that a permit issued for placement upon any highway with more than two lanes shall require a demonstration of prior history which justifies such need and no permit shall be issued for placement upon a highway within a school zone with four lanes that does not have a crosswalk across such lanes. The Department of Transportation shall promulgate rules and regulations for the implementation of this paragraph."

"(G) A warning that failure to pay the civil monetary penalty or to contest liability in a timely manner as provided for in subsection (d) of this Code section shall waive any right to contest liability and include a statement which reads: 'FAILURE TO PAY THIS FINE OR CONTEST LIABILITY IN COURT SHALL RESULT IN THE INABILITY TO RENEW YOUR MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FOR THIS VEHICLE';"

SECTION 8.

(a) Except as provided for in subsection (b) of this section, this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026.

(b) Section 5 of this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2027.

SECTION 9.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Lim of the 98th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute, as amended by the House, to HB 1161.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
E Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens

Y Bell	Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
E Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
N Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	N Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 163, nays 6.

The motion prevailed.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has agreed to the House substitute as amended by the Senate to the following bill of the Senate:

SB 76. By Senators Echols of the 49th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Payne of the 54th, Brass of the 6th, Summers of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to license plates promoting or supporting certain agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations with proceeds disbursed to the general fund and the agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation, so as to establish a specialty license plate benefitting the Georgia Veterans Service Foundation; to provide for related matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Bills of the House and Senate were taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 1131. By Representatives Hong of the 103rd, Smith of the 18th, Sainz of the 180th, Reeves of the 99th and Scoggins of the 14th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 4 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to warrants for arrest, so as to provide for personal service of process for notice of a warrant application hearing; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure, so as to provide for personal service of process for notice of a warrant application hearing; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating criminal procedure, is amended by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of Code Section 17-4-40, relating to persons who may issue warrants for arrest of offenders against penal laws, warrants requested by others, and persons who may issue warrants for arrest of peace or law enforcement officers, DFCS case managers, or school teachers or administrators, as follows:

"(2) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (6) of this subsection, a warrant application hearing shall be conducted only after attempting to notify the person whose arrest is sought by personal service or by any means approved by the judge or other officer which is reasonably calculated to apprise such person of the date, time, and location of the hearing."

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 17-4-41, relating to contents of affidavits made or warrants issued for arrest of penal offenders, as follows:

"(c) It is the intent of these requirements that the accused person shall be informed of the specific charge against him or her and of all basic pertinent particulars pertaining thereto by personal service."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 17-6-15, relating to necessity for commitment where bail tendered and accepted, opportunity for bail, receipt of bail after commitment and imprisonment, and limitations on cash bonds, as follows:

"17-6-15.

(a) After arrest, if bail is tendered and accepted, no regular commitment need be entered, but a simple memorandum of the fact of bail being taken shall be sufficient.

(b)(1) A reasonable opportunity shall be allowed the accused person to give bail; and, even after commitment and imprisonment, the committing court may order the accused person brought before it to receive bail. No person shall be imprisoned under a felony commitment when bail has been fixed, if the person tenders and offers to give bond in the amount fixed, with sureties acceptable to the sheriff of the county in which the alleged offense occurred; provided, however, the sheriff shall publish and make available written rules and regulations defining acceptable sureties and prescribing under what conditions sureties may be accepted. If the sheriff determines that a professional bonding company is an acceptable surety, the rules and regulations shall require, but shall not be limited to, the following:

(A) Complete documentation showing the composition of the company to be an individual, a trust, or a group of individuals, whether or not formed as a partnership or other legal entity, or a corporation or a combination of individuals, trusts, and corporations;

(B) Complete documentation for all employees, agents, or individuals authorized to sign or act on behalf of the bonding company;

(C) Complete documentation showing that the company holds a valid business license in the jurisdiction where bonds will be written;

(D) Fingerprints and background checks of every individual who acts as a professional bondsperson as defined in Code Section 17-6-50 for the professional bonding company seeking approval;

(E) Establishment of a cash escrow account or other form of collateral as follows:

(i) For any professional bonding company that is new to the county or that has operated continuously in the county for less than 18 months, in an amount and upon terms and conditions as determined and approved by the sheriff;

(ii) Once a professional bonding company has operated continuously for 18 months or longer in the county, then any such cash escrow account or other form of collateral shall not exceed 5 percent of the current outstanding bail bond liability of the professional bonding company and such cash escrow account shall not be required to have on deposit an amount in excess of ~~$1,000,000.00~~$500,000.00; and

(iii) No professional bonding company shall purchase an insurance policy in lieu of establishing a cash escrow account or posting other collateral; provided, however, that any professional bonding company which was using an insurance policy as collateral as of December 31, 2013, may continue to do so at the discretion of the sheriff.

(F) Establishment of application, approval, and reporting procedures for the professional bonding company deemed appropriate by the sheriff which satisfy all rules and regulations required by the laws of this state and the rules and regulations established by the sheriff;

(G) Applicable fees to be paid by the applicant to cover the cost of copying the rules and regulations and processing and investigating all applications and all other costs relating thereto; or

(H) Additional criteria and requirements for approving and regulating bonding companies to be determined at the discretion of the sheriff.

(2) This Code section shall not be construed to require a sheriff to accept a professional bonding company or bondsperson as a surety.

(3) This Code section shall not be construed to prevent the posting of real property bonds and the sheriff may not prohibit the posting of property bonds. Additional requirements for the use of real property may be determined at the discretion of the sheriff. The sheriff shall not prohibit a nonresident of the county from posting a real property bond if such real property is located in the county in which it is offered as bond and if such property has sufficient unencumbered equity to satisfy the sheriff's posted rules and regulations as to acceptable sureties.

(4) No more than three cash bonds may be posted per year by any individual, corporation, organization, charity, nonprofit corporation, or group in any jurisdiction. Every individual, corporation, organization, charity, nonprofit corporation, or group that purports to be a charitable bail fund with the purpose of soliciting donations to use for securing the release of accused persons shall be required to submit to the same requirements as any professional surety company, including, without limitation, the requirements set forth in paragraph (1) of this subsection and Code Sections 17-6-50, 17-6-50.1, and 17-6-51. <u>This paragraph shall not apply to a natural person posting a cash bond on behalf of an immediate family member.</u>

(5) Prosecuting attorneys and the Attorney General shall have concurrent authority to prosecute any violation of paragraph (4) of this subsection.

(6) Any person or entity who violates any part of paragraph (4) of this subsection shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(c) This Code section shall not abrogate or repeal the common-law authority of the judge having jurisdiction."

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Hong of the 103rd moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 1131.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
E Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
E Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 166, nays 0.

The motion prevailed.

The Speaker Pro Tem assumed the Chair.

HB 295. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Leverett of the 123rd, Crowe of the 118th, Jones of the 47th, Anderson of the 10th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, so as to provide procedures for real property owners to make claims for compensation from local governments for loss of property value or expenses incurred due to the local government's

failure to comply with or nonenforcement of certain laws, ordinances, and resolutions or due to the local government maintaining a public nuisance; and for other purposes.

The following Senate amendment was read:

The Senate moves to *amend HB 295 (LC 63 0070S) by inserting after "sovereign immunity;" on line 9 the following:*
to amend Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental entities, so as to waive sovereign and governmental immunities for local governments and their officials and employees for a violation of the prohibition on immigration sanctuary policies; to amend Code Section 42-1-11.5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to compliance with immigration detainer notices, so as to provide for immunity waivers; to amend Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state printing and documents, so as to provide for public disclosure of certain documents;

By inserting after line 134 the following:

SECTION 2.

Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental entities, is amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 36-80-23, relating to prohibition on immigration sanctuary policies by local governmental entities, certification of compliance, and punishment, to read as follows:

"(f) In the event that a local governing body acts in violation of this Code section, the sovereign immunity of such local governing body and the governmental immunity of all local officials and employees of such local governing body is waived in all matters arising from or resulting in the violation of this Code section."

SECTION 3.

Code Section 42-1-11.5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to compliance with immigration detainer notices, is amended by revising said Code section as follows:

"42-1-11.5.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Custodial authority' means the commissioner if a person is in physical custody at a penal institution, the sheriff if a person is in physical custody at a county jail, the warden if a person is in physical custody at county correctional institution, and the chief of police if a person is in physical custody at a municipal detention facility.

(2) 'Immigration detainer notice' means documentation issued by the federal government requesting that a custodial authority maintain temporary custody of an

illegal alien as such term is defined in Code Section 42-4-14, including a United States Department of Homeland Security Form I-247 document or a similar successor form.

(b) Any custodial authority who has custody of a person who is subject to an immigration detainer notice shall:

(1) Comply with, honor, and fulfill any request made in the immigration detainer notice; and

(2) Inform the person identified in the immigration detainer notice that the person is being held pursuant to such notice.

(c) In the event that a custodial authority acts in violation of this Code section, the sovereign and other governmental immunities of such custodial authority are waived in all matters arising from or resulting in the violation of this Code section."

SECTION 4.

Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state printing and documents, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"50-18-79.

(a) If any claim of an unlawful employment practice made against the General Assembly, the House of Representatives, the Senate, or any member, office, or employee thereof, including, but not limited to, a claim of sexual harassment, discriminatory harassment, discrimination, or retaliation, is resolved in whole or in part by a settlement agreement, a memorandum of agreement or understanding, or other similar document, however denominated, such agreement shall be subject to public disclosure with the claimant's identity redacted. For purposes of this subsection exclusively, the General Assembly shall be an agency. This subsection shall be applied retroactively.

(b) Except as provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section, nothing in this Code section shall be construed or applied so as to subject the General Assembly to the provisions of Code Sections 50-18-70 through 50-18-78 or Chapter 14 of this title."

By redesignating Section 2 as Section 5.

The following amendment was read and adopted:

Representatives Gaines of the 120th and Efstration of the 104th offer the following amendment:

Amend the amendment to HB 295 (Senate Amendment #1 to HB 295) by replacing lines 5 through 9 with the following:

entities, so as to authorize mandamus actions regarding local governments and their officials and employees for a violation of the prohibition on immigration sanctuary policies; to amend Code Section 42-1-11.5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to compliance with immigration detainer notices, so as to authorize mandamus actions; to amend Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating

By replacing lines 18 through 21 with the following:

"(f) In the event that a local governing body acts in violation of this Code section, any individual aggrieved by such violation may petition the superior court for mandamus relief, and such petition shall receive priority on such court's docket."

By replacing lines 41 through 59 with the following:

(c) In the event that a custodial authority acts in violation of this Code section, any individual aggrieved by such violation may petition the superior court for mandamus relief, and such petition shall receive priority on such court's docket."

By redesignating Section 2 as Section 4.

Representative Gaines of the 120th moved that the House agree to the Senate amendment, as amended by the House, to HB 295.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	N Sampson
N Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Alexander	N Crawford	N Herring	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Ali	E Crowe	Y Hilton	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
N Au	N Davis	N Holcomb	N Miller	N Scott
N Baker	N Dawson	N Holland	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
N Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	N Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Myles	N Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Neal	Y Smith, TP
N Bazemore	N Douglas	N Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
N Beckles	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
N Bell	N Drenner	N Hugley	N Okoye	N Stinson
N Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	N Taylor, R
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Townsend
N Burnough	N Evans	N Jones, A	N Park	N Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	P Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	N Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
E Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
N Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	N Washburn
Y Cannon, C	N Frye	N Kendrick	N Prince	E Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	N Reese	N Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	N Gilliard	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, A
N Carter	N Gisler	E Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	N Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	N Willis

N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 93, nays 76.

The motion prevailed.

HB 334. By Representatives Crawford of the 89th, Oliver of the 84th, Au of the 50th, Willis of the 55th, Westbrook of the 163rd and others:

A BILL To be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to require the Department of Community Health to conduct an annual review of medications and treatment for sickle cell disease for Medicaid recipients; to provide for public input; to provide for an annual report; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 1A of Title 20 and Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to early care and learning and public assistance, respectively, so as to address childhood viruses and diseases by providing information and collecting data; to provide for child care learning centers and family child care learning homes to provide certain information on respiratory syncytial virus to parents; to require the Department of Community Health to conduct an annual review of medications and treatment for sickle cell disease for Medicaid recipients; to provide for public input; to provide for an annual report; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 1A of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to early care and learning, is amended in Article 1, relating to general provisions, by adding a new subsection to Code Section 20-1A-18, relating to information on influenza vaccine, to read as follows:

"(a.1) Each child care learning center and family child care learning home shall, by September 1 of each year, provide to the parent or guardian of each child enrolled therein educational information on the respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) and recommendations

on prevention based on guidelines and recommendations on the subject from professional medical organizations such as the American Academy of Pediatrics."

SECTION 2.

Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public assistance, is amended in Article 7, relating to medical assistance generally, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"49-4-159.5.

(a) The department shall conduct an annual review of all medications, forms of treatment, and services that are eligible for coverage under the Medicaid program for Medicaid recipients with a diagnosis of sickle cell disease. The purpose of the annual review shall be to determine if the available covered medications, treatments, and services are adequate to meet the needs of Medicaid recipients with a diagnosis of sickle cell disease, and whether the department should seek to add additional medications, treatments, or services.

(b) When conducting the annual review required by this Code section, the department shall solicit and consider input from the general public, with specific emphasis on attempting to receive input from persons or groups with knowledge and experience in the area of sickle cell disease treatment.

(c) On or before January 15 of each year, the department shall submit a report to the presiding officers of each house of the General Assembly, who shall forward a copy of the report to the chairperson or chairpersons of the appropriate standing committee or committees in each house that details the department's findings from the annual review required by this Code section, as well as any recommendations based upon such findings. The department shall publish the annual report required by this subsection to its public website."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Crawford of the 89th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 334.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	N Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	N Cox	Y Hawkins	McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	E Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	N Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L

N Barrett	Y Dickey	N Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	N Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	N Tarvin
Y Blackmon	N Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Taylor, D
N Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	N O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
N Byrd	Y Fincher	P Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	N Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	N Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	N Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	E Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	N Richardson	N Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	N Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 149, nays 18.

The motion prevailed.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

HB 1129. By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, Gambill of the 15th, Wade of the 9th, Efstration of the 104th, Hong of the 103rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 36-88-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criteria for enterprise zone, so as to provide for designation of enterprise zones; to provide that enterprise zones shall not qualify for exemption from state sales and use tax; to provide for an exception; to provide for collection and assessment of fees; to provide for the use of the principal of revenue bonds; to limit the number of enterprise zones in urban redevelopment areas; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 88 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to enterprise zones, so as to provide that enterprise zones shall not qualify for exemption from state sales and use tax; to provide for an exception; to provide for collection and assessment of fees; to provide for the use of the principal of revenue bonds; to limit the number of enterprise zones in urban redevelopment areas; to provide a sunset date; to make allowances for enterprise zones in existence and those in the process of being approved prior to such sunset date; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 88 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to enterprise zones, is amended in Code Section 36-88-6, relating to criteria for enterprise zone, by revising subsection (g) as follows:

"(g)(1) A nominated area under this subsection shall:

(A) Be included in an urban redevelopment area as defined in Code Section 36-61-2; and

(B) Contain within its borders the site for a redevelopment project having a minimum of $400 million in capital investment for the redevelopment of an area certified by the commissioner to have been chronically underdeveloped for a period of 20 years or more.

(2)(A) The commissioner of the department may designate a nominated area satisfying ~~Any nominated area meeting~~ the criteria in paragraph (1) of this subsection ~~may be designated~~ as an enterprise zone. Any redevelopment project used to qualify an area for designation as an enterprise zone under this subsection shall, upon approval of such designation, qualify for an exemption of any local sales and use tax levied by a local governing body within the boundaries of such project.

(B) Any redevelopment project used to qualify an area for designation as an enterprise zone under this subsection shall not, upon approval of such designation, qualify for an exemption of any state sales and use tax levied by this state within the boundaries of such project unless such exemption is approved by the Governor or his or her designee.

(3) Any variation in the sales price of goods and services within any redevelopment project used to qualify an area for designation as an enterprise zone under this subsection attributable to lease arrangements between a retailer and the owner of the project shall be a permitted practice under Parts 1 and 2 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10.

(4)(A) By resolution or ordinance, the local governing body ~~designating and creating~~ that nominated an enterprise zone under this subsection may, after designation as an enterprise zone by the commissioner of the department, assess and collect annual enterprise zone infrastructure fees from each retailer that is a qualifying business or service enterprise making sales transactions exempted from sales and use tax under

paragraph (2) of this subsection in an amount not to exceed, in aggregate, the amount of sales and use tax on transactions of such retailer exempted under paragraph (2) of this subsection, which fees may be pledged by such local governing body, directly or indirectly, as security for revenue bonds issued for development or infrastructure within the enterprise zone.

(B) The principal of the revenue bonds provided for under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall not be used, directly or indirectly, to satisfy any obligation on or otherwise provide a return of the capital investment contemplated by subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(5) No enterprise zone shall be designated under this subsection in a county in which four enterprise zones under this subsection are wholly or partially located, regardless of which local governing body or bodies nominated such existing enterprise zones under this subsection.

(6) This subsection shall not apply to projects involving or related to casino gambling."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026, and shall apply to enterprise zones designated on or after such date.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Seabaugh of the 34th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 1129.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	N Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	E Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran

Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
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Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 170, nays 1.

The motion prevailed.

HB 1434. By Representatives Jenkins of the 136th, Crowe of the 118th, Jasperse of the 11th and McDonald III of the 26th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to powers of local governments as to air facilities, so as to provide for the identification of airport affected areas; to provide for public notice and public hearing; to require the adoption, administration, and enforcement of regulations relative to the use of land in airport affected areas; to provide for standards for adoption of such regulations; to provide for consultation with the Department of Transportation; to provide for the adoption of local methods of enforcing regulations relative to airport area affected areas; to provide for a method for requesting variances; to provide for penalties; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 3 of Title 6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to powers of local governments as to air facilities, so as to provide for the identification of airport affected areas; to provide for public notice and public hearing; to require the adoption, administration, and enforcement of regulations relative to the use of land in airport affected areas; to provide for standards for adoption of such regulations; to provide for assistance from the Department of Transportation; to provide for the adoption of local

methods of enforcing regulations relative to airport area affected areas; to provide for a method for requesting variances; to provide for penalties; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 3 of Title 6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to powers of local governments as to air facilities, is amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 3

6-3-40.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Airport' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 32-9-8.

(2) 'Airport affected area' means any area of air, land, or water lying beneath a civil airport imaginary surface.

(3) 'Airport affected governing body' means the governing authority of a county, municipality, or other political subdivision that has an airport affected area within its territorial limits.

(4) 'Airport obstruction' means any building, structure, or object of natural growth within an airport affected area that penetrates a civil airport imaginary surface.

(5) 'Airport sponsor' means an airport affected governing body that:

(A) Owns or controls an airport; or

(B) Has acquired, leased, or set apart real property for the purpose or purposes provided for in Code Section 6-3-20.

(6) 'Civil airport imaginary surface' shall have the same meaning as set forth in 14 C.F.R. Part 77 of the Code of Federal Regulations in effect on January 1, 2026.

6-3-41.

(a) No later than January 1, 2027, every airport sponsor in this state shall identify the airport affected area for its airport and notify any airport affected governing body that an airport affected area is located within its territorial limits.

(b) No later than July 1, 2027, and after public notice and public hearing, each airport affected governing body shall adopt, administer, and enforce regulations for the airport affected area within its territorial limits that comply with Code Section 6-3-42.

6-3-42.

(a) Any regulation adopted for an airport affected area pursuant to this article shall be reasonable and designed to promote public health, safety, and general welfare. At a minimum, such regulation shall include, but shall not be limited to, provisions for the limitation of the height of buildings, structures, and objects of natural growth located

within the airport affected area for the purpose of keeping civil airport imaginary surfaces clear of airport obstructions.

(b) In adopting, amending, and repealing any airport affected area regulations pursuant to this article, the Department of Transportation shall provide assistance and guidance to the airport affected governing body with respect to the compliance of such regulations to Federal Aviation Administration requirements.

(c) To facilitate the clearance of the civil airport imaginary surfaces, any airport affected area regulations adopted pursuant to this article shall meet those federal standards set forth in 14 C.F.R. Part 77 of the Code of Federal Regulations in effect on January 1, 2026.

(d) Airport affected area regulations adopted pursuant to this article may be amended from time to time in the same manner as provided for the adoption of the original regulation.

6-3-43.

When a local governing authority has adopted a zoning ordinance or resolution relating to land use of property within an airport affected area, any airport affected area regulations adopted pursuant to this article may be made part of such zoning ordinance or resolution and may be administered and enforced in connection with such ordinance or resolution.

6-3-44.

(a) Each airport affected governing body shall provide for the enforcement of airport affected area regulations adopted pursuant to this article. Such enforcement may be by a system of permits or other comparable method; provided, however, that, prior to granting any variance from a regulation that would result in the use of property that would create an airport obstruction, the applicable airport affected governing body shall notify an airport sponsor of the requested variance and such airport sponsor shall be responsible for determining whether the requested variance would result in a violation of regulations for civil airport imaginary surfaces and requesting a variance from such regulations.

(b) When any airport affected governing body fails to enact or enforce airport affected area regulations pursuant to this article, eligibility for funds through the local maintenance and improvement grant program available under Code Section 32-5-27 shall be suspended for the lesser of three years or until the date the airport affected governing body enacts or enforces such regulations, at which point any such funds shall be remitted to such airport affected governing body."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Jenkins of the 136th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 1434.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	E Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
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Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	E Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 172, nays 0.

The motion prevailed.

SB 76. By Senators Echols of the 49th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Payne of the 54th, Brass of the 6th, Summers of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to license plates promoting or supporting certain agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations with proceeds disbursed to the general fund and the agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation, so as to establish a specialty license plate benefitting the Georgia Veterans Service

Foundation; to provide for related matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate amendment was read:

The Senate moves to *amend the House substitute to SB 76 (LC 39 5134S) by replacing lines 1 through the end with the following:*

To amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles, so as to provide for additional military medal awards eligible for special veteran license plates; to provide for a specialty license plate for United States Navy submarine service members; to authorize the operation of multipurpose off-highway vehicles on certain highways; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles, is amended in Code Section 40-2-85.1, relating to license plates for certain veterans, by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a), subparagraph (b)(2)(B), and subsections (e.1) and (f) as follows:

"(1) 'Military medal award' means the following medals, decorations, or other recognition of honor for military service awarded by a branch of the United States military:

(A) Medal of Honor;
(B) Bronze Star Medal;
(C) Silver Star Medal;
(D) Distinguished Service Cross;
(E) Navy Cross;
(F) Air Force Cross;
(G) Defense Distinguished Service Medal;
(H) Homeland Security Distinguished Service Medal;
(I) Distinguished Service Medal;
(J) Navy Distinguished Service Medal;
(K) Air Force Distinguished Service Medal;
(L) Coast Guard Distinguished Service Medal;
(M) Defense Superior Service Medal;
(N) Legion of Merit;
(O) Distinguished Flying Cross;
(P) Purple Heart;
(Q) Air Medal;
(R) Soldier's Medal; ~~and~~
(S) Meritorious Service Medal;

(T) Navy Corps Medal;
(U) Marine Corps Medal;
(V) Airman's Medal;
(W) Coast Guard Medal; and
(X) Combat Infantryman Badge."

"(B) Each member or former member of the armed forces of the United States listed in this subsection shall be entitled to no more than one such free license plate at a time; provided, however, that, upon payment of a manufacturing fee of $25.00, a member shall be entitled to one additional such license plate. For each additional license plate for which a $25.00 manufacturing fee is required, there shall be an additional annual registration fee of $25.00~~, and such fee~~ as a condition of obtaining an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $125.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this subparagraph shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34."

"~~(e.1)~~(f) The spouse of any person eligible to be issued a special license plate under this Code section shall also be eligible for such license plate, provided that no motor vehicle is registered in the name of the eligible person and all other requirements relating to registration and licensing relative to motor vehicles as prescribed in Article 2 of this chapter have been satisfied.

~~(f)~~(g) Special license plates issued under this Code section, except as provided in subparagraph (b)(2)(A) of this Code section, shall be ~~renewed annually with a revalidation decal as provided in Code Section 40-2-31 without payment of an additional $25.00 annual registration fee~~ subject to an additional annual registration fee of $25.00 as a condition of obtaining an annual renewal of a registration or an additional registration fee of $125.00 as a condition of obtaining a five-year renewal of registration for such license plate. The fee required by this Code section shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34."

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"40-2-85.5.

(a)(1) Motor vehicle owners who are members of the United States Navy submarine service shall be eligible to receive special and distinctive vehicle license plates for private passenger cars, trucks, motorcycles, or recreational vehicles used for personal transportation. Such license plates shall be issued in compliance with the state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles as prescribed in Article 2 of this chapter.

(2) Motor vehicle owners who are retired members of the United States Navy submarine service shall be eligible to receive special and distinctive vehicle license plates for private passenger cars, trucks, motorcycles, or recreational vehicles used for

personal transportation. Such license plates shall be issued in compliance with the state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles as prescribed in Article 2 of this chapter.

(3) The special and distinctive vehicle license plates issued pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection shall contain the word 'RETIRED' in the location of and in lieu of the name of the county of issuance.

(b) A person who qualifies for the special and distinctive license plate pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section shall make application therefor with the commissioner and include the requisite fee. The commissioner shall design a distinctive license plate as provided in subsection (c) of this Code section and issue the distinctive license plates to qualifying applicants. There shall be no minimum required number of applicants for such distinctive license plate. The commissioner shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to enforce compliance with all state license laws relating to the use and operation of private passenger cars and trucks before issuing these license plates in lieu of the regular Georgia license plates. The additional manufacturing fee for such special and distinctive license plates shall be $25.00. The commissioner is specifically authorized to promulgate all rules and regulations necessary to ensure compliance in instances where such vehicles have been transferred or sold.

(c) The special and distinctive vehicle license plates issued by this Code section shall be as prescribed in Article 2 of this chapter for private passenger cars, trucks, motorcycles, or recreational vehicles used for personal transportation, except that the commissioner shall include a special design to identify the owner as a member of the United States Navy submarine service.

(d) The license plate issued pursuant to this Code section shall be transferred between vehicles as provided in Code Section 40-2-80."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-6-362, relating to operating low-speed and multipurpose off-highway vehicles on highways, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) Multipurpose off-highway vehicles shall ~~be operated only on highways that are part of a county road system and shall be authorized to cross highways that are part of a municipal street system or are part of the state highway system~~ only be authorized to be operated on highways with a maximum speed limit of 60 miles per hour or less."

SECTION 4.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2027.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Rhodes of the 124th moved that the House agree to the Senate amendment to the House substitute to SB 76.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	N McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	E Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion the ayes were 168, nays 2.

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, the following Bill of the House was taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 1534. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th, Jackson of the 165th and Hitchens of the 161st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Chatham County, approved December 18, 1819 (Ga. L. 1819, p. 16), as

amended, particularly by an Act approved May 30, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 3667), so as to provide for an additional judge of the State Court of Chatham County; to provide for the election, powers, duties, jurisdiction, privileges, immunities, and compensation of such additional judge; to authorize the governing authority of Chatham County to provide facilities, office space, supplies, equipment, and personnel for such judge; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend an Act creating the State Court of Chatham County, approved December 18, 1819 (Ga. L. 1819, p. 16), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 30, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 3667), so as to provide for an additional judge of the State Court of Chatham County; to provide for the election, powers, duties, jurisdiction, privileges, immunities, and compensation of said additional judge; to authorize the governing authority of Chatham County to provide facilities, office space, supplies, equipment, and personnel for said judge; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act creating the State Court of Chatham County, approved December 18, 1819 (Ga. L. 1819, p. 16), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 30, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 3667) is amended by revising Section 2A as follows:

"SECTION 2A.

(a) Until January 1, 2027, there shall be three judges of the State Court of Chatham County, as provided by existing law. The judges of said court in office prior to January 1, 2027, shall continue to serve the terms of office to which they were elected or appointed and until their successors are elected and qualified.

(b) Effective January 1, 2027, there shall be four judges of the State Court of Chatham County. The fourth judge added effective January 1, 2027, shall be appointed by the Governor for an initial term of office ending on December 31, 2028, and until his or her successor is elected and qualified. The successor to said judge shall be elected by the qualified voters of Chatham County at an election to be held and conducted jointly with the general primary in 2028. The judge so elected shall serve a four-year term and until such judge's successor is elected and qualified.

(c) The fourth judge of the State Court of Chatham County shall have and may exercise all powers, duties, jurisdictions, privileges, and immunities of the present judges of the

State Court of Chatham County. Any of the judges of said court may preside over any cause and perform any official act as judge thereof. The compensation of the additional judge shall be the same as that provided for other judges of the State Court of Chatham County. Upon request of the additional judge, the governing authority of Chatham County is authorized to furnish the additional judge with suitable courtroom space and facilities, office space, office equipment, supplies, and such personnel as may be considered necessary by the court to the proper function of the court. All of the expenditures authorized herein are declared to be an expense of court and payable out of the county treasury as such."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the agreement to the Senate substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	N Sampson
N Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Alexander	N Crawford	N Herring	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
E Au	N Davis	N Holcomb	N Miller	N Scott
N Baker	Dawson	N Holland	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Ballard	Y DeLoach	N Holly	N Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	N Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Myles	N Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Neal	Y Smith, TP
N Bazemore	N Douglas	N Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
N Beckles	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
N Bell	N Drenner	N Hugley	N Okoye	Y Stinson
N Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Townsend
N Burnough	N Evans	N Jones, A	N Park	N Tran
Y Byrd	N Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
N Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	N Frye	N Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	N Reese	N Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, A
N Carter	N Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	N Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	N Willis
N Clark, J	N Gullett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	E Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the agreement to the Senate substitute, the ayes were 101, nays 69.

The House has agreed to the Senate substitute.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has agreed to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to the following bill of the House:

HB 463. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Burns of the 159th, Hatchett of the 155th, Gilliard of the 162nd, Stephens of the 164th and others:

A BILL To be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax exemptions, so as to provide for a state-wide homestead exemption from ad valorem taxes for certain senior citizens who volunteer with local governments in an amount to be determined by such local governments; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for approval and identification of additional terms and conditions by local governing authorities; to provide for related matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for contingent repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the Senate was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 52. By Senators Goodman of the 8th, Kennedy of the 18th, Tillery of the 19th, Gooch of the 51st, Jones II of the 22nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to authorize certain local governing authorities to provide temporary tax relief from the taxes levied for the harvest or sale of standing timber in certain disaster areas; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title and legislative findings and intent; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from state sales and use taxes, so as to provide for a definition relative to crossing state borders by common carriers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from state sales and use taxes, is amended by revising paragraph (33) as follows:

"(33)(A) The sale of aircraft, watercraft, railroad locomotives and rolling stock, motor vehicles, and major components of each, which will be used principally to cross the borders of this state in the service of transporting passengers or cargo by common carriers and by carriers who hold common carrier and contract carrier authority in interstate or foreign commerce under authority granted by the United States government. Replacement parts installed by carriers in such aircraft, watercraft, railroad locomotives and rolling stock, and motor vehicles which become an integral part of the craft, equipment, or vehicle shall also be exempt from all taxes under this article. For purposes of this subparagraph, the term 'used principally to cross the borders of this state' shall be determined based on the overall nature of a carrier's interstate operations and shall not be construed to require that a majority of the miles traveled by a motor vehicle occur outside this state, nor shall such term be determined solely by mileage, the location of terminals, dispatch facilities, maintenance operations, or any other similar administrative factor;

(B) In lieu of any tax under this article which would apply to the purchase, sale, use, storage, or consumption of the tangible personal property described in this paragraph but for this exemption, the tax under this article shall apply with respect to all fuel purchased and delivered within this state by or to any common carrier and with respect to all fuel purchased outside this state and stored in this state irrespective, in either case, of the place of its subsequent use;"

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
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Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
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Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
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Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 172, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following Bills of the House were taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 1277. By Representatives Barton of the 5th, Jasperse of the 11th, Campbell of the 171st, Hagan of the 156th and McDonald III of the 26th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 16 of Title 12 and Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to environmental policy and highways, bridges, and ferries, respectively, so as to increase the project cost threshold for public roads or airports requiring environmental evaluations; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 16 of Title 12 and Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to environmental policy and highways, bridges, and ferries, respectively, so as to increase the project cost threshold for public roads or airports requiring environmental evaluations; to authorize annual adjustments to such thresholds based upon inflation; to revise various reporting requirements relating to projects of and contracts awarded by the Department of Transportation; to provide for publication of such reports; to repeal a limit on the amount of design-build projects that may be awarded by such department; to increase the property value threshold for requirements relating to the sale of property no longer needed for public road purposes; to authorize annual adjustments to such threshold based upon inflation; to provide for conforming changes; to amend Code Section 46-2-20.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to electric vehicle charging services and operation, so as to provide for definitions; to amend an Act relating to regulation and taxation of electricity used as motor fuel and electric vehicle charging stations, approved May 2, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 376/SB 146), as amended, so as to extend the effective date of provisions relative to regulatory authority of the Department of Agriculture and revenue and taxation; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 16 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to environmental policy, is amended by revising Code Section 12-16-9, relating to limitation on requirement for environmental evaluation, as follows:

"12-16-9.

When a project of a department, municipality, county, or authority to construct or improve a public road or airport does not exceed ~~$100~~ $200 million in costs, such project shall not constitute a proposed governmental action which may significantly adversely affect the quality of the environment and the requirements of this article shall not be applicable, except that an environmental evaluation shall be considered in the decision-

making process, consistent with paragraph (3) of Code Section 12-16-2, when it is probable to expect significant adverse impact on historical sites or buildings and cultural resources. On July 1, 2027, and each July 1 thereafter, the division shall be authorized to annually adjust the cost threshold established in this Code section; provided, however, that such adjustment shall not result in an increase by more than the annual rate of inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor."

SECTION 2.

Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated relating to highways, bridges, and ferries, is amended by revising Code Section 32-2-41.2, relating to development of benchmarks, reports, and value engineering studies, as follows:

"32-2-41.2.

(a) ~~The commissioner shall develop and publish in print or electronically benchmarks, based upon the type and scope of a construction project, that detail a realistic time frame for completion of each stage of a construction project, including preliminary engineering and design, environmental permitting and review, and right of way acquisition~~ The department shall develop and publish an annual fiscal year report accounting for the investment of public funds in transportation during the previous fiscal year. Such report shall be made available to the Governor and the General Assembly by January 15 of each year.

(b) ~~The director shall submit an annual report to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairpersons of the House and Senate Transportation Committees detailing the progress of every construction project valued at $10 million or more against the benchmarks. This report shall include an analysis explaining the discrepancies between the benchmarks and actual performance on each project as well as an explanation for delays. This report shall also be published on the website of the department~~ The department shall maintain on its website a detailed status report for each programmed project, including a project description, projected schedule by programmed phases, and projected cost by programmed phases.

~~(c) The department shall create and maintain on its website a detailed status report on each project under planning or construction. This status report shall include, but not be limited to, the name and contact information of the project manager, if applicable.~~

~~(d) Value engineering studies shall be performed on all projects whose costs exceed $50 million, except for any project procured in accordance with Code Sections 32-2-79, 32-2-80, and 32-2-81, and the director shall submit an annual report to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairpersons of the House and Senate Transportation Committees detailing the amount saved due to the value engineering studies. This report shall also be published on the website of the department.~~"

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 32-2-43, relating to director of planning, appointment, and responsibilities, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) The director of planning's principal responsibility shall be the development of transportation plans, including the development of the state-wide strategic transportation plan, state-wide transportation improvement program, state-wide freight and logistics implementation plan, and other comprehensive plans pursuant to the provisions of Code ~~Section~~ Sections 32-2-3 and ~~Code Section~~ 32-2-22, and strategic transportation plans pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 32-2-41.1, ~~and benchmarks and value engineering studies pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 32-2-41.2,~~ in consultation with the board, the Governor, and the commissioner. The director shall also be responsible for the duties and activities assigned to the director in Article 5 of Chapter 8 of Title 48. The director shall be the director of the Planning Division of the department and shall possess, exercise, and perform all the duties, powers, and authority which may be vested in such division by law and are necessary or appropriate for such purpose, except those duties, powers, and authority which are expressly reserved by law to the board or the commissioner."

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 32-2-69, relating to bidding process and award of contract, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) Except as authorized by Code Sections ~~32-2-79,~~ 32-2-80~~,~~ and 32-2-82, the department shall award contracts to the lowest reliable bidder, provided that the department shall have the right to reject any and all such bids whether such right is reserved in the public notice or not and, in such case, the department may ~~readvertise~~ republish the advertisement, perform the work itself, or abandon the project."

SECTION 5.

Said title is further amended by repealing and reserving Code Section 32-2-79, relating to biennial reporting of potential undertakings best suited for public-private partnership.

SECTION 6.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 32-2-80, relating to public-private partnerships (P3s), by revising subsection (d) as follows:

"(d) The department shall be authorized to promulgate reasonable rules or regulations to assist in proposal evaluations and to implement the purposes of this Code section. The department shall report the content of such rules or regulations to the Transportation Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives for their approval by majority vote prior to the promulgation thereof and shall make ~~quarterly reports to the same chairpersons of all of its activities undertaken pursuant to the provisions of this Code section~~ annual reports to the same chairpersons on the status of the projects undertaken pursuant to this Code section in relation to the annual fiscal year report required by subsection (a) of Code Section 32-2-41.2."

SECTION 7.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 32-2-81, relating to design-build procedure, by revising subsections (e) and (f) as follows:

"(e) ~~In contracting for design-build projects, the department shall be limited to contracting for no more than 50 percent of the total amount of construction projects awarded in the previous fiscal year.~~

~~(f) Not later than 90 days after~~ Following the end of the fiscal year, the department shall provide to the Governor, ~~Lieutenant Governor~~ President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and chairpersons of the House and Senate Transportation Committees a summary containing all ~~the~~ projects awarded during the fiscal year using the design-build contracting method. ~~Included in the report shall be~~ Such report shall include an explanation for any projects awarded ~~to~~ based upon anything other than the low-bid proposal, the considerations for any project awarded on a best value basis, and a summary of projects undertaken pursuant to this Code section in relation to the annual fiscal year report required by subsection (a) of Code Section 32-2-41.2. ~~This~~ The report required by this Code section shall be made available ~~for public information~~ to the public."

SECTION 8.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 32-2-82, relating to alternative contracting method, by revising subsection (g) as follows:

"(g) ~~Not later than 90 days after~~ Following the end of a fiscal year in which the department has executed a contract to deliver a project using an alternative contracting method, the department shall provide to the Governor, ~~Lieutenant Governor~~ President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and chairpersons of the House and Senate Transportation Committees a ~~summary~~ report containing a summary of all contracts that utilized an alternative contracting method. Such report shall include a comparative benefit analysis of projects undertaken under this Code section. The department shall include a summary of projects undertaken utilizing the contracting methods provided for in this Code section in the annual fiscal year report required by subsection (a) of Code Section 32-2-41.2. ~~This~~ The report required by this Code section shall be made available to the public."

SECTION 9.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 32-7-4, relating to procedure for disposition of property, by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (a) and subsection (b) as follows:

"(2)(A) When an entire parcel acquired by the department, a county, or a municipality, or any interest therein, is being disposed of, it may be acquired under the right created in paragraph (1) of this subsection at such price as may be agreed upon, but in no event less than the price paid for its acquisition. When only remnants or portions of the original acquisition are being disposed of, they may be acquired for a price no less than 15 percent under the market value thereof at the time the department, county, or municipality decides the property is no longer needed. The

department shall use a real estate appraiser with knowledge of the local real estate market who is licensed in Georgia to establish the fair market value of the property prior to listing such property.

(B) The provisions of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph notwithstanding, if the value of the property to be disposed is ~~$75,000.00~~ $150,000.00 or less as determined by department estimate, the department, county, or municipality may negotiate the sale. On July 1, 2027, and each July 1 thereafter, the department shall be authorized to annually adjust the value threshold established in this subparagraph; provided, however, that such adjustment shall not result in an increase by more than the annual rate of inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor.

(C) The provisions of this paragraph to the contrary notwithstanding, the department shall be authorized to negotiate the sale of the property to be disposed with an adjacent property owner, provided that such property is acquired for a price no less than 15 percent under the market value thereof at the time the department decides the property is no longer needed."

"(b)(1)(A) Unless a sale of the property is made pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of this subsection, ~~such~~ sale of property no longer needed by the department shall be made to the bidder submitting the highest of the sealed bids received after public advertisement for such bids for two weeks. If the highest of the sealed bids received is less than but within 15 percent of the established market value, the department may accept that bid and convey the property in accordance with the provisions of subsection (c) of this Code section. The department or the county or municipality shall have the right to reject any and all bids, in its discretion, to ~~readvertise,~~ republish the advertisement or to abandon the sale.

(B) ~~Such~~ The public advertisement required by this subsection shall be ~~inserted~~ published once a week in such newspapers or other publication, or both, as will ensure adequate publicity, the first ~~insertion~~ publication to be at least two weeks prior to the opening of bids, the second to follow one week after the first publication. Such advertisement shall include but not be limited to the following items:

(i) A description sufficient to enable the public to identify the property;

(ii) The time and place for submission and opening of sealed bids;

(iii) The right of the department or the county or municipality to reject any one or all of the bids;

(iv) All the conditions of sale; and

(v) Such further information as the department or the county or municipality may deem advisable as in the public interest.

(2)(A) ~~Such~~ Any sale of property pursuant to this subsection may be made by the department or a county or municipality by listing the property through a real estate broker licensed under Chapter 40 of Title 43 who has a place of business located in the state. ~~Property~~ Any such property shall be listed for a period of at least 30 days. The department shall use a real estate appraiser with knowledge of the local real estate market who is licensed in Georgia to establish the fair market value of the property

prior to listing such property. If the highest offer received to purchase such property is less than the appraised value but within 15 percent of such value, the department, county, or municipality may accept such offer and convey the property in accordance with the provisions of subsection (c) of this Code section. All sales shall be approved by the commissioner on behalf of the department or shall be approved by the governing authority of the county or municipality at a regular meeting that shall be open to the public~~, and public comments shall be allowed at such meeting~~ and that allows for public comment regarding such sale.

(B) Commencing at the time of the listing of the property as provided in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the department, county, or municipality shall provide for a notice to be ~~inserted~~ published once a week for two weeks in the legal organ of the county indicating the names of real estate brokers listing the property for the department or political subdivision. The department, county, or municipality may ~~advertise~~ publish such advertisement in newspapers, on the ~~Internet~~ internet, or in magazines relating to the sale of real estate or similar publications.

(C) The department, county, or municipality shall have the right to reject any and all offers, in its discretion, and to sell such property pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(D) The department shall be authorized to sell property pursuant to this paragraph to the highest bidder utilizing an online public auction after meeting the requirements set forth in this paragraph. If the highest offer received to purchase any property is less than the appraised value but within 15 percent of such value, the department may accept such offer and convey the property in accordance with the provisions of section (c) of this Code section.

(3)(A) ~~Such~~ Any sale of property pursuant to this subsection may be made by the department, a county, or a municipality to the highest bidder at a public auction conducted by an auctioneer licensed under Chapter 6 of Title 43. If the highest offer received to purchase such property is less than the appraised value of the property but within 15 percent of such value, the department, county, or municipality may accept such offer and convey the property in accordance with the provisions of subsection (c) of this Code section.

(B) The department, county, or municipality shall provide for a notice to be ~~inserted~~ published once a week for the two weeks immediately preceding the auction in the legal organ of the county where such property is located including, at a minimum, the following items:

(i) A description sufficient to enable the public to identify the property;

(ii) The time and place of the public auction;

(iii) The right of the department or the county or municipality to reject any one or all of the bids;

(iv) All the conditions of sale; and

(v) Such further information as the department or the county or municipality may deem advisable as in the public interest.

The department, county, or municipality may ~~advertise~~ publish such advertisement in magazines relating to the sale of real estate or similar publications.

(C) The department, county, or municipality shall have the right to reject any and all offers for such property, in its discretion, and to sell such property pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (1) or (2) of this subsection.

(D) The department shall be authorized to sell property pursuant to this paragraph to the highest bidder utilizing an online public auction after meeting the requirements set forth in this paragraph. If the highest offer received to purchase any property is less than the appraised value but within 15 percent of such value, the department may accept such offer and convey the property in accordance with the provisions of section (c) of this Code section."

SECTION 10.

Code Section 46-2-20.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to electric vehicle charging services and operation, is amended by revising paragraphs (3) and (5) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(3) 'Electric vehicle' ~~shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 10-1-220~~ means a vehicle that is propelled by one or more electric motors fueled by energy stored in the form of a rechargeable battery."

"(5) 'Electric vehicle charging station' ~~shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 10-1-220~~ means any device or group of devices that delivers electricity from a power source outside an electric vehicle into one or more electric vehicles and that is located somewhere other than a residence."

SECTION 11.

An Act relating to regulation and taxation of electricity used as motor fuel and electric vehicle charging stations, approved May 2, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 376/SB 146), as amended, is amended by revising subsection (b) of Section 5-1 to read as follows:

"(b) Part II of this Act, which provides for the regulatory authority of the Department of Agriculture, and Part III of this Act, relating to revenue and taxation, shall become effective on January 1, 2028."

SECTION 12.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Barton of the 5th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 1277.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	N Santos

N Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	N Scott
N Baker	N Dawson	N Holland	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
N Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	N Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Myles	N Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Bazemore	N Douglas	N Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
N Bell	N Drenner	N Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
N Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	N Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
N Burnough	N Evans	N Jones, A	N Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
N Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	N Frye	N Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	N Reese	N Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, A
N Carter	N Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	N Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 122, nays 50.

The motion prevailed.

HB 1138. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Jones of the 47th, Ballard of the 147th, Rice of the 139th, Reeves of the 99th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the O.C.G.A., relating to practice of pharmacy, so as to authorize pharmacists in certain circumstances to dispense self-administered hormonal contraceptives or administer injectable hormonal contraceptives; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions regarding insurance generally, so as to provide minimum amounts of certain contraceptives that shall be provided by insurers; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the Georgia Composite Medical Board, so as to waive civil liability, criminal culpability, and professional discipline under certain circumstances; to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title

49 of the O.C.G.A., relating to medical assistance generally; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Titles 26, 33, and 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to food, drugs, and cosmetics, insurance, and social services, respectively, so as to authorize pharmacists in certain circumstances to dispense self-administered hormonal contraceptives or administer injectable hormonal contraceptives; to provide for a definition; to provide minimum amounts of certain contraceptives that shall be provided by insurers; to provide for
certain minimums regarding Medicaid contraception coverage; to provide for compensation of pharmacists; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Increasing Access to Contraceptives Act."

SECTION 2.

Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to food, drugs, and cosmetics, is amended in Chapter 4, relating to pharmacists and pharmacies, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"26-4-53.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'practitioner' means a physician duly licensed under Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43, advanced practice registered nurse acting pursuant to the authority under Code Section 43-34-25, or physician assistant acting pursuant to the authority under Code Sections 43-34-23 and 43-34-105, who is a resident of and actively engaged in the practice of his or her profession in this state.

(b) A person licensed under Chapter 4 of this title, the 'Georgia Pharmacy Practice Act,' who is acting in good faith and exercising reasonable care as a pharmacist and who is employed by a hospital or a pharmacy that is licensed by this state may dispense a self-administered contraceptive or administer an injectable contraceptive pursuant to a written joint protocol agreement issued in accordance with subsection (d) of this Code section to a patient.

(c) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to require a pharmacist to dispense a self-administered contraceptive or administer an injectable contraceptive. Nothing in this article shall be construed to amend a pharmacist's duties to dispense or otherwise provide contraception prescribed by a practitioner.

(d) The Department of Public Health and the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy shall issue a written joint protocol agreement to take effect on January 1, 2027, which shall authorize pharmacists to dispense self-administered contraceptives and administer injectable contraceptives without a patient-specific written order, and such agreement shall include the following:

(1) Education or training that the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy shall determine to be necessary for a pharmacist to dispense a self-administered contraceptive or administer an injectable contraceptive;

(2) Information that a pharmacist shall provide to a patient prior to dispensing a self-administered contraceptive or administering an injectable contraceptive and confirmation that the required information was provided to the patient;

(3) Documentation regarding the dispensing of a self-administered contraceptive or the administering of an injectable contraceptive;

(4) Evaluation and review of the dispensing and administration practices used by pharmacists authorized to dispense a self-administered contraceptive or administer an injectable contraceptive; and

(5) Any additional provisions that the Department of Public Health and the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy determine to be necessary or appropriate for inclusion in the protocol, including any reporting requirements.

(e) For each new patient requesting a self-administered contraceptive or injectable contraceptive and at least every 12 months for each returning patient, the written joint protocol agreement provided in subsection (d) of this Code section shall require a pharmacist dispensing or administering such contraceptives pursuant to this Code section to:

(1) Obtain a completed self-screening risk assessment;

(2) Utilize a standardized procedure as established by the Department of Public Health and the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy to perform a patient assessment;

(3) Dispense, if clinically appropriate, a self-administered contraceptive or administer an injectable contraceptive, or refer the patient to a practitioner;

(4) Provide the patient with a visit summary;

(5) Advise the patient to consult with a practitioner;

(6) Refer any patient who may be subject to abuse to the appropriate social services agency; and

(7) Ensure that the pharmacy provides appropriate space to prevent the spread of infection and ensure confidentiality.

(f) The Department of Public Health and the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy may appoint an advisory committee of healthcare professionals licensed in this state to advise and assist in the development of the written joint protocol agreement provided in subsection (d) of this Code section for its consideration.

(g) Prior to dispensing self-administered contraceptives or administering injectable contraceptives, a pharmacist shall have completed a certificate program that has been accredited by the American Council for Pharmacy Education or a similar health authority or professional body approved by the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy, as specified in the written joint protocol agreement provided in subsection (d) of this Code section, that is program-specific to self-administered contraceptives or injectable contraceptives, that includes the application of the United States Medical Eligibility Criteria for Contraceptive Use, and that includes federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance on contraception. The initial program required shall include 12 hours of self-study, eight hours of live or recorded seminar, a written examination, and a hands-on assessment of intramuscular and subcutaneous injection technique. To maintain eligibility, a pharmacist shall complete at least one hour of continuing education per year that is offered by an entity approved by the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy. An equivalent curriculum based training program completed on or after January 1, 2026, in an accredited Georgia pharmacy school shall satisfy the initial education requirement. Verification of compliance with the initial education requirement and continued eligibility shall be conducted by the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy.

(h) A pharmacist who dispenses a self-administered contraceptive or administers an injectable contraceptive pursuant to this chapter shall:

(1) Obtain a completed self-screening risk assessment questionnaire that has been approved by the Department of Public Health, in collaboration with the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy, from the patient before dispensing the self-administered contraceptive or administering the injectable contraceptive. If the results of the assessment indicate that it is unsafe to dispense a self-administered contraceptive or administer an injectable contraceptive to a patient, then the pharmacist may not dispense a self-administered contraceptive or administer an injectable contraceptive to the patient; and

(2) Provide the patient with written materials regarding:

(A) The importance of seeing the patient's practitioner annually to obtain recommended tests and screening;

(B) The effectiveness and availability of long-acting reversible contraceptives as an alternative to self-administered contraceptives or injectable contraceptives;

(C) A copy of the record of the encounter with the patient that includes the patient's completed assessment questionnaire;

(D) A description of the contraceptive dispensed or administered, or the basis for not dispensing or administering a contraceptive;

(E) If applicable, the Medicaid program in this state and how to apply for Medicaid benefits; and

(F) The effectiveness of abstinence in preventing pregnancy and contracting a sexually transmitted disease.

(i) If a pharmacist dispenses a self-administered contraceptive or administers an injectable contraceptive to a patient, then the pharmacist shall, at a minimum, provide counseling to the patient regarding:

(1) The appropriate administration and storage of a self-administered contraceptive, if appropriate;

(2) Any potential side effects and risks of a self-administered contraceptive or injectable contraceptive;

(3) The need for backup contraception;

(4) When to seek emergency medical attention; and

(5) The risk of contracting a sexually transmitted disease, along with ways to reduce the risk of contraction.

(j) A pharmacist who dispenses a self-administered contraceptive or administers an injectable contraceptive in accordance with the provisions of this Code section shall not be subject to criminal or civil liability."

SECTION 3.

Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, is amended in Chapter 24, relating to insurance generally, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"33-24-59.37.

(a) Every health benefit policy that is delivered, issued, executed, or renewed in this state or approved for issuance or renewal in this state by the Commissioner which provides coverage for prescription drugs on an outpatient basis shall provide coverage for any prescribed drug or device approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for use as a contraceptive to the extent required in subsection (b) of this Code section.

(b) Every health benefit policy that provides benefits for a prescriptive contraceptive drug shall provide an insured or enrollee with coverage for no less than a three-month supply of the covered prescription at one time the first time that the insured or enrollee obtains the drug and a 12 month supply of the covered prescription at one time each subsequent time the insured or enrollee obtains the drug.

(c) An insured or enrollee may obtain no more than a 12 month supply of a covered prescription contraceptive drug during each 12 month period.

(d) Every insurer providing a policy described in subsection (a) of this Code section is prohibited from denying reimbursement to a pharmacist or the employer of a pharmacist who dispenses a self-administered contraceptive or administers an injectable contraceptive in accordance with the provisions of Code Section 26-4-53. Such reimbursement shall be no less the rate than that provided to physician assistants and nurse practitioners providing the same or substantially the same service."

SECTION 4.

Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to social services, is amended in Chapter 4, relating to public assistance, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"49-4-159.5.

(a) The department shall provide Medicaid recipients who are women with no less than a three-month supply of covered contraceptive drugs at one time the first time that the

recipient obtains the drug and a 12 month supply of the covered prescription at one time each subsequent time such recipient obtains the drug.

(b) The department shall provide Medicaid recipients who are women with no more than a 12 month supply of covered contraceptive drugs during each 12 month period.

(c) The department shall reimburse a pharmacist or the employer of a pharmacist who dispenses a self-administered contraceptive or administers an injectable contraceptive in accordance with the provisions of Code Section 26-4-53. Such reimbursement shall be no less the rate than that provided to physician assistants and nurse practitioners providing the same or substantially the same service.

(d) To implement the provisions of this Code section, the department shall, when necessary, submit a Medicaid state plan amendment or waiver request to the United States Department of Health and Human Services."

SECTION 5.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2027, and shall apply to all applicable insurance policies issued, delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed on or after that date.

SECTION 6.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Camp of the 135th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 1138.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	N McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	E Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	N Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	N Tarvin
Y Blackmon	N Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	N Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
N Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130

Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	N Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	N Gambill	Y Leverett	E Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
N Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Griffin	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 158, nays 11.

The motion prevailed.

HB 1075. By Representatives Chastain of the 7th, Gunter of the 8th, Smith of the 18th, Hagan of the 156th, Camp of the 135th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sexual offenses, so as to modify the penalty for offenders previously convicted of the offense of trafficking of persons for labor or sexual servitude; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 10 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to procedure for sentencing and imposition of punishment, so as to provide for a felony if an individual is convicted of four or more qualifying misdemeanor offenses; to provide for punishment; to provide for evidentiary requirements; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 10 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to procedure for sentencing and imposition of punishment, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"17-10-3.2.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'qualifying misdemeanor' means any misdemeanor conviction under Chapter 5 or 6 of Title 16 or any misdemeanor conviction under the laws of any other state or of the United States of a crime which, if committed in this state, would be a misdemeanor under Chapter 5 or 6 of Title 16.

(b) Upon conviction of a fourth or subsequent qualifying misdemeanor within a ten-year period of time, as measured from the dates of previous arrests for which convictions were obtained or pleas of nolo contendere were accepted to the date of the current arrest for which a conviction is obtained or a plea of nolo contendere is accepted, the defendant shall be deemed to have committed a felony and shall be punished by imprisonment of not less than one year nor more than ten years. The first year of such sentence shall not be suspended, probated, deferred, or withheld.

(c) Multiple qualifying misdemeanors occurring on a single date shall constitute only one qualifying misdemeanor conviction for purposes of subsection (b) of this Code section.

(d) The preceding qualifying misdemeanors pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section shall be alleged in a separate count of the indictment that includes:

(1) A list of the preceding qualifying misdemeanor offenses;

(2) The dates of conviction for such offenses; and

(3) The jurisdictions where such offenses occurred.

(e) A certified copy of the judgment for a preceding qualifying misdemeanor shall be prima facie evidence of such conviction."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Chastain of the 7th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 1075.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	N Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	N McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	N Davis	N Holcomb	Y Miller	N Scott
N Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
N Barnes	Dempsey	Y Hong	N Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	E Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	N Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	N Drenner	N Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
N Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin

Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	N Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
N Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	N Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	N Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	N Reese	E Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
N Carter	Y Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	N Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 138, nays 32.

The motion prevailed.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has agreed to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to the following bill of the House:

HB 328. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Hilton of the 48th, Carson of the 46th, Ridley of the 6th, Gaines of the 120th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income tax imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits, so as to increase the annual aggregate limit for tax credits available for certain contributions to student scholarship organizations; to increase the time allowed after being preapproved to make the contributions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Bill of the House was taken up for the purpose of considering the report of the Committee of Conference thereon:

HB 974. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027; to make and provide such appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following report of the Committee of Conference was read:

COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE REPORT ON **HB 974**

The Committee of Conference on **HB 974** recommends that both the House of Representatives and the Senate recede from their positions and that the attached Committee of Conference Substitute to **HB 974** be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

/s/ Matt Hatchett
Honorable Matt Hatchett
Representative, 155th District

/s/ Jan Jones
Honorable Jan Jones
Representative, 47th District

/s/ Chuck Efstration
Honorable Chuck Efstration
Representative, 104th District

FOR THE SENATE:

/s/ Blake Tillery
Honorable Blake Tillery
Senator, 19th District

/s/ Larry Walker
Honorable Larry Walker
Senator, 20th District

/s/ Jason Anavitarte
Honorable Jason Anavitarte
Senator, 31st District

Conference Committee Substitute
A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027; to make and provide such appropriations for the operation of the State government and its departments,

boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I

The sums of money hereinafter provided are appropriated for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, as prescribed hereinafter for such fiscal year:

Total Funds	**$76,575,401,050**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$24,681,124,333**
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds (CFDA 93.596)	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant (CFDA 93.575)	$345,896,595
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.958)	$14,163,709
Community Service Block Grant (CFDA 93.569)	$11,785,851
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$1,499,466,641
Foster Care Title IV-E (CFDA 93.658)	$95,973,259
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (CFDA 93.568)	$75,051,873
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.994)	$17,292,191
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$13,495,572,820
Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Block Grant (CFDA 93.959)	$47,852,222
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.991)	$4,937,680
Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667)	$61,459,448
State Children's Insurance Program (CFDA 93.767)	$532,087,304
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$2,644,189
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$435,633,209
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$7,948,558,322
Federal Recovery Funds	**$12,007,384**
Federal Recovery Funds Not Specifically Identified	$12,007,384
Other Funds	**$7,588,188,509**
Agency Funds	$4,861,961,581
Indigent Care Trust Fund - Public Hospital Authorities	$139,386,524
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,119,789,991
Records Center Storage Fee	$912,482
Research Funds	$1,466,137,931
State Funds	**$38,499,917,737**
Ambulance Provider Fees	$11,458,192
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$1,945,286
Fireworks Trust Funds	$2,640,636
Georgia Agricultural Trust Fund	$2,597,582
Georgia Transit Trust Funds	$41,879,733
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$14,889,007
Hospital Provider Payment	$539,210,578
Lottery Funds	$1,738,815,158
Motor Fuel Funds	$2,612,194,500
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$128,537,304
Opioid Settlement Trust Fund	$25,305,545

Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$136,314
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$10,108,446
State Children's Trust Funds	$1,187,489
State General Funds	$32,947,014,704
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$148,578,162
Transportation Trust Funds	$253,791,143
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$16,618,843
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$3,009,115
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$5,794,163,087**
Health Insurance Payments	$5,142,505,397
Medicaid Services Payments - Other Agencies	$280,857,262
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$151,749,397
Self Insurance Trust Fund Payments	$219,051,031

Section 1: Georgia Senate

Total Funds	**$20,900,914**
State Funds	**$20,900,914**
State General Funds	$20,900,914

1.1. Lieutenant Governor's Office

Total Funds	$2,310,167
State Funds	$2,310,167
State General Funds	$2,310,167

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,346,940	$2,346,940
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($61,291)	($61,291)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$24,518	$24,518
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,310,167	$2,310,167

1.2. Secretary of the Senate's Office

Total Funds	$1,501,913
State Funds	$1,501,913
State General Funds	$1,501,913

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,553,243	$1,553,243
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($70,047)	($70,047)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$18,717	$18,717
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,501,913	$1,501,913

1.3. Senate

Total Funds	$17,088,834
State Funds	$17,088,834

State General Funds $17,088,834

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$14,115,285	$14,115,285
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($542,865)	($542,865)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$216,414	$216,414
Increase funds for legislative operations.	$3,300,000	$3,300,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$17,088,834	$17,088,834

Section 2: Georgia House of Representatives

Total Funds **$29,346,056**
State Funds **$29,346,056**
State General Funds $29,346,056

2.1. House of Representatives
Total Funds $29,346,056
State Funds $29,346,056
State General Funds $29,346,056

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$26,664,595	$26,664,595
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$0	$0
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($1,096,830)	($1,096,830)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$478,291	$478,291
Increase funds for legislative operations.	$3,300,000	$3,300,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$29,346,056	$29,346,056

Section 3: Georgia General Assembly Joint Offices

Total Funds **$23,678,433**
State Funds **$23,678,433**
State General Funds $23,678,433

3.1. Ancillary Activities
Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services for the legislative branch of government.
Total Funds $15,494,804
State Funds $15,494,804
State General Funds $15,494,804

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$15,476,476	$15,476,476

Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$132	$132
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$1,531	$1,531
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($49,540)	($49,540)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($292,342)	($292,342)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$108,547	$108,547
Increase funds for legislative operations.	$250,000	$250,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$15,494,804	$15,494,804

3.2. Legislative Fiscal Office

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to act as the bookkeeper-comptroller for the legislative branch of government and maintain an account of legislative expenditures and commitments.

Total Funds	$1,396,968
State Funds	$1,396,968
State General Funds	$1,396,968

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,400,401	$1,400,401
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($58,468)	($58,468)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$37,358	$37,358
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$17,677	$17,677
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,396,968	$1,396,968

3.3. Office of Legislative Counsel

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide bill-drafting services, advice and counsel for members of the General Assembly.

Total Funds	$6,786,661
State Funds	$6,786,661
State General Funds	$6,786,661

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$6,487,234	$6,487,234
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($309,047)	($309,047)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$108,474	$108,474
Increase funds for Georgia Laws digitization project.	$500,000	$500,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$6,786,661	$6,786,661

Section 4: Audits and Accounts, Department of

Total Funds **$50,042,226**

Other Funds	**$60,000**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$60,000
State Funds	**$49,982,226**
State General Funds	$49,982,226

4.1. Audit and Assurance Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide audit and assurance services for State Agencies, Authorities, Commissions, Bureaus, and higher education systems to facilitate Auditor's reports for the State of Georgia Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, the State of Georgia Single Audit Report, and the State of Georgia Budgetary Compliance Report; to conduct audits of public school systems in Georgia; to conduct performance audits; to perform special examinations at the request of the General Assembly; to conduct reviews of audits reports conducted by other independent auditors of local governments and non-profit organizations contracting with the State; and to provide state financial information online to promote transparency in government.

Total Funds	$41,494,361
Other Funds	$60,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$60,000
State Funds	$41,434,361
State General Funds	$41,434,361

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$39,356,229	$39,416,229
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($3,021)	($3,021)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($1,813,334)	($1,813,334)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$2,697	$2,697
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$557,304	$557,304
Increase funds for an increase to base salary and merit-based adjustments in support of market alignment for critical employee recruitment and retention initiatives.	$688,173	$688,173
Increase funds for continued investment in subscription-based data analytics and AI technologies to innovate and improve the productivity in support of audit work and results.	$464,162	$464,162
Increase funds for three existing software subscriptions.	$354,578	$354,578
Increase funds to invest in agency cloud-based auditing software to strengthen audit capabilities and enhance efficiency, quality, and consistency in audit execution.	$248,021	$248,021
Provide funds to assume responsibility for additional public school system audits over a three-year period.	$1,579,552	$1,579,552
Amount appropriated in this Act	$41,434,361	$41,494,361

4.2. Departmental Administration (DOAA)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all Department programs.

Total Funds	$3,268,695
State Funds	$3,268,695
State General Funds	$3,268,695

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,255,621	$3,255,621
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$147	$147
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($194)	($194)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($116,401)	($116,401)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$173	$173
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$42,061	$42,061
Increase funds for an increase to base salary and merit-based adjustments in support of market alignment for critical employee recruitment and retention initiatives.	$64,527	$64,527
Increase funds for three existing software subscriptions.	$22,761	$22,761
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,268,695	$3,268,695

4.3. Legislative Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to analyze proposed legislation affecting state retirement systems for fiscal impact and review actuarial investigations and to prepare fiscal notes upon request on other legislation having a significant impact on state revenues and/or expenditures.

Total Funds	$2,243,000
State Funds	$2,243,000
State General Funds	$2,243,000

4.4. Statewide Equalized Adjusted Property Tax Digest

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to establish an equalized adjusted property tax digest for each county and for the State as a whole for use in allocating state funds for public school systems; to provide the Revenue Commissioner statistical data regarding county Tax Assessor compliance with requirements for both uniformity of assessment and level of assessment; and to establish the appropriate level of assessment for centrally assessed public utility companies.

Total Funds	$3,036,170
State Funds	$3,036,170
State General Funds	$3,036,170

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,050,682	$3,050,682
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($236)	($236)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($141,463)	($141,463)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$210	$210
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$43,524	$43,524
Increase funds for an increase to base salary and merit-based adjustments in support of market alignment for critical employee recruitment and retention initiatives.	$55,792	$55,792
Increase funds for three existing software subscriptions.	$27,661	$27,661
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,036,170	$3,036,170

Section 5: Appeals, Court of

Total Funds	**$28,741,932**
Other Funds	**$150,000**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$150,000
State Funds	**$28,591,932**
State General Funds	$28,591,932

5.1. Court of Appeals

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for this court to review and exercise appellate and certiorari jurisdiction pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Georgia, Art. VI, Section V, Para. III, in all cases not reserved to the Supreme Court of Georgia or conferred on other courts by law.

Total Funds	$28,741,932
Other Funds	$150,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$150,000
State Funds	$28,591,932
State General Funds	$28,591,932

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$27,677,694	$27,827,694
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($3,944)	($3,944)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($4,015)	($4,015)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($1,192,501)	($1,192,501)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$3,073	$3,073
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$380,366	$380,366
Increase funds to annualize judges' FY 2026 salary increase.	$723,144	$723,144
Increase funds to annualize FY 2026 recruitment and retention increases for attorneys and professional staff with largest disparities between current salaries and market values due to critical turnover of experienced senior-level staff (Phase 1 of a multi-year plan). *(CC:Increase funds to annualize FY 2026 recruitment and retention increases for attorneys and professional staff with largest disparities between current salaries and market values due to critical turnover of experienced senior-level staff.)*	$338,459	$338,459
Increase funds to annualize FY 2026 recruitment and retention increases for Court staff due to critical turnover (Phase 1 of a multi-year plan). *(CC:Increase funds to annualize FY 2026 recruitment and retention increases for Court staff due to critical turnover.)*	$109,272	$109,272
Increase funds for judges' salaries pursuant to O.C.G.A. 45-7-4 (HB 86 (2025 Session)). *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Increase funds to annualize commute funds for a new judge appointed January 1, 2025.	$25,000	$25,000
Increase funds for two positions and associated operating expenses for a new Judicial Protection Services office to be shared with the Supreme Court.	$291,631	$291,631
Increase funds for the one-time purchase of a judicial security vehicle to be utilized by the Judicial Protection Services office. *(CC:Increase funds for the one-time purchase of an SUV made in the State of Georgia to be utilized by the Judicial Protection Services office.)*	$46,753	$46,753

Increase funds to annualize ongoing licensing and maintenance costs associated with moving the Court's technology platform to a cloud-based solution.	$197,000	$197,000
Recognize the Court's employer contribution fringe rate has grown to 103.6% as a percentage of salary prior to one statewide measure on State Health Benefit Plan reduction, and the entity is urged to consider policies and steps to reduce the actuarial liabilities. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$28,591,932	$28,741,932

Section 6: Judicial Council

Total Funds	**$33,384,976**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$1,627,367**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,627,367
Other Funds	**$2,839,320**
Agency Funds	$1,440,415
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,398,905
State Funds	**$28,918,289**
State General Funds	$28,918,289

6.1. Council of Accountability Court Judges

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.

Total Funds	$1,298,689
State Funds	$1,298,689
State General Funds	$1,298,689

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,325,892	$1,325,892
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($46,118)	($46,118)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$18,915	$18,915
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,298,689	$1,298,689

6.2. Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to oversee the state's court-connected alternative dispute resolution (ADR) services by promoting the establishment of new ADR court programs, providing support to existing programs, establishing and enforcing qualifications and ethical standards, registering ADR professionals and volunteers, providing training, administering statewide grants, and collecting statistical data to monitor program effectiveness.

Total Funds	$651,923
Other Funds	$487,212
Agency Funds	$487,212
State Funds	$164,711
State General Funds	$164,711

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$0	$487,212
Increase funds to support the Schedule Alternative Dispute Resolution case management system.	$39,000	$39,000
Increase funds for one program coordinator.	$125,711	$125,711
Amount appropriated in this Act	$164,711	$651,923

6.3. Institute of Continuing Judicial Education

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide basic training and continuing education for Superior Court Judges, Juvenile Court Judges, State Court Judges, Probate Court Judges, Magistrate Court Judges, Municipal Court Judges, Superior Court Clerks, Juvenile Court Clerks, Municipal Court Clerks, and other court personnel.

Total Funds	$1,861,027
Other Funds	$953,203
Agency Funds	$953,203
State Funds	$907,824
State General Funds	$907,824

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$844,596	$1,797,799
Increase funds for one accounting paraprofessional position.	$63,228	$63,228
Amount appropriated in this Act	$907,824	$1,861,027

6.4. Judicial Council

Purpose: The purpose of the appropriation is to support the Administrative Office of the Courts; to provide administrative support for the councils of the Magistrate Court Judges, the Municipal Court Judges, the Probate Court Judges, the State Court Judges, and the Georgia Council of Court Administrators; to operate the Child Support E-Filing system, the Child Support Guidelines Commission, and the Commission on Interpreters; and to support the Committee on Justice for Children.

Total Funds	$22,762,378
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,627,367
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,627,367
Other Funds	$1,388,905
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,388,905
State Funds	$19,746,106
State General Funds	$19,746,106

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$18,476,799	$21,493,071
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($536)	($536)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($484)	($484)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($349,454)	($349,454)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$6,192	$6,192
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$122,489	$122,489

Increase funds to annualize FY 2026 recruitment and retention initiatives effective January 1, 2026.	$100,000	$100,000
Increase funds for continuity for the Georgia Case Management System project.	$391,100	$391,100
Increase funds for Civil Legal Services for families of indigent patients. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Increase funds to contract with the Council of Superior Court Judges, the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council, and the Georgia Public Defender Council for the express purpose of speedy adjudication of individuals held in county jails charged with crimes specifically related to state prison contraband. *(CC:Increase funds to contract with the Council of Superior Court Judges, the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council, and the Georgia Public Defender Council for the express purpose of speedy adjudication of individuals held in county jails charged with crimes specifically related to state prison contraband.)*	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Study and report an alternative caseload formula in collaboration with the Administrative Office of the Courts, the House Budget and Research Office, and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office and prepare to move to a new formula for determining additional judgeships that does not automatically lead to the creation of new judgeships each year, beginning in FY 2028. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$19,746,106	$22,762,378

6.5. Judicial Qualifications Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate complaints filed against a judicial officer, impose and recommend disciplinary sanctions against any judicial officer, and when necessary, file formal charges against that officer and provide a formal trial or hearing. The purpose of this appropriation is also to produce formal and informal advisory opinions; provide training and guidance to judicial candidates regarding the Code of Judicial Conduct; and investigate allegations of unethical campaign practices.

Total Funds	$1,951,630
State Funds	$1,951,630
State General Funds	$1,951,630

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,593,094	$1,593,094
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($40,041)	($40,041)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$21,871	$21,871
Increase funds for personnel for a second full-time investigator position.	$134,092	$134,092
Increase funds for security partnerships.	$50,000	$50,000
Increase funds to support growing operational costs, including litigation before the Judicial Qualification Commission's Hearing Panel. *(CC:Utilize existing funds ($50,000) and increase funds to support growing operations costs, including litigation before the Judicial Qualification Commission's Hearing Panel. (Total $75,000))*	$25,000	$25,000
Increase funds for personnel for a fourth full-time attorney position. *(CC:Increase funds for personnel for a fourth full-time attorney position.)*	$167,614	$167,614
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,951,630	$1,951,630

6.6. Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to carry out the duties associated with investigative and hearing panels on the conduct of district attorneys and solicitors general, as well as funding administrative personnel and operations.

Total Funds	$1,111,283
State Funds	$1,111,283
State General Funds	$1,111,283

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,125,000	$1,125,000
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($24,506)	($24,506)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$10,789	$10,789
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,111,283	$1,111,283

6.7. Resource Center

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide direct representation to death penalty sentenced inmates and to recruit and assist private attorneys to represent plaintiffs in habeas corpus proceedings.

Total Funds	$900,000
State Funds	$900,000
State General Funds	$900,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$900,000	$900,000
Increase funds to offset reductions in other funding sources. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$900,000	$900,000

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

6.8. Georgia State-wide Business Court

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support a state-wide business court in matters of resolving commercial dispute and litigation.

Total Funds	$2,040,497
Other Funds	$10,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$10,000
State Funds	$2,030,497
State General Funds	$2,030,497

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,997,160	$2,007,160
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($56,385)	($56,385)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$28,318	$28,318

Increase funds to increase judge salary to the maximum authorized salary per O.C.G.A. 45-7-4 (HB 86 (2025 Session)), which includes the annualized increase ($22,271) consistent with appropriations effective January 1, 2026, and the annual increase ($19,168) in authorized salary. *(CC:Increase funds to annualize judge salary effective January 1, 2026.)*	$22,271	$22,271
Increase funds to align salaries per O.C.G.A. 15-5A-11.	$8,747	$8,747
Increase funds to annualize FY 2026 recruitment and retention initiatives effective January 1, 2026.	$30,386	$30,386
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,030,497	$2,040,497

6.10. Georgia Tax Court

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support a tax court with state-wide jurisdiction over challenges and appeals of tax matters involving the Georgia Department of Revenue.

Total Funds	$807,549
State Funds	$807,549
State General Funds	$807,549

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$0	$0
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$6,079	$6,079
Increase funds for judge salary at the maximum authorized salary per O.C.G.A. 45-7-4 (HB 86 (2025 Session)). *(CC:Increase funds for judge salary to mirror the Statewide Business Court judge salary effective January 1, 2026.)*	$346,517	$346,517
Increase funds for personal services for a staff attorney position.	$217,899	$217,899
Increase funds for one court administrator.	$95,054	$95,054
Increase funds for operating expenses.	$45,000	$45,000
Increase funds for software maintenance and equipment.	$15,000	$15,000
Increase funds for contracts.	$82,000	$82,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$807,549	$807,549

Section 7: Juvenile Courts

Total Funds	**$10,331,498**
Other Funds	**$67,486**
Agency Funds	$67,486
State Funds	**$10,264,012**
State General Funds	$10,264,012

7.1. Council of Juvenile Court Judges

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for the Council of Juvenile Court Judges to represent all the juvenile judges in Georgia. Jurisdiction in cases involving children includes delinquencies, status offenses, and deprivation.

Total Funds	$2,054,601
Other Funds	$67,486
Agency Funds	$67,486
State Funds	$1,987,115
State General Funds	$1,987,115

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,026,916	$2,094,402
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$487	$487
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($679)	($679)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($59,981)	($59,981)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$20,372	$20,372
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,987,115	$2,054,601

7.2. Grants to Counties for Juvenile Court Judges

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for payment of state funds to circuits to pay for juvenile court judges salaries.

Total Funds	$8,276,897
State Funds	$8,276,897
State General Funds	$8,276,897

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$7,783,729	$7,783,729
Increase funds to reflect an increase in the Judicial Retirement System employer contribution rate due to the passage of HB 85 (2025 Session).	$493,168	$493,168
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,276,897	$8,276,897

Section 8: Prosecuting Attorneys

Total Funds	**$145,558,109**
State Funds	**$142,917,582**
State General Funds	$142,917,582
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$2,640,527**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$2,640,527

8.1. Conflict Case

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist District Attorneys in the execution of their duties when a District Attorney is disqualified from interest or relationship to engage in a prosecution per OCGA 15-18-5.

Total Funds	$0

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,700,282	$1,700,282
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$936	$936
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($53,030)	($53,030)
Increase funds to annualize FY 2026 revised pay scale and one step increase for attorneys.	$41,729	$41,729
Increase funds to annualize FY 2026 salary increases for recruitment and retention of prosecution support.	$5,597	$5,597

Provide funds for a one step increase for attorneys to support recruitment and retention needs. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Provide funds for year two of a revised pay scale for attorneys to support recruitment and retention needs. *(CC:Increase funds for a revised pay scale for attorneys to support recruitment and retention needs.)*	$115,477	$115,477
Transfer funds from the Conflict Case program to the Prosecuting Attorney's Council program to reflect realignment.	($1,460,991)	($1,460,991)
Transfer funds from the Conflict Case program to the District Attorneys program to reflect realignment.	($150,000)	($150,000)
Reduce funds for conflict case travel.	($200,000)	($200,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$0

8.2. Council of Superior Court Clerks

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist superior court clerks throughout the state in the execution of their duties and to promote and assist in the training of superior court clerks.

Total Funds	$190,721
State Funds	$190,721
State General Funds	$190,721

8.3. District Attorneys

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for the District Attorney to represent the State of Georgia in the trial and appeal of criminal cases in the Superior Court for the judicial circuit and delinquency cases in the juvenile courts per Ga. Const., Art. VI, Sec. VIII. Para I and OCGA 15-18.

Total Funds	$133,231,360
State Funds	$130,590,833
State General Funds	$130,590,833
Intra-State Government Transfers	$2,640,527
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$2,640,527

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$118,315,041	$120,554,844
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$92,555	$92,555
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($5,577,347)	($5,577,347)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$3,864,090	$3,864,090
Provide funds to implement a new salary structure for district attorneys. *(CC:Increase funds to set district attorney salary to $175,000 effective January 1, 2027, contingent upon district attorney local supplement being compliant with HB 1020 (2026 Session).)*	$1,570,584	$1,570,584
Provide funds for a one step increase for assistant district attorneys to support recruitment and retention needs. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Increase funds to annualize FY 2026 revised pay scale and one step increase for assistant district attorneys.	$5,074,284	$5,074,284
Increase funds to annualize FY 2026 salary increases for recruitment and retention of prosecution support.	$414,015	$414,015
Increase funds to annualize additional assistant district attorney positions for new judgeships in Alapaha and Douglas Judicial Circuits.	$179,746	$179,746
Provide funds for one investigator, one victim advocate, and two secretaries for the West Georgia Judicial Circuit pursuant to SB 424 (2024 Session).	$467,594	$467,594

Provide funds for year two of a revised pay scale for assistant district attorneys to support recruitment and retention needs. *(CC:Provide funds for a revised pay scale for assistant district attorneys to support recruitment and retention needs effective January 1, 2027.)*	$5,723,518	$5,723,518
Provide funds for three additional assistant district attorney positions for new judgeships in the Gwinnett, Middle, and Northeastern Judicial Circuits effective January 1, 2027. *(CC:Provide funds for three additional assistant district attorney positions for new judgeships in the Gwinnett, Middle, and Northeastern Judicial Circuits effective January 1, 2027.)*	$302,565	$302,565
Transfer funds from the Conflict Case program to the District Attorneys program for conflict case travel.	$150,000	$150,000
Increase intra-state government transfers to reflect a change in the Department of Human Services Child Support Services contract (Department of Human Services grant funds). *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$400,724
Increase funds to reflect an increase in the Judicial Retirement System employer contribution rate from 8.89% to 9.10%.	$14,188	$14,188
Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures with surplus projected by agency. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$130,590,833	$133,231,360

8.4. Prosecuting Attorney's Council

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist Georgia's District Attorneys and State Court Solicitors.

Total Funds	$12,136,028
State Funds	$12,136,028
State General Funds	$12,136,028

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$10,799,384	$10,799,384
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$32	$32
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$6,287	$6,287
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($356,032)	($356,032)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$25,348	$25,348
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$128,267	$128,267
Increase funds to annualize FY 2026 revised pay scale and one step increase for attorneys.	$109,347	$109,347
Increase funds to annualize FY 2026 salary increases for recruitment and retention of prosecution support.	$77,113	$77,113
Provide funds for a one step increase for attorneys to support recruitment and retention needs. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Provide funds for year two of a revised pay scale for attorneys to support recruitment and retention needs. *(CC:Increase funds for a revised pay scale for attorneys to support recruitment and retention needs.)*	$327,686	$327,686
Provide funds for one victim advocate. *(CC:Provide funds for one victim advocate.)*	$115,094	$115,094
Transfer funds from the Conflict Case program to the Prosecuting Attorney's Council program for conflict case personnel and travel.	$1,460,991	$1,460,991

Increase funds to reflect an increase in employer retirement contributions for elected solicitors-general and solicitor-general staff in Bibb and DeKalb counties.	$132,511	$132,511
Reduce funds for one-time funding for Gang Tracker Case Management System.	($690,000)	($690,000)
Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures with surplus projected by agency. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Utilize existing funds ($277,325) for the animal cruelty database pursuant to SB 587 (2026 Legislative Session). *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$12,136,028	$12,136,028

Section 9: Superior Courts

Total Funds	**$114,958,872**
Other Funds	**$82,750**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$82,750
State Funds	**$114,876,122**
State General Funds	$114,876,122

9.1. Council of Superior Court Judges

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for the operations of the Council of Superior Court Judges and is to further the improvement of the Superior Court in the administration of justice through leadership, training, policy development and budgetary and fiscal administration.

Total Funds	$2,170,523
Other Funds	$55,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$55,000
State Funds	$2,115,523
State General Funds	$2,115,523

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,950,532	$2,005,532
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$122	$122
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($88,657)	($88,657)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$27,250	$27,250
Provide funds for personal services for one human resources generalist position.	$125,711	$125,711
Increase funds for targeted retention initiatives for staff. *(CC:Increase funds for targeted retention initiatives for staff.)*	$100,565	$100,565
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,115,523	$2,170,523

9.2. Judicial Administrative Districts

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regional administrative support to the judges of the superior court. This support includes managing budgets, policy, procedure, and providing a liaison between local and state courts.

Total Funds	$3,640,969
Other Funds	$12,750
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$12,750
State Funds	$3,628,219

State General Funds	$3,628,219

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,487,043	$3,499,793
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($160,692)	($160,692)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$51,618	$51,618
Increase funds for targeted recruitment and retention initiatives. *(CC:Increase funds for targeted recruitment and retention initiatives.)*	$250,250	$250,250
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,628,219	$3,640,969

9.3. Superior Court Judges

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enable Georgia's Superior Courts to be the general jurisdiction trial court and exercise exclusive, constitutional authority over felony cases, divorce, equity and cases regarding title to land, provided that law clerks over the fifty provided by law are to be allocated back to the circuits by caseload ranks.

Total Funds	$109,147,380
Other Funds	$15,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$15,000
State Funds	$109,132,380
State General Funds	$109,132,380

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$97,990,472	$98,005,472
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($4,109)	($4,109)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($4,499,577)	($4,499,577)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$17,029	$17,029
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$3,485,736	$3,485,736
Increase funds for the employer contribution rate for Judicial Retirement System from 8.89% to 9.10%.	$97,112	$97,112
Provide funds to annualize the cost of implementing the new judicial salary structure pursuant to HB 85 (2025 Session).	$9,643,451	$9,643,451
Provide funds to annualize the cost of the new judgeship in the Alapaha Circuit created in HB 55 (2025 Session).	$225,847	$225,847
Provide funds to annualize the cost of the new judgeship in the Augusta Circuit created in SB 145 (2025 Session).	$225,847	$225,847
Provide funds to annualize the cost of the new judgeship in the Douglas Circuit created in SB 88 (2025 Session).	$225,847	$225,847
Provide funds for the new salary structure pursuant to HB 85 (2025 Session) for the Alapaha Circuit new judgeship effective January 1, 2026, created in HB 55 (2025 Session).	$84,964	$84,964
Provide funds for the new salary structure pursuant to HB 85 (2025 Session) for the Augusta Circuit new judgeship effective January 1, 2026, created in SB 145 (2025 Session).	$84,964	$84,964

Provide funds for the new salary structure pursuant to HB 85 (2025 Session) for the Douglas Circuit new judgeship effective January 1, 2026, created in SB 88 (2025 Session).	$84,964	$84,964
Provide funds to increase superior court judge salaries to the allowable annual salary pursuant to the funding formula in HB 85 (2025 Session). *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Provide additional funds for senior judge usage. *(CC:Provide additional funds for senior judge usage.)*	$635,230	$635,230
Provide funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Middle Circuit effective July 1, 2026. *(CC:Provide funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Middle Circuit effective January 1, 2027.)*	$269,260	$269,260
Provide funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Northeastern Circuit effective July 1, 2026. *(CC:Provide funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Northeastern Circuit effective January 1, 2027.)*	$269,260	$269,260
Provide funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Gwinnett Circuit effective July 1, 2026. *(CC:Provide funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Gwinnett Circuit effective January 1, 2027.)*	$269,260	$269,260
Reduce funds for the initial equipment set-up funds for the Houston Circuit new judgeship created in HB 960 (2024 Session).	($30,250)	($30,250)
Reduce funds for the initial equipment set-up funds for the Tifton Circuit new judgeship created in HB 906 (2024 Session).	($30,250)	($30,250)
Provide funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Atlanta Circuit effective January 1, 2027. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for staffing needs.	$87,323	$87,323
Amount appropriated in this Act	$109,132,380	$109,147,380

Section 10: Supreme Court

Total Funds	**$22,013,278**
Other Funds	**$1,859,823**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,859,823
State Funds	**$20,153,455**
State General Funds	$20,153,455

10.1. Supreme Court of Georgia

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Supreme Court of Georgia which exercises exclusive appellate jurisdiction in all cases involving: the construction of a treaty, the Constitution of the State of Georgia or of the United States, the constitutionality of a law, ordinance, or constitutional provision that has been drawn in question, and all cases of election contest per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. II. The purpose of this appropriation is also to support the Supreme Court of Georgia in its exercise of jurisdiction in cases per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. III and its administration of the Bar Exam and oversight of the Office of Reporter of Decisions.

Total Funds	$22,013,278
Other Funds	$1,859,823
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,859,823
State Funds	$20,153,455
State General Funds	$20,153,455

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$19,622,337	$21,482,160

Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($6,818)	($6,818)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($12,978)	($12,978)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($806,011)	($806,011)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$4,395	$4,395
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$270,013	$270,013
Increase funds for the Georgia State Patrol (DPS) Trooper agreement with the Supreme Court.	$25,399	$25,399
Provide funds to increase Justice salaries to the maximum authorized salary permitted by O.C.G.A. 45-7-4 (HB 86 (2025 Session)). Includes annualized increase ($366,612) consistent with appropriation effective January 1, 2026, and annual increase ($238,382) in authorized salary. *(CC:Increase funds to annualize justice salary increase effective January 1, 2026.)*	$445,686	$445,686
Provide funds to annualize FY 2026 attorneys and professional staff salary enhancement appropriation effective January 1, 2026.	$229,891	$229,891
Provide funds to annualize FY 2026 court staff salary enhancement appropriation effective January 1, 2026.	$43,156	$43,156
Provide funds for two positions and associated operating expenses for a new Judicial Protection Services office to be shared with the Court of Appeals.	$291,632	$291,632
Provide funds for the one-time purchase of a judicial security vehicle to be utilized by the Judicial Protection Services office. *(CC:Increase funds for the one-time purchase of an SUV made in the State of Georgia to be utilized by the Judicial Protection Services office.)*	$46,753	$46,753
Recognize that the Court's employer contribution fringe rate has grown to 103.6% as a percentage of salary prior to one statewide measure on State Health Benefit Plan reduction, and the entity is urged to consider policies and steps to reduce the actuarial liabilities. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$20,153,455	$22,013,278

Section 11: Accounting Office, State

Total Funds	**$38,602,323**
Other Funds	**$592,280**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$592,280
State Funds	**$8,427,503**
State General Funds	$8,427,503
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$29,582,540**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$29,582,540

11.1. Administration (SAO)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

Total Funds	$1,280,224
State Funds	$366,852
State General Funds	$366,852
Intra-State Government Transfers	$913,372
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$913,372

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$371,853	$1,285,225
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($729)	($729)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($10,301)	($10,301)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$1,951	$1,951
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$4,078	$4,078
Amount appropriated in this Act	$366,852	$1,280,224

11.2. Financial Systems

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to operate, support, monitor, and improve the State's enterprise financial accounting, payroll, and human capital management systems.

Total Funds	$27,015,850
Intra-State Government Transfers	$27,015,850
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$27,015,850

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$0	$23,427,195
Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in ERP Billings to reflect the projected cost of operating and maintaining the statewide financial and human capital management systems.	$0	$3,588,655
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$27,015,850

11.3. Shared Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support client agencies in processing payroll and other financial transactions and to implement and support the Statewide Travel Consolidation Program.

Total Funds	$2,790,547
Other Funds	$592,280
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$592,280
State Funds	$926,761
State General Funds	$926,761
Intra-State Government Transfers	$1,271,506
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$1,271,506

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$967,930	$2,831,716
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($3,289)	($3,289)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($46,501)	($46,501)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$8,621	$8,621
Amount appropriated in this Act	$926,761	$2,790,547

11.4. Statewide Accounting and Reporting

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide financial reporting, accounting policy, business process improvement, and compliance with state and federal fiscal reporting requirements.

Total Funds	$3,169,946
State Funds	$2,788,134
State General Funds	$2,788,134
Intra-State Government Transfers	$381,812
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$381,812

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,885,818	$3,267,630
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($9,400)	($9,400)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($132,904)	($132,904)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$44,620	$44,620
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,788,134	$3,169,946

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

11.5. Georgia State Board of Accountancy

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public financial, fiscal, and economic interests by licensing certified public accountants and public accountancy firms; regulating public accountancy practices; and investigating complaints and taking appropriate legal and disciplinary actions when warranted.

Total Funds	$877,980
State Funds	$877,980
State General Funds	$877,980

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$902,213	$902,213
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($35,519)	($35,519)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$11,286	$11,286
Utilize projected cost savings resulting from database migration to address increased operational costs. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$877,980	$877,980

11.6. State Ethics Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the integrity of the democratic process and ensure compliance by candidates, public officials, non-candidate campaign committees, lobbyists and vendors with Georgia's Campaign and Financial Disclosure requirements.

Total Funds	$3,467,776
State Funds	$3,467,776
State General Funds	$3,467,776

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,306,312	$3,306,312

Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$8,057	$8,057
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($121,826)	($121,826)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$37,333	$37,333
Increase funds for one attorney and one trainer position to manage new filing responsibilities pursuant to SB 199 (2025 Session).	$237,900	$237,900
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,467,776	$3,467,776

Section 12: Administrative Services, Department of

Total Funds	**$308,451,959**
Other Funds	**$54,399,972**
Agency Funds	$39,296,607
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$15,103,365
State Funds	**$20,628,368**
State General Funds	$20,628,368
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$233,423,619**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$14,372,588
Self Insurance Trust Fund Payments	$219,051,031

The Department is authorized to assess state agencies the equivalent of .176% of salaries for the cost of departmental operations and may roll forward any unexpended prior years Merit System Assessment balance to be expended in the current fiscal year.

12.1. Certificate of Need Appeal Panel

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to review decisions made by the Department of Community Health on Certificate of Need applications.

Total Funds	$39,506
State Funds	$39,506
State General Funds	$39,506

12.2. Departmental Administration (DOAS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

Total Funds	$9,615,905
Other Funds	$8,805,905
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$8,805,905
State Funds	$810,000
State General Funds	$810,000

12.3. Fleet Management

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and manage a fuel card program for state and local governments, to implement the Motor Vehicle Contract Maintenance program to provide repairs, roadside assistance, and maintenance for state and local government fleets, and to establish a motor pool for traveling state employees.

Total Funds	$1,707,160
Other Funds	$1,707,160
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,707,160

12.4. Human Resources Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide centralized services for statewide human resources in support of state agencies, the State Personnel Board, and employees; develop human resource policies, create

job descriptions and classification, develop fair and consistent compensation practices, and administer the employee benefits program.

Total Funds	$14,372,588
Intra-State Government Transfers	$14,372,588
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$14,372,588

12.5. Risk Management

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer a liability insurance program to protect state government and employees from work-related claims, to provide indemnification funds for public officers and public school personnel in case of disability or death, to identify and control risks and hazards to minimize loss, to insure state-owned buildings and property against damage or destruction, to partner with the Department of Labor in administering unemployment claims, and to administer the Workers Compensation Program.

Total Funds	$223,520,568
Other Funds	$2,323,752
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$2,323,752
State Funds	$2,145,785
State General Funds	$2,145,785
Intra-State Government Transfers	$219,051,031
Self Insurance Trust Fund Payments	$219,051,031

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,145,754	$223,520,537
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$31	$31
Redirect funds to reflect a shift of 15% of workers compensation insurance billings to the property insurance risk pool to align billing revenues with excess insurance and claims expenses. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,145,785	$223,520,568

12.6. State Purchasing

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to publicize government contract opportunities on the Georgia Procurement Registry; to maintain a comprehensive listing of all agency contracts; to manage bids, Requests For Proposals, and Requests For Quotes; to provide and oversee Purchasing Cards; to conduct reverse auctions for non-construction goods and services valued above $100,000; to leverage the state's purchasing power in obtaining contracts; to train vendors seeking contract opportunities; and to certify small and/or minority business vendors.

Total Funds	$21,671,215
Other Funds	$21,671,215
Agency Funds	$21,671,215

12.7. Surplus Property

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce cost through maximization of the useful life of state-owned equipment and redistribution of property to state and local governments, qualifying non-profits, and to the public through auction.

Total Funds	$2,266,548
Other Funds	$2,266,548
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$2,266,548

12.8. Wrongful Conviction and Incarceration Compensation Trust Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for the Wrongful Conviction and Incarceration Compensation Trust Fund and to support the Office of State Administrative Hearings' administrative responsibilities related to such claims for compensation pursuant to Chapter 22 of Title 17.

Total Funds $0

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$0	$0
Change the name of the Compensation Per General Assembly Resolutions program to the Wrongful Conviction and Incarceration Compensation Trust Fund program to reflect the passage of SB 244 (2025 Session). *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Reflect new program purpose statement. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$0

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

12.9. Georgia Tax Tribunal

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent trial court with jurisdiction over appeals of tax matters involving the Georgia Department of Revenue.

Total Funds $0

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$582,689	$582,689
Eliminate funds to reflect the elimination of the Georgia Tax Tribunal and creation of the Georgia Tax Court as a distinct judicial branch agency pursuant to HB 1267 (2024 Session).	($582,689)	($582,689)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$0

12.10. Office of State Administrative Hearings

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent forum for the impartial and timely resolution of disputes between the public and state agencies.

Total Funds $6,675,325

Other Funds $4,042,248

Agency Funds $4,042,248

State Funds $2,633,077

State General Funds $2,633,077

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,745,174	$6,787,422
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($196)	($196)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($158,326)	($158,326)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$46,425	$46,425
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,633,077	$6,675,325

12.11. Office of the State Treasurer

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to set cash management policies for state agencies; assist agencies with bank services and accounts; monitor agency deposits and disbursement patterns; to invest funds for state and local entities; to track warrants, fund agency allotments, and pay state debt service; and to manage state revenue collections; and to manage the Path2College 529 Plan.

Total Funds	$13,583,144
Other Funds	$13,583,144
Agency Funds	$13,583,144

12.12. Payments to Georgia Technology Authority

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to set the direction for the state's use of technology and promote efficient, secure, and cost-effective delivery of information technology services.

Total Funds	$15,000,000
State Funds	$15,000,000
State General Funds	$15,000,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$15,000,000	$15,000,000
Recognize a decrease in billings for telecommunications and infrastructure to reflect renegotiated service contracts. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Utilize $1,500,000 in Technology Empowerment Fund (TEF) interest earnings to replace the Department of Education Capital Outlay Planning System (COPS). *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$15,000,000	$15,000,000

Section 13: Agriculture, Department of

Total Funds	**$84,663,757**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$8,601,145**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$8,601,145
Other Funds	**$2,775,701**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$2,775,701
State Funds	**$73,086,911**
Georgia Agricultural Trust Fund	$2,597,582
State General Funds	$70,489,329
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$200,000**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$200,000

13.1. Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide payment to the Board of Regents for diagnostic laboratory testing, for veterinary consultation and assistance, for disease surveillance, and for outreach to veterinarians, animal industries, and pet owners within the State of Georgia.

Total Funds	$4,180,885
State Funds	$4,180,885
State General Funds	$4,180,885

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$4,175,403	$4,175,403
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$5,482	$5,482
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,180,885	$4,180,885

13.2. Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a central information and research hub for rural leadership training and best practices.

Total Funds	$2,405,341
State Funds	$2,405,341
State General Funds	$2,405,341

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,392,985	$2,392,985
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$12,356	$12,356
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,405,341	$2,405,341

13.3. Consumer Protection

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for public health and safety by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the cultivation, processing, and production of livestock, meat, poultry, and other food products; by inspecting establishments that sell food for offsite consumption, food warehouses, wholesale and mobile meat and seafood vendors, dairy farms, and food banks; by certifying organic products, shellfish, and bottled water; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the companion animal, bird, and equine industries (including reports of abuse by private owners); by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the plant and apiary industries, including performing phytosanitary inspections; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the pesticide and wood treatment industries; and by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating animal feed, pet food, and grains. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure accurate commercial transactions by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating weights and measures and fuel sales.

Total Funds	$47,724,323
Federal Funds and Grants	$7,751,145
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$7,751,145
Other Funds	$1,920,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,920,000
State Funds	$38,053,178
State General Funds	$38,053,178

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$38,803,395	$48,474,540
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$3,490	$3,490
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$38,852	$38,852
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$2,801	$2,801
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($1,607,447)	($1,607,447)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$18,939	$18,939
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$560,588	$560,588
Reduce one-time funds for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza and emergency response.	($450,000)	($450,000)

Increase funds for the operation and maintenance of new Food Safety division software. *(CC:Provide funds for the operation and maintenance of new inspection software.)*	$293,000	$293,000
Increase funds for prior year cost-of-living adjustments for which the agency did not receive increased federal reimbursement and to reflect formula correction for prior year cost-of-living adjustment.	$576,949	$576,949
Increase funds for personnel to reflect increased retention of Consumer Protection positions. *(CC:Increase funds to address recruitment and retention of Consumer Protection positions.)*	$2,104,888	$2,104,888
Provide funds to address emerging threats impacting the agricultural industry. *(CC:Increase funds to respond to threats impacting the agricultural industry.)*	$450,000	$450,000
Increase funds for emerging pepper weevil threat.	$80,000	$80,000
Transfer funds and positions from the Consumer Protection program to the Law Enforcement (DOA) program for transparency. *(CC:Transfer funds from the Consumer Protection program to the Agriculture Protection, Response, and Enforcement program to ensure appropriate resources and funding to protect farmers and consumers and address emerging threats and natural disasters impacting agriculture.)*	($2,672,277)	($2,672,277)
Transfer funds from the Department of Agriculture to the Department of Natural Resources to consolidate the Feral Hog Task Force.	($150,000)	($150,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$38,053,178	$47,724,323

13.4. Departmental Administration (DOA)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

Total Funds	$10,444,777
Federal Funds and Grants	$850,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$850,000
State Funds	$9,394,777
State General Funds	$9,394,777
Intra-State Government Transfers	$200,000
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$200,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$8,264,713	$9,314,713
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$562	$562
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$9,509	$9,509
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($393,432)	($393,432)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$126,152	$126,152
Increase funds to reflect formula correction for prior year cost-of-living adjustment.	$37,273	$37,273
Eliminate one-time funds for agricultural projects.	($250,000)	($250,000)
Transfer funds from the Department of Agriculture to the Department of Natural Resources to consolidate the Feral Hog Task Force. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Provide funds for agricultural projects. *(CC:Increase funds for one-time funding for agricultural projects.)*	$1,600,000	$1,600,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,394,777	$10,444,777

13.5. Agriculture Protection, Response, and Enforcement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the laws of Georgia related to agriculture, food safety, commerce, the investigation of any matter relating to or affecting the welfare of farmers and consumers of this state, and to prevent, detect, and respond to acts of bioterrorism, other terroristic acts or threats, or natural disasters affecting or potentially affecting plants, animals, products, or agricultural facilities.

Total Funds	$2,672,277
State Funds	$2,672,277
State General Funds	$2,672,277

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$0	$0
Reflect a new program and purpose statement. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Transfer funds and positions from the Consumer Protection program to the Law Enforcement (DOA) program for transparency. *(CC:Transfer funds from Consumer Protection program to Agriculture Protection, Response, and Enforcement program to ensure appropriate resources and funding to protect farmers and consumers and address emerging threats and natural disasters impacting agriculture.)*	$2,672,277	$2,672,277
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,672,277	$2,672,277

13.6. Marketing and Promotion

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to manage the state's farmers markets, to promote Georgia's agricultural products domestically and internationally, to administer relevant certification marks, to provide poultry and livestock commodity data, to administer surety bonds, to provide information to the public, and to publish the Market Bulletin.

Total Funds	$9,402,637
Other Funds	$855,701
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$855,701
State Funds	$8,546,936
Georgia Agricultural Trust Fund	$2,597,582
State General Funds	$5,949,354

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$8,453,282	$9,308,983
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$158	$158
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$3,449	$3,449
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$4,185	$4,185
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($173,136)	($173,136)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$3,298	$3,298
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$59,454	$59,454
Reduce one-time funds for the pilot of the Georgia Grown Wood Product Program and recognize phase two funding in Amended FY 2026.	($200,000)	($200,000)

Increase funds for the Agricultural Trust Fund to reflect FY 2025 collections of the Agricultural Tax Exemption fee.	$372,015	$372,015
Increase funds to reflect formula correction for prior year cost-of-living adjustment.	$24,231	$24,231
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,546,936	$9,402,637

13.7. Poultry Veterinary Diagnostic Labs

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to pay for operation of the Poultry Diagnostic Veterinary Labs, which conduct disease diagnoses and monitoring.

Total Funds $3,132,538
State Funds $3,132,538
State General Funds $3,132,538

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,049,057	$3,049,057
Increase funds for the operation and maintenance of new lab information and management software.	$83,481	$83,481
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,132,538	$3,132,538

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

13.8. Payments to Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce the rates charged by the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority for youth and livestock events.

Total Funds $899,778
State Funds $899,778
State General Funds $899,778

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,042,458	$2,042,458
Eliminate one-time funds for major facility improvements and renovations.	($1,142,680)	($1,142,680)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$899,778	$899,778

13.9. State Soil and Water Conservation Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect, conserve, and improve the soil and water resources of the State of Georgia by administering the use of state and federal resources to inspect, maintain, and provide assistance to owners of USDA flood control structures in order to comply with the state Safe Dams Act and to provide planning and research assistance to landowners and local governments on water management, erosion, and sedimentation control.

Total Funds $3,801,201
State Funds $3,801,201
State General Funds $3,801,201

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,425,347	$3,425,347
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($7,863)	($7,863)

Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,165	$1,165
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($136,864)	($136,864)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$38,790	$38,790
Provide funds for three plan reviewer positions. *(CC:Increase funds for two plan reviewer positions, and increase funds ($20,000) to evaluate and implement process to accept digital submissions of plans.)*	$166,386	$166,386
Provide funds for retention of existing plan reviewers.	$114,240	$114,240
Provide funds to initiate a feral hog eradication incentive program.	$200,000	$200,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,801,201	$3,801,201

Section 14: Banking and Finance, Department of

Total Funds	**$15,560,356**
State Funds	**$15,560,356**
State General Funds	$15,560,356

14.1. Departmental Administration (DBF)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

Total Funds	$2,938,887
State Funds	$2,938,887
State General Funds	$2,938,887

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,942,778	$2,942,778
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($291)	($291)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$536	$536
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($133,255)	($133,255)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$2,535	$2,535
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$38,784	$38,784
Provide funds for business automation software to enhance agency efficiency.	$37,800	$37,800
Provide funds for increased rent. *(CC:Provide funds for increased rent.)*	$50,000	$50,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,938,887	$2,938,887

14.2. Financial Institution Supervision

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to examine and regulate depository financial institutions, state-chartered banks, trust companies, credit unions, bank holding companies, and international banking organizations; to track performance of financial service providers operating in Georgia, to monitor industry trends, respond to negative trends, and establish operating guidelines; and to collaborate with law enforcement, federal regulators, and other regulatory agencies on examination findings.

Total Funds	$9,197,619
State Funds	$9,197,619
State General Funds	$9,197,619

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$8,949,097	$8,949,097
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($759)	($759)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,433	$1,433
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($355,823)	($355,823)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$127,871	$127,871
Increase funds for two examiners specializing in Merchant Acquirer Limited Purpose Banks to meet increased workload due to new charters.	$475,800	$475,800
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,197,619	$9,197,619

14.3. Non-Depository Financial Institution Supervision

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect consumers from unfair, deceptive, or fraudulent money service businesses and residential mortgage and installment loan lending practices, protect consumers by licensing, regulating, and enforcing applicable laws and regulations, and provide efficient and flexible application, registration, and notification procedures for non-depository financial institutions.

Total Funds	$3,423,850
State Funds	$3,423,850
State General Funds	$3,423,850

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,522,391	$3,522,391
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($558)	($558)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$571	$571
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($141,857)	($141,857)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$43,303	$43,303
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,423,850	$3,423,850

Section 15: Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Department of

Total Funds	**$2,382,865,256**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$653,583,618**
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.958)	$14,163,709
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$440,688,213
Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Block Grant (CFDA 93.959)	$47,482,075
Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667)	$40,481,142
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$12,096,720
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$98,671,759
Other Funds	**$25,546,962**
Agency Funds	$23,512,036
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$2,034,926
State Funds	**$1,700,939,966**

Opioid Settlement Trust Fund	$4,010,933
State General Funds	$1,686,673,895
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$10,255,138
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$2,794,710**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$2,794,710

15.1. Adult Addictive Diseases Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a continuum of programs, services and supports for adults who abuse alcohol and other drugs, have a chemical dependency and who need assistance for compulsive gambling.

Total Funds	$102,191,396
Federal Funds and Grants	$44,254,231
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$50,000
Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Block Grant (CFDA 93.959)	$29,607,511
Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667)	$2,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$12,096,720
Other Funds	$434,903
Agency Funds	$434,903
State Funds	$57,127,262
Opioid Settlement Trust Fund	$4,010,933
State General Funds	$53,116,329
Intra-State Government Transfers	$375,000
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$375,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$57,353,550	$102,274,765
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($2,882)	($2,882)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($43,751)	($43,751)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$13,264	$13,264
Replace state general funds with other funds for the expansion of Hepatitis C screening services at core behavioral health provider sites.	($142,919)	$0
Eliminate one-time funds for Hope House.	($50,000)	($50,000)
Utilize $12,652,772 in Opioid Settlement Trust Funds to provide a continuum of programs, services, and supports for adults who abuse opioids. *(CC:Yes; Utilize $4,010,933 in Opioid Settlement Trust Funds to provide a continuum of programs, services, and supports for adults who abuse opioids.)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$57,127,262	$102,191,396

15.2. Adult Developmental Disabilities Respite Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for respite services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Total Funds	$2,100,000
State Funds	$2,100,000
State General Funds	$2,100,000

15.3. Adult Developmental Disabilities Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote independence of adults with significant developmental disabilities through institutional care, community support and respite, job readiness, training, and a crisis and access line.

Total Funds	$1,071,284,757
Federal Funds and Grants	$496,724,949
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$377,303,445
Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667)	$37,981,142
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$81,440,362
Other Funds	$22,860,000
Agency Funds	$22,860,000
State Funds	$551,699,808
State General Funds	$541,444,670
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$10,255,138

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$555,798,655	$1,075,383,604
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$187	$187
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($40,168)	($40,168)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($529,800)	($529,800)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($16,629,831)	($16,629,831)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$134,108	$134,108
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$616,084	$616,084
Increase funds to annualize the cost of 150 New Options Waiver (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) slots for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.	$3,213,955	$3,213,955
Increase funds for 100 additional slots for the New Options Waiver (NOW) and the Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. *(CC:Increase funds and recognize additional waiver enrollment due to attrition for the New Options Waiver (NOW) and the Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) to support 900 new slots for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.)*	$11,592,520	$11,592,520
Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.40% to 66.63%.	($2,890,282)	($2,890,282)
Increase funds for New Options Waiver (NOW) and the Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) administration.	$284,380	$284,380
Increase funds for Citizen Advocacy to expand services. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for family support services.	$150,000	$150,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$551,699,808	$1,071,284,757

15.4. Adult Forensic Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide psychological evaluations of defendants, mental health screening and evaluations, inpatient mental health treatment, competency remediation, forensic evaluation services, and supportive housing for forensic consumers.

Total Funds	$155,032,805
Other Funds	$191,500
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$191,500
State Funds	$154,841,305
State General Funds	$154,841,305

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$154,822,624	$155,014,124
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$180	$180
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($9,867)	($9,867)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($3,940,604)	($3,940,604)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$2,100,230	$2,100,230
Increase funds to annualize the operations of a 30-bed Project New Hope forensic step-down unit at the West Central Georgia Regional Hospital in Columbus.	$1,618,742	$1,618,742
Restore funds for jail-based competency restoration in Cobb County Jail.	$250,000	$250,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$154,841,305	$155,032,805

15.5. Adult Mental Health Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to facilitate rehabilitation and recovery for adults with mental illnesses.

Total Funds	$720,008,644
Federal Funds and Grants	$59,639,192
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.958)	$6,726,178
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$49,850,659
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,062,355
Other Funds	$390,095
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$390,095
State Funds	$659,979,357
State General Funds	$659,979,357

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$662,732,874	$722,762,161
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$26,717	$26,717
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($699,048)	($699,048)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($17,616,340)	($17,616,340)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$80,280	$80,280
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$1,166,486	$1,166,486

Increase funds for mobile crisis response teams to support mental health crisis services. *(CC:Increase funds for mobile crisis response teams to support mental health crisis services.)*	$2,357,480	$2,357,480
Increase funds to support mental health crisis intervention services through the '988' hotline.	$2,933,069	$2,933,069
Increase funds for the Georgia Housing Voucher Program for 404 additional housing vouchers to achieve substantial compliance with and termination of the behavioral health requirements of the Department of Justice (DOJ) Settlement Agreement.	$9,324,320	$9,324,320
Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.40% to 66.63%.	($326,481)	($326,481)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$659,979,357	$720,008,644

15.6. Child and Adolescent Addictive Diseases Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services to children and adolescents for the safe withdrawal from abused substances and promote a transition to productive living.

Total Funds	$11,254,122
Federal Funds and Grants	$7,928,149
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$50,000
Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Block Grant (CFDA 93.959)	$7,878,149
State Funds	$3,325,973
State General Funds	$3,325,973

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,330,959	$11,259,108
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($312)	($312)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($6,656)	($6,656)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$1,982	$1,982
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,325,973	$11,254,122

15.7. Child and Adolescent Developmental Disabilities

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, residential, support, and education services to promote independence for children and adolescents with developmental disabilities.

Total Funds	$20,570,084
Federal Funds and Grants	$3,285,496
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$3,285,496
State Funds	$17,284,588
State General Funds	$17,284,588

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$17,390,174	$20,675,670
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($978)	($978)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($123,640)	($123,640)

Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$19,032	$19,032
Amount appropriated in this Act	$17,284,588	$20,570,084

15.8. Child and Adolescent Forensic Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment and residential services to children and adolescents clients referred by Georgia's criminal justice or corrections system.

Total Funds	$7,089,698
State Funds	$7,089,698
State General Funds	$7,089,698

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$7,308,144	$7,308,144
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($751)	($751)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($279,889)	($279,889)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$62,194	$62,194
Amount appropriated in this Act	$7,089,698	$7,089,698

15.9. Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to children and adolescents with mental illness.

Total Funds	$70,850,199
Federal Funds and Grants	$11,057,531
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.958)	$7,437,531
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$870,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,750,000
Other Funds	$195,000
Agency Funds	$195,000
State Funds	$59,597,668
State General Funds	$59,597,668

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$58,027,803	$69,280,334
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($1,566)	($1,566)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($118,666)	($118,666)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$49,739	$49,739
Increase funds to annualize the operational cost of the new Gateway child and adolescent crisis stabilization unit in Savannah.	$1,140,358	$1,140,358
Increase funds for psychiatric residential facility discharge planning. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Recognize available funds ($20,395,742) for mental health services in public schools. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Utilize existing funds ($1,681,216) for positions and development of resources to include behavioral health training to 300 high-needs	$500,000	$500,000

elementary and middle schools pursuant to HB 268 (2025 Session). *(CC:Increase funds for the Ralston Center and utilize existing funds ($1,181,216) for positions and development of resources to include behavioral health training to 300 high-needs elementary and middle schools pursuant to HB 268 (2025 Session).)*		
Amount appropriated in this Act	$59,597,668	$70,850,199

15.10. Departmental Administration (DBHDD)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all mental health, developmental disabilities and addictive diseases programs of the department.

Total Funds	$39,617,787
Federal Funds and Grants	$9,278,613
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$9,278,613
Other Funds	$22,133
Agency Funds	$22,133
State Funds	$30,317,041
State General Funds	$30,317,041

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$30,989,579	$40,290,325
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$186	$186
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($12,140)	($12,140)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($201,207)	($201,207)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($1,372,766)	($1,372,766)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$4,258	$4,258
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$769,660	$769,660
Increase hourly rates for special assistant attorneys general (SAAGs) and paralegals.	$14,471	$14,471
Increase funds to create the Georgia Mental Health Consortium to expand workforce capacity. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for citizen outreach and advocacy.	$125,000	$125,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$30,317,041	$39,617,787

15.11. Direct Care Support Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to operate five state-owned and operated hospitals.

Total Funds	$157,015,739
Other Funds	$1,453,331
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,453,331
State Funds	$153,142,698
State General Funds	$153,142,698
Intra-State Government Transfers	$2,419,710
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$2,419,710

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$157,576,528	$161,449,569
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$21,180	$21,180
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($42,832)	($42,832)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($507,966)	($507,966)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($5,195,617)	($5,195,617)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$1,491,405	$1,491,405
Transfer funds from the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities to the Department of Veterans Service for one-time funding of debris cleanup, with funds to be restored in FY 2028.	($200,000)	($200,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$153,142,698	$157,015,739

15.12. Substance Abuse Prevention

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the health and well-being of children, youth, families and communities through preventing the use and/or abuse of alcohol, tobacco and drugs.

Total Funds	$19,759,143
Federal Funds and Grants	$19,396,415
Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Block Grant (CFDA 93.959)	$9,996,415
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$9,400,000
State Funds	$362,728
State General Funds	$362,728

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$359,230	$19,755,645
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$3,498	$3,498
Amount appropriated in this Act	$362,728	$19,759,143

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

15.13. Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote quality services and support for people with developmental disabilities and their families.

Total Funds	$2,638,358
Federal Funds and Grants	$2,019,042
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,019,042
State Funds	$619,316
State General Funds	$619,316

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$826,598	$2,845,640

Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($10,162)	($10,162)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$2,880	$2,880
Reduce funds.	($200,000)	($200,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$619,316	$2,638,358

15.14. Sexual Offender Risk Review Board

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect Georgia's children by identifying convicted sexual offenders that present the greatest risk of sexually reoffending.

Total Funds	$3,452,524
State Funds	$3,452,524
State General Funds	$3,452,524

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,527,396	$3,527,396
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($122,694)	($122,694)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$47,822	$47,822
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,452,524	$3,452,524

Section 16: Community Affairs, Department of

Total Funds	**$308,161,341**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$222,364,117**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$222,364,117
Other Funds	**$27,673,160**
Agency Funds	$2,700
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$27,670,460
State Funds	**$58,124,064**
State General Funds	$58,124,064

16.1. Accountable Housing Initiative – Special Project

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Accountable Housing Initiative.

Total Funds	$1,436,678
Other Funds	$192,383
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$192,383
State Funds	$1,244,295
State General Funds	$1,244,295

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,750,000	$1,942,383
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($7,355)	($7,355)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$1,650	$1,650
Reduce funds to reflect audit findings.	($500,000)	($500,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,244,295	$1,436,678

16.2. Building Construction

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain up-to-date minimum building construction standards for all new structures built in the state; to inspect factory built (modular) buildings to ensure Georgia's minimum construction codes are met; to review proposed enhancements to local government construction codes; and to provide professional training to building inspectors and builders on Georgia's construction codes.

Total Funds	$787,029
Other Funds	$481,451
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$481,451
State Funds	$305,578
State General Funds	$305,578

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$315,409	$796,860
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($14,590)	($14,590)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$4,759	$4,759
Amount appropriated in this Act	$305,578	$787,029

16.3. Community Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is promote volunteerism and community and economic development among local governments, development authorities, and private entities; to promote access to department programs through a statewide network which provides technical and financial assistance for community, economic, and housing developments; to assist Georgia cities, small towns, and neighborhoods in the development of their core commercial areas; to administer federal grant and loan programs; and to provide technical assistance and establish standards, procedures, and reviews for comprehensive plans submitted by local governments.

Total Funds	$69,435,453
Federal Funds and Grants	$58,810,708
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$58,810,708
Other Funds	$2,235,623
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$2,235,623
State Funds	$8,389,122
State General Funds	$8,389,122

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$8,592,936	$69,639,267
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$11,080	$11,080
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$432	$432
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($292,610)	($292,610)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$2,278	$2,278
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$75,006	$75,006
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,389,122	$69,435,453

16.4. Departmental Administration (DCA)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

Total Funds	$15,746,083
Federal Funds and Grants	$5,283,371
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$5,283,371
Other Funds	$5,791,626
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$5,791,626
State Funds	$4,671,086
State General Funds	$4,671,086

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,813,085	$12,888,082
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($34,247)	($34,247)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$118,789	$118,789
Increase funds to reduce allocated administrative costs to affordable housing and community development programs resulting from unfunded cost-of-living adjustments and reduced federal funding. *(CC:Increase funds to reduce allocated administrative costs to affordable housing and community development programs resulting from unfunded cost-of-living adjustments and reduced federal funding.)*	$2,773,459	$2,773,459
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,671,086	$15,746,083

16.5. Historic Preservation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide technical assistance to communities for historic preservation efforts; to administer federal and state grants for historic preservation; and to function as Georgia's State Historic Preservation Office.

Total Funds	$8,147,524
Federal Funds and Grants	$5,979,876
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$5,979,876
Other Funds	$400,397
Agency Funds	$2,700
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$397,697
State Funds	$1,767,251
State General Funds	$1,767,251

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,755,694	$8,135,967
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$11,557	$11,557
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,767,251	$8,147,524

16.6. Housing Initiatives

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the affordable housing supply and promote home ownership for low- and moderate- income individuals through housing grants, construction financing, mortgage and down payment assistance programs, and the administration of federal and state tax credits; to administer low-interest loans and provide tenant-based assistance to low-income households allowing them to

rent safe, decent, and sanitary dwelling units in the private rental market; and to fund the State Housing Trust Fund, provide grants for services to the homeless, and provide for other special housing initiatives.

Total Funds	$178,435,154
Federal Funds and Grants	$152,290,162
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$152,290,162
Other Funds	$17,816,247
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$17,816,247
State Funds	$8,328,745
State General Funds	$8,328,745

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$10,328,745	$180,435,154
Reduce one-time funding for the State Housing Trust Fund and recognize funds in Amended FY 2026.	($2,000,000)	($2,000,000)
Provide funds for the Southern Georgia Area Agency on Aging. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,328,745	$178,435,154

16.7. State Economic Development Programs

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and loans to local governments and businesses and to leverage private investment in order to attract and promote economic development and job creation.

Total Funds	$10,314,064
Other Funds	$609,912
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$609,912
State Funds	$9,704,152
State General Funds	$9,704,152

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$10,728,595	$11,338,507
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$211	$211
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($33,053)	($33,053)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$203	$203
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$8,196	$8,196
Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures and recognize $82,436,169 in available funds. *(CC:Reduce funds.)*	($1,000,000)	($1,000,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,704,152	$10,314,064

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

16.8. Payments to Georgia Environmental Finance Authority

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for water, wastewater, solid waste, energy, and land conservation projects.

Total Funds	$3,253,495
State Funds	$3,253,495
State General Funds	$3,253,495

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,753,495	$1,753,495
Eliminate one-time funds.	($500,000)	($500,000)
Increase funds for one-time funding for the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District for matching funds for a study related to the levels and causes of Geosmin, Methylisoborneol (MIB), and algae/bacteria in Lake Lanier. *(CC:Provide one-time matching funds for a study and implement findings related to the levels and causes of Geosmin, Methylisoborneol (MIB), and algae/bacteria in Lake Lanier.)*	$2,000,000	$2,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,253,495	$3,253,495

16.9. Payments to OneGeorgia Authority

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for the OneGeorgia Authority.

Total Funds	$20,605,861
Other Funds	$145,521
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$145,521
State Funds	$20,460,340
State General Funds	$20,460,340

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Total Funds	**$25,681,033,621**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$13,385,827,019**
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$12,838,123,242
State Children's Insurance Program (CFDA 93.767)	$532,087,304
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$15,616,473
Other Funds	**$1,027,963,032**
Agency Funds	$739,992,596
Indigent Care Trust Fund - Public Hospital Authorities	$139,386,524
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$148,583,912
State Funds	**$5,843,880,911**
Ambulance Provider Fees	$11,458,192
Hospital Provider Payment	$539,210,578
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$128,537,304
State General Funds	$5,040,612,486
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$124,062,351
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$5,423,362,659**
Health Insurance Payments	$5,142,505,397
Medicaid Services Payments - Other Agencies	$280,857,262

17.1. Departmental Administration (DCH)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.

Total Funds	$483,603,237
Federal Funds and Grants	$362,974,145
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$332,868,311
State Children's Insurance Program (CFDA 93.767)	$29,454,740
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$651,094
Other Funds	$4,284,769
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$4,284,769
State Funds	$95,032,738
State General Funds	$95,032,738
Intra-State Government Transfers	$21,311,585

Health Insurance Payments	$21,311,585

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$95,091,814	$482,133,654
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$130	$130
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$112,116	$112,116
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($114,293)	($114,293)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($1,295,115)	($1,295,115)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$66,155	$66,155
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$427,070	$427,070
Increase funds for eight Katie Beckett Medicaid caseworkers to address increased workload.	$121,678	$486,712
Increase funds for a $3,000 salary enhancement for Katie Beckett Medicaid caseworkers for parity with Department of Human Services Medicaid caseworkers.	$20,222	$80,886
Increase funds for one position in the Medical Assistance Plans division to continue oversight of long term care.	$64,991	$129,982
Eliminate one-time funds for the submission of a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to change any rules, regulations, or policies necessary to allow for the use of Medicaid funding for Graduate Medical Education slots.	($300,000)	($300,000)
The department shall submit a report to the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, the chairs of the House and Senate Health Appropriations Subcommittees, the chair of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, the House Budget and Research Office, and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office on the impact to the State Health Benefit Plan (SHBP) and Georgia Medicaid arising from 340B entity purchases, contract pharmacy arrangements, and general practices related to 340B drugs, whether self-administered or provider-administered, by September 1, 2026. The report shall include, but not be limited to, an analysis of forgone rebates, impact on premiums, and impact to state employees' out-of-pocket costs. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Provide funds for 17 positions to support agency operations.	$1,037,970	$2,075,940
Reduce funds to reflect termination of the Comprehensive Health Coverage Commission.	($200,000)	($200,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$95,032,738	$483,603,237

17.2. Georgia Board of Dentistry

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified applicants as dentists and dental hygienists, regulating the practice of dentistry, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary action when warranted.

Total Funds	$1,462,187
State Funds	$1,462,187
State General Funds	$1,462,187

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,274,815	$1,274,815
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$399	$399
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($3,349)	($3,349)
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$1,159	$1,159
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($37,949)	($37,949)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$13,746	$13,746
Eliminate one-time funds for protective equipment.	($36,960)	($36,960)
Increase funds for one criminal investigator. *(CC:Increase funds for two criminal investigators.)*	$199,242	$199,242
Increase one-time funds for one vehicle and protective equipment.	$32,789	$32,789
Provide funds for a 3% pay increase. *(CC:Provide funds for a 3% pay increase.)*	$18,295	$18,295
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,462,187	$1,462,187

17.3. Georgia State Board of Pharmacy

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified pharmacists and pharmacies, regulating the practice of pharmacy, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary actions when warranted.

Total Funds	$1,259,804
State Funds	$1,259,804
State General Funds	$1,259,804

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,128,029	$1,128,029
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$399	$399
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($3,068)	($3,068)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($34,760)	($34,760)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$9,703	$9,703
Provide funds for an executive administrative assistant.	$79,212	$79,212
Provide funds for a customer service representative. *(CC:Provide funds for a customer service representative.)*	$61,785	$61,785
Provide funds for a 3% pay increase. *(CC:Provide funds for a 3% pay increase.)*	$18,504	$18,504
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,259,804	$1,259,804

17.4. Health Care Access and Improvement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and other support services for programs that seek to improve health access and outcomes in rural and underserved areas of Georgia through the State Office of Rural Health, the various commissions of the Office of Health Improvement, and the Office of Health Information Technology and Transparency.

Total Funds	$25,791,212
Federal Funds and Grants	$172,588
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$172,588
State Funds	$25,618,624
State General Funds	$25,618,624

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$20,819,637	$20,992,225
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($2,454)	($2,454)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($27,808)	($27,808)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$20,249	$20,249
Eliminate one-time funding for telecare and maternal health programs. *(CC:Increase funds for telecare and maternal health programs.)*	$250,000	$250,000
Eliminate one-time funding to establish a regional vascular center allowed by passage of HB 1339 (2024 Session).	($407,000)	($407,000)
Eliminate one-time funding for behavioral and mental health services stabilization and augmentation.	($3,000,000)	($3,000,000)
Provide funding for behavioral and mental health services stabilization by supporting inpatient psychiatric services for any Level 1 trauma center that is the only general acute care hospital providing inpatient psychiatric services in its county, and where no other general acute care hospital in an adjacent county provides inpatient psychiatric care.	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
Provide funds to conduct colorectal cancer screenings.	$916,000	$916,000
Provide one-time funds to create a grant opportunity for contracted PACE providers to apply for funding to support the establishment of their transportation infrastructure. *(CC:Provide one-time funds to create a grant opportunity for contracted PACE providers to apply for funding to support the establishment of their transportation infrastructure.)*	$200,000	$200,000
Eliminate funds for one-time start-up funding for federally qualified health centers.	($500,000)	($500,000)
Increase funds for one-time grants for emergency preparedness in rural Georgia. *(CC:Increase funds for one-time grants for emergency preparedness in rural Georgia.)*	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Increase funds for rural hospital stabilization grants to include rural emergency hospitals. *(CC:Yes; Recognize $2,000,000 in state general funds in the base for rural hospital stabilization grants.)*	$0	$0
Increase funds to develop and implement a solvency evaluation process for rural hospitals. *(CC:Increase funds to develop and implement a solvency evaluation process for rural hospitals.)*	$4,000,000	$4,000,000
Reduce funds to reflect conclusion of the state's commitment to foundation funding.	($50,000)	($50,000)
Transfer funds from the Health Care Access and Improvement program to the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Mercer School of Medicine Grant program for the rural health innovation center. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0

Amount appropriated in this Act	$25,618,624	$25,791,212

17.5. Healthcare Facility Regulation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to inspect and license long term care and health care facilities.

Total Funds	$38,249,695
Federal Funds and Grants	$12,005,577
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$12,005,577
Other Funds	$100,000
Agency Funds	$100,000
State Funds	$26,144,118
State General Funds	$26,144,118

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$27,054,557	$39,160,134
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$2,889	$2,889
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($92,411)	($92,411)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($1,047,149)	($1,047,149)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$226,232	$226,232
Provide funds to sustain the nurse aide and medication aide training and credentialing program. *(CC:Yes; Recognize availability of other nurse aide and medication aide training.)*	$0	$0
Reduce funds for the Office of Health Planning to strategically focus on certificate of need planning for skilled nursing facilities only and transfer funds from the Healthcare Facility Regulation program to the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Graduate Medical Education program to increase the number of physicians statewide. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$26,144,118	$38,249,695

17.6. Indigent Care Trust Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support rural and other healthcare providers, primarily hospitals that serve medically indigent Georgians.

Total Funds	$1,010,856,696
Federal Funds and Grants	$671,388,987
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$671,388,987
Other Funds	$286,585,667
Agency Funds	$3,200,000
Indigent Care Trust Fund - Public Hospital Authorities	$139,386,524
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$143,999,143
State Funds	$52,882,042
State General Funds	$52,882,042

17.7. Medicaid- Aged Blind and Disabled

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health care access primarily to elderly and disabled individuals. There is also hereby appropriated to the Department of Community Health a specific sum of money equal to all the provider fees paid to the Indigent Care Trust Fund created pursuant to Article 6A of chapter 8 of Title 31. The sum of money is appropriated for payments for nursing homes pursuant to Article 6A.

Total Funds	$9,781,068,939

Federal Funds and Grants	$6,252,308,104
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$6,249,520,890
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,787,214
Other Funds	$97,574,403
Agency Funds	$97,574,403
State Funds	$3,163,897,800
Ambulance Provider Fees	$11,458,192
Hospital Provider Payment	$54,893,739
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$128,537,304
State General Funds	$2,962,816,759
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,191,806
Intra-State Government Transfers	$267,288,632
Medicaid Services Payments - Other Agencies	$267,288,632

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,844,180,261	$8,697,555,150
Increase funds for growth in Medicaid based on projected utilization.	$308,177,918	$921,860,359
Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.40% to 66.63%.	($51,741,896)	$0
Increase funds for skilled nursing centers to reflect 2024 cost reports.	$5,143,638	$15,387,445
Increase funds for the hold harmless provision in Medicare Part B premiums.	$33,780,887	$101,049,617
Increase funds for the Medicare Part D Clawback payment.	$11,237,928	$11,237,928
Reduce funds for high-cost drugs based on projected utilization.	($11,818,678)	($35,356,153)
Reduce funds for FMAP savings from FY 2026 provider rate enhancements.	($26,467)	($75,163)
Replace $7,638,097 in state general funds with hospital provider fees. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Replace $30,458,227 in nursing home provider fees with state general funds. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for ambulance provider fees based on projected revenue.	$2,646,178	$2,646,178
Provide funds to increase dental code reimbursement rates.	$515,010	$1,540,678
Provide funds to increase the psychiatric residential treatment facilities rate to $800 per day. *(CC:Provide funds to increase the psychiatric residential treatment facilities rate to $800 per day and provide discharge planning.)*	$229,228	$685,747
Provide funds to increase two primary care codes. *(CC:Increase funds to provide a 5% increase for two primary care codes.)*	$3,296,021	$9,860,208
Provide funds to increase reimbursement for the training of parents with autistic children. *(CC:No; See increase in autism services rate.)*	$0	$0
Provide funds to create parity between in-home and in-office reimbursement rates for autism services.	$8,736,136	$26,134,577
Provide funds to increase the prospective payment rate for federally qualified health centers.	$603,061	$1,804,086
Provide funds to increase reimbursement rates for air ambulance.	$299,092	$894,748
The department shall submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to change any rules, regulations, or policies necessary to allow for reimbursement of adult heart and lung transplants.	$837,530	$2,505,325
Provide funds to increase the Elderly and Disabled Waiver (EDWP) Enhanced Case Management rates. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0

The department shall submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to change any rules, regulations, or policies necessary to allow for reimbursement of registered dietitians (RDs) providing services for Medicaid members receiving diagnostic, screening, and preventive services.	$136,472	$408,263
Provide funds to adjust fair rental value (FRV) formula to incentivize improvements to nursing centers by increasing the equipment allowance to $8,000 per bed, bringing the RS Means Index up one year, and adjusting maximum age of facility to 40 years and depreciation rate to 1.25%. *(CC:Provide funds to adjust fair rental value (FRV) formula to incentivize improvements to nursing centers by increasing the equipment allowance to $8,000 per bed, bringing the RS Means Index up one year, and adjusting maximum age of facility to 40 years and depreciation rate to 1.25%.)*	$6,800,000	$20,341,011
Provide funds for a Medicaid rate enhancement for privately-owned intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities.	$352,859	$1,055,516
Increase funds for an increase in the nursing home ventilator reimbursement rate.	$512,622	$1,533,419
Repairs to any patient-owned complex/custom wheeled mobility devices, including all power wheelchairs and complex manual wheelchairs, do not require documentation such as detailed written orders, certificates of medical necessity (CMNs), prescriptions, or prior authorization when the combined parts and labor for the repair is less than $2,000. *(CC:Yes; Repairs to patient-owned complex or custom wheeled mobility devices, including power wheelchairs and complex manual wheelchairs, do not require prior authorization when the combined parts and labor for the repair is less than $2,000 in a calendar year. This exemption applies only to the prior authorization requirement. Providers remain responsible for maintaining all documentation necessary to support the repair services billed, including documentation of the need for repair, parts replaced, and labor performed. Such documentation must be retained in accordance with Medicaid recordkeeping requirements and must be made available for review in the event of state or federal audits, including CMS PERM reviews.)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,163,897,800	$9,781,068,939

17.8. Medicaid- Low-Income Medicaid

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide healthcare access primarily to low-income individuals.

Total Funds	$8,533,825,451
Federal Funds and Grants	$5,707,970,938
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$5,574,871,418
State Children's Insurance Program (CFDA 93.767)	$133,099,520
Other Funds	$639,118,193
Agency Funds	$639,118,193
State Funds	$2,173,319,473
Hospital Provider Payment	$484,316,839
State General Funds	$1,571,132,089
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$117,870,545
Intra-State Government Transfers	$13,416,847
Medicaid Services Payments - Other Agencies	$13,416,847

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,246,744,451	$8,655,479,189
Reduce funds for Medicaid based on projected utilization.	($41,316,199)	($123,590,185)
Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.40% to 66.63%.	($30,937,864)	$0
Reduce funds for FMAP savings from FY 2026 provider rate enhancements.	($29,825)	($85,464)
Replace $67,389,454 in state general funds with hospital provider fees. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Provide funds to increase dental code reimbursement rates.	$5,286,203	$15,813,935
The Division for Medicaid Services shall establish a rate floor to reimburse at no less than 100% of the state Medicaid program for durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies. The provider network and appropriate access to care will be consistent across the Medicaid program with a standardized fee schedule in place.	$1,379,160	$4,125,825
Provide funds to increase the psychiatric residential treatment facilities rate to $800 per day. *(CC:Provide funds to increase the psychiatric residential treatment facilities rate to $800 per day and provide discharge planning.)*	$3,719,263	$11,126,357
Provide funds to increase two primary care codes. *(CC:Increase funds to provide a 5% increase for two primary care codes.)*	$5,435,724	$21,696,958
Provide funds to increase reimbursement for the training of parents with autistic children. *(CC:No; See increase in autism services rate.)*	$0	$0
Provide funds to create parity between in-home and in-office reimbursement rates for autism services.	$7,125,390	$21,315,953
Provide funds to increase the prospective payment rate for federally qualified health centers.	$1,743,618	$5,216,118
Provide funds to increase reimbursement rates for air ambulance.	$246,311	$736,851
The department shall submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to change any rules, regulations, or policies necessary to allow for reimbursement of adult heart and lung transplants.	$837,530	$2,505,325
The department shall submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to change any rules, regulations, or policies necessary to allow for reimbursement of registered dietitians (RDs) providing services for Medicaid members receiving diagnostic, screening, and preventive services.	$139,817	$418,270
Reduce funds to reflect newly approved Rural OB Directed Payment Programs and continue $2,000 add-on payment for newborn deliveries in rural counties with a population of 35,000 or less. *(CC:Reduce funds to reflect newly-approved Rural OB Directed Payment Programs and continue $3,000 add-on payment for newborn deliveries in rural counties with a population of 35,000 or less.)*	($2,165,425)	($6,477,975)
Reduce funds based on projected expenditures.	($24,888,681)	($74,455,706)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,173,319,473	$8,533,825,451

17.9. PeachCare

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health insurance coverage for qualified low-income Georgia children.

Total Funds	$490,167,654
Federal Funds and Grants	$371,133,721
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$1,600,677
State Children's Insurance Program (CFDA 93.767)	$369,533,044

State Funds	$118,882,150
State General Funds	$118,882,150
Intra-State Government Transfers	$151,783
Medicaid Services Payments - Other Agencies	$151,783

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$122,733,823	$502,235,943
Reduce funds for Medicaid based on projected utilization.	($3,000,735)	($12,823,654)
Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (eFMAP) from 76.48% to 76.64%.	($1,022,067)	$0
Reduce funds for FMAP savings from FY 2026 provider rate enhancements.	($5,626)	$0
Provide funds to increase dental code reimbursement rates.	$148,018	$632,557
Provide funds to increase reimbursement rates for air ambulance.	$28,737	$122,808
Amount appropriated in this Act	$118,882,150	$490,167,654

17.10. State Health Benefit Plan

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a healthcare benefit for teachers and state employees that is competitive with other commercial benefit plans in quality of care and access to providers; and to provide for the efficient management of provider fees and utilization rates.

Total Funds	$5,156,943,929
State Funds	$35,750,117
State General Funds	$35,750,117
Intra-State Government Transfers	$5,121,193,812
Health Insurance Payments	$5,121,193,812

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$6,011,921	$5,127,205,733
Increase funds to implement HB 196 (2025 Session).	$1,261,920	$1,261,920
Eliminate funds for interim one-time funding for a $3 per prescription dispensing fee for independent pharmacists awaiting the outcome of an SHBP Prescription Benefit Manager (PBM) study.	($3,100,000)	($3,100,000)
Recognize an increase in formula funds ($207,516,476) in the Department of Education, Department of Early Care and Learning, and Georgia Military College to reflect an increase in the employer healthcare contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) for certified school employees and lead and assistant teachers to $2,028 effective July 1, 2026. *(CC:Yes; Recognize an increase in funds ($71,414,657) in the Department of Education, Department of Early Care and Learning, Georgia Public Libraries, and Georgia Military College to reflect an increase in the employer healthcare contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) for certified school employees and lead and assistant teachers to $1,935 effective July 1, 2026.)*	$0	$0
Increase the employer health care contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) for non-certified school employees to match the PMPM for certified school employees, effective July 1, 2026, to maintain the financial stability of the plan. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Increase funds to address other post-employment benefits (OPEB) liability.	$31,576,276	$31,576,276
Amount appropriated in this Act	$35,750,117	$5,156,943,929

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

17.11. Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Board Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all agency programs.

Total Funds	$1,938,876
State Funds	$1,938,876
State General Funds	$1,938,876

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,986,170	$1,986,170
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$109	$109
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($5,296)	($5,296)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($62,014)	($62,014)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$19,907	$19,907
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,938,876	$1,938,876

17.12. Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Graduate Medical Education

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to address the physician workforce needs of Georgia communities through the support and development of medical education programs.

Total Funds	$56,686,124
Federal Funds and Grants	$7,872,959
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$7,872,959
State Funds	$48,813,165
State General Funds	$48,813,165

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$43,283,730	$51,156,689
Increase funds for 105 new residency slots in primary care medicine. *(CC:Provide funds for 124 new residency slots.)*	$2,843,558	$2,843,558
Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.40% to 66.63%.	($234,123)	($234,123)
Redirect existing funds ($734,438) for grants for graduate medical education (GME) programs based on the use of Medicaid Reimbursements for new residency slots pending approval of a State Plan Amendment to fund the Rural Surgery Initiative and child and adolescent psychiatry slots at Augusta University. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Reduce funds due to delayed approval of a State Plan Amendment. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Increase funds and utilize existing funds ($432,338) for the Rural Surgery Initiative and child and adolescent psychiatry slots at Augusta University. *(CC:Increase funds and utilize existing funds ($432,338) for the Rural Surgery Initiative and child and adolescent psychiatry slots at Augusta University.)*	$734,438	$734,438
Provide funds for 13 new fellowship slots.	$1,920,000	$1,920,000
Provide one-time funds for resident education spaces. *(CC:Provide one-time funds for GME program faculty expenses.)*	$500,000	$500,000

The Department of Community Health and the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce shall annually, no later than December 1, submit to the chairs of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, Senate Appropriations Committee, House Health Committee, and House Appropriations Committee; the House Budget and Research Office; and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office a joint report detailing all state funds expended for graduate medical education by site and, to the extent they can be determined, associated federal matching funds, the number of residency and fellowship positions supported by state funds at each site, and the number of new residency and fellowship positions established or expanded during the preceding fiscal year at each site. *(CC:Yes; The Department of Community Health and the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce shall annually, no later than September 1, submit to the chairs of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, Senate Appropriations Committee, House Health Committee, and House Appropriations Committee; the House Budget and Research Office; and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office a joint report detailing all state funds expended for graduate medical education by site and, to the extent they can be determined, associated federal matching funds, the number of residency and fellowship positions supported by state funds at each site, and the number of new residency and fellowship positions established or expanded during the preceding fiscal year at each site.)*	$0	$0
Utilize existing funds ($432,338) for grants for Graduate Medical Education (GME) programs based on the use of Medicaid Reimbursements for new residency slots pending approval of a State Plan Amendment to fund the child and adolescent psychiatry fellowship program at Gateway Behavioral Health. *(CC:Increase funds for the child and adolescent psychiatry fellowship program at Gateway Behavioral Health.)*	$432,338	$432,338
Transfer funds from the Healthcare Facility Regulation program to the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Graduate Medical Education program for grants for Graduate Medical Education (GME) programs based on the use of Medicaid Reimbursements for new residency slots pending approval of a State Plan Amendment. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for start-up funding for a family medicine residency program.	$500,000	$500,000
Reduce funds.	($1,166,776)	($1,166,776)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$48,813,165	$56,686,124

17.13. Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Mercer School of Medicine Grant

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Mercer University School of Medicine to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.

Total Funds	$37,589,368
State Funds	$37,589,368
State General Funds	$37,589,368

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$34,576,801	$34,576,801
Increase funds for the seventh year of the seven-year plan for Mercer School of Medicine's medical school campus in Columbus.	$12,567	$12,567

Provide funds to pilot a pediatric residency with a rural training track. *(CC:Provide funds to pilot a pediatric residency with a rural training track.)*	$3,000,000	$3,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$37,589,368	$37,589,368

17.14. Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Morehouse School of Medicine Grant

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Morehouse School of Medicine and affiliated hospitals to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.

Total Funds	$36,429,696
State Funds	$36,429,696
State General Funds	$36,429,696

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$33,429,696	$33,429,696
Provide funds to the Phoebe Health-Morehouse Consortium for the creation of a regional campus and graduate medical education program.	$3,000,000	$3,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$36,429,696	$36,429,696

17.15. Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Healthcare Practitioner Loan Repayment

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of physicians in rural areas of the state and to provide a program of aid to promising medical students.

Total Funds	$6,215,000
State Funds	$6,215,000
State General Funds	$6,215,000

17.16. Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Healthcare Education Programs

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of health practitioners through a public/private partnership with medical and nursing schools in Georgia.

Total Funds	$9,751,723
State Funds	$9,751,723
State General Funds	$9,751,723

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$7,195,783	$7,195,783
Increase funds for medical student capitation for 380 certified Georgia residents at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM).	$2,417,940	$2,417,940
Change program name from Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Undergraduate Medical Education to Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Healthcare Education Programs to include nursing education. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Provide funds to support the nursing program at Andrew College.	$138,000	$138,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,751,723	$9,751,723

17.17. Georgia Composite Medical Board

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to license qualified applicants as physicians, physician's assistants, respiratory care professionals, perfusionists, acupuncturists, orthotists, prosthetists, and auricular (ear) detoxification specialists. Also, investigate complaints and discipline those who violate the Medical Practice Act or other laws governing the professional behavior of the Board licensees.

Total Funds	$5,837,974

Other Funds	$300,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$300,000
State Funds	$5,537,974
State General Funds	$5,537,974

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$5,278,810	$5,578,810
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($17,388)	($17,388)
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$4,499	$4,499
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($214,382)	($214,382)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$69,780	$69,780
Eliminate one-time funding to seed program to address career fatigue and wellness of healthcare professionals pursuant to HB 455 (2024 Session). *(CC:No; Maintain funding to address career fatigue and wellness of healthcare professionals pursuant to HB 455 (2024 Session).)*	$0	$0
Utilize funds appropriated in HB 68 (2025 Session) for a paralegal position. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Provide funds for a medical director and a compliance inspector. *(CC:Provide funds for a medical director and a compliance inspector.)*	$416,655	$416,655
Utilize existing retained revenue ($200,000) pursuant to the passage of SB 162 (2026 Session) for ThoughtSpan implementation. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$5,537,974	$5,837,974

17.18. Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the general public by providing an enforcement presence to oversee all laws and regulations pertaining to controlled substances and dangerous drugs.

Total Funds	$3,356,056
State Funds	$3,356,056
State General Funds	$3,356,056

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,304,145	$3,304,145
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$3,609	$3,609
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($14,269)	($14,269)
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$18,745	$18,745
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($157,159)	($157,159)

Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$49,935	$49,935
Increase funds for one special agent.	$151,050	$151,050
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,356,056	$3,356,056

Section 18: Community Supervision, Department of

Total Funds	**$228,450,605**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$636,008**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$636,008
Other Funds	**$227,478**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$227,478
State Funds	**$226,685,890**
State General Funds	$226,685,890
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$901,229**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$901,229

18.1. Departmental Administration (DCS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.

Total Funds	$10,807,114
Other Funds	$1,200
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,200
State Funds	$10,805,914
State General Funds	$10,805,914

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$11,138,823	$11,140,023
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($3,660)	($3,660)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$951	$951
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$1,003	$1,003
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($501,441)	($501,441)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$964	$964
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$169,274	$169,274
Amount appropriated in this Act	$10,805,914	$10,807,114

18.2. Field Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve Georgia citizens through effective and efficient offender supervision in communities, while providing opportunities for successful outcomes.

Total Funds	$211,105,248
Federal Funds and Grants	$447,884
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$447,884
Other Funds	$116,278
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$116,278

State Funds	$209,691,086
State General Funds	$209,691,086
Intra-State Government Transfers	$850,000
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$850,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$215,373,753	$216,787,915
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($61,651)	($61,651)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$18,765	$18,765
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$876,193	$876,193
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($9,846,470)	($9,846,470)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$24,626	$24,626
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$3,066,970	$3,066,970
Increase funds for rent at the West Georgia Circuit, the Ogeechee Circuit, and the Mountain Circuit. *(CC:Increase funds for rent at the West Georgia Circuit, the Ogeechee Circuit, and the Mountain Circuit.)*	$238,900	$238,900
Amount appropriated in this Act	$209,691,086	$211,105,248

18.3. Governor's Office of Transition, Support, and Reentry

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a collaboration of governmental and non-governmental stakeholders to develop and execute a systematic reentry plan for Georgia offenders and ensure the delivery of services to reduce recidivism and support the success of returning citizens.

Total Funds	$4,478,063
State Funds	$4,478,063
State General Funds	$4,478,063

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$4,592,794	$4,592,794
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($3,345)	($3,345)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($166,476)	($166,476)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$300	$300
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$54,790	$54,790
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,478,063	$4,478,063

18.4. Misdemeanor Probation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of all governmental and private misdemeanor providers through inspection and investigation.

Total Funds	$981,889

State Funds	$981,889
State General Funds	$981,889

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,017,668	$1,017,668
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($52,068)	($52,068)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$16,289	$16,289
Amount appropriated in this Act	$981,889	$981,889

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

18.5. Georgia Commission on Family Violence

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the study and evaluation of needs and services relating to family violence in Georgia, develop models for community task forces on family violence, provide training and continuing education on the dynamics of family violence, and develop standards to be used in the certification and regulation of Family Violence Intervention Programs.

Total Funds	$1,078,291
Federal Funds and Grants	$188,124
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$188,124
Other Funds	$110,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$110,000
State Funds	$728,938
State General Funds	$728,938
Intra-State Government Transfers	$51,229
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$51,229

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$739,174	$1,088,527
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$4,230	$4,230
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($22,465)	($22,465)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$7,999	$7,999
Amount appropriated in this Act	$728,938	$1,078,291

Section 19: Corrections, Department of

Total Funds	**$1,745,523,999**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$809,589**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$809,589
Other Funds	**$15,960,082**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$15,960,082
State Funds	**$1,728,754,328**
Opioid Settlement Trust Fund	$8,641,839
State General Funds	$1,720,112,489

19.1. Departmental Administration (DOC)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by providing an effective and efficient department that administers a balanced correctional system.

Total Funds	$40,824,441
Other Funds	$372,424
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$372,424
State Funds	$40,452,017
State General Funds	$40,452,017

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$41,565,500	$41,937,924
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($20,748)	($20,748)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($37,154)	($37,154)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($1,584,390)	($1,584,390)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$5,304	$5,304
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$453,668	$453,668
Increase funds for the Fleet Services Department to add one mechanic position to continue saving on in-house vehicle repairs and maintenance.	$69,837	$69,837
The department is directed to explore all options for additional closed-security, single-cell inmate capacity and report to the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget and the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees by Friday, March 13, 2026. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for a $2,000 salary adjustment for correctional officers to improve recruitment and retention. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$40,452,017	$40,824,441

19.2. Detention Centers

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, vocational training, work details, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for probationers who require more security or supervision than provided by regular community supervision.

Total Funds	$76,027,483
Other Funds	$1,374,456
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,374,456
State Funds	$74,653,027
Opioid Settlement Trust Fund	$2,547,035
State General Funds	$72,105,992

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$76,423,479	$77,797,935
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($15,746)	($15,746)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($78,495)	($78,495)

Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$275,818	$275,818
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($3,347,325)	($3,347,325)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$14,117	$14,117
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$1,012,763	$1,012,763
Reduce funds and utilize Opioid Settlement Trust Funds to provide a continuum of programs, services, and supports for adults who abuse opioids.	$368,416	$368,416
Increase funds for a $2,000 salary adjustment for correctional officers to improve recruitment and retention. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$74,653,027	$76,027,483

19.3. Food and Farm Operations

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to manage timber, raise crops and livestock, and produce dairy items used in preparing meals for offenders.

Total Funds	$32,233,666
Other Funds	$568,986
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$568,986
State Funds	$31,664,680
State General Funds	$31,664,680

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$30,349,192	$30,918,178
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($282)	($282)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,855)	($1,855)
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$5,851	$5,851
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($79,091)	($79,091)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$479	$479
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$25,637	$25,637
Increase funds for food services at four modular correctional units.	$364,749	$364,749
Provide funds for food services across state facilities contracted with Georgia Correctional Industries due to rising food costs. *(CC:Provide funds for food services across state facilities contracted with Georgia Correctional Industries due to rising food costs.)*	$500,000	$500,000
Increase funds for farm equipment upgrades. *(CC:Increase funds for farm equipment upgrades.)*	$500,000	$500,000
Increase funds for a $2,000 salary adjustment for correctional officers to improve recruitment and retention. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$31,664,680	$32,233,666

19.4. Health

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the required constitutional level of physical, dental, and mental health care to all inmates of the state correctional system.

Total Funds	$433,124,187
Federal Funds and Grants	$573,812
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$573,812
Other Funds	$305,972
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$305,972
State Funds	$432,244,403
State General Funds	$432,244,403

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$376,598,234	$377,478,018
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$149	$149
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($4,670)	($4,670)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($4,700)	($4,700)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($200,420)	($200,420)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$1,137	$1,137
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$61,485	$61,485
Increase funds for the physical health contract for a per diem increase ($23,627,395) and to reflect the opening of additional beds ($24,253,500). *(CC:Increase funds for the physical health contract for a per diem increase and to reflect the opening of additional beds.)*	$38,486,479	$38,486,479
Increase funds for the dental health contract to increase staffing ratios.	$1,498,347	$1,498,347
Increase funds for the mental health contract to increase staffing ratios.	$12,127,034	$12,127,034
Increase funds for the pharmacy contract for a per diem increase.	$3,681,328	$3,681,328
Increase funds for a $2,000 salary adjustment for correctional officers to improve recruitment and retention. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$432,244,403	$433,124,187

19.5. Offender Management

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and operate the following agency-wide support services to ensure public safety: canine units, the County Correctional Institutions program, Correctional Emergency Response Teams, inmate classification, inmate diagnostics, the jail coordination unit, the release and agreements unit, and tactical squads.

Total Funds	$58,684,590
State Funds	$58,684,590
State General Funds	$58,684,590

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$58,596,973	$58,596,973

Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($3,125)	($3,125)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($5,459)	($5,459)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($232,782)	($232,782)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$1,157	$1,157
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$70,026	$70,026
Increase funds for maintenance and support of the inmate assignment decision support system.	$257,800	$257,800
Increase funds for residential substance abuse treatment programs. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Provide funds for rural local county jail reimbursement where more than 20% of jail capacity utilization is occupied by detainees unable to make bail on contraband or drone-related charges. *(CC:No; Recognize additional funding in Judicial Council for expedited adjudication.)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$58,684,590	$58,684,590

19.6. Private Prisons

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to contract with private companies to provide cost effective prison facilities that ensure public safety.

Total Funds	$176,756,105
State Funds	$176,756,105
State General Funds	$176,756,105

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$172,485,527	$172,485,527
Increase funds for Jenkins Correctional Institution and Riverbend Correctional Institution to fully utilize available beds at correct tier rate added in HB 68 (2025 Session).	$1,055,658	$1,055,658
Increase funds to add 160 private prison beds at Coffee Correctional Institution and 103 private prison beds at Wheeler Correctional Institution. *(CC:Increase funds for 200 additional non-dormitory beds.)*	$3,214,920	$3,214,920
Amount appropriated in this Act	$176,756,105	$176,756,105

19.7. State Prisons

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, religious support, vocational training, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for violent and/or repeat offenders, or nonviolent offenders who have exhausted all other forms of punishment in a secure, well-supervised setting; to assist in the reentry of these offenders back into society; and to provide fire services and work details to the Department, state agencies, and local communities.

Total Funds	$878,105,927
Federal Funds and Grants	$235,777
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$235,777
Other Funds	$13,118,591
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$13,118,591
State Funds	$864,751,559
Opioid Settlement Trust Fund	$6,094,804
State General Funds	$858,656,755

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$888,604,327	$901,958,695
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$776	$776
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($151,445)	($151,445)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($665,416)	($665,416)
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$2,095,612	$2,095,612
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($28,375,825)	($28,375,825)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$170,066	$170,066
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$8,797,604	$8,797,604
Utilize existing funds ($10,793,600) for managed access and drone detection systems to prevent contraband in facilities. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for additional correctional officer positions to improve staff-to-offender ratios based on improved retention.	$28,527,189	$28,527,189
Increase funds for six canine handlers.	$695,018	$695,018
Increase funds to annualize personnel for the Over Watch and Logistics (OWL) Unit.	$1,443,038	$1,443,038
Increase funds for additional programming at Metro Reentry Facility. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Provide funds for three security threat group regional coordinators.	$377,168	$377,168
Provide funds for five managed access analysts.	$409,040	$409,040
Increase funds for operations at Lee Arrendale State Prison.	$3,879,259	$3,879,259
Increase funds for additional technology costs for the Over Watch and Logistics (OWL) Unit to enhance safety, security, and technology.	$5,521,230	$5,521,230
Provide funds for required staff needed to meet accreditation requirements to operate a high school diploma program. *(CC:Reduce funds for the high school diploma program and explore virtual high school options.)*	($104,000)	($104,000)
Provide funds for operations at five modular correctional units.	$1,760,207	$1,760,207
Increase funds for rent at Arnall North Basic Correctional Officer Training Building. *(CC:Increase funds for rent at Arnall North Basic Correctional Officer Training Building.)*	$14,000	$14,000
Increase funds for food contracts.	$528,167	$528,167
Increase funds for residential substance abuse treatment programs. *(CC:No; Reduce funds and utilize Opioid Settlement Trust Funds to provide a continuum of programs, services, and supports for adults who abuse opioids.)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for offender call monitoring contract due to an increase in usage.	$1,118,244	$1,118,244
Increase funds for data intelligence annual maintenance.	$1,750,000	$1,750,000
Increase funds for a $2,000 salary adjustment for correctional officers to improve recruitment and retention. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0

Reduce funds for one-time funding of tablets for HB 68 (2025 Session).	($1,538,700)	($1,538,700)
Reduce funds to reflect end of contract.	($104,000)	($104,000)
Reduce funds and reflect funding for major repairs and renovations (MRR) in G.O. Bonds.	($50,000,000)	($50,000,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$864,751,559	$878,105,927

19.8. Transition Centers

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide "work release," allowing inmates to obtain and maintain a paying job in the community, while still receiving housing, academic education, counseling, and substance abuse treatment in a structured center.

Total Funds	$49,767,600
Other Funds	$219,653
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$219,653
State Funds	$49,547,947
State General Funds	$49,547,947

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$50,675,045	$50,894,698
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($9,604)	($9,604)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($43,567)	($43,567)
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$151,718	$151,718
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($1,857,844)	($1,857,844)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$7,138	$7,138
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$601,462	$601,462
Increase funds for rent at LaGrange and Clayton Transition Centers.	$23,599	$23,599
The department is directed to work with the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission (GSFIC) to design and construct two new transition centers funded in the Amended Fiscal Year 2026 budget and provide a progress reports quarterly to the Office of Planning and Budget, the House Appropriations Committee, and the Senate Appropriations Committee. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for a $2,000 salary adjustment for correctional officers to improve recruitment and retention. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$49,547,947	$49,767,600

Section 20: Defense, Department of

Total Funds	**$111,316,624**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$77,025,266**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$77,025,266
Other Funds	**$22,339,739**
Agency Funds	$2,330,569
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$20,009,170

State Funds	**$11,951,619**
State General Funds	$11,951,619

20.1. Departmental Administration (DOD)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration to the organized militia in the State of Georgia.

Total Funds	$2,384,622
Federal Funds and Grants	$982,494
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$982,494
State Funds	$1,402,128
State General Funds	$1,402,128

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,438,364	$2,420,858
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$126	$126
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,377	$1,377
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($61,157)	($61,157)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$4,052	$4,052
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$19,366	$19,366
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,402,128	$2,384,622

20.2. Military Readiness

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and maintain facilities for the training of Army National Guard, Air National Guard, and State Defense Force personnel, and to provide an organized militia that can be activated and deployed at the direction of the President or Governor for a man-made crisis or natural disaster.

Total Funds	$92,585,212
Federal Funds and Grants	$63,495,500
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$63,495,500
Other Funds	$22,335,861
Agency Funds	$2,330,569
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$20,005,292
State Funds	$6,753,851
State General Funds	$6,753,851

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$6,146,980	$91,978,341
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$3,183	$3,183
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($141,384)	($141,384)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$80,899	$80,899
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$50,361	$50,361

Increase funds for increased operating costs.	$613,812	$613,812
Amount appropriated in this Act	$6,753,851	$92,585,212

20.3. Youth Educational Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational and vocational opportunities to at-risk youth through Youth Challenge Academies and Starbase programs.

Total Funds	$16,346,790
Federal Funds and Grants	$12,547,272
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$12,547,272
Other Funds	$3,878
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$3,878
State Funds	$3,795,640
State General Funds	$3,795,640

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$4,881,057	$17,432,207
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$2,006	$2,006
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$3,232	$3,232
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($143,617)	($143,617)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$25,858	$25,858
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$42,038	$42,038
Reduce state funds match to reflect a loss of federal funding from lower graduation targets.	($1,014,934)	($1,014,934)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,795,640	$16,346,790

Section 21: Driver Services, Department of

Total Funds	**$88,998,200**
Other Funds	**$2,844,121**
Agency Funds	$2,844,121
State Funds	**$86,154,079**
State General Funds	$86,154,079

21.1. Departmental Administration (DDS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for administration of license issuance, motor vehicle registration, and commercial truck compliance.

Total Funds	$11,072,931
Other Funds	$500,857
Agency Funds	$500,857
State Funds	$10,572,074
State General Funds	$10,572,074

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$10,851,981	$11,352,838

Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($209,255)	($209,255)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($10,204)	($10,204)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($353,697)	($353,697)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$38,119	$38,119
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$105,130	$105,130
Increase funds to comply with federal CDL mandates regarding national registry notifications.	$150,000	$150,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$10,572,074	$11,072,931

21.2. License Issuance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to issue and renew drivers' licenses, maintain driver records, operate Customer Service Centers, provide online access to services, provide motorcycle safety instruction, produce driver manuals, and investigate driver's license fraud.

Total Funds	$76,443,450
Other Funds	$1,827,835
Agency Funds	$1,827,835
State Funds	$74,615,615
State General Funds	$74,615,615

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$74,559,504	$76,387,339
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($447,446)	($447,446)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($84,150)	($84,150)
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$4,326	$4,326
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($2,916,956)	($2,916,956)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$917,128	$917,128
Increase funds for rent at the Conyers, Fayetteville, Marietta, Kennesaw, Lawrenceville, Macon, Decatur, Locust Grove, and Toccoa Customer Service Centers. *(CC:Increase funds for rent at the Conyers, Fayetteville, Marietta, Kennesaw, Lawrenceville, Macon, Decatur, Locust Grove, and Toccoa Customer Service Centers.)*	$159,865	$159,865
Increase funds for armed guard services for new and higher-traffic locations.	$150,426	$150,426
Increase funds for personal services due to decreased turnover.	$2,087,481	$2,087,481
Increase funds for GTA security services and additional staffing infrastructure.	$185,437	$185,437
Utilize existing funds ($635,437) previously appropriated for Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) fees to meet an increase in card production volume. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$74,615,615	$76,443,450

21.3. Regulatory Compliance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate driver safety and education programs for both novice, problem drivers, and commercial drivers by approving driver education curricula and auditing third-party driver education providers for compliance with state laws and regulations; to certify ignition interlock device providers; and to monitor the status of all commercial driver license convictions.

Total Funds	$1,481,819
Other Funds	$515,429
Agency Funds	$515,429
State Funds	$966,390
State General Funds	$966,390

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,003,957	$1,519,386
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($1,696)	($1,696)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,350)	($1,350)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($46,800)	($46,800)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$12,279	$12,279
Amount appropriated in this Act	$966,390	$1,481,819

Section 22: Early Care and Learning, Bright from the Start: Department of

Total Funds	**$1,279,208,002**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$607,659,885**
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds (CFDA 93.596)	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant (CFDA 93.575)	$344,735,865
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$170,175,000
Other Funds	**$50,000**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$50,000
State Funds	**$671,498,117**
Lottery Funds	$593,989,145
State General Funds	$77,508,972

22.1. Child Care Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate, license, and train child care providers; to support the infant and toddler and afterschool networks; and to provide inclusion services for children with disabilities.

Total Funds	$457,800,119
Federal Funds and Grants	$380,291,147
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds (CFDA 93.596)	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant (CFDA 93.575)	$287,542,127
State Funds	$77,508,972
State General Funds	$77,508,972

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$77,355,059	$457,646,206
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$1,171	$1,171

Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($474)	($474)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($69,147)	($69,147)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$1,438	$1,438
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$220,925	$220,925
Utilize existing funds to expand CAPS slots to an additional 1,288 children. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$77,508,972	$457,800,119

22.2. Nutrition Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that USDA-compliant meals are served to eligible children and adults in day care settings and to eligible youth during the summer.

Total Funds	$170,000,000
Federal Funds and Grants	$170,000,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$170,000,000

22.3. Pre-Kindergarten Program

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding, training, technical assistance, and oversight of Pre-Kindergarten programs operated by public and private providers throughout the state and to improve the quality of early learning and increase school readiness for Georgia's four-year-olds.

Total Funds	$594,164,145
Federal Funds and Grants	$175,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$175,000
State Funds	$593,989,145
Lottery Funds	$593,989,145

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$563,040,616	$563,215,616
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$420,525	$420,525
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$1,237	$1,237
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($2,910)	($2,910)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($424,175)	($424,175)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$1,801	$1,801
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$112,149	$112,149
Reduce formula funds for annual update of teacher training and experience.	($125,304)	($125,304)
Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member-per-month (PMPM) rate for eligible employees from $1,885 to $2,028 effective July 1, 2026. *(CC:Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member-per-month (PMPM) rate for eligible employees from $1,885 to $1,935 effective July 1, 2026.)*	$892,200	$892,200

Increase funds for year three of a four-year phase in to reduce classroom size from 22 to 20 students to improve instructional quality.	$12,001,234	$12,001,234
Increase funds to expand the extended day program to the Pre-K priority group.	$9,713,072	$9,713,072
Increase funds to expand Rising Pre-K program and add 25 new classes in the 2026-2027 school year. *(CC:Utilize existing funds ($881,000) and increase funds to expand the Rising Pre-K program and add 50 new classes.)*	$708,500	$708,500
Increase funds to provide five days of leave for Pre-K lead and assistant teachers. *(CC:Increase funds and recognize existing funds ($5,738,012) to provide five days of leave for Pre-K lead and assistant teachers.)*	$3,975,060	$3,975,060
Increase funds for the Summer Transition Program partnership expansion. *(CC:Increase funds for the Summer Transition Program partnership expansion.)*	$350,000	$350,000
Increase funds to reflect enrollment growth in the State Health Benefit Plan.	$3,325,140	$3,325,140
Amount appropriated in this Act	$593,989,145	$594,164,145

22.4. Quality Initiatives

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to implement innovative strategies and programs that focus on improving the quality of and access to early education, child care, and nutrition for Georgia's children and families.

Total Funds	$57,243,738
Federal Funds and Grants	$57,193,738
Child Care & Development Block Grant (CFDA 93.575)	$57,193,738
Other Funds	$50,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$50,000

Section 23: Economic Development, Department of

Total Funds	**$38,885,233**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$926,190**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$926,190
State Funds	**$37,959,043**
State General Funds	$37,959,043

23.1. Departmental Administration (DEcD)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to influence, affect, and enhance economic development in Georgia and provide information to people and companies to promote the state.

Total Funds	$5,753,831
State Funds	$5,753,831
State General Funds	$5,753,831

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$5,883,113	$5,883,113
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$1,891	$1,891
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($4,314)	($4,314)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($210,338)	($210,338)

Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$12,705	$12,705
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$70,774	$70,774
Increase funds to support economic development on navigable rivers. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$5,753,831	$5,753,831

23.2. Film, Video, and Music

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to increase industry awareness of Georgia business opportunities, financial incentives, infrastructure resources, and natural resources in order to attract film, video, music, and electronic gaming industry projects and businesses to the state.

Total Funds $1,133,658
State Funds $1,133,658
State General Funds $1,133,658

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,168,059	$1,168,059
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$206	$206
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,000)	($1,000)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($48,771)	($48,771)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$15,164	$15,164
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,133,658	$1,133,658

23.3. Georgia Council for the Arts

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for Council operations and maintain the Georgia State Art Collection and Capitol Galleries.

Total Funds $590,983
State Funds $590,983
State General Funds $590,983

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$610,794	$610,794
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($592)	($592)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($28,866)	($28,866)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$9,647	$9,647
Amount appropriated in this Act	$590,983	$590,983

23.4. Georgia Council for the Arts - Special Project

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to increase arts participation and support throughout the state with grants for non-profit arts and cultural organizations through Partner Grants, Project Grants, Education Grants and the 'Grassroots' arts program.

Total Funds $1,835,756

Federal Funds and Grants	$659,400
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$659,400
State Funds	$1,176,356
State General Funds	$1,176,356

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$976,356	$1,635,756
Provide one-time funds to increase community art grants. *(CC:Provide one-time funds to increase community art grants.)*	$200,000	$200,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,176,356	$1,835,756

23.5. Global Commerce

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote Georgia as a state that is appealing to businesses along with being competitive in the international trade market; recruit, retain, and expand businesses in Georgia through a network of statewide and regional project managers, foreign and domestic marketing, and participation in Georgia Allies; and help develop international markets for Georgia products and attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing international technical and educational assistance to businesses.

Total Funds	$11,038,003
State Funds	$11,038,003
State General Funds	$11,038,003

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$11,298,921	$11,298,921
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$1,638	$1,638
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($7,672)	($7,672)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($374,119)	($374,119)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$119,235	$119,235
Amount appropriated in this Act	$11,038,003	$11,038,003

23.6. Innovation and Technology

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to market and promote strategic industries to existing and potential Georgia businesses.

Total Funds	$2,701,709
State Funds	$2,701,709
State General Funds	$2,701,709

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,758,197	$2,758,197
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$204	$204
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,776)	($1,776)

Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($86,610)	($86,610)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$31,694	$31,694
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,701,709	$2,701,709

23.7. International Relations and Trade

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to develop international markets for Georgia products and to attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing technical and educational assistance to businesses.

Total Funds	$3,174,307
Federal Funds and Grants	$266,790
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$266,790
State Funds	$2,907,517
State General Funds	$2,907,517

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,879,577	$3,146,367
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$236	$236
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,428)	($1,428)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($69,646)	($69,646)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$22,659	$22,659
Increase funds for international relations and trade.	$76,119	$76,119
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,907,517	$3,174,307

23.8. Rural Development

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote rural economic development opportunities and to recruit, retain and expand businesses in rural communities.

Total Funds	$0

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$0	$0
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$0

23.9. Small and Minority Business Development

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist entrepreneurs and small and minority businesses by providing technical assistance on planning, advocacy, business needs, and identifying potential markets and suppliers; and to provide assistance to local communities in growing small businesses.

Total Funds	$1,045,531
State Funds	$1,045,531
State General Funds	$1,045,531

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,080,487	$1,080,487
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($955)	($955)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($46,585)	($46,585)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$12,584	$12,584
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,045,531	$1,045,531

23.10. Tourism

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide information to visitors about tourism opportunities throughout the state, operate and maintain state welcome centers, fund the Georgia Historical Society and Georgia Humanities Council, and work with communities to develop and market tourism products in order to attract more tourism to the state.

Total Funds	$7,611,455
State Funds	$7,611,455
State General Funds	$7,611,455

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$11,760,500	$11,760,500
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$1,350	$1,350
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($4,775)	($4,775)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($232,819)	($232,819)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$74,080	$74,080
Reduce one-time funds for the Martin Luther King Jr. Center and maintain existing base budget ($500,000).	($125,000)	($125,000)
Increase funds for Georgia Humanities. *(CC:Increase funds for Georgia Humanities.)*	$62,000	$62,000
Increase funds for operational expenses.	$76,119	$76,119
Reduce funds for tourism marketing.	($4,000,000)	($4,000,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$7,611,455	$7,611,455

23.11. Tourism - Special Project

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund quality tourism marketing that showcases the entire state of Georgia which could include matching grants to local governments, chambers of commerce, and destination marketing organizations.

Total Funds	$4,000,000
State Funds	$4,000,000
State General Funds	$4,000,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$0	$0

Increase funds.	$4,000,000	$4,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,000,000	$4,000,000

Section 24: Education, Department of

Total Funds	**$16,688,224,672**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$2,457,954,507**
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.994)	$112,501
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,457,842,006
Other Funds	**$47,783,992**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$47,783,992
State Funds	**$14,182,486,173**
State General Funds	$14,182,486,173

The formula calculation for Quality Basic Education funding assumes a base unit cost of $3,253.19. In addition, all local school system allotments for Quality Basic Education shall be made in accordance with funds appropriated by this Act.

24.1. Agricultural Education

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems with developing and funding agricultural education programs, and to provide afterschool and summer educational and leadership opportunities for students.

Total Funds	$19,865,773
Federal Funds and Grants	$461,806
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$461,806
Other Funds	$1,305,500
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,305,500
State Funds	$18,098,467
State General Funds	$18,098,467

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$16,262,584	$18,029,890
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$18,137	$18,137
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($2,282)	($2,282)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($51,360)	($51,360)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$433	$433
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$17,005	$17,005
Eliminate funds for camp-affiliated staff. (See HB 68 intent language considered nonbinding by the Governor.)	($268,157)	($268,157)
Provide one-time funds to complete storm damage repairs at FFA camps.	$591,965	$591,965
Provide funds for annual major repairs and rehabilitation at youth camps. *(CC:Provide funds for annual major repairs and rehabilitation at ThE youth camps.)*	$325,051	$325,051
Increase funds for support staff to prioritize private funds for direct student services. *(CC:Increase funds for support staff to prioritize private funds for direct student services.)*	$498,206	$498,206

Increase funds to fully-fund extended year and extended day programs. *(CC:Increase funds for one-time funding to address data reporting errors and move to improve reporting accuracy in future years.)*	$706,885	$706,885
Increase funds for a Young Farmer position. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$18,098,467	$19,865,773

24.2. Business and Finance Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for business, finance, facilities, and pupil transportation.

Total Funds	$33,287,850
Federal Funds and Grants	$3,100,020
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,100,020
Other Funds	$21,851,693
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$21,851,693
State Funds	$8,336,137
State General Funds	$8,336,137

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$8,323,145	$33,274,858
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$521	$521
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$310	$310
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($16,690)	($16,690)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($375,684)	($375,684)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$24,831	$24,831
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$130,232	$130,232
Increase funds for two financial review positions. *(CC:Increase funds for one financial review position.)*	$128,571	$128,571
Increase funds for one pupil transportation consultant position.	$120,901	$120,901
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,336,137	$33,287,850

24.3. Central Office

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the State Board of Education, Departmental programs, and local school systems.

Total Funds	$60,112,401
Federal Funds and Grants	$54,207,947
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$54,207,947
Other Funds	$537,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$537,000
State Funds	$5,367,454
State General Funds	$5,367,454

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$5,243,123	$59,988,070
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$487	$487
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$637	$637
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($7,172)	($7,172)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($161,437)	($161,437)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$9,014	$9,014
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$51,802	$51,802
Increase funds for one chief financial turnaround officer and one statewide attendance officer. *(CC:Increase funds for one statewide attendance officer.)*	$240,000	$240,000
Reduce funds to align priorities with agency mission.	($9,000)	($9,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$5,367,454	$60,112,401

24.4. Charter Schools

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize charter systems and completion schools, and to provide funds for competitive grants for planning, implementation, facilities, and operations of charter systems and locally authorized charter schools.

Total Funds	$6,704,882
State Funds	$6,704,882
State General Funds	$6,704,882

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$7,711,471	$7,711,471
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$121	$121
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($531)	($531)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($11,949)	($11,949)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$1,799	$1,799
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$3,971	$3,971
Eliminate one-time funds for completion schools planning grant for Southern Rivers Completion High School. *(CC:Maintain funds for planning grants for State Completion Special Schools and release funding contingent upon submission of an implementation plan.)*	($1,500,000)	($1,500,000)
Increase funds for grants to school systems to encourage the authorization of locally approved charter schools pursuant to SB 82 (2025 Session (Total Funds: $1,000,000)).	$500,000	$500,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$6,704,882	$6,704,882

24.5. Communities in Schools

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support Performance Learning Centers and maintain a network of local affiliate organizations across the state, and to partner with other state and national organizations to support student success in school and beyond.

Total Funds	$1,940,100
State Funds	$1,940,100
State General Funds	$1,940,100

24.6. Curriculum Development

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to develop a statewide, standards-based curriculum to guide instruction and assessment, and to provide training and instructional resources to teachers for implementing this curriculum.

Total Funds	$19,775,697
Federal Funds and Grants	$7,513,979
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$7,513,979
Other Funds	$50,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$50,000
State Funds	$12,211,718
State General Funds	$12,211,718

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$11,836,755	$19,400,734
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$1,435	$1,435
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($8,573)	($8,573)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($192,985)	($192,985)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$14,087	$14,087
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$60,999	$60,999
Utilize existing funds for one Cambridge International Program exam for free and reduced-paying lunch students. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for college preparatory exams. *(CC:Increase funds for college preparatory exams.)*	$500,000	$500,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$12,211,718	$19,775,697

24.7. Federal Programs

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate federally funded programs and allocate federal funds to school systems.

Total Funds	$1,280,135,111
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,280,135,111
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,280,135,111

24.8. Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS), which provides services, education, and resources for students ages three to twenty-one with autism or severe emotional behavioral problems and their families.

Total Funds	$52,945,976

Federal Funds and Grants	$7,160,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$7,160,000
State Funds	$45,785,976
State General Funds	$45,785,976

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$47,692,687	$54,852,687
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$125,801	$125,801
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($405)	($405)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($9,122)	($9,122)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$578	$578
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$3,020	$3,020
Reduce formula funds based on enrollment and training and experience.	($2,159,183)	($2,159,183)
Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member-per-month (PMPM) rate for eligible employees from $1,885 to $2,028 effective July 1, 2026. *(CC:Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member-per-month (PMPM) rate for eligible employees from $1,885 to $1,935 effective July 1, 2026.)*	$132,600	$132,600
Amount appropriated in this Act	$45,785,976	$52,945,976

24.9. Georgia Virtual School

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the accessibility and breadth of course offerings so that Georgia students can recover credits, access supplementary resources, enhance their studies, or earn additional credits in a manner not involving on-site interaction with a teacher.

Total Funds	$12,229,261
Other Funds	$9,319,806
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$9,319,806
State Funds	$2,909,455
State General Funds	$2,909,455

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,079,735	$12,399,541
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$1,132	$1,132
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($7,291)	($7,291)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($164,121)	($164,121)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,909,455	$12,229,261

24.10. Information Technology Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to manage enterprise technology for the department, provide internet access to local school systems, support data collection and reporting needs, and support technology programs that assist local school systems.

Total Funds	$23,955,385
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,676,565
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,676,565
State Funds	$22,278,820
State General Funds	$22,278,820

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$22,683,485	$24,360,050
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$1,135	$1,135
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$232	$232
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($26,802)	($26,802)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($603,309)	($603,309)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$38,827	$38,827
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$185,252	$185,252
Amount appropriated in this Act	$22,278,820	$23,955,385

24.11. Literacy Coach Initiative

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for RESA-based literacy coaches to support the Georgia Council on Literacy's literacy coaching initiative.

Total Funds	$18,480,000
State Funds	$18,480,000
State General Funds	$18,480,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$18,480,000	$18,480,000
Recognize existing funds for RESA-based literacy coaches to align with the purpose set forth in HB 1193 (2026 Session). *(CC:Yes; Recognize existing funds for RESA-based literacy coaches to align with the purpose set forth in HB 1193 (2026 Session).)*	$0	$0
Increase funds to support a legislative priority for school-based literacy coaches in every school with grades K-3. *(CC:Yes; Recognize funding in the QBE formula.)*	$0	$0
Reflect a change to the purpose statement. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$18,480,000	$18,480,000

24.12. Non Quality Basic Education Formula Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund specific initiatives including: children in residential education facilities and sparsity grants.

Total Funds	$40,999,144

State Funds	$40,999,144
State General Funds	$40,999,144

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$35,385,807	$35,385,807
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$78,882	$78,882
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($281)	($281)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($6,330)	($6,330)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$578	$578
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$2,095	$2,095
Increase formula funds for Residential Treatment Facilities based on attendance.	$339,082	$339,082
Increase formula funds for Sparsity Grants based on enrollment data.	$1,435,311	$1,435,311
Eliminate one-time funds for character education programming. *(CC:Increase funds for character education programming.)*	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Increase funds for custodian supplement grants.	$64,000	$64,000
Increase funds to provide one-time grants to school systems to purchase vision and auditory screening equipment. *(CC:Increase funds to provide one-time grants to school systems to purchase vision and auditory screening equipment.)*	$2,700,000	$2,700,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$40,999,144	$40,999,144

24.13. Nutrition

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide leadership, training, technical assistance, and resources, so local program personnel can deliver meals that support nutritional well-being and performance at school and comply with federal standards.

Total Funds	$1,069,217,386
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,028,297,007
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,028,297,007
Other Funds	$184,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$184,000
State Funds	$40,736,379
State General Funds	$40,736,379

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$39,680,252	$1,068,161,259
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$134	$134
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($977)	($977)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($21,998)	($21,998)

Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$8,332	$8,332
Increase formula funds for school nutrition.	$70,636	$70,636
Increase funds to administer a summer nutrition program for eligible students in coordination with the Department of Human Services.	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$40,736,379	$1,069,217,386

24.14. Preschool Disabilities Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide early educational services to three- and four-year-old students with disabilities so that they enter school better prepared to succeed.

Total Funds	$63,087,932
State Funds	$63,087,932
State General Funds	$63,087,932

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$61,471,592	$61,471,592
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$152,659	$152,659
Reduce funds based on formula earnings. *(CC:Increase funds based on formula earnings.)*	$1,125,863	$1,125,863
Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member-per-month (PMPM) rate for eligible employees from $1,885 to $2,028 effective July 1, 2026. *(CC:Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member-per-month (PMPM) rate for eligible employees from $1,885 to $1,935 effective July 1, 2026.)*	$337,818	$337,818
Amount appropriated in this Act	$63,087,932	$63,087,932

24.15. Pupil Transportation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems in their efforts to provide safe and efficient transportation for students to and from school and school related activities.

Total Funds	$402,236,103
State Funds	$402,236,103
State General Funds	$402,236,103

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$364,145,902	$364,145,902
Increase funds for pupil transportation formula grants to reflect updated bus counts and operations.	$38,169,401	$38,169,401
Reduce funds to reflect ongoing operating costs for required bus driver safety training.	($79,200)	($79,200)
Utilize $15,155,852 in existing funds from an Amended FY 2022 appropriation for bus replacement and safety equipment to provide funds to local education agencies to replace 172 out-of-cycle buses. *(CC:Yes; Utilize $9,453,083 in existing funds from an Amended FY 2022 appropriation for bus replacement and safety equipment to provide funds to local education agencies to replace 107 out-of-cycle buses.)*	$0	$0

Recognize the use of $9,844,148 in Volkswagen Settlement funds to replace 98 out-of-cycle buses pursuant to the State's 2024 Mitigation Plan Update. *(CC:Yes; Recognize the use of $15,546,917 in Volkswagen Settlement funds to replace 155 out-of-cycle buses pursuant to the State's 2024 Mitigation Plan Update.)*	$0	$0
Utilize $1,698,264 in existing funds from an Amended FY 2022 appropriation for bus replacement and safety equipment to provide funds to local education agencies to retrofit 943 out-of-cycle diesel buses with filtration systems to promote interior air-quality mitigation. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Redirect $20,000,000 in existing funds from an Amended FY 2022 appropriation for bus replacement and safety equipment to the K-12 Capital Outlay Program - Regular to provide funds for local school construction. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$402,236,103	$402,236,103

24.16. Quality Basic Education Equalization

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide additional financial assistance to local school systems ranking below the statewide average of per pupil tax wealth as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-165.

Total Funds	$1,162,544,175
State Funds	$1,162,544,175
State General Funds	$1,162,544,175

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$909,708,064	$909,708,064
Increase formula funds for Equalization grants.	$258,823,032	$258,823,032
Reduce funds based on compliance with HB 1259 (2026 Session). *(CC:Reduce funds based on an updated count of non-resident FTEs.)*	($5,986,921)	($5,986,921)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,162,544,175	$1,162,544,175

24.17. Quality Basic Education Local Five Mill Share

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to recognize the required local portion of the Quality Basic Education program as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-164.

Total Funds	($2,904,150,430)
State Funds	($2,904,150,430)
State General Funds	($2,904,150,430)

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	($2,868,165,769)	($2,868,165,769)
Adjust funds for the Local Five Mill Share.	($35,984,661)	($35,984,661)
Amount appropriated in this Act	($2,904,150,430)	($2,904,150,430)

24.18. Quality Basic Education Program

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide formula funds to school systems based on full time equivalent students for the instruction of students in grades K-12 as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-161.

Total Funds	$14,921,801,719
State Funds	$14,921,801,719
State General Funds	$14,921,801,719

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$14,693,944,090	$14,693,944,090
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$36,345,984	$36,345,984
Increase funds for enrollment growth and training and experience.	$11,671,391	$11,671,391
Increase formula funds for the State Commission Charter School supplement for a total supplement of $309,966,618. *(CC:Increase formula funds for the State Commission Charter School supplement for a total supplement of $305,545,988.)*	$40,265,641	$40,265,641
Reduce formula funds for differentiated pay for newly-certified math and science teachers.	($261,018)	($261,018)
Increase formula funds for the Completion Special Schools supplement.	$1,627,908	$1,627,908
Reduce formula funds for the charter system grant.	($615,550)	($615,550)
Increase funds for the employer share of TRS for non-certified school management positions pursuant to O.C.G.A. 47-3-63.	$1,400,000	$1,400,000
Reduce formula funds for the local charter school grant.	($143,575)	($143,575)
Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member-per-month (PMPM) rate for eligible employees from $1,885 to $2,028 effective July 1, 2026. *(CC:Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member-per-month (PMPM) rate for eligible employees from $1,885 to $1,935 effective July 1, 2026.)*	$69,804,000	$69,804,000
Increase funds for the Special Needs Scholarship based on enrollment growth.	$5,526,296	$5,526,296
Increase funds to begin implementation of literacy coaches in schools with students grades K-3 per HB 1193 (2026 Session). *(CC:Increase funds to provide literacy coaches in schools with students grades K-3 per HB 1193 (2026 Session).)*	$70,416,120	$70,416,120
Reduce funds based on compliance with HB 1259 (2026 Session). *(CC:Reduce funds for virtual schools that have failed to maintain acceptable College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) scores for out-of-system students.)*	($8,179,568)	($8,179,568)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$14,921,801,719	$14,921,801,719

24.19. Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia's sixteen Regional Education Service Agencies with funds to assist local school systems with improving the effectiveness of their educational programs by providing curriculum consultation, skill enhancement, professional development, technology training, and other shared services.

Total Funds	$16,796,021
State Funds	$16,796,021
State General Funds	$16,796,021

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$16,497,495	$16,497,495
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$16,841	$16,841
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($414)	($414)

Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($9,308)	($9,308)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$3,202	$3,202
Increase formula funds for Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs) based on enrollment.	$259,347	$259,347
Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member-per-month (PMPM) rate for eligible employees from $1,885 to $2,028 effective July 1, 2026. *(CC:Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member-per-month (PMPM) rate for eligible employees from $1,885 to $1,935 effective July 1, 2026.)*	$28,858	$28,858
Amount appropriated in this Act	$16,796,021	$16,796,021

24.20. School Improvement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide research, technical assistance, resources, teacher professional learning, and leadership training for low-performing schools and local educational agencies to help them design and implement school improvement strategies to improve graduation rates and overall student achievement.

Total Funds	$15,635,759
Federal Funds and Grants	$5,025,627
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$5,025,627
State Funds	$10,610,132
State General Funds	$10,610,132

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$10,894,216	$15,919,843
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$1,467	$1,467
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($18,451)	($18,451)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($415,329)	($415,329)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$9,239	$9,239
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$138,990	$138,990
Amount appropriated in this Act	$10,610,132	$15,635,759

24.21. School Nurse

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for school nurses who provide health procedures for students at school.

Total Funds	$43,100,284
State Funds	$43,100,284
State General Funds	$43,100,284

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$42,993,857	$42,993,857

Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$128,018	$128,018
Reduce formula funds for school nurses. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Reduce funds to reflect services not rendered to virtual education students.	($21,591)	($21,591)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$43,100,284	$43,100,284

24.22. School Security Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to local school systems to support school security needs and to provide for student mental health support.

Total Funds	$116,021,568
State Funds	$116,021,568
State General Funds	$116,021,568

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$116,018,875	$116,018,875
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$2,693	$2,693
Utilize existing funds ($6,963,875) to allow schools to engage part-time or full-time student advocacy specialists pursuant to HB 268 (2026 Session). *(CC:Yes; Utilize existing funds ($6,963,875) to allow schools to engage part-time or full-time student advocacy specialists pursuant to HB 268 (2025 Session).)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$116,021,568	$116,021,568

24.23. State Charter School Commission Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to focus on the development and support of charter schools in order to better meet the growing and diverse needs of students in this state and to further ensure that state and local charter schools of the highest academic quality are approved and supported throughout the state in an efficient manner.

Total Funds	$9,563,332
Other Funds	$8,952,839
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$8,952,839
State Funds	$610,493
State General Funds	$610,493

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$618,351	$9,571,190
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($499)	($499)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($11,243)	($11,243)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$3,884	$3,884
Amount appropriated in this Act	$610,493	$9,563,332

24.24. State Schools

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare sensory-impaired and multi-disabled students to become productive citizens by providing a learning environment addressing their academic, vocational, and social development.

Total Funds	$40,317,388
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,146,556
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.994)	$112,501
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,034,055
Other Funds	$1,111,904
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,111,904
State Funds	$38,058,928
State General Funds	$38,058,928

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$39,091,861	$41,350,321
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$5,904	$5,904
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$3,048	$3,048
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($64,350)	($64,350)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($1,448,541)	($1,448,541)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$1,180	$1,180
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$469,826	$469,826
Reduce funds for training and experience. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$38,058,928	$40,317,388

24.25. Student Support Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for additional school-based social workers above what is earned in the Quality Basic Education formula and for grants to providers of out-of-school care.

Total Funds	$39,830,864
State Funds	$39,830,864
State General Funds	$39,830,864

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$49,741,982	$49,741,982
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$13,085	$13,085
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$920	$920
Eliminate one-time pilot funds to districts for targeted support to economically disadvantaged students.	($15,275,991)	($15,275,991)
Increase formula funds for grants for social work services.	$1,550,868	$1,550,868
Increase funds for mental health support grants to reflect accurate count of middle and high schools.	$1,300,000	$1,300,000

Recognize existing funds ($800,000) for administering grants and increase funds for additional out-of-school care for statewide and community grantees.	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$39,830,864	$39,830,864

24.26. Technology/Career Education

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to equip students with academic, vocational, technical, and leadership skills and to extend learning opportunities beyond the traditional school day and year.

Total Funds	$83,354,672
Federal Funds and Grants	$51,180,613
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$51,180,613
Other Funds	$4,471,250
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$4,471,250
State Funds	$27,702,809
State General Funds	$27,702,809

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$26,167,196	$81,819,059
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$54,863	$54,863
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($4,307)	($4,307)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($96,962)	($96,962)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$5,214	$5,214
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$26,805	$26,805
Increase funds for high-demand equipment grants.	$750,000	$750,000
Increase funds for high-demand heavy equipment simulator grants.	$800,000	$800,000
Increase funds for an artificial intelligence and coding literacy program. *(CC:Increase funds for an artificial intelligence and coding literacy program.)*	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Reduce funds for one-time funding and completion of construction industry certification program.	($1,000,000)	($1,000,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$27,702,809	$83,354,672

24.27. Testing

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the statewide student assessment program and provide related testing instruments and training to local schools.

Total Funds	$36,984,373
Federal Funds and Grants	$18,049,276
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$18,049,276
State Funds	$18,935,097
State General Funds	$18,935,097

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$19,048,403	$37,097,679

Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$1,211	$1,211
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($8,128)	($8,128)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($182,959)	($182,959)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$11,209	$11,209
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$65,361	$65,361
Amount appropriated in this Act	$18,935,097	$36,984,373

24.28. Tuition for Multiple Disability Students

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to partially reimburse school systems for private residential placements when the school system is unable to provide an appropriate program for a multi-disabled student.

Total Funds	$1,451,946
State Funds	$1,451,946
State General Funds	$1,451,946

Section 25: Employees' Retirement System of Georgia

Total Funds	**$102,416,410**
Other Funds	**$37,418,742**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$37,418,742
State Funds	**$64,997,668**
State General Funds	$64,997,668

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution rate for the Employees' Retirement System shall not exceed 32.20% for New Plan employees and 27.45% for Old Plan employees. For the GSEPS employees, the employer contribution rate shall not exceed 28.43% for the pension portion of the benefit and 9.0% in employer match contributions for the 401(k) portion of the benefit. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution for Public School Employees' Retirement System shall not exceed $1,076.05 per member for State Fiscal Year 2027.

25.1. Deferred Compensation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide excellent service to participants in the deferred compensation program for all employees of the state, giving them an effective supplement for their retirement planning.

Total Funds	$5,290,536
Other Funds	$5,290,536
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$5,290,536

25.2. Georgia Military Pension Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirement allowances and other benefits for members of the Georgia National Guard.

Total Funds	$2,705,268
State Funds	$2,705,268
State General Funds	$2,705,268

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,781,444	$2,781,444

Reduce funds for the actuarially determined employer contribution in accordance with the most recent actuarial report.	($76,176)	($76,176)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,705,268	$2,705,268

25.3. Public School Employees Retirement System

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to account for the receipt of retirement contributions, ensure sound investing of system funds, and provide timely and accurate payment of retirement benefits.

Total Funds	$35,532,000
State Funds	$35,532,000
State General Funds	$35,532,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$40,895,000	$40,895,000
Reduce funds for the actuarially determined employer contribution in accordance with the most recent actuarial report.	($5,363,000)	($5,363,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$35,532,000	$35,532,000

25.4. System Administration (ERS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to collect employee and employer contributions, invest the accumulated funds, and disburse retirement benefits to members and beneficiaries.

Total Funds	$58,888,606
Other Funds	$32,128,206
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$32,128,206
State Funds	$26,760,400
State General Funds	$26,760,400

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$36,760,400	$68,888,606
Eliminate one-time funds and recognize existing funds ($26,750,000) for an annual supplemental payment to eligible retired members. *(CC:Reduce funds for one-time funding.)*	($10,000,000)	($10,000,000)
Recognize $26,750,000 in existing funds for an annual supplemental payment to eligible retired members. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Increase funds to additionally fund Employees' Retirement System to trigger regular and annual cost of living adjustments. *(CC:Yes; Reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System to trigger regular and annual cost of living adjustments. (Total Funds: $100,000,000))*	$0	$0
Provide funds pending passage of SB 143 (2026 Session) as required by the actuary. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Provide funds pending passage of SB 216 (2026 Session) as required by the actuary. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Provide funds pending passage of SB 261 (2026 Session) as required by the actuary. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$26,760,400	$58,888,606

Section 26: Forestry Commission, State

Total Funds	**$71,844,413**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$6,988,753**

Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$6,988,753
Other Funds	**$9,427,187**
Agency Funds	$428,645
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$8,998,542
State Funds	**$55,378,473**
State General Funds	$55,378,473
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$50,000**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$50,000

26.1. Commission Administration (SFC)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer workforce needs, handle purchasing, accounts receivable and payable, meet information technology needs, and provide oversight that emphasizes customer values and process innovation.

Total Funds	$7,836,539
Federal Funds and Grants	$123,800
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$123,800
Other Funds	$507,780
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$507,780
State Funds	$7,204,959
State General Funds	$7,204,959

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$7,171,601	$7,803,181
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$980	$980
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$17,981	$17,981
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($225,526)	($225,526)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$18,612	$18,612
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$72,766	$72,766
Increase funds for grants to counties with more than 20,000 acres of state-owned land pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-14-1.	$148,545	$148,545
Increase funds to promote forestry. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$7,204,959	$7,836,539

26.2. Forest Management

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure the stewardship of forest lands; to collect and analyze state forestry inventory data; to administer federal forestry cost share assistance programs; to study forest health and invasive species control issues; to manage state-owned forests; to educate private forest landowners and timber harvesters about best management practices; to assist communities with management of forested greenspace; to promote and obtain conservation easements; to manage Georgia's Carbon Registry; to promote retention, investment, and/or expansion of new emerging and existing forest and forest biomass industries, and, during extreme fire danger, to provide logistical, overhead, and direct fire suppression assistance to the Forest Protection program.

Total Funds	$9,295,149
Federal Funds and Grants	$3,682,151
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,682,151
Other Funds	$1,089,732

Agency Funds	$428,645
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$661,087
State Funds	$4,473,266
State General Funds	$4,473,266
Intra-State Government Transfers	$50,000
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$50,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$4,682,080	$9,503,963
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$1,149	$1,149
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$18,477	$18,477
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($231,746)	($231,746)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$63,306	$63,306
Transfer funds for a duplicative county grant to the Forest Protection program to offset increased fire suppression costs.	($60,000)	($60,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,473,266	$9,295,149

26.3. Forest Protection

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an aggressive and efficient response and suppression of forest fires in the unincorporated areas of the State; to mitigate hazardous forest fuels; to issue burn permits, to provide statewide education in the prevention of wildfires; to perform wildfire arson investigations; to promote community wildland fire planning and protection through cooperative agreements with fire departments; to train and certify firefighters in wildland firefighting; to provide assistance and support to rural fire departments including selling wildland fire engines and tankers; and to support the Forest Management program during periods of low fire danger.

Total Funds	$52,530,225
Federal Funds and Grants	$3,049,085
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,049,085
Other Funds	$6,756,312
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$6,756,312
State Funds	$42,724,828
State General Funds	$42,724,828

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$41,181,198	$50,984,191
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$142,759	$142,759
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$0	$2,404
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($1,790,547)	($1,790,547)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$566,679	$566,679

Transfer funds from the Forest Management program and utilize existing funds ($1,010,738) to offset increased fire suppression costs resulting from increased maintenance costs and workload. (Total Funds: $1,070,738)	$60,000	$60,000
Increase funds for the operation of a new helicopter purchased in FY 2025.	$428,000	$428,000
Increase funds for personnel to promote retention.	$2,136,739	$2,136,739
Amount appropriated in this Act	$42,724,828	$52,530,225

26.4. Special Project - Forest Protection

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for overtime pay earned by firefighters while awaiting reimbursements from the federal government or other states.

Total Funds	$975,420
State Funds	$975,420
State General Funds	$975,420

26.5. Tree Seedling Nursery

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to produce an adequate quantity of high quality forest tree seedlings for sale at reasonable cost to Georgia landowners.

Total Funds	$1,207,080
Federal Funds and Grants	$133,717
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$133,717
Other Funds	$1,073,363
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,073,363

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Total Funds	**$101,896,014**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$31,454,912**
Child Care & Development Block Grant (CFDA 93.575)	$1,160,730
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$30,294,182
Other Funds	**$817,856**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$817,856
State Funds	**$69,623,246**
State General Funds	$69,623,246

The Mansion allowance shall be $60,000.

27.1. Governor's Office

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide numerous duties including, but not limited to: granting commissions, appointments and vacancies, maintaining order, and temporary transfer of institutions between departments or agencies. The Mansion allowance per O.C.G.A. 45-7-4 shall be $60,000.

Total Funds	$6,439,894
State Funds	$6,439,894
State General Funds	$6,439,894

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$6,901,111	$6,901,111
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$148	$148

Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($9,952)	($9,952)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$58,864	$58,864
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($697,754)	($697,754)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$77,664	$77,664
Transfer funds from the Office of Health Strategy and Coordination program to the Governor's Office to align budget with expenditures.	$109,813	$109,813
Amount appropriated in this Act	$6,439,894	$6,439,894

27.2. Governor's Emergency Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide emergency funds to draw on when disasters create extraordinary demands on government.

Total Funds	$11,062,041
State Funds	$11,062,041
State General Funds	$11,062,041

27.3. Governor's Office of Planning and Budget

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to improve state government operations and services by leading and assisting in the evaluation, development, and implementation of budgets, plans, programs, and policies.

Total Funds	$8,696,040
State Funds	$8,696,040
State General Funds	$8,696,040

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$9,053,931	$9,053,931
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($405)	($405)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$12,443	$12,443
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($307,889)	($307,889)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$38,343	$38,343
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$94,373	$94,373
Eliminate funds for one position and operations to support State Workforce Board responsibilities.	($194,756)	($194,756)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,696,040	$8,696,040

27.4. Georgia Data Analytic Center

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to consolidate data and analytics from across state government to provide transparency and accountability to lawmakers, agencies, researchers, and the public.

Total Funds	$2,909,898
State Funds	$2,909,898
State General Funds	$2,909,898

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,999,667	$1,999,667
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$187	$187
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($806)	($806)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,810	$1,810
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($44,783)	($44,783)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$15,263	$15,263
Transfer funds from the Office of Health Strategy and Coordination program to the Georgia Data Analytic Center program to align budget for the All Payer Claims Database and associated operations.	$938,560	$938,560
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,909,898	$2,909,898

27.5. Office of Health Strategy and Coordination

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to share healthcare information and coordinate policy between state agencies, healthcare providers, and the public; coordinate the state's healthcare system; and develop innovative approaches for lowering costs while improving access to quality healthcare.

Total Funds $0

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,991,567	$1,991,567
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($1,781)	($1,781)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$919	$919
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($22,744)	($22,744)
Reduce funds based on projected expenditures.	($919,588)	($919,588)
Transfer funds from the Office of Health Strategy and Coordination program to the University System of Georgia for the All Payer Claims Database and associated operations. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Transfer funds from the Office of Health Strategy and Coordination program to the Georgia Data Analytic Center program to align budget for the All Payer Claims Database and associated operations.	($938,560)	($938,560)
Transfer funds from the Office of Health Strategy and Coordination program to the Governor's Office to align budget with expenditures.	($109,813)	($109,813)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$0

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

27.6. Office of the Child Advocate

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide independent oversight of persons, organizations, and agencies responsible for the protection and well-being of children.

Total Funds $1,427,732

State Funds $1,427,732

State General Funds $1,427,732

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,475,882	$1,475,882
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($1,346)	($1,346)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$2,687	$2,687
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($67,727)	($67,727)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$18,236	$18,236
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,427,732	$1,427,732

27.7. Georgia Commission on Equal Opportunity

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the Georgia Fair Employment Practices Act of 1978, as amended, and the Fair Housing Act, which makes it unlawful to discriminate against any individual.

Total Funds	$1,799,927
Federal Funds and Grants	$441,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$441,000
State Funds	$1,358,927
State General Funds	$1,358,927

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,400,557	$1,841,557
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($150)	($150)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$3,416	$3,416
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($64,553)	($64,553)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$19,657	$19,657
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,358,927	$1,799,927

27.8. Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a disaster, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery program by coordinating federal, state, and other resources and supporting local governments to respond to major disasters and emergency events, and to coordinate state resources for the preparation and prevention of threats and acts of terrorism and to serve as the State's point of contact for the federal Department of Homeland Security.

Total Funds	$42,180,432
Federal Funds and Grants	$29,703,182
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$29,703,182
Other Funds	$807,856
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$807,856
State Funds	$11,669,394
State General Funds	$11,669,394

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$5,004,456	$35,515,494
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($1,037)	($1,037)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,260)	($1,260)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($227,642)	($227,642)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$74,904	$74,904
Increase funds to meet federal matching requirements for emergency preparedness. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Transfer funds from the Georgia Bureau of Investigations to the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency for gang case management system support. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Transfer funds from the Department of Public Safety to the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency for the protection of communities through the Nonprofit Security Grant Program. *(CC:Transfer funds from the Department of Public Safety to the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency and increase funds for the protection of communities through the Nonprofit Security Grant Program.)*	$5,000,000	$5,000,000
Increase funds for operations. *(CC:Increase funds for operations.)*	$919,973	$919,973
Increase funds for emergency services. *(CC:Increase funds for one-time emergency services.)*	$900,000	$900,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$11,669,394	$42,180,432

27.9. Office of the State Inspector General

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to foster and promote accountability and integrity in state government by investigating and preventing fraud, waste, and abuse.

Total Funds	$1,770,508
State Funds	$1,770,508
State General Funds	$1,770,508

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,829,910	$1,829,910
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($119)	($119)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($4,813)	($4,813)
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$5,778	$5,778
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($84,625)	($84,625)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$24,377	$24,377
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,770,508	$1,770,508

27.10. Georgia Professional Standards Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to direct the preparation of, certify, recognize, and recruit Georgia educators, and to enforce standards regarding educator professional preparation, performance, and ethics.

Total Funds	$10,519,278
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,310,730
Child Care & Development Block Grant (CFDA 93.575)	$1,160,730
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$150,000
Other Funds	$10,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$10,000
State Funds	$9,198,548
State General Funds	$9,198,548

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$8,952,136	$10,272,866
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$150	$150
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($3,202)	($3,202)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,580	$1,580
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($395,157)	($395,157)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$119,797	$119,797
Eliminate funds for one-time computer and startup costs for two ethics investigator positions.	($4,722)	($4,722)
Increase funds to provide four additional program approval specialists to support early literacy efforts. *(CC:Increase funds to provide four additional program approval specialists to support early literacy efforts.)*	$527,966	$527,966
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,198,548	$10,519,278

27.11. Governor's Office of Student Achievement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support educational accountability, evaluation, and reporting efforts, establishment of standards on state assessments, the preparation and release of the state's education report card and scoreboard, and education research to inform policy and budget efforts.

Total Funds	$9,011,519
State Funds	$9,011,519
State General Funds	$9,011,519

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$4,352,825	$4,352,825
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$457	$457
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($10,613)	($10,613)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($15,693)	($15,693)

Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($211,314)	($211,314)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$49,687	$49,687
Increase funds for ongoing operational costs associated with new responsibilities to support Top State for Talent initiatives including a Career Navigator system.	$3,978,450	$3,978,450
Increase funds for personal services and operating expenses for three new policy and reporting positions. *(CC:Increase funds for personnel and operations for two new policy reporting positions.)*	$301,720	$301,720
Increase funds for professional learning and development for current teachers, literacy coaches, and administrators. *(CC:Increase funds for professional learning and development for current teachers, literacy coaches, and administrators.)*	$150,000	$150,000
Increase funds to support the review and recommendations of high quality instructional literacy materials in Pre-K through third grade. *(CC:Increase funds to support the review and recommendations of high quality instructional literacy materials in Pre-K through third grade.)*	$330,000	$330,000
Provide funds for the review and recommendations of universal reading screeners. *(CC:Provide funds for the review and recommendations of universal reading screeners.)*	$96,000	$96,000
Transfer funds from the Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Literacy Initiative Coordination program to the Governor's Office of Student Achievement program for two positions to coordinate with the Department of Education on regional and school-based literacy coach initiatives and for the free universal screener. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Transfer funds for state participation in regional crisis recovery network at the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) to support student mental health to the Board of Regents to be included with SREB payments.	($10,000)	($10,000)
The office shall submit quarterly reports on all initiatives, activities, and results related to funded programs including, but not limited to, literacy activities and Career Navigator to the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committee, the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Education Subcommittees, the House Budget and Research Office, and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office beginning July 1, 2026. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,011,519	$9,011,519

27.12. Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's Honors Program

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide gifted high school students a summer program of challenging and enriching educational opportunities not usually available during the regular school year.

Total Funds	$1,671,156
State Funds	$1,671,156
State General Funds	$1,671,156

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,658,765	$1,658,765
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,211)	($1,211)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($16,305)	($16,305)

Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$29,907	$29,907
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,671,156	$1,671,156

27.13. Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's School Leadership Academy

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide high-quality, selective, statewide leadership preparation and support designed to develop high-capacity school leaders across Georgia.

Total Funds $0

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,615,233	$2,615,233
Eliminate funds for the Governor's School Leadership Academy.	($2,615,233)	($2,615,233)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$0

27.14. Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Literacy Initiative Coordination

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for personnel and operations for the Georgia Council on Literacy and support the implementation of effective literacy methods, including competency-based research and training, literacy coach coordination, universal reading screeners for K through 3, and digital curriculum for Pre-K through 5.

Total Funds $4,407,589

State Funds $4,407,589

State General Funds $4,407,589

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$5,275,173	$5,275,173
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($659)	($659)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($8,870)	($8,870)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$1,752	$1,752
Eliminate one-time funds for a research contract.	($2,028,970)	($2,028,970)
Provide one-time funds to conduct phase two research and landscape analysis, conduct a leadership pilot with selected RESAs, and establish a framework for the Georgia READS community collaborative. *(CC:Provide one-time funds to conduct phase two research and landscape analysis, conduct a leadership pilot with selected RESAs, establish a framework for the Georgia READS community collaborative, and provide ongoing data monitoring and quarterly reports to the Georgia Literacy Coordinating Committee, the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, the chairs of the House and Senate Education Appropriations Subcommittees, the chair of the House Education Committee, the chair of the Senate Education and Youth Committee, the House Budget and Research Office, and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office beginning July 1, 2026.)*	$1,583,000	$1,583,000
Increase funds to establish an applied reading center that will design professional development programming for teachers and literacy coaches, to include assessment of competencies prior to professional learning and model teacher preparation programs. *(CC:Yes; Reflect funds in the University System of Georgia Regents.)*	$0	$0

Increase funds for a director of literacy. *(CC:Increase funds for a director of literacy.)*	$250,000	$250,000
Reduce funds pursuant to HB 1193 (2026 Session).	($663,837)	($663,837)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,407,589	$4,407,589

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Total Funds	**$2,575,795,477**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$1,381,890,243**
Community Service Block Grant (CFDA 93.569)	$11,785,851
Foster Care Title IV-E (CFDA 93.658)	$95,454,144
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (CFDA 93.568)	$75,051,873
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$216,761,365
Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667)	$20,978,306
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$2,644,189
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$402,866,078
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$556,348,437
Other Funds	**$27,556,219**
Agency Funds	$3,400,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$24,156,219
State Funds	**$1,165,794,109**
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$136,314
State Children's Trust Funds	$1,187,489
State General Funds	$1,164,470,306
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$554,906**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$554,906

All Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefit payments are calculated utilizing a factor of 66.0% of the standards of need; such payments shall be made from the date of certification and not from the date of application; and the following maximum benefits and maximum standards of need shall apply:
For an assistance group of one, the standard of need is $235, and the maximum monthly amount is $155.
For an assistance group of two, the standard of need is $356, and the maximum monthly amount is $235.
For an assistance group of three, the standard of need is $424, and the maximum monthly amount is $280.
For an assistance group of four, the standard of need is $500, and the maximum monthly amount is $330.
For an assistance group of five, the standard of need is $573, and the maximum monthly amount is $378.
For an assistance group of six, the standard of need is $621, and the maximum monthly amount is $410.
For an assistance group of seven, the standard of need is $672, and the maximum monthly amount is $444.
For an assistance group of eight, the standard of need is $713, and the maximum monthly amount is $470.
For an assistance group of nine, the standard of need is $751, and the maximum monthly amount is $496.
For an assistance group of ten, the standard of need is $804, and the maximum monthly amount is $530.
For an assistance group of eleven, the standard of need is $860, and the maximum monthly amount is $568.
Provided, the Department of Human Services is authorized to make supplemental payments on these maximum monthly amounts up to the amount that is equal to the minimum hourly wage for clients who are enrolled in subsidized work experience and subsidized employment.

28.1. Adoptions Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support and facilitate the safe permanent placement of children by prescreening families and providing support and financial services after adoption.

Total Funds	$125,761,202
Federal Funds and Grants	$81,791,478
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$9,121,401
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$72,670,077
State Funds	$43,969,724
State General Funds	$43,969,724

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$45,396,313	$127,187,791
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($36,531)	($36,531)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($1,162,819)	($1,162,819)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$46,543	$46,543
Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.40% to 66.63%.	($273,782)	($273,782)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$43,969,724	$125,761,202

28.2. Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote child abuse and neglect prevention programs and support child victims of abuse.

Total Funds	$12,510,299
Federal Funds and Grants	$7,556,577
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$2,966,090
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$4,590,487
State Funds	$4,953,722
State Children's Trust Funds	$1,187,489
State General Funds	$3,766,233

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$4,277,622	$11,834,199
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($15,915)	($15,915)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($506,583)	($506,583)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$20,544	$20,544
Reduce funds to reflect FY 2025 collections of marriage and divorce filing fees pursuant to HB 511 (2021 Session).	($35,348)	($35,348)
Increase funds to expand services for at-risk girls. *(CC:No; Recognize $725,000 in base funding for services for at-risk girls.)*	$0	$0
Increase funds ($1,213,402) and utilize Children Trust Funds ($786,598) for the court appointed special advocates (CASA) to enhance statewide capacity (Total funds: $2,000,000).	$1,213,402	$1,213,402
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,953,722	$12,510,299

28.3. Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention - Special Project

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for an integrated child welfare reporting system.

Total Funds	$0

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$0	$0

Provide funds for an integrated child welfare reporting system. *(CC:No; Reflect funds for an integrated child welfare reporting system in the Georgia Bureau of Investigation.)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$0

28.4. Child Support Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to encourage and enforce the parental responsibility of paying financial support.

Total Funds	$162,408,741
Federal Funds and Grants	$120,467,708
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$120,467,708
Other Funds	$3,400,000
Agency Funds	$3,400,000
State Funds	$38,145,273
State General Funds	$38,145,273
Intra-State Government Transfers	$395,760
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$395,760

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$34,390,191	$150,952,903
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($39,581)	($39,581)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($17,433)	($17,433)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($1,132,942)	($1,132,942)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$432,750	$432,750
Increase funds to maintain software applications on the Georgia Technology Authority mainframe.	$3,637,354	$10,458,146
Increase funds for judicial circuit contracts to restore FY 2021 budget reductions.	$456,374	$1,336,338
Increase funds to support the attainment of child support for out of state non-custodial parents. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Increase hourly rates for special assistant attorneys general (SAAGs) and paralegals.	$418,560	$418,560
Amount appropriated in this Act	$38,145,273	$162,408,741

28.5. Child Welfare Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate allegations of child abuse, abandonment, and neglect, and to provide services to protect the child and strengthen the family.

Total Funds	$538,306,408
Federal Funds and Grants	$296,862,325
Foster Care Title IV-E (CFDA 93.658)	$46,855,776
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$580,858
Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667)	$3,665,164
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$2,644,189
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$209,104,473
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$34,011,865
State Funds	$241,284,937
State General Funds	$241,284,937

Intra-State Government Transfers	$159,146
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$159,146

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$246,970,227	$543,991,698
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($304,062)	($304,062)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($9,678,553)	($9,678,553)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$372,856	$372,856
Transfer funds for community action teams to deter child welfare involvement from Out-of-Home Care to Child Welfare Services to align budgets with expenditures.	$371,500	$371,500
Reduce funds for technology platform for community service referral to reflect projected expenditures.	($50,000)	($50,000)
Increase hourly rates for special assistant attorneys general (SAAGs) and paralegals.	$2,302,969	$2,302,969
Increase funds ($178,054) and utilize Children Trust Funds ($821,946) for the court appointed special advocates (CASA) to enhance statewide capacity (Total funds: $1,000,000). *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Increase funds to support reunification, youth exiting foster care, and families at risk of child welfare involvement.	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Transfer funds from the Department of Human Services to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the administration of child advocacy centers.	($1,000,000)	($1,000,000)
Increase funds to expand autism pilot for foster children pursuant to HB 943 and SB 402 (2026 Session). (Total Funds: $1,200,000)	$800,000	$800,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$241,284,937	$538,306,408

28.6. Community Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services and activities through local agencies to assist low-income Georgians with employment, education, nutrition, and housing services.

Total Funds	$11,527,897
Federal Funds and Grants	$11,527,897
Community Service Block Grant (CFDA 93.569)	$11,527,897

28.7. Departmental Administration (DHS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration and support for the Divisions and Operating Office in meeting the needs of the people of Georgia.

Total Funds	$123,848,468
Federal Funds and Grants	$44,273,529
Community Service Block Grant (CFDA 93.569)	$165,047
Foster Care Title IV-E (CFDA 93.658)	$6,380,087
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (CFDA 93.568)	$344,280
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$6,532,450
Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667)	$25,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$4,841,607
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$25,985,058
Other Funds	$13,602,976
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$13,602,976

State Funds	$65,971,963
State General Funds	$65,971,963

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$62,135,630	$125,937,572
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($33,417)	($33,417)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($47,077)	($47,077)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($3,059,417)	($3,059,417)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$80,124	$80,124
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$973,878	$973,878
Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (eFMAP) from 76.48% to 76.64%.	($3,195)	($3,195)
Increase funds to reflect a reduction in the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) administrative reimbursement from 50% to 25%.	$5,925,437	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$65,971,963	$123,848,468

28.8. Elder Abuse Investigations and Prevention

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to prevent disabled adults and elder persons from abuse, exploitation and neglect, and investigate situations where it might have occurred.

Total Funds	$37,240,911
Federal Funds and Grants	$7,689,877
Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667)	$4,970,060
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,719,817
State Funds	$29,551,034
State General Funds	$29,551,034

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$30,886,034	$38,575,911
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($9,164)	($9,164)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($26,372)	($26,372)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($1,713,820)	($1,713,820)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$406,068	$406,068
Increase hourly rates for special assistant attorneys general (SAAGs) and paralegals.	$8,288	$8,288
Amount appropriated in this Act	$29,551,034	$37,240,911

28.9. Elder Community Living Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgians who need nursing home level of care the option of remaining in their own communities.

Total Funds	$119,620,756

Federal Funds and Grants	$58,947,806
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$250,000
Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667)	$12,141,007
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$46,556,799
Other Funds	$250,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$250,000
State Funds	$60,422,950
State General Funds	$60,422,950

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$53,817,460	$113,015,266
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,604)	($1,604)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($104,225)	($104,225)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$26,319	$26,319
Increase funds for Georgia Memory Net for service and treatment expansion.	$3,320,000	$3,320,000
Provide funds for non-Medicaid home and community-based services (HCBS).	$1,365,000	$1,365,000
Increase funds for caregiver support services.	$2,000,000	$2,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$60,422,950	$119,620,756

28.10. Energy Assistance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist low-income households in meeting their immediate home energy needs.

Total Funds	$72,852,525
Federal Funds and Grants	$72,852,525
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (CFDA 93.568)	$72,852,525

28.11. Federal Eligibility Benefit Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to verify eligibility and provide support services for Medicaid, Food Stamp, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

Total Funds	$494,477,878
Federal Funds and Grants	$282,811,274
Community Service Block Grant (CFDA 93.569)	$92,907
Foster Care Title IV-E (CFDA 93.658)	$7,222,080
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (CFDA 93.568)	$1,855,068
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$208,061,092
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$15,861,324
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$49,718,803
State Funds	$211,666,604
State General Funds	$211,666,604

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$162,674,638	$485,914,880
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$2,544	$2,544

Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($116,895)	($116,895)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($3,720,881)	($3,720,881)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$28,316	$28,316
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$158,944	$158,944
Increase funds to reflect a reduction in the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) administrative reimbursement from 50% to 25%.	$40,428,968	$0
Increase funds for a SNAP payment accuracy innovation effort to reduce the SNAP payment error rate. *(CC:Increase funds to reduce the SNAP payment error rate.)*	$6,884,013	$6,884,013
Utilize existing funds available due to completion of redetermination ($11,148,272) to recognize the increase in staff costs due to the change in CMS policy on the enhanced federal matching rate. *(CC:Increase funds to recognize the increase in staff costs due to the change in CMS policy on the enhanced federal matching rate.)*	$5,326,957	$5,326,957
The Department of Human Services shall take all necessary actions to ensure that any federal financial liabilities or penalties imposed on the state are minimized and shall submit a corrective action plan detailing specific administrative, eligibility, and verification reforms necessary to reduce the state's SNAP error rate to at or below 6% and mitigate any federal financial penalties imposed on the state. Such plan shall include, but not be limited to: enhanced eligibility verification procedures; data-matching and fraud detection improvements; staffing and training adjustments necessary to ensure compliance; and projected timelines for achieving compliance with federal error rate standards and shall be submitted to the Office of Planning and Budget, the House Budget and Research Office, and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office by July 1, 2026. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$211,666,604	$494,477,878

28.12. Out-of-Home Care

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide safe and appropriate temporary homes for children removed from their families due to neglect, abuse, or abandonment.

Total Funds	$556,580,812
Federal Funds and Grants	$130,005,561
Foster Care Title IV-E (CFDA 93.658)	$34,482,377
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$95,376,053
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$147,131
State Funds	$426,575,251
State General Funds	$426,575,251

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$368,397,670	$495,008,181
Transfer funds for a Commercial Sexual Exploitation Recovery Center (CSERC) from the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission to the Out-of-Home Care program to align expenditures with program purpose and allow for maximization of federal matching funds (Total Funds: $8,121,840).	$8,121,840	$8,121,840

Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.40% to 66.63%.	($122,759)	($122,759)
Eliminate funds for one-time funding for essential clothing and supplies for foster youth. *(CC:Increase funds for essential clothing and supplies for foster youth.)*	$300,000	$300,000
Eliminate funds for one-time funding to place foster youth closer to their biological families. *(CC:Increase funds to place foster youth closer to their biological families.)*	$250,000	$250,000
Transfer funds for community action teams to deter child welfare involvement from Out-of-Home Care to Child Welfare Services to align budgets with expenditures.	($371,500)	($371,500)
Increase funds ($19,401,801) for utilization growth and increased costs of care and transfer funds from the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission ($1,892,348) to recognize savings from federal match for the above referenced CSERC and increase funds ($19,401,801) for utilization growth and increased costs of care. *(CC:Increase funds for utilization growth and increased costs of care.)*	$50,000,000	$53,395,050
Amount appropriated in this Act	$426,575,251	$556,580,812

28.13. Out-of-School Care Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the provision of out-of-school services and draw down TANF maintenance of effort funds.

Total Funds	$16,550,000
Federal Funds and Grants	$15,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$15,500,000
State Funds	$1,050,000
State General Funds	$1,050,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$0	$15,500,000
Increase funds for community youth wellness. *(CC:Increase funds for community youth wellness.)*	$50,000	$50,000
Increase funds to administer a summer nutrition program for eligible students in coordination with the Department of Education.	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,050,000	$16,550,000

28.14. Refugee Assistance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide employment, health screening, medical, cash, and social services assistance to refugees.

Total Funds	$20,174,463
Federal Funds and Grants	$20,174,463
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$20,174,463

28.15. Residential Child Care Licensing

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health and safety of children who receive full-time care outside of their homes by licensing, monitoring, and inspecting residential care providers.

Total Funds	$2,933,837
Federal Funds and Grants	$513,824
Foster Care Title IV-E (CFDA 93.658)	$513,824
State Funds	$2,420,013

State General Funds $2,420,013

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,569,435	$3,083,259
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($233)	($233)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($2,982)	($2,982)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($193,787)	($193,787)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$47,580	$47,580
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,420,013	$2,933,837

28.16. Support for Needy Families - Basic Assistance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide cash assistance to needy families in compliance with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

Total Funds $36,523,008
Federal Funds and Grants $36,453,008
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558) $36,453,008
State Funds $70,000
State General Funds $70,000

28.17. Support for Needy Families - Work Assistance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist needy Georgian families in achieving self-sufficiency by obtaining and keeping employment as well as complying with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

Total Funds $20,477,236
Federal Funds and Grants $20,377,236
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558) $13,642,122
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified $6,735,114
State Funds $100,000
State General Funds $100,000

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

28.18. Council On Aging

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist older individuals, at-risk adults, persons with disabilities, their families and caregivers in achieving safe, healthy, independent and self-reliant lives.

Total Funds $396,420
State Funds $396,420
State General Funds $396,420

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$466,562	$466,562
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($20,815)	($20,815)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$7,052	$7,052

Reduce funds for personal services. (See HB 68 (2025 Session) intent language considered non-binding by the Governor.)	($56,379)	($56,379)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$396,420	$396,420

28.19. Family Connection

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a statewide network of county collaboratives that work to improve conditions for children and families.

Total Funds	$11,696,854
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,336,965
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$1,336,965
State Funds	$10,359,889
State General Funds	$10,359,889

28.20. Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Business Enterprise Program

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people who are blind in becoming successful contributors to the state's economy.

Total Funds	$3,100,511
Federal Funds and Grants	$2,779,295
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,779,295
State Funds	$321,216
State General Funds	$321,216

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$335,520	$3,114,815
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$191	$191
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($18,718)	($18,718)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$4,223	$4,223
Amount appropriated in this Act	$321,216	$3,100,511

28.21. Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Departmental Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to help people with disabilities to become fully productive members of society by achieving independence and meaningful employment.

Total Funds	$12,393,097
Federal Funds and Grants	$8,866,476
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$8,866,476
Other Funds	$284,597
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$284,597
State Funds	$3,242,024
State General Funds	$3,242,024

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,587,333	$12,738,406
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$191	$191
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($6,167)	($6,167)

Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$4,979	$4,979
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($488,277)	($488,277)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	($8,273)	($8,273)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$152,238	$152,238
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,242,024	$12,393,097

28.22. Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Disability Adjudication Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to efficiently process applications for federal disability programs so that eligible Georgia citizens can obtain support.

Total Funds	$64,972,843
Federal Funds and Grants	$64,972,843
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$64,972,843

28.23. Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Georgia Industries for the Blind

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to employ people who are blind in manufacturing and packaging facilities in Bainbridge and Griffin.

Total Funds	$4,810,758
Other Funds	$4,810,758
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$4,810,758

28.24. Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Vocational Rehabilitation Program

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people with disabilities so that they may go to work.

Total Funds	$126,394,239
Federal Funds and Grants	$96,129,576
Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667)	$177,075
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$95,952,501
Other Funds	$5,207,888
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$5,207,888
State Funds	$25,056,775
State General Funds	$25,056,775

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$25,147,327	$126,307,716
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($2,908)	($2,908)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$13,522	$13,522
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($1,326,214)	($1,326,214)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$502,123	$502,123
Increase funds to supply new and used durable medical equipment and assistive technology.	$47,925	$225,000
Increase funds for family support services. *(CC:Yes; Reflect funds in the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Adult Developmental Disabilities Services program.)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for independent living services.	$675,000	$675,000

Amount appropriated in this Act	$25,056,775	$126,394,239

28.25. Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds to the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission for the purposes of providing care, rehabilitative services, residential housing, health services, and social services to sexually exploited children.

Total Funds	$236,314
State Funds	$236,314
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$136,314
State General Funds	$100,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$8,356,049	$8,356,049
Transfer funds for a Commercial Sexual Exploitation Recovery Center (CSERC) from the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission to the Out-of-Home Care program to align expenditures with program purpose and allow for maximization of federal matching funds.	($8,121,840)	($8,121,840)
Increase funds to reflect FY 2025 collections of financial penalties for sex trafficking and sexual offenses pursuant to O.C.G.A. 15-21-208 and adult entertainment establishment assessments pursuant to O.C.G.A. 15-21-209.	$2,105	$2,105
Amount appropriated in this Act	$236,314	$236,314

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Total Funds	**$1,382,175,881**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$1,016,575,819**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,016,575,819
Other Funds	**$246,223,715**
Agency Funds	$21,816,597
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$224,407,118
State Funds	**$118,808,742**
State General Funds	$118,808,742
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$567,605**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$567,605

29.1. Departmental Administration (COI)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to be responsible for protecting the rights of Georgia citizens in insurance and maintain a fire-safe environment.

Total Funds	$2,427,254
Other Funds	$2,427,254
Agency Funds	$2,377,654
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$49,600

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,594,229	$2,643,829
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($2,568)	($2,568)

Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($38,891)	($38,891)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($180,222)	($180,222)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$5,106	$5,106
Replace all state funds with other funds in recognition of increased appointment fees generated by the Insurance Regulation program.	($2,377,654)	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$2,427,254

29.2. Enforcement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide legal advice and to initiate legal proceedings with regard to enforcement of specific provisions of state law relating to insurance, fire safety, and fraud.

Total Funds	$499,921
Other Funds	$499,921
Agency Funds	$499,921

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$582,923	$582,923
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($1,155)	($1,155)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($15,007)	($15,007)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($69,544)	($69,544)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$2,704	$2,704
Replace all state funds with other funds in recognition of increased appointment fees generated by the Insurance Regulation program.	($499,921)	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$499,921

29.3. Fire Safety

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote fire safety awareness through education and training, and to protect the public from fire and limit the loss of life and property by setting the minimum fire safety standards in the state, enforcing and regulating fire safety rules for public buildings and manufactured housing, and regulating the storage, transportation, and handling of hazardous materials, and elevators, boilers and carnivals.

Total Funds	$20,836,841
Federal Funds and Grants	$742,458
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$742,458
Other Funds	$4,390,389
Agency Funds	$3,982,139
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$408,250
State Funds	$15,703,994
State General Funds	$15,703,994

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$16,129,615	$21,262,462
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($119,591)	($119,591)

Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$10,226	$10,226
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($554,181)	($554,181)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$237,925	$237,925
Amount appropriated in this Act	$15,703,994	$20,836,841

29.4. Insurance Regulation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that licensed insurance entities maintain solvency and conform to state law by conducting financial and market examinations, investigating policyholder complaints, monitoring for compliance with state laws and regulations, reviewing and approving premium rates, and disseminating information to the public and the insurance industry about the state's insurance laws and regulations.

Total Funds	$14,956,883
Other Funds	$14,956,883
Agency Funds	$14,956,883

29.5. Reinsurance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide affordable healthcare insurance premiums and to operate a healthcare exchange for individuals to review and enroll in healthcare insurance.

Total Funds	$1,335,652,037
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,015,833,361
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,015,833,361
Other Funds	$223,949,268
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$223,949,268
State Funds	$95,869,408
State General Funds	$95,869,408

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$145,875,196	$1,385,657,825
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,027)	($1,027)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($4,761)	($4,761)
Annualize a reduction of funds based on projected expenditures.	($50,000,000)	($50,000,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$95,869,408	$1,335,652,037

29.6. Special Fraud

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to identify and take appropriate action to deter insurance fraud.

Total Funds	$7,802,945
State Funds	$7,235,340
State General Funds	$7,235,340
Intra-State Government Transfers	$567,605
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$567,605

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$7,424,165	$7,991,770

Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($1,258)	($1,258)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($50,838)	($50,838)
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$22,714	$22,714
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($235,581)	($235,581)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$4,807	$4,807
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$71,331	$71,331
Amount appropriated in this Act	$7,235,340	$7,802,945

Section 30: Investigation, Georgia Bureau of

Total Funds	**$374,879,485**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$57,272,157**
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.991)	$369,946
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$329,017
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$56,573,194
Other Funds	**$33,030,206**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$33,030,206
State Funds	**$284,577,122**
Opioid Settlement Trust Fund	$12,652,773
State General Funds	$271,924,349

30.1. Bureau Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the highest quality investigative, scientific, information services, and resources for the purpose of maintaining law and order and protecting life and property.

Total Funds	$10,943,210
Federal Funds and Grants	$12,600
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$12,600
Other Funds	$353,303
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$353,303
State Funds	$10,577,307
State General Funds	$10,577,307

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$10,541,503	$10,907,406
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$80,952	$80,952
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$15,592	$15,592
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($314,809)	($314,809)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$17,300	$17,300

Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$92,601	$92,601
Provide funds for security contracts at the Coastal Crime Lab and Headquarters.	$144,168	$144,168
Amount appropriated in this Act	$10,577,307	$10,943,210

30.2. Criminal Justice Information Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the State of Georgia with essential information and identification services through the operation of the Automated Fingerprint Identification System, Criminal History System, Criminal Justice Information Services network, Protective Order Registry, Sexual Violent Offender Registry, and the Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

Total Funds	$22,160,056
Other Funds	$11,500,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$11,500,000
State Funds	$10,660,056
State General Funds	$10,660,056

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$7,596,576	$19,096,576
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$43,627	$43,627
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$18,977	$18,977
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($383,163)	($383,163)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$565	$565
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$116,918	$116,918
Provide funds for technology disaster recovery services to comply with Georgia Technology Authority policy.	$266,556	$266,556
Provide funds for an integrated child welfare reporting system.	$3,000,000	$3,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$10,660,056	$22,160,056

30.3. Forensic Scientific Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forensic analysis and testimony in the areas of chemistry (drug identification), firearms, digital imaging, forensic biology (serology/DNA), latent prints, pathology, questioned documents, photography, toxicology, implied consent, and trace evidence in support of the criminal justice system; to provide medical examiner (autopsy) services; and to analyze and enter samples into national databases such as AFIS, CODIS, and NIBIN.

Total Funds	$71,291,470
Federal Funds and Grants	$2,229,366
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,229,366
Other Funds	$5,856
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$5,856
State Funds	$69,056,248
State General Funds	$69,056,248

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$68,288,507	$70,523,729

Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$418,723	$418,723
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$134,837	$134,837
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($2,722,411)	($2,722,411)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$29,088	$29,088
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$872,424	$872,424
Increase funds for ongoing maintenance of upgraded DNA software.	$74,920	$74,920
Eliminate funds for one-time purchase of three handheld portable mass spectrometer chemical detection systems, accessories, and warranties.	($327,546)	($327,546)
Increase funds for the recruitment and retention of medical examiners.	$1,045,598	$1,045,598
Increase funds for a $2,000 salary adjustment for recruitment and retention for crime lab scientists, supervisors, and managers.	$750,930	$750,930
Increase funds to address recruitment and retention for evidence receiving technicians and forensic technicians.	$491,178	$491,178
Provide discretion to hire new medical examiners on the appropriate pay scale level based on years of experience without base funding to support the hire. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Utilize existing funds to provide a salary increase to the fellows program and authorize one additional fellow. *(CC:Yes; Utilize existing funds to provide a salary increase to the fellows program and authorize one additional fellow.)*	$0	$0
Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$69,056,248	$71,291,470

30.4. Regional Investigative Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to identify, collect, preserve, and process evidence located during crime scene investigations, and to assist in the investigation, identification, arrest and prosecution of individuals. The purpose of this appropriation is also to coordinate and operate the following specialized units: anti-terrorist team, forensic art, bomb disposal unit, high technology investigations unit, human exploitation and trafficking unit, communications center, regional drug enforcement, and polygraph examinations.

Total Funds	$85,632,487
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,812,153
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,812,153
Other Funds	$1,885,738
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,885,738
State Funds	$81,934,596
State General Funds	$81,934,596

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$80,706,986	$84,404,877
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$179	$179
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$480,631	$480,631
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$161,780	$161,780

Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$239,630	$239,630
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($3,266,389)	($3,266,389)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$32,284	$32,284
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$1,059,468	$1,059,468
Increase funds to annualize three human trafficking positions.	$287,300	$287,300
Provide funds for three special agent positions. *(CC:Increase funds for personnel, operations, and one-time costs ($294,456) for three special agent positions.)*	$838,206	$838,206
Increase funds to annualize four criminal intelligence analysts for the Georgia Information Sharing Analysis Center (GISAC).	$171,841	$171,841
Eliminate funds for one-time purchase of technology funded in HB 68 (2025 Session).	($877,320)	($877,320)
Transfer funds from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation to the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency for gang case management system support. *(CC:Increase funds for gang case management system support. (Total: $3,100,000))*	$2,100,000	$2,100,000
Reflect a change in the program purpose statement. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$81,934,596	$85,632,487

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

30.5. Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and coordinate criminal justice efforts throughout Georgia, help create safe and secure communities, and award grants.

Total Funds	$88,743,977
Federal Funds and Grants	$53,218,038
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.991)	$369,946
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$329,017
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$52,519,075
Other Funds	$19,285,309
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$19,285,309
State Funds	$16,240,630
State General Funds	$16,240,630

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$19,866,465	$92,369,812
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$3,129	$3,129
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,512)	($1,512)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($354,572)	($354,572)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$135,678	$135,678
Reduce funds for operations. (HB 68 (2025 Session) intent language considered non-binding by the Governor.)	($33,558)	($33,558)

Reduce funds for the offset of the loss of Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds for Federal Fiscal Year 2025. *(CC:Transfer funds from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council program to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Family Violence program for Child Advocacy Centers.)*	($3,125,000)	($3,125,000)
Eliminate funds for one-time funding for gang prevention activities in Chatham County.	($250,000)	($250,000)
Utilize existing funds ($133,867) from rental savings for grant opportunities. *(CC:Yes; Utilize existing funds ($133,867) from rental savings for operations.)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$16,240,630	$88,743,977

30.6. Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Council of Accountability Court Judges

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.

Total Funds	$40,429,015
State Funds	$40,429,015
Opioid Settlement Trust Fund	$12,652,773
State General Funds	$27,776,242

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$38,674,273	$38,674,273
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($314)	($314)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($74,931)	($74,931)
Utilize $25,305,545 in Opioid Settlement Trust Funds for court grants to locals and medication assisted treatment (MAT). *(CC:Yes; Utilize $12,652,773 in Opioid Settlement Trust Funds for court grants to locals and medication assisted treatment (MAT).)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for new and existing accountability courts to support population growth. *(CC:Increase funds for new and existing accountability courts to support population growth.)*	$1,736,385	$1,736,385
Increase funds for a veterans treatment court in Rockdale county.	$93,602	$93,602
Amount appropriated in this Act	$40,429,015	$40,429,015

30.7. Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Family Violence

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide certified domestic violence shelters and sexual assault centers with funds so as to provide the necessary services to primary and secondary victims of domestic violence and sexual assault statewide.

Total Funds	$55,679,270
State Funds	$55,679,270
State General Funds	$55,679,270

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$34,973,074	$34,973,074
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($5,981)	($5,981)

Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$3,646	$3,646
Increase funds for domestic violence shelters to support vulnerable men, women, and children seeking refuge from violence.	$9,400,000	$9,400,000
Increase funds for sexual assault centers to support vulnerable men, women, and children.	$3,300,166	$3,300,166
Transfer funds ($1,000,000) from the Department of Human Services to Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Family Violence program and increase funds ($821,946) for child advocacy centers.	$1,821,946	$1,821,946
Transfer funds from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council program ($3,125,000) and increase funds for child advocacy centers to support vulnerable children.	$5,273,778	$5,273,778
Increase funds for eight child advocacy centers and 20 satellite child advocacy centers not receiving state funding.	$912,641	$912,641
Amount appropriated in this Act	$55,679,270	$55,679,270

Section 31: Juvenile Justice, Department of

Total Funds	**$394,175,149**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$7,090,662**
Foster Care Title IV-E (CFDA 93.658)	$519,115
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$6,571,547
Other Funds	**$528,891**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$528,891
State Funds	**$386,555,596**
State General Funds	$386,555,596

31.1. Community Service

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public, hold youth accountable for their actions, assist youth in becoming law-abiding citizens and transition youth from secure detention, and provide the following alternative detention options: non-secure detention shelters, housebound detention, emergency shelters, a short-term stay in a residential placement, tracking services, wraparound services, electronic monitoring, or detention in an alternative program. Additionally, Community Supervision supervises youth directly in the community according to their risk and need levels, provides transitional and treatment services to those youth either directly or by brokering or making appropriate referrals for services, and provides agency-wide services, including intake, court services, and case management.

Total Funds	$103,363,457
Federal Funds and Grants	$663,141
Foster Care Title IV-E (CFDA 93.658)	$519,115
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$144,026
Other Funds	$281,298
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$281,298
State Funds	$102,419,018
State General Funds	$102,419,018

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$105,394,014	$106,338,453
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$119	$119
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($53,373)	($53,373)

Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($757,050)	($757,050)
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$49,481	$49,481
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($3,263,521)	($3,263,521)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$29,609	$29,609
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$1,019,739	$1,019,739
Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$102,419,018	$103,363,457

31.2. Departmental Administration (DJJ)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by holding youthful offenders accountable for their actions through the delivery of effective services in appropriate settings.

Total Funds	$27,581,466
State Funds	$27,581,466
State General Funds	$27,581,466

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$28,597,656	$28,597,656
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($5,790)	($5,790)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($259,720)	($259,720)
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$19,477	$19,477
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($1,119,611)	($1,119,611)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$7,050	$7,050
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$342,404	$342,404
Amount appropriated in this Act	$27,581,466	$27,581,466

31.3. Secure Commitment (YDCs)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions, and provide secure care and supervision of youth including academic, recreational, vocational, medical, mental health, counseling, and religious services for those youth committed to the Department's custody, or convicted of an offense under Senate Bill 440.

Total Funds	$101,874,483
Federal Funds and Grants	$3,220,618
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,220,618
Other Funds	$247,593
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$247,593
State Funds	$98,406,272
State General Funds	$98,406,272

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$101,188,032	$104,656,243
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$24,928	$24,928
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($42,985)	($42,985)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($775,381)	($775,381)
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$176,376	$176,376
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($3,342,541)	($3,342,541)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$39,478	$39,478
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$1,138,365	$1,138,365
Reduce funds and utilize Opioid Settlement Trust Funds for evidence-based substance use programming. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$98,406,272	$101,874,483

31.4. Secure Detention (RYDCs)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions and, provide temporary, secure care, and supervision of youth who are charged with crimes or who have been found guilty of crimes and are awaiting disposition of their cases by juvenile courts or awaiting placement in one of the Department's treatment programs or facilities, or sentenced to the Short Term Program.

Total Funds	$161,355,743
Federal Funds and Grants	$3,206,903
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,206,903
State Funds	$158,148,840
State General Funds	$158,148,840

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$160,049,615	$163,256,518
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$18,876	$18,876
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($84,349)	($84,349)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,220,129)	($1,220,129)
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$352,668	$352,668
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($5,259,781)	($5,259,781)

Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$64,857	$64,857
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$1,682,277	$1,682,277
Annualize increase for personal services due to decreased turnover.	$2,544,806	$2,544,806
Reduce funds and utilize Opioid Settlement Trust Funds for evidence-based substance use programming. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$158,148,840	$161,355,743

Section 32: Labor, Department of

Total Funds	**$98,933,359**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$75,340,557**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$75,340,557
Other Funds	**$11,896,123**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$11,896,123
State Funds	**$11,696,679**
State General Funds	$11,696,679

32.1. Departmental Administration (DOL)

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to provide administrative support for the Labor Market Information and Unemployment Insurance programs.

Total Funds	$30,521,249
Federal Funds and Grants	$20,539,169
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$20,539,169
Other Funds	$7,347,618
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$7,347,618
State Funds	$2,634,462
State General Funds	$2,634,462

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,101,946	$29,988,733
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($1,852)	($1,852)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($73,308)	($73,308)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$5,898	$5,898
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$24,478	$24,478
Reduce one-time funds for staff training.	($62,700)	($62,700)
Provide funds to implement call center enhancements.	$640,000	$640,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,634,462	$30,521,249

32.2. Labor Market Information

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to collect, analyze, and publish a wide array of information about the state's labor market.

Total Funds	$2,121,776
Federal Funds and Grants	$2,121,776
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,121,776

32.3. Unemployment Insurance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance Georgia's economic strength by collecting unemployment insurance taxes from Georgia's employers and distributing unemployment benefits to eligible claimants.

Total Funds	$66,290,334
Federal Funds and Grants	$52,679,612
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$52,679,612
Other Funds	$4,548,505
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$4,548,505
State Funds	$9,062,217
State General Funds	$9,062,217

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$6,828,244	$64,056,361
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($246,551)	($246,551)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$76,711	$76,711
Increase funds for twenty additional positions to reduce collection delinquency and replenish the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund. *(CC:Increase funds for 10 additional positions to reduce collection delinquency and replenish the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.)*	$821,279	$821,279
Increase funds for 15 customer service positions to reduce call abandonment and wait times. *(CC:Increase funds for 10 customer service positions to reduce call abandonment and wait times.)*	$665,381	$665,381
Increase funds for 12 financial auditors to prevent unemployment insurance fraud. *(CC:Increase funds for 10 financial auditor positions to prevent unemployment insurance fraud.)*	$917,153	$917,153
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,062,217	$66,290,334

Section 33: Law, Department of

Total Funds	**$131,430,975**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$3,633,332**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,633,332
Other Funds	**$80,173,040**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$80,173,040
State Funds	**$47,624,603**
State General Funds	$47,624,603

There is hereby appropriated to the Department of Law the sum of $625,000 of the moneys collected in accordance with O.C.G.A. Title 10, Chapter 1, Article 28. The sum of money is appropriated for use by the Department of Law for consumer protection for all the purposes for which such moneys may be appropriated pursuant to Article 28.

33.1. Department of Law

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the attorney and legal advisor for all state agencies, departments, authorities, and the Governor; to provide binding opinions on legal questions concerning the state of Georgia and its agencies; and to prepare all contracts and agreements regarding any matter in which the State of Georgia is involved.

Total Funds	$126,133,081
Other Funds	$80,173,040
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$80,173,040

State Funds	$45,960,041
State General Funds	$45,960,041

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$47,802,872	$127,975,912
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$894	$894
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($114,511)	($114,511)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($2,531,903)	($2,531,903)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$24,199	$24,199
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$778,490	$778,490
Amount appropriated in this Act	$45,960,041	$126,133,081

33.2. Medicaid Fraud Control Unit

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the center for the identification, arrest, and prosecution of providers of health services and patients who defraud the Medicaid Program.

Total Funds	$5,297,894
Federal Funds and Grants	$3,633,332
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,633,332
State Funds	$1,664,562
State General Funds	$1,664,562

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,693,029	$5,326,361
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($3,730)	($3,730)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($68,358)	($68,358)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$20,390	$20,390
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$23,231	$23,231
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,664,562	$5,297,894

Section 34: Natural Resources, Department of

Total Funds	**$367,167,835**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$70,919,242**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$70,919,242
Other Funds	**$101,815,729**
Agency Funds	$27,907,835
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$73,907,894
State Funds	**$194,432,864**
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$14,889,007
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$10,108,446
State General Funds	$166,426,296

Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$3,009,115

Provided, that to the extent State Parks and Historic Sites receipts are realized in excess of the amount of such funds contemplated in this Act, the Office of Planning and Budget is authorized to use up to 50 percent of the excess receipts to supplant State funds and the balance may be amended into the budget of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites Division for the most critical needs of the Division. This provision shall not apply to revenues collected from a state park's parking pass implemented by the Department.

34.1. Coastal Resources

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to preserve the natural, environmental, historic, archaeological, and recreational resources of the state's coastal zone by balancing economic development with resource preservation and improvement by assessing and restoring coastal wetlands, by regulating development within the coastal zone, by promulgating and enforcing rules and regulations to protect the coastal wetlands, by monitoring the population status of commercially and recreationally fished species and developing fishery management plans, by providing fishing education, and by constructing and maintaining artificial reefs.

Total Funds	$8,719,117
Federal Funds and Grants	$5,096,144
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$5,096,144
Other Funds	$107,925
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$107,925
State Funds	$3,515,048
State General Funds	$3,515,048

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$4,672,283	$9,876,352
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($979)	($979)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$7,515	$7,515
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($136,648)	($136,648)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$48,860	$48,860
Eliminate funds for beach restoration.	($1,000,000)	($1,000,000)
Eliminate one-time funds for equipment and vehicle costs and maintain funds ($273,017) for ongoing costs related to reef/migratory fish surveys.	($75,983)	($75,983)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,515,048	$8,719,117

34.2. Departmental Administration (DNR)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

Total Funds	$13,275,502
State Funds	$13,275,502
State General Funds	$13,275,502

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$13,515,482	$13,515,482
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($1,746)	($1,746)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$26,964	$26,964

Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($482,082)	($482,082)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$64,350	$64,350
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$152,534	$152,534
Amount appropriated in this Act	$13,275,502	$13,275,502

34.3. Environmental Protection

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the quality of Georgia's air by controlling, monitoring and regulating pollution from large, small, mobile, and area sources (including pollution from motor vehicle emissions) by performing ambient air monitoring, and by participating in the Clean Air Campaign; to protect Georgia's land by permitting, managing, and planning for solid waste facilities, by implementing waste reduction strategies, by administering the Solid Waste Trust Fund and the Underground Storage Tank program, by cleaning up scrap tire piles, and by permitting and regulating surface mining operations; to protect Georgia and its citizens from hazardous materials by investigating and remediating hazardous sites, and by utilizing the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund to manage the state's hazardous sites inventory, to oversee site cleanup and brownfield remediation, to remediate abandoned sites, to respond to environmental emergencies, and to monitor and regulate the hazardous materials industry in Georgia. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure the quality and quantity of Georgia's water supplies by managing floodplains, by ensuring the safety of dams, by monitoring, regulating, and certifying water quality, and by regulating the amount of water used.

Total Funds	$125,675,256
Federal Funds and Grants	$29,887,490
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$29,887,490
Other Funds	$60,823,953
Agency Funds	$27,907,835
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$32,916,118
State Funds	$34,963,813
State General Funds	$34,963,813

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$35,087,578	$125,799,021
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($8,620)	($8,620)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$76,075	$76,075
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($1,127,525)	($1,127,525)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$436,305	$436,305
Provide funds to support air emissions program operations to allow preservation of existing revenue to delay a fiscal shortfall. *(CC:Provide funds to support air emissions program operations to allow preservation of existing revenue to delay a fiscal shortfall.)*	$500,000	$500,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$34,963,813	$125,675,256

34.4. Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding through grant and loan opportunities for land conservation, parks, trails, and outdoor recreation.

Total Funds	$33,757,135
State Funds	$33,757,135
State General Funds	$33,757,135

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$23,012,109	$23,012,109
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$3,093	$3,093
Increase funds to reflect sufficient increase in FY 2025 collections of sporting goods stores sales and use tax to restore 20% prior year reduction in the appropriation pursuant to O.C.G.A. 12-6A-5.	$5,753,027	$5,753,027
Increase funds for grants and benefits to reflect an increase in FY 2025 collections of sporting goods stores sales and use tax.	$4,988,906	$4,988,906
Amount appropriated in this Act	$33,757,135	$33,757,135

34.5. Hazardous Waste Trust Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund investigations and cleanup of abandoned landfills and other hazardous sites, to meet cost-sharing requirements for Superfund sites identified by the US Environmental Protection Agency, to fund related operations and oversight positions within the Environmental Protection Division, and to reimburse local governments for landfill remediation.

Total Funds	$14,889,007
State Funds	$14,889,007
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$14,889,007

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$11,771,491	$11,771,491
Increase funds for the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund to reflect FY 2025 collections of Solid Waste Tipping Fees, Hazardous Waste Fees, and Hazardous Substance Reporting Fees.	$3,117,516	$3,117,516
Utilize existing funds ($73,144) to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$14,889,007	$14,889,007

34.6. Law Enforcement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce all state and federal laws and departmental regulations relative to protecting Georgia's wildlife, natural, archeological, and cultural resources, DNR properties, boating safety, and litter and waste laws; to teach hunter and boater education classes; and to assist other law enforcement agencies upon request in providing public safety for the citizens and visitors of Georgia.

Total Funds	$36,243,274
Federal Funds and Grants	$2,751,293
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,751,293
Other Funds	$3,657
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$3,657
State Funds	$33,488,324
State General Funds	$33,488,324

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$34,310,618	$37,065,568
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$81,929	$81,929

Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$104,809	$104,809
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($1,489,707)	($1,489,707)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$480,675	$480,675
Amount appropriated in this Act	$33,488,324	$36,243,274

34.7. Parks Recreation and Historic Sites

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to manage, operate, market, and maintain the state's golf courses, parks, lodges, conference centers, and historic sites.

Total Funds	$58,906,818
Federal Funds and Grants	$3,204,029
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,204,029
Other Funds	$32,391,791
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$32,391,791
State Funds	$23,310,998
State General Funds	$23,310,998

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$23,457,853	$59,053,673
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$20,760	$20,760
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($377,479)	($377,479)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$325,471	$325,471
Eliminate one-time funding for outdoor recreation.	($7,000,000)	($7,000,000)
Eliminate one-time funds for the SAM Shortline Railroad. *(CC:Maintain $150,000 for the SAM Shortline Railroad.)*	($150,000)	($150,000)
Increase funds for outdoor recreation.	$5,909,393	$5,909,393
Increase funds for historic preservation. *(CC:Increase funds for historic preservation.)*	$975,000	$975,000
Reduce funds to reflect enhanced agency collections. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for the Vince Dooley Battlefield Fund pursuant to HB 454 (2025 Session).	$150,000	$150,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$23,310,998	$58,906,818

34.8. Solid Waste Trust Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the administration of the scrap tire management activity; to enable emergency, preventative, and corrective actions at solid waste disposal facilities; to assist local governments with the development of solid waste management plans; and to promote statewide recycling and waste reduction programs.

Total Funds	$10,108,446
State Funds	$10,108,446
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$10,108,446

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$9,838,299	$9,838,299
Increase funds for the Solid Waste Trust Fund to reflect FY 2025 collections of Scrap Tire Fees.	$270,147	$270,147
Utilize existing funds ($24,951) to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$10,108,446	$10,108,446

34.9. Wildlife Resources

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate hunting, fishing, and the operation of watercraft in Georgia; to provide hunter and boating education; to protect non-game and endangered wildlife; to promulgate statewide hunting, fishing, trapping, and coastal commercial fishing regulations; to operate the state's archery and shooting ranges; to license hunters and anglers; and to register boats.

Total Funds	$65,593,280
Federal Funds and Grants	$29,980,286
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$29,980,286
Other Funds	$8,488,403
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$8,488,403
State Funds	$27,124,591
State General Funds	$24,115,476
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$3,009,115

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$25,439,288	$63,907,977
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($6,003)	($6,003)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$50,340	$50,340
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($915,316)	($915,316)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$190,632	$190,632
Increase funds for the Wildlife Endowment Trust Fund to reflect FY 2025 collections of Lifetime Sportsman's License revenues.	$1,015,650	$1,015,650
Increase funds for operational costs at fish hatcheries due to rising input costs of spawning.	$200,000	$200,000
Provide funds for contractual services, positions, and a vehicle due to an increase in applications for the Georgia Conservation Tax Credit Program. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for a public-private feral hog management pilot program.	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Transfer funds from the Department of Agriculture to the Department of Natural Resources to consolidate Feral Hog Task Force.	$150,000	$150,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$27,124,591	$65,593,280

Section 35: Pardons and Paroles, State Board of

Total Funds	**$20,774,173**
State Funds	**$20,774,173**
State General Funds	$20,774,173

35.1. Board Administration (SBPP)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.

Total Funds	$2,351,813
State Funds	$2,351,813
State General Funds	$2,351,813

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,405,193	$2,405,193
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$145	$145
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$487	$487
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($97,181)	($97,181)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$7,856	$7,856
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$35,313	$35,313
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,351,813	$2,351,813

35.2. Clemency Decisions

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Board in exercising its constitutional authority over executive clemency. This includes setting tentative parole dates for offenders in the correctional system and all aspects of parole status of offenders in the community including warrants, violations, commutations, and revocations. The Board coordinates all interstate compact release matters regarding the acceptance and placement of parolees into and from the State of Georgia and administers the pardon process by reviewing all applications and granting or denying these applications based on specific criteria.

Total Funds	$17,710,630
State Funds	$17,710,630
State General Funds	$17,710,630

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$18,272,571	$18,272,571
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$2,538	$2,538
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$4,370	$4,370
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$22,080	$22,080
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($872,471)	($872,471)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$281,542	$281,542
Amount appropriated in this Act	$17,710,630	$17,710,630

35.3. Victim Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide notification to victims of changes in offender status or placement, conduct outreach and information gathering from victims during clemency proceedings, host victims

visitors' days, and act as a liaison for victims to the state corrections, community supervision, and pardons and paroles systems.

Total Funds	$711,730
State Funds	$711,730
State General Funds	$711,730

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$730,035	$730,035
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$133	$133
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($26,522)	($26,522)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$8,084	$8,084
Amount appropriated in this Act	$711,730	$711,730

Section 36: State Properties Commission

Total Funds	**$2,600,000**
Other Funds	**$2,600,000**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$2,600,000

36.1. State Properties Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain long-term plans for state buildings and land; to compile an accessible database of state-owned and leased real property with information about utilization, demand management, and space standards; and to negotiate better rates in the leasing market and property acquisitions and dispositions.

Total Funds	$2,600,000
Other Funds	$2,600,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$2,600,000

Section 37: Public Defender Council, Georgia

Total Funds	**$136,740,476**
Other Funds	**$44,840,000**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$44,840,000
State Funds	**$91,900,476**
State General Funds	$91,900,476

37.1. Public Defender Council

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Office of the Georgia Capital Defender, Office of the Mental Health Advocate, Central Office, and the administration of the Conflict Division.

Total Funds	$10,797,642
Other Funds	$1,840,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,840,000
State Funds	$8,957,642
State General Funds	$8,957,642

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$9,424,496	$11,264,496

Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$1,878	$1,878
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($11,721)	($11,721)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($442,206)	($442,206)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$485	$485
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$151,710	$151,710
Reduce funds for redundant case management system.	($167,000)	($167,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,957,642	$10,797,642

37.2. Public Defenders

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assure that adequate and effective legal representation is provided, independently of political considerations or private interests, to indigent persons who are entitled to representation under this chapter; provided that staffing for circuits are based on O.C.G.A. 17-12; including providing representation to clients in cases where the Capital Defender or a circuit public defender has a conflict of interest.

Total Funds	$125,942,834
Other Funds	$43,000,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$43,000,000
State Funds	$82,942,834
State General Funds	$82,942,834

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$73,513,361	$116,513,361
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$1,377	$1,377
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($88,765)	($88,765)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($3,348,992)	($3,348,992)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$12,091	$12,091
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$1,022,308	$1,022,308
Increase funds to offset the loss of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to continue representation in large, multi-defendant cases. *(CC:Increase funds to offset the loss of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to continue representation in large, multi-defendant cases.)*	$3,000,000	$3,000,000
Increase funds to align assistant public defender salaries to assistant district attorney salaries at the Prosecuting Attorneys Council. *(CC:Increase funds to align assistant public defender salaries to assistant district attorney salaries at the Prosecuting Attorneys Council effective January 1, 2027.)*	$7,000,820	$7,000,820
Increase funds for four assistant public defender positions for new judgeships in the Atlanta, Gwinnett, Middle, and Northeastern Judicial Circuits effective January 1, 2027. *(CC:Increase funds for three assistant public defender positions for new judgeships in the Gwinnett, Middle, and Northeastern Judicial Circuits effective January 1, 2027.)*	$311,240	$311,240

Increase funds to set circuit public defender salary to $175,000 effective January 1, 2027. *(CC:Increase funds to set circuit public defender salary to $175,000 effective January 1, 2027, contingent upon circuit public defender being compliant with district attorney pay pursuant to HB 1020 (2026 Session).)*	$1,519,394	$1,519,394
Amount appropriated in this Act	$82,942,834	$125,942,834

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Total Funds	**$933,138,294**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$482,967,325**
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.994)	$17,179,690
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.991)	$4,567,734
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$20,341,394
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$440,878,507
Other Funds	**$20,101,843**
Agency Funds	$750,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$19,351,843
State Funds	**$428,597,892**
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$1,945,286
State General Funds	$396,206,873
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$13,826,890
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$16,618,843
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$1,471,234**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$1,471,234

38.1. Adolescent and Adult Health Promotion

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote the health and well-being of Georgians. Activities include preventing teenage pregnancies, tobacco use prevention, cancer screening and prevention, and family planning services.

Total Funds	$57,214,011
Federal Funds and Grants	$30,989,391
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.994)	$78,075
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$20,341,394
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$10,569,922
Other Funds	$695,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$695,000
State Funds	$25,529,620
State General Funds	$18,633,046
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,896,574

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$25,194,276	$56,878,667
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($5,008)	($5,008)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($6,604)	($6,604)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($133,646)	($133,646)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$41,605	$41,605

Provide funds to support critical personnel to stabilize services and maintain essential infusion and emergency care.	$700,000	$700,000
Provide funds and recognize $1,752,413 in base funds for the Sickle Cell Foundation of Georgia. *(CC:Provide funds and recognize $1,752,413 in base funds for the Sickle Cell Foundation of Georgia.)*	$247,587	$247,587
Transfer funds for the Office of Cardiac Care from the Adolescent and Adult Health Promotion to Emergency Preparedness/Trauma System Improvement.	($508,590)	($508,590)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$25,529,620	$57,214,011

38.2. Adult Essential Health Treatment Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide treatment and services to low-income Georgians with cancer, and Georgians at risk of stroke or heart attacks.

Total Funds	$7,635,588
Federal Funds and Grants	$957,168
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.991)	$957,168
State Funds	$6,678,420
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,678,420

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$6,716,158	$7,673,326
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($1,286)	($1,286)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,716)	($1,716)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($34,736)	($34,736)
Utilize existing funds ($11,373) to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$6,678,420	$7,635,588

38.3. Departmental Administration (DPH)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.

Total Funds	$37,033,497
Federal Funds and Grants	$5,814,613
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.991)	$1,208,613
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$4,606,000
Other Funds	$230,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$230,000
State Funds	$30,988,884
State General Funds	$30,857,089
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$131,795

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$32,249,062	$38,293,675
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$4,134	$4,134

Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($56,344)	($56,344)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($84,116)	($84,116)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($1,702,245)	($1,702,245)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$24,933	$24,933
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$553,460	$553,460
Amount appropriated in this Act	$30,988,884	$37,033,497

38.4. Emergency Preparedness/Trauma System Improvement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare for natural disasters, bioterrorism, and other emergencies, as well as improving the capacity of the state's trauma system.

Total Funds	$41,301,026
Federal Funds and Grants	$32,667,295
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.994)	$724,300
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$31,942,995
Other Funds	$460,141
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$460,141
State Funds	$8,173,590
State General Funds	$8,173,590

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$6,548,028	$42,119,277
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($8,449)	($8,449)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($8,993)	($8,993)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($181,991)	($181,991)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$66,405	$66,405
Transfer funds and positions from the Emergency Preparedness/Trauma System Improvement program to the Georgia Public Health Laboratory program.	$0	($2,443,813)
Transfer funds for the Office of Cardiac Care to Emergency Preparedness/Trauma System Improvement from the Adolescent and Adult Health Promotion.	$508,590	$508,590
Provide funds to the Office of Cardiac Care for grants to hospitals.	$500,000	$500,000
Provide funds to sustain core clinical staff who operate the Trauma Recovery Center. *(CC:Provide funds to sustain core clinical staff who operate the Trauma Recovery Center.)*	$750,000	$750,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,173,590	$41,301,026

38.5. Epidemiology

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor, investigate, and respond to disease, injury, and other events of public health concern.

Total Funds	$22,184,158
Federal Funds and Grants	$13,783,545

Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$13,783,545
State Funds	$8,400,613
State General Funds	$8,280,512
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$120,101

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$8,364,236	$23,824,110
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($21,186)	($21,186)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($7,185)	($7,185)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($145,392)	($145,392)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$44,231	$44,231
Transfer funds and positions from the Epidemiology program to the Georgia Public Health Laboratory program.	($334,186)	($2,010,515)
Provide funds for the Coverdell Stroke Registry.	$360,095	$360,095
Provide funds to the Georgia Poison Center.	$140,000	$140,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,400,613	$22,184,158

38.6. Georgia Public Health Laboratory

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support the state's public health laboratory program that conducts clinical and environmental testing, advances disease surveillance and emergency response capability, and provides reliable laboratory services to state and local public health partners.

Total Funds	$30,496,758
Federal Funds and Grants	$6,213,117
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$6,213,117
State Funds	$24,283,641
State General Funds	$24,283,641

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$0	$0
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($30,165)	($30,165)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($11,932)	($11,932)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($540,822)	($540,822)
Transfer laboratory funds and positions from the Epidemiology program ($334,186), Infant and Child Essential Health Treatment Services program ($456,117), Infant and Child Health Promotion program ($10,239,731), Infectious Disease Control program ($10,997,494), Inspections and Environmental Hazard Control program ($831,259), and the Public Health Formula Grants to Counties program ($2,007,773) to establish the Georgia Public Health Laboratory program to consolidate statewide laboratory services, align program structure with agency responsibilities, and reduce administrative burden.	$24,866,560	$31,079,677
Amount appropriated in this Act	$24,283,641	$30,496,758

38.7. Immunization

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide immunization, consultation, training, assessment, vaccines, and technical assistance.

Total Funds	$26,117,550
Federal Funds and Grants	$11,000,391
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$11,000,391
Other Funds	$12,649,702
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$12,649,702
State Funds	$2,467,457
State General Funds	$2,467,457

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,499,795	$26,149,888
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($1,133)	($1,133)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($2,065)	($2,065)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($41,798)	($41,798)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$12,658	$12,658
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,467,457	$26,117,550

38.8. Infant and Child Essential Health Treatment Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to avoid unnecessary health problems in later life by providing comprehensive health services to infants and children.

Total Funds	$77,979,082
Federal Funds and Grants	$38,374,024
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.994)	$10,818,769
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.991)	$675,828
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$26,879,427
Other Funds	$1,217,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,217,000
State Funds	$38,388,058
State General Funds	$38,388,058

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$35,235,681	$74,826,705
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($4,251)	($4,251)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($5,018)	($5,018)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($93,429)	($93,429)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$35,530	$35,530

Increase funds to expand the maternal home visiting program to an additional 21 counties to increase access to maternal fetal medicine in rural communities. *(CC:Increase funds to expand the maternal home visiting program to an additional 33 counties to increase access to maternal fetal medicine in rural communities.)*	$3,715,800	$3,715,800
Transfer funds and positions from the Infant and Child Essential Health Treatment Services program to the Georgia Public Health Laboratory program.	($456,117)	($456,117)
Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage from 66.40% to 66.63%.	($40,138)	($40,138)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$38,388,058	$77,979,082

38.9. Infant and Child Health Promotion

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote health and nutrition for infants and children.

Total Funds	$220,658,159
Federal Funds and Grants	$214,275,415
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.994)	$5,558,546
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.991)	$546,125
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$208,170,744
State Funds	$6,382,744
State General Funds	$6,382,744

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$16,630,765	$231,228,155
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($9,903)	($9,903)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($6,720)	($6,720)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($42,079)	($42,079)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$50,412	$50,412
Transfer funds and positions from the Infant and Child Health Promotion program to the Georgia Public Health Laboratory program.	($10,239,731)	($10,561,706)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$6,382,744	$220,658,159

38.10. Infectious Disease Control

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure quality prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, and other infectious diseases.

Total Funds	$134,192,988
Federal Funds and Grants	$99,141,495
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$99,141,495
State Funds	$35,051,493
State General Funds	$35,051,493

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$46,149,968	$147,062,463
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($32,003)	($32,003)

Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($22,190)	($22,190)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($251,711)	($251,711)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$204,923	$204,923
Transfer funds and positions from the Infectious Disease Control program to the Georgia Public Health Laboratory program.	($10,997,494)	($12,768,494)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$35,051,493	$134,192,988

38.11. Inspections and Environmental Hazard Control

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to detect and prevent environmental hazards, as well as providing inspection and enforcement of health regulations for food service establishments, sewage management facilities, and swimming pools.

Total Funds	$13,410,903
Federal Funds and Grants	$4,606,558
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.991)	$1,180,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,426,558
Other Funds	$750,000
Agency Funds	$750,000
State Funds	$8,054,345
State General Funds	$8,054,345

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$9,088,599	$14,445,157
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($13,198)	($13,198)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($13,234)	($13,234)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($267,805)	($267,805)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$91,242	$91,242
Transfer funds from the Inspections and Environmental Hazard Control program to the Georgia Public Health Laboratory program.	($831,259)	($831,259)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,054,345	$13,410,903

38.12. Public Health Formula Grants to Counties

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide general grant-in-aid to county boards of health delivering local public health services.

Total Funds	$224,149,913
Federal Funds and Grants	$25,000,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$25,000,000
Other Funds	$1,800,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,800,000
State Funds	$197,349,913
State General Funds	$197,349,913

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$210,308,336	$237,108,336

Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($208,323)	($208,323)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($497)	($497)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($10,790,805)	($10,790,805)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$45,679	$45,679
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$3,296	$3,296
Transfer funds from the Public Health Formula Grants to Counties program to the Georgia Public Health Laboratory program.	($2,007,773)	($2,007,773)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$197,349,913	$224,149,913

38.13. Vital Records

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to register, enter, archive and provide to the public in a timely manner vital records and associated documents.

Total Funds	$7,204,651
Other Funds	$2,300,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$2,300,000
State Funds	$4,904,651
State General Funds	$4,904,651

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$5,080,867	$7,380,867
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$130	$130
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($30,049)	($30,049)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($10,110)	($10,110)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($204,595)	($204,595)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$68,408	$68,408
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,904,651	$7,204,651

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

38.14. Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide disbursements from the Trust Fund to offset the costs of care and rehabilitative services to citizens of the state who have survived brain or spinal cord injuries.

Total Funds	$2,089,599
Federal Funds and Grants	$144,313
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$144,313
State Funds	$1,945,286
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$1,945,286

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,010,871	$2,155,184
Reduce funds to reflect FY 2025 collections of fines relating to driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs pursuant to O.C.G.A. 15-21-150.	($65,585)	($65,585)
Utilize existing funds ($9,743) to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,945,286	$2,089,599

38.15. Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to establish, maintain, and administer a trauma center network, to coordinate the best use of existing trauma facilities and to direct patients to the best available facility for treatment of traumatic injury and participate in the accountability mechanism for the entire Georgia trauma system, primarily overseeing the flow of funds for system improvement.

Total Funds	$31,470,411
State Funds	$29,999,177
State General Funds	$13,380,334
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$16,618,843
Intra-State Government Transfers	$1,471,234
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$1,471,234

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$28,940,946	$30,412,180
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($55,359)	($55,359)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$17,590	$17,590
Increase funds for Trauma Care Network Trust Funds to reflect FY 2025 Super Speeder Collections pursuant to HB 511 (2021 Session).	$228,970	$228,970
Increase funds to reflect FY 2025 drivers' license reinstatement fees collection.	$867,030	$867,030
Amount appropriated in this Act	$29,999,177	$31,470,411

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Total Funds	**$314,727,211**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$34,695,566**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$34,695,566
Other Funds	**$13,093,402**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$13,093,402
State Funds	**$254,159,397**
State General Funds	$254,159,397
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$12,778,846**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$12,778,846

39.1. Auxiliary Troopers

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to utilize retired Georgia State Patrol Troopers to assist with departmental activities.

Total Funds	$0

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$0	$0
Reflect new program and purpose statement. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Transfer funds from the Field Offices and Services program to the Auxiliary Troopers program and increase funds to recognize funding associated with auxiliary troopers. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$0

39.2. Aviation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide aerial support for search and rescue missions and search and apprehension missions in criminal pursuits within the State of Georgia; to provide transport flights to conduct state business, for emergency medical transport, and to support local and federal agencies in public safety efforts with aerial surveillance and observation.

Total Funds	$5,093,491
State Funds	$5,093,491
State General Funds	$5,093,491

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$5,200,659	$5,200,659
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($550)	($550)
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$5,371	$5,371
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($162,219)	($162,219)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$664	$664
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$49,566	$49,566
Amount appropriated in this Act	$5,093,491	$5,093,491

39.3. Capitol Police Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect life and property in the Capitol Square area, enforce traffic regulations around the Capitol, monitor entrances of state buildings, screen packages and personal items of individuals entering state facilities, and provide general security for elected officials, government employees, and visitors to the Capitol.

Total Funds	$9,672,150
State Funds	$59,490
State General Funds	$59,490
Intra-State Government Transfers	$9,612,660
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$9,612,660

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$0	$9,612,660
Increase funds pursuant to the passage of HB 438 (2026 Session).	$59,490	$59,490
Amount appropriated in this Act	$59,490	$9,672,150

39.4. Commercial Vehicle Enforcement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide inspection, regulation, and enforcement for size, weight, and safety standards as well as traffic and criminal laws for commercial motor carriers, limousines, nonconsensual tow trucks, household goods movers, all buses, and large passenger vehicles as well as providing High Occupancy Vehicle and High Occupancy Toll lane use restriction enforcement.

Total Funds	$46,204,671
Federal Funds and Grants	$11,348,744
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$11,348,744
Other Funds	$10,761,804
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$10,761,804
State Funds	$23,723,200
State General Funds	$23,723,200
Intra-State Government Transfers	$370,923
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$370,923

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$23,175,493	$45,656,964
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($45,636)	($45,636)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($2,137)	($2,137)
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$56,422	$56,422
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($630,336)	($630,336)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$8,139	$8,139
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$559,745	$559,745
Change program name from Motor Carrier Compliance to Commercial Vehicle Enforcement pursuant to HB 116 (2025 Session). *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Increase funds pursuant to the passage of HB 438 (2026 Session).	$601,510	$601,510
Amount appropriated in this Act	$23,723,200	$46,204,671

39.5. Departmental Administration (DPS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department and administratively attached agencies.

Total Funds	$10,251,859
Other Funds	$3,510
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$3,510
State Funds	$10,248,349
State General Funds	$10,248,349

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$10,560,862	$10,564,372
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,477)	($1,477)

Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$1,163	$1,163
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($435,835)	($435,835)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$3,322	$3,322
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$120,314	$120,314
Amount appropriated in this Act	$10,248,349	$10,251,859

39.6. Field Offices and Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide enforcement for traffic and criminal laws through the Department of Public Safety's Uniform Division, and support a variety of specialized teams and offices, which include the Motorcycle Unit, Criminal Interdiction Unit, the Crisis Negotiations Team, the Special Projects Adjutant Office, Headquarters Adjutant Office, Special Investigations Office, the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Unit, and the Training Unit.

Total Funds	$160,879,644
Federal Funds and Grants	$2,494,501
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,494,501
Other Funds	$673,900
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$673,900
State Funds	$157,335,457
State General Funds	$157,335,457
Intra-State Government Transfers	$375,786
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$375,786

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$161,998,462	$165,542,649
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($101,334)	($101,334)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($23,175)	($23,175)
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$634,385	$634,385
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($6,836,391)	($6,836,391)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$43,189	$43,189
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$2,320,321	$2,320,321
Transfer funds from the Department of Public Safety to the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency for the protection of communities through the Nonprofit Security Grant Program.	($1,000,000)	($1,000,000)
Increase funds for hardening and protection of patrol vehicles.	$300,000	$300,000
Transfer funds from the Field Offices and Services program to the Auxiliary Troopers program to recognize funding associated with auxiliary troopers. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0

Transfer funds from the Field Offices and Services program to the Law Enforcement Training program for trainers for the Cadet School. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$157,335,457	$160,879,644

39.7. Law Enforcement Training

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide training of State Troopers through Georgia State Patrol trooper schools.

Total Funds	$9,557,179
State Funds	$9,557,179
State General Funds	$9,557,179

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$9,772,892	$9,772,892
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,245)	($1,245)
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$25,804	$25,804
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($367,418)	($367,418)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$3,322	$3,322
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$123,824	$123,824
Transfer funds from the Field Offices and Services program to the Law Enforcement Training program for trainers for the Cadet School. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,557,179	$9,557,179

39.8. Office of Public Safety Officer Support

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide peer counselors and critical incident support services to requesting local and state public entities that employ public safety officers.

Total Funds	$2,041,084
State Funds	$2,041,084
State General Funds	$2,041,084

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,101,414	$2,101,414
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($348)	($348)
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$8,212	$8,212
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($102,764)	($102,764)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$664	$664

Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$33,906	$33,906
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,041,084	$2,041,084

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

39.9. Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide professionally trained, competent, and ethical firefighters with the proper equipment and facilities to ensure a fire-safe environment for Georgia citizens, and establish professional standards for fire service training including consulting, testing, and certification of Georgia firefighters.

Total Funds	$1,970,780
State Funds	$1,970,780
State General Funds	$1,970,780

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,854,276	$1,854,276
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$4,395	$4,395
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$1,536	$1,536
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($81,628)	($81,628)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$24,681	$24,681
Increase funds for a safety and compliance specialist in the metro area.	$167,520	$167,520
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,970,780	$1,970,780

39.10. Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to set standards for the law enforcement community; ensure adequate training at the highest level for all of Georgia's law enforcement officers and public safety professionals; and, certify individuals when all requirements are met. Investigate officers and public safety professionals when an allegation of unethical and/or illegal conduct is made, and sanction these individuals by disciplining officers and public safety professionals when necessary.

Total Funds	$6,502,687
State Funds	$6,502,687
State General Funds	$6,502,687

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$6,322,125	$6,322,125
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($1,443)	($1,443)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$6,208	$6,208
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$13,152	$13,152

Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($266,616)	($266,616)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$80,206	$80,206
Increase funds for rent at the Peace Officer Standards and Training Council Headquarters.	$20,331	$20,331
Provide funds for security upgrades.	$22,960	$22,960
Provide funds for a content management service.	$15,587	$15,587
Eliminate funds for the one-time purchase of a cloud storage solution.	($9,823)	($9,823)
Increase funds for statutory training for the Chiefs of Police ($309,979) and Georgia Sheriffs' Association ($325,000). *(CC:Increase funds for statutory training.)*	$300,000	$300,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$6,502,687	$6,502,687

39.11. Georgia Public Safety Training Center

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to develop, deliver, and facilitate training that results in professional and competent public safety services for the people of Georgia.

Total Funds	$35,775,553
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,061,179
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,061,179
Other Funds	$1,492,086
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,492,086
State Funds	$31,293,621
State General Funds	$31,293,621
Intra-State Government Transfers	$1,928,667
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$1,928,667

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$30,741,590	$35,223,522
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$1,152	$1,152
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$124,055	$124,055
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$92,960	$92,960
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($1,211,587)	($1,211,587)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$368,158	$368,158
Provide funds for the new Metro Academy in Austell.	$831,134	$831,134
Increase funds for rent at the Tifton Academy.	$41,072	$41,072
Increase funds for rent at the Columbus Academy. *(CC:Increase funds for rent at the Columbus Academy.)*	$14,025	$14,025
Increase funds for rent at the Rome Academy.	$22,445	$22,445
Increase funds for ongoing costs related to the statewide radio system.	$97,500	$97,500
Increase funds for officer training for at-risk adults following the passage of HB 238 (2025 Session).	$171,117	$171,117
Amount appropriated in this Act	$31,293,621	$35,775,553

39.12. Office of Highway Safety

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to educate the public on highway safety issues, and facilitate the implementation of programs to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities on Georgia roadways.

Total Funds	$21,314,164
Federal Funds and Grants	$19,791,142
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$19,791,142
Other Funds	$162,102
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$162,102
State Funds	$870,110
State General Funds	$870,110
Intra-State Government Transfers	$490,810
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$490,810

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$892,229	$21,336,283
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($696)	($696)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$2,607	$2,607
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($33,436)	($33,436)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$9,406	$9,406
Amount appropriated in this Act	$870,110	$21,314,164

39.13. Office of Highway Safety: Georgia Driver's Education Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide driver's education grant scholarships for Georgia drivers ages 15-17 to help satisfy driver's education requirements and reduce motor vehicle crashes in Georgia.

Total Funds	$5,463,949
State Funds	$5,463,949
State General Funds	$5,463,949

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,452,310	$3,452,310
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($909)	($909)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,214	$1,214
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($15,571)	($15,571)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$7,962	$7,962
Increase funds for driver's education and training in accordance with FY 2025 Joshua's Law collections.	$2,018,943	$2,018,943
Amount appropriated in this Act	$5,463,949	$5,463,949

Section 40: Public Service Commission

Total Funds	**$14,344,660**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$1,231,100**

Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,231,100
State Funds	**$13,113,560**
State General Funds	$13,113,560

40.1. Commission Administration (PSC)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist the Commissioners and staff in achieving the agency's goals.

Total Funds	$2,094,791
State Funds	$2,094,791
State General Funds	$2,094,791

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,020,221	$2,020,221
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$210	$210
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($2,383)	($2,383)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($95,859)	($95,859)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$306	$306
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$31,582	$31,582
Provide funds for dedicated security at commission meetings.	$34,560	$34,560
Provide funds for one administrative assistant. *(CC:Provide funds for one administrative assistant.)*	$91,886	$91,886
Provide funds for rent and DOAS premiums shortfall.	$14,268	$14,268
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,094,791	$2,094,791

40.2. Facility Protection

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce state and federal regulations pertaining to buried utility facility infrastructure and to promote safety through training and inspections.

Total Funds	$3,062,243
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,231,100
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,231,100
State Funds	$1,831,143
State General Funds	$1,831,143

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,914,149	$3,145,249
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($2,407)	($2,407)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($96,831)	($96,831)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$446	$446
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$15,786	$15,786
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,831,143	$3,062,243

40.3. Utilities Regulation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor the rates and service standards of electric, natural gas, and telecommunications companies, approve supply plans for electric and natural gas companies, monitor utility system and telecommunications network planning, arbitrate complaints among competitors, provide consumer protection and education, and certify competitive natural gas and telecommunications providers.

Total Funds	$9,187,626
State Funds	$9,187,626
State General Funds	$9,187,626

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$9,245,843	$9,245,843
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$1,082	$1,082
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($10,753)	($10,753)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($432,660)	($432,660)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$1,350	$1,350
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$129,285	$129,285
Provide funds for one engineer.	$134,661	$134,661
Provide funds for one financial analyst.	$118,818	$118,818
Increase funds for universal access fund auditing. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,187,626	$9,187,626

Section 41: Regents, University System of Georgia Board of

Total Funds	**$11,075,474,608**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$2,204,301,725**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,204,301,725
Other Funds	**$5,014,832,925**
Agency Funds	$3,547,782,512
Records Center Storage Fee	$912,482
Research Funds	$1,466,137,931
State Funds	**$3,856,339,958**
State General Funds	$3,856,339,958

41.1. Agricultural Experiment Station

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to improve production, processing, new product development, food safety, storage, and marketing to increase profitability and global competitiveness of Georgia's agribusiness.

Total Funds	$141,020,937
Federal Funds and Grants	$46,453,199
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$46,453,199
Other Funds	$38,020,201
Agency Funds	$11,885,005
Research Funds	$26,135,196
State Funds	$56,547,537
State General Funds	$56,547,537

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$55,392,661	$139,866,061
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$78,152	$78,152
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$10,084	$10,084
Increase funds for two College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences faculty members and one staff position to support sustainable bioeconomy through the University of Georgia's Synthetic Biology initiative.	$450,000	$450,000
Provide funds for one associate director position at the Institute for Integrative Precision Agriculture to lead extension outreach efforts. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$456,640	$456,640
Increase funds to support the peanut breeding program and the cotton breeding program at the University of Georgia. *(CC:Increase funds to support the peanut breeding program and the cotton breeding program at the University of Georgia.)*	$160,000	$160,000
Contract with the Department of Agriculture to address emerging pepper weevil threat. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$56,547,537	$141,020,937

41.2. Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories Contract

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide diagnostic services, disease research, and educational outreach for veterinarians and animal owners to ensure the safety of Georgia's food supply and the health of Georgia's production, equine, and companion animals.

Total Funds	$9,620,403
Federal Funds and Grants	$991,572
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$991,572
Other Funds	$8,628,831
Agency Funds	$7,995,403
Research Funds	$633,428

41.3. Cooperative Extension Service

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide training, educational programs, and outreach to Georgians in agricultural, horticultural, food, and family and consumer sciences, and to manage the 4-H youth program for the state.

Total Funds	$94,297,807
Federal Funds and Grants	$11,140,781
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$11,140,781
Other Funds	$29,713,277
Agency Funds	$18,179,403
Research Funds	$11,533,874
State Funds	$53,443,749
State General Funds	$53,443,749

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$52,136,614	$92,990,672

Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$107,700	$107,700
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$7,171	$7,171
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$5,228	$5,228
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$841,921	$841,921
Increase funds for five agriculture and natural resources county extension agents.	$345,115	$345,115
Amount appropriated in this Act	$53,443,749	$94,297,807

41.4. Enterprise Innovation Institute

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to advise Georgia manufacturers, entrepreneurs, and government officials on best business practices and technology-driven economic development, and to provide the state share to federal incentive and assistance programs for entrepreneurs and innovative businesses.

Total Funds	$31,789,926
Federal Funds and Grants	$12,500,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$12,500,000
Other Funds	$6,100,000
Agency Funds	$6,100,000
State Funds	$13,189,926
State General Funds	$13,189,926

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$13,089,185	$31,689,185
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$14,772	$14,772
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$106	$106
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$85,863	$85,863
Amount appropriated in this Act	$13,189,926	$31,789,926

41.5. Forestry Cooperative Extension

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for faculty to support instruction and outreach about conservation and sustainable management of forests and other natural resources.

Total Funds	$3,242,627
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,003,095
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,003,095
Other Funds	$1,089,486
Agency Funds	$330,000
Research Funds	$759,486
State Funds	$1,150,046
State General Funds	$1,150,046

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,131,781	$3,224,362

Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$1,971	$1,971
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$16,294	$16,294
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,150,046	$3,242,627

41.6. Forestry Research

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct research about economically and environmentally sound forest resources management and to assist non-industrial forest landowners and natural resources professionals in complying with state and federal regulations.

Total Funds	$20,452,376
Federal Funds and Grants	$5,328,944
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$5,328,944
Other Funds	$11,780,836
Agency Funds	$2,359,780
Research Funds	$9,421,056
State Funds	$3,342,596
State General Funds	$3,342,596

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,302,080	$20,411,860
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$4,178	$4,178
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$491	$491
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$35,847	$35,847
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,342,596	$20,452,376

41.7. Georgia Archives

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain the state's archives; document and interpret the history of the Georgia State Capitol building; and assist State Agencies with adequately documenting their activities, administering their records management programs, scheduling their records, and transferring their non-current records to the State Records Center.

Total Funds	$5,765,084
Other Funds	$1,176,115
Agency Funds	$263,633
Records Center Storage Fee	$912,482
State Funds	$4,588,969
State General Funds	$4,588,969

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$4,567,521	$5,743,636
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$3,367	$3,367
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$593	$593
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$1,679	$1,679

Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$15,809	$15,809
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,588,969	$5,765,084

41.8. Georgia Cyber Innovation and Training Center

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance cybersecurity technology for private and public industries through unique education, training, research, and practical applications.

Total Funds	$4,238,337
Federal Funds and Grants	$199,458
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$199,458
Other Funds	$1,999,550
Agency Funds	$1,999,550
State Funds	$2,039,329
State General Funds	$2,039,329

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,013,318	$4,212,326
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$4,560	$4,560
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$21,451	$21,451
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,039,329	$4,238,337

41.9. Georgia Research Alliance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to expand research and commercialization capacity in public and private universities in Georgia to launch new companies and create jobs.

Total Funds	$10,818,159
State Funds	$10,818,159
State General Funds	$10,818,159

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$5,138,976	$5,138,976
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$960	$960
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$6,305	$6,305
Provide additional funds to Georgia Research Alliance (GRA) member institutions and expand membership to two additional institutions.	$3,671,918	$3,671,918
Provide one-time state matching funds for three Eminent Scholar endowments. *(CC:Increase funds for one-time state matching funds for two Eminent Scholar endowments.)*	$2,000,000	$2,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$10,818,159	$10,818,159

41.10. Georgia Tech Research Institute

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding to laboratories and research centers affiliated with the Georgia Institute of Technology whose scientific, engineering, industrial, or policy research promotes economic development, health, and safety in Georgia.

Total Funds	$1,052,856,386
Federal Funds and Grants	$665,160,311
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$665,160,311
Other Funds	$379,613,855

Research Funds	$379,613,855
State Funds	$8,082,220
State General Funds	$8,082,220

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$7,534,889	$1,052,309,055
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$4,346	$4,346
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$10,697	$10,697
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$32,288	$32,288
Transfer funds from the Office of Health Strategy and Coordination program to the University System of Georgia for the All-Payer Claims Database and associated operations. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for research on post-harvest technology to support the peanut industry.	$500,000	$500,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,082,220	$1,052,856,386

41.11. Marine Institute

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support research on coastal processes involving the unique ecosystems of the Georgia coastline and to provide access and facilities for graduate and undergraduate classes to conduct field research on the Georgia coast.

Total Funds	$1,650,773
Other Funds	$461,183
Agency Funds	$161,183
Research Funds	$300,000
State Funds	$1,189,590
State General Funds	$1,189,590

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,177,550	$1,638,733
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$1,952	$1,952
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$655	$655
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$9,433	$9,433
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,189,590	$1,650,773

41.12. Marine Resources Extension Center

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund outreach, education, and research to enhance coastal environmental and economic sustainability.

Total Funds	$5,035,006
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,278,001
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,278,001
Other Funds	$1,921,999
Agency Funds	$800,000
Research Funds	$1,121,999
State Funds	$1,835,006

State General Funds $1,835,006

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,806,088	$5,006,088
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$4,320	$4,320
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$590	$590
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$24,008	$24,008
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,835,006	$5,035,006

41.13. Medical College of Georgia Hospital and Clinics

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support graduate medical education at the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University and provide patient care, including ambulatory, trauma, cancer, neonatal intensive, and emergency and express care.

Total Funds $37,328,820
State Funds $37,328,820
State General Funds $37,328,820

41.14. Public Libraries

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to award grants from the Public Library Fund, promote literacy, and provide library services that facilitate access to information for all Georgians regardless of geographic location or special needs.

Total Funds $58,088,324
Federal Funds and Grants $4,082,311
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified $4,082,311
State Funds $54,006,013
State General Funds $54,006,013

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$52,671,821	$56,754,132
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$96,695	$96,695
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$549	$549
Increase funds for the public libraries' formula based on an increase in the state population.	$458,862	$458,862
Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member-per-month (PMPM) rate for eligible employees from $1,885 to $2,028 effective July 1, 2026. *(CC:Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member-per-month (PMPM) rate for eligible employees from $1,885 to $1,935 effective July 1, 2026.)*	$169,200	$169,200
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$23,955	$23,955
Increase funds for the Public Information Network for Electronic Services (PINES) program in order to lower the rising cost burden of providing increased access to library resources to residents throughout the state.	$584,931	$584,931
Amount appropriated in this Act	$54,006,013	$58,088,324

41.15. Public Service/Special Funding Initiatives

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund leadership, service, and education initiatives that require funding beyond what is provided by formula.

Total Funds	$51,725,049
State Funds	$51,725,049
State General Funds	$51,725,049

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$35,567,095	$35,567,095
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$31,647	$31,647
Recognize existing funds ($375,000) and increase funds to establish the Institute of Civic Thought and Leadership at the Georgia Institute of Technology (Total Funds: $3,180,000). *(CC:Recognize existing funds ($375,000) and increase funds to establish the Institute of Civic Thought and Leadership at the Georgia Institute of Technology (Total Funds: $1,750,000).)*	$1,375,000	$1,375,000
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$217,974	$217,974
Increase funds to establish an applied reading center that will design professional development programming for teachers and literacy coaches, to include assessment of competencies prior to professional learning and model teacher preparation programs.	$5,500,000	$5,500,000
Reduce funds for the next-generation battery lab at the Georgia Institute of Technology.	($500,000)	($500,000)
Increase funds to strengthen research infrastructure and expand clinical trial capacity at the Georgia Cancer Center at Augusta University.	$8,333,333	$8,333,333
Increase funds to research polyfluoroalkyl substance (PFAS) removal and remediation.	$200,000	$200,000
Increase funds for security and amenities at the State Botanical Garden.	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$51,725,049	$51,725,049

41.16. Regents Central Office

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to institutions of the University System of Georgia and to fund membership in the Southern Regional Education Board.

Total Funds	$12,057,380
Other Funds	$320,000
Agency Funds	$320,000
State Funds	$11,737,380
State General Funds	$11,737,380

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$11,385,591	$11,705,591
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$8,206	$8,206
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$23,096	$23,096
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$35,317	$35,317

Increase funds to support increased costs of the Georgia Library Learning Online (GALILEO) system.	$243,035	$243,035
Transfer funds for state participation in regional crisis recovery network at the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) to support student mental health from the Governor's Office of Student Achievement to the Board of Regents to be included with SREB payments.	$10,000	$10,000
Increase funds for SREB slots in out-of-state optometry programs.	$32,135	$32,135
Amount appropriated in this Act	$11,737,380	$12,057,380

41.17. Skidaway Institute of Oceanography

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund research and educational programs regarding marine and ocean science and aquatic environments.

Total Funds	$10,121,274
Federal Funds and Grants	$3,811,440
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,811,440
Other Funds	$3,061,472
Agency Funds	$2,122,292
Research Funds	$939,180
State Funds	$3,248,362
State General Funds	$3,248,362

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,423,225	$10,296,137
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$2,823	$2,823
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,043	$1,043
Eliminate one-time funds for a dock electrical supply line replacement.	($193,072)	($193,072)
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$14,343	$14,343
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,248,362	$10,121,274

41.18. Teaching

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds to the Board of Regents for annual allocations to University System of Georgia institutions for student instruction and to establish and operate other initiatives that promote, support, or extend student learning.

Total Funds	$9,457,983,967
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,451,294,435
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,451,294,435
Other Funds	$4,494,754,298
Agency Funds	$3,461,266,263
Research Funds	$1,033,488,035
State Funds	$3,511,935,234
State General Funds	$3,511,935,234

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,282,472,916	$9,228,521,649
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$4,063,949	$4,063,949

Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$133,554	$133,554
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$939,181	$939,181
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$313,494	$313,494
Increase funds to reflect a 4.95% increase in enrollment ($216,513,365) and a 0.56% increase in square footage ($2,096,877).	$218,610,242	$218,610,242
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$34,964,011	$34,964,011
Eliminate start-up funds for Augusta University and Georgia Southern University medical school expansion.	($4,692,816)	($4,692,816)
Provide advance funding for the University of Georgia School of Medicine based on Group 5 credit hour earnings.	$9,548,154	$9,548,154
Eliminate one-time funds for Georgia Capitol history publication. *(CC:No; Maintain funds for publications.)*	$0	$0
Reduce funds for campus coordinators to reflect consolidation of East Georgia State College and Georgia Southern University.	($179,134)	($179,134)
Reduce funds to reflect increased credit hour productivity for online courses. *(CC:Reduce funds and study the current funding formula to consider online course efficiencies and state fund earnings for non-Georgia resident students.)*	($34,238,317)	($34,238,317)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,511,935,234	$9,457,983,967

41.19. Veterinary Medicine Experiment Station

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and conduct research at the University of Georgia on animal disease problems of present and potential concern to Georgia's livestock and poultry industries and to provide training and education in disease research, surveillance, and intervention.

Total Funds	$8,646,367
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,058,178
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,058,178
Other Funds	$2,191,822
Research Funds	$2,191,822
State Funds	$5,396,367
State General Funds	$5,396,367

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$5,346,504	$8,596,504
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$7,007	$7,007
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$274	$274
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$42,582	$42,582
Amount appropriated in this Act	$5,396,367	$8,646,367

41.20. Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide clinical instruction for veterinary medicine students, support research that enhances the health and welfare of production and companion animals in Georgia, and address the shortage of veterinarians in Georgia and the nation.

Total Funds	$34,607,827
Other Funds	$34,000,000

Agency Funds	$34,000,000
State Funds	$607,827
State General Funds	$607,827

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$600,851	$34,600,851
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$1,755	$1,755
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$5,221	$5,221
Amount appropriated in this Act	$607,827	$34,607,827

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

41.21. Payments to Georgia Commission on the Holocaust

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to teach the lessons of the Holocaust to present and future generations of Georgians in order to create an awareness of the enormity of the crimes of prejudice and inhumanity.

Total Funds	$609,184
State Funds	$609,184
State General Funds	$609,184

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$627,460	$627,460
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$3,352	$3,352
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($22,329)	($22,329)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$701	$701
Amount appropriated in this Act	$609,184	$609,184

41.22. Payments to Georgia Military College Junior Military College

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for Georgia Military College's Junior Military College and pooled expenses.

Total Funds	$3,968,950
State Funds	$3,968,950
State General Funds	$3,968,950

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,939,264	$3,939,264
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$123	$123
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$11,478	$11,478
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$3,504	$3,504

Increase funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member-per-month (PMPM) rate for eligible employees from $1,885 to $2,028 effective July 1, 2026. *(CC:Increase funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member-per-month (PMPM) rate for eligible employees from $1,885 to $1,935 effective July 1, 2026.)*	$14,581	$14,581
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,968,950	$3,968,950

41.23. Payments to Georgia Military College Preparatory School

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide quality basic education funding for grades kindergarten through twelve at Georgia Military College's Preparatory School.

Total Funds	$6,540,566
State Funds	$6,540,566
State General Funds	$6,540,566

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$6,457,184	$6,457,184
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$15,680	$15,680
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$3,589	$3,589
Increase formula funds for enrollment, training, and experience.	$28,713	$28,713
Increase funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member-per-month (PMPM) rate for eligible employees from $1,885 to $2,028 effective July 1, 2026. *(CC:Increase funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member-per-month (PMPM) rate for eligible employees from $1,885 to $1,935 effective July 1, 2026.)*	$35,400	$35,400
Amount appropriated in this Act	$6,540,566	$6,540,566

41.24. Payments to Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to create, produce, and distribute high quality programs and services that educate, inform, and entertain audiences, and enrich the quality of their lives.

Total Funds	$13,009,079
State Funds	$13,009,079
State General Funds	$13,009,079

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$13,271,993	$13,271,993
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$1,036	$1,036
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$34,868	$34,868
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($438,268)	($438,268)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$8,487	$8,487
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$130,963	$130,963

Amount appropriated in this Act	$13,009,079	$13,009,079

Section 42: Revenue, Department of

Total Funds	**$226,897,538**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$1,058,059**
Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Block Grant (CFDA 93.959)	$370,147
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$687,912
Other Funds	**$2,247,671**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$2,247,671
State Funds	**$223,591,808**
Fireworks Trust Funds	$2,640,636
State General Funds	$220,517,389
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$433,783

42.1. Departmental Administration (DOR)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer and enforce the tax laws of the State of Georgia and provide general support services to the operating programs of the Department of Revenue.

Total Funds	$13,914,641
State Funds	$13,914,641
State General Funds	$13,914,641

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$14,348,537	$14,348,537
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($36,409)	($36,409)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($32,416)	($32,416)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($542,501)	($542,501)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$2,120	$2,120
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$175,310	$175,310
Amount appropriated in this Act	$13,914,641	$13,914,641

42.2. Forestland Protection Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide reimbursement for forestland conservation use property and qualified timberland property to counties, municipalities, and school districts.

Total Funds	$34,941,371
State Funds	$34,941,371
State General Funds	$34,941,371

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$33,989,695	$33,989,695
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($2,725)	($2,725)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($45,599)	($45,599)
Provide funds based on projected expenditures to avoid a shortfall.	$1,000,000	$1,000,000

Amount appropriated in this Act	$34,941,371	$34,941,371

42.3. Industry Regulation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of the distribution, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages and tobacco products.

Total Funds	$10,497,589
Federal Funds and Grants	$370,147
Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Block Grant (CFDA 93.959)	$370,147
Other Funds	$485,887
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$485,887
State Funds	$9,641,555
State General Funds	$9,207,772
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$433,783

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$9,921,056	$10,777,090
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($34,341)	($34,341)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($22,406)	($22,406)
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$26,197	$26,197
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($374,980)	($374,980)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$1,446	$1,446
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$124,583	$124,583
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,641,555	$10,497,589

42.4. Local Government Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local tax officials with the administration of state tax laws and administer the unclaimed property unit.

Total Funds	$7,537,045
Other Funds	$420,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$420,000
State Funds	$7,117,045
Fireworks Trust Funds	$2,640,636
State General Funds	$4,476,409

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$24,537,013	$24,957,013
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($10,995)	($10,995)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($9,386)	($9,386)

Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($157,083)	($157,083)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$927	$927
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$90,904	$90,904
Reduce funds for the Fireworks Trust Fund to reflect FY 2025 collections of Fireworks Excise Tax pursuant to HB 511 (2021 Session).	($34,335)	($34,335)
Eliminate funds for local reimbursement for a one-time timber severance tax pursuant to the passage of HB 223 (2025 Session).	($17,300,000)	($17,300,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$7,117,045	$7,537,045

42.5. Local Tax Officials Retirement and FICA

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide state retirement benefits and employer share of FICA to local tax officials.

Total Funds	$9,169,007
State Funds	$9,169,007
State General Funds	$9,169,007

42.6. Motor Vehicle Registration and Titling

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to establish motor vehicle ownership by maintaining title and registration records and validate rebuilt vehicles for road-worthiness for new title issuance.

Total Funds	$46,287,100
State Funds	$46,287,100
State General Funds	$46,287,100

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$46,275,032	$46,275,032
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($193,524)	($193,524)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($34,545)	($34,545)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($578,132)	($578,132)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$6,113	$6,113
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$180,795	$180,795
Increase funds for the maintenance and support of the Driver Record and Integrated Vehicle Enterprise System (DRIVES).	$213,815	$213,815
Increase funds to reflect an increase in postage for motor vehicle registration and licensing production.	$102,546	$102,546
Increase funds for two criminal investigator positions and equipment to address fraud and abuse related to temporary operating permits (TOPs) and dealer tags pursuant to the passage of SB 293 (2026 Session).	$315,000	$315,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$46,287,100	$46,287,100

42.7. Office of Special Investigations

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate fraudulent taxpayer and criminal activities involving department efforts; and conduct checkpoints in areas where reports indicate the use of dyed fuels in on-road vehicles.

Total Funds	$6,284,409
Federal Funds and Grants	$416,081
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$416,081
State Funds	$5,868,328
State General Funds	$5,868,328

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$5,984,179	$6,400,260
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($18,697)	($18,697)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($8,885)	($8,885)
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$10,825	$10,825
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($148,700)	($148,700)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$798	$798
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$48,808	$48,808
Amount appropriated in this Act	$5,868,328	$6,284,409

42.8. Tax Compliance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to audit tax accounts, ensure compliance, and collect on delinquent accounts.

Total Funds	$66,541,737
Other Funds	$1,341,784
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,341,784
State Funds	$65,199,953
State General Funds	$65,199,953

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$66,839,660	$68,181,444
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($250,489)	($250,489)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($131,221)	($131,221)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($2,196,015)	($2,196,015)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$10,072	$10,072
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$702,818	$702,818
Increase funds for the maintenance and support of the Integrated Tax System (ITS).	$225,128	$225,128
Amount appropriated in this Act	$65,199,953	$66,541,737

42.9. Tax Policy

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct all administrative appeals of tax assessments; draft regulations for taxes collected by the department; support the State Board of Equalization; and draft letter rulings and provide research and analysis related to all tax law and policy inquiries.

Total Funds	$4,715,184
State Funds	$4,715,184
State General Funds	$4,715,184

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$4,866,429	$4,866,429
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($9,491)	($9,491)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($11,715)	($11,715)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($196,047)	($196,047)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$789	$789
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$65,219	$65,219
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,715,184	$4,715,184

42.10. Taxpayer Services

Purpose: The purpose of the appropriation is to ensure that all tax payments are processed in accordance with the law; that all returns are reviewed and taxpayer information is recorded accurately; to provide assistance to customer inquiries about the administration of individual income tax, sales and use tax, withholding tax, corporate tax, motor fuel and motor carrier taxes, and all registration functions.

Total Funds	$27,009,455
Federal Funds and Grants	$271,831
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$271,831
State Funds	$26,737,624
State General Funds	$26,737,624

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$27,532,578	$27,804,409
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($109,856)	($109,856)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($55,849)	($55,849)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($934,652)	($934,652)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$4,471	$4,471
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$300,932	$300,932
Amount appropriated in this Act	$26,737,624	$27,009,455

Section 43: Secretary of State

Total Funds	**$54,082,211**

Federal Funds and Grants	**$98,227**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$98,227
Other Funds	**$18,655,500**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$18,655,500
State Funds	**$35,328,484**
State General Funds	$35,328,484

43.1. Corporations

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to accept and review filings made pursuant to statutes; to issue certifications of records on file; and to provide general information to the public on all filed entities.

Total Funds	$15,000,000
Other Funds	$15,000,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$15,000,000

43.2. Elections

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer all duties imposed upon the Secretary of State by providing all required filing and public information services, performing all certification and commissioning duties required by law, and assisting candidates, local governments, and citizens in interpreting and complying with all election, voter registration, and financial disclosure laws.

Total Funds	$8,310,864
Federal Funds and Grants	$98,227
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$98,227
Other Funds	$50,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$50,000
State Funds	$8,162,637
State General Funds	$8,162,637

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$8,297,307	$8,445,534
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$200	$200
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($15,130)	($15,130)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($183,856)	($183,856)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$3,017	$3,017
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$65,739	$65,739
Eliminate one-time funds for precinct card mailings due to passage of SB 424 (2024 Session).	($4,640)	($4,640)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,162,637	$8,310,864

43.3. Investigations

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the laws and regulations related to professional licenses, elections, and securities; to investigate complaints; and to conduct inspections of applicants and existing license holders.

Total Funds	$4,204,016
State Funds	$4,204,016
State General Funds	$4,204,016

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$4,373,179	$4,373,179
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($18,617)	($18,617)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($226,232)	($226,232)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$1,832	$1,832
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$73,854	$73,854
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,204,016	$4,204,016

43.4. Office Administration (SOS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the Office of Secretary of State and its attached agencies.

Total Funds	$3,451,523
Other Funds	$5,500
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$5,500
State Funds	$3,446,023
State General Funds	$3,446,023

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,476,378	$3,481,878
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$353	$353
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($10,108)	($10,108)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($122,827)	($122,827)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$1,832	$1,832
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$100,395	$100,395
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,446,023	$3,451,523

43.5. Professional Licensing Boards

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public health and welfare by supporting all operations of Boards which license professions.

Total Funds	$12,853,974
Other Funds	$2,500,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$2,500,000
State Funds	$10,353,974
State General Funds	$10,353,974

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$10,628,027	$13,128,027
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$148	$148

Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($33,931)	($33,931)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($412,322)	($412,322)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$8,405	$8,405
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$163,647	$163,647
Amount appropriated in this Act	$10,353,974	$12,853,974

43.6. Securities

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the administration and enforcement of the Georgia Securities Act, the Georgia Charitable Solicitations Act, and the Georgia Cemetery Act. Functions under each act include registration, examination, investigation, and administrative enforcement actions.

Total Funds	$2,161,154
Other Funds	$1,000,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,000,000
State Funds	$1,161,154
State General Funds	$1,161,154

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,179,844	$2,179,844
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($3,747)	($3,747)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($45,529)	($45,529)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$754	$754
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$29,832	$29,832
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,161,154	$2,161,154

43.7. Special Project - Office Administration (SOS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide start-up funds for the Victim Centered Address Confidentiality Program pursuant to SB 324 (2024 Session).

Total Funds	$252,029
State Funds	$252,029
State General Funds	$252,029

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$250,000	$250,000
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$2,029	$2,029
Amount appropriated in this Act	$252,029	$252,029

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

43.8. Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide access to low THC oil for registered Georgia patients by regulating the production, transport, and sale of low THC oil; to develop a network of low THC oil; and to study the use, efficacy, and best practices of low THC oil use in Georgia.

Total Funds	$1,780,584
State Funds	$1,780,584
State General Funds	$1,780,584

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,806,873	$1,806,873
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$116	$116
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$6,151	$6,151
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($56,662)	($56,662)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$24,106	$24,106
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,780,584	$1,780,584

43.9. Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Board

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for professional engineers and land surveyors.

Total Funds	$1,526,924
State Funds	$1,526,924
State General Funds	$1,526,924

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,361,143	$1,361,143
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($57,647)	($57,647)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$14,345	$14,345
Provide funds for one safety and compliance specialist, one attorney, and human resources and financial services fees. *(CC:Increase funds for one safety and compliance specialist and human resources and financial services fees.)*	$209,083	$209,083
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,526,924	$1,526,924

43.10. Real Estate Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for real estate brokers and salespersons, and provide administrative support to the Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board in their administration of the Real Estate Appraisal Act.

Total Funds	$3,166,084
Other Funds	$100,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$100,000
State Funds	$3,066,084
State General Funds	$3,066,084

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,133,354	$3,233,354
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($1,501)	($1,501)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$6,889	$6,889
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($104,243)	($104,243)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$31,585	$31,585
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,066,084	$3,166,084

43.11. State Elections Board

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for the promulgation and enforcement of rules and regulations related to elections and the investigation of any violations thereof.

Total Funds	$1,375,059
State Funds	$1,375,059
State General Funds	$1,375,059

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,389,283	$1,389,283
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($23,802)	($23,802)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$9,578	$9,578
Reduce funds to align budget with projected expenditures. *(CC:No; Restore funding reduction.)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,375,059	$1,375,059

Section 44: Student Finance Commission, Georgia

Total Funds	**$1,434,289,674**
Other Funds	**$5,165,375**
Agency Funds	$582,608
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$4,582,767
State Funds	**$1,429,124,299**
Lottery Funds	$1,144,826,013
State General Funds	$284,298,286

44.1. College Completion Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to provide needs-based financial aid to eligible students to complete remaining credential credit requirements.

Total Funds	$11,000,000
State Funds	$11,000,000
Lottery Funds	$11,000,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$10,000,000	$10,000,000

Increase funds to support updated grant eligibility requirements for students at Technical College System of Georgia institutions pursuant to HB 38 (2025 Session). *(CC:Increase funds to support updated eligibility requirements pursuant to HB 38 (2025 Session).)*	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$11,000,000	$11,000,000

44.2. Commission Administration (GSFC)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide scholarships that reward students with financial assistance in degree, diploma, and certificate programs at eligible Georgia public and private colleges and universities, and public technical colleges.

Total Funds	$10,916,266
Other Funds	$125,676
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$125,676
State Funds	$10,790,590
Lottery Funds	$10,790,590

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$11,098,270	$11,256,470
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$2,585	$2,585
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$19,392	$21,348
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($454,595)	($500,445)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$1,200	$1,321
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$123,738	$134,987
Amount appropriated in this Act	$10,790,590	$10,916,266

44.3. Dual Enrollment

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to allow students to pursue postsecondary study at approved public and private postsecondary institutions, while receiving dual high school and college credit for courses successfully completed.

Total Funds	$130,000,000
State Funds	$130,000,000
State General Funds	$130,000,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$108,732,275	$108,732,275
Increase funds to meet projected need.	$21,267,725	$21,267,725
Amount appropriated in this Act	$130,000,000	$130,000,000

44.4. Engineer Scholarship

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forgivable loans to Georgia residents who are engineering students at Mercer University (Macon campus) and retain those students as engineers in the State.

Total Funds	$1,260,000
State Funds	$1,260,000
State General Funds	$1,260,000

44.5. Foster Care Scholarship

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide postsecondary education grants to eligible students who are current or former foster youth.

Total Funds	$2,500,000
State Funds	$2,500,000
State General Funds	$2,500,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$0	$0
Provide funds to establish the Georgia Foster Care Scholarship pursuant to SB 85 (2025 Session).	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,500,000	$2,500,000

44.6. Georgia Military College Scholarship

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend Georgia Military College, thereby strengthening Georgia's National Guard with their membership.

Total Funds	$1,839,153
State Funds	$1,839,153
State General Funds	$1,839,153

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,082,916	$1,082,916
Increase funds to meet projected need to provide three scholars per congressional district.	$756,237	$756,237
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,839,153	$1,839,153

44.7. HERO Scholarship

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to members of the Georgia National Guard and U.S. Military Reservists who served in combat zones and the spouses and children of such members.

Total Funds	$280,000
State Funds	$280,000
State General Funds	$280,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$280,000	$280,000
Reduce funds to meet projected need. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$280,000	$280,000

44.8. HOPE Grant

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to students seeking a diploma or certificate at a public postsecondary institution.

Total Funds	$93,789,605
State Funds	$93,789,605
Lottery Funds	$93,789,605

44.9. HOPE High School Equivalency Exam

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to encourage Georgia's High School Equivalency Exam recipients to pursue education beyond the high school level at an eligible postsecondary institution located in Georgia.

Total Funds	$500,000
State Funds	$500,000
Lottery Funds	$500,000

44.10. HOPE Scholarships - Private Schools

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible private postsecondary institution.

Total Funds	$91,417,628
State Funds	$91,417,628
Lottery Funds	$91,417,628

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$88,239,188	$88,239,188
Increase funds to meet projected need.	$3,178,440	$3,178,440
Amount appropriated in this Act	$91,417,628	$91,417,628

44.11. HOPE Scholarships - Public Schools

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible public postsecondary institution.

Total Funds	$937,328,190
State Funds	$937,328,190
Lottery Funds	$937,328,190

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$895,819,276	$895,819,276
Increase funds to meet projected need.	$41,508,914	$41,508,914
Amount appropriated in this Act	$937,328,190	$937,328,190

44.12. Inclusive Postsecondary Education (IPSE) Grant

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to provide financial aid to students with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are currently enrolled in the Georgia Inclusive Postsecondary Education program at a postsecondary institution in this state.

Total Funds	$2,100,000
State Funds	$2,100,000
State General Funds	$2,100,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
Reduce funds to meet projected need.	($500,000)	($500,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,100,000	$2,100,000

44.13. North Georgia Military Scholarship Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend the University of North Georgia, thereby strengthening Georgia's Army National Guard with their membership.

Total Funds	$3,709,694
State Funds	$3,709,694
State General Funds	$3,709,694

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,037,740	$3,037,740
Increase funds to meet projected need to provide three scholars per congressional district.	$671,954	$671,954
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,709,694	$3,709,694

44.14. North Georgia ROTC Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia residents with non-repayable financial assistance to attend the University of North Georgia and to participate in the Reserve Officers Training Corps program.

Total Funds	$1,113,750
State Funds	$1,113,750
State General Funds	$1,113,750

44.15. Promise Scholarship

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to provide scholarships to eligible students to attend private elementary and secondary schools in accordance with the Promise Scholarship Act.

Total Funds	$100,000,000
State Funds	$100,000,000
State General Funds	$100,000,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$141,016,057	$141,016,057
Adjust funds to reflect a 30% increase in utilization over FY 2026. *(CC:Align funds to meet prior year utilization and provide funding for 80% growth.)*	($41,016,057)	($41,016,057)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$100,000,000	$100,000,000

44.16. Public Service Memorial Grant

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance through the Public Safety Memorial Grant and the Public School Employee Memorial Grant.

Total Funds	$250,000
State Funds	$250,000
State General Funds	$250,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$540,000	$540,000
Reduce funds and utilize surplus funds to meet projected need.	($290,000)	($290,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$250,000	$250,000

44.17. REACH Georgia Scholarship

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide needs-based scholarships to selected students participating in the REACH Georgia mentorship and scholarship program, which encourages and supports academically promising middle and high school students in their educational pursuits.

Total Funds	$6,370,000
State Funds	$6,370,000
State General Funds	$6,370,000

44.18. Service Cancelable Loans

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide service cancelable loans as authorized in statute including programs for large animal veterinarians and Georgia National Guard members.

Total Funds	$9,898,830
Other Funds	$3,178,830
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$3,178,830
State Funds	$6,720,000
State General Funds	$6,720,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$5,120,000	$8,298,830
Reduce funds to meet the projected need for the Peace Officers Loan Repayment Program.	($2,700,000)	($2,700,000)
Utilize existing surplus funds from the Peace Officers Loan Repayment Program ($2,000,000) and increase funds for the Behavioral Health Professions Service Cancelable Loan Program to meet the projected need for behavioral health professionals. ($6,000,000 Total Funds)	$4,000,000	$4,000,000
Increase funds for veterinary student loan repayment.	$300,000	$300,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$6,720,000	$9,898,830

44.19. Tuition Equalization Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the private segment of higher education in Georgia by providing non-repayable grant aid to Georgia residents who attend eligible private postsecondary institutions.

Total Funds	$28,428,231
Other Funds	$1,278,261
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,278,261
State Funds	$27,149,970
State General Funds	$27,149,970

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$23,157,067	$24,435,328
Increase funds to meet projected need.	$3,992,903	$3,992,903
Amount appropriated in this Act	$27,149,970	$28,428,231

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

44.20. Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize private postsecondary schools in Georgia; provide transcripts for students who attended schools that closed; and resolve complaints.

Total Funds	$1,588,327
Other Funds	$582,608
Agency Funds	$582,608
State Funds	$1,005,719
State General Funds	$1,005,719

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,055,070	$1,637,678

Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$2,756	$2,756
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($52,107)	($52,107)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,005,719	$1,588,327

Section 45: Teachers Retirement System

Total Funds	**$62,118,673**
Other Funds	**$62,092,673**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$62,092,673
State Funds	**$26,000**
State General Funds	$26,000

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution rate for the Teachers' Retirement System shall not exceed 22.32% for State Fiscal Year 2027.

45.1. Local/Floor COLA

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirees from local retirement systems a minimum allowance upon retirement (Floor) and a post-retirement benefit adjustment (COLA) whenever such adjustment is granted to teachers who retired under TRS.

Total Funds	$26,000
State Funds	$26,000
State General Funds	$26,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$62,000	$62,000
Reduce funds to reflect the declining population of teachers who qualify for benefits.	($36,000)	($36,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$26,000	$26,000

45.2. System Administration (TRS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, including paying retiree benefits, investing retirement funds, accounting for the status and contributions of active and inactive members, counseling members, and processing refunds.

Total Funds	$62,092,673
Other Funds	$62,092,673
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$62,092,673

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$0	$62,092,673
Provide funds pending passage of SB 150 (2026 Session) as required by the actuary. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$62,092,673

Section 46: Technical College System of Georgia

Total Funds	**$1,345,233,189**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$252,624,151**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$252,624,151

Other Funds	**$442,636,642**
Agency Funds	$427,817,713
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$14,818,929
State Funds	**$564,137,184**
State General Funds	$564,137,184
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$85,835,212**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$85,835,212

46.1. Adult Education

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to develop Georgia's workforce by providing adult learners in Georgia with basic reading, writing, computation, speaking, listening, and technology skills; to provide secondary instruction to adults without a high school diploma; and to provide oversight of high school equivalency preparation, testing, and the processing of diplomas and transcripts.

Total Funds	$57,228,606
Federal Funds and Grants	$33,233,713
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$33,233,713
Other Funds	$5,295,696
Agency Funds	$5,295,696
State Funds	$18,564,197
State General Funds	$18,564,197
Intra-State Government Transfers	$135,000
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$135,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$19,088,372	$57,752,781
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$3,455	$3,455
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$32,475	$32,475
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($750,794)	($750,794)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$190,689	$190,689
Provide funds to establish the Adult Workforce High School Diploma Program pursuant to SB 193 (2025 Session). *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$18,564,197	$57,228,606

46.2. Departmental Administration (TCSG)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide statewide administrative services to support the state workforce development efforts undertaken by the department through its associated programs and institutions.

Total Funds	$8,281,761
State Funds	$8,281,761
State General Funds	$8,281,761

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$8,623,596	$8,623,596
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$835	$835

Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$8,575	$8,575
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($452,992)	($452,992)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$101,747	$101,747
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,281,761	$8,281,761

46.3. Economic Development and Customized Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide customized services for existing businesses in the state.

Total Funds	$50,138,169
Federal Funds and Grants	$14,416,366
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$14,416,366
Other Funds	$29,599,575
Agency Funds	$29,599,575
State Funds	$3,323,239
State General Funds	$3,323,239
Intra-State Government Transfers	$2,798,989
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$2,798,989

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,375,358	$50,190,288
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$2,850	$2,850
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,617	$1,617
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($75,177)	($75,177)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$18,591	$18,591
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,323,239	$50,138,169

46.4. Quick Start

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote job creation and retention by developing and delivering customized workforce training for Georgia businesses during start-up, expansion, or when they make capital investments in new technology, processes, or product lines in order to remain competitive in the global marketplace.

Total Funds	$24,335,124
Other Funds	$3,879
Agency Funds	$3,879
State Funds	$21,003,065
State General Funds	$21,003,065
Intra-State Government Transfers	$3,328,180
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$3,328,180

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$21,552,619	$24,884,678

Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$1,952	$1,952
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$326	$326
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$12,552	$12,552
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($663,085)	($663,085)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$98,701	$98,701
Amount appropriated in this Act	$21,003,065	$24,335,124

46.5. Technical Education

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for workforce development through certificate, diploma, and degree programs in technical education and continuing education programs for adult learners, and to encourage both youth and adult learners to acquire postsecondary education or training to increase their competitiveness in the workplace.

Total Funds	$1,028,251,261
Federal Funds and Grants	$68,938,560
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$68,938,560
Other Funds	$407,643,166
Agency Funds	$392,918,563
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$14,724,603
State Funds	$472,096,492
State General Funds	$472,096,492
Intra-State Government Transfers	$79,573,043
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$79,573,043

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$444,181,110	$1,000,335,879
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$117,775	$117,775
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$83,445	$83,445
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$837,616	$837,616
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($18,982,715)	($18,982,715)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$1,494	$1,494
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$5,610,285	$5,610,285
Increase funds to reflect a 9.4% increase in enrollment ($33,594,041) and a 0.9% increase in square footage ($553,441).	$34,147,482	$34,147,482
Eliminate funds for Dual Achievement Pilot program pursuant to HB 217 (2025 Session). *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Provide funds to implement a mobile alert pilot program at five colleges. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0

Provide one-time funds for start-up costs associated with aviation welding programming at Southern Crescent Technical College to support the aerospace community in the region.	$950,000	$950,000
Increase funds for equipment needs at Central Georgia Technical College to support Georgia's healthcare workforce. *(CC:Increase funds for equipment needs at Central Georgia Technical College to support Georgia's healthcare workforce and reflect project completion.)*	$5,000,000	$5,000,000
Increase funds for support services. *(CC:No)*	$150,000	$150,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$472,096,492	$1,028,251,261

46.6. Technical Education: High-Cost Programs - Special Project

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to bridge the funding gap between formula earnings and instructional delivery for the high-cost program areas of Aviation, Commercial Truck Driving, and Nursing.

Total Funds	$30,962,682
State Funds	$30,962,682
State General Funds	$30,962,682

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$31,711,098	$31,711,098
Reduce funds to reflect a 1.8% decrease in enrollment for high-cost programs.	($748,416)	($748,416)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$30,962,682	$30,962,682

46.7. Workforce Development

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to improve the job training and marketability of Georgia's workforce and assist employers and job seekers with job matching services to promote economic growth and development.

Total Funds	$146,035,586
Federal Funds and Grants	$136,035,512
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$136,035,512
Other Funds	$94,326
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$94,326
State Funds	$9,905,748
State General Funds	$9,905,748

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$9,770,675	$145,900,513
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$255	$255
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$3,501	$3,501
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($184,959)	($184,959)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$41,276	$41,276
Eliminate funds for one unfilled workforce development position.	($225,000)	($225,000)
Increase funds for the High Demand Apprenticeship Program (HDAP) for additional slots across the state.	$500,000	$500,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,905,748	$146,035,586

Section 47: Transportation, Department of

Total Funds	**$4,648,598,643**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$1,611,757,546**
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$1,499,466,641
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$112,290,905
Other Funds	**$175,979,549**
Agency Funds	$19,098,513
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$156,881,036
State Funds	**$2,860,861,548**
Georgia Transit Trust Funds	$41,879,733
Motor Fuel Funds	$2,515,958,683
State General Funds	$49,231,989
Transportation Trust Funds	$253,791,143

It is the intent of this General Assembly that the following provisions apply:
a.) In order to meet the requirements for projects on the Interstate System, the Office of Planning and Budget is hereby authorized and directed to give advanced budgetary authorization for letting and execution of Interstate Highway Contracts not to exceed the amount of Motor Fuel Tax Revenues actually paid into the Office of the State Treasurer, attached agency of the Department of Administrative Services.
b.) Programs financed by Motor Fuel Tax Funds may be adjusted for additional appropriation or balances brought forward from previous years with prior approval by the Office of Planning and Budget.
c.) The Fiscal Officers of the State are hereby directed as of July 1st of each fiscal year to determine the collection of Motor Fuel Tax in the immediately preceding year less refunds, rebates and collection costs and enter this amount as being the appropriation payable in lieu of the Motor Fuel Tax Funds appropriated in this Bill, in the event such collections, less refunds, rebates and collection costs, exceed such Motor Fuel Tax Appropriation.
d.) Functions financed with General Fund appropriations shall be accounted for separately and shall be in addition to appropriations of Motor Fuel Tax revenues required under Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI, Subsection (b) of the State Constitution.
e.) Bus rental income may be retained to operate, maintain and upgrade department-owned buses.

47.1. Airport Aid

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Airports.

Total Funds	$86,505,353
Federal Funds and Grants	$46,509,284
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$46,509,284
Other Funds	$6,233
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$6,233
State Funds	$39,989,836
State General Funds	$39,989,836

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$30,000,000	$76,515,517
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($18,482)	($18,482)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$8,318	$8,318
Increase funds for airport aid.	$10,000,000	$10,000,000

No portion of the Georgia Department of Transportation's Airport Aid funding shall be available to airports that use Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS-B) for levying landing fees or other charged services. *(CC:Yes; No portion of the Georgia Department of Transportation's Airport Aid funding shall be available to airports that use Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS-B) for levying landing fees or other charged services when the aircraft weighs less than 12,500 pounds.)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$39,989,836	$86,505,353

47.2. Capital Construction Projects

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for Capital Outlay road construction and enhancement projects on local and state road systems.

Total Funds	$2,288,246,623
Federal Funds and Grants	$930,452,699
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$930,452,699
Other Funds	$122,300,430
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$122,300,430
State Funds	$1,235,493,494
Motor Fuel Funds	$1,080,718,180
Transportation Trust Funds	$154,775,314

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,128,927,865	$2,181,680,994
Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for increased project capacity.	$80,759,240	$80,759,240
Increase Transportation Trust Funds to reflect FY 2025 collections of hotel/motel excise tax, highway impact fees, and alternative fuel vehicle fees.	$14,039,579	$14,039,579
Redirect motor fuel savings from the reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan. *(CC:Redirect motor fuel funds to reflect changes in the employer contribution rates for the State Health Benefit Plan and the Employees' Retirement System.)*	$11,766,810	$11,766,810
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,235,493,494	$2,288,246,623

47.3. Capital Maintenance Projects

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay for maintenance projects.

Total Funds	$586,696,217
Federal Funds and Grants	$281,600,000
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$281,600,000
Other Funds	$350,574
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$350,574
State Funds	$304,745,643
Motor Fuel Funds	$260,588,167
Transportation Trust Funds	$44,157,476

47.4. Data Collection, Compliance, and Reporting

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to collect and disseminate crash, accident, road, and traffic data in accordance with state and federal law in order to provide current and accurate information for planning and public awareness needs.

Total Funds	$12,142,931
Federal Funds and Grants	$9,043,897
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$9,043,897
State Funds	$3,099,034
Motor Fuel Funds	$3,099,034

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$3,180,059	$12,223,956
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$2,248	$2,248
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($97,793)	($97,793)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$14,520	$14,520
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,099,034	$12,142,931

47.5. Departmental Administration (DOT)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to plan, construct, maintain, and improve the state's roads and bridges and to provide planning and financial support for other modes of transportation such as mass transit, airports, railroads and waterways.

Total Funds	$104,035,860
Federal Funds and Grants	$10,839,823
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$10,839,823
Other Funds	$398,970
Agency Funds	$398,970
State Funds	$92,797,067
Motor Fuel Funds	$92,797,067

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$93,103,898	$104,342,691
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($43,087)	($43,087)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$106,205	$106,205
Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$4,286	$4,286
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($4,621,017)	($4,621,017)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$581,263	$581,263
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$845,520	$845,520

Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for increased monthly telecommunication rates and IT maintenance support.	$2,819,999	$2,819,999
Amount appropriated in this Act	$92,797,067	$104,035,860

47.6. Local Maintenance and Improvement Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for Capital Outlay grants to local governments for road and bridge resurfacing projects through the State Funded Construction - Local Road Assistance Program.

Total Funds	$261,219,451
State Funds	$261,219,451
Motor Fuel Funds	$261,219,451

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$247,644,281	$247,644,281
Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for local maintenance and improvement grants to the statutorily required level of 10% of projected motor fuel excise tax revenue.	$13,575,170	$13,575,170
Amount appropriated in this Act	$261,219,451	$261,219,451

47.7. Local Road Assistance Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide technical and financial assistance to local governments for construction, maintenance, and resurfacing of local roads and bridges.

Total Funds	$62,002,378
Federal Funds and Grants	$51,655,917
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$51,655,917
Other Funds	$6,000,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$6,000,000
State Funds	$4,346,461
Motor Fuel Funds	$4,346,461

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$9,846,461	$67,502,378
Eliminate one-time state general funds for pedestrian improvements in the Cumberland Community Improvement District and roadway safety improvements.	($5,500,000)	($5,500,000)
Increase funds for one-time funding for roundabout projects to enhance safety and traffic flow. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,346,461	$62,002,378

47.8. Planning

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to develop the state transportation improvement program and the state-wide strategic transportation plan, and coordinate transportation policies, planning, and programs related to design, construction, maintenance, operations, and financing of transportation.

Total Funds	$27,573,123
Federal Funds and Grants	$22,772,795
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$22,772,795
State Funds	$4,800,328
Motor Fuel Funds	$2,800,328

Transportation Trust Funds $2,000,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$4,907,406	$27,680,201
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$3,053	$3,053
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($132,849)	($132,849)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$22,718	$22,718
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,800,328	$27,573,123

47.9. Ports and Waterways

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development, and maintenance of Georgia's Ports and Waterways.

Total Funds $1,380,443
State Funds $1,380,443
State General Funds $1,380,443

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,398,641	$1,398,641
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($23,949)	($23,949)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$5,751	$5,751
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,380,443	$1,380,443

47.10. Program Delivery Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and expand the state's transportation infrastructure by planning for and selecting road and bridge projects, acquiring rights-of-way, completing engineering and project impact analyses, procuring and monitoring construction contracts, and certifying completed projects.

Total Funds $191,857,159
Federal Funds and Grants $53,642,990
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205) $53,642,990
Other Funds $1,098,619
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified $1,098,619
State Funds $137,115,550
Motor Fuel Funds $137,115,550

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$142,904,450	$197,646,059
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$248,967	$248,967
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($10,832,638)	($10,832,638)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$2,060,764	$2,060,764

Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for multiyear upgrade for project tracking database.	$2,734,007	$2,734,007
Amount appropriated in this Act	$137,115,550	$191,857,159

47.11. Rail

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development, and maintenance of Georgia's Rail.

Total Funds	$8,899,135
Federal Funds and Grants	$616,315
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$616,315
Other Funds	$88,239
Agency Funds	$88,239
State Funds	$8,194,581
State General Funds	$7,861,710
Transportation Trust Funds	$332,871

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$8,252,142	$8,956,696
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($39,608)	($39,608)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$12,555	$12,555
Reduce funds to reflect FY 2025 collections of locomotive diesel fuel sales tax pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-8-78.	($1,363,379)	($1,363,379)
Increase Transportation Trust Funds to reflect FY 2025 collections of hotel/motel excise tax, highway impact fees, and alternative fuel vehicle fees.	$332,871	$332,871
Increase funds for targeted freight congestion relief along key intermodal corridors impacting inland ports. *(CC:Increase funds for targeted freight congestion relief along key intermodal corridors impacting inland ports.)*	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,194,581	$8,899,135

47.12. Routine Maintenance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and adequately maintained state transportation system by inspecting roads and bridges, cataloguing road and bridge conditions and maintenance needs, and providing routine maintenance for state road and bridges. The purpose of this appropriation is also to maintain landscaping on road easements and rights-of-way through planting, litter control, vegetation removal, and grants to local governments, to provide for emergency operations on state routes, and to maintain state rest areas and welcome centers.

Total Funds	$630,299,638
Federal Funds and Grants	$11,577,366
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$11,577,366
Other Funds	$19,500,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$19,500,000
State Funds	$599,222,272
Motor Fuel Funds	$599,222,272

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$562,829,445	$593,906,811

Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$2,851,903	$2,851,903
Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for increased maintenance costs.	$33,540,924	$33,540,924
Amount appropriated in this Act	$599,222,272	$630,299,638

47.13. Traffic Management and Control

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and efficient transportation system statewide by conducting traffic engineering studies for traffic safety planning, permitting for activity on or adjacent to state roads, providing motorist assistance and traffic information through the Highway Emergency Response Operators (HERO) program and Intelligent Transportation System, and conducting inspections, repairs, and installations of traffic signals.

Total Funds	$179,264,011
Federal Funds and Grants	$79,677,354
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$79,527,354
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$150,000
Other Funds	$25,534,484
Agency Funds	$18,611,304
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$6,923,180
State Funds	$74,052,173
Motor Fuel Funds	$74,052,173

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$69,181,749	$174,393,587
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$53,822	$53,822
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($2,341,828)	($2,341,828)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$463,890	$463,890
Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for increased contractual agreement costs.	$6,694,540	$6,694,540
Amount appropriated in this Act	$74,052,173	$179,264,011

47.14. Transit

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development, and maintenance of Georgia's Transit.

Total Funds	$122,433,812
Federal Funds and Grants	$65,015,306
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$65,015,306
Other Funds	$702,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$702,000
State Funds	$56,716,506
Georgia Transit Trust Funds	$41,879,733
Transportation Trust Funds	$14,836,773

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$52,318,878	$118,036,184

Increase Georgia Transit Trust Funds to reflect FY 2025 collections of Hired Transport Fees. *(CC:Increase funds to reflect FY 2025 collections of Hired Transport Fees and allocate $350,000 to Columbus-Muscogee County for transit services.)*	$3,874,376	$3,874,376
Increase Transportation Trust Funds to reflect FY 2025 collections of hotel/motel excise tax, highway impact fees, and alternative fuel vehicle fees.	$523,252	$523,252
Utilize existing funds ($33,928) to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$56,716,506	$122,433,812

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

47.15. Payments to Atlanta- Region Transit Link (ATL) Authority

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative funds for the Atlanta-Region Transit Link (ATL) Authority.

Total Funds	$9,210,331
State Funds	$9,210,331
Transportation Trust Funds	$9,210,331

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$9,210,331	$9,210,331
Utilize existing funds ($46,151) to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,210,331	$9,210,331

47.16. Payments to State Road and Tollway Authority

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund debt service payments and other finance instruments and for operations of the State Road and Tollway Authority and the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority.

Total Funds	$76,832,178
Federal Funds and Grants	$48,353,800
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$48,353,800
State Funds	$28,478,378
Transportation Trust Funds	$28,478,378

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$27,854,078	$76,207,878
Increase Transportation Trust Funds for the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority for two employees and contracted support to fulfill statutory requirement of reviewing Transportation Improvement Program projects.	$625,000	$625,000
Reduce funds to reflect Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle (GARVEE) bond debt requirements.	($700)	($700)
Utilize existing funds ($4,487) to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$28,478,378	$76,832,178

Section 48: Veterans Service, Department of

Total Funds	**$68,012,558**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$24,210,246**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$24,210,246
Other Funds	**$3,465,491**
Agency Funds	$2,890,628
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$574,863
State Funds	**$40,336,821**
State General Funds	$40,336,821

48.1. Departmental Administration (DVS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate, manage, and supervise all aspects of department operations to include financial, public information, personnel, accounting, purchasing, supply, mail, records management, and information technology.

Total Funds	$4,165,717
State Funds	$4,165,717
State General Funds	$4,165,717

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$4,241,773	$4,241,773
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($11,534)	($11,534)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$2,669	$2,669
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($101,676)	($101,676)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$599	$599
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$33,886	$33,886
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,165,717	$4,165,717

48.2. Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the interment of eligible Georgia Veterans who served faithfully and honorably in the military service of our country.

Total Funds	$1,643,982
Federal Funds and Grants	$327,896
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$327,896
State Funds	$1,316,086
State General Funds	$1,316,086

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,051,037	$1,378,933
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,505	$1,505
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($57,320)	($57,320)

Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$460	$460
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$18,404	$18,404
Increase funds for a director for the new veterans cemetery in Augusta.	$102,000	$102,000
Transfer funds from the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities to the Department of Veterans Service for one-time funding of debris cleanup.	$200,000	$200,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,316,086	$1,643,982

48.3. Georgia War Veterans Nursing Homes

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide skilled nursing care to aged and infirmed Georgia war veterans.

Total Funds	$47,678,202
Federal Funds and Grants	$23,128,424
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$23,128,424
Other Funds	$3,465,491
Agency Funds	$2,890,628
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$574,863
State Funds	$21,084,287
State General Funds	$21,084,287

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$18,114,399	$44,708,314
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$25,780	$25,780
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($5,894)	($5,894)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$226	$226
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($8,595)	($8,595)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$486	$486
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$2,726	$2,726
Increase funds to match increased federal funds to maintain existing bed count.	$455,159	$455,159
Increase funds to promote excellence, for quality improvements, and additional staffing capacity to open all beds at the Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home in Milledgeville, Baldwin County.	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$21,084,287	$47,678,202

48.4. Veterans Benefits

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to serve Georgia's veterans, their dependents, and survivors in all matters pertaining to veterans' benefits by informing the veterans and their families about veterans' benefits, and directly assisting and advising them in securing the benefits to which they are entitled.

Total Funds	$14,524,657
Federal Funds and Grants	$753,926
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$753,926

State Funds	$13,770,731
State General Funds	$13,770,731

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$9,737,326	$10,491,252
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($4,045)	($4,045)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$11,688	$11,688
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($445,178)	($445,178)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$3,692	$3,692
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$147,486	$147,486
Increase funds for Field Operations and Appeals positions to meet the Department of Administrative Services' minimum salary guidelines.	$258,776	$258,776
Increase funds for one position for the new Savannah Tech VECTR Center.	$60,986	$60,986
Increase funds to provide evidence-based rehabilitation services for military veterans and service members with traumatic brain injuries and mental health concerns. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for a technology platform for community service referral.	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Increase funds to annualize legislative priority of eliminating veteran homelessness.	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$13,770,731	$14,524,657

Section 49: Workers' Compensation, State Board of

Total Funds	**$21,400,523**
Other Funds	**$373,832**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$373,832
State Funds	**$21,026,691**
State General Funds	$21,026,691

49.1. Administer the Workers' Compensation Laws

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide exclusive remedy for resolution of disputes in the Georgia Workers' Compensation law.

Total Funds	$14,876,875
Other Funds	$308,353
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$308,353
State Funds	$14,568,522
State General Funds	$14,568,522

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$15,120,939	$15,429,292
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($2,566)	($2,566)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($71,019)	($71,019)

Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	$3,254	$3,254
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($706,843)	($706,843)
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$224,757	$224,757
Amount appropriated in this Act	$14,568,522	$14,876,875

49.2. Board Administration (SBWC)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide superior access to the Georgia Workers' Compensation program for injured workers and employers in a manner that is sensitive, responsive, and effective.

Total Funds	$6,523,648
Other Funds	$65,479
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$65,479
State Funds	$6,458,169
State General Funds	$6,458,169

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$6,609,841	$6,675,320
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($18,775)	($18,775)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($17,911)	($17,911)
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($178,267)	($178,267)
Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$7,005	$7,005
Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	$56,276	$56,276
Amount appropriated in this Act	$6,458,169	$6,523,648

Section 50: Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission

Total Funds **$0**

50.1. Capital Projects Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to finance capital projects, including facilities, property, and equipment for state entities and to provide funds for the defeasance of outstanding general obligation debt.

Total Funds $0

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$715,736,336	$715,736,336
Reduce funds for one-time projects appropriated in the FY 2026 budget (HB 68, 2025 Session).	($715,736,336)	($715,736,336)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$0

Section 51: Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund

Total Funds	**$1,137,351,379**
Federal Recovery Funds	**$12,007,384**
Federal Recovery Funds Not Specifically Identified	$12,007,384
State Funds	**$1,125,343,995**
Motor Fuel Funds	$96,235,817
State General Funds	$1,029,108,178

51.1. GO Bonds Issued

Total Funds	$1,031,386,138
Federal Recovery Funds	$12,007,384
Federal Recovery Funds Not Specifically Identified	$12,007,384
State Funds	$1,019,378,754
Motor Fuel Funds	$96,235,817
State General Funds	$923,142,937

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$1,067,094,690	$1,079,102,074
Increase funds for debt service. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Transfer motor fuel funds to the Department of Transportation to reflect debt service savings on road and bridge bond issuances.	($5,328,939)	($5,328,939)
Reduce funds for debt service to reflect savings associated with debt retirement and defeasance.	($42,386,997)	($42,386,997)
Redirect $13,360,000 in 20-year unissued bonds from FY 2024 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Low Wealth (HB 19, Bond #376.101) to be used for the FY 2027 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. *(CC:Yes; Redirect $13,355,000 in 20-year unissued bonds from FY 2024 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing education facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Low Wealth (HB 19, Bond #376.101) to be used for the FY 2027 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide.)*	$0	$0
Redirect $5,010,000 in 20-year unissued bonds from FY 2023 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Additional Low Wealth (HB 911, Bond #2) to be used for the FY 2027 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Redirect $5,990,000 in 20-year unissued bonds from FY 2022 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Regular (HB 81, Bond #353.101) to be used for the FY 2027 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Redirect $2,270,000 in 20-year unissued bonds from FY 2022 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Regular Advance (HB 81, Bond #353.102) to be used for the FY 2027 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0

Redirect $1,605,000 in 20-year unissued bonds from FY 2022 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Low Wealth (HB 81, Bond #353.103) to be used for the FY 2027 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Redirect $4,141,654 in 20-year issued bonds from FY 2022 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Regular (HB 81, Bond #353.101) to be used for the FY 2027 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Redirect $1,465,000 in 20-year unissued bonds from FY 2021 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Regular (HB 793, Bond #1) to be used for the FY 2027 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Redirect $1,014,148 in 20-year issued bonds from FY 2021 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Regular (HB 793, Bond #1) to be used for the FY 2027 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. *(CC:Yes; Redirect $1,014,128 in 20-year issued bonds from FY 2021 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Regular (HB 793, Bond #1) to be used for the FY 2027 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide.)*	$0	$0
Redirect $2,840,000 in 20-year issued bonds from FY 2021 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Regular (HB 793, Bond #1) to be used for the FY 2025 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. *(CC:Yes; Redirect $2,840,000 in 20-year unissued bonds from FY 2021 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Regular (HB 793, Bond #1) to be used for the FY 2025 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide.)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,019,378,754	$1,031,386,138

51.2. GO Bonds New

Total Funds	$105,965,241
State Funds	$105,965,241
State General Funds	$105,965,241

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 68) as amended	$0	$0
Increase funds for debt service.	$105,965,241	$105,965,241
Amount appropriated in this Act	$105,965,241	$105,965,241

Bond Financing Appropriated:

[Bond # 1] From State General Funds, $9,666,051 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than $104,385,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 2] From State General Funds, $3,639,643 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than $39,305,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 3] From State General Funds, $1,431,133 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than $15,455,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 4] From State General Funds, $4,267,934 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than $46,090,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 5] From State General Funds, $1,921,972 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than $8,035,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 6] From State General Funds, $118,065 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Education by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,275,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 7] From State General Funds, $11,960,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Education by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $50,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 8] From State General Funds, $1,172,080 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $4,900,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 9] From State General Funds, $751,200 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $3,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 10] From State General Funds, $621,920 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $2,600,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 11] From State General Funds, $358,800 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in

connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 12] From State General Funds, $310,960 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,300,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 13] From State General Funds, $8,638,800 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $34,500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 14] From State General Funds, $400,640 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,600,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 15] From State General Funds, $239,200 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 16] From State General Funds, $1,057,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $10,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 17] From State General Funds, $930,160 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $8,800,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 18] From State General Funds, $528,500 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 19] From State General Funds, $463,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 20] From State General Funds, $528,500 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in

connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 21] From State General Funds, $463,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 22] From State General Funds, $453,740 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $4,900,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 23] From State General Funds, $465,080 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $4,400,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 24] From State General Funds, $388,920 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $4,200,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 25] From State General Funds, $324,100 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $3,500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 26] From State General Funds, $277,800 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $3,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 27] From State General Funds, $3,931,280 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $15,700,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 28] From State General Funds, $50,930 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Trustees of the Georgia Military College by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $550,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 29] From State General Funds, $10,186 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Trustees of the Georgia Military College by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and

personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $110,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 30] From State General Funds, $26,391 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Trustees of the Georgia Military College by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $285,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 31] From State General Funds, $15,279 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Trustees of the Georgia Military College by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $165,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 32] From State General Funds, $59,192 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $560,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 33] From State General Funds, $83,503 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $790,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 34] From State General Funds, $78,218 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $740,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 35] From State General Funds, $69,762 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $660,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 36] From State General Funds, $83,340 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than $900,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 37] From State General Funds, $46,300 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than $500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 38] From State General Funds, $277,800 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than $3,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 39] From State General Funds, $53,245 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than $575,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 40] From State General Funds, $463,000 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than $5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 41] From State General Funds, $478,400 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than $2,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 42] From State General Funds, $83,340 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than $900,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 43] From State General Funds, $215,280 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $900,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 44] From State General Funds, $119,917 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Trustees of the Georgia Military College by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,295,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 45] From State General Funds, $3,964,206 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $42,810,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 46] From State General Funds, $2,253,600 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $9,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 47] From State General Funds, $1,115,532 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through

the issuance of not more than $4,455,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 48] From State General Funds, $393,128 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,570,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 49] From State General Funds, $359,324 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,435,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 50] From State General Funds, $141,476 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $565,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 51] From State General Funds, $2,807,392 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $26,560,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 52] From State General Funds, $331,780 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,325,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 53] From State General Funds, $565,904 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $2,260,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 54] From State General Funds, $1,410,567 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $13,345,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 55] From State General Funds, $932,274 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $8,820,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 56] From State General Funds, $256,660 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through

the issuance of not more than $1,025,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 57] From State General Funds, $528,500 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 58] From State General Funds, $277,800 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $3,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 59] From State General Funds, $317,100 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $3,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 60] From State General Funds, $253,680 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $2,400,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 61] From State General Funds, $550,880 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $2,200,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 62] From State General Funds, $291,732 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $2,760,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 63] From State General Funds, $222,240 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $2,400,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 64] From State General Funds, $106,953 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Public Health by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,155,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 65] From State General Funds, $169,921 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Veterans Service by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through

the issuance of not more than $1,835,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 66] From State General Funds, $20,372 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Veterans Service by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $220,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 67] From State General Funds, $3,937,352 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Corrections by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $42,520,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 68] From State General Funds, $4,630,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Corrections by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $50,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 69] From State General Funds, $370,400 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Defense by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $4,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 70] From State General Funds, $1,111,200 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Defense by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $12,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 71] From State General Funds, $463,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 72] From State General Funds, $1,196,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 73] From State General Funds, $252,798 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $2,730,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 74] From State General Funds, $263,120 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through

the issuance of not more than $1,100,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 75] From State General Funds, $478,400 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $2,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 76] From State General Funds, $3,498,300 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Juvenile Justice by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $14,625,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 77] From State General Funds, $1,428,024 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Juvenile Justice by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $5,970,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 78] From State General Funds, $491,556 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Juvenile Justice by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $2,055,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 79] From State General Funds, $130,103 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Public Safety by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,405,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 80] From State General Funds, $143,520 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Public Safety by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $600,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 81] From State General Funds, $558,532 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Public Safety by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $2,335,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 82] From State General Funds, $138,900 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Public Safety by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 83] From State General Funds, $27,508 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Public Safety by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through

the issuance of not more than $115,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 84] From State General Funds, $27,508 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Public Safety by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $115,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 85] From State General Funds, $62,192 is specifically appropriated for the Department of Public Safety for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Public Safety Training Center by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $260,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 86] From State General Funds, $834,808 is specifically appropriated for the Department of Public Safety for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Public Safety Training Center by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $3,490,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 87] From State General Funds, $100,464 is specifically appropriated for the Department of Public Safety for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Public Safety Training Center by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $420,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 88] From State General Funds, $220,064 is specifically appropriated for the Department of Public Safety for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Public Safety Training Center by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $920,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 89] From State General Funds, $623,198 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Labor by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $6,730,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 90] From State General Funds, $87,044 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Labor by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $940,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 91] From State General Funds, $2,820,133 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Agriculture by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $30,455,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 92] From State General Funds, $235,612 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Agriculture by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not

more than $985,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 93] From State General Funds, $545,376 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Agriculture by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $2,280,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 94] From State General Funds, $418,600 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the State Forestry Commission by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,750,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 95] From State General Funds, $155,568 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the State Forestry Commission by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,680,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 96] From State General Funds, $99,545 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the State Forestry Commission by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,075,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 97] From State General Funds, $3,074,320 is specifically appropriated for the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority for the purpose of financing loans to counties, municipal corporations, political subdivisions, local authorities, and other local government entities for water or sewerage facilities or systems or for regional or multijurisdictional solid waste recycling or solid waste facilities or systems, through the issuance of not more than $33,200,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 98] From State General Funds, $1,181,648 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Natural Resources by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $4,940,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 99] From State General Funds, $1,565,866 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Natural Resources by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $16,910,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

Section 52: General Obligation Bonds Repealed, Revised, or Reinstated

Reserved.

Section 53: Salary Adjustments

The appropriations to budget units made above include funds for, and have the added purpose of, the following salary increases and adjustments, administered in conformity with the applicable compensation and performance management plans as provided by law:

1.) To provide for a targeted salary adjustment for Katie Beckett Medicaid caseworkers in the Georgia Department of Community Health and for certain employees in specified classes of jobs in the Department of Audits and Accounts, Superior Courts, Department of Agriculture, Department of Community Health, State Forestry Commission, and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. The amount for this Item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2026.

2.) To provide for a targeted salary adjustment for certain employees in specified classes of jobs in the Prosecuting Attorneys' and the Georgia Public Defender Council. The amount for this Item is calculated according to an effective date of January 1, 2027.

3.) Effective July 1, 2026, the salary for each justice of the Supreme Court shall be $230,000.

4.) Effective July 1, 2026, the salary for each judge of the Court of Appeals shall be $227,700.

5.) Effective July 1, 2026, the salary for each judge of the State-wide Business Court shall be $218,500.

6.) Effective July 1, 2026, the salary for each judge of the Georgia Tax Court shall be $218,500.

7.) Effective July 1, 2026, the state-paid salary for each superior court judge shall be $201,060.

8.) Effective January 1, 2027, the salary for each district attorney shall be $175,000.

9.) Effective January 1, 2027, the salary for each circuit public defender shall be $175,000.

Section 54: Refunds

In addition to all other appropriations, there is hereby appropriated, as needed, a specific sum of money equal to each refund authorized by law, which is required to make refunds of taxes and other monies collected in error, farmer gasoline tax refunds, and any other refunds specifically authorized by law.

Section 55: Leases

In accordance with the requirements of Article IX, Section III, Paragraph I(a) of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, as amended, there is hereby appropriated payable to each department, agency, or institution of the State sums sufficient to satisfy the payments required to be made in each year under existing lease contracts between any department, agency, or institution of the State and any authority created and activated at the time of the effective date of the aforesaid constitutional provision, as amended, or appropriated for the State Fiscal Year addressed within this Act. If for any reason any of the sums herein provided under any other provision of this Act are insufficient to make the required payments in full, then there shall be taken from other funds appropriated to the department, agency, or institution involved an amount sufficient to satisfy such deficiency in full, and the lease payment shall constitute a first charge on all such appropriations.

Section 56: Budgetary Control and Interpretation

The appropriations of State Funds in this Act shall consist of the amount stated for each line at the most specific level of detail associated with the statement of Program Name and Program Purpose, including text and change items within a box.

The appropriations of Federal Funds and of Other Funds in this Act shall consist of the amount stated at the broadest or summary level of detail associated with the statement of Program Name and Program Purpose, and the more specific levels of detail shall be for information only. In the preceding sentence, "Federal Funds" means any federal funding source, whether specifically identified or not specifically identified; "Other Funds" means all other fund sources except State Funds and Federal Funds, including in Other Funds without limitation all Intra-State Government Transfers. Regardless of placement on the page, both the broadest or summary level of detail and the more specific detail of appropriations of Intra-State Government Transfers shall be deemed more specific levels of detail of Other Funds, and the broadest or summary amount shall be deemed added to the broadest or summary amount of the appropriation of Other Funds for the program.

Within this Act, Program Names appear as underlined captions, and Program Purpose appears immediately below as italicized text. The most specific level of detail for authorizations for general obligation debt in Section 51 shall be the authorizing paragraphs.

Section 57: Flex

Notwithstanding any other statement of purpose, the purpose of each appropriation of federal funds or other funds shall be the stated purpose or any other lawful purpose consistent with the fund source and the general law powers of the budget unit.

In the preceding sentence, "Federal Funds" means any federal funding source, whether specifically identified or not specifically identified; "Other Funds" means all other fund sources except State Funds or Federal Funds, including without limitation Intra-State Government Transfers. This paragraph shall not permit an agency to include within its flex the appropriations for an agency attached to it for administrative purposes.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid," "Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled," and "PeachCare" programs of the Department of Community Health, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 10 percent (10%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the three programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "Capital Construction Projects," "Capital Maintenance Projects," and "Local Road Assistance Administration" programs of the Department of Transportation, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 10 percent (10%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the three programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "Airport Aid," "Ports and Waterways," and "Rail" programs of the Department of Transportation, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 20 percent (20%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the three programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "HOPE Grant," "HOPE High School Equivalency Exam," "HOPE Scholarships – Private Schools," and "HOPE Scholarships – Public Schools" programs of the Georgia Student Finance Commission, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount

stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 10 percent (10%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the four programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

PART II

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

PART III

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Hatchett of the 155th moved that the House adopt the report of the Committee of Conference on HB 974.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

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On the motion, the ayes were 163, nays 5.

The motion prevailed.

House of Representatives
Coverdell Legislative Office Building
Room 401
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

April 2, 2026

To The Clerk of the House,

I intended to vote **YES** for HB 974, Georgia's state budget bill for the fiscal year 2027.

/s/ Carter Barret
State Representative, District 24

House of Representatives

Majority Caucus Vice-Chair

Room 415 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

April 2nd, 2026

Dear Clerk,

My voting machine malfunctioned and I was not able to register my vote for HB 974. Please record my vote as YES for HB 974.

Sincerely,

/s/ Soo Hong
Representative Soo Hong
Georgia House District 103

The House stood at ease for 10 minutes.

The Speaker called the House to order.

The following messages were received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has adopted the report of the Committee of Conference on the following bill of the House:

HB 974. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027; to make and provide such appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has agreed to the House substitute as amended by the Senate to the following bill of the Senate:

SB 33. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 1st, Cowsert of the 46th, Watson of the 11th, Parent of the 44th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 23 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Hemp Farming Act," so as to provide limits on the total THC concentration of consumable hemp products; to revise provisions concerning the certificate of analysis applicable to consumable hemp products; to revise and provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bill of the House:

HB 350. By Representatives Cameron of the 1st, Crowe of the 118th, Camp of the 135th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Washburn of the 144th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to domestic relations, so as to revise provisions relating to safe places for newborns; to authorize ambulance services to accept physical custody of a newborn; to authorize the placement of newborn safety devices; to provide for definitions; to provide for limited liability; to provide for transport of newborns to nearest medical facility; to provide for specifications for newborn safety devices; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the House:

HB 141. By Representatives Momtahan of the 17th, Kelley of the 16th, Ballinger of the 23rd, Cannon of the 172nd, Cox of the 28th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-13-14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to levy on business or practitioner with location or office in more than one jurisdiction, allocating gross receipts, and limits on levies using criteria for taxation, so as to allow businesses and practitioners to provide affidavits of certified public accountants in lieu of tax returns; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1310. By Representatives Ford of the 170th, Dickey of the 134th, Meeks of the 178th, O'Steen of the 169th, Williams of the 168th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other state symbols, so as to designate cotton as the official state fabric; to provide legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1470. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Williamson of the 112th, Efstration of the 104th, Oliver of the 84th and Smith of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to false arrest, false imprisonment, malicious prosecution, and abusive litigation, so as to create a cause of action for abusive litigation based on alleged website access violations under federal and state law; to provide factors for evaluating a claim of abusive website access litigation; to provide for a rebuttable presumption when corrective action is taken after receiving notice of an alleged website access violation; to provide for damages; to authorize the Attorney General to intervene and seek certain relief and to make investigative demands for evidence in certain circumstances;

to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Bills of the House and Senate were taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 350. By Representatives Cameron of the 1st, Crowe of the 118th, Camp of the 135th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Washburn of the 144th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to domestic relations, so as to revise provisions relating to safe places for newborns; to authorize ambulance services to accept physical custody of a newborn; to authorize the placement of newborn safety devices; to provide for definitions; to provide for limited liability; to provide for transport of newborns to nearest medical facility; to provide for specifications for newborn safety devices; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to domestic relations, so as to revise provisions relating to safe places for newborns; to authorize ambulance services to accept physical custody of a newborn; to authorize the placement of newborn safety devices; to provide for definitions; to provide for limited liability; to provide for transport of newborns to nearest medical facility; to provide for specifications for newborn safety devices; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to domestic relations, is amended by revising Chapter 10A, relating to safe place for newborns, as follows:

"CHAPTER 10A

19-10A-1.

This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the '~~Safe Place for Newborns Act of 2002~~ Eliza Jane Warner Act.'

19-10A-2.

As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) 'Ambulance service' means an ambulance provider licensed pursuant to Chapter 11 of Title 31.

~~(1)~~(2) 'Fire station' means a facility of any fire department which is authorized to exercise the general and emergency powers enumerated in Code Sections 25-3-1 and 25-3-2.

~~(2)~~(3) 'Medical facility' means any licensed general or specialized hospital, institutional infirmary, health center operated by a county board of health, ambulatory surgery center, urgent care facility, or facility where human births occur on a regular and ongoing basis which is classified by the Department of Community Health as a birthing center, but shall not mean physicians' or dentists' private offices.

(4) 'Newborn safety device' means an enclosed, locked, and monitored receptacle that meets the requirements of Code Section 19-10A-8 in which a newborn child can be safely placed.

~~(3)~~(5) 'Police station' means a facility of any sheriff's office, municipal police department, or county police department.

(6) 'Public safety vehicle' means an occupied motor vehicle operated by a fire station or a police station.

19-10A-3.

It is the express purpose and intent of the General Assembly in enacting this chapter to prevent injuries to and deaths of newborn children that are caused by a mother who abandons the newborn.

19-10A-4.

(a) A mother shall not be prosecuted for violating Code Section 16-5-70, 16-12-1, or 19-10-1 because of the act of leaving her newborn child, provided that the newborn child is no more than 45 days old:

(1) In ~~in~~ the physical custody of an employee, agent, or member of the staff of a medical facility, fire station, ~~or~~ police station, public safety vehicle, or ambulance service who is on duty, whether there in a paid or volunteer position, provided that ~~the newborn child is no more than 30 days old and~~ the mother shows proof of her identity, if willing, to the person with whom the newborn is left and provides her name and address, if willing; or

(2) In a newborn safety device.

(b) An individual assisting or acting at the direction of a mother shall not be prosecuted for violating Code Section 16-5-70, 16-12-1, or 19-10-1 for any act which would be shielded from prosecution by subsection (a) of this Code section if performed by the mother of a newborn child.

19-10A-5.
The Department of Human Services shall investigate and report to the General Assembly as to children left with a medical facility, fire station, ~~or~~ police station, or ambulance service or in a newborn safety device pursuant to Code Section 19-10A-4, including in such report the desirability and cost effectiveness of a dedicated toll-free telephone line for providing information to and answering questions from the public and employees and staff members of medical facilities, fire stations, ~~and~~ police stations, and ambulance services concerning the acts and consequences thereof contemplated in Code Section 19-10A-4.

19-10A-6.
A medical facility which accepts for inpatient admission or a fire station or police station which accepts a child left pursuant to Code Section 19-10A-4 shall be reimbursed by the Department of Human Services for all reasonable medical and other reasonable costs associated with the child prior to the child being placed in the care of the department. A medical facility, fire station, ~~or~~ police station, or ambulance service shall immediately arrange for transport of the newborn child to the nearest medical facility and notify the Department of Human Services at such time as the child is left and at the time the child is medically ready for discharge. Upon notification that the child is medically ready for discharge, the Department of Human Services shall take physical custody of the child within six hours. The Department of Human Services upon taking physical custody shall promptly bring the child before the juvenile court as required by Code Section 15-11-145.

19-10A-7.
Medical facilities, fire stations, ~~and~~ police stations, and ambulance services and their employees, agents, and staff members shall not be liable for civil damages or subject to criminal prosecution for failure to discharge the duties provided for in this chapter. The immunity provided in this chapter shall in no way be construed as providing immunity for any acts of negligent treatment of the child taken into custody.

19-10A-8.
~~The Department of Human Services shall develop standards for a sign that shall be posted at any medical facility, fire station, or police station to inform the general public that such facility is an authorized location to leave a newborn child as provided in this chapter. The Department of Human Services shall provide by rule and regulation for the size and type of such sign and where such sign should be located within or outside of such facility.~~
(a) A medical facility, fire station, police station, or ambulance service shall be authorized to install a newborn safety device if the device is located in an area that is conspicuous and visible to employees, agents, or staff members of such facility or station and such facility or station is staffed by an emergency medical services provider on a 24 hour, seven days per week basis.

(b) A newborn safety device installed pursuant to this Code section shall include a security camera capable of recording video of any individual accessing a newborn safety device and a dual alarm system that meets or exceeds the following specifications:

(1) One alarm shall connect the newborn safety device to the facility or station and shall be tested at least once per month, and the second alarm shall monitor the device's interior and shall be checked at least twice per day to ensure that the dual alarm system functions properly; and

(2) The dual alarm system shall include the functionality to dispatch the nearest ambulance service to retrieve a newborn child if all medical facility, fire station, police station, or ambulance service employees, agents, or staff members have been dispatched to an emergency or are otherwise off site.

(c) No state funds shall be expended in the acquisition or operation of newborn safety devices."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Cameron of the 1st moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 350.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	Y Sampson
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Y Alexander	Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
N Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	N Prince	Y Werkheiser

Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
N Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	E Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 164, nays 4.

The motion prevailed.

HB 651. By Representatives Powell of the 33rd, Corbett of the 174th, Erwin of the 32nd, Burchett of the 176th, Williamson of the 112th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 14 of Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to speed detection devices, so as to revise provisions relative to the use of automated traffic enforcement safety devices in school zones; to amend Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to courts, so as to authorize district attorneys, solicitors-general, and prosecuting attorneys to enforce civil monetary penalties relative to the enforcement of laws regarding speeding in a school zone using recorded images; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate amendment was read:

The Senate moves to *amend the House amendment to HB 651 (AM 39 0495) by replacing line 1 through the end with the following:*
Amend the Senate substitute to HB 651 (HB 651/SCSFA) by replacing lines 1 through 365 with the following:

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 14 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to speed detection devices, so as to revise provisions relative to the use of automated traffic enforcement safety devices in school zones; to revise standards for signs warning of the use of automated traffic enforcement safety devices in school zones; to repeal exceptions to making a case based upon use of speed detection devices; to provide for investigations relative to complaints and violations; to provide for penalties for misuse or unauthorized use of automated traffic enforcement safety devices; to authorize revocation of speed detection device permits and permits relating to such devices; to include civil monetary penalties collected for violations of speed limits enforced by automated traffic enforcement safety devices for consideration of the maximum percent of a law enforcement agency's budget; to provide for hearing rights upon revocation of permits for operation of automated traffic enforcement safety devices; to provide for

appeal; to provide for the ability of a local government to decrease time frames for issuing citations for the violation of posted speed limit by ten miles per hour or more in a school zone through the use of automated traffic enforcement safety devices; to revise application procedure for a permit to operate such devices; to prohibit the assessment of late fees and taxes relating to civil monetary penalties; to provide standards for notice sent for imposition of a civil monetary penalty; to provide for distribution of moneys collected; to require approval by local referendum of the use of automated traffic enforcement safety devices for enforcement of laws relative to speeding violations in school zones; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations for such referendum; to provide for ballot language; to amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to authorize district attorneys, solicitors-general, and prosecuting attorneys to enforce civil monetary penalties relative to the enforcement of laws regarding speeding in a school zone using recorded images; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 2 of Chapter 14 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to speed detection devices, is amended in Code Section 40-14-5, relating to testing of radar devices, removal of inaccurate radar devices from service, and maintenance of testing log and independent calibration tests of automated traffic enforcement devices, by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (c) as follows:

"(c)(1) Automated traffic enforcement safety devices shall be exempt from approval and design requirements for radar or laser devices set or used by the Department of Public Safety; provided, however, that any ~~The~~ law enforcement agency, or agent on behalf of the law enforcement agency, operating an automated traffic enforcement safety device provided for under Code Section 40-14-18 shall maintain a log for the automated traffic enforcement safety device attesting to the performance of such device's self-test at least once every 30 days and the results of such self-test pertaining to the accuracy of the automated traffic enforcement safety device. Such log shall be admissible in any court proceeding for a violation issued pursuant to Code Section 40-14-18."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 40-14-6, relating to warning signs required and signage requirements, by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c) In addition to the signs required under subsections (a) and (b) of this Code section, each law enforcement agency using an automated traffic enforcement safety device as provided for in Code Section 40-14-18 shall erect signs warning of the use of ~~a stationary speed detection~~ an automated traffic enforcement safety device within ~~the~~ an approaching school zone. Such signs shall be at least 24 by 30 inches in area, shall be visible plainly from every lane of traffic, shall be viewable in all traffic conditions, and shall not be

placed in such a manner that the view of such sign is subject to being obstructed by any other vehicle on such highway. Automated traffic enforcement safety device warning ~~Such~~ signs shall be placed within 500 feet prior to ~~the~~ any warning sign announcing the reduction of the speed limit for the school ~~speed~~ zone. Such signs shall include lights which flash yellow in accordance with any rule or regulation established by the Department of Transportation when the automated traffic enforcement safety device is authorized to issue citations pursuant to Code Section 40-14-18. There shall be a rebuttable presumption that such signs are properly installed pursuant to this subsection at the time of any alleged violation under this article."

SECTION 3.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 40-14-8, relating to when case may be made and conviction had, as follows:

"40-14-8.

~~(a)~~ No county, city, or campus officer shall be allowed to make a case based on the use of any speed detection device, unless the speed of the motor vehicle exceeds the posted speed limit by more than ten miles per hour and no conviction shall be had thereon unless such speed is more than ten miles per hour above the posted speed limit.

~~(b) The limitations contained in subsection (a) of this Code section shall not apply in properly marked school zones one hour before, during, and one hour after the normal hours of school operation or programs for care and supervision of students before school, after school, or during vacation periods as provided for under Code Section 20-2-65, in properly marked historic districts, and in properly marked residential zones. For purposes of this chapter, thoroughfares with speed limits of 35 miles per hour or more shall not be considered residential districts. For purposes of this Code section, the term 'historic district' means a historic district as defined in paragraph (5) of Code Section 44-10-22 and which is listed on the Georgia Register of Historic Places or as defined by ordinance adopted pursuant to a local constitutional amendment.~~"

SECTION 4.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 40-14-11, relating to investigations by commissioner of public safety, issuance of order suspending or revoking permit, and ratio of speeding fines to agency's budget, as follows:

"40-14-11.

(a) Upon a complaint being made to the commissioner of public safety that any county, municipality, college, ~~or~~ university, or agent is employing speed detection devices for purposes other than the promotion of the public health, welfare, and safety or in a manner which violates this chapter or violates its speed detection device permit, the commissioner or the commissioner's designee is authorized and empowered to conduct an investigation into the acts and practices of such county, municipality, college, ~~or~~ university, or agent with respect to speed detection devices. If, as a result of ~~this~~ such investigation, the commissioner or the commissioner's designee finds that there is

probable cause to suspend or revoke the speed detection device permit of such county, municipality, college, or university, he or she shall issue an order to that effect.

(b) Upon the suspension or revocation of any speed detection device permit for the reasons set forth in this Code section, the commissioner of public safety shall notify the executive director of the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council and the commissioner of transportation of the action taken.

(c) Upon receipt from the executive director of the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council that ~~an~~ a peace officer's certification to operate speed detection devices has been withdrawn or suspended pursuant to Code Section 35-8-12, the commissioner of public safety or the commissioner's designee shall suspend the speed detection device permit for the employing agency. The period of suspension or revocation shall be consistent with the action taken by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council.

(d) Upon the conclusion of an investigation pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section, any agent, law enforcement agency, or governing body found to have intentionally violated any provision of this chapter relating to automated traffic enforcement safety devices, including, but not limited to, the unauthorized issuance of a civil monetary penalty for a violation of this title other than as provided for in this chapter, shall be assessed a fine of $2,500.00 for the first violation and $5,000.00 for a second violation by the commissioner of public safety. The commissioner of public safety shall be further authorized to suspend a local government's speed detection device permit upon a third or subsequent finding of a violation of this chapter. The commissioner of public safety shall notify the Department of Transportation of any such suspension, and the Department of Transportation shall suspend the automated traffic enforcement safety device permits for such jurisdiction upon receipt of such notice and for a period not to exceed 12 months.

(e) There shall be a rebuttable presumption that a law enforcement agency is employing speed detection devices for purposes other than the promotion of the public health, welfare, and safety if the fines or civil monetary penalties levied based on the use of speed detection devices for speeding offenses are equal to or greater than 35 percent of a municipal or county law enforcement agency's budget. For purposes of this Code section, fines collected for citations issued for violations of Code Section 40-6-180 shall be included when calculating total speeding fine revenue for the agency; provided, however, that fines for speeding violations exceeding 20 miles per hour over the established speed limit ~~and civil monetary penalties for speeding violations issued pursuant to Code Section 40-14-18~~ shall not be considered when calculating total speeding fine revenue for the agency."

SECTION 5.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 40-14-12, relating to administrative hearing upon permit suspension or revocation, as follows:

"40-14-12.

(a) Upon issuance by the commissioner of public safety of an order suspending or revoking the speed detection device permit of any county, municipality, college, or university, the county, municipality, college, or university affected shall be afforded a hearing, to be held within ten days of the effective date of the order. The hearing shall be held before the commissioner or deputy commissioner of public safety, and, following ~~the~~ such hearing, the county, municipality, college, or university affected shall be served with a written decision announcing whether the permit shall remain revoked or whether it shall be reinstated.

(b) Upon issuance of an order by the commissioner of transportation suspending or revoking an automated traffic enforcement safety device permit, the affected governing body shall be afforded a hearing, to be held within ten days of the effective date of the order. The hearing shall be held before the commissioner of transportation, and, following such hearing, the affected governing body shall be served with a written decision announcing whether the permit shall remain revoked or whether it shall be reinstated."

SECTION 6.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 40-14-13, relating to administrative and judicial appeal of decision suspending or revoking permit, as follows:

"40-14-13.

(a) Any county, municipality, college, or university aggrieved by a decision of the commissioner or deputy commissioner of public safety suspending or revoking its speed detection device permit may appeal that decision within 30 days of its effective date to the Board of Public Safety, which shall schedule a hearing with respect ~~thereto~~ to such hearing before the board. Following a hearing before the board, the county, municipality, college, or university affected shall be served with a written decision announcing whether the permit shall remain revoked or whether it shall be reinstated. An adverse decision of the board may be appealed by the county, municipality, college, or university to the superior court with appropriate jurisdiction, but the ~~municipality,~~ county, municipality, college, or university shall be denied the use of the speed detection device until after such appeal is decided by the court.

(b) Any governing body aggrieved by a decision of the commissioner of transportation suspending or revoking its automated traffic enforcement safety device permit may appeal such decision within 30 days of its effective date to the superior court with appropriate jurisdiction; provided, however, that the governing body shall be denied the use of an automated traffic enforcement safety device until after such appeal is decided by the court."

SECTION 7.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 40-14-17, relating to laser devices and reliability and admissibility of evidence, as follows:

"40-14-17.

Evidence of speed based on a speed detection device, other than an automated traffic enforcement safety device, using the speed timing principle of laser which is of a model that has been approved by the Department of Public Safety shall be considered scientifically acceptable and reliable as a speed detection device and shall be admissible for all purposes in any court, judicial, or administrative proceedings in this state. A certified copy of the Department of Public Safety list of approved models of such laser devices shall be self-authenticating and shall be admissible for all purposes in any court, judicial, or administrative proceedings in this state."

SECTION 8.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 40-14-18, relating to enforcement of speed limit in school zones with recorded images, civil monetary penalty, and consequences for failure to pay penalty, as follows:

"40-14-18.

(a)(1) The speed limit within any school zone ~~as provided for in Code Section 40-14-8 and~~ marked pursuant to Code Section 40-14-6 may be enforced by using ~~photographically~~ recorded images for violations which occurred only on a school day during the time in which instructional classes are taking place and for one hour before such classes are scheduled to begin and for one hour after such classes have concluded ~~when such violations are in excess of ten miles per hour over the speed limit~~; provided, however, that a governing body of a county or municipality shall be authorized to enact an ordinance or resolution which provides for further limitations upon the hours when enforcement may take place than as authorized by this paragraph. Violations enforced pursuant to this paragraph shall be based upon the ten miles per hour over the reduced speed limit when a reduction for the speed limit for a school zone is in effect and ten miles per hour over the posted speed limit for the school zone when no reduced speed limit is in effect.

(2) Prior to the placement of ~~a~~ an automated traffic enforcement safety device within a school zone, ~~each school within whose school zone~~ the governing body of the county or municipality whose law enforcement agency is authorized to enforce the speed limit of a school zone where such ~~automated traffic enforcement safety~~ device is to be placed and which holds a valid permit for the operation of speed detection devices issued by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Code Section 40-14-2 shall first apply for and secure a permit from the Department of Transportation for the use of such automated traffic enforcement safety device. The Department of Transportation shall be the sole agency responsible for the approval and issuance of permits for automated traffic enforcement safety devices, and no approval of automated traffic enforcement safety devices by the Department of Public Safety shall be required. Such permit shall be awarded based upon need. The Department of Transportation shall promulgate rules and regulations for the implementation of this paragraph.

(b) For the purpose of enforcement pursuant to this Code section:

(1) The owner of a motor vehicle shall be liable for a civil monetary penalty to the governing body of the law enforcement agency ~~provided for in paragraph (2) of this subsection~~ authorized to enforce the speed limit within the school zone where an automated traffic enforcement safety device is located if such motor vehicle is found, as evidenced by ~~photographically~~ recorded images, to have been operated in disregard or disobedience of the posted speed limit within ~~any~~ a school zone and such disregard or disobedience was not otherwise authorized by law. The amount of such civil monetary penalty shall be $75.00 for a first violation and $125.00 for a second or any subsequent violation, in addition to fees associated with the electronic processing of such civil monetary penalty which shall not exceed ~~$25.00~~ $10.00; provided, however, that, for a period of 30 days after the first automated traffic enforcement safety device is introduced ~~by a law enforcement agency~~ within a school zone, the ~~driver~~ owner of a motor vehicle shall not be liable for a civil monetary penalty but shall be issued a civil warning for disregard or disobedience of the posted speed limit within the school zone;

(2) A law enforcement agency authorized to enforce the speed limit of a school zone~~,~~ or an agent ~~working on behalf of a law enforcement agency or governing body,~~ shall send by ~~first class~~ first-class mail in an envelope which prominently displays the name and seal or logo of the governing body and addressed to the owner of the motor vehicle within 30 days after obtaining the name and address of the owner of the motor vehicle from the Department of Revenue or other official state agency which registers motor vehicles for a motor vehicle registered in another state but no later than 60 days after the date of the alleged violation:

(A) A citation for the alleged violation, which shall include the date and time of the violation, the location of the infraction, the maximum speed at which such motor vehicle was traveling ~~in photographically~~ as evidenced by recorded images, the maximum speed applicable within such school zone, the civil warning or the amount of the civil monetary penalty imposed, and the date by which a civil monetary penalty shall be paid;

(B) An image taken from the ~~photographically~~ recorded images showing the motor vehicle involved in the infraction;

(C) A website address where ~~photographically~~ recorded images showing the motor vehicle involved in the infraction and a duplicate of the information provided for in this paragraph may be viewed;

(D) A copy of a certificate sworn to or affirmed by a certified peace officer employed by a law enforcement agency authorized to enforce the speed limit of the school zone and stating that, based upon inspection of ~~photographically~~ recorded images, the owner's motor vehicle was operated in disregard or disobedience of the speed limit in the marked school zone and that such disregard or disobedience was not otherwise authorized by law;

(E) A statement of the inference provided by paragraph (4) of this subsection and of the means specified therein by which such inference may be rebutted;

(F) Information advising the owner of the motor vehicle of the manner in which liability as alleged in the citation may be contested ~~through an administrative hearing~~

which shall include a statement which reads: 'YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO CONTEST LIABILITY IN COURT'; and

(G) A warning that failure to pay the civil monetary penalty or to contest liability in a timely manner as provided for in subsection (d) of this Code section shall waive any right to contest liability;

(3) Proof that a motor vehicle was operated in disregard or disobedience of the speed limit of the marked school zone ~~shall be~~ as evidenced by ~~photographically~~ recorded images~~. A~~ accompanied by a copy of a certificate sworn to or affirmed by a certified peace officer employed by a law enforcement agency ~~and~~ stating that, based upon inspection of ~~photographically~~ recorded images, a motor vehicle was operated in disregard or disobedience of the speed limit in the marked school zone and that such disregard or disobedience was not otherwise authorized by law shall be prima-facie evidence of the facts contained therein; and

(4) Liability under this Code section shall be determined based upon a preponderance of the evidence. Prima-facie evidence that the motor vehicle described in the citation issued pursuant to this Code section was operated in violation of the speed limit of the school zone, together with proof that the defendant was, at the time of such violation, the registered owner of the motor vehicle, shall permit the trier of fact in its discretion to infer that such owner of the motor vehicle was the ~~driver~~ operator of the motor vehicle at the time of the alleged violation. Such an inference may be rebutted if the owner of the motor vehicle:

(A) Testifies under oath in open court or submits to the court a sworn notarized statement that he or she was not the operator of the motor vehicle at the time of the alleged violation; or

(B) Presents to the court a certified copy of a police report showing that the motor vehicle had been reported to the police as stolen prior to the time of the alleged violation.

(c) A violation for which a civil warning or a civil monetary penalty is imposed pursuant to this Code section shall not be considered a moving traffic violation for the purpose of points assessment under Code Section 40-5-57. Such violation shall be deemed noncriminal, and imposition of a civil warning or civil monetary penalty pursuant to this Code section shall not be deemed a conviction and shall not be made a part of the operating record of the person upon whom such liability is imposed, nor shall it be used for any insurance purposes in the provision of motor vehicle insurance coverage. A civil monetary penalty imposed pursuant to this Code section shall not be taxed nor shall any additional penalty, fee, or surcharge to such penalty be assessed other than as authorized by this Code section.

(d) If a person issued and mailed a citation pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section fails to pay the civil monetary penalty for the violation or has not filed a police report or notarized statement pursuant to paragraph (4) of subsection (b) of this Code section in no less than 30 nor more than 60 days after such mailing as determined and noticed by the law enforcement agency, the agent or law enforcement agency shall send to such person by ~~first class~~ first-class mail a second notice of any unpaid civil monetary penalty, except

in cases where there is an adjudication that no violation occurred or there is otherwise a lawful determination that no civil monetary penalty shall be imposed. No late fee shall be imposed for any unpaid civil monetary penalty imposed under this Code section. The second notice shall include all information required in paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of this Code section and shall include a new date ~~of return~~ by which the civil monetary penalty shall be paid which shall be no less than 30 days after such mailing as determined and noticed by the law enforcement agency. If such person notified by second notice again fails to pay the civil monetary penalty or file a police report or notarized statement pursuant to paragraph (4) of subsection (b) of this Code section by the new date ~~of return~~ included in the notice, such person shall have waived the right to contest the violation and shall be liable for the civil monetary penalty provided for under this Code section, except in cases where there is an adjudication that no violation occurred or there is otherwise a lawful determination that no civil monetary penalty shall be imposed.

(e) Notices mailed by ~~first class~~ first-class mail pursuant to this Code section shall be adequate notification of the ~~fees and~~ penalties imposed by this Code section. No other notice shall be required for the purposes of this Code section.

(f) Any court having jurisdiction over violations of ~~subsection (a) of this Code section~~ traffic laws within a jurisdiction where recorded images were produced shall have jurisdiction over cases arising under this ~~subsection~~ Code section and shall be authorized to impose the civil monetary penalty provided by this ~~subsection~~ Code section. Except as otherwise provided in this ~~subsection~~ Code section, the provisions of law governing jurisdiction, procedure, defenses, adjudication, appeal, and payment and distribution of penalties otherwise applicable to violations of ~~subsection (a) of this Code section~~ traffic laws within a jurisdiction where recorded images were produced shall apply to enforcement under this Code section ~~except as provided in subsection (b) of this Code section~~; provided, however, that any appeal from superior or state court shall be by application in the same manner as that provided by Code Section 5-6-35.

(g) If a ~~violation~~ citation issued pursuant to this Code section has not been contested and the assessed penalty has not been paid, the agent or governing body shall send to the person who is the registered owner of the motor vehicle a final notice of any unpaid civil monetary penalty authorized by this Code section, except in cases where there is an adjudication that no violation occurred or there is otherwise a lawful determination that no civil monetary penalty shall be imposed. The notice shall inform the registered owner that the agent or governing body shall send a referral to the Department of Revenue if the assessed penalty is not paid within 30 days after the final notice was mailed and of the consequences for failure to pay such penalty ~~and any late fee~~.

(h) The agent or governing body shall send ~~a~~ the referral authorized by subsection (g) of this Code section to the Department of Revenue not sooner than 30 days after the final notice required under such subsection ~~(g) of this Code section~~ was mailed if a violation has not been contested and the assessed penalty has not been paid, except in cases where there is an adjudication that no violation occurred or there is otherwise a lawful determination that no civil monetary penalty shall be imposed. The referral to the Department of Revenue shall include the following:

(1) Any information known or available to the agent or governing body concerning the license plate number, year of registration, and the name of the owner of the motor vehicle;
(2) The date on which the violation occurred;
(3) The citation number issued for the violation; and
(4) The date when the notice required under this Code section was mailed.

(i) If the Department of Revenue receives a referral under subsection (h) of this Code section, such referral shall be entered into the motor vehicle ~~data base~~ database within five days of receipt and the Department of Revenue shall refuse to renew the registration of the motor vehicle unless and until the civil monetary penalty ~~plus any late fee~~ is paid to the agent or governing body.

(j) The Department of Revenue shall remove the penalty on a vehicle registration if any person presents the Department of Revenue with adequate proof from the agent or governing body that the penalty ~~and any late fee, if applicable,~~ has been paid.

(k) Recorded images made for purposes of this Code section shall not be a public record for purposes of Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50.

(l) A civil warning or civil monetary penalty under this Code section on the owner of a motor vehicle shall not be imposed if the operator of the motor vehicle was arrested or issued a citation and notice to appear by a certified peace officer for the same violation.

(m) The money collected and remitted to the governing body pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section shall only be used by such governing body to fund local law enforcement or public safety initiatives. This subsection shall not authorize the use of such funds for salaries of law enforcement officers or personnel and shall not preclude the appropriation of a greater amount than collected and remitted under this subsection."

SECTION 9.

Said article is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"40-14-19.

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, no contract shall be entered into or renewed by the governing body of a county or municipality or any law enforcement agency thereof for the enforcement of speeding violations in a school zone through the use of an automated traffic enforcement safety device unless the question of such enforcement method is submitted to the qualified voters of the county or municipality for approval or rejection in a referendum called for such purpose.

(b) The ballot in the referendum required by subsection (a) of this Code section shall have written or printed thereon the words:

'( ) YES Shall (name of county or municipality) be authorized to use automated
( ) NO cameras to enforce speeding in school zones for the next six years?'

(c) All persons desiring to vote in favor of the question shall vote 'Yes,' and all persons desiring to vote against the question shall vote 'No.' If more than one-half of the votes cast are in favor of the question, then the governing body of such jurisdiction shall be

authorized to enforce speeding violations in a school zone through the use of automated traffic enforcement safety devices; otherwise the use of automated traffic enforcement safety devices for the enforcement of speeding in school zones shall be prohibited. It shall be the duty of the election superintendent to hold and conduct such elections under the same rules and regulations as govern general elections. It shall be the superintendent's further duty to canvass the returns, declare the result of the election, and certify the result to the Secretary of State. The expense of the election shall be borne by the county or municipality holding the election.

(d) If a majority of those voting in an election provided for by this Code section vote against the question submitted, the governing body of the county or municipality which called the question shall not be authorized to resubmit the question to the voters until the passage of three years since such rejection.

(e) Nothing in this Code section shall apply to any contract arising out of the proprietary functions of a governing body."

SECTION 10.

Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, is amended in Code Section 15-9-155, relating to prosecuting attorney's duties and authority in probate courts in counties in which there are no state courts, by revising subparagraph (a)(1)(A) as follows:

"(A) In the prosecution of any violation of the laws or ordinances of such county which is within the jurisdiction of such probate court and punishable by confinement or a fine or both or by a civil penalty authorized by Code Section 40-6-163 or 40-14-18;"

SECTION 11.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 15-18-6, relating to duties of district attorney, by revising paragraph (6) as follows:

"(6) To prosecute civil actions to enforce any civil penalty set forth in Code Section 40-6-163 or 40-14-18 and to prosecute or defend any other civil action in the prosecution or defense of which the state is interested, unless otherwise specially provided for;"

SECTION 12.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 15-18-66, relating to duties and authority of solicitors-general of state courts, by revising paragraph (4) of subsection (b) as follows:

"(4) To prosecute civil actions to enforce any civil penalty set forth in Code Section 40-6-163 or 40-14-18 and when authorized by law to prosecute or defend any civil action in the state court in the prosecution or defense of which the state is interested, unless otherwise specially provided for;"

SECTION 13.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 15-18-96, relating to authority of prosecuting attorney of municipal courts, by revising subparagraph (a)(1)(A) as follows:

"(A) In the prosecution of any violation of the laws or ordinances of such municipality which is within the jurisdiction of such municipal court and punishable by confinement or a fine or both or by a civil penalty authorized by Code Section 40-6-163 or 40-14-18; and"

SECTION 14.

(a) Except as provided for in subsection (b) of this section, this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026.
(b) Sections 2 and 9 of this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2027.

SECTION 15.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Powell of the 33rd moved that the House agree to the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 651.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Alexander	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	N McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	N Scott
N Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Neal	Y Smith, TP
N Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
Y Burnough	N Evans	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
N Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	N Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	N Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N

Y Cheokas	Y Greene	Y Lupton	Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	E Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	N Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 156, nays 14.

The motion prevailed.

SB 33. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 1st, Cowsert of the 46th, Watson of the 11th, Parent of the 44th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 23 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Hemp Farming Act," so as to provide limits on the total THC concentration of consumable hemp products; to revise provisions concerning the certificate of analysis applicable to consumable hemp products; to revise and provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate amendment was read:

The Senate moves to *amend the substitute to SB 33 (LC 44 3560S) by deleting lines 1 through the end and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

To amend Titles 20, 21, 36, and 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, elections, local government, and revenue and taxation, respectively, so as to provide for property tax reform; to provide for distribution and use of special district option sales and use tax proceeds (FLOST); to establish a Local Homestead Option Sales Tax (LHOST); to provide for imposition, collection, and distribution of proceeds; to provide for definitions; to exclude amounts attributable to certain exemptions from ad valorem taxation from the equalized adjusted school property tax digest for the purpose of calculating the local five mill share and equalization grants; to increase the cap on reserve funds for local school systems; to limit the dates of a special election presenting a question by a local government to increase revenues; to make the state-wide base year homestead exemption mandatory for all political subdivisions; to revise definitions, limits, and procedures related to the state-wide base year homestead exemption; to require municipal and school officials to submit certain information relating to ad valorem taxes; to prohibit the retroactive assessment of additional ad valorem taxes to a taxpayer due to an improperly or mistakenly applied homestead exemption at no fault of the taxpayer; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for short titles; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Homeownership Opportunity and Market Equalization Act of 2026."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sales and use tax, is amended in Code Section 48-8-6, relating to prohibition of political subdivisions from imposing various taxes, ceiling on local sales and use taxes, and taxation of mobile telecommunications, by revising subparagraph (a)(1)(C) as follows:

"(C) Up to 1 percent in aggregate of any sales and use taxes authorized under Code Section 48-8-96, Code Section 48-8-97, Article 2B of this chapter, Article 2C of this chapter, Part 3 of Article 3 of this chapter, and Article 4 of this chapter."

SECTION 2-2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 48-8-109.42, relating to use of tax proceeds, property tax relief requirements, and noncompliance, as follows:

"(a) Any proceeds received by a political subdivision from the tax authorized by this article shall be used by such political subdivision exclusively for tax relief and in conjunction with all limitations provided in the intergovernmental agreement authorizing the tax for such political subdivision as follows:

(1) With respect to the proceeds of the tax received by a political subdivision prior to July 1 of a given calendar year in which the tax is imposed under this article for such political subdivision, the governing authority of such political subdivision shall apply such proceeds to reduce ad valorem property taxes for such year; and

(2) With respect to the proceeds of the tax received by a political subdivision on or after July 1 of a given calendar year in which the tax is imposed under this article for such political subdivision, the governing authority of such political subdivision shall apply such proceeds to reduce ad valorem property taxes for the subsequent year."

SECTION 2-3.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 2C

48-8-109.50.

(a) This article shall be known and may be cited as the 'Local Homestead Option Sales Tax' (LHOST).

(b) As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Eligible local government' means any county, consolidated government, or municipality for which a homestead exemption is in effect by local Act in accordance with Code Section 48-8-109.52 and whose governing authority levied and derived revenue from an ad valorem tax on homestead property within the special district at a net millage rate of greater than zero in the tax year preceding the effective date of such local Act. Such term excludes any local government that levies the tax authorized under Article 4 of this chapter.

(2) 'Homestead property' means homestead as defined and qualified in Code Section 48-5-40, with the additional limitation that such term shall include:

(A) Only the primary residence and not more than five contiguous acres of land immediately surrounding such residence; or

(B) If the property is assessed pursuant to Code Section 48-5-7.4 or 48-5-7.7, only the primary residence and the portion of the underlying property that is excluded from the benefit of such assessment pursuant to subparagraph (a)(1)(B) of Code Section 48-5-7.4 or subparagraph (b)(2)(B) of Code Section 48-5-7.7.

(3) 'Local Homestead Option Sales Tax' or 'LHOST' means any special sales and use tax levied under this article to fund homestead exemptions granted by local Act for eligible local governments in accordance with this article.

48-8-109.51.

(a) Pursuant to the authority granted by Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VI of the Constitution of this state, there are created within this state 159 special districts. The geographical boundary of each county shall correspond with and shall be conterminous with the geographical boundary of one of the 159 special districts.

(b) The territory of each special district shall include all of the territory within the county, including all municipalities, to the extent the municipal boundaries lie within the geographical boundaries of the county.

(c) The territory of each special district shall exclude any territory within which the tax provided for in Article 4 of this chapter is levied.

48-8-109.52.

(a) Subject to the requirements of this article and the sales tax rate limitations imposed by Code Section 48-8-6, beginning January 1, 2028, there shall be imposed within any special district a special sales and use tax to be levied and collected to fund homestead exemptions from ad valorem taxes imposed by eligible local governments on homestead property within the special district. Any such tax shall be known as an 'LHOST.'

(b) An LHOST shall begin to be levied and collected in a given special district on the first day of the next succeeding calendar quarter which begins more than 50 days after certification of the result of the election approving the local Act granting a homestead exemption in accordance with this article and applicable to the county or consolidated government that is conterminous with the special district.

(c) Each local Act enacted pursuant to this article shall:

(1) Be adopted and approved by local referendum in accordance with Article VII, Section II, Paragraph II(a)(2) of the Constitution;
(2) Incorporate, by reference to this article, the terms and conditions specified under this article;
(3) Exempt homestead property within the special district from all ad valorem taxes imposed by the governing authority of the local government for all purposes in an amount to be determined annually based upon the net proceeds of the sales and use tax collected under this article within the special district;
(4) Provide that such homestead exemption shall be allowed in addition to and not in lieu of any other homestead exemption applicable to the homestead property;
(5) Provide that such homestead exemption shall become effective on January 1 of the year subsequent to the approval of the local Act in the requisite referendum;
(6) Include only those portions of real property located within the applicable special district established pursuant to this article; and
(7) Provide that the homestead exemption shall not apply to or affect any ad valorem taxes other than those levied by the governing authority of the local government to which the local Act applies.

48-8-109.53.
(a) When the imposition of a local sales and use tax is authorized according to the procedures provided in this article within a special district, the county whose geographical boundary is conterminous with that of the special district shall levy a local sales and use tax at the rate of 1 percent.
(b) Except as otherwise provided in this article, the LHOST shall correspond to the tax imposed by Article 1 of this chapter, and no item or transaction which is not subject to taxation under Article 1 of this chapter shall be subject to a tax imposed under this article; provided, however, that a tax imposed under this article shall apply to sales of motor fuels as prepaid local tax as defined in Code Section 48-8-2 and shall be applicable to the sale of food and food ingredients and alcoholic beverages as provided for in Code Section 48-8-3. The levy of such tax upon sales of motor fuels as defined in Code Section 48-9-2 shall only be imposed on the retail sales price of the motor fuel which is not more than $3.00 per gallon.
(c) With respect to services that are regularly billed on a monthly basis, an LHOST shall apply to the first regular billing period coinciding with or following the effective date of the LHOST.

48-8-109.54.
(a) The tax shall cease to be imposed on the final day of the maximum period of time, which shall not exceed ten years, as specified in the local Act granting the homestead exemption for the county or consolidated government.
(b) The tax may be renewed for any special district in the same manner and under the same conditions as for an initial imposition of the tax. Such newly authorized tax shall not be imposed until the expiration of the tax then in effect.

48-8-109.55.
(a) Each LHOST shall be exclusively administered and collected by the commissioner for the use and benefit of the special district imposing the tax. Such administration and collection shall be accomplished in the same manner and subject to the same applicable provisions, procedures, and penalties provided in Article 1 of this chapter except that the LHOST shall be applicable to sales of motor fuels as prepaid local tax as defined in Code Section 48-8-2; provided, however, that all moneys collected from each taxpayer by the commissioner shall be applied first to such taxpayer's liability for taxes owed the state; and provided, further, that the commissioner may rely upon a representation by or on behalf of the county government or the Secretary of State that such a tax has been validly imposed, and the commissioner and the commissioner's agents shall not be liable to any person for collecting any such tax which was not validly imposed.
(b) Dealers, as defined in Code Section 48-8-2, shall be allowed a percentage of the amount of the tax due and accounted for and shall be reimbursed in the form of a deduction in submitting, reporting, and paying the amount due if such amount is not delinquent at the time of payment. Such dealer deduction shall be at the rate and subject to the requirements specified under subsections (b) through (f) of Code Section 48-8-50.
(c) Each sales and use tax return remitting sales and use taxes collected under this article shall separately identify the location of each retail establishment at which any of the sales and use taxes remitted were collected and shall specify the amount of sales and the amount of taxes collected at each establishment for the period covered by the return to facilitate the determination by the commissioner that all sales and use taxes imposed by this article are collected and distributed according to situs of sale.

48-8-109.56.
(a) The proceeds of the tax collected by the commissioner under this article shall be disbursed as soon as practicable after collection directly to the county whose boundary is conterminous with the boundary of the special district to be held in trust for the special district in an interest-bearing account and distributed thereafter by such county among the eligible local governments within the special district in accordance with the provisions of Code Section 48-8-109.57 and Code Section 48-8-109.58.
(b) No funds other than the annual LHOST proceeds, and interest accrued thereon, shall be placed in such accounts. The funds within such accounts shall not be commingled with any other funds of the county.

48-8-109.57.
(a) Following the adoption of millage rates each year by all eligible local governments and prior to the printing of ad valorem tax bills, the county tax commissioner shall calculate the amount of the assessed value to be exempted for homestead property within the special district for which any local Acts are in effect under this article. The amount of the assessed value of each homestead property that shall be exempted shall be calculated each tax year based on the total value of all homestead property of the special district, the net millage rates adopted by each eligible local government for such tax year,

and the net proceeds of the LHOST which are available in the trust account as of August 1 of such year.

(b) For an LHOST imposed within a special district which has a single eligible local government, the county tax commissioner shall calculate the maximum amount of assessed value of homestead property which may be exempted from all ad valorem taxes imposed by such single eligible local government on homestead property within the special district, which calculation shall be based upon the proceeds of the LHOST available in the trust account as of August 1 of such year, the total assessed value of all homestead property in the special district, and the net millage rates imposed by such single eligible local government on such homestead property.

(c) For an LHOST imposed within a special district which has one or more eligible local governments, following the adoption of millage rates each year by all such eligible local governments, but not later than September 2, the county tax commissioner shall calculate the single, maximum amount of assessed value which may be exempted throughout the special district for all homestead property from all applicable ad valorem taxes imposed by the eligible local governments within the special district, which calculation shall be based upon the proceeds of the LHOST available in the trust account as of August 1 of such year, the total assessed value of all homestead property in the special district, and the net millage rates imposed by each such eligible local government on the homestead property within its territory within the special district.

(d) In the event that the proceeds collected for a special district exceed the amount necessary to exempt all homestead property from all ad valorem taxes imposed by all eligible local governments on homestead property within the special district, the excess proceeds shall be calculated by the county tax commissioner and applied in a manner to reduce the net millage rates in effect on property within the special district by an equal percentage across all eligible local governments in the special district for such tax year.

(e) For the purposes of subsection (c) of this Code section, in the event an eligible local government fails to submit its adopted millage rates by September 1, the county tax commissioner shall use 90 percent of such eligible local government's prior year's net millage rates applicable to homestead property in the special district in the calculation under this Code section and the county shall only disburse, under Code Section 48-8-109.58, the lesser of such amount and the net millage rate actually levied by such eligible local government in the current year.

48-8-109.58.

(a) Prior to mailing ad valorem tax bills for homestead property, the tax collector for each eligible local government shall apply the homestead exemption calculated by the county tax commissioner under subsection (b) or (c) of Code Section 48-8-109.57 to each ad valorem property tax bill for homestead property. Each ad valorem tax bill for homestead property shall reflect the taxpayer's gross ad valorem tax savings which resulted from the LHOST homestead exemption.

(b) In the event of excess proceeds described in subsection (d) of Code Section 48-8-109.57, prior to mailing ad valorem tax bills, the tax collector for each eligible local

government shall apply the reduction calculated under subsection (d) of Code Section 48-8-109.57 to each ad valorem property tax bill. If applicable, each ad valorem tax bill shall reflect the taxpayer's gross ad valorem tax savings which resulted from such LHOST millage rate reduction.

(c) Within 30 days of an eligible local government's mailing of its ad valorem tax bill for a given tax year, the county shall disburse LHOST funds from the trust account to each eligible local government in the amount of ad valorem property tax revenue that the given eligible local government did not collect due to the amount of the homestead exemption determined under Code Section 48-8-109.57, applied pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section, and as granted through the local Act required under this article and, if applicable, the county shall also disburse the amount of revenue foregone due to the reduction of the eligible local government's millage rates provided for in subsection (d) of Code Section 48-8-109.57 and subsection (b) of this Code section.

(d) No disbursement shall be made to any governing authority until such governing authority has mailed ad valorem tax bills for a given year.

48-8-109.59.

Where a local sales and use tax has been paid with respect to tangible personal property by the purchaser either in another local tax jurisdiction within the state or in a tax jurisdiction outside the state, the tax may be credited against the tax authorized to be imposed by this article upon the same property. If the amount of sales and use tax so paid is less than the amount of such tax due under this article, the purchaser shall pay an amount equal to the difference between the amount paid in the other tax jurisdiction and the amount due under this article. The commissioner may require such proof of payment in another local tax jurisdiction as the commissioner deems necessary and proper. No credit shall be granted, however, against the tax imposed under this article for tax paid in another jurisdiction if the tax paid in such other jurisdiction is used to obtain a credit against any other local sales and use tax levied in the special district or any other political subdivision within the special district; and taxes so paid in another jurisdiction shall be credited against the tax levied under Article 2 of this chapter, if applicable, then against the tax levied under Part 1 of Article 3 of this chapter, if applicable, then against the tax levied under Part 2 of Article 3 of this chapter, if applicable, and then against the tax levied under this article.

48-8-109.60.

No tax provided for in this article shall be imposed upon the sale of tangible personal property which is ordered by and delivered to the purchaser at a point outside the geographical area of the special district in which the tax is imposed regardless of the point at which title passes, if the delivery is made by the seller's vehicle, and including United States mail or common carrier or by a private or contract carrier licensed by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration or the Georgia Department of Public Safety.

48-8-109.61.
No tax provided for in this article shall be imposed upon the sale or use of buildings and construction materials when the contract for which the materials are purchased or used was advertised for bid prior to the local referendum held for the local Act required to initiate the levy of the tax and the contract was entered into as a result of a bid actually submitted in response to the advertisement prior to approval of such local Act.

48-8-109.62.
The commissioner shall have the power and authority to promulgate such rules and regulations as shall be necessary for the effective and efficient administration and enforcement of the collection of the tax authorized by this article.

48-8-109.63.
Except as otherwise provided in this article or Code Section 48-8-6, the tax authorized by this article shall be in addition to any other local sales and use tax. The imposition of any other local sales and use tax within a county, municipality, or special district shall not affect the authority of a county, municipality, or special district to impose the tax authorized by this article and the imposition of the tax authorized by this article shall not affect the imposition of any otherwise authorized local sales and use tax within a county, municipality, or special district."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

Part 4 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to financing under the "Quality Basic Education Act," is amended in Code Section 20-2-164, relating to local five mill share funds, by revising subsection (g) as follows:

"(g) For purposes of calculation under this Code section and Code Section 20-2-165, the equalized adjusted school property tax digest, adjusted by paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Code section, shall be reduced by the sum of the following ~~products~~:

(1) The product of the number of constitutional homestead exemptions for owner occupied homes pursuant to Code Section 48-5-44 granted for that year, exclusive of those homestead exemptions provided pursuant to Code Sections 48-5-47, 48-5-48, and 48-5-52, multiplied by the amount per exemption authorized under Code Section 48-5-44; provided, further, that, in any city operating an independent school system which provides a homestead exemption through local legislation comparable to that provided in Code Section 48-5-44, the product calculated in this paragraph shall represent the number of homestead exemptions provided through the applicable local legislation multiplied by the amount per exemption authorized in Code Section 48-5-44, or by the amount per exemption authorized in the applicable local legislation, whichever is less; and provided, further, that, if the amount per exemption authorized in Code Section 48-5-44 has been changed subsequent to the year of the applicable digest, the more recently

adopted amount per exemption shall be used for the product calculated in this paragraph;

(2) The product of the number of constitutional homestead exemptions for disabled veterans pursuant to Code Section 48-5-48 granted for that year, multiplied by the amount per exemption authorized under that Code section; provided, further, that, in any city operating an independent school system which provides a homestead exemption through local legislation comparable to that provided in Code Section 48-5-48, the product calculated in this paragraph shall represent the number of homestead exemptions provided through the applicable local legislation multiplied by the amount per exemption authorized in the applicable local legislation, whichever is less; and provided, further, that, if the amount per exemption authorized in Code Section 48-5-48 has been changed subsequent to the year of the applicable digest, the more recently adopted amount per exemption shall be used for the product calculated in this paragraph;

(3) The product of the estimated number of persons age 65 or older residing in the local school system during that year multiplied by 5,000;

(4) The product which results from the following calculations:

(A) Subtract the estimated state-wide percentage that persons age 65 or older is of the total population, excluding military personnel and institutional population, from the respective percentage for the local school system. If the respective percentage for the local school system is less than the state-wide percentage, a difference of zero shall be used in the calculations in this paragraph;

(B) Multiply the difference which results from subparagraph (A) of this paragraph by 1,000; and

(C) Multiply the product which results from subparagraph (B) of this paragraph by the estimated number of persons age 65 or older residing in the local school system during that year; ~~and~~

(5) The product which results from the following calculations:

(A) Divide the amount reported in paragraph (4) of subsection (e) of this Code section by the average ratio of assessed value to true value used to calculate the most recent equalized adjusted school property tax digest pursuant to Code Section 48-5-274; and

(B) Multiply the quotient which results from subparagraph (A) of this paragraph by .4;

(6) The difference between the assessed value and the net taxable assessed value of all properties for which an exemption pursuant to Code Section 48-5-44.2 was granted for that year; and

(7) The difference between the assessed value and the net taxable assessed value of all properties for which an exemption authorized pursuant to a local constitutional amendment or Article VII, Section II, Paragraph II(a) of the Constitution was granted in that year."

SECTION 3-2.

Said part is further amended in paragraph (5) of subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-167, relating to funding for direct instructional, media center, and staff development costs, computerized uniform budget and accounting system, submission of local budget to state board, and provision of certain information by local boards, by striking "15 percent" and replacing it with "25 percent".

PART IV
SECTION 4-1.

Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections, is amended in subsection (c) of Code Section 21-2-540, relating to conduct and timing of special primaries and special elections generally, by revising paragraph (2) and adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary and except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2.1) of this subsection, a special election to present a question to the voters shall be held only on one of the following dates which is at least 29 days after the date of the call for the special election:

(A) In odd-numbered years, any such special election shall only be held on the third Tuesday in March or on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November; and

(B) In even-numbered years, any such special election shall only be held on:

(i) The date of and in conjunction with the presidential preference primary if one is held that year;

~~(ii) The third Tuesday in March; provided, however, that such special election shall occur prior to July 1, 2024, and present a question to the voters on sales and use taxes authorized by Articles 5, 5A, and 5B of Chapter 8 of Title 48;~~

~~(iii)~~(ii) The date of the general primary; or

~~(iv)~~(iii) The Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

(2.1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a special election to present a question or other measure to the voters relating to an increase in revenue by a local governing authority, including a question or measure that could result in an increase in taxes shall be held only:

(A) In odd-numbered years, on:

(i) The third Tuesday in March; or

(ii) The Tuesday after the first Monday in November; and

(B) In even-numbered years, on:

(i) The date of the general primary; or

(ii) The Tuesday after the first Monday in November."

PART V
SECTION 5-1.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 48-5-44.2, relating to base year homestead exemption, by repealing subsections (h) and (i), revising paragraphs (2), (3), and (7) of subsection (a), and revising subsections (d) and (e) as follows:

"(2) 'Adjusted base year assessed value' means the sum of:

(A) The previous adjusted base year assessed value;

(B) An amount equal to the difference between the current year assessed value of the homestead and the base year assessed value of the homestead, provided that such amount shall not exceed the total of the previous adjusted base year assessed value of the homestead multiplied by the inflation rate for the prior year; and

(C) The value of any substantial property change, provided that no ~~such value added improvements to the homestead~~ substantial property change shall be duplicated as to the same addition, ~~or~~ improvement, or removal of real property.

(3) 'Base year assessed value' means:

(A) With respect to an exemption under this Code section which is first granted to a person on such person's homestead for the 2025 taxable year, the assessed value for taxable year 2024, including any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311, of the homestead after adjustment due to any substantial property change which occurred during or after taxable year 2024, provided that no such adjustment shall be duplicated as to the same addition, improvement, or removal of real property; or

(B) In all other cases, the assessed value, including any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311, of the homestead from the taxable year immediately preceding the taxable year in which the exemption under this Code section is first granted to the applicant for such homestead after adjustment due to any substantial property change which occurred during or after the taxable year used to establish the base year assessed value for that homestead, provided that no such adjustment shall be duplicated as to the same addition, improvement, or removal of real property."

"(7) 'Substantial property change' means any increase or decrease in the assessed value of a homestead derived from additions or improvements to, or the removal of real property from, the homestead which occurred during or after the year ~~in which~~ used to establish the base year assessed value ~~is determined~~ for the homestead. The assessed value of the substantial property changes shall be established following any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311."

"(d) No person shall receive the exemption granted by subsection (b) of this Code section unless such person or person's agent files an application with the tax receiver or tax commissioner of his or her respective local government or governments charged with the duty of receiving returns of property for taxation, giving such information relative to receiving such exemption as will enable such tax receiver or tax commissioner to make a determination regarding the initial and continuing eligibility of such person for such exemption; provided, however, that any person who had previously applied for a homestead exemption, was allowed such homestead exemption for the ~~2024~~ immediately preceding tax year, and remains eligible for a homestead exemption for that same

homestead property in the ~~2025~~ current tax year shall be automatically allowed the exemption granted under subsection (b) of this Code section for that homestead without further application. Such tax receiver or tax commissioner shall provide application forms for this purpose.

(e)(1) The exemption granted by subsection (b) or (c) of this Code section shall be claimed and returned as provided in Code Section 48-5-50.1. Such exemption shall be automatically renewed from year to year so long as the owner occupies the residence as a homestead. After a person or a person's agent has filed the proper application or is automatically granted the homestead exemption as provided in subsection (d) of this Code section, it shall not be necessary for such person or such person's surviving spouse to make application thereafter for any year, and the exemption shall continue to be allowed to such person or such person's surviving spouse. It shall be the duty of any person granted the homestead exemption under subsection (b) or (c) of this Code section to notify the tax receiver or tax commissioner of the local government or governments in the event such person for any reason becomes ineligible for such exemption.

(2) In the event that an applicant becomes ineligible for the homestead exemption granted under subsection (b) or (c) of this Code section with respect to a particular homestead property and, thereafter, the applicant becomes eligible and applies for the homestead exemption on such property, the base year assessed value for such homestead shall be calculated in accordance with subparagraph (a)(3)(B) of this Code section as if the applicant were a new applicant who had not been previously granted an exemption under this Code section for such homestead."

SECTION 5-2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 48-5-302, relating to time for completion of revision and assessment of returns and submission of completed digest to commissioner, as follows:

"48-5-302.

Each county board of tax assessors, each municipal official responsible for collecting municipal ad valorem property taxes, and each school official responsible for collecting ad valorem property taxes for a local school system shall complete its revision and assessment of the returns of taxpayers in its respective ~~county~~ jurisdiction by July 15 of each year, except that, in all ~~counties~~ jurisdictions providing for the collection and payment of ad valorem taxes in installments, such date shall be June 1 of each year. The tax receiver or tax commissioner shall then immediately forward one copy of the completed digest to the commissioner for examination and approval."

SECTION 5-3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 48-5-303, relating to correction of mistakes in county tax digests and notification of correction, as follows:

"48-5-303.

(a)(1) The county board of tax assessors shall have authority to correct factual errors in the tax digest when discovered within three years and when such corrections are of benefit to the taxpayer. Such corrections, after approval of the county board of tax assessors, shall be communicated to the taxpayer and notice shall be provided to the tax commissioner.

(2) If the county board of tax assessors discovers a factual error in the tax digest which is not of benefit to the taxpayer and which relates to an improperly or mistakenly applied homestead exemption that was not due to any intentional misrepresentation or fraudulent act on the part of the taxpayer, the tax receiver or tax commissioner shall be prohibited from retroactively assessing the taxpayer the difference in ad valorem taxes actually paid by the taxpayer and the amount of ad valorem taxes that would have been assessed on the taxpayer but for the improperly or mistakenly applied homestead exemption.

(b) If a tax receiver or tax commissioner makes a mistake in the digest which is not corrected by the county board of tax assessors or county board of equalization, the commissioner, with the sanction of the Governor, shall correct the mistake by making the necessary entries in the digest furnished the commissioner. The commissioner shall notify the county governing authority and the tax collector of the county from which the digest comes of the mistake and correction."

PART VI
SECTION 6-1.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 6-2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Blackmon of the 146th moved that the House agree to the Senate amendment to the House substitute to SB 33.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	N McClain	N Sampson
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N Alexander	Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
N Au	N Davis	N Holcomb	N Miller	N Scott
N Baker	N Dawson	N Holland	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
N Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	N Moore	Y Smith, L

Y Barrett	N Dickey	Y Horner	N Myles	N Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Neal	Y Smith, TP
N Bazemore	N Douglas	N Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
N Beckles	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
N Bell	N Drenner	N Hugley	N Okoye	Stinson
N Berry	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	E Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	N Taylor, R
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Townsend
N Burnough	N Evans	N Jones, A	N Park	N Tran
Y Byrd	Y Fincher	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	VACANT 130
Y Camp	N Flournoy	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	VACANT 177
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Wade
N Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	N Frye	N Kendrick	N Prince	Y Werkheiser
N Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	N Reese	Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	N Gilliard	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, A
N Carter	N Gisler	N Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	E Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	N Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion the ayes were 97, nays 72.

The motion prevailed.

The Speaker Pro Tem assumed the Chair.

HB 1409. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Persinger of the 119th, Dempsey of the 13th, Hatchett of the 155th, Rice of the 139th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to provisions relative to parent and child relationship generally, so as to revise mandated reporting of child abuse; to provide for definitions; to provide for reporting requirements; to provide for the use of a secure web based reporting platform; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to provisions relative to parent and child relationship generally, so as to revise mandated reporting of child abuse; to provide for definitions; to provide for reporting requirements; to provide for the use of a secure web based reporting platform; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws to amend Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the General Assembly, so as to make portions of certain records of the General Assembly subject to public disclosure; to provide jurisdiction for enforcement; to provide for attorney's fees and litigation expenses; to provide for good faith reliance as defense to action; to provide penalties for violations; to provide procedure for commencement of prosecution; to provide for application; to provide for construction;; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to provisions relative to parent and child relationship generally, is amended by revising Code Section 19-7-5, relating to reporting of child abuse, when mandated or authorized, content of report, to whom made, immunity from liability, report based upon privileged communication, penalty for failure to report, and spiritual treatment for illnesses, as follows:

"19-7-5.

(a) The purpose of this Code section is to provide for the protection of children. It is intended that mandatory reporting will cause the protective services of the state to be brought to bear on the situation in an effort to prevent abuses, to protect and enhance the welfare of children, and to preserve family life wherever possible. This Code section shall be liberally construed so as to carry out the purposes thereof.

(b) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Abandonment' means any conduct on the part of a parent, guardian, or legal custodian showing an intent to forgo parental duties or relinquish parental claims. Intent to forgo parental duties or relinquish parental claims may be evidenced by:

(A) Failure, for a period of at least six months, to communicate meaningfully with a child;

(B) Failure, for a period of at least six months, to maintain regular visitation with a child;

(C) Leaving a child with another person without provision for his or her support for a period of at least six months;

(D) Failure, for a period of at least six months, to participate in any court ordered plan or program designed to reunite a child with his or her parent, guardian, or legal custodian;

(E) Leaving a child without affording means of identifying such child or his or her parent, guardian, or legal custodian and:

(i) The identity of such child's parent, guardian, or legal custodian cannot be ascertained despite diligent searching; and

(ii) A parent, guardian, or legal custodian has not come forward to claim such child within three months following the finding of such child;

(F) Being absent from the home of his or her child for a period of time that creates a substantial risk of serious harm to a child left in the home;

(G) Failure to respond, for a period of at least six months, to notice of child protective proceedings; or

(H) Any other conduct indicating an intent to forgo parental duties or relinquish parental claims.

(2) 'Abortion' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 15-11-681.

(3) 'Abused' means subjected to child abuse.

(4) 'Child' means any person under 18 years of age.

(5) 'Child abuse' means:

(A) Physical injury or death inflicted upon a child by a parent, guardian, legal custodian, or other person responsible for the care of such child by other than accidental means; provided, however, that physical forms of discipline may be used as long as there is no physical injury to the child;

(B) Neglect of a child by a parent, guardian, legal custodian, or other person responsible for the care of such child;

(C) Emotional abuse of a child;

(D) Sexual abuse or sexual exploitation of a child;

(E) Prenatal abuse of a child by a parent;

(F) An act or failure to act that presents an imminent risk of serious harm to the child's physical, mental, or emotional health; or

(G) Trafficking a child for labor servitude.

(6) 'Child service organization personnel' means persons employed by or volunteering at a business or an organization, whether public, private, for profit, not for profit, or voluntary, that provides care, treatment, education, training, supervision, coaching, counseling, recreational programs, or shelter to children.

(7) 'Clergy' means ministers, priests, rabbis, imams, or similar functionaries, by whatever name called, of a bona fide religious organization.

(8) 'Emotional abuse' means acts or omissions by a parent, guardian, legal custodian, or other person responsible for the care of a child that cause any mental injury to such child's intellectual or psychological capacity as evidenced by an observable and significant impairment in such child's ability to function within a child's normal range of performance and behavior or that create a substantial risk of impairment.

(9) 'Labor servitude' means work or service of economic or financial value which is performed or provided by another individual and is induced or obtained by coercion or deception.

(10) 'Legal custodian' means:

(A) A person to whom legal custody of a child has been given by order of a court; or

(B) A public or private agency or other private organization licensed or otherwise authorized by law to receive and provide care for a child to which legal custody of such child has been given by order of a court.

(11) 'Neglect' means:

(A) The failure to provide proper parental care or control, subsistence, education as required by law, or other care or control necessary for a child's physical, mental, or emotional health or morals;

(B) The failure to provide a child with adequate supervision necessary for such child's well-being; or

(C) The abandonment of a child by his or her parent, guardian, or legal custodian.

(12) 'Person responsible for the care of a child' means:

(A) An adult member of a child's household;

(B) A person exercising supervision over a child for any part of the 24 hour day; or

(C) Any adult who, based on his or her relationship to the parent, guardian, or legal custodian or a member of a child's household, has access to such child.

(13) 'Pregnancy resource center' means an organization or facility that:

(A) Provides pregnancy counseling or information as its primary purpose, either for a fee or as a free service;

(B) Does not provide or refer for abortions;

(C) Does not provide or refer for FDA approved contraceptive drugs or devices; and

(D) Is not licensed or certified by the state or federal government to provide medical or health care services and is not otherwise bound to follow the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, P.L. 104-191, or other state or federal laws relating to patient confidentiality.

(14) 'Prenatal abuse' means exposure to chronic or severe use of alcohol or the unlawful use of any controlled substance, as such term is defined in Code Section 16-13-21, which results in:

(A) Symptoms of withdrawal in a newborn or the presence of a controlled substance or a metabolite thereof in a newborn's body, blood, urine, or meconium that is not the result of medical treatment; or

(B) Medically diagnosed and harmful effects in a newborn's physical appearance or functioning.

(15) 'Reproductive health care facility' means any office, clinic, or any other physical location that provides abortions, abortion counseling, abortion referrals, or gynecological care and services.

(16) 'Secure web based platform' means a type of software that allows for the secure creation and transmission of reports required by this Code section.

~~(16)~~(17) 'School' means any public or private pre-kindergarten, elementary school, secondary school, technical school, vocational school, college, university, or institution of postsecondary education.

~~(17)~~(18) 'Sexual abuse' means a person's employing, using, persuading, inducing, enticing, or coercing any minor who is not such person's spouse to engage in any act which involves:

(A) Sexual intercourse, including genital-genital, oral-genital, anal-genital, or oral-anal, whether between persons of the same or opposite sex;

(B) Bestiality;

(C) Masturbation;

(D) Lewd exhibition of the genitals or pubic area of any person;

(E) Flagellation or torture by or upon a person who is nude;

(F) Condition of being fettered, bound, or otherwise physically restrained on the part of a person who is nude;

(G) Physical contact in an act of apparent sexual stimulation or gratification with any person's clothed or unclothed genitals, pubic area, or buttocks or with a female's clothed or unclothed breasts;

(H) Defecation or urination for the purpose of sexual stimulation;

(I) Penetration of the vagina or rectum by any object except when done as part of a recognized medical procedure; or

(J) Any act described by subsection (c) of Code Section 16-5-46.

Sexual abuse shall include consensual sex acts when the sex acts are between minors if any individual is less than 14 years of age; provided, however, that it shall not include consensual sex acts when the sex acts are between a minor and an adult who is not more than four years older than the minor. This provision shall not be deemed or construed to repeal any law concerning the age or capacity to consent.

~~(18)~~(19) 'Sexual exploitation' means conduct by any person who allows, permits, encourages, or requires a child to engage in:

(A) Sexual servitude, as defined in Code Section 16-5-46; or

(B) Sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing any visual or print medium depicting such conduct, as defined in Code Section 16-12-100.

(c)(1) The following persons having reasonable cause to believe that suspected child abuse has occurred shall report or cause reports of such abuse to be made as provided in this Code section:

(A) Physicians licensed to practice medicine, physician assistants, interns, or residents;

(B) Hospital or medical personnel;

(C) Dentists;

(D) Licensed psychologists and persons participating in internships to obtain licensing pursuant to Chapter 39 of Title 43;

(E) Podiatrists;

(F) Registered professional nurses or licensed practical nurses licensed pursuant to Chapter 26 of Title 43 or nurse's aides;

(G) Professional counselors, social workers, or marriage and family therapists licensed pursuant to Chapter 10A of Title 43;

(H) School teachers;

(I) School administrators;

(J) School counselors, visiting teachers, school social workers, or school psychologists certified pursuant to Chapter 2 of Title 20;

(K) Child welfare agency personnel, as such agency is defined in Code Section 49-5-12;
(L) Child-counseling personnel;
(M) Child service organization personnel;
(N) Law enforcement personnel; ~~or~~
(O) Firefighters, as defined in Code Section 25-4-2, including career and volunteer firefighters certified or recognized by the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council or its successor, who have reasonable cause to believe that suspected child abuse or neglect has occurred or is occurring while acting in their official capacity;
(P) Animal service workers, including animal control officers as defined in Code Section 4-11-2, humane society employees, animal cruelty investigators, and animal shelter personnel whose professional duties may bring them into contact with children or household conditions indicative of child abuse or neglect; or
~~(O)~~(Q) Reproductive health care facility or pregnancy resource center personnel and volunteers.

(2) If a person is required to report child abuse pursuant to this subsection because such person attends to a child pursuant to such person's duties as an employee of or volunteer at a hospital, school, social agency, or similar facility, such person shall notify the person in charge of such hospital, school, agency, or facility, or the designated delegate thereof, and the person so notified shall report or cause a report to be made in accordance with this Code section. An employee or volunteer who makes a report to the person designated pursuant to this paragraph shall be deemed to have fully complied with this subsection. Under no circumstances shall any person in charge of such hospital, school, agency, or facility, or the designated delegate thereof, to whom such notification has been made exercise any control, restraint, or modification or make any other change to the information provided by the reporter, although each of the aforementioned persons may be consulted prior to the making of a report and may provide any additional, relevant, and necessary information when making the report.

(3) When a person identified in paragraph (1) of this subsection has reasonable cause to believe that child abuse has occurred involving a person who attends to a child pursuant to such person's duties as an employee of or volunteer at a hospital, school, social agency, or similar facility, the person who received such information shall notify the person in charge of such hospital, school, agency, or facility, or the designated delegate thereof, and the person so notified shall report or cause a report to be made in accordance with this Code section. An employee or volunteer who makes a report to the person designated pursuant to this paragraph shall be deemed to have fully complied with this subsection. Under no circumstances shall any person in charge of such hospital, school, agency, or facility, or the designated delegate thereof, to whom such notification has been made exercise any control, restraint, or modification or make any other change to the information provided by the reporter, although each of the aforementioned persons may be consulted prior to the making of a report and may provide any additional, relevant, and necessary information when making the report.

(d) Any other person, other than one specified in subsection (c) of this Code section, who has reasonable cause to believe that suspected child abuse has occurred may report or cause reports to be made as provided in this Code section.

(e)(1) As used in the subsection, the term:

(A) 'Active duty' means full-time duty status.

(B) 'Armed forces of the United States' or 'military' means the United States Army, United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, United States Coast Guard, United States Air Force, United States Space Force, United States National Guard, Georgia Army National Guard, or Georgia Air National Guard, or a reserve component thereof.

(C) 'Family advocacy program' means, for the particular branch, the program established by the military for the prevention, education, prompt reporting, investigation, intervention, or treatment of spouse or child abuse.

(D) 'Military law enforcement' means, for the particular branch, the police corps, division, branch, agency, or authority of the military responsible for law enforcement or force protection.

(2) ~~With respect to reporting~~ Reports required by subsection (c) of this Code section~~, an oral report by telephone or other oral communication or a written report by electronic submission or facsimile shall~~:

(A) Shall be made immediately, but in no case later than 24 hours from the time there is reasonable cause to believe that suspected child abuse has occurred~~.~~;

(B) If the report is made by telephone or other oral communication, it shall be made to the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services, a child welfare agency providing protective services, as designated by the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services or, in the absence of such agency, to an appropriate police authority, military law enforcement, or district attorney. All telephonic or other oral reports shall be followed by a later written report submitted to the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services as specified in subparagraph (C) of this paragraph;

(C) All written reports ~~When a report is being~~ made by electronic submission or facsimile to the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services~~, it shall be done~~ shall be made in the manner specified by ~~the division. Oral reports shall be followed by a later report in writing, if requested, to a child welfare agency providing protective services, as designated by the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services, or, in the absence of such agency, to an appropriate police authority or district attorney.~~ this subparagraph as follows:

(i) The Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services shall make its website and a model form for reports available for any person to complete and securely submit a report to the division;

(ii) The Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services shall allow persons specified in subsection (c) of this Code section to

submit reports directly to the division through the division's website or to the division through a secure web based platform;

(iii) Such report shall be provided to military law enforcement, if applicable~~.~~, through a method or methods identified by military law enforcement; and

(iv) If a report of child abuse is made to or received by the child welfare agency or if the report is independently discovered by the agency, and the agency has reasonable cause to believe such report is true or the report contains any allegation or evidence of child abuse, then the agency shall immediately notify the appropriate police authority or district attorney and notify military law enforcement, if applicable~~.~~; and

(D) Reports required by this Code section ~~Such reports~~ shall contain the names and addresses of the child and the child's parents or caretakers, if known, the child's age, the nature and extent of the child's injuries, including any evidence of previous injuries~~;~~. The reporting mechanism and model form created by the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services shall also permit the person completing the report to provide ~~and~~ any other information that the reporting person believes might be helpful in establishing the cause of the injuries and the identity of the perpetrator. A secure web based platform may utilize prompts or other methods to assist the person completing the report to provide information deemed relevant or important. Photographs of the child's injuries to be used as documentation in support of allegations by hospital employees or volunteers, physicians, law enforcement personnel, school officials, or employees or volunteers of legally mandated public or private child protective agencies may be taken without the permission of the child's parent or guardian. Such photographs shall be made available as soon as possible to the chief welfare agency providing protective services, the appropriate police authority, and military law enforcement.

(3) A report made in accordance with this subsection shall be received by the receiving agency and thoroughly evaluated to determine child safety and whether an allegation of child abuse exists. A report will be screened in or screened out based only on the criteria set forth in law. The Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services shall not refuse to receive, log, or process a report submitted via the division website or a secure web based platform that satisfies subsection (k) of this Code section. Reports shall thereafter be screened in or screened out based solely on whether the child maltreatment allegations satisfy the definition of child abuse or neglect criteria and applicable law and policy without regard to the manner or method of submission.

~~(3)~~(4) For each child who is the subject of child abuse allegations, the child welfare agency as provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall make efforts as soon as practicable to determine whether a parent or guardian of such child is on active duty in the armed forces of the United States. If such agency determines that a parent or guardian of such child is on active duty in the armed forces of the United States, such agency shall notify the applicable military installation's family advocacy program of the allegation of child abuse that relates to the parent or guardian of such child.

(5) By January 1, 2027, the department shall review and update the applicable chapters of its Child Welfare Policy Manual that address and set forth criteria and standards relevant to the intake, disposition, and investigation of reports of abuse or neglect. Any revisions to the Child Welfare Policy Manual based on this paragraph shall be consistent with the provisions of this Code section.

(f) Any person or persons, partnership, firm, corporation, association, hospital, or other entity participating in the making of a report or causing a report to be made, and individuals who otherwise provide information or assistance, including, but not limited to, medical evaluations or consultations, in connection with a report made to a child welfare agency providing protective services, an appropriate police authority, or military law enforcement pursuant to this Code section or any other law or participating in any judicial proceeding or any other proceeding resulting therefrom shall in so doing be immune from any civil or criminal liability that might otherwise be incurred or imposed, provided that such participation pursuant to this Code section or any other law is made in good faith. Any person making a report, whether required by this Code section or not, shall be immune from liability as provided in this subsection.

(g) Suspected child abuse which is required to be reported by any person pursuant to this Code section shall be reported notwithstanding that the reasonable cause to believe such abuse has occurred or is occurring is based in whole or in part upon any communication to that person which is otherwise made privileged or confidential by law; provided, however, that a member of the clergy shall not be required to report child abuse reported solely within the context of confession or other similar communication required to be kept confidential under church doctrine or practice. When a clergy member receives information about child abuse from any other source, the clergy member shall comply with the reporting requirements of this Code section, even though the clergy member may have also received a report of child abuse from the confession of the perpetrator.

(h) Any person or official required by subsection (c) of this Code section to report a suspected case of child abuse who knowingly and willfully fails to do so shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(i) A report of child abuse or information relating thereto and contained in such report, when provided to a law enforcement agency or district attorney pursuant to subsection (e) of this Code section or pursuant to Code Section 49-5-41, shall not be subject to public inspection under Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 even though such report or information is contained in or part of closed records compiled for law enforcement or prosecution purposes unless:

(1) There is a criminal or civil court proceeding which has been initiated based in whole or in part upon the facts regarding abuse which are alleged in the child abuse reports and the person or entity seeking to inspect such records provides clear and convincing evidence of such proceeding; or

(2) The superior court in the county in which is located the office of the law enforcement agency or district attorney which compiled the records containing such reports, after application for inspection and a hearing on the issue, shall permit inspection of such records by or release of information from such records to individuals

or entities who are engaged in legitimate research for educational, scientific, or public purposes and who comply with the provisions of this paragraph. When those records are located in more than one county, the application may be made to the superior court of any one of such counties. A copy of any application authorized by this paragraph shall be served on the office of the law enforcement agency or district attorney which compiled the records containing such reports. In cases where the location of the records is unknown to the applicant, the application may be made to the Superior Court of Fulton County. The superior court to which an application is made shall not grant the application unless:

(A) The application includes a description of the proposed research project, including a specific statement of the information required, the purpose for which the project requires that information, and a methodology to assure the information is not arbitrarily sought;

(B) The applicant carries the burden of showing the legitimacy of the research project; and

(C) Names and addresses of individuals, other than officials, employees, or agents of agencies receiving or investigating a report of abuse which is the subject of a report, shall be deleted from any information released pursuant to this subsection unless the court determines that having the names and addresses open for review is essential to the research and the child, through his or her representative, gives permission to release the information.

(j) The treatment of a child in good faith solely by spiritual means through prayer in accordance with the tenets and practices of a recognized church or religious denomination by a duly accredited practitioner thereof shall not in and of itself be considered child abuse.

(k)(1) Agencies that employ mandated reporters may authorize its employees to create or transmit reports required by this Code section through a secure web based platform designated by the agency. An agency may only designate one secure web based platform for its employees to use to create or transmit the reports, and the agency may designate a secure web based platform if:

(A) The secure web based platform functions in compliance with applicable federal law; and

(B) The agency is satisfied that the secure web based platform complies with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, Federal Bureau of Investigation's Criminal Justice Information Services Security Policy, or Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, as applicable;

(C) The secure web based platform provider demonstrates to the agency that it has been deemed compliant with the relevant security standard by a federal, state, or local government agency or by a third party that has been approved by a federal, state, or local government agency for security and compliance attestation; or

(D) The secure web based platform meets all technical standards and specifications established by the Georgia Technology Authority.

(2) A reporting agency that utilizes a secure web based platform shall notify the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services not less than ten days before implementing the secure web based platform. The notice shall identify the name of the secure web based platform provider and any domain names utilized by the secure web based platform to submit reports.

(l) Mandatory reporting training shall be required for users of any secure web based platform used to submit reports under this Code section. Training requirements may be satisfied by a course provided either by the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services or by an organization with demonstrated subject matter expertise in mandated reporting, including accredited continuing education providers, law enforcement training entities, school training entities, or child advocacy organizations. The Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services may publish learning objectives, but shall not require platform specific training, exclusive delivery methods, or requirements that have the effect of excluding otherwise compliant platforms.

(m) Nothing in this Code section shall require the department to take an action for which it has not received notice from an appropriate federal agency that such action would not comply with federal law."

SECTION 2.

Section 1 shall become effective on July 1, 2027.

SECTION 3.

Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the General Assembly, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"28-1-18.

(a) If any claim of an unlawful employment practice made against a member of the General Assembly, including, but not limited to, a claim of sexual harassment, discriminatory harassment, discrimination, or retaliation, is resolved in whole or in part by a settlement agreement, a memorandum of agreement or understanding, or other similar document, however denominated, such agreement shall be subject to public disclosure with the identity of the claimant and any other party thereto redacted, except for the identity of the member. This subsection shall be applicable to any claims made on or after January 1, 2019. The provisions of Code Section 28-4-3.1 shall not be construed to prohibit the disclosure of any such documents.

(b) Any requests for public disclosure of such documents pursuant subsection (a) shall be made to the Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives if such request relates to a member of the House and shall be made to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor and the Office of the President Pro Tempore if such request relates to a member of the Senate. All documents responsive to a request shall be produced within three business days of receipt of a request.

(c) (1) The superior courts of this state shall have jurisdiction in law and in equity to entertain actions against the Speaker of the House of Representatives for documents

related to members of the House and against the President of the Senate or the President Pro Tempore of the Senate for documents related to members of the Senate to enforce compliance with the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this Code section. Such actions may be brought by any person, firm, corporation, or other entity. In addition, the Attorney General shall have authority to bring such actions in his or her discretion as may be appropriate to enforce compliance with subsections (a) and (b) of this Code section and to seek either civil or criminal penalties or both.

(2) In any action brought to enforce the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this Code section in which the court determines that either party acted without substantial justification either in not complying with subsections (a) and (b) of this Code section or in instituting the litigation, the court shall, unless it finds that special circumstances exist, assess in favor of the complaining party reasonable attorney's fees and other litigation costs reasonably incurred. Whether the position of the complaining party was substantially justified shall be determined on the basis of the record as a whole which is made in the proceeding for which fees and other expenses are sought.

(3) Any officer named in paragraph (1) of subsection (c) knowingly and willfully violating the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this Code section by failing or refusing to provide access to records subject to such subsections, by knowingly and willingly failing or refusing to provide access to such records within three business days, or by knowingly and willingly frustrating or attempting to frustrate the access to records by intentionally making records difficult to obtain shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine not to exceed $1,000.00 for the first violation. Alternatively, a civil penalty may be imposed by the court in any civil action brought pursuant to this article against any such officer who negligently violates the terms of this article in an amount not to exceed $1,000.00 for the first violation. A civil penalty or criminal fine not to exceed $2,500.00 per violation may be imposed for each additional violation that the violator commits within a 12 month period from the date the first penalty or fine was imposed. It shall be a defense to any criminal action under this Code section that an officer has acted in good faith in his or her actions. In addition, persons, officers, or entities that destroy records for the purpose of preventing their disclosure under this article may be subject to prosecution under Code Section 45-11-1.

(4) A prosecution under this subsection may only be commenced by issuance of a citation in the same manner as an arrest warrant for a peace officer pursuant to Code Section 17-4-40; such citation shall be personally served upon the accused. The defendant shall not be arrested prior to the time of trial, except that a defendant who fails to appear for arraignment or trial may thereafter be arrested pursuant to a bench warrant and required to post a bond for his or her future appearance.

(d) The General Assembly and its members, officers, staff, committees, commissions, and offices are not subject to the provisions of Code Sections 50-18-70 through 50-18-78 or Chapter 14 of Title 50 and nothing in this Code section shall be construed or applied to the contrary."

(e) This Act shall become effective upon signature of the Governor except as for Section 1.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Camp of the 135th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 1409.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

113	Y Cooper	Y Hagan	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Adesanya	Y Corbett	Y Hatchett	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Cox	Y Hawkins	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
N Alexander	Crawford	Y Herring	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ali	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Anderson	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Au	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Miller	N Scott
Y Baker	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Ballard	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Momtahan	Y Silcox
N Barnes	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Barrett	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Barton	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Y Bazemore	N Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Beckles	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y Newton	Y Stephens
Y Bell	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	N Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
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Y Byrd	Y Fincher	P Jones, J	Y Parrish	VACANT 94
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Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, A
N Carter	Y Gisler	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Glaize	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Greene	N Lupton	Ridley, Jas	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	E Griffin	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	N Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Gullett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Gunter	Y Mathiak	Y Romman	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 155, nays 12.

The motion prevailed.

The following messages were received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has agreed to the House amendment to the Senate substitutes to the following bills of the House:

HB 297. By Representatives Anderson of the 10th, Rhodes of the 124th, Meeks of the 178th, Williams of the 148th, Huddleston of the 72nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-1-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to revise the definition of "multipurpose off-highway vehicle"; to amend Article 10 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of motor vehicles and motor homes, so as to define "multipurpose off-highway vehicle" and subclassify such vehicles for ad valorem taxation purposes; to provide that such vehicles shall not be returned or taxed for ad valorem taxation purposes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1161. By Representatives Lim of the 98th, Clark of the 108th, Santos of the 117th, Hong of the 103rd, Reeves of the 99th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to provide for proper operation of a motor vehicle upon approach by an authorized emergency vehicle or by a law enforcement vehicle for purposes of a traffic stop; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1247. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Powell of the 33rd, Tarvin of the 2nd, Horner of the 3rd, Donatucci of the 105th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions, so as to prohibit courts and administrative officers from deferring to agency interpretations of laws and regulations; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has agreed to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the following bill of the House:

HB 295. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Leverett of the 123rd, Crowe of the 118th, Jones of the 47th, Anderson of the 10th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, so as to provide procedures for real property owners to make claims for compensation from local governments for loss of property value or expenses incurred due to the local government's failure to comply with or nonenforcement of certain laws, ordinances, and resolutions or due to the local government maintaining a public nuisance; and for other purposes.

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has agreed to the House substitute as amended by the Senate to the following bill of the Senate:

SB 33. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 1st, Cowsert of the 46th, Watson of the 11th, Parent of the 44th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 23 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Hemp Farming Act," so as to provide limits on the total THC concentration of consumable hemp products; to revise provisions concerning the certificate of analysis applicable to consumable hemp products; to revise and provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has agreed to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the House substitute to the following bill of the Senate:

SB 207. By Senators Strickland of the 42nd, Brass of the 6th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Cowsert of the 46th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 20, 26, 31, 33, and 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to education, food, drugs, and cosmetics, health, insurance, and professions and businesses; to amend Chapter 4 of Title 25 of the O.C.G.A., relating to firefighter standards and training; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the O.C.G.A., relating to Georgia Crime Information Center; to

amend Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 of the O.C.G.A., relating to first offenders; to amend Code Section 17-10-21 of the O.C.G.A., relating to vacating of sentence for trafficking victim defendants; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has agreed to the House substitutes to the following bills and resolution of the Senate:

SB 23. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Brass of the 6th, Robertson of the 29th, Hatchett of the 50th, Still of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Public Retirement Systems Investment Authority Law," so as to raise the limit for the total percentage of funds that the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia may invest in alternative investments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 111. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Burns of the 23rd, Rahman of the 5th, Still of the 48th, Setzler of the 37th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commerce and trade, so as to enact the "Georgia Consumer Privacy Protection Act"; to protect the privacy of consumer personal data in this state; to provide for definitions; to provide for applicability; to provide for exemptions; to provide for responsibilities of processors and controllers; to provide for notice and disclosure; to provide for security practices to protect consumer personal data; to allow a controller to offer different goods or services under certain conditions; to provide for limitations; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for preemption of local regulation; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 143. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Payne of the 54th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Still of the 48th, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 7 of Title 47 of the O.C.G.A., relating to retirement, retirement allowances, disability benefits, and death benefits relative to the Georgia Firefighter's Pension Fund, so as to provide for certain members to retire at age 50; to amend Article 7 of Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the O.C.G.A., the "Public Retirement Systems Investment Authority Law," so as to provide for an exception for the Georgia Firefighters'

Pension Fund to invest in assets rated below investment grade; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 261. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Strickland of the 42nd, Gooch of the 51st, Hickman of the 4th, Williams of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 25 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the magistrates retirement fund, so as to provide for an early retirement benefit; to provide for an employee contribution increase; to replace the statutory maximum monthly compensation used to calculate a benefit with an amount determined by the board; to increase the maximum number of years of service used to calculate a benefit; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 306. By Senator Robertson of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-7.4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to preferential assessment for bona fide conservation use property and bona fide residential transitional property, so as to require notices of impending expiration to be sent via certified mail; to provide for the reinstatement of certain covenants and preferential assessments in certain limited circumstances; to provide for appeals and refunds; to prohibit additional fees or interest; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 359. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Davenport of the 17th, Strickland of the 42nd and Williams of the 25th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for a new Board of Commissioners of Henry County, approved March 28, 1974 (Ga. L. 1974, p. 3680), as amended, so as to revise and restate provisions regarding the code of ethics; to revise provisions related to the chairperson of the board of commissioners and county manager; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 402. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Dixon of the 45th, Walker III of the 20th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to programs and protection for children and youth, so as to establish a pilot program relating to the provision of

screenings, clinical evaluations, training, services, and resources for autism spectrum disorder to children in foster care; to provide for definitions; to provide for the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services to develop and implement such pilot program; to provide for a final report and recommendations; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 430. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Walker III of the 20th, Albers of the 56th, Summers of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 13 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to excise tax on rooms, lodgings, and accommodations, so as to provide that certain military museums qualify as destination marketing organizations and private sector nonprofit organizations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 431. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Hatchett of the 50th, Payne of the 54th, Gooch of the 51st and Parent of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-670 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to disclosures and information required for permanent enrollment in a grade higher than third, provisional enrollment, and transfer of education records, so as to require the enrollment of foster care students within two school days of a request for enrollment by such student's parent or legal custodian; to provide for reporting noncompliance and for corrective action plans; to revise provisions relative to provisional enrollment; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 447. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Still of the 48th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Goodman of the 8th, Echols of the 49th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to control of soil erosion and sedimentation, so as to revise provisions regarding denial or nonacceptance of permits; to amend Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, so as to provide general provisions for counties and municipalities regarding the acceptance, denial, or nonacceptance of certain permits; to require local issuing authorities to provide rejected permit applicants with a written list of reasons for denial within specified time frames; to provide definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 469. By Senators Still of the 48th and Dolezal of the 27th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a board of commissioners of Forsyth County, approved June 30, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964 Ex. Sess., p. 2225), as amended, so as to provide term limits for members of the board of commissioners; to provide for related matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 556. By Senators Payne of the 54th, Still of the 48th, Williams of the 25th, Sims of the 12th and Hickman of the 4th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-157 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to uniform reporting system for certain purposes, dual credit courses, and academic eligibility requirements to receive HOPE scholarship, so as to provide for the inclusion of advanced placement and international baccalaureate fine arts courses in the calculation of grade point averages for determining student eligibility for the HOPE scholarships and other scholarships; to provide for applicability; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 613. By Senators Davenport of the 17th, Wicks of the 34th and Parent of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act placing the sheriff and clerk of the Superior Court of Clayton County on an annual salary, approved February 25, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, p. 1910), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 3, 2018 (Ga. L. 2018, p. 3573), so as to change the compensation of the sheriff; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 623. By Senators Wicks of the 34th, Parent of the 44th and Davenport of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Clayton County, approved January 28, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 2032), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 18, 2022 (Ga. L. 2022, p. 5510), so as to revise provisions related to the compensation of the solicitor-general of the state court; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SR 624. By Senators Setzler of the 37th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Howard of the 35th, Rhett of the 33rd and Albers of the 56th:

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Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House do now adjourn sine die, and the motion prevailed.

Pursuant to HR 998, adopted by the House and Senate, the Speaker Pro Tem announced the House adjourned sine die.

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House Study Committee on the College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI); create ..... HR 1529
Quality Basic Education Act; home study students and private school students to enroll in college and career academies located in certain RESA service areas and adjacent local school systems; provide ..... HB 971

COLQUITT COUNTY; property; granting of non-exclusive easements of certain state owned property; authorize ..... HR 1051

COLUMBIA COUNTY
Senator Joey Brush Memorial Intersection; dedicate ..... HR 1651
State highway system; dedicate certain portions ..... SR 624

COLUMBUS, CITY OF
Columbus Music Commission Act; enact ..... HB 1462
Filling vacancies in office of mayor or councilor; revise provisions ..... HB 1339

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Andrew "Drew" Keith Slay Memorial Bridge; Douglas County; dedicate ..... HR 1347
Benjamin R. Polote, Sr. Intersection; Chatham County; dedicate ..... HR 810
Bryce Johnson Memorial Bridge; Worth and Tift Counties; dedicate ..... HR 1667
Cara Jaden Atkins Memorial Interchange; Cherokee County; dedicate ..... HR 1298
Chairman Don A. Grantham Interchange; Richmond County; dedicate ..... HR 1888
Christopher Lee Ruse Memorial Intersection; Jackson County; dedicate ..... HR 70
Coach Carl Middleton Bridge; Chatham County; dedicate ..... HR 812
Councilman Alphonso Thomas Memorial Intersection; Henry County; dedicate ..... HR 1887
Dan Magill Memorial Intersection; Clarke County; dedicate ..... HR 1942
David Allen Donley Memorial Parkway; Cherokee County; dedicate ..... HR 658
David Cummings Memorial Highway; Washington County; dedicate ..... HR 1521

Doug Everett Memorial Highway; Worth County; dedicate.....HR 1578
Dr. Anthony Smith Highway; Clayton County; dedicate.....HR 1663
Dr. Esco Hall, Jr. Highway; Appling County; dedicate .....HR 427
Dr. Gregory B. Levett, Sr. Parkway; DeKalb County; dedicate .....HR 96
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Eric W. Wilmarth Roundabout; Cherokee County; dedicate .....HR 1584
F.H.P. Trooper Charles Eugene "Gene" Campbell Memorial Highway; Houston County; dedicate.....HR 1886
Gettis C. McGhee, Sr. Memorial Bridge; Warren County; dedicate.....HR 1505
Hassan Raheem Glasgow Memorial Highway; Jefferson County; dedicate .....HR 1520
Honorable Johnny Floyd Interchange; Crisp County; dedicate .....HR 303
Honorable Susan Holmes Highway; Jasper County; dedicate .....HR 814
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Howell and Jane Teasley Memorial Intersection; Fannin County; dedicate .....HR 1701
Huxsie Scott Bridge; Chatham County; dedicate.....HR 1672
Jeffrey E. Turner Highway; Clayton County; dedicate .....HR 328
Jerry Barnes Memorial Highway; Pickens County; dedicate.....HR 1706
Jerry Hoy Memorial Highway; Fulton County; dedicate.....HR 1444
Jim S. Briscoe Intersection; Walton County; dedicate.....HR 1446
Jimmy "Lord" Brown Intersection; Chatham County; dedicate.....HR 1673
John A. Williams Memorial Bridge; Cobb County; dedicate .....HR 1372
John L. Williams Memorial Interchange; Cook County; dedicate.....HR 1009
John W. Ralston Memorial Intersection; Lumpkin County; dedicate.....HR 1666
Lamar Hudgins Intersection; Dougherty County; dedicate.....HR 660
Latasha R. Butts Memorial Highway; Baldwin County; dedicate .....HR 71
Lt. Col. Albert "Butch" S. Welch Jr. Memorial Bridge; Dekalb County; dedicate .....HR 1609
Lt. Col. Larry Boggs Intersection; Carroll County; dedicate .....HR 1830
Marvin R. Adams Memorial Intersection; Fayette County; dedicate.....HR 1586
Mary Davis "S.O.S. Band" Intersection; Chatham County; dedicate .....HR 1709
Masen "Mase" McIntyre Memorial Bridge; Carroll County; dedicate .....HR 66
Master Sgt. Gary I. Gordon Memorial Highway; Richmond County; dedicate .....HR 1415
Mayor Betty Hannah Highway; Fulton County; dedicate.....HR 548
Mayor Nancy Denson Interchange; Clarke County; dedicate.....HR 1943
Mayor Rick Roberts Intersection; Cherokee County; dedicate.....HR 1580
Mother Frankie Mae Arnold Highway; Fulton County; dedicate .....HR 547
Nolan S. Smith, Jr. Bridge; Chatham County; dedicate .....HR 539
Officer Scott Riner Memorial Intersection; Gwinnett County; dedicate .....HR 809

R. George Strickland, Jr. Memorial Bridge; Madison County; dedicate .....HR 31
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Raymond C. McGhee, Jr. Memorial Bridge; Hancock County; dedicate .....HR 1502
Representative Bubber Epps Interchange; Twiggs County; dedicate .....HR 1526
Representative Mandi L. Ballinger Memorial Interchange; Cherokee County; dedicate .....HR 1531
Representative Michele Henson Interchange; Dekalb County; dedicate .....HR 1658
Rev. Dr. Bennie R. Mitchell, Jr. Memorial Bridge; Chatham County; dedicate .....HR 811
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1966 Perry High School basketball team; 60th anniversary of winning the Class A State Championship; recognize .....HR 1208
2025 Technical College System of Georgia awards winners; commend .....HR 1276
2026 as the Year of the Georgia Birding Trail; commend .....HR 1261
2026 Don Cargill STEM Scholar Award Recipients; commending the Georgia Youth Science and Technology Center; commend .....HR 1095

2026 Georgia Single Parent "Legacy Builders" Recognition and Awards finalists, "Overcomer Founder" award, and "Ruth Brewster Endurance" award recipients for their achievements; commend ..... HR 1775
2026 Tech Demo Day at the state capitol; recognize ..... HR 1351
4-H day at the state capitol; 02/26/26; 2025-2026 4-H leadership teams and award recipients; recognize ..... HR 1022
5th Annual Decatur Lunar New Year Festival; commend ..... HR 1489
5th Annual Green Egg and Kegs Festival at Dunwoody Village; recognize ..... HR 2074
68th Annual Southeast District Conference of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.; honoring its longstanding commitment to leadership, service, and economic empowerment; commend ..... HR 1433
90th annual Atlanta Dogwood Festival; recognize ..... HR 2075
Abbott, Amanda; Pickens County 2025-2026 Teacher of the Year; commend ..... HR 1262
Abdul-Hamed, Iman; ten years of leadership; acknowledging the Masjid's more than six decades of service to the people of Atlanta and the State of Georgia; recognize ..... HR 1160
Abundant Life Full Gospel Baptist Church; occasion of its anniversary; recognize ..... HR 1781
Adams, Andrew; founder and owner of ProLevel Recovery; commend ..... HR 1370
Adams, Brad; recipient of the Engineering and Environmental Services Champion award; commend ..... HR 1312
Adegoke, Adekunle Rasheed Okiki; Senior Advocate of Nigeria; distinguished legal service, human rights advocacy, and contributions to democratic governance; recognize ..... HR 1449
Advanced Practice Registered Nurses Day at the state capitol; 02/24/26; recognize ..... HR 1457
Afrovibez; cultural leadership; Africa Day; May 25, 2026; recognize ..... HR 1567
Ahmad, Maha; commend ..... HR 2101
Akintóye, Stephen Adébánji; commend ..... HR 1340
Akrayee, Hari; Coosa High School's 2026 STAR Student; commend ..... HR 2129
Albany-Dougherty County Day at the capitol; February 11, 2026; commending the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce, and inviting community partners and leadership to be recognized by the Georgia House of Representatives; recognize ..... HR 1149
All Star Roofing; Cartersville-Bartow County Chamber of Commerce 2026 Small Business of the Year; commend ..... HR 1460
Allen, Aubrey; commend ..... HR 1441
Alpha Day at the Capitol; February 19, 2026; recognize ..... HR 1294
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ALS Awareness Month; May 2026; recognize ....HR 1833
Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month; September 2026; recognize ....HR 1892
America 250 Day at the state capitol; April 1, 2026; recognize ....HR 1969
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists; 75th anniversary; recognize ....HR 2005
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention; Georgia chapter for leadership in suicide prevention; commend....HR 1321
American Heart Month in Macon-Bibb County; February 2026; recognize ....HR 1333
American Red Cross; Red Cross Month; March 2026; recognize ....HR 1622
Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State University; 30th anniversary; commend....HR 1724
Anyaegbunam, Breyana; 2025-2026 Youth of the Year for the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Chattahoochee Valley; commend ....HR 1543
Anyaegbunam, Breyanna; 2025-2026 Youth of the Year for the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Chattahoochee Valley; commend ....HR 1685
Aponte, Edgardo; commend ....HR 1968
Arbery, Marcus, Sr.; author of Where's Daddy: The Ahmaud Arbery Story; commend ....HR 1850
Aremu, Dr. Aduke; commend ....HR 1274
Armstrong, Dee; induction into the Georgia Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame; recognize ....HR 2037
Arnold, Mercedes A.; receiving the 2026 Yellow Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leadership Award; commend....HR 1568
Arp, Jeb; 2026 Heart of Community Award of Honor recipient; commend....HR 2088
Asbury, E'Maya; commend ....HR 1566
Aten, Judge Phinia; distinguish service and judicial leadership; commend....HR 1435
Atlanta Chamber Players; 50th anniversary; recognize ....HR 1408
Atlanta Chapter of the National Black MBA Association; commend ....HR 1376
Atlanta Children's Day Shelter; 40 years of service to Georgia's children and families; commend....HR 1537
Atlanta Community Food Bank; partnership efforts in Douglas County and its continued commitment to combating food insecurity throughout the State of Georgia; commend....HR 1388
Atlanta Dermatology and Aesthetics, PC; commend....HR 1933
Atlanta Gas Light; 170th anniversary; recognize....HR 1839
Atlanta International Fashion Week; 19th year; commend....HR 1741
Atlanta Lady Hawks senior women's basketball team; recognize ....HR 1849
Atlanta News First/WANF; outstanding public service in honor of Georgia Severe Weather Preparation Week; commend....HR 1218
Atlanta Track Club Elite; world record performance at the 2026 Penn Classic; commend....HR 1487
Atlanta World Cup Host Committee; commend ....HR 1681

Au, Dr. Michelle; commend ..... HR 560
Autism Acceptance Month; 04/26; World Autism Awareness Day; 04/02/26; Connor Tomlinson; work advocating for the autism community; recognize ..... HR 1885
Aziz, Najah; commend ..... HR 1605
Badu, Dr. Sonnie and First Lady Annie; eight remarkable years of ministry service in the State of Georgia; commend ..... HR 1615
Baldino, Corporal Daniel; Corporal Dylan Warren; commend ..... HR 1721
Baldwin Elementary School; occasion of its 10th anniversary; honoring the living legend, Beauty Baldwin, for whom the school is named; recognize ..... HR 1337
Baldwin, C. Synamon; Phenomenal Woman of Bold Leadership, courage, and unwavering commitment to justice; commend ..... HR 1637
Barnett, Valerie; commend ..... HR 1687
Barrow County's 2026 STAR Students and STAR Teachers; commend ..... HR 1360
Battle, Mrs. Arlecia; commend ..... HR 1974
Bawa, Kamran; Rome City High School's 2025-2026 STAR Student; commend ..... HR 1494
Bayard Rustin Day; March 17, 2026; recognize ..... HR 1714
Bayonne, Lynn; commend ..... HR 1468
Bergosh, Alexander; commend ..... HR 1875
Big Brothers Big Sisters agencies; work in supporting students and families across the state of Georgia; recognize ..... HR 1098
Birth Responders Day; May 8, 2026; recognize ..... HR 1819
Black Maternal Heath Week; April 11-17, 2026; recognize ..... HR 1744
Black Midwives Day in Georgia; March 14, 2026; recognize ..... HR 1595
Black Midwives Day; March 14, 2025; recognize ..... HR 591
Black, Dr. Daniel; commend ..... HR 1594
Blackburn, Bob; commend ..... HR 2043
Blair, Sherita; commend ..... HR 1456
Bleckley County High School's One Act team; winning the 2025 Class A-Division 1 State One Act Championship; commend ..... HR 2015
Blessed Trinity Titans baseball team; winning the 2025 GHSA 4A Baseball State Championship; commend ..... HR 2068
Blessed Trinity Titans flag football team; winning the 2025 GHSA Flag Division 4 State Football Championship; commend ..... HR 2066
Blessed Trinity Titans girls soccer team; winning the 2025 GHSA 4A Girls Soccer State Championship; commend ..... HR 2073
Blood Plasma Donation Awareness Day in Georgia; February 17, 2026; recognize ..... HR 1124
Bobby Dodd Institute; commend ..... HR 1643
Bonner, Alicia; commend ..... HR 1070

Booker T. Washington High School Class of 1976; occasion of their 50th reunion celebration; recognize....HR 1232
Boos, Mr. Louis; commend....HR 1006
Boy Scouts of America in Georgia; Scouts Day at the Capitol; 03/09/26; recognize....HR 1612
Boynton, Nicole; commend....HR 1345
Boys & Girls Clubs of Puerto Rico; commend....HR 1434
Bradley, Tyler; Coosa High School's 2026 STAR Teacher; commend....HR 2091
Brady, Keith; commend....HR 1983
Brand, Dr. Miranda; commend....HR 2036
Brannen, Lyndy; commend....HR 1976
Brewton-Parker Christian University; commend....HR 1406
Brinson, Gene and Dovie; 81st wedding anniversary; recognize....HR 1840
Brock, Otis J., Jr.; a life of love, service, and extraordinary accomplishments; commend....HR 1220
Brown, Fannie; commend....HR 1725
Bryant, Reverend Dr. Jamal-Harrison; commend....HR 1401
Building Owners and Managers Association of Georgia (BOMA Georgia); BOMA Georgia Day at the state capitol; February 3, 2026; recognize....HR 1683
Buy Local Savannah; commitment to strengthening independent businesses and preserving the unique character and economic vitality of Savannah and Chatham County; commend....HR 1940
Byrdsell, Reverend John G.; occasion of his 5th pastoral anniversary; recognize....HR 1078
Callins, Dr. Keisha Reneé; commend....HR 1064
Camp, Evelyn Wallace Johnson; 100th birthday; recognize....HR 2006
Campos, Daniel; commend....HR 2024
Canada Day; recognize....HR 1409
Cancer Prevention Day at the capitol; February 5, 2026; commending the collaborative efforts of Georgia's cancer prevention, screening, and advocacy partners; recognize....HR 1252
Cannon, Representative Park; recognize....HR 1919
Capps, Richard; recipient of the Emergency Preparedness Champion award; commend....HR 1310
Carlson, Judi; receiving the 2026 Yellow Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leadership Award; commend....HR 1646
Carr, Brad; exemplary leadership as Chair of the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce; commend....HR 1597
Carroll County Superior Courts; commend....HR 1100
Carroll Electric Membership Cooperative; 90th anniversary; recognize....HR 1606
Cartersville High School competition cheerleading team; winning the 2025 GHSA Class 4A State Championship; commend....HR 1280

Cartersville Middle School competition cheerleading team; winning the 2025 GHSA Class 4A State Championship; commend.....HR 1279
Carys Code; commend.....HR 1835
CBS Atlanta (WUPA-TV); outstanding public service in honor of Georgia Severe Weather Preparation Week; commend.....HR 1217
Cedartown High School Debate Team; winning the 2026 Parliamentary Debate World Competition; commend.....HR 1481
Center for Black Women's Wellness; commend.....HR 1952
Center for Employment Opportunities Atlanta; commend.....HR 2097
Central United Methodist Church; occasion of its 160th anniversary; recognize.....HR 2127
Chapman, Kennedy; commend.....HR 1556
Charlton County Chief Ranger Roger Todd of the Georgia Forestry Commission; recipient of the 2025 Director's Award and for his outstanding service to the State of Georgia; commend.....HR 1018
Charter Schools Day at the state capitol; February 25, 2026; recognize.....HR 1361
Chestnut Grove Baptist Church; occasion of its 175th anniversary; recognize.....HR 1128
Child Abuse Prevention Month; April 2025; recognize.....HR 951
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta's facility dogs and their Canines For Kids Program; commend.....HR 1031
Cho, Stephanie; Sonjui Kumar, Sarah Park, Victoria Huynh, and Aparna Bhattacharyya; extraordinary leadership following the Atlanta-area spa shootings and their ongoing commitment to justice, healing, and the safety of Asian American communities; commend.....HR 1700
Chronic federal deficit spending as a root cause of inflation and long-term economic instability; recognize.....HR 1988
Chronic Kidney Disease Awareness Month in Georgia; March 2026; raise awareness of the need for research, screening programs, and access to care for individuals who suffer from chronic kidney disease; recognize.....HR 1225
City of Cochran Fire Department; commend.....HR 1538
City of College Park; 130th anniversary; recognize.....HR 2118
City of Duluth; Duluth Day at the Capitol; March 3, 2026; recognize.....HR 1492
City of East Point; commend.....HR 1490
City of Grayson; celebration of its 125th Anniversary; recognize.....HR 1613
City of Hapeville Day at the Georgia State Capitol; March 4, 2026; recognize.....HR 1139
City of Lawrenceville; 205th anniversary; recognize.....HR 1697
City of McDonough, Georgia; the first annual McDonough Day at the state capitol; recognize.....HR 1297
City of Tucker, Georgia; occasion of its 10th anniversary; recognize.....HR 1135
Civil Air Patrol; service to the citizens of Georgia; commend.....HR 1518

Clark, Representative Jasmine; recognize ..... HR 1910
Clarke County School District; preserving the historic and significant West Broad Street School Campus; commend ..... HR 1632
Clayton County Chamber of Commerce; Clayton Chamber Day at the state capitol; February 5, 2026; recognize ..... HR 1183
Clayton County Day; March 26, 2026; recognize ..... HR 1717
Clayton Homes Waycross; commend ..... HR 1076
Clayton State University Day at the state capitol; March 4, 2026; recognize ..... HR 1386
Clemons, Chief Latosha; receiving the 2026 Yellow Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leadership Award; commend ..... HR 1497
Clifton Baptist Church, commend ..... HR 2086
Cochran, Elect Lady Mary Frances; faithful service; commend ..... HR 2030
Cochran, Pastor Raymond; retirement; commend ..... HR 1723
Cody, Sheri; receiving the 2026 Yellow Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leadership Award; commend ..... HR 1600
Colbert, Jason; commend ..... HR 1293
Cole, Jesse and Emily; Banana Ball and Bananas Foster; commend ..... HR 1545
Collinson, Andrew; commend ..... HR 1414
Communities In Schools of Central Georgia; significant contributions to improving student attendance, student achievement, dropout prevention, and community partnerships in Central Georgia; commend ..... HR 1256
Community Activist Day; April 8, 2025; recognize ..... HR 13
Community Associations Institute-Georgia Chapter; commend ..... HR 1179
Community EsTr(El/La); commend ..... HR 654
Community Health Centers Day; February 18, 2026; commending the Georgia Primary Care Association; recognize ..... HR 1407
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Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week at the state capitol; 02/07-14/26; recognize ..... HR 1175
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Connelly, Cindy; distinguished service to the Credit Union Movement; advocacy leadership at the Georgia Credit Union Affiliates; decades of federal, state, and local policy for credit unions; commend ..... HR 1210
Consulate General of India in Atlanta; recognition and celebration of Black History Month; recognize ..... HR 1338
Consulate-General of Japan in Atlanta; 52nd anniversary; recognize ..... HR 1277
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Cooper, Ellie; recognize ..... HR 2050

Cooper, Owen; athletic achievements; recognize....HR 2051
Copeland, First Lady Sarah Reynolds; commend....HR 1930
Copeland, Rev. Dr. Rufus; occasion of his 40th pastoral anniversary; recognize....HR 1932
Corporate and Entrepreneurial Women in Leadership Day at the Georgia State Capitol; March 5, 2026; continued observance of March 5 as Small Business Day; recognize....HR 1143
Cosper, Camden; Coosa High School's 2026 STAR Student; commend....HR 2111
Coweta Cattlemen Association of Coweta County; commend....HR 1221
Coy, Anna Lane; commend....HR 1926
Craft, Danah; outstanding public service as the executive director of Feeding Georgia; commend....HR 1029
Crawford, Nury Castillo; commend....HR 1964
Crawford, Turner; Pepperell High School's 2025-2026 STAR Student; commend....HR 1483
Crockett, Congresswoman Jasmine; commend....HR 565
Crosby, Logan; professional achievements and contributions to Georgia and the arts; commend....HR 1598
Cummings, Mr. Terry; induction as an Honorary Member of 100 Black Men of DeKalb County; commend....HR 1428
Curtin, Kevin F.; retirement; commend....HR 1769
Dale Murphy Day; February 26, 2026; recognize....HR 1459
Dar-E-Abbas Islamic Center; honor....HR 1837
Daves, Nancy; receiving the 2026 Yellow Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leadership Award; commend....HR 1547
Davis, John; 32 years dedicated service to the City of Norcross and the State of Georgia; commend....HR 1090
Davis, Kelsie "West Love"; musical achievements and positive representation of Valdosta, Georgia; commend....HR 1350
Davordzi, Nancy; commend....HR 1559
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Delta Phi Lambda Sorority Inc., an Asian-interest sorority and 501(c)(7) non-profit organization; outstanding work in creating the next generation of Asian women leaders unified by the bonds of sisterhood and its efforts in coalition building; commend....HR 1957
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.; 113 years of service; Delta Day at the Capitol; 02/23/26; recognize....HR 1195
Dem Franchize Boyz; significant contributions to Atlanta's musical culture and their role in popularizing snap music; commend....HR 2095
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Dental Hygienists Appreciation Day; February 5, 2026; recognize....HR 1043
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Diamond, Shirley; commend....HR 1073
Dilbeck, Alexandria; Chattooga County High School's 2026 STAR Student; commend....HR 2116
Dillard, Dr. Thelma; remarkable career and lifelong dedication and exemplary service in education, civil rights, and community leadership within the Bibb County region; commend....HR 1575
Dixon, Sherridee; commend....HR 1458
DJ Plugg; influential contributions to Atlanta's musical culture and the evolution of modern hip-hop; commend....HR 1925
Dobbs, Ryan; recent promotion to Deputy Chief of the Haralson County Fire Department; congratulate....HR 1718
Dodson, Major Craig; commend....HR 1089
Donatucci family; unwavering support, dedication, and sacrifice in devotion to public service; recognize....HR 2096
Donor Day at the state capitol; February 20, 2026; recognize....HR 1378
Doula Day at the state capitol; January 29, 2026; recognize....HR 1142
Dr. Indran B. Indrakrishnan Day at the state capitol; 02/10/26; recognize....HR 1172
Drake, Brianne; commend....HR 1253
Drake, Laura; retirement from the Southeast Gwinnett Cooperative Ministry; commend....HR 1772
Draper, Representative Saira; recognize....HR 1911
dReam Center Church of Atlanta; occasion of its 20th anniversary; recognize....HR 1026
Duggal, Om; commend....HR 1991
Duncan, Dr. Gloria; outstanding public service with Clayton County Public Schools; commend....HR 1265
Dunham, Mike; outstanding career with the Associated General Contractors of Georgia; commend....HR 1131
Dunston, Marc David; commend....HR 1848
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Eaton, Artemis; commend....HR 2048
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Eck, Fallon Georgeanna; celebrate birth....HR 1742
Edwards, Shelia; receiving the 2026 Yellow Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leadership Award; commend....HR 1647
Eggleston, Rachel; recipient of the Administrator of the Year award; commend....HR 1309

Elaine Clark Center; commend....HR 1491
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Ellis, Jelinda W.; commend....HR 2039
Elm Street Elementary School; 70th anniversary; recognize....HR 2132
Emergency Management Association of Georgia; Emergency Management Association Day at the state capitol; 02/26/26; recognize....HR 1267
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Evans, Shanita; commend....HR 1844
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Executive director, staff, and members of the Golden Triangle Resource Conservation and Development Council; commend....HR 1016
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Family and Consumer Sciences; commend....HR 1326
Farnsworth, Conor; commend....HR 1690
Farnsworth, Emmaline; commend....HR 1692
FCS Innovation Academy Splatoon 3 team; winning the Spring 2025 GHSA Esports State Championship; commend....HR 2069
Fellowship of Christian Officials; commend....HR 1405
Fernandes, Liz; commend....HR 1838
Ferrell, Jai; commend....HR 1869
Fertility Awareness Week; July 27-Aug 2, 2026; recognize....HR 1471
Field Mob; cultural legacy and contributions; commend....HR 1959
Finley, Dr. Delvecchio S.; commend....HR 1938
Firefighters Recognition Day at the state capitol; February 3, 2026; recognize....HR 1061
First HOA, COA, and POA Day at the capitol; recognizing the importance of civic engagement with homeowners across Georgia; recognize....HR 1138
First Preparatory Christian Academy boys basketball team; winning the 2026 GIAA Class A Boys State Basketball Championship; commend....HR 1688
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Flowers, Mrs. Nancy "Nan" McClellan; commend....HR 1689
Folami, Dr. LaWanda; outstanding service, leadership, and dedication to the citizens of Clayton County and the State of Georgia; commend....HR 1548

Forensic Nurses Week; November 2 through 8, 2026; important role Georgia's forensic nurses play in supporting survivors of violence and making our community safer from violence; recognize ..... HR 1878
Forsyth-Monroe County Chamber of Commerce; significant contributions to economic development, community leadership, and the cultivation of local talent through Leadership Monroe program; commend ..... HR 1259
Fort Stewart-Liberty County Day at the Capitol; February 25, 2026; 3rd Infantry Division and Lubas, Brigadier General John W.; recognize ..... HR 1455
Foster Parent Appreciation Month; May 2025; recognize ..... HR 950
Founders Day; 01/13/26; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.;113 Years of Service; recognize ..... HR 1011
FOX 5 Atlanta; outstanding public service in honor of Georgia Severe Weather Preparation Week; commend ..... HR 1219
Frank and Solomon Nixon Funeral Home; occasion of its 100th Anniversary; recognize ..... HR 1255
Fricke, Jim; commend ..... HR 1864
Frischer, Susan; recipient of the EDWCM Social Service Case Manager of the Year award; commend ..... HR 1307
Frost, Rasheeda; commend ..... HR 1880
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Garcia, Elizabeth; commend ..... HR 1963
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School Students; written notification to a parent when a student receives certain noninstructional services from certain school employees; require..... SB 497
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Elections; state-wide uniform system of voting equipment; revise provisions ..... HB 1108
Elections; superintendent may permit any elector of the county to vote in any precinct of the county which such elector chooses under certain conditions; provide ..... HB 901
Elections; superintendents post notices whenever their offices are closed due to a declared state of emergency; provide ..... HB 865
General Assembly; members elected in 2028 and thereafter shall serve four-year terms of office; provide - CA ..... HR 367
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Food service establishments; require notification of foreign imported shrimp ..... HB 117
Food; selling, offering for sale, trading, or distributing lab-grown meat; prohibit ..... HB 201
Georgia Farmstead Relief Act; enact ..... HB 228
Georgia Student Finance Authority; establish a needs based grant program to combat food insecurity among postsecondary students ..... HB 716
Healthy Food Access Tax Credit Act; enact ..... HB 21
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Pharmacies; pharmacists are authorized to dispense preexposure prophylaxis and postexposure prophylaxis under certain conditions; provide ..... SB 195
Pharmacies; prohibit drug manufacturer and wholesalers from preventing a licensed pharmacy from acquiring drugs from entities that participate in a particular federal drug discount program ..... HB 139

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Georgia Tech Support Impersonation and Remote Access Protection Act; enact ..... HB 1034
Internet and E-mail Fraud; the criminal offense of digital identity fraud; establish ..... SB 594
Mental health; covered individuals to submit certain information for national criminal history background checks; provisions ..... HB 1097

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Board of Commissioners; continue to conduct official business within the designated county site and to coordinate with the City of Cumming to have the new administration center annexed into such city; urge ..... HR 1753
Board of Commissioners; term limits for members; provide ..... SB 469
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Board of Education; change election date of president ..... HB 1514
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Mayor Betty Hannah Highway; dedicate ..... HR 548
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General Assembly; Workplace Safety and Heat Protection Act; urge passage ..... HR 209
Georgia Bureau of Investigation; provide for members of the General Assembly to request assistance ..... HB 621
Georgia Constituent Services Improvement and Accountability Act; enact ..... HB 1068
Georgia Independent Redistricting Commission; create - CA ..... HR 1105
Georgia Keys for Heroes Amendment; provide by law - CA ..... HR 400
Georgia Legislative Golf Caucus; encourage creation ..... HR 1707
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Georgia Next Generation 9-1-1 Fund; authorize creation - CA ..... HR 1243
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House Study Committee on an At-Risk Populations Abuse Registry; create ..... HR 816
House Study Committee on Civil Rights Protections; create ..... HR 757
House Study Committee on Code Revisions for Autonomous Vehicles; create ..... HR 1371
House Study Committee on Community Associations; create ..... HR 1675
House Study Committee on Comprehensive Services and Long-term Outcomes for Individuals with Disabilities; create ..... HR 1860
House Study Committee on Constituent Services Modernization and Accountability; create ..... HR 1946
House Study Committee on Criminal Post-Conviction Litigation; create ..... HR 1703
House Study Committee on Dangerous Animal Attacks and Animal Control Resources in Rural Georgia; create ..... HR 1704
House Study Committee on Diabetes Related Amputations; create ..... HR 1655
House Study Committee on Education Finance; create ..... HR 1947
House Study Committee on Electric Franchise Fees for Unincorporated Areas; create ..... HR 755

House Study Committee on End of Life Issues; create ..... HR 1669
House Study Committee on Environmental Protection Division Permit and Variance Procedures and Rights to Review; create ..... HR 1665
House Study Committee on Evaluating Community Health; create ..... HR 1522
House Study Committee on Examining the Implementation, Funding, and Effectiveness of Georgia's CHINS Framework; create ..... HR 1945
House Study Committee on Expanding Home Ownership Opportunities for Georgians; create ..... HR 656
House Study Committee on Exploring the Potential for Humanoids and Robotics in Georgia Workforce Development; create ..... HR 815
House Study Committee on Five Points MARTA Station Permit Issuance; create ..... HR 947
House Study Committee on Gamecock Fighting in Georgia; create ..... HR 1949
House Study Committee on Gaming in the State of Georgia; create ..... HR 655
House Study Committee on Georgia Department of Transportation Contracting; create ..... HR 1527
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House Study Committee on Healthcare Quality and Reporting; create ..... HR 397
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House Study Committee on Local Governmental Professional Contracting; create ..... HR 1748
House Study Committee on Long COVID (Coronavirus Disease); create ..... HR 1790
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House Study Committee on Making Georgia the No. 1 State for Tourism; create ..... HR 883
House Study Committee on MARTA Governance, Financial Accountability, and Regional Transit Oversight; create ..... HR 1951
House Study Committee on Maternal, Prenatal, and Pediatric Care Access and Funding; create ..... HR 593
House Study Committee on Medicaid Waiver Populations and Long-Term Financial and Administrative Sustainability; create ..... HR 1657
House Study Committee on Mental Health Workforce Development; create ..... HR 685

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House Study Committee on Modernizing the Discovery Process through the Use of New Technologies; create....HR 1893
House Study Committee on Municipal Electric Franchise Fees; create....HR 1608
House Study Committee on Noncompete Clauses in Physician Contracts; create....HR 592
House Study Committee on One-way Street Markings; create....HR 399
House Study Committee on Pharmacy Benefits Managers and Consumer Access to Prescription Medications; create....HR 948
House Study Committee on Physicians' Delegation Authority and Supervision of Georgia's Advanced Practice Providers; create....HR 1891
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House Study Committee on Raising the Minimum Wage in Georgia; create....HR 1032
House Study Committee on Responsible Use of Artificial Intelligence; create....HR 1788
House Study Committee on Restoring Georgia's Salt-Water Ecosystems; create....HR 1747
House Study Committee on Risks Associated with Hair Straightening Products; create....HR 952
House Study Committee on Rural Hospitals; create....HR 1393
House Study Committee on School Nutrition, Student Food Security, Georgia Agriculture, and Student Success; create....HR 1656
House Study Committee on Small Business Technology Adoption; create....HR 1583
House Study Committee on State Governance of Emergency Medical Services; create....HR 1674
House Study Committee on Street Lighting Along State Routes; create....HR 754
House Study Committee on Telecommunications Services and Programs for the Hearing and Visually Impaired; create....HR 590
House Study Committee on the Affordability and Accessibility of Georgia's Legitimation Process; create....HR 428
House Study Committee on the Assessment and Collection of Fees by Local Governments; create....HR 1832
House Study Committee on the Basic Building Blocks of Transportation; create....HR 1894
House Study Committee on the College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI); create....HR 1529
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House Study Committee on the Effects of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act; create....HR 1054

House Study Committee on the Eradication of Homelessness; create....HR 207
House Study Committee on the Impact of Multiplayer Online Gaming Platforms; create....HR 1749
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Joint Study Committee on Higher Education Fiscal Stewardship; create....HR 1528
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Legislative Retirement System; increase retirement benefit amounts payable to certain legislators upon retirement....HB 895
Legislative Retirement System; match benefit amounts payable to former and current retired legislators to benefits payable to legislators who were in office on or after January 1, 2022....HB 924
Local government; adopt an alternative method of appraisal and assessment of real property located within the county for taxation; provide - CA....HR 250
Maternal Mental Health Awareness Month; month of May; designate....HR 395
Mental Health Sentencing and Treatment Alternatives Act; commend advancement by General Assembly; recognize urgent need for sentencing alternatives for Georgians with serious mental illness....HR 1109
National Birth Defects Prevention Month; January of each year; recognize....HR 1156
National Black Women's History Month; April; designate....HR 1944
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President Barack Obama; opening of the Obama Presidential Center; recognize ..... HR 1950
Public officers and employees; daily expense accounts of members of the General Assembly; revise provisions ..... HB 1003
Public Safety, Department of; security guards to leaders of the Senate and House of Representatives and their families; provisions ..... HB 1004
Public Service Commission; allow designee of a member of the General Assembly to intervene in certain cases ..... HB 1443
Quality Basic Education and Full-Time Equivalent funding formulas; support revision ..... HR 1242
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Senate Convened; notify the House of Representatives ..... SR 557
Sonny Perdue Legislative Center; naming the forthcoming new legislative office complex ..... SR 95
Special license plates; International Symbol of Access; provide issuance to current and former members of the General Assembly for qualified applicants ..... HB 1380
State government; changes to apportionment and districts of the General Assembly and Congress shall only be made in the first odd-numbered year subsequent to each United States decennial census; provide - CA ..... HR 1033
State of Georgia; people have power to enact, repeal, or amend general statutory law by direct initiative and referendum process; provide - CA ..... HR 462
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Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017; permanent extension; express support ..... HR 30
Turner Syndrome Awareness Month; February 2026; recognize ..... HR 1419
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United States Department of Education; dissolve and restore educational authority to the states; express support ..... HR 1789

United States national motto; reaffirm support ..... HR 1157
US Congress; limited to proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected; apply to call a convention ..... SR 23
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Autoimmune Disease Awareness Month; month of March; designate ..... HR 463
Community Activist Month; April; designate ..... HR 12
Dale Murphy Day; February 26, 2026; recognize; urge the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame Committee to induct Dale Murphy into the National Baseball Hall of Fame ..... HR 1417
District Attorney Compensation Reform Act; enact ..... HB 1028
District attorneys; modify provisions regarding compensation; Judicial Retirement System; provide payment of monthly retirement benefits for creditable service as a district attorney at the age of 65 years ..... HB 1020
Fentanyl and Opioid Awareness Day; last Wednesday of October each year; designate ..... HR 1049
Georgia Medicare for All Act; enact ..... HB 1480
Georgia Native Plant Month; designate April of each year ..... SB 240
Holidays and observances; April of each year as Georgia Native Plant Month; designate ..... HB 955
Holidays; April of each year as Georgia Native Plant Month; designate ..... HB 444
Holidays; first day of the legislative session each year as Civility Day; designate ..... HB 881
Holidays; October 9 of each year as PANDAS Day; designate ..... HB 878
Law and statutes; effect and enforcement of foreign laws; revise provisions ..... HB 1369
Maternal Mental Health Awareness Month; month of May; designate ..... HR 395
National Birth Defects Prevention Month; January of each year; recognize ..... HR 1156
National Black Midwives Day in Georgia; March 14 of each year; designate ..... HB 1481
National Black Women's History Month; April; designate ..... HR 1944
National Immunization Awareness Month; August; recognize ..... HR 1476
National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month; September 2026; support designation ..... HR 1532
Persons and their rights; life from the moment of conception is accorded same rights and protections guaranteed to all persons; provide ..... HB 122
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Sleep Health Awareness Week; second week in March of each year; designate ..... HB 1167
State holidays; Blood Plasma Donation Awareness Day; designate ..... HB 620

State holidays; fourth Friday in November as National Sugarcane Syrup Day; designate ..... HB 166
State holidays; Heritage and Freedom Flag of the Former Republic of Vietnam Day; designate April 29 of each year ..... HB 366
State holidays; month of April as Black Women's History Month; designate ..... HB 146
State holidays; second Monday of each August as Local Elected Officials Day in Georgia; designate ..... HB 259
Turner Syndrome Awareness Month; February 2026; recognize ..... HR 1419
United States national motto; reaffirm support ..... HR 1157
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GEORGIA ATHLETIC AND ENTERTAINMENT COMMISSION

Professions and businesses; certain boxing, wrestling, and martial art associations and federations; change certain provisions ..... HB 391

GEORGIA BUILDING AUTHORITY

Education; transfer responsibility for operation of Georgia Capitol Museum from Board of Regents to Georgia Building Authority ..... HB 1490
Georgia Building Authority team; continued historical preservation of the Georgia State Capitol; urge ..... HR 1445
Penal institutions; limit time that Department of Community Supervision can hold certain inmates in a county facility ..... HB 997
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GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (GBI)

Appeal and error; certain appellate procedures regarding the denial of sovereign and any other immunity available to the state or a city or county in this state; provide ..... HB 531
Autism Missing Person Alert System Act; enact ..... HB 465
Crimes; restriction and seal of certain records upon sentencing of a first conditional discharge for possession of controlled substances and certain nonviolent property crimes; provide ..... HB 1469
Criminal procedure; motions and discovery; modify provisions ..... HB 1255
DNA Sampling, Collection, and Analysis; collection of DNA samples of individuals arrested for the commission of a felony at the time such individuals are booked or otherwise processed by a detention facility; provide ..... SB 29
DNA Sampling; the collection of DNA samples from any individual in a detention facility charged with a misdemeanor or felony who is subject to an immigration detainer notice; require ..... SB 116

Georgia Bureau of Investigation; provide for members of the General Assembly to request assistance ..... HB 621
Georgia Bureau of Investigation; restriction and seal of First Offender Act sentences until such status is revoked; provide ..... HB 162
Law enforcement agencies; judicial procedure for purging a person's involuntary hospitalization information; provide ..... HB 285
Law enforcement officers and agencies; local law enforcement involvement with immigration and cooperation with federal authorities; repeal provisions ..... HB 1053
Law enforcement officers and agencies; require consent or a court order to withdraw blood from persons who are to be incarcerated or are to be released for DNA testing ..... HB 1288
Mental health; covered individuals to submit certain information for national criminal history background checks; provisions ..... HB 1097
No Evidence Ignored Act; enact ..... HB 1596
Professions and Businesses; a preclearance process in the licensing of individuals with criminal records who make application to or are investigated by certain licensing boards and commissions; create ..... SB 207
Sexual Offender Risk Review Board; venue for certain petitions regarding state sexual offender registry; provide ..... HB 430
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GEORGIA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Georgia Development Authority; rename as the Georgia Agricultural Development Authority ..... SB 435

GEORGIA HEMP FARMING ACT
Georgia Hemp Farming Act; delta-9-THC in consumable hemp products; provide milligram limits ..... SB 254
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Putting Georgia's Patients First Act; enact ..... SB 220

GEORGIA HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES AUTHORITYACT
Georgia Higher Education Savings Plan Act; raise maximum amount of contributions allowed per beneficiary for savings trust accounts ..... HB 1300

GEORGIA STATE-WIDE BUSINESS COURT
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GEORGIA TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY
Georgia Technology Authority; annual inventory of artificial intelligence usage by state agencies; provide ..... HB 147

GEORGIA UNIFORM CIVIL FORFEITURE PROCEDURE ACT
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Law enforcement agencies; option to destroy or sell certain firearms; provide ..... HB 80

GEORGIA WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD
Education and Workforce Strategy Act; enact ..... HB 1302
State Workforce Development Board; approval of certain eligible workforce training programs relative to implementing the federal Workforce Pell Grant program; provide ..... HB 1345

GILMER COUNTY; Emma Lou Stover Bridge; dedicate ..... HR 657

GLYNN COUNTY; property; granting of non-exclusive easements of certain state owned property; authorize ..... HR 1051

GORDON COUNTY; school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes; provide homestead exemption ..... SB 161

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Capitol Art Standards Commission and the Governor; place a portrait of Governor Rufus Bullock in the state capitol; urge ..... HR 1859
General Assembly convened; notify the Governor ..... HR 996
Georgia Economic Growth and Tax Relief Act of 2026; enact ..... HB 463
Georgia Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Board; retain certain incidental funds generated by certain fees; authorize ..... HB 1428
Georgia Public Defender Council; provide for vacancies on the legislative oversight committee ..... HB 1432
Income tax; reduce tax rate that may be reached under certain conditions ..... HB 880
Income Taxes; personal income tax rate; reduce ..... SB 477
Joint session; message from the Governor ..... HR 997
Public Safety, Department of; security guards to leaders of the Senate and House of Representatives and their families; provisions ..... HB 1004
State militia; oversight of any deployment of the National Guard by the Governor; provide ..... HB 1450
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GWINNETT COUNTY
Board of Education; compensation of members; revise provisions ....HB 767
Mulberry, City of; change corporate limits ....HB 647
Mulberry, City of; provision of services and exercise of powers by the city; provide .... SB 457
Officer Scott Riner Memorial Intersection; dedicate ....HR 809
School district ad valorem tax; provide homestead exemption....HB 1524
State Court; provide eighth judge January 1, 2027 and ninth judge January 1, 2028 ....HB 1057
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GWINNETT JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
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HABERSHAM COUNTY; property; granting of non-exclusive easements of certain state owned property; authorize....HR 1051

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Ad valorem tax for educational purposes; homestead exemption; increase income cap ....HB 1340
Levy an excise tax ....HB 896
Property; granting of non-exclusive easements of certain state owned property; authorize....HR 1051
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HAMPTON, CITY OF
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HANCOCK COUNTY
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Board of Education; description of the education districts; change ..... SB 619
Levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; authorize the governing authority ..... SB 349
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Banking and finance; holds on accounts of eligible adults for suspected financial exploitation; provide .....HB 945
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Community Health, Dept. of; making claims for Medicaid estate recovery of funds from ABLE accounts maintained through any qualified ABLE account, except as required by applicable federal law; prohibit.....HB 1605
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Georgia Special Needs Scholarship Act; expedited completion of a student's first Individualized Education Program; revise provisions .....HB 634
Handicapped persons; adults with cognitive decline to be considered disabled adults; provide .....HB 1081
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House Study Committee on Telecommunications Services and Programs for the Hearing and Visually Impaired; create .....HR 590
Mara Jade Act; enact .....HB 668
Mental health; covered individuals to submit certain information for national criminal history background checks; provisions.....HB 1097
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Audiology Practice Modernization Act; urge state-wide support for passage....HR 1106
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Certificate of Need; health care facilities, services, and equipment dedicated exclusively to the treatment of cancer; provide for exemption.... SB 367
Chiropractors; replace term chiropractor with chiropractic physician....HB 1088
Commerce and trade; benefits from governmental programs or civil or military service; provisions....HB 1475
Commissioner of Insurance; conduct a comprehensive review of prescription drug pricing and identify strategies to reduce the cost of prescription medications; urge....HR 1794
Community Health, Department of; expansion of Medicaid; provide....HB 97
Community Health, Department of; Georgia Quality Reporting Project; establish....HB 102
Community Health, Department of; grant program for purpose of acquiring and installing backup generators; provide....HB 262
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Community Health, Department of; license supportive senior housing communities; provide....HB 1430
Community Health, Department of; pilot program to improve management of inpatient insulin levels in rural hospital organizations; provide....HB 866
Community Health, Department of; submit a Section 1115 waiver request to the United States Department of Health and Human Services for Medicare and Medicaid Services; authorize....HB 751
Congress; reduce waiting period for determination and approval of disability benefits for individuals living with lupus; urge....HR 41
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Crimes and offenses; access to medical cannabis; repeal certain advertising restrictions on licensees....HB 342
Crimes and offenses; certain legal action protections for healthcare professionals administering medical treatment to pregnant women; provide....HB 1313
Crimes and offenses; enhanced penalties when certain offenses are committed against public safety officers or code enforcement officers; provide....HB 1512

Crimes and offenses; permit clergy members to be charged with certain improper sexual contact offenses....HB 1458
Daniel Waters Act; enact....HB 1250
Department of Public Health; Low THC Oil Patient Registry to the Georgia Composite Medical Board for certain purposes; authorize Dept. of Public Health to disclose .... SB 395
Domestic relations; safe places for newborns; revise provisions....HB 350
Early care learning and public assistance; address childhood viruses and diseases; Department of Community Health to conduct annual review of treatment for sickle cell disease for Medicaid recipients....HB 334
Education and Public Health, Departments of; collaborate to prioritize the expansion of vision and hearing screenings at various grade levels; urge....HR 145
Education, Department of; provide parents and guardians of students entering sixth grade information regarding adolescent vaccinations in print and electronic form....HB 173
Education; grace period of up to 180 days for transfer students to be evaluated for and receive medical and education services based upon medical forms executed by out-of-state physicians; provide....HB 1294
Education; local school systems to provide certain information to parents and guardians of students in grades six through twelve on sickle cell disease; require....HB 336
Education; number of accumulated sick leave days for teachers and other school personnel; increase from three to five....HB 127
Education; provide information regarding immunization requirements and exemptions from such requirements to parents and guardians; require schools and child care facilities....HB 950
Education; remove requirement of having a licensed physician in automated external defibrillator programs....HB 629
Education; require possession of opioid antagonists by institutions within University System of Georgia....HB 419
Education; vision and hearing screening for all public school students enrolled in pre-kindergarten through third grade; require....HB 1402
Emergency medical services; designate ambulance services as an essential service....HB 154
End Public Funding of Misinformation Act; enact....HB 489
Fair Business Practices Act of 1975; regulation of referral agencies for assisted living communities and personal care homes; provide .... SB 439
Fentanyl and Opioid Awareness Day; last Wednesday of October each year; designate....HR 1049
General Assembly; appropriate an additional $2 million annually to the Georgia Pregnancy and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program; urge....HR 274
General Assembly; create Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Fund; authorize - CA....HR 9

General Assembly; enact Workplace Safety and Heat Protection Act; urge ..... HR 393
General Assembly; support creation of a Black Maternal Health Caucus; urge ..... HR 426
General Assembly; support enactment of legislation to establish and maintain a comprehensive electronic inpatient psychiatric bed registry; urge ..... HR 1110
General Assembly; trust fund for purpose of providing no-cost access to certain vaccines for children 18 years of age or younger and seniors 60 years of age or older; provide - CA ..... HR 1203
Georgia Access to Healthcare for Alzheimer's Disease and Dementias Act; enact ..... HB 1033
Georgia Bureaucratic Deference Elimination Act; enact; Red Tape Rollback Act of 2026; enact ..... HB 1247
Georgia Buy American Medicine Act; enact ..... HB 1332
Georgia Dignity in Pregnancy and Childbirth Act; enact ..... HB 672
Georgia Dye Free School Meals Act; enact ..... HB 642
Georgia Hygiene Essentials Tax-Free Period; enact ..... HB 1144
Georgia Licensed Midwife Act; enact ..... HB 520
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Georgia Medical Freedom Act; enact ..... HB 1350
Georgia Medicare for All Act; enact ..... HB 1480
Georgia Menstrual Equity Act of 2026; urge statewide support ..... HR 1112
Georgia PAD Screening and Amputation Prevention Act; state-wide support for passage; urge ..... HR 1155
Georgia Pro-Birth Accountability Act; enact ..... HB 347
Georgia SAFE (Support and Awareness for Fair Encounters) Act; enact ..... HB 752
Georgia schools and boards of education; adopt evidence-based discipline policies and procedures to address the public health crisis of student vape and e-cigarette use; urge ..... HR 1829
Georgia Small Business Healthcare Affordability Act; enact ..... HB 1110
Georgia Smoke-free Air Act; prohibit smoking and disposing of smoking products within a 25 foot radius of playgrounds and sandboxes ..... HB 1136
Georgia Student Vision and Literacy Readiness Act; enact ..... HB 1410
Georgia's medical schools; prioritize patient-centered care; urge ..... HR 1654
Georgia's Responsible Fathers Act; enact ..... HB 1343
Grady Memorial Hospital; rename to Grady-Bell Memorial Hospital; urge ..... HR 1797
Health Coverage Affordability and Fairness Act; enact ..... HB 1152
Health, Local Government, and Property; regulations and protections of cemeteries and burial grounds; provide ..... SB 146
Health; advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants to order home healthcare services; authorize ..... HB 54

Health; allow hospital authorities to acquire, develop, operate, or equip certain outpatient healthcare facilities ..... HB 1299
Health; certain placement procedures for children upon discharge from a hospital or psychiatric residential treatment facility; provide ..... HB 677
Health; certificate of need requirements concerning life plan communities; revise an exemption ..... HB 904
Health; certification of community health workers; provide ..... HB 291
Health; control high costs of prescription drugs; establish framework ..... HB 931
Health; copies of certain patient records to parents or legal guardians of unemancipated minors; provide ..... HB 965
Health; designate emergency medical services, including ambulance service, as an essential service ..... HB 209
Health; exempt from certificate of need requirements certain nursing homes for war veterans ..... HB 1292
Health; licensed general hospitals and birthing centers make available a water safety education video to parents or guardians of newborn infants; require ..... HB 471
Health; lower the age from 50 to 18 years old at which hospitals shall offer inpatient vaccinations for the influenza virus prior to discharge ..... HB 218
Health; permit administration of certain medications to residents of personal care homes and assisted living facilities; expand medical education funding and service cancelable loan program to include optometrists ..... HB 659
Health; prohibit certain examinations on an unconscious patient or a patient undergoing anesthesia without prior informed consent or authorization ..... HB 1104
Health; prohibit certain health care providers and facilities from discriminating against potential organ transplant recipients due solely to their vaccine status ..... HB 522
Health; prohibit smoking within a 25 foot radius of any state and local government buildings or enclosed public places ..... HB 1040
Health; require long-term care facilities to post a link on their websites to the official website of the office of the long-term care ombudsman ..... HB 906
Health; requirements for nurse staffing in hospitals; provide ..... HB 298
Health; right to contraception for individuals; provide ..... HB 872
Health; rural hospital organization; revise definition ..... HB 662
Health; sufficient staff for carrying out food and nutrition services at a long-term care facility; provide ..... HB 11
Health; transfer all authorities and responsibilities relating to environmental health from county boards of health to Department of Public Health ..... HB 665

Health; transfer responsibility for oversight of emergency medical services from Department of Public Health to Georgia Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Council....HB 1446
Healthcare providers; help promote 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline; urge....HR 713
Healthy Mothers Now Act; enact....HB 149
Heart Health for All Act; enact....HB 459
Higher Education; amend various provisions; DREAMS scholarship; establish....SB 556
Holidays; October 9 of each year as PANDAS Day; designate....HB 878
Hospitals and Related Institutions; hormone therapies and puberty-blocking medications for certain purposes to minors; prohibit prescribing or administering....SB 30
Hospitals; allow rural hospitals to join together to allow further purchasing power with third-party payors but retain their independence....HB 1393
House of Representatives; acknowledge inequality as a public health issue and support BIPOC communities disproportionately affected by systemic barriers....HR 117
House of Representatives; effectiveness of arts for health initiatives in improving mental health outcomes; acknowledge....HR 1007
House Study Committee on Diabetes Related Amputations; create....HR 1655
House Study Committee on End of Life Issues; create....HR 1669
House Study Committee on Evaluating Community Health; create....HR 1522
House Study Committee on Healthcare Quality and Reporting; create....HR 397
House Study Committee on Hospital/Homebound (HHB) Services and Medically Fragile Student Attendance; create....HR 1579
House Study Committee on Long COVID (Coronavirus Disease); create....HR 1790
House Study Committee on Lupus; create....HR 1473
House Study Committee on Maternal, Prenatal, and Pediatric Care Access and Funding; create....HR 593
House Study Committee on Pharmacy Benefits Managers and Consumer Access to Prescription Medications; create....HR 948
House Study Committee on Physicians' Delegation Authority and Supervision of Georgia's Advanced Practice Providers; create....HR 1891
House Study Committee on Risks Associated with Hair Straightening Products; create....HR 952
House Study Committee on Rural Hospitals; create....HR 1393
House Study Committee on State Governance of Emergency Medical Services; create....HR 1674
House Study Committee on the Addiction Epidemic and Solutions for Recovery; create....HR 512
Income tax; certain employers that offer individual coverage health reimbursement arrangements to employees; create tax credit....HB 341

Income tax; donations to nonprofit corporations that provide housing to cancer care patients; provide credit....HB 1585
Increasing Access to Contraceptives Act; enact....HB 1138
Insurance; annual prostate cancer screenings for certain men; require major medical coverage....HB 373
Insurance; benefit provider to disclose certain payments to a treating healthcare provider; provide....HB 170
Insurance; certain consumer protections contingent upon repeal of Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; provide....HB 658
Insurance; coverage for comprehensive maternal mental health screening and care; provide....HB 649
Insurance; guidelines and recommendations for colorectal cancer screening, examinations, and laboratory tests; provide....HB 1211
Insurance; mammogram coverage criteria for females at risk for breast cancer; include certain relatives....HB 927
Insurance; medical necessity of a healthcare service; provisions....HB 1236
Insurance; offer a preenrollment option for anticipated newly born or adopted children; require certain health insurers....HB 1149
Insurance; original equipment manufacturer repair procedures for repairs under motor vehicle liability insurance policies; provide....HB 1420
Insurance; prohibit improper steering to repair facilities under motor vehicle liability insurance policies....HB 1421
Insurance; remove dentists from participation with care management organizations....HB 573
Insurance; require certain health benefit policies to cover genetic testing for an inherited mutation and cancer imaging under certain conditions....HB 420
Insurance; require coverage for healthcare services for pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders; provisions....HB 124
Insurance; require health benefit policy coverage for medically necessary orthotic and prosthetic devices and their materials and components....HB 87
Insurance; require health benefit policy coverage for medically necessary orthotic and prosthetic devices and their materials and components....HB 951
Insurance; timely claims processing in supplemental estimates for repairs under motor vehicle liability insurance policies; provide....HB 1419
Insurance; utilization review by an insurer shall not be required in the instance in which a physician has determined the existence of dense breast tissue and the medical necessity of a breast ultrasound; provide....HB 928
Joint Study Committee on Intoxicating Cannabinoids in Consumable Hemp Products; create....HR 368

Labor and industrial relations; definition of employment for certain services performed by certain healthcare technology platform contractors; provisions ..... HB 991
Labor and industrial relations; prohibit certain employers that do not provide affordable health insurance benefits from requiring certain employees to provide a doctor's note when absent from work ..... HB 680
Law enforcement officers and agencies; protection of student data from immigration officials under certain circumstances; provide ..... HB 1050
Law enforcement officers and agencies; require consent or a court order to withdraw blood from persons who are to be incarcerated or are to be released for DNA testing ..... HB 1288
Local government; allow governing authority of any county or municipal corporation to hold meetings by teleconference ..... HB 1459
Mason Sells AED Coordination Act; enact ..... SB 399
Maternal Mental Health Awareness Month; month of May; designate ..... HR 395
Medical assistance; pilot program to provide coverage under Medicaid program for doula care for pregnant Medicaid recipients; provide ..... HB 263
Medical assistance; pilot program to provide coverage under Medicaid program for doula care for pregnant Medicaid recipients; provide ..... HB 1264
Medical Debt Protection Act; enact ..... HB 765
Medical Freedom Act; enact ..... HB 1242
Menstrual Data Privacy and Protection Act; enact ..... HB 827
Menstrual Product Transparency and Safety Act of 2026; enact ..... HB 1143
Mental Health Sentencing and Treatment Alternatives Act; commend advancement by General Assembly; recognize urgent need for sentencing alternatives for Georgians with serious mental illness ..... HR 1109
Motor Vehicles and Traffic; the issuance of emergency vehicle light permits for towing service companies in certain instances; provide ..... SB 569
Motor vehicles; issuance of separate license plates for hearses and ambulances; provide ..... HB 61
National Birth Defects Prevention Month; January of each year; recognize ..... HR 1156
National Black Midwives Day in Georgia; March 14 of each year; designate ..... HB 1481
National Immunization Awareness Month; August; recognize ..... HR 1476
National Immunization Week 2026; recognize; express support for goals of the Georgia Universal Vaccine Access Act ..... HR 1202
National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month; September 2026; support designation ..... HR 1532
Nursing Home Supplemental Fund; establish and provide a purpose ..... HB 1106
Peace officers; training in evacuation of persons with disabilities during an emergency; provide ..... HB 1426

Persons and their rights; life from the moment of conception is accorded same rights and protections guaranteed to all persons; provide ..... HB 122
Pharmacy benefits managers; duty of care to insureds, health plans, and providers; provide ..... HB 690
Physicians; limited provisional licenses and a pathway to licensure for certain internationally trained physicians; provide ..... SB 427
Prader-Willi Syndrome Awareness Day; express support for State designation ..... HR 1052
Pregnancy Center Fraud Prevention Act; enact ..... HB 488
Professions and Businesses; a preclearance process in the licensing of individuals with criminal records who make application to or are investigated by certain licensing boards and commissions; create ..... SB 207
Professions and businesses; improve efficiencies in issuance of permits for dentists to administer conscious sedation and general anesthesia ..... HB 1278
Professions and businesses; repeal and reenact Chapter 11A, the Dietetics Practice Act ..... HB 185
Providing Effective Access to Cannabis for Health (PEACH) Act; enact ..... HB 440
Public assistance; certain accounting practices by Department of Human Services and Department of Community Health; provide ..... HB 1192
Public Health, Department of; carry out projects to increase education, awareness, or diagnosis of valvular heart disease; authorize ..... HB 17
Public Health, Department of; continue operation of Georgia Tobacco Quit Line, subject to appropriations of funds; require ..... HB 605
Public Health, Department of; establish an Infant Wellness Resource hotline service ..... HB 795
Public Health, Department of; establish grant program for perinatal facilities to increase availability of obstetric care in low access maternity care areas and deserts ..... HB 884
Public Health, Department of; establish program to assist certain pregnant women who reside in low access to maternity care areas and maternity care deserts in obtaining obstetric care ..... HB 885
Public Health, Department of; Maternal Mortality Review Committee; provide composition ..... HB 46
Public Health, Department of; provide that if certain employees of a county board of health become employees of such department such employees will retain accrued annual and sick leave ..... HB 1096
Public Health, Department of; provisions relative to duties or functions; modernize and update ..... SB 440
Public Health, Department of; publish and maintain statistical reports relating to induced terminations of pregnancy notwithstanding requirements on the department for physician confidentiality; require ..... HB 1069
Public Health, Department of; require inclusion of an opioid antagonist in first aid kits maintained at certain establishments ..... HB 1006

Public Health, Department of; third-party audits of detention facilities that house federal immigration detainees; provide ..... HB 1401
Public Health, Department of; three-year pilot program for dietetics services for public elementary and secondary school students and patients at federally qualified health centers; provide ..... HB 929
Public Health, Department of; two-year pilot program for home visiting in homes of children with asthma; provisions ..... HB 607
Public officers and employees; provide maternal birth leave for certain employees; provisions ..... HB 1118
Putting Georgia's Patients First Act; enact ..... HB 227
Putting Georgia's Patients First Act; enact ..... SB 220
Quality Basic Education Act; prescribed course of study in sex education and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) prevention instruction is age appropriate and medically accurate; provide ..... HB 1505
Red Tape Rollback Act of 2025; enact ..... SB 28
Reproductive Freedom Act; enact ..... HB 598
Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 2025; enact ..... HB 193
Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 2026; enact ..... HB 1054
Sales and use tax; menstrual discharge collection devices; create an exemption ..... HB 499
Sales and use tax; new special purpose local option sales tax dedicated to certain healthcare purposes; provide ..... HB 1214
Sales and use tax; new special purpose local option sales tax dedicated to healthcare purposes; provide ..... HB 1100
Save Your Tooth Month; May 2026; recognize ..... HR 1270
Sleep Health Awareness Week; second week in March of each year; designate ..... HB 1167
Social services; establish a pilot program for autism spectrum disorder to children in foster care; provide ..... HB 943
Social services; treatment services under Medicaid to persons with HIV; provisions ..... HB 178
State Board of Education; adopt rules to require all certified public school personnel to receive annual training in depression and suicide awareness and prevention ..... HB 20
State employees; add stillbirth as a qualifying event for parental leave ..... HB 1422
State employees; annual public report on the amount of prescription drug rebates and other price concessions applied to premium reductions; provide ..... HB 101
State employees; require health benefit plan to cover hormone replacement therapy for biological women experiencing perimenopause and menopause when such therapy is ordered or prescribed ..... HB 988
State employees; require state health benefit plan to cover cranial prostheses for certain covered persons ..... HB 1427

State government; prohibit coverage of expenses for any transition related intervention under state health benefit plan or with any state funds....HB 660
State holidays; Blood Plasma Donation Awareness Day; designate....HB 620
State Workgroup to Increase Chronic Disease Information and Screenings in Communities of Color; support creation....HR 8
Surprise Billing Consumer Protection Act; insurance coverage for certain out-of-network ambulance transportation service; provide....HB 961
Surprise Billing Consumer Protection Act; insurance coverage for certain out-of-network ambulance transportation service; provide....SB 462
Tax Credits for Rural Hospital Organization; definition of "rural hospital organization"; revise....SB 111
The Georgia Maternal Health Momnibus Act; enact....HB 925
Turner Syndrome Awareness Month; February 2026; recognize....HR 1419
United States and the State of Georgia; burden of lung cancer; recognize....HR 1204
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Veterinarians; authorize licensed veterinary technicians under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian to administer antirabies vaccinations to animals....HB 1408
Vital records; issuance of a Certificate of Foreign Birth by the state registrar without a judicial order if certain criteria is satisfied; provide....HB 181
Vital records; provide for access to certain grantee beneficiaries; modify certain provisions regarding transfer-on-death deeds; prohibit certain local government entities from regulating certain livestock or owners....HB 413

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Labor and industrial relations; prohibit certain employers that do not provide affordable health insurance benefits from requiring certain employees to provide a doctor's note when absent from work....HB 680
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HEARD COUNTY; ad valorem tax for educational purposes; provide homestead exemption....HB 1168

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Airport Authority; current operative provisions; repeal and replace....HB 1580
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Andrew "Drew" Keith Slay Memorial Bridge; Douglas County; dedicate ..... HR 1347
Atlanta-region Transit Link Authority; position of director of planning; abolish ..... HB 1286
Benjamin R. Polote, Sr. Intersection; Chatham County; dedicate ..... HR 810
Bryce Johnson Memorial Bridge; Worth and Tift Counties; dedicate ..... HR 1667
Cara Jaden Atkins Memorial Interchange; Cherokee County; dedicate ..... HR 1298
Chairman Don A. Grantham Interchange; Richmond County; dedicate ..... HR 1888
Christopher Lee Ruse Memorial Intersection; Jackson County; dedicate ..... HR 70
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Dan Magill Memorial Intersection; Clarke County; dedicate ..... HR 1942
David Allen Donley Memorial Parkway; Cherokee County; dedicate ..... HR 658
David Cummings Memorial Highway; Washington County; dedicate ..... HR 1521
Doug Everett Memorial Highway; Worth County; dedicate ..... HR 1578
Dr. Anthony Smith Highway; Clayton County; dedicate ..... HR 1663
Dr. Esco Hall, Jr. Highway; Appling County; dedicate ..... HR 427
Dr. Gregory B. Levett, Sr. Parkway; DeKalb County; dedicate ..... HR 96
Dr. Roy Charles Bell Memorial Bridge; Fulton County; dedicate ..... HR 189
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Emma Lou Stover Bridge; Gilmer County; dedicate ..... HR 657
Eric W. Wilmarth Roundabout; Cherokee County; dedicate ..... HR 1584
F.H.P. Trooper Charles Eugene "Gene" Campbell Memorial Highway; Houston County; dedicate ..... HR 1886
Georgia Transportation Efficiency Authority Act; enact ..... HB 297
Gettis C. McGhee, Sr. Memorial Bridge; Warren County; dedicate ..... HR 1505
Happy Highways Grant Program; establishment of and purpose; provide ..... HB 1103
Hassan Raheem Glasgow Memorial Highway; Jefferson County; dedicate ..... HR 1520
Highways; procedures and remedies when a highway improvement project is delayed due to removal, relocation, or adjustment of utility facilities; provide ..... HB 1342
Honorable Johnny Floyd Interchange; Crisp County; dedicate ..... HR 303
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Honorable Terry England Intersection; Barrow County; dedicate ..... HR 1752

House Study Committee on MARTA Governance, Financial Accountability, and Regional Transit Oversight; create ..... HR 1951
Howell and Jane Teasley Memorial Intersection; Fannin County; dedicate ..... HR 1701
Huxsie Scott Bridge; Chatham County; dedicate ..... HR 1672
Jeffrey E. Turner Highway; Clayton County; dedicate ..... HR 328
Jerry Barnes Memorial Highway; Pickens County; dedicate ..... HR 1706
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Jim S. Briscoe Intersection; Walton County; dedicate ..... HR 1446
Jimmy "Lord" Brown Intersection; Chatham County; dedicate ..... HR 1673
John A. Williams Memorial Bridge; Cobb County; dedicate ..... HR 1372
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John W. Ralston Memorial Intersection; Lumpkin County; dedicate ..... HR 1666
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MARTA; authority of local governing bodies to collect a 1 percent retail sales and use tax; extend sunset ..... HB 1137
MARTA; prohibit stopping or parking of a motor vehicle other than a transit vehicle in a designated transit vehicle lane in the City of Atlanta ..... HB 638
Marvin R. Adams Memorial Intersection; Fayette County; dedicate ..... HR 1586
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Masen "Mase" McIntyre Memorial Bridge; Carroll County; dedicate ..... HR 66
Master Sgt. Gary I. Gordon Memorial Highway; Richmond County; dedicate ..... HR 1415
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Mayor Nancy Denson Interchange; Clarke County; dedicate ..... HR 1943
Mayor Rick Roberts Intersection; Cherokee County; dedicate ..... HR 1580
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Motor Vehicles and Traffic; the issuance of emergency vehicle light permits for towing service companies in certain instances; provide ..... SB 569
Nolan S. Smith, Jr. Bridge; Chatham County; dedicate ..... HR 539
Officer Scott Riner Memorial Intersection; Gwinnett County; dedicate ..... HR 809
Official Code of Georgia Annotated; revise, modernize and correct errors or omissions ..... HB 1268
R. George Strickland, Jr. Memorial Bridge; Madison County; dedicate ..... HR 31
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Representative Bubber Epps Interchange; Twiggs County; dedicate ..... HR 1526
Representative Mandi L. Ballinger Memorial Interchange; Cherokee County; dedicate ..... HR 1531
Representative Michele Henson Interchange; Dekalb County; dedicate ..... HR 1658

Rev. Dr. Bennie R. Mitchell, Jr. Memorial Bridge; Chatham County; dedicate ..... HR 811
Reverend Bennie R. Mitchell Jr. Memorial Intersection; Chatham County; dedicate ..... HR 1671
Ruby and Loy Grogan Memorial Intersection; Forsyth County; dedicate ..... HR 559
Senator Joey Brush Memorial Intersection; Columbia County; dedicate ..... HR 1651
Sheriff Russell Tanner Memorial Highway; Johnson County; dedicate ..... HR 1649
State highway system; dedicate certain portions ..... HR 1300
State highway system; dedicate certain portions ..... SR 624
State Representative "Able" Mable Thomas Intersection; Fulton County; dedicate ..... HR 1205
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State, County, and Municipal Road Systems; contracting procedures related to the acquisition of certain professional services by counties and municipalities; revise ..... SB 51
Teddy Ray Webb Memorial Bridge; Crisp County; dedicate ..... HR 1525
Transportation, Department of; acquisition of certain professional services by counties and municipalities; revise contracting procedures ..... HB 152
Transportation, Department of; require public hearings for local transportation projects of significant impact ..... HB 76
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W.D. "Don" Ballard Memorial Highway; Newton County; dedicate ..... HR 1708
William A. Fickling, Jr. Bridge; Monroe County; dedicate ..... HR 751
William Brown Lovett Memorial Interchange; Cook County; dedicate ..... HR 1271
World War I Veterans Memorial Bridge; Thomas County; dedicate ..... HR 1750
World War II Veteran Bobby Blackwell Memorial Drive; Banks County; dedicate ..... HR 480
Zander Trayvon Whatley Memorial Intersection; Paulding County; dedicate ..... HR 1346
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HINESVILLE, CITY OF; Conference Center and Tourism Authority Act; enact ..... HB 1488

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Ad valorem tax; extension of preferential assessment period for certain historic properties; provide ..... HB 526
Income tax; credits for rehabilitation of historic structures; revise expiration and transferability ..... HB 1079

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Autoimmune Disease Awareness Month; month of March; designate ..... HR 463
Community Activist Month; April; designate ..... HR 12
Dale Murphy Day; February 26, 2026; recognize; urge the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame Committee to induct Dale Murphy into the National Baseball Hall of Fame ..... HR 1417
Fentanyl and Opioid Awareness Day; last Wednesday of October each year; designate ..... HR 1049
Georgia Native Plant Month; designate April of each year ..... SB 240
Holidays and observances; April of each year as Georgia Native Plant Month; designate ..... HB 955
Holidays; April of each year as Georgia Native Plant Month; designate ..... HB 444
Holidays; first day of the legislative session each year as Civility Day; designate ..... HB 881
Holidays; October 9 of each year as PANDAS Day; designate ..... HB 878
Maternal Mental Health Awareness Month; month of May; designate ..... HR 395
National Birth Defects Prevention Month; January of each year; recognize ..... HR 1156
National Black Midwives Day in Georgia; March 14 of each year; designate ..... HB 1481
National Black Women's History Month; April; designate ..... HR 1944
National Immunization Awareness Month; August; recognize ..... HR 1476
National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month; September 2026; support designation ..... HR 1532
Sleep Health Awareness Week; second week in March of each year; designate ..... HB 1167
State holidays; Blood Plasma Donation Awareness Day; designate ..... HB 620
State holidays; fourth Friday in November as National Sugarcane Syrup Day; designate ..... HB 166
State holidays; Heritage and Freedom Flag of the Former Republic of Vietnam Day; designate April 29 of each year ..... HB 366
State holidays; month of April as Black Women's History Month; designate ..... HB 146
State holidays; second Monday of each August as Local Elected Officials Day in Georgia; designate ..... HB 259
Turner Syndrome Awareness Month; February 2026; recognize ..... HR 1419
Victims of Communism Day; November 7 of each year; designate ..... HB 1082
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HOLLY SPRINGS, CITY OF; revise boundaries ..... HB 1029

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Georgia Department of Community Affairs; refrain from adopting the 2024 International Energy Conservation Code for residential construction; urge....HR 1792
Georgia Department of Natural Resources; establish regulations for placement of lifeguards on Georgia's public beaches during times of high occupancy; urge....HR 1793
Georgia Environmental Protection Division and DeKalb County government; resolve sewage pollution and spills; urge....HR 11
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Georgia Menstrual Equity Act of 2026; urge statewide support....HR 1112
Georgia PAD Screening and Amputation Prevention Act; state-wide support for passage; urge....HR 1155
Georgia public high schools; promotion of critical media consumption and literacy education; encourage bipartisan support....HR 1111
Georgia schools and boards of education; adopt evidence-based discipline policies and procedures to address the public health crisis of student vape and e-cigarette use; urge....HR 1829
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House Study Committee on Raising the Minimum Wage in Georgia; create ..... HR 1032
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Income tax; exempt income received as personal compensation for active duty service while stationed outside Georgia ..... HB 388
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Income tax; increase and extend a credit for expenditures on maintenance of railroad track owned or leased by Class III railroads ..... HB 1070
Income tax; increase annual aggregate limit for tax credits available for qualified education donations ..... HB 565
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Income tax; one-time tax credit for individual taxpayers who filed income tax returns for the 2024 and 2025 taxable years; provide ..... HB 1000
Income tax; postproduction expenditures; renew a tax credit ..... HB 655
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Revenue and taxation; refundable tax credit in an amount not to exceed $1,200.00 for individuals who experience a reduction in or loss of federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits; provide ..... HB 828
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Community Health, Department of; pilot program to improve management of inpatient insulin levels in rural hospital organizations; provide ..... HB 866
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Better Small Business Employee Benefits Act; enact ..... HB 250
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Community Health, Department of; contracts with care management organizations for the provision of healthcare services for Medicaid or PeachCare for Kids recipients; establish requirements ..... HB 1502
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Congress; adopt legislation requiring Medicare program to provide for lifelong coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for liver, heart, and lung transplant recipients; urge ..... HR 540
Crimes and offenses; require an owner of an assault weapon to procure and maintain sufficient liability insurance ..... HB 64

Education and taxation; revise provisions for student eligibility and maximum scholarship amounts; provide for military students and students with Individualized Education Programs or other designated disabilities; provisions ..... HB 328
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Higher Education; amend various provisions; DREAMS scholarship; establish ..... SB 556
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Crimes and offenses; enhanced penalties when certain offenses are committed against public safety officers or code enforcement officers; provide ..... HB 1512
Crimes and offenses; obscenity; repeal and replace Code Section 16-12-80 ..... HB 171
Crimes and offenses; permit clergy members to be charged with certain improper sexual contact offenses ..... HB 1458
Crimes; restriction and seal of certain records upon sentencing of a first conditional discharge for possession of controlled substances and certain nonviolent property crimes; provide ..... HB 1469
Criminal procedure; limitations on bars to first offender treatment for certain minor offenders adjudicated as adults; provide ..... HB 673
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DNA Sampling, Collection, and Analysis; collection of DNA samples of individuals arrested for the commission of a felony at the time such individuals are booked or otherwise processed by a detention facility; provide ..... SB 29
DNA Sampling; the collection of DNA samples from any individual in a detention facility charged with a misdemeanor or felony who is subject to an immigration detainer notice; require..... SB 116
Firearms; persons convicted of family violence offenses cannot possess or purchase; provide .....HB 452
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HB 263-- Medical assistance; pilot program to provide coverage under Medicaid program for doula care for pregnant Medicaid recipients; provide ..... No Action in 2026
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HB 299-- Property; landlord and tenant; repeal Code Section 44-7-19, relating to restrictions on rent regulation by local governments ..... No Action in 2026

HB 300-- Professions and businesses; pawnbrokers to exclude motor vehicle certificates of title from pawn transactions; revise provisions ..... No Action in 2026
HB 301-- The Time Served Act of 2025; enact ..... No Action in 2026
HB 302-- Leave No Georgia Child Hungry Act; enact ..... No Action in 2026
HB 304-- Local government; provide for office of senior municipal court judge; create Georgia Municipal Court Clerks' Council 3297, 3370
HB 305-- Protect the Dream Act; enact ..... No Action in 2026
HB 306-- Labor and industrial relations; cause of action for workplace harassment and retaliation; provide ..... No Action in 2026
HB 309-- Local government; require adoption of a resolution or ordinance and voter approval prior to abolishment of a police force that was created by such method 4602
HB 310-- Student Teacher Promotion Act; enact 565, 1165
HB 311-- Advancing Fair Employment for All Ages Act; enact ..... No Action in 2026
HB 312-- Employee Empowerment and Transparency Act; enact ..... No Action in 2026
HB 313-- Education; authorize and require all public elementary and secondary schools to display the Ten Commandments in multiple locations ..... No Action in 2026
HB 314-- Professions and businesses; athletic trainers; revise and update definitions ..... No Action in 2026
HB 315-- Law Enforcement Partners Act; enact ..... No Action in 2026
HB 316-- Income tax; credit equal to 20 percent of the federal earned income tax credit; provide ..... No Action in 2026
HB 317-- Workforce and Residential Infrastructure District for Georgia Act; enact 2012
HB 318-- Appeal and error; appeal of superior court decisions on zoning decisions of counties and municipal corporations; provide ..... No Action in 2026
HB 319-- Crimes and offenses; illegal aliens; penalties for state and local officials and employees for noncompliance; provide ..... No Action in 2026
HB 320-- Waste management; require recycling of solar panels 567, 1568
HB 321-- Vincent Fort Living Wage Act; enact ..... No Action in 2026
HB 323-- Bridging the Gap for ALS and Chronic Kidney Disease Act of 2025; enact ..... No Action in 2026
HB 324-- Elections; preferential treatment during advance voting and during certain hours on election day to certain voters; provisions ..... No Action in 2026
HB 326-- State Health Benefit Plan Nonopioid Coverage Parity Act; enact 1115

HB 328-- Education and taxation; revise provisions for student eligibility and maximum scholarship amounts; provide for military students and students with Individualized Education Programs or other designated disabilities; provisions 3297, 4225, 4746
HB 329-- Professional and businesses; authorize certified nurse practitioners and physician assistants to perform artificial insemination ..... No Action in 2026
HB 330-- Income tax; credits for contributions to law enforcement foundations; revise provisions ..... No Action in 2026
HB 332-- Social services; convene an advisory working group to review tools and protocols for screening of children for trauma; provisions ..... No Action in 2026
HB 333-- Education; require that the state minimum salary schedule shall be updated each year ..... No Action in 2026
HB 334-- Early care learning and public assistance; address childhood viruses and diseases; Department of Community Health to conduct annual review of treatment for sickle cell disease for Medicaid recipients 1188, 1761, 1997, 2152, 4463, 4713
HB 335-- Quality Basic Education Act; address mental health risks for student athletes ..... No Action in 2026
HB 336-- Education; local school systems to provide certain information to parents and guardians of students in grades six through twelve on sickle cell disease; require ..... No Action in 2026
HB 337-- State Law Enforcement Officer Plan' or 'SLEO Plan'; enact ..... No Action in 2026
HB 338-- State Law Enforcement Officer Plan' or 'SLEO Plan'; enact ..... No Action in 2026
HB 341-- Income tax; certain employers that offer individual coverage health reimbursement arrangements to employees; create tax credit ..... No Action in 2026
HB 342-- Crimes and offenses; access to medical cannabis; repeal certain advertising restrictions on licensees ..... No Action in 2026
HB 343-- Georgia Living Wage Act; enact ..... No Action in 2026
HB 344-- Motor vehicles; school bus cameras; revise penalty amount for violations captured by recorded images ..... No Action in 2026
HB 345-- Insurance; prohibit raises in liability insurance rates for five years ..... No Action in 2026
HB 346-- Local government; prohibit municipalities and counties from using public, educational, and governmental programming (PEG) channels for political purposes ..... No Action in 2026
HB 347-- Georgia Pro-Birth Accountability Act; enact ..... No Action in 2026

HB 349-- Douglas County; Board of Commissioners; filling vacancies; change provisions ..... No Action in 2026
HB 350-- Domestic relations; safe places for newborns; revise provisions 157, 214, 4959, 4961
HB 353-- Georgia Music Office and Music Ready Communities Act; enact ..... No Action in 2026
HB 354-- Evidence; exclude certain communications made between attorney and client when client is in a penal institution ..... No Action in 2026
HB 357-- Revenue and taxation; tax credits for certain contributions made by taxpayers to certain mortgage loan originators; provide ..... No Action in 2026
HB 361-- Income tax; exempt all retirement income received as retirement benefits in the armed forces of the United States or the reserve components ..... No Action in 2026
HB 362-- Bryan County; ad valorem tax; educational purposes; provide homestead exemption ..... No Action in 2026
HB 363-- Crimes and offenses; criminal trespass; include religious worship and observance or acknowledging the death of an individual ..... No Action in 2026
HB 364-- Income tax; allow a noncustodial parent to claim a tax credit based upon the federal qualified child and dependent care tax credit ..... No Action in 2026
HB 365-- Strategic Industrial Development Enhancement (SIDE) Tax Credit Act; enact ..... No Action in 2026
HB 366-- State holidays; Heritage and Freedom Flag of the Former Republic of Vietnam Day; designate April 29 of each year ..... No Action in 2026
HB 367-- Georgia Equity and Fairness Commission Act; enact ..... No Action in 2026
HB 368-- De-escalation Right To Know Law; enact ..... No Action in 2026
HB 369-- Elections; nonpartisan election of county officers and district attorneys; provide 3297, 3817
HB 370-- Ad valorem tax; school districts; state-wide base year homestead exemption; provisions ..... No Action in 2026
HB 372-- Teachers Retirement System; certain beneficiaries hired to work in certain areas; provisions 581, 1152
HB 373-- Insurance; annual prostate cancer screenings for certain men; require major medical coverage ..... No Action in 2026
HB 374-- Local government; residential rental property; establish housing management databases ..... No Action in 2026
HB 375-- Income tax; exclude overtime compensation ..... No Action in 2026

HB 376-- Income tax; rehabilitation of certified structures; increase amount of tax credits 666, 1123, 1176, 1912, 2816, 2974
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HB 379-- Courts; divorce actions; provide certain lien protections .... No Action in 2026
HB 382-- Controlled substances; Schedule I; psilocybin; revise a provision 1691, 2172, 4095
HB 383-- Georgia High School NIL Protection Act; enact 423, 540
HB 384-- Crimes and offenses; uniform oaths to be sworn by all peace officers; provide ..... No Action in 2026
HB 385-- Education; allow academically successful students who are concurrently seeking certain degrees to use the full number of hours of HOPE scholarship eligibility; provisions 566, 1169
HB 386-- Back to School Relief Act; enact ..... No Action in 2026
HB 387-- Local government; require service delivery agreement to include a growth boundary agreement component ..... No Action in 2026
HB 388-- Income tax; exempt income received as personal compensation for active duty service while stationed outside Georgia ..... No Action in 2026
HB 389-- Property; prohibit homeowners' associations from preventing property owners from installing solar energy devices; provisions ..... No Action in 2026
HB 390-- HALO Act; enact ..... No Action in 2026
HB 391-- Professions and businesses; certain boxing, wrestling, and martial art associations and federations; change certain provisions ..... No Action in 2026
HB 393-- Safer Cycling in Georgia Act; enact ..... No Action in 2026
HB 394-- Labor and industrial relations; minimum wage for certain state employees; increase ..... No Action in 2026
HB 395-- Labor and industrial relations; minimum wage; provide for an increase ..... No Action in 2026
HB 397-- Elections; allow municipalities to opt in to providing advance voting on Saturdays for municipal elections ..... No Action in 2026
HB 400-- Community Housing Options Increase Cost Efficiency (CHOICE) Act; enact 1619
HB 401-- Insurance; prohibit insurers from considering advertising costs when making or using insurance rates ..... No Action in 2026

HB 402-- Public Service Commission; establishment of renewable energy sources and renewable energy portfolio standard goals for electric service providers; provide ..... No Action in 2026
HB 403-- Property; enhance protections for homeowners and tenants by revising or repealing certain provisions inhibiting housing stability ..... No Action in 2026
HB 405-- Insurance; require licensed adjusters to be licensed contractors ..... No Action in 2026
HB 407-- Georgia Hemp Industry Growth and Business Partnership Tax Credit Act; enact ..... No Action in 2026
HB 408-- Insurance; repeal prelicensing education requirements applicable to certain licenses ..... No Action in 2026
HB 409-- Income tax; exempt all retirement income received as retirement benefits in the armed forces of the United States or the reserve components ..... No Action in 2026
HB 413-- Vital records; provide for access to certain grantee beneficiaries; modify certain provisions regarding transfer-on-death deeds; prohibit certain local government entities from regulating certain livestock or owners 4161, 4673
HB 414-- Elections; revise definition of "person" to include certain nonresidents; provisions 432, 547
HB 415-- Homeowners Protection Act; enact ..... No Action in 2026
HB 417-- Education; tuition equalization grants at private colleges and universities; revise definition of approved school ..... No Action in 2026
HB 418-- Georgia Child Performer Empowerment and Protection Act; enact ..... No Action in 2026
HB 419-- Education; require possession of opioid antagonists by institutions within University System of Georgia 566, 690
HB 420-- Insurance; require certain health benefit policies to cover genetic testing for an inherited mutation and cancer imaging under certain conditions ..... No Action in 2026
HB 421-- Interstate Sexual Predator Prevention Act; enact 1117, 1606, 1678, 1760, 1998, 2171
HB 424-- Agriculture; clarify that a manufacturer cannot be held liable for failing to warn consumers of health risks above those required by the United States Environmental Protection Agency ..... No Action in 2026
HB 425-- Revenue and taxation; purchase of an emergency power generator to convenience stores and grocery stores; provide tax credit ..... No Action in 2026

HB 427-- Property; notice to owner and deed holder when another deed is filed by another party; provide ..... No Action in 2026
HB 429-- Ad valorem tax; exempt vehicles owned by a natural person for which a title was issued before March 1, 2013 ..... No Action in 2026
HB 430-- Sexual Offender Risk Review Board; venue for certain petitions regarding state sexual offender registry; provide ..... No Action in 2026
HB 431-- Consumer Inflation Reduction and Tax Fairness Act; enact ..... No Action in 2026
HB 432-- Game and fish; Georgia turkey stamps; provide ..... No Action in 2026
HB 434-- Crimes and offenses; offense of selling a child for financial gain; provide ..... No Action in 2026
HB 435-- Crimes and offenses; sexual exploitation of children; expand limitations to include Division of Family and Children Services ..... No Action in 2026
HB 436-- Education; repeal Chapter 2B, relating to promise scholarship accounts; provisions ..... No Action in 2026
HB 437-- State Board of Education; establish rules and regulations for local school system outreach efforts regarding ESOL program; require ..... No Action in 2026
HB 438-- Employees' Retirement System of Georgia; allow all sworn law enforcement officers serving in and the commissioner and deputy commissioner in the Department of Public Safety to be eligible for retirement benefits at age 55; provisions 1189, 1987, 3298
HB 439-- Local government; authorize establishment of local homeowner's incentive adjustment grant programs; provisions 3046, 3203
HB 440-- Providing Effective Access to Cannabis for Health (PEACH) Act; enact ..... No Action in 2026
HB 441-- Georgia Prenatal Equal Protection Act; enact ..... No Action in 2026
HB 442-- Education; students shall not be counted absent from school due to performing in certain productions; provisions ..... No Action in 2026
HB 443-- Game and fish; fees for reef and migratory fish endorsements; provide 132
HB 444-- Holidays; April of each year as Georgia Native Plant Month; designate ..... No Action in 2026
HB 445-- Revenue and taxation; add hearing officer review for tax reassessment of certain business personal property 4052, 4275, 4643
HB 446-- Public Service Commission; discovery rights in proceedings; revise provisions ..... No Action in 2026

HB 447-- Crimes and offenses; crimes of gift card theft, gift card forgery, and gift card fraud; provide 4463
HB 449-- Public utilities; subject certain companies providing water services to regulation by Public Service Commission ..... No Action in 2026
HB 450-- Wills, trusts, and administration of estates; qualified beneficiary; provide for definition ..... No Action in 2026
HB 451-- Quality Basic Education Act; local boards shall be authorized to provide instruction in hunting safety in grades six through 12; provide 3827
HB 452-- Firearms; persons convicted of family violence offenses cannot possess or purchase; provide ..... No Action in 2026
HB 453-- Georgia Red Flag Protective Order Act; enact ..... No Action in 2026
HB 455-- Bingo; properties used for games; limit number of sessions; provisions 1121
HB 456-- Ad valorem tax; additional period to appeal certain property assessments; provide ..... No Action in 2026
HB 457-- Occupational therapists; perform dry needling as a physical agent modality if certain training and education requirements are met; authorize ..... No Action in 2026
HB 458-- Controlled substances; possession of four grams or more of fentanyl; provisions ..... No Action in 2026
HB 459-- Heart Health for All Act; enact ..... No Action in 2026
HB 460-- Evidence; exclude certain communications made between attorney and client when client is in a penal institution ..... No Action in 2026
HB 461-- Motorcycle Mobility Safety Act; enact 1117
HB 463-- Georgia Economic Growth and Tax Relief Act of 2026; enact 624, 4503, 4728
HB 464-- Crimes and offenses; immunity for a prospective offender while seeking assistance from law enforcement as a victim of certain offenses; provide ..... No Action in 2026
HB 465-- Autism Missing Person Alert System Act; enact ..... No Action in 2026
HB 466-- State symbols; designate marsh tacky horse as official Georgia heritage horse breed; designate pineywoods cattle as official Georgia heritage cattle breed 4161, 4693
HB 467-- State flag, seal, and other symbols; protection of government statues and monuments; revise provisions 2009
HB 469-- True Campus Safety Act; enact ..... No Action in 2026
HB 470-- Crimes and offenses; prohibit activities related to immigration enforcement in certain locations ..... No Action in 2026

HB 471-- Health; licensed general hospitals and birthing centers make available a water safety education video to parents or guardians of newborn infants; require ..... No Action in 2026
HB 472-- Crimes and offenses; add certain facilities of the Geo. L. Smith II Georgia World Congress Center Authority to the locations in which the carrying of weapons or long guns is prohibited..... No Action in 2026
HB 474-- Revenue and taxation; repeal an exemption for charges paid for continuous use of rooms, lodgings, or accommodations after the first 30 days of continuous occupancy ..... No Action in 2026
HB 477-- Insurance; prohibit insurers from raising private passenger motor vehicle insurance rates more often that once every calendar year..... No Action in 2026
HB 478-- Commerce and trade; require that AI generated content include a disclaimer indicating such content was generated using artificial intelligence..... No Action in 2026
HB 479-- Income tax; allow for tax credits in excess of the amount that can be claimed in a given year to be carried forward to subsequent years ..... No Action in 2026
HB 480-- Elections; permanent absentee voter list; provide ..... No Action in 2026
HB 481-- Elections; dates on which special elections to present questions to the voters can be held; revise provisions..... No Action in 2026
HB 482-- Courts; superior court judicial officers in certain judicial circuits; provide ..... No Action in 2026
HB 483-- Crimes and offenses; provide protections for code enforcement officials; provisions 2639, 3007
HB 485-- Official Code of Georgia Annotated; various provisions enacted prior to 2013 which are contingent upon funding and which remain unfunded; repeal ..... No Action in 2026
HB 486-- State government; City of Incheon, South Korea as sister city-state of the State of Georgia; designate..... No Action in 2026
HB 487-- Quality Basic Education Act; computer science course shall be a high school graduation requirement beginning in 2031; provide..... No Action in 2026
HB 488-- Pregnancy Center Fraud Prevention Act; enact..... No Action in 2026
HB 489-- End Public Funding of Misinformation Act; enact ..... No Action in 2026
HB 490-- Crimes and offenses; required human trafficking training program for hotels; provide..... 744, 1653, 1689, 1796, 2008

HB 492-- Revenue and taxation; repeal an exemption for charges paid for continuous use of rooms, lodgings, or accommodations after the first 30 days of continuous occupancy ..... No Action in 2026
HB 493-- State symbols; pineywoods cattle as official Georgia heritage cattle breed; designate ..... No Action in 2026
HB 494-- Motor vehicles; require mopeds to be covered by a form of minimum financial responsibility for accident damages ..... No Action in 2026
HB 496-- Criminal procedure; scent of marijuana, cannabis, or hemp; provide imitations on stops, searches, seizures, or arrests ..... No Action in 2026
HB 497-- Penal institutions; inmate be allowed to dress in plain clothes during trial proceedings; provide ..... No Action in 2026
HB 499-- Sales and use tax; menstrual discharge collection devices; create an exemption ..... No Action in 2026
HB 500-- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Act; increase access to and amount of benefits 2011
HB 501-- Elections; removal of certain members of State Election Board; revise procedures ..... No Action in 2026
HB 502-- Elections; preferential treatment during advance voting for voters accompanied by children two years of age or younger; provide 714
HB 503-- State Election Board; promulgate, amend, adopt, or repeal nonemergency rules and regulations in odd-numbered years; provide ..... No Action in 2026
HB 504-- Commerce and trade; procedures, conditions, and limitations relative to vehicle value protection agreements; provide 501
HB 505-- Career Readiness and Economic Development Act; enact ..... No Action in 2026
HB 506-- Surprise Billing Consumer Protection Act; insurance coverage for certain out-of-network ambulance transportation service; provisions 4093, 4254
HB 507-- Georgia Homegrown Solar Act of 2025; enact ..... No Action in 2026
HB 508-- Crimes and offenses; prohibit sale, transfer, use, possession, importation, or manufacture of certain firearms and magazines ..... No Action in 2026
HB 509-- Oath Act; enact ..... No Action in 2026
HB 510-- Domestic relations; duration of child support for postsecondary education; provide ..... No Action in 2026
HB 512-- Property owners' associations; revise provisions ..... No Action in 2026

HB 515-- Augusta Judicial Circuit; superior courts; provide for a sixth judge ..... No Action in 2026
HB 517-- Student Success Support Act; enact ..... No Action in 2026
HB 518-- Sexual Assault Reform Act of 2025; enact ..... No Action in 2026
HB 519-- Revenue and taxation; amount of federal work opportunity credit claimed by a taxpayer shall also be allowed as a tax credit; provide 537, 1202, 3299
HB 520-- Georgia Licensed Midwife Act; enact ..... No Action in 2026
HB 521-- Local government; deannexation of certain properties; revise procedures ..... No Action in 2026
HB 522-- Health; prohibit certain health care providers and facilities from discriminating against potential organ transplant recipients due solely to their vaccine status 156
HB 523-- Local government; annexation contingent upon approval of county in which subject property is located; provide ..... No Action in 2026
HB 524-- Public officers and employees; elected officers or officials shall not have their employment terminated solely as a result of being elected to or holding an elected office; provide ..... No Action in 2026
HB 525-- Criminal procedure; discovery in misdemeanor cases; change provisions ..... No Action in 2026
HB 526-- Ad valorem tax; extension of preferential assessment period for certain historic properties; provide ..... No Action in 2026
HB 527-- Domestic relations; creation and revisions of certain child abuse protocol procedures for cases of alleged child abuse; provide 1650
HB 528-- Revenue and taxation; require certain high resource use facilities to provide disclosures regarding community impact and energy and water usage ..... No Action in 2026
HB 529-- Georgia Online Automatic Renewal Transparency Act; enact ..... No Action in 2026
HB 530-- Courts; electronic filing of pleadings and other documents in probate court; provide 3297, 3366
HB 531-- Appeal and error; certain appellate procedures regarding the denial of sovereign and any other immunity available to the state or a city or county in this state; provide ..... No Action in 2026
HB 533-- Wrongful Conviction Compensation Act; enact ..... No Action in 2026

HB 535-- Crimes and offenses; defendants convicted of trafficking of certain substances; clarify and revise mandatory minimum departure provisions; provide credit for time served regarding probation revocation sentencing 2713, 4219
HB 537-- Revenue and taxation; maximum amount of local sales and use taxes that may be imposed; provide ..... No Action in 2026
HB 541-- Education; tuition equalization grants; expand definition of an approved school to include certain institutions which offer programs in nursing 566, 687, 2966
HB 542-- Protecting All Learners Act; enact ..... No Action in 2026
HB 543-- Get the Lead Out of School Drinking Water Act; enact ..... No Action in 2026
HB 544-- Jimmy Carter Award for Civic Engagement; establish ..... No Action in 2026
HB 545-- Terry Act; enact 424, 1761, 1998
HB 546-- Quality Basic Education Act; require local school systems to offer certain exams to home study students ..... No Action in 2026
HB 547-- Revenue and taxation; bona fide conservation use property; permit combination of multiple covenants into a single, new, ten-year covenant 1706, 2108
HB 548-- Albany-Dougherty Inner City Authority Act; enact ..... No Action in 2026
HB 549-- Peace officers; extend time frame for which reimbursement of total training expenses by a subsequent employer may be sought 3830
HB 550-- Education; promise scholarship accounts; require participating schools to prepare school safety plans that meet certain requirements ..... No Action in 2026
HB 552-- Brittany Patterson Act; enact ..... No Action in 2026
HB 554-- APEX Now Program; enact ..... No Action in 2026
HB 555-- Georgians First Residential Property Protection Act; enact ..... No Action in 2026
HB 556-- Watercraft; boat liveries and education courses; provide ..... No Action in 2026
HB 557-- Northeastern Judicial Circuit; superior courts; provide for a sixth judge 130, 182
HB 558-- State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia; establish adult workforce high school diploma program ..... No Action in 2026
HB 559-- Sales and use tax; exemption for certain high-technology data center equipment; revise sunset date ..... No Action in 2026
HB 560-- Joint county and municipal sales and use tax (LOST); negotiations for distribution of tax proceeds; revise provisions 1706
HB 561-- Okefenokee Protection Act; enact ..... No Action in 2026

HB 562-- Natural Resources, Department of; five-year moratorium on acceptance of applications for new or requests to modify existing permits; provisions ..... No Action in 2026
HB 563-- Motor vehicles; authorize licensed physical therapists to certify an individual is disabled for purposes of obtaining special vehicle decals ..... No Action in 2026
HB 564-- Georgia Prevention and Plan Act; enact ..... No Action in 2026
HB 565-- Income tax; increase annual aggregate limit for tax credits available for qualified education donations 1118
HB 566-- NO FAKES Act of 2025; enact 1187
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HB 570-- Local government; acknowledge that certain international organizations have no jurisdiction in this state 1731
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HB 574-- Labor and industrial relations; applicability of workers' compensation to employers and employees; provisions 245, 1758
HB 576-- Commerce and trade; require that the processing of transactions initiated by users of peer-to-peer payment platforms be delayed ..... No Action in 2026
HB 577-- Georgia Nicotine Vapor Products Directory Act; enact ..... No Action in 2026
HB 578-- Public utilities; $1.50 increase in monthly 9-1-1 charge assessed by local governments; provide ..... No Action in 2026
HB 580-- Georgia Penmanship Act; enact ..... No Action in 2026
HB 581-- Georgia Craft Brewery Innovation and Survival Act; enact ..... No Action in 2026
HB 583-- Motor vehicles; increase number of free license plates issued to certain veterans 3828
HB 585-- Insurance; motor vehicle policy; provide excluded driver 500
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HB 589-- Social services; coverage for fertility diagnostic care, treatment, and preservation services; provide ..... No Action in 2026
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HB 598-- Reproductive Freedom Act; enact ..... No Action in 2026

HB 599-- Teachers Retirement System of Georgia; employ certain beneficiaries as classroom teachers in a full-time capacity; extend program ..... No Action in 2026
HB 600-- Minimum Wage and Second Chance Act of 2025; enact ..... No Action in 2026
HB 601-- Georgia Gun Safe Act of 2025; enact ..... No Action in 2026
HB 602-- Education; denial of state funds for loans, grants, and scholarships for any student convicted of a criminal offense; provisions ..... No Action in 2026
HB 604-- Elections; authorize local election superintendents to conduct manual recounts of ballots following the computation, canvassing, and tabulation of returns ..... No Action in 2026
HB 605-- Public Health, Department of; continue operation of Georgia Tobacco Quit Line, subject to appropriations of funds; require ..... No Action in 2026
HB 606-- FAIR Plan Stabilization Act; enact ..... No Action in 2026
HB 607-- Public Health, Department of; two-year pilot program for home visiting in homes of children with asthma; provisions ..... No Action in 2026
HB 609-- Local government; prohibitions on employees holding interest in redevelopment activities; revise provisions ..... No Action in 2026
HB 610-- Local government; authorize acquisition of property interests by municipal elected and appointed officials and employees in redevelopment areas with certain conditions ..... No Action in 2026
HB 611-- Forever Chemicals Transparency Act; enact ..... No Action in 2026
HB 612-- Behavioral Health Coordinating Council; add member ..... No Action in 2026
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HB 616-- Income tax; depreciation for single-family residential rental property; revise a deduction ..... No Action in 2026
HB 617-- Public utilities; reestablish a consumer utility counsel to represent consumers in matters before the Public Service Commission or other agencies ..... No Action in 2026
HB 618-- Property; require any seller of real property to make certain disclosures regarding flood damage to such real property ..... No Action in 2026
HB 620-- State holidays; Blood Plasma Donation Awareness Day; designate 522

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HB 626-- Criminal procedure; extend retention period of evidence of sexual assault when victim elects not to immediately report assault 1117, 1761, 1998
HB 627-- Courts; juvenile proceedings; use of a deadly weapon; revise a provision ..... No Action in 2026
HB 628-- Income tax; contributions to law enforcement foundations; revise tax credit ..... No Action in 2026
HB 629-- Education; remove requirement of having a licensed physician in automated external defibrillator programs 212, 461
HB 631-- Education; require minimum base salary for certified professional personnel with bachelor's degrees be based upon national average living wage ..... No Action in 2026
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HB 633-- Elections; add caregivers to list of persons who may make absentee ballot applications for certain electors ..... No Action in 2026
HB 634-- Georgia Special Needs Scholarship Act; expedited completion of a student's first Individualized Education Program; revise provisions 744, 1211
HB 636-- Crimes and offenses; sexual offenses; revise penalties ..... No Action in 2026
HB 638-- MARTA; prohibit stopping or parking of a motor vehicle other than a transit vehicle in a designated transit vehicle lane in the City of Atlanta ..... No Action in 2026
HB 639-- Courts; expedite and prioritize processes for termination of parental rights in certain cases involving parental incapacity and child maltreatment ..... No Action in 2026
HB 641-- Public utilities; require electric supplier to hold the proposed discontinuation of electrical service to a residential customer who suffers from a serious illness in abeyance for a certain period of time 664, 2158
HB 642-- Georgia Dye Free School Meals Act; enact ..... No Action in 2026
HB 643-- Education; install key boxes at each school building in locations determined in collaboration with local law enforcement; provide ..... No Action in 2026
HB 644-- Environmental Protection Division; authorize director to investigate and consider out-of-state regulatory history when processing applications for certain permits ... No Action in 2026
HB 646-- Coroners; provide minimum salaries ..... No Action in 2026

HB 647-- Mulberry, City of; change corporate limits ..... No Action in 2026
HB 649-- Insurance; coverage for comprehensive maternal mental health screening and care; provide ..... No Action in 2026
HB 650-- Presidential Felon Freedom Act; enact..... No Action in 2026
HB 651-- Motor vehicles; use of automated traffic enforcement safety devices in school zones; revise provisions..... 3252, 4965
HB 653-- Georgia Public Service Commission; rename as Georgia Public Utilities Commission ..... No Action in 2026
HB 654-- Insurance; prohibit insurers from conditioning the payment of any medical test or procedure or prescription drug benefit on prior authorization..... No Action in 2026
HB 655-- Income tax; postproduction expenditures; renew a tax credit ..... No Action in 2026
HB 656-- Local government; authorize assessment of development impact fees for public facilities produced through agreements between developers and governmental entities..... No Action in 2026
HB 657-- Mental health; qualifications of recovery community organizations for substance use; provide..... 231, 484, 4162
HB 658-- Insurance; certain consumer protections contingent upon repeal of Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; provide ..... No Action in 2026
HB 659-- Health; permit administration of certain medications to residents of personal care homes and assisted living facilities; expand medical education funding and service cancelable loan program to include optometrists..... 157, 187, 4126, 4333
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HB 661-- Elections; qualifications for and registration of voters; enhance penalties ..... No Action in 2026
HB 662-- Health; rural hospital organization; revise definition 499, 628
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HB 665-- Health; transfer all authorities and responsibilities relating to environmental health from county boards of health to Department of Public Health ..... No Action in 2026
HB 666-- Clayton Judicial Circuit; superior courts; provide for a sixth judge..... No Action in 2026

HB 667-- Motor vehicles; standards for liability of an employer or insurance provider for actions relating to a commercial vehicle driver; provide ..... No Action in 2026
HB 668-- Mara Jade Act; enact 1188, 2160, 3828, 4033
HB 669-- Quality Basic Education Act; award of low-wealth capital outlay grants to qualifying local school systems that award certain contracts for roofing improvements to suppliers that meet certain criteria; provide 2009
HB 670-- Georgia Civil Rights Act of 2025; enact ..... No Action in 2026
HB 671-- Torts; right of action against any person who knowingly or negligently engages in sexually explicit conduct in the presence of a minor; provide ..... No Action in 2026
HB 672-- Georgia Dignity in Pregnancy and Childbirth Act; enact ..... No Action in 2026
HB 673-- Criminal procedure; limitations on bars to first offender treatment for certain minor offenders adjudicated as adults; provide ..... No Action in 2026
HB 674-- State Board of Education; adopt content standards for instruction in financial literacy and money management for grades four and five ..... No Action in 2026
HB 675-- Crimes and offenses; criminal offenses related to material support of terrorism; provide 664
HB 676-- Property; fine for any frivolous mechanic lien filed; provide 130, 483
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HB 678-- Local government; authorities with less than state-wide jurisdiction shall have the same sovereign immunities as provided to counties; provide ..... No Action in 2026
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